

Good News!

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Trustees:

January 2023

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 January 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



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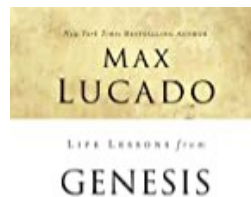
Mission Statement

“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!

**New Adult Sunday School Class
Starting January 8, 2023
9:15 in the Library
Life Lessons from Genesis
by Max Lucado**



A beginning. An origin. A foundation. Knowing where we came from says much about where we are going...

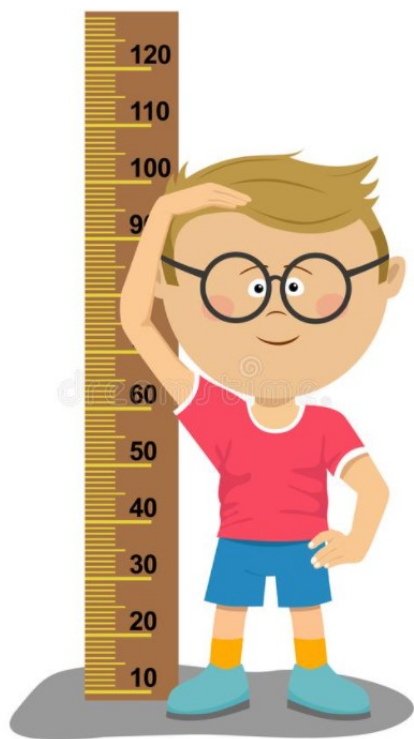
The book of Genesis brings us back to the beginning, where the foundation of life itself is explained. We learn how we were created, about the origins of sin and its fallout, and how to best relate to God—through obedience and trust. We are drawn into tales of deceit, jealousy, and outright failure, where we see how God still uses flawed people.

And weaving throughout these earliest stories of humankind are the golden threads of God’s promises—promises we can trace from their origins, through the course of history, up through our lives today, and beyond us to the end of time when his final promises will at last be fulfilled.

Please join us to learn more.

Pastor's Message – January 2022

New Heights with Pastor Jeff (PJ)



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray you had a blessed and Merry Christmas as well as a Happy New Year. 2023 appears to be a year of opportunity for us all here at Monroe United Methodist Church.

Soon we will have the opportunity to prayerfully discern together a new mission and vision; a new sense of who we are, what God is calling us to be and how we are going to answer that call. I will then be asking our leadership to work together to discern a five year plan for MUMC based on that discerned mission and vision.

There will be opportunities for disciples here at MUMC to become more involved in order to continue and grow ministries. To come together centered around our calling, with renewed mission and vision, to fulfill the Great Commission and make new disciples of Jesus Christ.

It is my prayerful hope that as a result there will be a vibrant spiritual renewal of our church and a spiritual revival of evangelism and discipleship here. That as a supernatural result of our zeal that this church will grow in both spirit and number. That this year we will go from being a church discerning it's way, to a church that in Monroe, WI, by the grace of Jesus Christ, shows everyone the way, the truth and the life. And all of God's children said....Amen.

In Christ,

PJ

Meet our new Treasurer Mary Kubly

Mary Walker Siedschlag Kubly was born, raised and graduated high school in Monroe, WI. She married Evan Siedschlag in 1965 and they farmed for 25 years near Woodford, WI, until his death in 2003. Together they raised two children, Kelly, and Neil, both married with 2 children—Kelly lives in Mr. Horeb, WI, and Neil in Fredericksburg, VA. Mary worked for Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. in the Marketing Department until her retirement 2 years after her 2012 marriage to Richard Kubly. She and her husband now live in Monroe, where Mary continues her study of the scriptures and traveling, locally and abroad. She was most fortunate to visit Israel twice and counts those trips as especially favored. She looks forward to the challenge of being the new Treasurer of Monroe United Methodist Church and hopes to serve the congregation and staff to the best of her ability.



From The Administrative Team:

The holiday season is upon us! The children are beaming with excitement, they bring so much joy and merriment to the building. As we enjoy time with family and friends, listed below are the Holiday Closings and some wish list items.

Noah's Ark will be CLOSED on:

- Friday December 23rd for Christmas Eve Day
- Monday December 26th for Christmas Day
- Monday January 2nd for New Year's Day

We have enjoyed this year watching the children learn and grow. We look to the new year with hope of the future! From all of us here at Noah's Ark, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

Ruby Clark - Director directornoahsark@hotmail.com

Tina Swingen - Office Manager monroemethodist@gmail.com

Bailey Wartenweiler - Office Specialist noahsarkspecialist@hotmail.com



Noah's Ark Wish List

Noah's Ark needs the following items. If you would be willing to donate any of them, please bring them to the office:

- Pretzels**
- Animal Crackers**
- Craisins**
- Goldfish**
- Boxes of Raisins**

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Volunteer Opportunities

Noah's Ark

We have several volunteer needs for Noah's Ark:

- * Prepare Snacks (weekly)
- * Prepare Birthday Cards (monthly)
- * Filing and Organizing (as needed)
- * Shredding Documents (as needed)
- * Cleaning toys (weekly)



If you would be interested in helping with any of the above tasks, please let the office know. Thank you so very much.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self worth with its passions and its desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit. Let's not become arrogant, make each other angry, or be jealous of each other.

