



# The Voice

of Monroe Street United Methodist Church  
*a Beacon and a Bridge for our community*

**January 2017**

## **Year of Jubilee**

Moses declared that there should be a Year of Jubilee every fiftieth year in chapter 25 of Leviticus. During this year all debts were to be forgiven and property lost was to be restored. Those in prison were to be set free. It was a time of starting anew. I suggested on December 11 that we are entering into a Year of Jubilee for Monroe Street United Methodist Church as we are poised to move forward in ministry.

We were blessed to welcome seven new people into membership on that Sunday. We are beginning to see some of the fruits of the renovations and improvements to our worship space through the new sound system and projection system. The angled pews have brought so many positive comments from members about how they make us feel more in community in worship. (And the additional space between the pews makes it easier to get in and out). We have been experiencing great fellowship in the new gathering space before and after worship.

With the new digital sign, we are able to communicate much more effectively with those who pass by our church. We have even had people stop in because of what they read on the sign. Soon we will have an updated webpage that will be an important tool in reaching people looking for a church. We have reactivated our Facebook page and invite you to "Like" *Monroe Street Church Toledo* for pictures and upcoming events. We then encourage you to forward our posts to your friends.

We are experiencing new opportunities for spiritual growth through Bible Study (Sacred Stories, at the Bridge, and Toledo Campus Ministry), book studies, retreats and Sunday School. We have a continued emphasis on prayer through the prayer chain and weekly staff prayer. Many are involved in the outreach to our shut-ins and ministry at Holly Glen. Pastor Elizabeth has been a wonderful addition to our staff. We are experiencing her great gifts in preaching, teaching and envisioning.

Monroe Street Church has become the place where neighborhood and community events take place as we have hosted many in recent months. We are looking at potential partnerships with a number of community organizations. Ongoing discussions are taking place with Toledo School for the Arts, ProMedica, the Lucas County Land Bank, LISC, County Commissioners, City of Toledo, Church for All People and others, around potential projects.

The Neighborhood Center program continues to expand. New exercise classes are being added to the Savvy Seniors program. We will be enhancing our Bridge program in the coming months. The Personal Needs Ministry provides much needed basics for people in

need. This summer we will not only have Adventure Camp but we will be hosting our first Freedom School! In the coming months you will be hearing much more about this. On the horizon you will be learning about our efforts in community development as we engage our neighborhood in revitalization.

This is our Year of Jubilee! God has called us to a great ministry. The Holy Spirit is at work. Be in prayer for our church and community. Be open to see what God is calling you to do.

**Pastor Larry**

## **Welcome, New Members!**

On December 11 we welcomed new members to Monroe Street Church.



**Donna Chambers** has been connected to Monroe Street for a long time. Donna and her husband Chet were leaders in social justice ministries. Donna is very committed to being in a church that is welcoming to LGBT persons.

**Melissa Greene and Justin Hopfer** recently finished graduate programs at BGSU and have settled in Toledo, where Melissa works with the county commissioners and Justin is an accountant. They were married at Monroe Street last spring.

**Dwight Petty** has been a presence in our church community for years. He worked for Chrysler-Jeep and served as Monroe Street's custodian until he retired to be a full-time grandparent.

**Jesus, Isamar, and Isaias Rivera** were leaders at Calvary UMC. **Jesus** is the operations manager for the

Huntington Center. **Isamar, or Isa,** works for Renhill, an employment agency. **Isaias** is a senior at St. John's High School. Isaias is our acolyte, and played the part of Jonah with great humor.

**Andy Sellers** is a first-year graduate student at the University of Toledo, studying electrical engineering. He is the son and grandson of United Methodist pastors. He is from the Buffalo, New York area.

We look forward to sharing life in Christ with these new brothers and sisters!

## **The New Year**

As we enter the New Year at Monroe Street Church, there is much to be thankful for, and much to anticipate! Sheila Dunlop, in her lyrics for "A New Year" by Reginald Unterseher, said it well, *"Ring out old sorrow, bring in joy and harmony.*

*Ring out fear's cold isolation, bring in hope in community.*

*Leave the shadows that shroud us, bless the lessons they give.*

*Turn our hearts to the light where we may live."*

Community exists at Monroe Street Church. It can be found in a small group, a choir, a Sunday School class, even in a committee. If you are not involved, come and serve with us, in joy and community. Walk with us to the light!

