

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

October 18, 2026



Xtreme Kids Sunday School is for kindergarten and up. Every Sunday at 9:15. Dismissal is at the end of the first service (usually between 10:30 and 10:45). Let your kids have fun while learning about Jesus! Invite friends too! Engaging activities will help your child grow socially and spiritually.

Nursery: for newborns to 4 years old. Sundays during the 9:30 and 11:00 services.



Sleepover at the Stable Christmas Play

(Dec. 13th, 9:30)

PRACTICE is every Sunday through Dec. 6th (10:30 – noon).

The Amanda Outreach / Slinky Tutoring Center

Tutoring is on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the school year between 4:20 and 5:30.

Amanda Elementary children and parents appreciate your Christian love and academic encouragement.

LINK Adult Readers

As a tutor for an adult reader, you determine the schedule and meeting place (church or library).

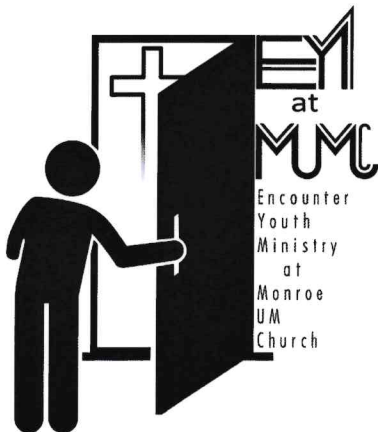
Contact Gina for more details (gmatcraft@gmail.com/937-514-3793).



Trunk or Treat TODAY! 2-4 PM
Park your decorated trunk in the south parking lot of Monroe UMC.
If it should rain, the party will be in the gym.



Thank you for the candy donations!



ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP

Through prayer, scripture, and service, 5th–12th graders encounter the journey that Jesus set before them.

1st Wed.: Bible Study at church

2nd Wed.: Ohio Living Mt. Pleasant

3rd Wed.: Bible Study at church

4th Wed.: Bull's Run Arboretum in Middletown (weather permitting)

5th Wed.: TBD (game night, campfire, etc.)

****Adults & Family****

Altar Flowers – The Sanctuary flowers are given by Pam McLaughlin in memory of Joyce Stacey's birthday, her loving daughter. The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Phil & Jennifer Lacefield in memory of James Gayhart, Jennifer's father's Heavenly birthday and Jeannine Zalokar, Jennifer's sister's Heavenly birthday.

Honor Someone, Celebrate Something Meaningful.

Mark a birthday, anniversary, special memory, or someone you love by providing flowers for worship – or by making a gift to a church ministry in their honor or memory.

Sanctuary flowers are \$25 for one vase or \$48 for two. At 9:30 worship, flowers are \$25. Sign-up sheets and envelopes are available in the narthex and Atchley Hall.

Prayer Concerns – Prayer concerns are welcome and encouraged since we believe in the power of prayer and scripture directs us to pray. Please legibly write down your prayer requests on the card in the envelope marked "PRAYER CONCERNS." You may hand this to an usher to give to the pastor, or you may give it to the pastor during the first song.

The Nazarene Food Pantry – They need dog & cat food, Beef Ramen, canned pineapple, canned potatoes, pudding/Jello, brownie/cookie mix, Beef and Tuna helper, rice packets, instant mashed potato pouches, Chef Boyardee. They served 25 families October 13th. They really appreciate our help.

Join the Choir! Larry Daniel invites all singers to be a part of the Chancel Choir at the 11:00am Traditional service! Rehearsals are at 10:00am right before the 11:00am service. We have some very enjoyable music to sing! We will be singing several different styles of music, and I look forward to seeing you soon. If you have questions, please reach out to me at 513.827.1483 or email ldaniel5867@yahoo.com.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER yard signs to promote our new series are available now. Pick yours up today – no charge (though a \$10 donation would help defray costs). Use them as a way to start a conversation with a neighbor and make an invitation to join you in worship.

