



# The Voice

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

**April 2017**

## **HOLY WEEK AT MONROE STREET CHURCH**



### **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

**10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship**

A service of Palms and Passion, celebrating our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and remembering his journey to the cross, with music by the Intergenerational Choir and the Wesleyan Chorus.

**7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Concert**

Guest conductor Kevin Bylsma returns to conduct the orchestra and chorus in a sparkling concert of English Cathedral music. Composers Parry, Elgar, and Vaughan Williams each take their turn, lending their elegant sounds to deeply spiritual texts for a concert that has become a Toledo tradition.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

**7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion**

A service in the sanctuary with focus on the Last Supper and the cross. The Wesleyan Chorus, soloist Ed Hafferkamp, and Cantabile will lead the music.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

**7:30 p.m. Concert**

The Toledo Choral Society performs "The Passion of Our Lord According to St. John," a choral presentation of Christ's passion from the gospel of John.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

**8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast**

Enjoy casseroles, fruit, and breakfast rolls. The free will offering will benefit Monroe Street Neighborhood Center

**10:30 a.m. Easter Worship**

Our Easter morning worship will include music led by the Glass City Brass and the Wesleyan Chorus, ending with the famous chorus, "Hallelujah" from Handel's Messiah. An invitation – if you love to sing this chorus, come to rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. sharp in the sanctuary. Music will be provided or you may bring your own.

## **Holy Week is Sacred Time**

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Christian year. It begins by remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amid a cheering crowd. Over the next few days, Jesus commits an act of civil disobedience by driving the sellers out of the temple grounds. He engages the religious leaders in heated and sometimes humorous argument, to the delight of the crowd. On Thursday, he secretly returns to the city where he celebrates the Passover meal with his friends and institutes what we call the Lord's Supper. He leaves the city late in the evening, stopping just outside the wall at the Garden of Gethsemane, where he prays. Led by one of his disciples, Judas, soldiers come and arrest him. By early morning, he is sentenced to crucifixion and is on the cross by noon. Most of Jesus' followers and supporters probably didn't know what had happened until he was already nailed to the cross. Following his death, he is buried in a tomb. On Sunday morning (Easter), the tomb is found to be empty. Several persons experience an encounter with a resurrected Christ.

I encourage you to take the time during Holy Week to reflect on the meaning of these events and how they impact your understanding of your faith. As you can see on the cover, there are a number of special services and concerts that can help you journey with Jesus. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities. May this Holy Week be a sacred time for you.

***Pastor Larry***

## **Becoming Easter People**

Have you noticed that the day after a holiday, the grocery store shelves are already stocked with items for the next holiday? So, on the day after Christmas there are boxes of Valentine's Day candy on the shelves. On the day after Valentine's Day there are Easter eggs on the shelves. And on the day after Easter there will be American flags and sparklers on the shelves.

Easter is not simply a day. Easter is a season that lasts fifty days, culminating with the celebration of Pentecost. We celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter, but we move from death to new life over time, as a journey. It takes time and intentional participation in our life with God in Jesus to become an Easter person.

We were created to be in relationship with God and with one another, to journey together as we become our true Christ-like selves. As my Renovare teacher Trevor Hudson likes to say, there are no private salvation deals. Our relationship with Jesus is personal, but it is never private. We live this kingdom life together.

Many of us are mourning the loss of Pastor Karen. We may be grieving for other reasons, as well. We invite you to join a small group during the Easter season and journey with brothers and sisters from the tomb toward new life. We will read together a small book by Trevor Hudson called *Hope Beyond Your Tears: Experiencing Christ's Healing Love*. Our small groups will meet weekly in homes between Easter and Pentecost.

If you would like to join a small group, you may sign up after a worship service or call the church office. Please contact me or Sue Thayer if you have questions.

