

Good News!

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May 2021

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:30 a.m. & Online
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Adoración 2:00



Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:00pm

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Deadline May 25

*Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth,
and the Life." John 14:6*

Our church exists so that all people might find the Way, know the Truth, and experience the Life!"
Through *discipleship, ministry, fellowship* and *worship* we strive to bring the joy of knowing Christ to our members and community.



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April 2021

open hearts
open minds
open doors



Monroe United Methodist Church

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Mission Statement

“Transformed Lives Transform Communities”

**Bring them In
Grow them Up
Send them Out**

We are called, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to reach out to the world, that longs for wholeness and healing, through worship, fellowship, discipleship and ministry, so that all people may experience salvation and wholeness through Jesus Christ and glorify God!

There are four ways to join us for worship, Sunday 9:30 a.m.

In-person Worship

Drive-in Worship park in the parking lot, turn your radio to FM 90.5

Facebook live streaming

Worship will be recorded and posted at a later time to www.monroeumc.com

*** In-Person Worship**

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Center doors will be open. Please seat yourself in pews in front of marked post-it notes.

*** Facemasks are required.**

Please, no food or drink in the building.

Bathrooms nearest the sanctuary are open.

FM Transmitter/Ventilation Update

It is believed that the FM Transmitter does not pose a danger to medical devices, by staying away from the sound booth.

Sanctuary ventilation is safe enough to accommodate people in the sanctuary with physical distancing.

PRAYER SUPPORT

If you would like someone to pray with you please call a member from the prayer committee at any time with your prayer needs.

Luanna Parr 608-325-2557
Elaine Klassy 608-325-9479
Barb Ingebriksen 608-558-0448

CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

There is a camp for all ages and interests (first timers, life timers, etc).

Children: Entering 2nd grade through 5th grade.

Youth: Entering 6th grade and up.

Families: Big Family Beach Getaway, Grandparent/Grandchild, Mother/Daughter.

Special Needs: Adults and one for young adults.

For details go to the camping web site at wiumcamp.org or please call Don Amphlett at 608 329 5925.

Pastor's Message – May 2021

Greetings to you in the name of the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ!

And they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was...opening the scriptures to us?”

Our eyes are open, except when we are asleep at night.
Our eyes are open, except when we are at prayer.
Our eyes are open, except when we close them for meditation.
It is not the same with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus?
Their eyes must be open, except when they are asleep at night.
Their eyes should be open, except when they are praying.
They keep their eyes open, except when they close them for meditation.

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We just don't see.
The two disciples on the way to Emmaus, are they not the same as we are?

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A journey, no matter how long, will come to an end,
A voyage, however, uneventful, has a destination.
The two disciples finally arrived at Emmaus.
Emmaus is the end of their journey,
It is the destination of their trip,
It is the last station of their trek.
Jesus accompanied them all the way to Emmaus.
For him Emmaus is the beginning of a new journey,
It should be the beginning of their journey, too.
For Jesus Emmaus is a start of a new life also.
Thus,
Jesus and the two disciples sit down together; you and I, too, seat ourselves with them,
to share the bread and rice laid out on the table.
The bread and rice on the table is to satisfy our hunger,
To fill our empty stomach, to restore our strength, to generate our vitality.
As Jesus breaks the bread and lifts up the bowl of rice,
As he invites the two disciples to share it.
After giving thanks to God, their eyes are opened:
They have suddenly seen!
They have all of a sudden heard!
What have they seen? They have seen Jesus!
What have they heard? They have heard Jesus!
We, too, should have seen.
We, too, should have heard Jesus.
What is the piece of bread Jesus broke?
What is the bowl of rice he lifted up?
That piece of bread, that bowl of rice, stands for starving women and men,
Children crying out for food.
That bowl of rice and that piece of bread represent refugees ravaged by war,
Their ruined homes, their family members dead or scattered.
That piece of bread and the bowl of rice signify people ruled by dictators,
People deprived of their human rights.

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GENERAL 2021 SAFETY PRECAUTION/PROTOCOL PRACTICES

As we continue to look at a variety of options for our precautions this summer, there are a few things we know the camps are going to be doing.

In all activities we will require at least 2 out of these 3 standards:

- Can it be outside?
 - Can it be done with 6 ft distancing?
- Do we need a face covering?

In addition to this core ethic, we will be keeping our cabin groups together as much as possible to limit exposure risks and when we do have larger group activities or interactions, we will have additional precautions to keep those moments safe. We will be eating outside at picnic tables for the majority of meals. We will have greater space at our campfire worship settings so we can still enjoy that special time together without compromising safety.