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP – It's not too late to join this fall's **GriefShare** support group on Wednesdays, 1-3pm, in the church Library. Contact Pastor Jeff to get signed up and learn how to get involved.

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for the November newsletter is **Wednesday, October 21st**. If you have an article(s) you wish to share, please send to monroeumc@cinci.rr.com.

Thank You's

We would like to thank everyone who helped setting up and cleaning up for the Staff Appreciation luncheon. The SPRC committee really appreciate the help. Thanks again, SPRC Committee.

Thank you to everyone for all the cards that were given to me at the Staff Appreciation luncheon. It is a joy being at MUMC. Larry Daniel

Thank you to everyone for the thoughtful cards and words of appreciation given to me at the Staff Appreciation luncheon. Your kindness meant so much to me. Edna Miller

Thank you to. The church family for all your gifts of appreciation. Mel Flower

The entire staff of Monroe UMC is grateful for your expressions of support and appreciation at last week's Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you for the kind words, cards, and gifts. We are blessed to serve Christ alongside all of you.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Trunk or Treat in Community Park yesterday. Whether you donated, prayed, or were there in person, you helped share some of Jesus' love with our neighbors.

Men's Ministry – The United Methodist Men's Ministry will meet on **Tuesday evening, October 27th at 7:00pm**. All men are encouraged to attend as we finalize plans for community workdays to help our neighbors and other opportunities to serve. We hope to see you there!

Discover Monroe UMC: Monroe 101 is next Sunday after the 11am service. We'll meet in the Library for lunch, conversation, and information about our congregation and church membership. You are invited to participate. Please notify the church office (513.589.7290) to sign up.

Clarification – Last week, Pastor Jeff shared some information about our electric bill, but some were confused by what they heard. At the end of September, we had to pay about \$9,000 as a "catchup" payment on our level billing. We were also informed that our level billing for electricity will increase for next year by about \$2,000 per month. Your offering to support our operating budget is crucial – thank you for your support of our ongoing ministries.

Dinner in a Bag – Today is the final day to bring in your "Dinner in a Bag" contribution for Monroe Local Schools. We will deliver those this week. Thank you for your support.

All Saints Day – **Sunday, November 1st**, we will observe All Saints Day in worship and remember those saints who have finished their course of life during the past year. We have invited family members of these saints to join us – be sure to give them a genuine and caring welcome.

Our congregation's annual Church Conference is set for **Sunday, November 15th** at 3:00pm in Atchley Hall. All members are invited to participate and celebrate what God has done over the past year. Church Council members are **expected** to attend.

Thanksgiving – Thanksgiving is an important holiday in our society. Families gather and they anticipate sharing good food and time together. You can help make that possible for families in our church, at SLINKY, and served by the Food Pantry. Mark your gift for "Thanksgiving" and we will provide gift cards so recipients can purchase what they most need. Give between now and November 8th. Any amount is welcome.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY (Oct. 18)	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
	2:00-4:00pm	Trunk or Treat (south parking lot)
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/YR
	1:00pm	Finance Committee/Library
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	1:00pm	GriefShare Group/Library
	6:00pm	Youth
	7:00pm	Praise Team/AH
Friday		Newsletter Deadline
	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Saturday	11:30-5:00pm	Lapham Family/AH
Sunday (Oct. 25)	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/AH
	11:30-4:30pm	Graman Baby Shower/AH

Please note the deadline for submitting information/announcements for the weekly bulletin is noon on Wednesday.

Communication Cards: your attendance in worship is very important to us; please take a moment to complete the card each week.

Want to Improve Your Spiritual Life? Pick up a current copy of *The Upper Room* devotional which is now available in the church lobby and on the table at the back door. Large-print versions are also available. Grab one today!

A pager system is used by our nursery staff for the convenience of our parents with small children in our nursery each Sunday.

We invite you to remember our Church in your will or other estate planning. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will help assure that the church continues vital ministry into the years to come.

Isaiah 45:3 God says, *"I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness—secret riches.*

I will do this so you may know that I am the LORD...