Love and Peace,  
***Pastor Elizabeth***

## Sundays in April

### April 2

**Sermon:** Breaking Bread with Jesus  
Pastor Elizabeth  
**Scripture:** Luke 18:31-19:10  
**Lay Reader:** Larry Twitchell  
**Altar Flowers:** Open

### April 9 Palm Sunday

**Sermon:** Triumphant Entry  
Pastor Larry  
**Scripture:** Luke 19:29-44  
**Lay Reader:** Alice Edwards  
**Altar Flowers:** Open

### April 16 Easter

**Sermon:** Resurrection  
Pastor Larry  
**Scripture:** Luke 24:1-12  
**Lay Reader:** Paul Bewie  
**Altar Flowers:** Easter Flowers

### April 23

**Sermon:** Following Jesus in Post-Apartheid Africa  
Adri-Marie van Heerden  
**Scripture:** Luke 24:13-35  
**Lay Reader:** Marcia Frederick  
**Altar Flowers:** Open

### April 30

**Sermon:** Festival of God's Creation  
Pastor Elizabeth  
**Scripture:** Genesis 1  
**Lay Reader:** Jim Vail  
**Altar Flowers:** Open

## Thank You From Tessie

Thank you, everyone, for the send-off you gave me on February 12. I was so moved by the many cards, by your presence and words at my reception after church, and the generous love offering. Monroe Street Church will always have a special place in my heart, and I wish you all the best.

*Tessie Studer*

## Easter Giving and the Lackland Match

Throughout Lent, we prayerfully consider our own personal journeys with Jesus, now en route to Jerusalem. The Leadership Team offers an opportunity for special offerings, above your usual pledge or giving.

The 2017 goals for the generous special giving by members and friends at Monroe Street Church are \$7,000 for Easter, \$1,000 for Thanksgiving, and \$7,000 for Christmas. These gifts, which will support our ongoing ministry, will then be doubled by the Lackland Matching Funds. This special fund was provided by the family of former pastor Dr. and Mrs. George Lackland.

As you make your special Easter donations for the Lackland Match, please remember:

- Your donations totally for a special Easter offering can be placed in an envelope with your name and LACKLAND MATCH.
- Your special Easter donation included with your regular 2017 pledge/giving can be placed in an envelope with your name, also indicating the amount that is your regular offering and the amount that is for the Easter LACKLAND MATCH.

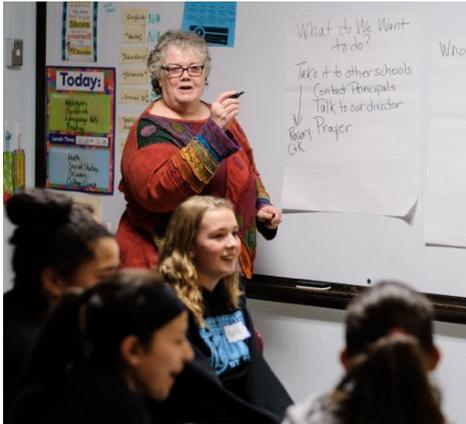
We continue to be very grateful for the powerful witness of the Lackland family "paying it forward" and doubling our own sharing this Easter – as we share His love in this place, in our time.

## Congregational Care

We care for each other in many ways. **Evangelism Callers** take bread and greetings to new visitors. **Agape Ministers** visit those in need in times of life's difficulties and sadness.

Volunteers are needed to be trained and help with both of these. Could this be your way of serving?

## Rev. Karen Shepler 1951 –2017



It was both sad and joyous for MSUMC to host the memorial service of Rev. Karen Shepler on March 18. The sanctuary was brimming over with several hundred family, colleagues, and community friends celebrating Karen's life. Throughout, the service evoked laughter, tears, and renewed dedication to Karen's inclusive caring in His name. Following scripture read by Rev. Dee Baker, Toledo pastors Rev. Larry Clark, Rev. Otis Gordon of Warren AME, and Rev. Mary Sullivan shared stories of Karen's zeal, mentoring, and challenges to fellow urban pastors to do more. Friend Barbara Coleman shared the joy of travel, laughter, and spiritual mentoring with Karen. Rev. Ralph Shunk recalled hiring Karen as MSUMC's Outreach Director 45 years ago and soon urging her to consider her call to the ministry. Nephew Jim Simpson and his daughter Katie had heartfelt words about Karen's warm welcoming outreach to all. You can listen to the sharing of memories and the homily by going to the Sermons page of our web site.

Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif's homily focused on the essence of Karen's urban ministry reflected in the death and new life of Lazarus, when Jesus said, "Unbind him and let him go." In closing, the congregation repeated with Rev. Schleif,

"O deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome some day."

Music included "The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done" sung by family members, favorite hymns, and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" sung by the Wesleyan Chorus. Following the service attendees stayed for a reception and story-sharing. Memorial donations were received for the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Freedom School this summer. The school will provide 6 weeks of reading and enrichment for 50 neighborhood elementary students.



## Worlds of Belief

Our April outing will be to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2770 W. Central, Toledo, to participate in their Holy Eucharist Services on **Sunday, April 2**. Services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., with a tour at 9:15 a.m.

St. Andrew's holds the only "High Episcopal" Holy Eucharist services in the Toledo area. As they describe it, their "worship is rooted in ancient Church patterns but is fresh and attentive to the Spirit." Rev. Beth Frank, interim rector, is arranging a tour on that morning, and our Worlds of Belief participants will choose which of the two services to attend: early risers can experience St. Andrew's and still get to MSUMC; others will choose the later option. Learn more at: [www.standrewsepiscopal.net](http://www.standrewsepiscopal.net)

## From the Nurture Committee

Stop in at the Gathering Space and check out our new Welcome Center. Everything you need to know about the church, its programs, and its many opportunities to serve, learn and grow is available at the Welcome Center. In addition, there will eventually be smaller displays in LaRue Auditorium and Reeder Hall, where there is considerable visitor traffic every day.

We will be forming small groups of 6 to 8 during the Easter season, gathered around a meal at one of the group's home, for spiritual formation. Details to follow.

Please sign up to provide cookies and donuts to have with coffee after the service, and also sign up for our new Cookbook Club. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space after worship each week.



## First Sunday Communion Offering

The First Sunday Communion Offerings for April, May, and June will support UMCOR's relief efforts. All contributions will be sent to one or more designated projects.

Since 1941 UMCOR has been the respected relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church. The communion offerings will help ensure UMCOR is there when it is needed.

Thanks to the March 26 special UMCOR offering that goes toward administrative costs, the communion offerings go in their entirety to relief efforts.

## Trustees Update

The Trustees continue work on several fronts for building maintenance and improvement.

Pastor Larry and Building Superintendent James Krohn continue working on **the sanctuary lighting**, which has improved significantly. By ordering the materials on line and doing the work themselves, we've gotten a good job at a significant savings. Special thanks also to Jerry Charles for helping with the scaffolding.

The **railings for the ramp to the stage/worship area** and the railings for the front steps have been ordered and will be installed soon.

Trustees are seeking bids for **renovation of the two rest rooms** at mid-level in the narthex area as well as the women's rest room below Circle Drive Foyer. Work on these rest rooms will begin in late spring or early summer.

We are also seeking bids to improve the **elevator** from Circle Drive to the sanctuary and Reeder Hall levels. We need lighter doors and safety screens that slide more freely.

Trustees will focus next on the Drummond Road **parsonage**. The parsonage has been rented for the last two years to a pastoral family serving at Epworth UMC. This Pastor and family will be re-assigned in June to a new church and Trustees will consider whether to re-rent the parsonage or put it on the market for sale. Monroe Street member and realtor Lynda Collins has helped us evaluate the parsonage in the past and will help advise the Trustees on this matter. It is a blessing to have such talented congregation!

The next time you see a Trustee, give 'em a hug and thank them for the work they do!

**Chuck Thayer**

## Garden News

If you are interested in growing your own vegetables this summer and would like to rent a 4 ft. by 8 ft. bed in the church garden, please contact Bea Maugeri at 419-539-2604 or [bmaugeri@yahoo.com](mailto:bmaugeri@yahoo.com). Up to 10 beds will be available for a nominal fee to cover the cost of water.

## Searchers/Advent Class

You're invited to come to the Searchers/Advent class on Sunday mornings to be part of the Bible study on the book of Revelation that Pastor Larry will be presenting beginning **April 2**, continuing through the month of April and part of May.

Look for further details in the weekly news. We meet in the chapel at 9 a.m.

## Kroger Community Rewards Re-Enrollment

This is the time for the annual re-enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards program where your shopping at Kroger helps to provide funds for Monroe Street Church.

Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and sign in or create a new account. Then go to the "Community Rewards" tab and complete the information requested. Make sure your choice to receive your community rewards cash is Monroe Street United Methodist Church (org. #81098). Then be sure to hit the "re-enroll" button at the bottom.

Come back to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) in late May to make sure that your shopping continues to add to your total of amounts contributed to your designated funds recipient.

Thank you for your help—your shopping at Kroger does make a difference to your church!

**Jeri Mellgren**

## Mission U Early Registration Ends Soon

The West Ohio Conference 2017 Mission U, formerly the School of Christian Missions, will be held **July 6 through 9** at Ohio Northern University. Mission U trains members of local congregations and UMW units to provide mission education programming.

All participants will take the Spiritual Growth study, *Living as a Covenant Community*, and select an elective study, either the study for Social Justice Understanding, *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action*, or the study for Global and Geographic Understanding, *Missionary Conferences in The United Methodist Church*.

Mission U is offered in three formats: the 4-Day Program (July 6-9), the Weekend Program (July 7-July 9) and the 1-Day Sampler (July 8). Youth programs are available for all three formats, and children's programs are available for the Weekend Program and 1-Day Sampler.

If you are interested in learning more or registering for this inspiring educational program, you can do so online at

[www.westohioumc.org/conference/mission-u-0](http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/mission-u-0). Discounts on registration are available through April 15.

## A Recipe to Share

### Lime Salad

Great for Easter or a Springtime meal!

2 c. applesauce

1 3-oz. pkg lime Jello

1 7-oz. can lemon-lime soda

Combine applesauce and Jello in saucepan. Stir until dissolved and heat just to boiling. Cool to room temperature. Gently stir in carbonated beverage. Fills 3 cup mold. (6 servings)

## Lunch Bunchers

The next gathering of the Lunch Bunchers will be on **April 1** (no fooling) at **12** noon at the Seafood, 5504 Alexis Road, Sylvania. Kathy Moore will provide the devotions.

We have been enjoying our get-togethers for a variety of reasons – the fellowship and sharing, the fun and the food. Any woman in the church or in the soft borders of the church is welcome to join us.

Please notify either Betty at [419-475-4064](tel:419-475-4064) or Kathy at [419-885-3918](tel:419-885-3918) by noon on March 31 if you are planning to attend, if you need transportation or can provide transportation.

In May, we may have to change our date to **Saturday, May 13**, instead of usual first Saturday of the month due to 3 of us having prior commitments.

During this season of Lent, let us find peace in simple things. God bless you.

**Kathy Moore**

## Join Us for Our Freedom School Orientation

**April 23, 3:00 p.m.  
Monroe Street UMC Sanctuary**

**Meet the teachers, hear a story, learn a chant  
Welcome Adri-Marie van Heerden, our keynote speaker**

*Adri-Marie was born in the beautiful but complex city of Johannesburg. She is an Afrikaans speaking South African who is committed to working for racial reconciliation in post-apartheid South Africa. Her background is as a high-school teacher but for the last seven years she has been working with Oasis South Africa. Oasis SA is part of a global movement of people who work toward restoring dignity among excluded communities. She is passionate about the beauty, restoration and justice that God's Kingdom causes in, through and around us.*

*She is a trained Spiritual Director and co-developer of the Rhythm of Life which seeks to integrate spiritual formation and missional living into a seamless whole.*



## **From the desk of Pastor Elizabeth...**

In July 2012 our family went to South Africa on a spiritual pilgrimage. While we were there, we spent three days in a community near Johannesburg called Cosmo City. Government leaders created Cosmo City and hoped it would become a place where black and white South Africans would live as neighbors. In the heart of Cosmo City is a Christian Non-Governmental Organization, or NGO, called Oasis. Oasis describes itself as a movement of Change Agents. Change Agents are small and diverse groups of people who are committed to the health of the community, their own growth, and their relationships with one another.

When we came to Cosmo City, we met a young Afrikaaner woman named Adri-Marie van Heerden. Adri-Marie graciously welcomed us into her home and took care of us. She helped us experience the work and people of Oasis, introducing us to youth Change Agents who were learning how to transform their community. We spent time in Oasis' health clinic and met with Change Agents who were ministering to women and children caught up in human trafficking and in the sex trade.

