

# Good News!

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## May 2022

### Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
and Online  
9:15 Sunday School  
Staff Nursery for 5 years of age  
and under  
Adoración 2:00



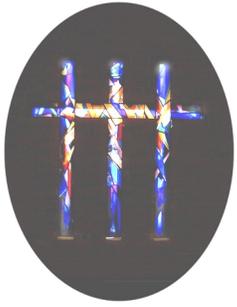
### Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:00pm

*The next Good News  
Deadline May 20*

*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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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!*



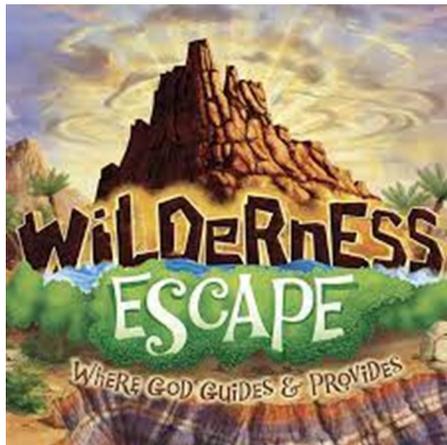
### **Noah’s Ark Teacher Referral Bonus \$ 250.00 per Referral**

After a newly hired teacher successfully completes a 90 Day Probationary Period, the person who referred the new teacher will receive a bonus check of \$250.00.

We are looking for anyone with a heart for children and a passion for education. Whether you have experience and education or are looking at a career change, we will train the right individuals. This job is Monday through Friday days (no nights or weekends), paid time off, 50% off tuition for children, where each day is full of fun, fellowship, and learning opportunities.

Anyone that is interested in applying can either send a resume to Ruby at [directornoahsark@hotmail.com](mailto:directornoahsark@hotmail.com) or stop by the Noah’s Ark Office or Church Office for a Noah’s Ark application.

Any questions regarding our openings can be addressed to the Administrative Team or call the office at (608) 325-8567. We are happy to share additional information. We look forward from hearing from you. Thank you for your continued support of Noah’s Ark.



### **SAVE THE DATE**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 31-Aug 4

## Pastor's Message – May 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with both gratitude and concern that we write to you today to present the current financial status of Monroe United Methodist Church. We want to first, as always, thank all and every one of you, as well as thank God for you, who give generously and with a joyful heart to support the ministry of our church.

Unfortunately, we just are not receiving enough income through giving to support our current budget for 2022. At our last finance meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> the report I, Pastor Jeff, used to evaluate the financial health of a church revealed that at the end of the first quarter we were over \$31,000 short of the donations projected that we need to be able to cover the budget this year.

This means if we do not receive enough donations in the second quarter (April – June) to meet the second quarter projection of \$92,700 AND receive enough donations above and beyond that to make up for the over \$31,000 deficit from the first quarter, the Finance Committee will be forced to recommend cuts. After working so hard to create both a minimal and realistic budget this year, those cuts would likely come in the form of staff and business expenses, which will have a negative effect on our worship services as well as our ministry to offer God's grace to our church family and community.

One observation has been that when there are large donations to mission and capital opportunities, such as support to Ukraine or the Roof Fund, the donations to the General Fund for budgetary expenses significantly decrease that week. It is our prayerful suggestion that any donation to mission or capital opportunities is above and beyond pledged giving, tithes and offerings. This will ensure we can cover our operating budget going forward.

The other is to see if God is calling you, only if and because you are able, to increase the amount of your weekly giving. There simply are not nearly as many active members of the church who are giving as there were prior to the pandemic. It is our hope and goal, by the grace and calling of Jesus Christ, to welcome more back, and to have more become new members of Monroe United Methodist Church as the year continues. However, cuts to our staff and business expenses will make that all the more challenging.

We would like to invite you to our next Quarterly Financial Meeting on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> between the Worship Services (approximately 9:15 am) in our sanctuary to pray and review this report as well as answer any questions about it. In the meantime, please join us in praying about our budgetary concerns as we continue our mission to love God, love others, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff Meyer and John Daane, Finance Chair

# Volunteer Spotlight for May

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers

Youth Group Helpers

Elders Council

Historian



Our church is so very blessed to have so many volunteers. This month we shout out a big thanks to our Sunday School teachers and helpers, the youth group helpers, the Elder Council and our Historian.

