

# Good News!

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Prayer: Luanna Parr  
SPRC: Eric Katzenberger  
Family Promise: Linda Nack  
Trustees: Deb Briggs

## August 2021

### Worship Schedule

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



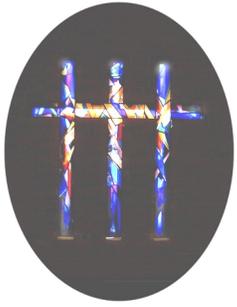
### Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:00pm

*The next Good News*  
*Deadline August 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!*



8:00 Traditional

9:30 Contemporary

Dear MUMC Members,

As we welcome Pastor Jeff to our church family, the SPRC want to offer everyone these top 5 tips to make his arrival more welcoming.

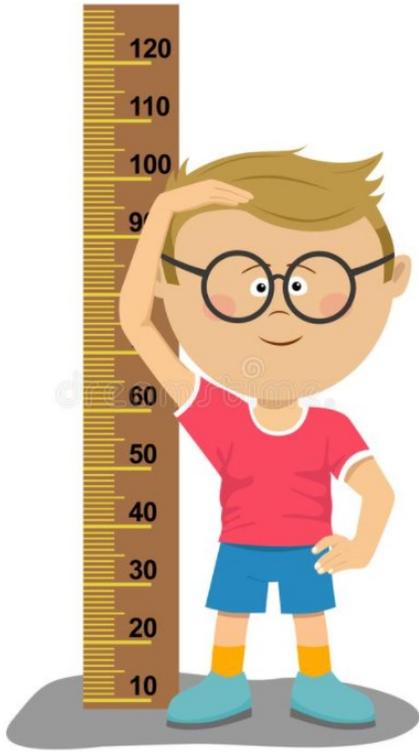
- 1 Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love and welcome your new pastor.
- 2 Pray daily for Pastor Jeff and his family
- 3 Wear your name tag to church services and church events to help Pastor Jeff learn and remember your name.
- 4 If you belong to a civic club, invite Pastor Jeff to join you at a meeting to introduce him to your group.
- 5 Send Pastor Jeff a card, letter, and/or gift card to your favorite local restaurant, coffee shop, or local store to introduce him to our community, and show your appreciation and hospitality.

SPRC Chair

Eric Katzenberger

# Pastor's Message – August 2021

## New Heights with Pastor Jeff (PJ)



My Brothers and Sisters at Monroe UMC,

What an incredible and awesome month! I thank God for all of you and thank you for so many of the blessings I have experienced in my first few weeks as Pastor.

Thank you to all who prepared the beautiful parsonage for my family and I's arrival, to all the church leadership and staff for their tremendous efforts in preparing and helping me with this transition, for all the gifts, cards, new Facebook friendships and kind comments as well as all those who helped with the Brat Fry!

God bless all of you who have been attending worship and praying for our church and me as your new Pastor. There is already a momentum here, I believe, initiated by the Holy Spirit and God is on the move. We will need to be here for each other and praying for each other so we continue to follow and fulfill the will of God for our ministry at Monroe United Methodist Church.

Thank you for beginning to create and continue to build a culture of invitation and hospitality by inviting friends, neighbors and people God calls you to ask to come to Monroe UMC. God's blessing on you for taking the time and making the effort to go talk to at least three people you don't know or don't know well before or after worship...and for having room in your heart for one more friend or one more family to befriend each and every **Sunday** morning.

Most of all, thank you for loving God, loving others and making disciples of Jesus Christ in the past, presently, and in the future. This is and will be the legacy of our church in the Kingdom of God. I am looking forward to being part of that continuing gospel story and mission with all of you here at Monroe United Methodist Church.

Take care and God bless,

PJ



**Keep an eye out for a Sunday School announcement coming soon**



## Join the Relay for Life of Green County Saturday, August 14, 2021

Visit our booth at Covered Bridge Days in Brodhead from 9-4  
Purchase luminaria bags, learn about American Cancer Society  
Resources, make donations, and support our bake sale and  
drawing for some great items!

Join us at Jaycee Park in Brodhead  
for 6-9 p.m. 300 4th St., Brodhead  
7 p.m.-Meet our Honorary Survivor; team, survivor and sponsor recognition;  
and Luminaria Ceremony at 8 p.m.; waling until 9 p.m.