From the start of registration, camp will be sending updates on a regular basis as we navigate these decisions together. If you would like to reach out with questions or concerns prior to registering, please email camp at camping@wisconsinumc.org and we will forward the email to the appropriate site and staff to get answers and start those conversations to offer as much clarity as we can.

If you have questions or need help, call Don Amphlett at 608 329 5925 or email him at amphlett@charter.net

Scholarships Available Attention High School Seniors and College Students

Our church currently has two scholarships available for high school seniors and college students.
The Stanley and Esther Mauermann Scholarship

The Stanley and Esther Mauermann Scholarship from Monroe United Methodist Church helps students who are active members of the church and are continuing their education beyond high school. Academic achievement and financial need are factors in each award. Although the Mauermanns had no children of their own, they worked actively to see youth succeed spiritually, socially and academically. They were passionate about youth ministry at Immanuel E.U.B. Church

LIFT Fund

LIFT Fund (Love Invested in Future Training) is a scholarship for education beyond high school for female graduates of Monroe High School. It is made available by a generous donor from Monroe United Methodist Church. Financial need prevails over scholastic excellence. Awards are renewable.

The amount of the scholarship for either depends on funds available and number of applicants. The application must be submitted to the church by **May 31** with the funds disbursed directly to the school for fall semester.

If you are interested in applying for either or both of these scholarships, please contact the office at 608-325-6700 or monroeumc@tds.net.

Remember, you MUST apply by May 31 to receive funds for the fall semester.

UMC Wisconsin Annual Conference Ingathering Mission Project 2021



For many years, Monroe UMC has participated in the **Ingathering Mission Project** for the Wisconsin Annual Conference when they meet each June. We missed our chance to participate last year when Annual Conference was rescheduled to meet online in the fall. This year Wisconsin Annual Conference will again meet virtually (June 18-19) so the Ingathering Project plans have been streamlined.

Only **two basic kits** will be collected:

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT (valued at \$15.00)
HOMECARE KIT (valued at \$20.00)

The **deadline** for dropping off complete kits or individual items **at Monroe UMC is Sunday, June 13, 2021**. Later in June, a truck from the **UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC)** in central Illinois will make a trip to Wisconsin to collect the kits. MMDC will then distribute the kits in times of crisis or disaster.

Of course, there is always the option of contributing a monetary donation in any amount to the Ingathering. Just write **“Ingathering” on your offering envelope** (where it says “Other ____”) and that amount will be sent to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center so that they can purchase the kit items in bulk and have their volunteers assemble the kits.

If you are making a KIT, please remember: 1) **All items must be NEW** and 2) **Kits can ONLY contain the requested items**. Here are the two KIT LISTS (you may donate complete kits or individual items). Thanks for supporting Monroe UMC Missions!

Personal Dignity Kit

1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
1 Bath Washcloth - No kitchen towels
1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
1 Bar Soap – 3 - 4 oz
1 Shampoo – 15 - 18 oz
1 Deodorant – 2 - 3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
Place items in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
Please add \$2 for toothpaste and razor

Homecare Kit

2 Liquid Household Cleaners 16 - 40 oz (no spray bottles)
2 Dish Soaps 16 - 34 oz
2 Liquid Laundry Detergents 32 - 64 oz
1 scrub brush with or without handle
Place items into a 5-gallon resealable bucket with a resealable cover



Summer Softball

If you are interested in playing softball this summer, please contact Todd Carter at 608-558-8896



Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and thoughts for me during my recent hospitalization. I appreciated each and every one more than words can express. Thank you Rev. Kim for your visit. It was appreciated so very, very much. Blessings to all my church family. Ron Johnson

The family of Joel Blum wishes to thank their church family for their thoughts, cards, and prayers during our time of grieving. Thank you to Pastor Don for his caring words Pauline, Heidi, Peter, and Erin Blum

Thank you to all the prayers, cards and thoughts.
The prayers are working and things are going good.
Sharon & John Schmid

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Camp Scholarship Fund**. We have raised more than **\$1100.00**. These funds help children, youth, families and special-needs adults to experience God's creation in a beautiful Christian setting.

