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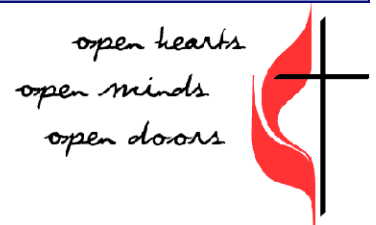
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July 2021

Worship Schedule Starting July 11

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
and Online
Adoración 2:00



Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:00pm

The next Good News
Deadline July 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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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!

Church Reopening Plan

The MUMC Church reopening task force has been meeting to provide guidance to the Ad Council around reopening plans and preparation for the welcoming of our new pastor, Jeff Meyer. Ad Council has approved the following plan.

With vaccinations readily available for everyone over age 12 and the Green County 7-day average for positive Covid cases at zero since May 21st, the reopening task force has recommended the following changes to our church visitor and attendance guidelines starting on July 11th. Masking and Social Interaction will be at the comfort level and discretion of each individual. We ask that if you have any symptoms of illness that you do not enter the church building. Sunday morning services will continue to be broadcast via Facebook, FM 90.5, and our website for those unable to attend. We will continue to make changes and recommendations as we learn more over the next month.

We hope these changes will allow you to comfortably return to our sanctuary for in person services. We look forward to seeing many of your faces in church to welcome Pastor Jeff on July 11th, at 8am and 9:30am. Worship times are subject to change going forward based on feedback from cottage meetings.

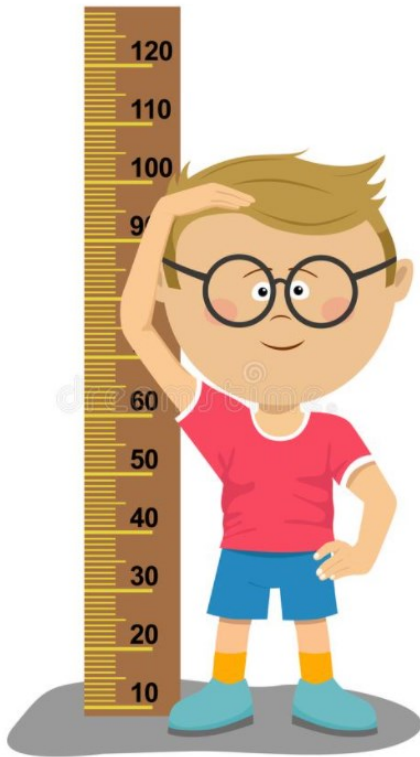
Starting on July 11th, bulletins will only be mailed by request. Please call the church office at 608-325-6700. Bulletins will be available at each service.

For more information please see the yellow inserted sheet

Pastor's Message – July 2021

New Heights with Pastor Jeff (PJ)

Hello Everyone!



I greet you all in the name, peace and love of Jesus Christ! I am so excited to be writing you all in the newsletter this month and to be with you all in worship and ministry very soon!

One of the things I am looking forward to at Monroe UMC is hearing the stories. As a Pastor I see the Bible, particularly the Gospel, as the story of God's relationship with us all as His beloved created children. I see all of us, both you and me, as a continuation of that wonderful story as we play our part and fill our role, as both individuals and a church, in God's plan to save us all through the grace of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Which is why I want to hear your story as an individual and hear from all of you the story of Monroe United Methodist Church. I want to listen and learn how I can play my part and my role in this part of the story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in Monroe, WI with and among you all.

One of the ways we will do that is through Cottage Meetings, which will be addressed in another article in this newsletter, (found on page 2). However, you will find as a Pastor that I am always interested in hearing, as well as sharing, stories. For it is in sharing and answering our calling to from God to play our part and fill our role, as a beloved son or daughter of God and as part of Monroe UMC, we all become part of this great story called the Gospel that reveals and invites everyone to experience the grace of God and be blessed in this life and for eternity. God bless you all and I cannot wait for our first Sunday together on July 11th!