Watch our website and Facebook page for more details as we near the event and follow  
COVID-19 guidelines.

Support our event at  
[www.RelayForLife.org/GreenCounty WI](http://www.RelayForLife.org/GreenCountyWI)  
And Facebook: Relay For Life of Green County

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### AUGUST MISSION PROJECT MONROE KIDS' FUND

#### Ice Cream is BACK!!!

During each of the past several summers, our congregation has supported the MUMC Monroe Kids' Fund by **selling ice cream** (for several years at the **Green County Fair** and then by sharing **Sundaes on Sunday** at church). Because of these successful fundraising projects, our church has given Walmart gift cards to each of the six Monroe schools at the beginning of each school year (\$1,200 total). Even though it was not possible to do an "ice cream fundraiser" last summer, we were still able to support our local schools thanks to our congregation's generous support. Unfortunately, school nurses and counselors in Monroe continue to encounter students who are in need of basic, everyday items. With these gift cards, those nurses and counselors may be able to improve the school experience for a student by immediately providing a needed item. In addition, we have made donations to the District Backpack Buddies weekend food program when needed.



To raise the funds we need this year, the MUMC Missions committee will be sharing **ice cream treats** (all individually wrapped) in the narthex after each service in August. Donations of any amount will be welcomed to support this project. As an alternative to making a contribution at the "ice cream table", **please consider adding a gift for the MONROE KIDS' FUND to your regular offering** (i.e. by noting "Monroe Kids' Fund" on the line marked "Other \_\_\_\_" on the offering envelope). As you enjoy an ice cream treat at church or elsewhere this summer, we encourage you to think about our students and the MUMC Monroe Kids' Fund. The Missions Committee and the kids in Monroe thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

From the Finance Committee

We wish to thank you for your faithful support during the months of the COVID pandemic! We have been able to support our pastor, elder ministry and youth coordinator, our office manager and our custodians as they performed and developed new roles under ever-changing conditions and provided a limited worship experience and other outreach functions. We were able to pay our utility bills and other costs to maintain our large building. Thank you so much!

As we have begun to “open up” our building and welcome Pastor Jeff into our fellowship, we trust that increasing participation in worship and other activities will expand financial support for the programming and activities planned to revitalize our joint experience as the Monroe UMC.

As Pastor Jeff in his first sermon on July 11 referenced a significant person in his personal past, we were reminded of a significant couple in our local church past—Stan & Esther Mauermann. Their activity in the youth program and other church activities will be recalled by many of our older members. As a finance committee, we want to recognize bequests from their estate that supported building maintenance for many years and especially that part designated for parsonage maintenance. As the Trustees prepared the parsonage for its new inhabitant, they spent the last of the Mauermann money designated for this usage. We celebrate what this gift has meant to our church over these years! We then are challenged to consider what **our** past witness has been, what our present witness is, and what our future witness could be.

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### Roofing Report Update

In May and June we received \$1,956, which when matched by the Maintenance Endowment Fund is \$3912. In July we have received \$2,355 which when matched becomes \$4,710. That means you will see the thermometer on the Powerpoint announcements showing \$8,622 so toward our phase 1 goal of \$54,000 for the work that is planned to be completed by late this fall. Once again, thank you!

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*Thank  
You!*

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, donations, phone calls, and kind words at the time of our house fire.

The Baumans  
Fred and Anne

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Dear United Methodist Church:

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping with my college tuition. I feel so honored to be the recipient of this scholarship. Please know that your generosity is always appreciated and never taken for granted. Also, thank you for the cards throughout the year. They always brighten my day, and the gift certificates are always put to good use!

Sincerely, Nick Borowitz



**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- August 1 Blood Drive
- August 9 Trustee 6:00
- August 9 Finance 7:15
- August 16 Ad. Council 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

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**COTTAGE MEETINGS ARE HAPPENING AT MONROE UMC!**

In the spirit of sharing stories with a new Pastor, Monroe UMC is pleased to announce that we are having 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 are held either in a room at Monroe UMC or at the home of a volunteer host. A small snack or desert 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. Then he would give an opportunity for anyone to ask him any questions they might have. This is both a practical and spiritual way for Pastor Jeff to interact with and 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 host a cottage meeting.

