

# Good News!

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## September 2021

### Worship Schedule

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



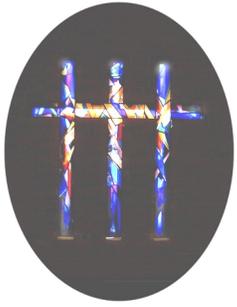
### Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:00pm

*The next Good News*  
Deadline September 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!*



### Starting September 12

8:00 Traditional

9:15 Sunday School for Pre-K through Adult

10:15 Contemporary

**Join us for coffee and treats every Sunday**

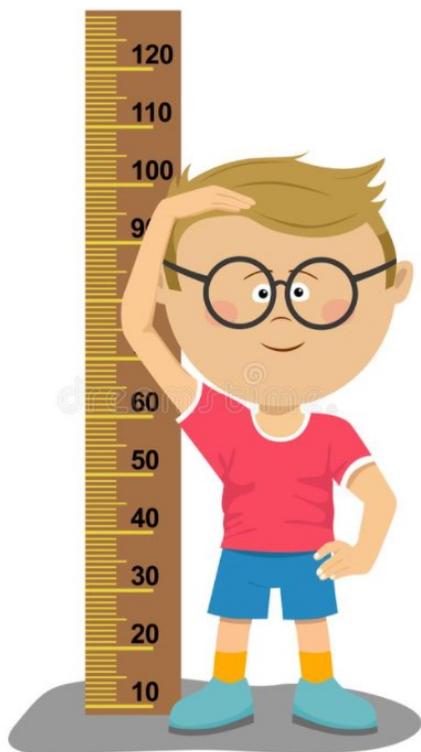
## **Adult Sunday School** **Join us starting September 12** **At 9:15 a.m.** **In the Library**

While the Ten Commandments are known throughout the world, it's not often that we are offered a fresh take on them. Popular and beloved author J. Ellsworth Kalas approaches the Ten Commandments through the "back side"--through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor character.

Kalas explores how these "prohibitive" laws actually are our dear friends, intended to make life richer and more fulfilling. He uses contemporary illustrations and personal experience to show how these timeless laws give us an appetite for divine excellence.

# Pastor's Message – September 2021

## New Heights with Pastor Jeff (PJ)



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am in awe of the momentum here at Monroe United Methodist Church. I praise God for sending a wave of inspiration through our faith community by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Now the question is, will we answer? God has blessed us with the opportunity to do something many churches are praying for...to grow. However, God is also calling us as a church to do our part.

We as humanity are reorganizing our lives according to new priorities after the last year and a half of the Covid 19 Pandemic. I believe God is calling us to invest more of our time and resources into our relationship with Him and our faith community. To rededicate ourselves to the mission of Monroe United Methodist Church to love God, love others and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

This is why our Rally Day on [September 12<sup>th</sup>](#) is likely the most important [Sunday](#) in our church history...because it will, in part, decide our future. Will we, as God's children, as brothers and sisters of Christ as the body of Jesus Christ on this earth in this community decide to make Monroe UMC and its ministry a priority for the coming program year?

I believe that if we answer our calling from God to present at worship, learn His word through Christian Education opportunities, love on others both individually and as a church family to meet their needs, as well as reach out to invite others to find and experience Jesus here and treat them as a precious gift when they come through hospitality...the last six weeks of momentum will be merely a ripple compared to the Tsunami of spirituality that will flow out of Monroe United Methodist Church onto the community around us! All for the glory and Kingdom of God!

Let's answer, brothers and sisters! Let's recommit ourselves to God and His calling for us individually and as a faith community to play our part and fill our role in God's plan to save the souls of humanity. And it will all start with our decision to be present at Rally Day and tell God yes, Lord, we are here! Yes, Lord, we will answer!

Can I get an Amen?

PJ

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Wisconsin Conference:

We are deeply saddened by the news of the tragic events that have recently occurred in Haiti. On Saturday, August 14, Haiti experienced a 7.2 magnitude earthquake that produced widespread destruction in the western region of the country. The current death toll stands at 1,297 and left at least 5,700 people injured in the Caribbean nation, with thousands more displaced from their destroyed or damaged homes.

We invite you to make a donation to UMCOR to aid in the response efforts in Haiti. We ask you to pray for the families of those who have died or are missing. We also pray for the communities experiencing upheaval and uncertainty. UMCOR stands in solidarity and is in communication with partners in Haiti as the full scale of this disaster unfolds.

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### From The Administrative Team:

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and are as eager to start a new school year as we are. We are excited to have so many returning faces and new families to get to know.

Due to the wide range of activities, it is recommended that children be dressed in washable, comfortable clothing. Please remember that children are taken outdoors daily (weather permitting) and should be dressed accordingly. This should include appropriate shoes -- no flip flops or open heel shoes for safety reasons. Every room goes outside at least once daily, including the Baby Room.

Families should continue to turn in paperwork to the office or place papers in Ruby or Bailey's file folder located at the Parent Center. Remember throughout the school year if you move, change jobs, or have a new phone number 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 office at (608) 325-8567. We are happy to share additional information. We look forward to watching the children learn and grow throughout the new school year. Thank you for your continued support of Noah's Ark.

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

From the Finance Committee

*Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find;  
Knock, and the door will be opened for you.  
For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds,  
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.  
Matthew 7:7-8*

What kind of response do these words of Jesus stir within you as you read them? Are you excited about the possibilities opened in your life if you believe them and act on them? Or, are you skeptical and question how they could possibly be true? Your vision of what Christ means to you as your Savior and Lord and the guidance He provides for living your life are at stake. What do you choose in the here and now?