In Christ,

PJ

KEEPING A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS

In May the Administrative Council approved a Trustee Committee proposal to move ahead with replacing the rubber roofing sections of our church's roof, doing so in 3 sections. An estimate from Professional Roofing for these 3 sections of rubber roofing included these figures:

Section 1 (the educational unit) \$54,000

Section 2 (the office, narthex, hallways, library) \$68,800

Section 3 (fellowship hall) \$24,500

They are hoping to complete section one late this fall, with sections 2 & 3 on the docket for 2022.

We have an Endowment/Maintenance Fund established through bequests for just such expenses. However, if we are to remain fiscally responsible for future needs of this building, we need to invite immediate participation in funding for this \$150,000 roofing project. We propose that we would use the endowment fund to match new contributions to the project. Therefore, if you would use the Endowment/Maintenance line on your offering envelopes and write "roof" after it, we could track these special contributions and can report progress periodically over the next year and a half.

We realize that we will most likely be moving toward replacing the roof on the sanctuary and on the chapel in 2023 or 2024 as well so we ask you to keep the Endowment/Maintenance Fund in mind for the next several years.

**The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
James 5:16b**

Dear Praying Brothers and Sisters,

I am praying for Pastor Jeff and his family as he transitions to his new ministerial position at Monroe United Methodist church. I'm also praying for our church during this time of change. I invite you to pray along with me, in order to invite God's presence, blessings, mercy and grace into the situation. Prayer always releases the divine activity of the Holy Spirit and thwarts the confusing influence of the enemy. This is a sample prayer that you can use, or pray according to God's leading for you.

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are enthroned above the circle of the earth and on the praises of your people. Thank you for your presence through seasons of change. We know you are calling us into closer relationship with you and each other in order to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the world.

We ask that Pastor Jeff and his family will feel Your love and purpose for them as our church receives them. Speak to each of the Meyer family in their area of greatest need. Help us as a church to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in our intentions and actions. We hold fast to your promises that nothing is ever lost in your kingdom and your plans stand firm forever. John Wesley reminds us, "best of all God is with us."

We pray in Jesus' name
Amen

Submitted by: Sandi Nelson

We're Back!!!!

Divine Intervention will be back leading your favorite Praise and Worship songs on Sunday, July 11, at 9:30 a.m. service!! We are EXCITED and feeling so blessed!!

We are currently rehearsing on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Do you sing? Play guitar? Play piano? Any other instrument that can be used to Praise the Lord? If you are interested in being a part of Divine Intervention, please come Wednesday nights and check us out!!! We'd love to see you there!!!

Adult Sunday School Resumes

While we are not sure what time adult Sunday School will be held, we want to share that we will be starting in September. This class will accommodate those adults who teach children's Sunday School and anyone else who wants to attend.

We will explore an 8 week video study called, How to Be Salt & Light in Our Culture. It features John Stonestreet, the president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview. "Even though the culture around us is shifting constantly, our mission as Christians stays the same-because God's Word stays the same. It is a firm foundation!" (Jim Daly President and CEO of Focus on the Family)

Please look for more information on the starting date and time for this exciting series. You can contact Sandi Nelson at 608-426-4500 regarding the class.



Fourth of July Celebration!

Join us for our annual Fireworks event held on the front lawn starting at 8pm.

Donations accepted
(canned soda, bottled water, prepackaged chips, pretzels, or monetary gift).

Please contact the office to make your donation or to volunteer.

Pastor Jeff is planning to attend.





Upcoming Meetings and Events

- July 1 Chair Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- July 4 Fireworks 8:00 p.m.
- July 5 Church office is closed
- July 12 Finance 6:00
- July 13 SPRC 6:30
- July 19 Trustee 5:30
- July 19 Ad. Council 6:30 p.m.

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

COTTAGE MEETINGS COMING TO MONROE UMC!

In the spirit of sharing stories with a new Pastor, Monroe UMC is pleased to announce that there will soon be Cottage Meetings with Pastor Jeffrey Meyer this summer. Cottage Meetings usually consist of at least six people and would usually not be more than 15 folks and be held either in a room at Monroe UMC or at the home of a volunteer host. A small snack or dessert along with a beverage to serve is encouraged but not required.