Galatians 5:22-26

In the Christmas season, we celebrate Jesus' birth as God's gift of love as the sacrifice to deal with our sins. When we believe and repent, we are accepted as God's children and His Spirit works within us. These verses from Paul's letter to the church of Galatia tell us what others should see in our lives as they observe and interact with us.

When we choose to allow these traits to govern our lives, we will be living our mission as Christ's ambassadors to the world. When we testify to our faith, others will see the results of our relationship with Christ in our choices for behavior, language, use of time to serve others and our expenditures of financial resources to improve the world. Our example will draw them into relationship with us and with Christ.

May you begin the new year with a renewed commitment to deepen your relationship with God and to share your faith as you share your love for others!

Brief Budget Report

Month of November	Income: \$32,009.85	Expenses: \$28,313.00
Year to Date	Income: \$282,793.97	Expenses: \$292,123.99

Deferred Apportionment Payments YTD: \$23,474

A NOTE OF THANKS

With a sense of gratitude we share this news: Tim Soddy bequeathed \$31,850 (10% of the net value of his estate) to Monroe UMC with the hope it would be channeled into projects supporting the music program. The finance committee encourages other members to consider discussing similar actions with your lawyer. As you know, 2 previous bequests paid for most of our recent roofing project and our aging building will have more needs in the future. Our profound thanks to Tim for this action and his many years of service in the music programs of our church as well as on the trustees committee.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

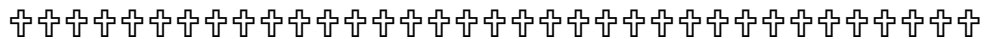
- January 1 Happy New Year
- January 1 **8 am and 10:15 am Worship Services Pastor JoAnn Meyer will preach in Monroe while Pastor Jeff will preach in Cuba City.**
- January 2 Office Closed
- January 9 1:00 p.m. Quilt Meeting
- January 9 6:00 p.m. Leadership Meeting
- January 9 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
- January 10 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
- January 16 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- January 18 5:30 p.m. Noah's Ark Board Meeting
- January 24 9:00 a.m. F.I.F.M. Team Meeting
- January 30 Red Cross Blood Drive
- January 31 5:45 Noah's Ark Staff Meeting

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

Every Friday Night
 7:00-10:00 p.m. is **Volleyball** in Fellowship Hall

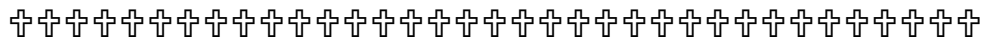
GEL

Spiritually Bonding, Shaping & Molding Youth
 Open to all Pre-Youth (Middle School age students)
 And Youth (High School age students) will be meeting once a month.
 Please call the church office for the next GEL date.



PRAYER FOCUS FOR JANUARY IS FINANCES

Lord we lay the finances of the Monroe United Methodist Church before you. Help us to give generously without reluctance or compulsion. Help all monies to be used to glorify YOU and the furtherment of your Kingdom. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. God asks us to be generous and trust him in his promise to throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be enough room to store it.



Volunteer Spotlight for January Altar Guild Volunteers

This month we thank all the volunteers who set up and clean up for communion and decorate the sanctuary.

We will be serving cake between services on Sunday, January 15 as a special thank you.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 1 Shirley Brunkow
Jan. 1 Curtis Schwerin
Jan. 2 Laurie Prien
Jan. 3 Chris Brewster
Jan. 3 Steve Schulz
Jan. 4 Brooke Bauman
Jan. 4 Randall Schwartz
Jan. 5 Memphis Brewster
Jan. 5 Dustin Burkhalter
Jan. 6 Stephen Holmes
Jan. 9 Judith Gray
Jan. 11 Mary Jane Grenzow
Jan. 15 Troy Clark
Jan. 15 John Spangler
Jan. 16 Jennifer Bear
Jan. 17 Amanda Pas
Jan. 18 Robert Lostetter
Jan. 19 Nancy Pehl
Jan. 20 Annette Holmstrom
Jan. 21 Katie Johnson
Jan. 22 Richard Bonjour
Jan. 22 Padraic Houston
Jan. 22 Nathan Kundert
Jan. 22 Doris Schmerse
Jan. 23 Todd Burkhalter
Jan. 24 Joanne Albright
Jan. 24 Katherine Griepentrog
Jan. 25 Kaylea Bear
Jan. 25 Brad Pehl
Jan. 26 Samantha Kubly
Jan. 29 Nathan Hare
Jan. 30 Jocelyn Douglas
Jan. 30 Robert Kupersmith

*Thank
You!*

Thank you to all of our Advent readers:
Lindsay and Terry Hyland,
Gladys and Paul Laube, Bart and Deb Briggs,
and Amanda Chapin.