Peace, **Denise**

## Capital Campaign Update

As of December 11, Commitment Sunday, our commitments to the Empowering Ministry for the Future capital campaign exceed \$268,000. We have made tremendous progress toward our \$400,000 goal. We have yet to hear from many members, as well as our appeal to "friends" of Monroe Street.

We are two-thirds of the way toward our goal with many more commitments yet to arrive. We thank those who have made the commitment to empowering our ministry for the future, and encourage those who have not to prayerfully consider your commitment. The level of faith and trust that you have shown in God and in the future of Monroe Street Church is humbling.

**Sunday, January 15**, is First Fruits Sunday, when we will be called upon during worship to make our initial contribution to the Capital Campaign, as we celebrate and thank God for our abundance, for our church, and for each other. We will conclude our celebration with a potluck immediately following worship.

"Not to us, O Lord, but to thy name give glory." (Psalm 115)

**Kevin Mulder**  
**Lou D'Amato,**  
Campaign Co-chairs

## Sundays in January

### January 1

**Sermon:** Arrival of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Elizabeth

**Lay Reader:** Marcia Frederick

**Altar Flowers:** Christmas Remembrances

### January 8

**Sermon:** Jesus' Baptism

Pastor Larry

**Lay Reader:** Roy Jones

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Chuck and Sue Thayer in memory of loved ones

### January 15

**Sermon:** Sermon at Nazareth

Luke 4:14-30

Pastor Larry

**Lay Reader:** Rita Sanchez

**Altar Flowers:** Open

### January 22

**Sermon:** Fish for People

Luke 5:1-11

Pastor Elizabeth

**Lay Reader:** Ellen Seiner

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Dick and Karen Vollmer in memory of Ruth and John Vollmer

### January 29

**Sermon:** Sermon on the Plain

Luke 6:1-30

Pastor Larry

**Lay Reader:** Marilyn Lodge

**Altar Flowers:** Open

**EMPOWERING**  
**FOR THE** **MINISTRY**  
**FUTURE**

## Special Sundays

We will celebrate Human Relations Sunday on **January 15**. This is one of six Special Sundays the United Methodist Church celebrates during the year. Funds raised support healing ministries throughout the United States.

On **February 12** we will celebrate Blanket Sunday, with donations helping Church World Service provide blankets, relief supplies, and basic agricultural tools in times of natural disaster.

## It's Cold Outside . . . And Maybe Snowy Too!

When is the Church closed because of weather? We have gotten our first taste of snow and cold. However, it has still been warm inside the church.

If the city of Toledo and/or Lucas County declare a **Level 3 Emergency**, our Sunday School and worship service will be cancelled. During the week, both the church and the Neighborhood Center will be closed.

If a **Level 1 or 2 Emergency** is declared, our worship service, programs, and meetings will be held as usual. However, we do advise caution. We ask you to make the safe choice for you.



MSUMC has a new Facebook page! Please "like" us at **Monroe Street Church Toledo** to stay up to date on what is happening!

## Communion Offering Supports Alternative Spring Break

The Communion Offering for January, February and March will support Toledo Campus Ministry's Alternative Spring Break. This year, TCM will be sending a group of mentors and students to Black Mountain, North Carolina to work with Black Mountain Home for Children Youth and Families ([www.blackmountainhome.org](http://www.blackmountainhome.org)).

Founded by a Presbyterian minister in 1904 as the Mountain Orphanage, the Black Mountain Home serves abused, abandoned, and neglected children from throughout Western North Carolina from birth through college graduation. The Home has expanded its original residential care services to also include family foster care, transitional living for teens, and independent living for youth pursuing an education beyond high school.

The students and mentors will have opportunities to serve in a variety of ways, including cleaning, painting, making modest repairs, playing with the kids and, of course, building friendships.

Participants in Alternative Spring Break are being asked to pay a subsidized rate of \$300 for the mission trip. The Communion Offering will help to provide the subsidy and scholarships for students who would like to participate in Alternative Spring Break but need financial assistance.

Any money given in excess of what is needed supports the Rev. Dee Baker Mission Fund and helps to make future mission trips possible. This event is the community building, spiritual formation and service highlight of the school year. Please give generously.

## Lunch Bunch

Happy New Year. The Lunch Bunch will be gathering together on **Saturday, January 7, 2017** at 12 noon at Mama's Kitchen, 2417 W. Laskey Road, Toledo.

