

Good News!

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The next Good News
Deadline November 28

*Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth,
and the Life." John 14:6*

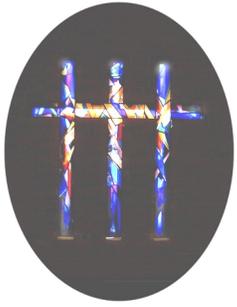
Our church exists so that all people might find the Way, know the Truth, and experience the Life!"
Through *discipleship, ministry, fellowship* and *worship* we strive to bring the joy of knowing Christ to our members and community.

Worship Schedule

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



Office Hours
8:30 am - 4:00pm



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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!

There are four ways to join us for worship, Sunday 9:30 a.m.

In-person Worship

Drive-in Worship park in the parking lot, turn your radio to FM 90.5

Facebook live streaming

Worship will be recorded and posted at a later time to www.monroeumc.com

*** In-Person Worship**

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Please enter and exit through door “A” :

Center doors will be open. Please seat yourself in pews in front of marked post-it notes.

*** Facemasks are required.**

Please, no food or drink in the building.

Bathrooms nearest the sanctuary are open.

FM Transmitter/Ventilation Update

It is believed that the FM Transmitter does not pose a danger to medical devices, by staying away from the sound booth.

Sanctuary ventilation is safe enough to accommodate people in the sanctuary with physical distancing.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship, November 25, 3 pm

In person Worship at 3:00 p.m., Drive-in and Facebook live

Wednesdays Advent Service December 2, 9th, 16th

In person at 3:00 p.m., Drive-in and Facebook live

Advent starts November 29

Pastors Page

Dear Beloved church family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All of us are still going through very difficult times as the COVID-19 continues to affect our lives and relationships. It is very natural for many of us to keep our lives under our control and stay in the comfort zone. We want our lives to be predictable, stable, and certain. Uncertainty is a difficult thing to bear. We want to know where the provision is going to come from or if we're going to die of this disease or if our job will still be there next month.

It is human instinct to keep our lives under our control and not necessarily want to risk our lives for possible changes. What about the church? Changes are not normally welcomed at the church. Many churches have their own long-time practices, such as particular patterns of worship or liturgies, that developed over time. Deviations from such patterns are sometimes considered unacceptable. But we know if we always do what we always did, we'll always get what we always get. **Change is evitable in order to be fruitful.** One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to give up, instead of what they have to gain. We are afraid of giving up things we have on our hands. People say that in order to make changes, our desire to change must be greater than our desire to stay the same.

Jesus whom we say we follow often moved beyond the boundaries. His desire to bring changes was always greater than to stay the same. He was far from staying in the comfort zone. He was constantly on the road, on the move. Jesus particularly went to places we don't want to go. In Luke 8, Jesus reaches out a tormented man who "was possessed by demons." He reaches out, touches, and heals. When nobody dares to reach out to this miserable man, Jesus, full of mercy and love, went out for him and restored his life. This means that if you, or someone you love is in the desperate situation of confusion and brokenness, Jesus would be there. Jesus will be there for you and for your loved ones.

This pandemic has impacted our life seriously and changed so many things how we live and interact with one another. **As the church together, we already know our church can never be the same. And yet, there is much more important truth we should pray together and prepare to move; we will break our comfort zone.** Through these trying times, we learned that our desire to change is much greater than our desire to stay the same. We have embraced the changes and served the Lord and people in so many different ways we had never done before. We will continue to go where Jesus wants us to go. Even places we don't want to go, we go if he insists. Just as Jesus reaches out, touches, and heals, we will be the church that does the same things. **Take heart. Let us follow Christ together!**

If you have any concern or need, please feel free to contact me and the office anytime.

Blessings, Pastor Don



Grow in the grace of God, Soli Deo Gloria!

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Thank You!!!

Thank you to all who have contributed toward the Divine Intervention piano Fund! The family of Edith Milestone designated her memorial money to complete the fund to its \$3588.00 goal with the additional money going to the Choir and Handbell funds because of her interest in music and participation in Choir and handbells.

UMCS (United Methodist Children's) sent a letter thank you MUMC. "Words cannot express how grateful we are for your donation of \$1,800.00 on 10/22/2020. Your gift provides affordable housing, food, childcare, clothing, and supportive services to those working to move out of poverty.

2019 Summer Projects Nearing the finish line!

A \$10,000 gift from one of our members and a \$20,000 disbursement from an Alice Ladwig bequest have brought us to an outstanding balance of \$2,866! In Thanks for God's goodness, could we meet this goal in November and celebrate in a real sense of thanksgiving at our Thanksgiving Eve service on Nov. 25th? Remember-God is good all the time!

Finance and Stewardship

The Finance Committee and Trustees have voted to distribute the \$87,500 bequest from Alice Ladwig in the following manner:

- a) \$7500 to missions to be chosen by our missions committee;
- b) \$20,000 to be applied to the 2019 Summer Projects;
- c) \$30,000 to be invested in a Monroe UMC Endowment-Building Fund in the UMC Foundation;
- d) \$30,000 to be invested in a Monroe UMC Endowment- Programming Fund in the UMC Foundation.