Thank you to everyone who has taken names from
the prayer tree. If you haven't taken any names
yet please do so. We all need prayer and this is
one way we can support one another.

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers and
Children for a wonderful Christmas program held
on December 18.

Happy Anniversary

Jan. 2 Richard & Millie Douglas
Jan. 6 Roland & Joan Emberson
Jan. 10 Donald & Maralyn Martin
Jan. 25 Eric & Rosalie Katzenberger
Jan. 26 John & Debbie Spangler

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



DIG IT! MONROE UMC FRIDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL AT 7 PM:

Come and enjoy Christian Fellowship in a safe
family atmosphere while playing indoor volleyball in
the Fellowship Hall at Monroe UMC. You do not
have to be a member of Monroe UMC to play and
you are welcome to invite friends to come.

If you are interested and have any questions call
Todd Carter at 608-558-8896

THE GOLDEN GIRLS GROUP

A ladies' group meets the first Sunday every month
at 1:00 p.m. the Hand in Hand Room.

If you are interested
call Lillian Falk 608-325-1370

Not Meeting in January

F.I.F.M. TEAM MEETING

January 24 at 9:00 a.m.

In the church library

Thank you to everyone who shared poinsettias in memory of loved ones

Pauline Blum in memory of
Bill, Alan, and Joel Blum

Evelyn Tschanz in memory of
**Joe Tschanz, Bradley Schimke, and
Tonya Whitney**

Kathy, Andy, Johanna, Elena, Owen Chenous in
memory of
**Bradley Chenous, and
Roger and Maryellen Sullivan**

Maralyn Martin in memory of my sisters
Virginia, Gerry, Ardell

Roland and Joan Emberson in memory of
Kevin Emberson

Ron & Lois Mauermann in memory of
Stan and Esther Mauermann

John and Nita Carson

Walt Bauman in memory of my parents,
sister, and wife
**Ben and Florence Bauman,
Rosa Lee Holcomb, Elizabeth Bauman**

Owen, Christina, Isabella, and Alecander Johnson
in memory of
Dr. David M. Johnson

Ronald and Kathleen Hermanson in memory of
**Ivan and Helen Grunder,
Morris and Dora Hermanson**

Marcia and Gene Findlay in memory of our parents
Al and Daisy Findlay, Harold and Cleo Nipple

Bob and Cheri Wesenberg in memory of
our parents
**Cinnamon and Marna Howery and
Roy and Helen Wesenberg**

Barbara Bartsch in memory of
Arthur Bartsch

Harold & Elaine Ruchti in memory of our son
Richard Harold Ruchti

Joyce Nethery, Jennifer and Dan & family and
Amy and Ted & family in memory of
Jerry Nethery

Mike and Deb Hutchinson in honor of
our loved ones

Scott and Becky Feldt in memory of
Wally and Betty Feldt

Nate and Joanne Hare in memory of
Our son, parents, grandparents, and sister

Todd and Amy Burkhalter family in memory of
Beverly Rose Gebhardt

Lillian Falk in memory of
Ted Falk and parents

Anita Best and family in memory of
Joe Best

Howard Schiller in memory of my wife
Joyce Schiller

Eleanor Stalder in memory of
**Robert Stalder, Dorothy and Harold Wagner,
Gen and Doug Schuett**

Carol Wells and family in memory of
Marvin Wells

His loving family in memory of
Mike Schmerse

Jim and Jolynn McIntosh & family in memory of
**Roger & Joanne Seffrood, Mary Hanson,
Vernon "Bud" McIntosh**

Ron & Lois Mauermann in memory of
Willard and Helen Mauermann

Scott and Becky Feldt in memory of
Bobbie, Evelyn and Diane Schuler

Pat Quittschreiber in memory of
my parents

Phyllis Lentz in memory of my husband
Roger Lentz

Brian and Cindy Zimmerman in memory of
David and June Miller

Betsy Lauer in memory of my husband and sister-
in-law
Dennis Lauer, Carol Thompson

Randy and Tina Swingen in memory of
Robert "Bob" Bonjour

His loving family in memory of
Tim Soddy

Howard Schiller

John and Nita Carson

Julie and Scott Wild in memory of
Julie's mom and dad and Scott's dad