Any woman in the church or in the soft borders of the church is invited to join us for food and fellowship. We ask that you call either Betty Nicolen at 419-475-4064 or Kathy Moore at 419-885-3918 by noon on **Friday, January 6** to let us know if you will be coming, if you're bringing a guest, if you need transportation or if you can provide transportation. Until then, be a blessing. See you in church.

## After School Junior Achievement Program

The Monroe Street Neighborhood Center has decided to supplement our after school basketball program with classes on entrepreneurship, using curriculum developed by Junior Achievement. **The Center is looking for at least two volunteers to spend 1-2 hours a week preparing lessons and team teaching a one-hour class.** (Curriculum and training are provided by Junior Achievement.)

Business experience is helpful, but not essential. Volunteers may team teach, taking turns as "lead teacher" based on areas of interest and experience. Each volunteer is expected to:

- Attend a one-hour training, at the Neighborhood Center, taught by JA staff.
- Teach 6 or 7 (depending on grade level) once-a-week classes, using JA provided curriculum materials.
- Spend 1-2 hours preparing for each class.

Contact Lynn Bachelor (419-410-0866 or [lynn.bachelor@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.bachelor@gmail.com) or) for more information or to volunteer.

## The End of an Era: Scrip Program Retires January 1, 2017

Over the last several years profits to the church from the Scrip gift card sales program have steadily declined while the administrative fees charged to us have increased. At the same time several families who were good buyers of scrip have moved away. We currently have only 10 families whose scrip purchases for this year have resulted in more than \$30 per family going to the church.

Therefore, as of January 1, 2017, we will no longer be participating in the Scrip program. We still have some scrip for restaurants and gas stations on hand that we need to sell to add to the Capital Fund and other designated funds totals. We will still be in the Sanctuary each Sunday in January for you to purchase this scrip, but will no longer be taking orders for things not on hand.

### **But you can still help....**

The Kroger Community Rewards program that also has benefited the Capital Build and other funds will continue and will not be affected. Just continue to shop at Kroger using your registered Rewards Card and Kroger will automatically send the church a check quarterly based on your shopping and designation of Monroe Street Church as the beneficiary of your Community Rewards funds. Re-registration of Monroe Street Church as your choice to receive the Kroger Community Rewards funds based on your shopping will take place again in April 2017.

Thank you to all families who have participated in the Scrip Program since its inception in the early 2000s. Since that time thousands of dollars have been earned for the church by you through your scrip purchases. Congratulations!

**Jeri Mellgren**

## Young Voices of Greater Toledo

Young Voices will begin their second semester on **Tuesday, January 10**. Rehearsals are every Tuesday, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Children age 8 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. For more information visit their website, [www.yvgt.org](http://www.yvgt.org), or call 419-473-1167, ext. 230.

## Visitor Center Coming

The current major project of the Nurture Committee is the development of a Visitor Center, with a complete complement of printed materials highlighting the many ministries and volunteer opportunities at Monroe Street Church and the Neighborhood Center.

There will be an official desk or counter with an attendant in the narthex on Sunday mornings and during special events. Our visitors are always inquiring about our ministries and volunteer opportunities, and we need to be ready to provide accurate information.

## News of Members

**Jeannette Vail** is now married to Michael Hanowsky, expecting a baby in April, and living at 1419 Palm Avenue, San Mateo CA 94402.

**Rebecca Vail** finished her Master's degree at USC and works for NBC Universal. Her address is 316 N. Maple Street, Burbank CA 91505.

## Mitten Tree

Many thanks to everyone who so generously loaded the branches of the Mitten Tree with gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for our neighbors. All will be put to good use.

## Sharing Scripture

We are presenting the scripture in a variety of ways in worship now. A small group offers a dramatic reading, or acts the story out, using props and costumes. In the future, a storyteller or a group of storytellers will tell the story by heart.

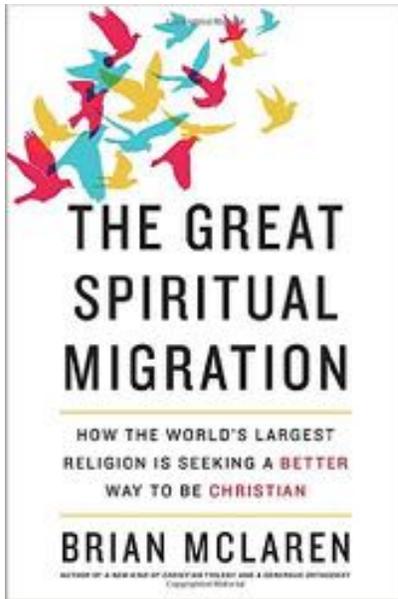
Would you like to join the group of players that is offering our scripture lessons? If so, please talk with Pastor Larry or Pastor Elizabeth. We would love to welcome you!