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**PRAYER SUPPORT**

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

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



The prayer committee would like to invite you to participate in a prayer walk before school begins this fall. We will meet at the Monroe High School parking lot by the "M" room doors at 8:00 a.m. on Labor Day, September 6.

We will walk around the school and pray for different areas as they come to mind: then we will continue to the other city schools. Thank you for your prayer support of our students, teachers, and community.

Luanna Parr  
Prayer Committee Chair

## *Happy Birthday*

August 1 Crystal Jinkerson  
August 1 Sharon Schmid  
August 2 Terry Shaker  
August 3 Haley Jinkerson  
August 3 Linda Nack  
August 4 Jessica Meyer  
August 5 Kathy Chenous  
August 6 Nicholas Newcomer  
August 7 Tony Hernandez  
August 7 Braun King  
August 8 David Koning  
August 9 JJ Crotty  
August 9 Riley Jo Johnson  
August 9 Elizabeth Grenzow  
August 10 Sandi Nelson  
August 10 John Schmid  
August 10 Cheryl Tertin  
August 11 Sarah Grenzow  
August 12 Kim Bruggeman  
August 12 Phil Volden  
August 13 Neil Signer  
August 14 Bonita Holmes  
August 15 Royal Karlen  
August 16 Elishba Navarro  
August 17 Jacob Wartenweiler  
August 18 Samara Bolivar  
August 18 Ulonda Dietmeier  
August 18 Zoe Griepentrog  
August 18 Nathan Klassy  
August 19 Scott Navarro  
August 19 Carol Wells  
August 20 Dustin Williams  
August 21 Pat Croake  
August 23 Arlene Handel  
August 23 Betty Parkinson  
August 24 Vicki Hearing  
August 25 Mildred Bradley  
August 25 Homer Tackett  
August 27 Haley McIntosh  
August 28 Howard Schiller  
August 28 Mary Ellen Sullivan  
August 29 Robert Beck  
August 29 Lucas Sathoff  
August 30 Grace King  
August 31 Colton Ladwig  
August 31 Jan LeFevre  
August 31 Triscia Nickel



August 2 Joel & Cheryl Tertin  
August 4 Virgil & Carol Leopold  
August 6 Don & Diane Hawkinson  
August 8 Gene & Marcia Findlay  
August 8 Dustin & Aimee Williams  
August 8 Richard & Nancy Brunner  
August 8 Jason & Amy Kundert  
August 11 Scott & Becky Feldt  
August 12 Lance & Daphne Sathoff  
August 15 Pastor Jeff & JoAnn Meyer  
August 15 Craig & Monique Newcomer  
August 19 James & Jolynn McIntosh  
August 20 Ken & Luanna Parr  
August 21 Kenrad & Mary Pederson  
August 22 Vince & Joyce Barnes  
August 23 Richard & Denise Bonjour  
August 23 Rick & Kathie Gleason  
August 23 Bryan & Mandy Versnik  
August 25 Kyle & Katie Hofmaster  
August 27 Dan & Robyn Essler  
August 27 Brian & Betsy Keith

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



**Peace & Friendship Circle**

**Will be meeting at Aster on September  
21 at 9:30 a.m.**

# **We're Back!**

## **Volunteer Spotlight for August**

### **All the Volunteers Who Helped During the Pandemic**



In August we are honoring all the wonderful people who volunteered during the almost year and a half we slowed down during the pandemic. We really appreciate everyone who was able to help out, either in the office, during worship and committee meetings. Thank you so very much.

To show our appreciation, we will be serving cake between services on Sunday, August 15.



### **From The Administrative Team:**

Noah's Ark is buzzing through another summer. We have fun filled days trying to take advantage of these beautiful days. Now we are getting ready to get back to school. Noah's Ark is starting to plan for our School Year Session. We sent home school year childcare needs forms to our current families to fill out. Forms will be due back to Noah's Ark by Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>.

For children joining us for another school year, Noah's Ark will be handing out School Year Packets. The packets will contain all the yearly forms needing to be filled out and returned. Remember throughout the school year if you move, change jobs, or have a new phone number or email please let us know so we can update your child's file.

Any questions regarding our policies or the School Year Session can be addressed to the Administrative Team or call the Noah's Ark office at (608) 325-8567. We are happy to share additional information. We look forward to watching the children learn and grow through the new school year. Thank you for your continued support of Noah's Ark.