You can give anytime to the church -

Online giving: download tithe.ly and follow instructions. www.tithe.ly

Special Contributions to Six Ongoing Mission Projects

As the result of a generous bequest made to the Monroe United Methodist Church, the Missions Committee was able to provide the following financial support to six of our ongoing designated mission projects (in addition to our regular mission offering that is contributed each month):

- Green County Food Pantry – \$500
- Family Promise of Green County – \$1,000
- Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee – \$1,800
- UM Children's Services in Milwaukee – \$1,800
- UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) – \$1,200
- Red Bird Mission in Appalachia Kentucky – \$1,200

Submitted by Jan Johnson

Christian Education

Sunday School is back in session at 9:30 a.m. with two options for children sixth grade and younger who meet in Fellowship Hall for One-Room-Schoolhouse or join by zoom from home. Seventh through twelfth grade youth meet in-person only in the high school room. All on-campus classes practice mask safety protocols and social distancing. Call Janie at 325-8563 for more information, or for access to weekly materials and an invitation to zoom. Please join us!

Elder News

Don't forget to keep in touch with each other during this time of isolation. Remember, too, that church staff are still working and available by phone.

The November/December Upper Room devotional is at the front doors of the church for anyone who would like to pick one up. It is available in regular or large print and is free of charge. If you would like one sent to you, please contact Jane at 325-8563.

Youth News

A year ago, things were unbelievably different. In between all of our school and sports and family and social activities, we would have just finished up with our church Halloween party games and fun. We would be looking forward to raking yards and making Advent meals. Not so this year!

Compassion Sunday was October 10

Lindsay Hyland gave the congregation information how to sponsor a child on Compassion Sunday.

If you missed the presentation
please watch the wonderful video and information
on our Facebook page.
Look for the October 10 service.

If you would like more information on sponsoring a child please contact
Lindsay Hyland at 608-325-7413 or email her at lindsayhyland@gmail.com

ADVENT Candle Lighting—wanted!

The first Sunday of Advent begins November 29.
If you are interested in Advent candle lighting please contact the church office.
Sundays in Advent are: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 & 20.
Christmas Eve is Thursday, Dec. 24th.

What Is Prayer?

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”



Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Program

Thanks to some patient, persistent collectors, this amazing load of ALUMINUM CAN PULL TABS was recently delivered to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Madison. We know where some of these jars came from, but does anyone know who collected and donated the rest of these? Whoever brought these tabs to church, thank you so much for your effort. According to RMHC-Madison, they receive nearly \$10,000 just from pull tabs each year. Revenue from recycling these

little bits of aluminum helps keep families close to their children who are undergoing medical treatment in the Madison area.

FUN FACT: The pull tabs are higher quality aluminum that is more valuable by weight than the actual can. There is also more aluminum in the tab than there is in the entire can!

PLEASE keep saving your ALUMINUM PULL TABS. We'll keep collecting them at church!

Submitted by Jan Johnson

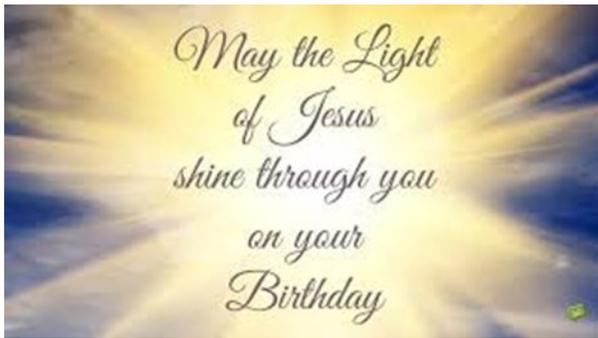


Family Promise of Green County Update:

In spite of the need to adjust how Family Promise services are being delivered during this ongoing pandemic, Rick Gleason, Executive Director of Family Promise of Green County, has much good news to share with us. First and foremost, Family Promise is as strong as always; it is as relevant today as it was pre-pandemic; and the number of people served so far this year, through the end of September 2020, has surpassed last year's total numbers!

The first priority of Family Promise has always been to have a safe place to serve families who find themselves homeless. During the pandemic, Family Promise has worked hard to keep many of their families temporarily housed with family members or friends. Even though these families are not being housed out in community churches, they still receive weekly case management services via Zoom, they get assistance with budgeting, they are provided job and housing searches, etc. So far this year as of the end of September, Family Promise provided services to 35 families for a total of 85 people of which 43 were children. The Men's Resource Center has provided housing for seven men. Even though it is not appropriate or possible for our congregation to have direct contact with Family Promise families at this time, they want us to know that they greatly appreciate our congregation's continued financial support.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO MORE FOR FAMILY PROMISE? As a congregation, we continue to contribute a portion of our Mission offering each month to Family Promise of Green County. If you would like to make a special gift to Family Promise, just include the amount with "Family Promise" noted on your offering envelope. Or if you would like to purchase a gift card for the program, they can always use gift cards in any amount for WALMART, GAS, or GROCERY locations in Monroe. Gift cards for Family Promise can be sent to or left at the church office. Thank you for your ongoing support of MUMC Mission projects!