## Thank You!

Big thanks from the Congregational Care committee to the cookie and poinsettia elves. You should have seen all the beautiful cookies that mysteriously showed up on time December 4! Then enough poinsettias were donated by other volunteers to accompany each cookie plate.

Congregational Care was able to assemble and deliver holiday plates of cookies and candy, along with poinsettias, to 15 shut-ins from our congregation and to our church staff members. Thank you to all who made this possible.



## Winter Book Study

Our next exciting book study will begin on **Saturday, January 28**, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. (due to Palm Sunday Concert rehearsals), and will run for ten weeks, ending on April 1. We will be reading and discussing Brian McLaren's new book, *The Great Spiritual Migration*.

Now that we have discussed the future of the church in *Weird Church*, we need to consider the future of our faith, so that we can move forward together. Please contact me at 419-360-3097 or [Ldamato419@aol.com](mailto:Ldamato419@aol.com) with your intention to participate.

The Parables Class will resume on **January 8** at 9:00 a.m. We will also be reading and discussing the new McLaren book.

Let me know if you would like me to order a book for you. I hope you will all join me for either the Saturday group or the Sunday morning class.

**Lou D'Amato**

## Advent-Searchers Sunday School Class

Beginning **January 8**, we will begin a three-week overview of the mission study, "The Church and People with Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy." The class will include hands-on experiences to promote understanding of how awareness, accessibility, and advocacy can make Monroe Street Church a more welcoming church home for people with disabilities.

Class leaders will be Kati Glover and Marilyn DuFour. Kati is a senior majoring in social work at the University of Toledo and the current President of Toledo Campus Ministry. She is an active member of Monroe Street United Methodist Church and a well-spoken advocate for people with disabilities. Kati plans to attend the Methodist Theological School of Ohio and pursue a Master's degree in Divinity and Counseling after graduation. Join us to learn more fully what it means to have open doors.

Beginning **January 29**, please join us in the chapel to learn about Holy Currencies. As we move into a new year here at Monroe Street, we are excited to continue our mission of serving our neighbors in our community.

Rev. Eric Law is an Episcopal priest and the director of the Kaleidoscope Institute. Eric has written a book titled *Holy Currencies* that offers a beautiful model for creating ministries that are missional and sustainable.

Pastor Elizabeth will teach us about each currency and help us name how currencies are flowing within our ministries. Once we learn to speak in the kingdom language of Holy Currencies, we can also create new ministries, such as our Freedom School, in a way that promotes wellness for our community and for our church. Our Holy Currencies classes will continue for six weeks, ending on March 5.

## Worlds of Belief

Toledo has a wealth of communities of worship right here in our city. Join this group to visit them! Join MSUMC Worlds of Belief members as we learn from and about the world around us.

On **January 22** we will attend the Redeemed by the Blood of Christ Ministries service, led by Pastor Pinkie, at 12:30 p.m. in the chapel of MSUMC.

We plan to have one group event each month, and these will be posted in the *Voice*, the Sunday bulletin and on the church Facebook page (*Monroe Street Church Toledo*); however, we also encourage everyone to share other events around town with the group as you learn of them.

“Like” the “Monroe Street Church Toledo” Facebook page to see events, or contact Lynne Hamer at [lynne.hamer@utoledo.edu](mailto:lynne.hamer@utoledo.edu) to be added to the Worlds of Belief email list. You can also contact Bill Hoover at 419-913-9399 or [William.hoover@utoledo.edu](mailto:William.hoover@utoledo.edu), or call Mary MacDonald at 419-535-6782.

## New Music Ensemble

Interested in singing or playing an instrument in an ensemble? You are more than welcome to join the new music ensemble that is taking part in our worship on Sundays. We will play a wide variety of music that is meaningful to our worship service. At this point in time, we rehearse on Sundays before worship begins.

If you are interested, please contact Will Rand ([will.rand@me.com](mailto:will.rand@me.com)) or Pastors Elizabeth or Larry.

