



The Voice

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

October 2017

The Bridge is Moving!

No, not the Monroe Street bridge over the Ottawa River, but The Bridge ministry of our Monroe Street Neighborhood Center (MSNC).

The Bridge provides emergency food, clothing and transportation. A registered nurse is available to take blood pressure readings and answer medical questions. In conjunction with The Bridge, assistance is provided to secure birth certificates and state ID. In addition to clothing provided at the Bridge, there is Dress Right which provides professional clothing for those entering the job market. This clothing can be obtained for job interviews and once a job is secured, additional clothing items can be provided to help the person get started. Specialty shoes (steel toed boots and nonskid shoes) are purchased for those who need them to begin work. Our Community Garden, when in season, provides fresh vegetables and fruit that are given out at The Bridge. Personal needs items are also supplied.

For many years the house between the parking lot and the Circle Drive entrance to the church has been the center of The Bridge ministry. However, given the many limitations of the space and the many steps that have to be climbed, it is time for a move.

The Bridge ministry will now be centered in the LaRue Auditorium area.

While there will still be some steps to climb, they will be fewer. Guests will enter from the double brown doors off of Circle Drive and gather in LaRue. The food will be distributed from the room that used to be the computer lab. The room that housed Dress Right will also be used for women's clothing. A room on the opposite side of LaRue will have men's and children's clothing. The former beauty parlor off of LaRue will be used for haircuts. And the former finance office will be available as a conference room where classes can be held on things like financial management, health education, and food preparation. The Bridge Bible study will meet in Whitney Parlor at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

To accommodate these changes Bridge service hours will move to Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. When guests arrive they will find hot coffee waiting. We also hope to have food available each week. The move will require some adjustment, but we believe it will enable us to enhance our ministry.

One other change is that we are no longer accepting donations of household items. Please bring clothing donations on Mondays only. We ask that everyone honor this and not leave items outside the church or on the porches of the house.

If you would like to volunteer at The Bridge on Mondays or Tuesdays please contact Pastor Elizabeth.

Children at Monroe Street

Great God,

guard the laughter of children.

Bring them safely through injury and illness

so they may live the promises you give.

Do not let us be so preoccupied with our purposes

that we fail to hear their voices,

or pay attention to their special vision of the truth;

but keep us with them,

ready to listen and to love,

even as in Jesus Christ you have loved us,

your grown-up, wayward children. Amen.

(From Presbyterian Church (USA) The Book of Common Worship)

Before this summer, I had forgotten how much children enjoy going to the bathroom. It felt like I spent a high percentage of each Freedom School day in the bathroom, helping children reach the sink to wash and dry their hands. One afternoon we were upstairs, waiting for VBS to begin. Of course, three girls wanted to use the bathroom. As we rotated through, music drifted out of the sanctuary and into the narthex, where we were waiting. One girl said, "What is that?"

I said, "It's time to sing!"

The bathroom forgotten, this girl ran joyfully into the sanctuary, down the aisle, and found her pew, so she could begin to sing.

Children express their thoughts and feelings honestly and openly. They tell their truths. They ask questions. They help one another and they hurt one another. They love with abandon. And music feeds their bodies and souls.

Great God, keep our church with children, ready to listen and love.

On October 22, Laity Sunday, we will participate in the 26th Annual National Observance of Children's Sabbaths, sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund. The theme this year is "Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child."

Freedom School is also a program of the Children's Defense Fund. As we plan this worship service, we will imagine ways that our Freedom School scholars and families can participate. The Children's Sabbath is a wonderful opportunity for us to be one community once again.

We dream of being with children more than six weeks over the summer or on infrequent occasions like the National Children's Sabbath. Monroe Street was once a church filled with children, all year long. It can be again.

I invite you to join a team that will create and implement a new strategy for children's ministry at Monroe Street. We must find ways to strengthen existing relationships with children and families and to connect with new families. As we establish these relationships, we also need to build the capacity to be in ministry with them, sharing life in Christ together. We will re-imagine church as life together on Sunday morning and on Monday through Friday. This will take some time, a lot of prayer, and the faith that God will do this good kingdom work with us.