- Nov. 1 Christina Genzow
Janis Johnson
Douglas Prien
- Nov. 2 Edward Pas
- Nov. 3 Scott Feldt
Salley Kahl
- Nov. 4 Donald Amphlett
- Nov. 5 Bev Johnson
- Nov. 6 Jenny Amiel
Ron Tourdot
- Nov. 9 Millie Douglas
- Nov. 10 Diann Best
- Nov. 11 Anita Best
- Nov. 13 Rene Castellanos
Delaney Douglas
Ryan Grenzow
Paul Hannes
David Kuebli
Jennifer Scace
- Nov. 15 Norma Engleking
Rich Wenschel
- Nov. 16 Stephanie Metz
- Nov. 17 Katie Hofmaster
- Nov. 18 Christina Wells
- Nov. 20 Mark Signer
- Nov. 22 Deb Briggs
- Nov. 23 Karl Kundert
Bonnie Voegeli
- Nov. 24 Traci Weckerly
- Nov. 25 Martha Breisath
Nancy Johnson
Audrey Wells
- Nov. 26 Linda Lostetter
Rebecca Navarro
- Nov. 28 Betsy Keith
Westin Klemm
Charlotte Tresner
Bryan Versnik
- Nov. 30 Pat Lincicum
Melani Mayorga
Stewart Sathoff
Cheryl Wesenberg

- Nov. 1 Nathan & Judith Klassy
- Nov. 6 Robert & Mildred Bradley
- Nov. 7 Tom & Deb Bidlingmaier
- Nov. 8 Brad & Amanda Albaugh
Craig & Samantha Kubly
- Nov. 10 Cory & Kerri Bidlingmaier
Thomas & Karen Vale
- Nov. 13 David & Mary Jean Blum
Robert & Careen Keith
- Nov. 16 Ron & Bev Johnson
- Nov. 21 Homer & Elaine Tackett
- Nov. 24 Dustin & Bonnie Voegeli
- Nov. 27 Christ & Tana McCabe
- Nov. 30 David & Carol Kuebli

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

Blood Drive
Monroe United Methodist church

Monday, November 30, 2020
11:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
For an appointment call
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit redcrossblood.org

Celebration of Lights
Honor a Loved one this Christmas Season

December 3: Celebration of Lights Curbside Ornament Pick-up from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Monroe United Methodist Church.

The Virtual Celebration of Lights Service at 7:30 p.m. will be broadcasted on the Monroe United Methodist Church Facebook page

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www.monroeclinic.org



GIVING Stewardship as Discipleship November 2020

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:15-17)

How does a disciple set aside his or her life for God? We simplify, in our denomination, the complicated issue of discipleship as the following: your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It is important to note that discipleship is comprised of actions, not beliefs. You may say all the creeds, but as James (2:19) points out, “Even the demons believe [in God].” Much of our teaching about stewardship has to do with giving financially to support the mission and ministry of the church. That is giving, but what makes it discipleship. Last month I noted that when we are planning an expenditure, John Wesley advises us to ask, 1) am I acting as a proprietor or a steward? 2) am I following Scripture? 3) can I offer this as a sacrifice to God, through Jesus Christ? and 4) will this action be judged as righteous?

These are the questions of a mature disciple who understands that in the Kingdom of God, actions speak louder than words. Since the disciple knows that everything comes from God (a belief), then every expenditure, even spending for oneself or one’s family, should be put to Wesley’s tests. That is what sets aside the disciple’s expenditures for God. The disciple turns beliefs into action and converts the simple materialism of the economy into spirituality. Spending money may be indistinguishable between disciple and non-disciple, but the disciple’s spending helps bring about the Kingdom of God.

Reread Wesley’s four rules above and you will see that a disciple’s expenditure includes prayer, presence, gift, service, and witness.



All Saints Sunday was November 1

We remember and reflected the lives of those who have passed this year. If you missed the service please check out our Facebook page. Look for the November 1 service.

Gaylord (Buddy) Voegeli (12/8/2019)

Alice Ladwig (12/19/2019)

Harold M Vale (1/3/2020)

Lillian Trickel (1/4/2020)

Dr. Robert Keith (2/12/2020)

John Engleking (2-25-2020)

Miriam Babula (3-23-2020)

Ruth Schrade (4-27-2020)

Florian Handel (5-9-2020)

Viola Schwend (5-27-2020)

Ted Falk (6-22-2020)

Ted Abels (7-24-2020)

Edith Milestone (8-2-2020)

Betty Shultz (8-2-2020)

Esther Falk (9-10-2020)

Virginia Erickson (10-28-2020)

Art Bartsch (10-31-2020)