All of these people make our church a better and happier place. Your dedication, talents and time are very much appreciated.

To honor and thank these dedicated volunteers for all they do, we will be serving cake between services on the third Sunday of the month (May 15).



## CAMP OPPORTUNITIES PINE LAKE AND LAKE LUCERNE

The Best Job Ever – **BE A CAMP COUNSELOR**

See **JOB DESCRIPTIONS** and **APPLY** – search for “[WIUMCamps.org/employment](http://WIUMCamps.org/employment)”

**GO TO CAMP** – There Is Something For Everyone

- Youth Camps for kids going into 2 nd grade up to 12 th grade – 37 CHOICES!



### Family Camps

Grandparent/Grandchild

Big Beach Family Getaway

Mother/Daughter

Special Needs Camps

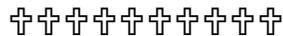
**PICK UP A BOOKLET** at the church or **CALL** Don Amphlett (608 329 5925)

Or search for “[WIUMCamps.org](http://WIUMCamps.org)” online for details.

**CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!**

**FUN WORK DAY at Lake Lucerne Camp**

Help get the camp ready for the summer. NO “heavy lifting” required. Jobs include painting and outdoor clean up. For details call Don Amphlett at 608 329 5925. Transportation and supper included. Date to be determined with your input.



**May 22** we will be honoring our graduates at both services. Please encourage your graduate to attend worship on this day to share their accomplishments and future plans with our church family. High school graduates will receive a Bible. If your graduate is unable to attend, please contact Jane at 325-8563 for a Bible.

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

From the Finance Committee

May 2022

*Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."  
Luke 20:25*

Once again we have passed April 15 and have been required to file our individual income tax returns with the IRS – we have given Caesar what the law requires. We often do this with a lack of gratitude for the earthly benefits we receive living in the United States. Perhaps while seeing news reports about Russia invading Ukraine or considering what the COVID vaccines and pandemic relief funds have provided for our people, we are developing a new sense of gratitude for life here in the USA.

The Bible and our faith system tell us that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. It also sets the tithe (10%) as a giving standard for fulfilling our responsibility to God in grateful thanksgiving. Does your support of Monroe UMC reflect your faith?

In March our giving for the regular budget was \$21,000 while our expenses were \$31,000. Our cash reserves cannot support this difference for very many months. These monthly expenses are included in this total: conference apportionments, \$5,600; pastoral support, \$7,200; lay staff, \$9,400; church & parsonage utilities, \$3,000; church and parsonage phone & internet, \$410; church and parsonage maintenance, \$1,665. This amounts to over \$27,000 of expenses that are not easily adjusted. Please note also that it does not include office and programming costs to accomplish those things which we envision as the outreach of the church. Does your giving at church support these costs as it does those of your own home?

We are very grateful for these gifts which reach beyond the current budget in March: missions, \$4,135; camp scholarships, \$1,755; sound/media upgrades, \$2,060; roof project, \$520. These reflect your concern for our church facility and for outreach programs beyond the operating budget. Thank you!

May God speak to you as you digest this information and consider your role in the Monroe UMC. Where does your call to faith take you? May we find the joy of living life as the Easter people!

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### **Brief Budget Report for February**

Income: \$21,318.76      Expenses: \$31,592.84

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### **Roofing Report Update**

In May & June of 2021 we received \$1,956; in July, \$2,355; in August, \$5,640; in September, \$1,540; in October, \$1,290; in November, \$5,700; in December, \$555; in January of 2022, \$2,390; in February, \$1,590; in March, \$520. When matched by the Maintenance Endowment Fund, the total comes to \$47,072. The Power-Point announcement before worship shows you the new total each week as we move toward our Phase 1 goal which has now become \$60,000 because of price increases. Once again, thank you for your part in helping to reach this goal! The piles of materials you may have noticed on the roof indicate that Professional Roofing is getting ready to begin the project as weather allows.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- May 1 1:00 Ladies Group in Hand in Hand Room
- May 5 National Day of Prayer
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 8 No Gel
- May 9 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- May 9 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
- May 10 6:30 p.m. Mission Meeting
- May 17 9:30 Peace & Friendship Circle
- May 18 6:00 p.m. Noah's Ark Board
- May 22 Honoring Graduates Sunday
- May 22 Last day of Sunday School
- May 22 Quarterly Meeting between worship
- May 30 Memorial Day-Office Closed
- May 31 Red Cross Blood Drive
- May 31 5:45 Noah's Ark Staff Meeting

**Prayer Meeting** in person is every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.  
 If you would like to join please contact Luanna Parr at 325-2557

**Game Night Every Friday Night**  
 6:00 p.m. in the Senior High Room

**Divine Intervention practice** is at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday night.



### The May prayer focus is Men's Ministry

Lord, teach our men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self controlled, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance; to treat older men as fathers and younger men as brothers; to love their wives just as Christ loved the church; to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord; to carry each others' burdens, speaking the truth in love, even when it's hard.