## Update from the Trustees

The Trustees are pleased with the repairs and painting that have been done in the building and the renovations and upgrades to the sanctuary and chapel. The outcomes are pleasing, the work has been done well and the costs have been well managed for the most part.

At present, the Trustees are working on three projects:

We need to decide **how to best manage the use of the front steps during the winter** since we will not be using salt – on recommendation of our cement contractor. We probably won't get the railings installed until late winter or early spring.

We want to **improve the lighting in the sanctuary** for both the congregation and the choir. Larry and Tess have been doing a good job of improving the lighting through the use of LED lights and have saved a great deal of money by doing this work themselves. This work will continue and we'll do as much as we can on our own to get the results we want. If needed, we will turn to professional lighting contractors.

We are beginning the work of planning the **renovation of the two mid-level bathrooms in the narthex**, and also planning the renovation of the present women's bathroom below Circle Drive Foyer. This women's bathroom will become fully handicapped accessible and will be unisex with one person using the bathroom at a time.

The Trustees would like to also address the needed upgrade for the present elevator but this work awaits the hopeful “over-the-goal” result of the present Capital Campaign.



## Giving Fair

Thank you for opening your hearts during the Giving Fair and providing such wonderful support for persons in need. Preliminary results are that the Giving Fair raised **\$1105** for the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center; **\$2285** for the Heifer Project; **\$215** for Bethany House; and **\$430** for Bread for the World. You also purchased **\$569** worth of Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate to support growers in developing countries.

Over **\$4600** will go to support these critical ministries in the world. Thank you!



## Palm Sunday Chorus

Rehearsals for the Palm Sunday concert begin **February 4**. If you are a singer who enjoys singing great sacred repertoire, come join us!

The first rehearsal is 9:30 a.m., in the church sanctuary. Rehearsals continue each Saturday morning until Palm Sunday. For more information contact Denise Mathias 419-473-1167, ext. 230, or [dmathias@monroestumc.com](mailto:dmathias@monroestumc.com)

## Greetings from The Neighborhood Center

December was a busy month for the Center. Our events included the Volunteer Luncheon, the Community Luncheon, and our Savvy Senior potluck.



Join us on **Saturday, January 7** at 11 a.m. for our Wellness Open House as we introduce our latest fitness classes – Cardio Drumming and Pound. Receive \$5.00 off a 10 class punch card if you sign up and pay for classes at the Open House. There will be free healthy snacks and demonstrations in LaRue Auditorium.

Yours in service  
**Clara L. Petty**

## **Moving Into the New Year**

*"The first Noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay."*

The angels went first to poor Jewish shepherds, old men and boys who herded sheep, farm laborers whose presence was tolerated but who were never seen, never honored. They were the first to receive Noel, good news, that God's kingdom of joy and peace was now available to all people through a child, lying in a manger.

*"And by the light of that same star, three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went."*

The angels went next to Gentile scholars from a foreign land, and guided them by star light to the stable, where they met the child, lying in a manger. God's kingdom was here for them, too.

The carol "The First Noel" brings two stories together - the story of the shepherds and the story of the Wise Men. These unlikely characters were the first invited guests to meet the baby Jesus. They are Jesus' first friends. They are poor and rich, Jew and Gentile, educated and uneducated, shamed and honored. They are the faces of God's kingdom, revealed to us in Jesus and through his friends.

The angels come to us, singing joyful choruses, lighting up the sky with stars, and proclaim to us Noel, the good news that Jesus is here for us, too. Jesus invites us to join the shepherds and the Wise Men and be his friends.

We nurture our friendship with Jesus when we immerse ourselves in his words and actions, reading and meditating on the gospels and walking with him through his life, death, and resurrection. We seek his presence through the practices of prayer, solitude and silence, fasting, and meditation. In time, we will find that our inner selves are beginning to resemble Christ's inner self. Our hearts are like Christ's heart, filled with self-giving love for our neighbors, near and far.

Friendship with Jesus brings us into a kingdom life, which means we are drawn into relationships with Jesus' friends, with the shepherds and Wise Men of our day. Jesus rejects all of the artificial barriers that divide us from one another, and says, "Come closer to one another. Don't be afraid. Listen to one another. Learn from one another. Love one another, which means wish the well-being of one another. Share your gifts with one another. Discover the joy and freedom of living your eternal lives with me and with one another."

I pray for you, and will you pray for me, that we may move into deeper friendship with Jesus and with one another this year.