Change Agents understand that they cannot effect change without being changed themselves. Adri-Marie introduced us to the Rhythm of Life, a framework to facilitate spiritual growth, shared life, and ongoing theological reflection. Change Agents meet regularly in small groups to reflect on what it means to follow Jesus — asking questions, sharing stories, and experiencing spiritual practices, inviting the Spirit of Christ to change them from the inside out. Tom and I brought the Rhythm of Life home with us and used it with youth and adults in our churches, as we joined together in the inner/outer journey of transformation to be Christ-like persons who invite the world into life.

On **April 23**, we will host Adri-Marie at Monroe Street! She will be our guest preacher in worship, sharing some of her journey with us and connecting it with the Gospel story. Then Adri-Marie will be the keynote speaker at our Freedom School orientation that afternoon, when we introduce our staff, thank all who have supported us, and provide opportunities for people to sign up to serve this summer. Adri-Marie will help us build relationships with one another and equip us to become a thriving multicultural, multigenerational Freedom School community.

May we hear Christ's invitation to become Change Agents here, as we grow closer to him, to one another, and to our neighbors, seeking kingdom life together.

Blessings,  
***Pastor Elizabeth***

## Toledo Campus Ministry Offers Thanks for ASB Support



The students and mentors of Toledo Campus Ministry express their heartfelt gratitude to Monroe Street Church for generously supporting our Alternative Spring Break trip to Black Mountain, North Carolina. We spent a week living in the Independent Living Village of the Black Mountain Home for Children.

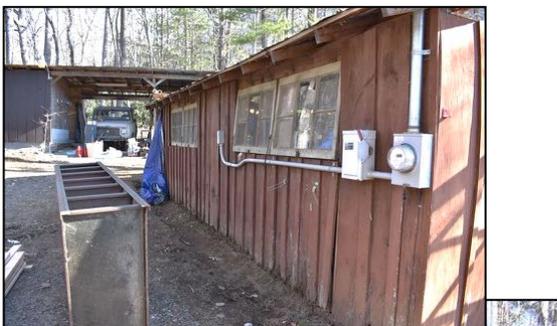
Our primary work assignment was to provide much needed maintenance at a recently acquired 4-H Camp, which will be used as a program

space, a rental property and a vocational training center in culinary, hospitality, maintenance and recreation and environmental education.

Our mission was to give the maintenance facilities near the entrance to the camp a facelift and to paint and seal some of the winterized buildings that will serve the first guests. Our projects included rebuilding the maintenance shed, demolishing several smaller storage sheds in poor repair, cleaning the propane tank, disposing of decades worth of old paint and putting a consistent coat of dark brown paint on the remaining facades. We also painted in a few of the upgraded cabins and sealed the banister on the dining hall, a structure that seemed to go on forever! One crew on special assignment to the Main Campus constructed equipment to expand recreational opportunities there, including a giant Jenga game and a 9-Square In The Air court.

Our time spent on the Main Campus was also an incredible blessing, and we learned the true meaning of mutual hospitality as we shared recreation and camaraderie with children, youth and young adults who welcomed us warmly to their beautiful mountain home and trusted us with some of their stories. We shared in community during their weekly worship time on Tuesday and a final meal together on Friday.

Thank you again for the prayers and financial support that helped make our time at Black Mountain Home for Children possible! (Photographs by Cameron Fisk)



## MONROE STREET FINANCIAL REPORT

Month Ending February 28, 2017

	Current Month	Monthly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget
	Actual		Actual	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$ 27,690.00	\$ 26,626.00	\$ 69,872.00	\$ 337,320.00
<b>Lackland Endowment Match</b>	\$ 297.00	\$ 417.00	\$ 712.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Foundation Subsidy</b>	\$ -	\$ 5,833.00	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00
<b>Lackland Bequest</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	\$ 30.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 194.00	\$ 1,300.00
<b>Total Rental Income</b>	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 3,103.00	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 32,565.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 29,842.00	\$ 36,087.00	\$ 76,388.00	\$ 466,185.00
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	\$ 53,248.00	\$ 53,291.00	\$ 103,786.00	\$ 576,829.00

The income and expenses for February were close to forecast. Our Rental Income will be reduced because the Day Care renters have moved out. We will be making some adjustments.