After sitting down somewhere in a living room or patio setting Pastor Jeff will be asking everyone present, if they feel called, to answer a couple questions about Monroe UMC and then he would give an opportunity for anyone to ask him any questions they have as well. This is both a practical and spiritual way for Pastor Jeff to not only interact but actually connect with many people in the congregation over a short period of time.

Please call the church office at 608-325-6700 if you would like to join or host a cottage meeting.

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 Ingebritsen 608-558-0448

Help Wanted

The church is looking for individuals to work in the sound booth and run PowerPoint on Sunday mornings. If you are interested please call the church office.



Happy Birthday

July 2 Peter Blum
July 3 Donald Best
July 3 Amy Johnson
July 3 Mary Pederson
July 4 Kurt Kline
July 5 Denise Bonjour
July 5 Colin Metz
July 5 Cameron Newcomer
July 6 Carol Kamps
July 8 Barrett Briggs
July 9 Roger Zimmerman
July 10 Betty Cowell
July 10 Rich Deprez
July 10 Deb Hutchinson
July 10 Lindsay Hyland
July 11 Randy Tackett
July 12 Alton Stuckery
July 13 Analise Patricia Newcomer
July 14 Jane Gaulrapp
July 14 Harlen Jinkerson
July 14 Julie Mau
July 16 Terry Tackett
July 17 Aaron King
July 18 Kevin Navarro
July 18 Gayle Stamm
July 18 Victoria Wilkinson
July 18 Megan Wunschel
July 20 Aryan Castellanos
July 20 Tim Soddy
July 21 Alicia Brunton
July 21 Melana Brunton
July 21 Isabella Brunton
July 21 Sahir Castellanos
July 21 Hazel Erme
July 22 Nick Burger
July 23 Cash McCabe
July 23 Cesar Navarro
July 24 Gordy Gallas
July 24 Susan Loeffel
July 25 Heather Burkhalter
July 25 Shirley Erickson
July 25 Kathleen Hermanson
July 27 Dawna Stamm
July 28 Travis Erme
July 29 John Carson
July 30 Bryan Douglas
July 31 Dustin Weckerly
July 31 Irene Kim



July 2 Kerry & Dawna Stamm
July 3 Steve Fisher & Reggie Gamache
July 4 Mark & Ardell Signer
July 8 Paul & Linda Hannes
July 9 Frank & Renee Pivonka
July 15 Bryan & Janice Douglas
July 16 Mitch & Larna Corbin

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 June: Jeff Ingebritsen, Linda Moser, Ann Kloopping, and Jane Olson.

Thank you to our piano players in June: Robert Eversman, and John Daane.

Thank you to Lindsay Hyland and Jane Gaulrapp for serving as liturgists.

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



THANK YOU for supporting our 2021 INGATHERING Mission Project

Thank you to all of you who put together and donated **Personal Dignity Kits** (i.e. Health Kits) for our **Wisconsin Annual Conference Ingathering Mission Project** this year. Those kits were collected from the Mission table at church last week and taken to Asbury UMC in Janesville where a truck from the **UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC)** is picking them up and taking them to their distribution facility in central Illinois.

And thanks to all of you who made **monetary donations** to this mission project. As of June 15, 2021, our congregation had collected **\$1,262.50** to 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. That amount will cover the cost of more than **63 Flood Buckets** (i.e. Homecare Kits) or **84 Health Kits!**

All of these kits will be distributed throughout the Midwest whenever floods, tornados, or other disasters happen in the central region of the United States. Thank you for your concern for all who are in need and for your ongoing support of MUMC mission projects.



From The Administrative Team:

Noah's Ark will rocket through July. We have several reminders for families. Please send a water bottle for your child to use both inside and outside. Make sure to label it with their name. Remember to take sleeping bags and water bottles home **every week** to be washed.

Noah's Ark follows the USDA guidelines for what is considered a complete lunch. Lunches are supplied by parents and need to include the following:

- 2 serving of Fruits and/or Vegetables
- 1 serving of Protein (meat, dairy, or legumes that are high quality protein sources or combinations thereof)
- 1 serving of Whole or Enriched Grain Product

Noah's Ark will provide milk during lunch which is additional to the components listed above. Any questions regarding our policies or summer activities 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 making memorable moments with the children. Thank you for your continued support of Noah's Ark.