*"Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!"*

Blessings,  
**Pastor Elizabeth**

## From the Treasurer

MONROE STREET FINANCIAL REPORT				
Month Ending November 30, 2016				
	Current Month	Monthly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget
	Actual		Actual	
Total Contributions	\$29,740.00	\$32,937.00	\$328,861.00	\$381,432.00
Lackland Endowment Match	\$3,414.00		\$16,937.00	
Total Foundation Subsidy	\$	\$5,833.00	\$130,000.00	\$70,000.00
Lackland Bequest	\$	-	\$9,000.00	
Total Other Income	\$30.00	\$125.00	\$1,494.00	\$1,200.00
Total Rental Income	\$3,415.00	\$4,103.00	\$40,900.00	\$41,290.00
Total MSNC Reimbursement	\$300.00	\$321.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,850.00
Total Income	\$36,899.00	\$43,319.00	\$532,192.00	\$497,772.00
Total Operating Expense	\$52,325.00	\$50,640.00	\$530,799.00	\$598,681.00

The Lackland Match is about 2/3 of the way to the goal as of the middle of December. The expenses for the month are higher because of needed repairs for a collapsed septic tank in the front of the church as well as to the boiler. As of December 15, commitments to the Capital Fund Drive are \$273,100 and to the 2017 Annual Budget are \$274,200.

Renovation update expenses.				
Repair Roof on East End			\$48,500.00	Complete
Painting			\$13,399.00	Complete
Electronic Sign			\$30,968.00	Complete
Marble Slab Repair Fron Door			\$2,568.00	Complete
Video Equipment Computers				
Sound & Video Equipment			\$127,697.00	Complete
Lighting				
Restrooms				
Platform and Choir Loft			\$15,881.00	Complete
Chairs for Chapel & Sanctuary			\$8,782.00	
Carpeting for Chapel & Sanctuary			\$34,534.00	Complete
Painting for Video Screen on Wall			\$4,180.00	Complete
Miscellaneous Expenses			\$5,205.00	
			\$291,714.00	
Transferred from Foundation			\$320,000.00	

These are the current expenditures through December 15, 2016 for the renovations. Lighting, carpeting, platform, sound and video systems are completed.

**Jerry Charles,**  
Treasurer

# *Christmas Remembrances 2016*

## **GIVEN BY:**

## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Lyn and Paul Bewie	Our parents, grandparents, and brother
Jerry and Phyllis Charles	Loved Ones
Denise and Larry Clark	Mariah Hudnall
The Clark Family	Mr and Mrs Thomas Earl Clark, Sr.; Mr. John Aeschliman; Mrs Thelma Starrett
Barbara Coleman	Walt Coleman, and Edna and Frank Bazura
Lynda Collins	Father, Russell E. Pettit
Ann Diller	The Diller Family
Marcia Frederick	John M. and Blanche Frederick, and Dale and Norma Spencer
Ralph Homan	Charlotte Homan
Leroy and Doloris Jones	John Fears, Elizabeth Mitchell, John Jones, Helen Jones
Bill Lewis	Ann and Harold Lewis and the Mollie Hamburg family
Bea Maugeri and Kevin Mulder	Bea Maugeri's parents and brothers
Robert Miner	Thana Miner
Keith Schlender	Krisleah Kate
Deb Simko	John Simko
The Twitchell Family	Larry's parents and our grandparents
James and Nancy Vail	Frederick Edmond

## **GIVEN BY:**

## **IN LOVING HONOR OF:**

Lyn and Paul Bewie	Elizabeth Bewie
Lynda Collins	Mother, Matilda Pettit
Lanette and Chuck Cornwell	Our children and grandchildren
Denise Mathias	The Choirs of Monroe Street
Ron and Jeri Mellgren	Our children and grandchildren
Bea Maugeri and Kevin Mulder	Family and Friends
James and Nancy Vail	Our children and grandchildren

**MONROE STREET MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**  
**August 2016-December 2017**

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

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		Cindy D'Amato

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<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2019</b>
Gordon Ward	Shirley Schlender	Lynda Collins
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<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2019</b>
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<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2019</b>
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Foundation	Dave DiManna
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 Norma Springer  
 Keith Schlender

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Sue Bixler  
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Richard Edwards  
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Trustees Emeriti: Lynn Boynton, Ralph Homan