### Renovation Expenses Updated

Repair Roof on East End			\$ 48,500.00	Complete
Painting			\$ 13,399.00	Complete
Electronic Sign			\$ 30,968.00	Complete
Marble Slab Repair Front Door			\$ 2,568.00	Complete
Sound & Video Equipment			\$ 127,802.00	Complete
Lighting			\$ 4,119.00	
Restrooms				?
Platform and Choir Loft			\$ 15,881.00	Complete
Chairs for Chapel & Sanctuary			\$ 14,529.00	Complete
Carpeting for Chapel & Sanctuary			\$ 34,534.00	Complete
Painting for Video Screen on Wall			\$ 4,180.00	Complete
Miscellaneous Expenses			\$ 5,205.00	
Capital Fund Drive Expense			\$ 32,981.00	Complete
Elevator				?
			\$ 334,666.00	

Transferred from Foundation			\$320,000.00	
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These are the current expenditures through March 15, 2017 for the renovations. Updating the restrooms, replacing a few more lights, and fixing the elevator doors and switches are yet to be done.

**Jerry Charles, Treasurer**

# April 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

## Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Class  
 3:00 p.m. Open Gym  
 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Harvest Bible Study

## Thursday

9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Class  
 11:00 a.m. Cardio Hustle  
 3:00 p.m. Open Gym  
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed by the Blood Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

## Monday

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi Club  
 11:00 a.m. Zumba Gold  
 5:30 p.m. Yoga with Connie  
 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts  
 6:30 p.m. POUND Fitness

## Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Beacon and Bridge Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. Zumba Gold  
 11:30 a.m. Bridge  
 3:00 p.m. Open Gym  
 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts

## Saturday

9:00 a.m. Martial Arts (2d Saturdays)  
 10:00 a.m. Savvy Seniors POUND Fitness  
 11:00 a.m. POUND Fitness  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Choir Rehearsal Noon to 1:30 p.m. Book Study
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	10:45 a.m. Witness Committee 6:00 p.m. Young Voices 6:00 p.m. Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m. True Colors Chorale	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories 6:00 p.m. Mountain Mentors Board		10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PALM SUNDAY 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Concert	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:00 Trustees	5:00 p.m. Finance 6:00 p.m. Young Voices 7:00 p.m. True Colors Chorale	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal. 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 p.m. Toledo Choral Society Concert "The Passion of Our Lord According to St. John"	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
EASTER VOICE Deadline 8:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	6:00 p.m. Young Voices 6:00 p.m. Blanket Ministry 7:00 p.m. True Colors Chorale	6:30 p.m. Agape Ministers	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal 1:30 p.m. Worship at Holly Glen	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:00 Jobs with Justice 6:30 p.m. Foundation Board	10:00 a.m. Fold & Address VOICE 6:00 p.m. Young Voices 7:00 p.m. True Colors Chorale	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories 6:00 p.m. MSNC Board		
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12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal						

**Church Staff**

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

**Church Office:**

Mondays through Thursdays.  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Phone: 419-473-1167  
Fax: 419-474-5467  
Church website: [www.monroestreetchurch.org](http://www.monroestreetchurch.org)

**Services**

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

**Prayer Groups**

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

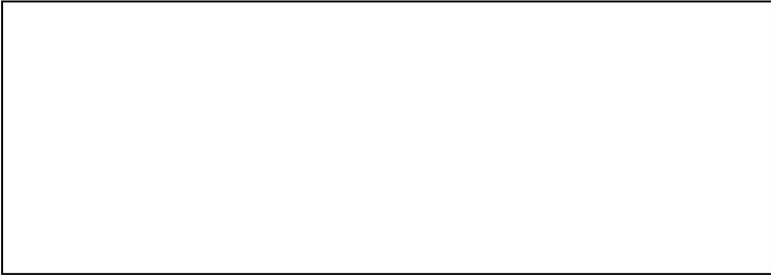
Men's Prayer Breakfast  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7:00 a.m.  
Uncle John's Pancake House, 3131 Secor Road

**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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