MUMC Children & Youth Ministry
November 29, 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)
PRACTCE 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).



Giving Trees are Up!
Choose a tag, go shopping and make a child very happy. Please tape the original tag to the present (wrapped or bagged) and bring to the church by **December 20th.**
Short on time? Ask Gina…she loves to shop!



Pancakes with Santa, Saturday, December 12th, 9:00-11:30am



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 Atchley Hall flowers are given by Pam & John Routson in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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 baked beans, canned carrots, canned peas, mandarin oranges, peaches, pineapple, pancake mix & syrup. Even though they were closed they had 8 families.

Christmas Dinner Potluck, Sunday December 6th the 11:00am service. The Mission Committee is going to provide Pork Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy. We are asking you to bring either a side dish or dessert to share.

Carols for the Coming Christ begins today, November 29! Discover fresh meaning in familiar Christmas songs as we explore hope, peace, joy, and love—and how they can shape everyday life. Join us Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Our Annual Advent Offering will help provide needed items to women and families residing at Hope House, the homeless shelter ministry in Middletown. Throughout the year, we provide meals, personal items, and other things as needed from these funds. Mark your envelope for "Advent Offering," or choose Fund 8402-Advent when giving online at MonroeUMC.org/Give. Text $Amount Advent (for example, $50 Advent) to 513.547.9908 to give by text.

Estimate of Giving Cards: You may still return your completed "Enough" 2027 Estimate of Giving card in the offering today; additional blank cards are available in each worship space. You may also mail it to Monroe UMC, PO Box 310, Monroe, OH 45050. Or complete it online at MonroeUMC.org/Enough. Thank you for helping our leaders be responsible stewards of the resources God gives us through you.

What's your favorite Christmas carol? Complete our "Study Your Own Carol" response form online at MonroeUMC.org/Carols and tell us what you have learned about your carol. Your research may be shared in an upcoming worship service this season. Thanks!

Upcoming Dates of Interest: Invite your family and friends to join you!
Sunday, Dec. 6, 12:15 pm: Christmas Potluck in Atchley Hall: mains provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Saturday, Dec. 12, 9:00-11:30 am: Breakfast with Santa in Atchley Hall: FREE breakfast, games, crafts, and stories about Christmas
Sunday, Dec. 13, 9:30 am: Sleepover at the Stable Christmas Program by our children and youth
Sunday, Dec. 13, 10:30 am: Free Breakfast celebrating attendance of 80 at 9:30 am and Christmas!
Thursday, Dec. 24, 4:30 pm: Christmas Eve Family Service with Spontaneous Christmas Pageant: Fun for all ages in Atchley Hall
Thursday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Classic Service with carols, choir, and candles in the Sanctuary

United Methodist Women – The United Methodist Women will meet on **Thursday, December 10th** in Atchley Hall at 1:00pm. The guest speaker will be Christine Martin from Underpants for All. Devotions by Tammy Brown. Hostesses are Jane Majors and Pam Kilburn. Please bring a donation of underpants for men, women or children. No extra-large needed. Hope to see you there to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
(Nov. 29)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
Monday		**Church Office Closed**
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/YR
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	1:00pm	GriefShare Group/Library
	6:00pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Praise Team/AH
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Saturday	10:00am-1:00pm	Kairos Council/Library
	2:00-8:00pm	Wedding/Sanctuary/AH
Sunday	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
(Dec.6)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00pm	Christmas Dinner Potluck/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...*