May Prayer Focus is #11 in the Targeted Prayers pamphlet.



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Thank you for the support of kind thoughts, deeds and prayers at this time. Thanks for the beautiful service and care throughout this time.

- Thank you
- Anita
- Alice & family
- Betty & family
- Cindy & family
- Don & family
- Ed

## *Happy Birthday*

May 2 Ryan Deal  
May 5 Pat Holmstrom  
May 6 Steven Bear  
May 7 Joyce Nethery  
May 7 Monique Newcomer  
May 7 Levi Prechel  
May 7 Amber Talcott  
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 14 Reid Kundert  
May 14 Carrie Schwartz  
May 15 Tiffany Crotty  
May 16 Isabella Houston  
May 18 Karen Vale  
May 19 Derek Blum  
May 19 Ann Erney  
May 19 Michael Kundert  
May 20 Barbara Bartsch  
May 20 Kathy Kundert  
May 21 Sadie Deal  
May 21 Harvey Klassy  
May 21 Kira Briggs  
May 22 Sophia Douglas  
May 22 Briana Katzenberger  
May 22 Andrianna Wilkinson  
May 23 Dane Huffman  
May 24 Kaylie Bruggeman  
May 24 Glenda Wyss  
May 25 Harvey Loeffel  
May 26 Trevor Aebly  
May 27 Deb Bidlingmaier  
May 27 Anita Bonjour  
May 27 Leah Houston  
May 29 Ruth Crandall  
May 30 Diane Hawkinson  
May 31 Reece McIntosh  
May 31 Renee Pivonka

## *Happy Anniversary*

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 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.

### **GAME NIGHT AT 6 PM ON FRIDAY NIGHTS**

The Friday night RG group will be running "Star Wars" campaigns starting in May. Within these campaigns, you could salvage a mysterious treasure, explore an ancient temple, assault an imperial outpost or escape a planet from the huts.

If you have any question call  
Christina Johnson at 608-426-4185



### **SOFTBALL WILL BE STARTING SOON.**

If you are interested in playing softball or have any questions call Todd Carter at 608-558-8896

**PEACE & FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**  
Meet every third Tuesday in the church library at 9:30 a.m.

### **OUT AND ABOUT WITH PASTOR JEFF**

Pastor Jeff will preach at Monroe Health Services and Aster on May 25. The service at Monroe Health Services begins at 10:00 and 11:00 at Aster. If you know a resident in either of these facilities, be sure to join him or her for this time of worship.

### **THE GOLDEN GIRLS GROUP**

A ladies group meets the first Sunday every month in the Hand in Hand Room. If you interested please call Lillian Falk 608-325-1370



## From the Noah's Ark Administrative Team:

We want to thank the congregation for helping make our spring Butter Braid Fundraiser a success. We sold a total of 267 items. The money raised will be used towards new carpets in the Garden and Preschool Rooms and rubber mulch for the playground.

Any questions regarding our policies or fundraisers can be addressed to the Administrative Team or call the office at (608) 325-8567. We are happy to share additional information. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your continued support of Noah's Ark.

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## UMC Wisconsin Annual Conference Ingathering Mission Project 2022

A list can be picked up on the "Blessed to Be a Blessing" table

Each year the **UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC)** brings a truck to the Wisconsin Annual Conference to be filled with Mission Kits collected from UM churches across the state. The truck will deliver all of these kits to the MMDC's main location in Central Illinois, and MMDC will then distribute the kits as needed across the Midwest in times of crisis or disaster. This year the Wisconsin Annual Conference will be held in Green Bay (June 10-12), and we will be collecting two basic kits to support this mission project. The **deadline** for dropping off complete kits or individual items at Monroe UMC is **Monday, June 6, 2022**.

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