**MONROE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER****Class of 2017**

Rich Edwards  
 Jim Vail  
 Wendy Jackson  
 Tony Gerhart

Ex officio: Rev. Larry Clark

**Class of 2018**

Bill Hoover  
 Elizabeth DuFrane  
 Carol Hill  
 Lynn Bachelor  
 Dawn Humphrey  
 Jori Jex

**Class of 2019**

Chuck Thayer  
 Wilma DiManna  
 Menyonn Daniels  
 Betina Layson  
 Keith Schlender  
 Allen Woods

**INITIATIVE CHAIRS**

Extended Care Facility  
 Music Initiative

Chuck Thayer/Jim Reijester  
 Gwen Senerius

**LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Lanette Cornwell, Chuck Hodge

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# January 2017

**Sunday**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:30 p.m. Kingdom Harvest Church  
 12:30 p.m. Redeemed by the Blood of Christ Church

**Monday**

7:00 a.m. Day Care  
 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi Club  
 11:00 a.m. Soft Zumba  
 5:30 p.m. Yoga with Connie

**Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. Day Care  
 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Class  
 10:00 a.m. Computer Lab  
 3:00 p.m. Open Gym  
 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Harvest Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts

**Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Day Care  
 10:00 a.m. Computer Lab  
 10:00 a.m. Beacon and Bridge Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Soft Zumba  
 11:30 a.m. Bridge  
 3:00 p.m. Open Gym  
 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts

**Thursday**

7:00 a.m. Day Care  
 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Class  
 10:00 a.m. Computer Lab  
 11:00 a.m. Cardio Dance  
 3:00 p.m. Open Gym  
 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts  
 6:00 p.m. Redeemed by the Blood Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Zumba  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Friday**

7:00 a.m. Day Care

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. Martial Arts (2d Saturdays)  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NEW YEAR'S DAY-- Worship as usual 8:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer	10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. FOLD AND ADDRESS VOICE	10:45 a.m. Witness Committee 12:00 p.m. Sacred Stories		7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories 6:00 p.m. Mountain Mentors Board		9:30 a.m. to Noon Open House to intro new POUND Fitness exercise program
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:15 p.m. Trustees	12:00 p.m. Sacred Stories 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Young Voices	6:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
VOICE deadline 8:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal Celebration Sunday Potluck	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	12:00 p.m. Sacred Stories 2:00 p.m. Holly Glen Team 6:00 p.m. Young Voices 6:30 p.m. Foundation Board	6:00 Bell Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Agape Ministers 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal 1:30 p.m. Worship Service at Holy Glen	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:00 p.m. Jobs with Justice	10:00 a.m. Fold & Address VOICE 12:00 p.m. Sacred Stories 6:00 p.m. Young Voices	6:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories 3:00 p.m. Cong'l Care Committee 6:00 p.m. MSNC Board Meeting		
29	30	31				
12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal		12:00 p.m. Sacred Stories				

**Church Staff**

Larry Clark, Pastor  
Elizabeth Rand, Pastor  
Lanette Cornwell, Administrative Assistant  
Denise Mathias, Director of Music  
Tessie Studer, Building Superintendent  
James Krohn, Custodian

**Church Office:**

Mondays through Thursdays.  
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**Services**

**SUNDAYS:** Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Prayer Groups**

Intercessory Prayer Service  
1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 8:00 a.m.

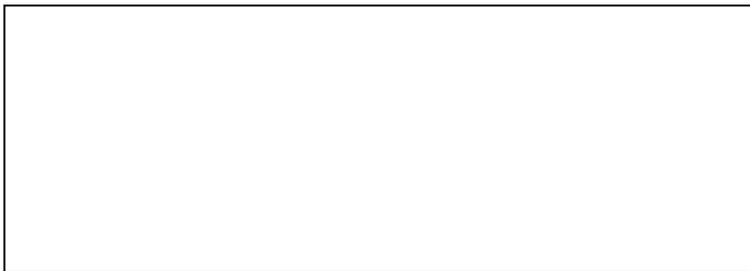
Men's Prayer Breakfast  
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 a.m.  
Uncle John's Pancake House, 3131 Secor Road

**Mission and Vision Statements**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world  
Celebrating the love of Christ by serving as His heart and hands*

*Monroe Street United Methodist Church's vision is to minister to a great diversity of people, accepting and celebrating their lifestyles and circumstances. Our church will be both a beacon and a bridge for those desiring a connection with God and for those who make service to others a priority. We will compassionately meet people's needs, both within and outside of our congregation, with focused programs, increased partnering, and open communication.*

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