In his short book, *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, Henri Nouwen offers this view of money and stewardship (which he calls fundraising). He writes:

*Fundraising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission. Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission. We are declaring, 'We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you—your energy, your prayer, and your money—in this work to which God has called us.'*

What vision has God entrusted to you as a member of the Monroe UMC as you share in worship, Bible study, and fellowship groups, or offer to serve on our varied committees? We invite you to share in the church's vision through your presence, your prayers, your service, your witness, and your gifts.

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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, for a total of \$8,622. Through August 15 we have received another \$5,420, which when matched gives us a total of \$19,462. The PowerPoint announcement before worship shows the new total each week as we move 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 for your part in reaching this goal!

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*Thank  
You!*

Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the Frautschy Scholarship for another year. With me being a senior at UW Stout, your support over the last four years has been greatly appreciated.

Thanks again  
Drew Wyss



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September 6 Office Closed  
 September 13 Trustee 6:00  
 September 13 Finance 7:15  
 September 16 Noah's Ark Board Meeting 5:30

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

**Join us on Sunday, October 3 2:30-3:30 for Organ Recital by members of the Association of Church Musicians (of which our church is a member) to raise money for their scholarship fund. Both Deb Krauss Smith and Robert Eversman will be performing.**

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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



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

**The prayer committee offers opportunities to be part of the prayer life of our church.**

- No age requirements.
- No public speaking or praying out loud unless you want to.
- Care about prayer needs of other.
- Private prayer for prayer list and prayer requests as they come to our attention.
- Meet every other month as a group (virtual at this time).
- Generate ideas on how we can be a benefit to others.
- Remember members of our church family who have had a death in their family.

Contact Luanna Parr 608-325-2557 or the church office for more information.  
 Please give this consideration you are needed.

**September Prayer Focus: Adults in the Church**

## *Happy Birthday*

September 1 Ron Johnson  
September 2 Nancy Deets  
September 2 Jace Ladwig  
September 2 Adam Metz  
September 3 Mark Janssen  
September 4 Nancy Bruce  
September 4 Nya Ermey  
September 4 Noah Metz  
September 6 Johnathan Meyer  
September 7 Brianna Moore  
September 7 Linda Moser  
September 7 David Wartenweiler  
September 8 William Wartenweiler  
September 9 Dan Essler  
September 10 Daphne Sathoff  
September 11 Joseph Meyer  
September 12 Cassandra Hult  
September 13 Crystal Berget  
September 13 Penny Erickson  
September 13 Mary Jo Roderick  
September 13 Rosemary Voegeli  
September 14 Kalejh Parr  
September 17 Marcia Findlay  
September 18 Tina Volden  
September 18 Allison Wunschel  
September 19 Ruby Clark  
September 20 Miles Versnik  
September 21 Jerry Bolivar  
September 21 Avery Bruggeman  
September 21 Grace Keith  
September 21 David Weckerly  
September 22 Lance Sathoff  
September 23 Laurel Houston  
September 23 Joseph Parr  
September 24 Celia Kline  
September 25 Dennis Nelson  
September 27 Eben Robertson  
September 29 Liam Moore

**Peace & Friendship Circle**  
**Will be meeting at Aster on**  
**September 21 at 9:30 a.m.**



September 3 Bart & Deb Briggs  
September 3 Nom & Lorriane Williams  
September 4 Daryl & Kari Fernstaedt  
September 8 James & Ranele Connors  
September 9 Robert & Cheryl Wesenberg  
September 12 Travis & Ann Ermey  
September 13 Roger & Lynn Zimmerman  
September 14 Wayne & Chris Schwartz  
September 15 Neil & Nancy Signer  
September 19 Justin & Tiffany Crotty  
September 19 Shawn & Jodi Olson  
September 20 Harlen & Crystal Jinkerson  
September 20 Dennis & Sandra Nelson  
September 22 Nick & Kelly Prechel  
September 23 Donald & Diann Best  
September 23 Chris & April Caldwell  
September 24 Ryan & Natalie Colden  
September 25 Don & Darlene Brooker  
September 25 David & Jan Wartenweiler

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

### **Late Morning Adult Sunday School**

11:30—12:15

We will explore an 8-week  
video study called  
“How to Be Salt & Light in Our Culture”

Contact Sandi Nelson at 608-426-4500  
regarding the class

# Volunteer Spotlight for September Noah's Ark and Food Pantry/Second Harvest

In September we are honoring the great people who volunteer to help with two of our mission projects – Noah's Ark and the Food Pantry/Second Harvest. We are so very fortunate to have so many caring, unselfish people who are willing to volunteer their time and talents.

## Noah's Ark



There are different opportunities to help with:  
Being a member of the Board of Directors

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## Food Pantry/Second Harvest



Thank you to the people who work each Monday sorting and distributing food. Many people also help with the distribution of food at Second Harvest several times a year. And, of course, we thank all the people who contribute to these worthy causes.

To honor and thank these hard working, dedicated volunteers for all they do, we will be serving cake on September 19 between services.



Needed: musicians for Divine Intervention!! We are looking for guitar players, keyboard, and vocals!! If you are interested please contact the church office or come for rehearsal at 6 pm on Wednesdays. All are welcome. Come be a part of this important ministry opportunity!!