Thank you for the prayers for Neil Signer he is at home now and has a lot of healing to do.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

May 10 Trustee Meeting 6:00
May 10 Finance 6:00

Prayer Meeting by phone is every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.
If you would like to join please contact Luanna Parr
at 325-2557

Happy Birthday

May 2 Ryan Deal
May 5 Pat Holmstrom
May 5 Joel Tertin
May 6 Steven Bear
May 7 Joyce Nethery
May 7 Monique Newcomer
May 7 Levi Prechel
May 8 Karla Albright
May 9 Marjorie Kupersmith
May 10 Chris Caldwell
May 10 Mark Johnson
May 11 Evelyn Krauss
May 13 Lois Aebly
May 13 Ray Johnson
May 13 Tony Stamm
May 14 Reid Kundert
May 14 Carrie Schwartz
May 15 Alex Borowitz
May 15 Tiffany Crotty
May 16 Isabella Houston
May 18 Juan Mayorga
May 18 Karen Vale
May 19 Derek Blum
May 19 Ann Ermey
May 19 Kathie Gleason
May 19 Michael Kundert
May 20 Barbara Bartsch
May 20 Kathy Kundert
May 20 Carol Tourdot
May 21 Sadie Deal
May 21 Barbara Ingebritsen
May 21 Harvey Klassy
May 21 Kira Briggs
May 21 Brock Wesenberg
May 22 Sophia Douglas
May 22 Briana Katzenberger
May 22 Andrianna Wilkinson
May 23 Dane Huffman
May 23 Samantha Solberg
May 24 Kaylie Bruggeman
May 24 Glenda Wyss
May 25 Harvey Loeffel
May 26 Sara Prien
May 27 Deb Bidlingmaier
May 27 Anita Bonjour
May 27 Leah Houston
May 29 Ruth Crandall
May 29 Craig Prien
May 30 Diane Hawkinson
May 30 Anna Prien
May 30 Austin Volden
May 31 Reece McIntosh
May 31 Renee Pivonka
May 31 Erin Vale



May 13 Randy & Terry Tackett
May 14 Gordy & Joan Gallas
May 14 Pat & Annette Holmstrom
May 19 Brian & Kim Bruggeman
May 19 Nathan & Joanne Hare
May 21 Arlie & Susan Fahrney
May 21 Jeff & Barbara Ingebritsen
May 27 Robert & Marjorie Kupersmith
May 31 Owen & Christina Johnson
May 31 Randall & Carrie Schwartz

We apologize if we missed your special day.
Please let the church office know of your special day and we will make the correction.



Thank you to all of our beautiful singers in April Jeff Ingebritsen, Linda Moser, Ann Ermey, Jane Olson Ann Kloepping and Linda Nack.

Thank you to our piano players in April Robert Eversman, John Daane and Sarah Johanson.

Thank you to Robyn Essler and Jane Gaulrapp for serving as liturgists.

Thank you to Cristian Gomez, Ann Ermey, and Jerry Bolivar for running the sound booth.

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That bowl of rice and that piece of bread refer to women, men, children treated as inferior
On account of their color, gender, class, or religion.

That piece of bread has spoken!

If you've heard it, you've heard Jesus.

That bowl of rice has cried out loudly!

If you've heard it, you've heard Jesus.

From a book, "And their eyes are opened," C.S. Song, Chalice Press, 2006.

Thank you!!! I am truly indebted so much for your love and your support for the ministry that we are called together. As I plan "to move" along the journey with Jesus, I will never forget you and your partnership with me. It was an honor to serve you and be among you in this incredible journey with Jesus at Monroe. Still, it is difficult to say a goodbye to many who have shown us love and grace, although I fully understand the "itinerant" appointments of the United Methodist after engaging in many years of ministry. One thing you and I know for sure is that God is with us always and God is good all the time! Someday, we will meet again!

May God continue to pour out the blessings and abounding grace to all of you, so that our eyes are opened to see and recognize him always in our midst!

Grow in the grace of God, and *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Pastor Don

Rev. Dr. Don S. Kim, Ph.D., M.Phil., STM, M.Div.

Lead Pastor

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Confirmation News

Please join us on June 6 to welcome our confirmation class as new members during Sunday worship.

Children's Sunday School News

Final Sunday School class for the school year will be May 23. Have a great summer and see you next fall!



Summer is just around the corner. Noah's Ark will soon be planning for our Summer Session. We sent home summer childcare needs forms for parents to fill out and return. Forms will be due back to Noah's Ark by **Tuesday May 4th**. This will help us plan room sizes, staff schedules, and determine if we have openings to go towards our waiting list families.

Near the end of May, Noah's Ark will be handing out Summer Packets to our families. The packets will contain the summer activity list, permission slips, and any forms needing to be updated. Parents also bring sunscreen for their child(ren) along with an authorization form to apply sunscreen/insect repellent from **June 3rd to August 31st**.

We are excited to be planning for our Summer Session. We look forward to creating a summer full of fun for the children in our care. Thank you for your continued support of Noah's Ark.