Please pray about this. If you feel God calling you to serve on this team, please talk with me. Our work will be a vital part of the New Beginnings 2.0 for Monroe Street. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Elizabeth

World Communion Sunday

The symbolism of World Communion Sunday is powerful. The idea that everyone can gather at the table as equals before God, with food for all, is a marvelous metaphor for the Kingdom of God. Christ presides at a table where all are welcome. **If only that were so!**

Sadly, even Christians of different denominations are often not welcome at someone else's table. Most Christians deny access to the table for those who are not Christian! How can it be that anyone would be restricted from Christ's table, when he served everyone, including Judas (even though he knew he would betray him)?

Jesus reached out to people beyond his class, clan, religion and culture. I don't believe anyone is outside of the love of God in Jesus Christ. For John Wesley, our spiritual ancestor, the table is to be open to all, for he believed that even those without faith might come to faith from partaking in the bread and the cup.

On **October 1** we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. We will be reminded of our connection with all of God's people. We will gather around the table, a table that Christ has invited us to. We will come, not because we are so good or have the correct beliefs. We will come because of the love and mercy of God exemplified in Jesus.

We are all welcome to come and dine as guests of Jesus.

See you at the table on October 1.
Larry

The deadline for the November issue of
The Voice is
Sunday, October 22

Please send articles
to Barbara Coleman at
babc1743@sbcglobal.net

Sundays in October

October 1

World Communion Sunday

Sermon: Sent to Pharaoh

Pastor Larry

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-14

Lay Reader: Dick Vollmer

Altar Flowers: Given by the Thayers in celebration of God's display of fall colors

October 8

Sermon: Daily Bread

Pastor Elizabeth

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-18

Lay Reader: Kevin Mulder

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Peg and Ralph Kendall by their daughters

October 15

Sermon: Speak, Lord, for Your
Servant is Listening

Pastor Elizabeth

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Lay Reader: Sam Hamer-Light

Altar Flowers: Given by Earnest and Nancy Hatfield in honor of their anniversary

October 22

Children's Sabbath

Lay Sunday

Sermon: Our Call: Moving Forward
with Hope

Sue Thayer

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Lay Reader: Carole Bradford

Altar Flowers: Open

October 29

Sermon: Solomon's Temple

Pastor Larry

Scripture: 1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:1-13

Lay Reader: Keith Schlender

Altar Flowers: Open

JUST THE FACTS

World Communion Sunday



What is it?  On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate our inclusivity and diversity!

When is it?  World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October.

Why do we do it?  The World Communion Sunday offering provides college scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students across the U.S. and worldwide. Our gifts empower the leaders of tomorrow.

How does it work?  World Communion Sunday is celebrated in tandem with churches all over the world. Together, we partake of communion. Churches may choose to celebrate the different customs from around the world by presenting the body of Christ in a way that represents a different custom from their own.

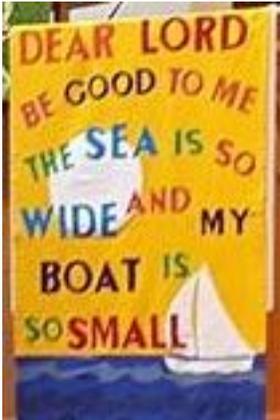
Together, in communion and offering, through different traditions and customs, we remember the Lord's Supper. It is a celebration of what Jesus has done, and continues to do, for each one of us.

Who can celebrate it? Every Christian church and denomination that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

On World Communion Sunday, churches may showcase or sing the hymns of their brothers and sisters from another part of the globe.

We do this to open our eyes and hearts to the breadth and depth of the Christian family and tradition. We celebrate with different customs so that we understand the worldwide nature of Christianity.

Our Call: Moving Forward With Hope



Our worship service on **October 22** will celebrate the Lord's call to us at Monroe Street Church. We will join with thousands of places of worship all across the nation for the 26th Children's Sabbath. Together in this multi-faith event,

we will again affirm our mutual determination to assure every child love and justice. Worship will be led by lay members as we also celebrate the 88th United Methodist Laity Sunday.

We will collect a special offering of children's books for the nonprofit agency, Continue the Story. They are nurturing relationships of Ohio prisoners with their children – the children receive books from their parent with DVD's of the parent reading the book to them. Join this heartfelt worship!

Come Sing with Us!

All the choirs welcome new members! For information about participating in a choir or musical group contact Denise Mathias, 419-473-1167, ext. 230 or dmathias@monroestreetchurch.org. There are no auditions, just friendly people making music together.

Lunch Bunchers

The next gathering of the Lunch Bunchers will be at 12 noon on **October 7** at the Schoolhouse Lunchroom, 8336 Monroe Road, Lambertville Michigan. We invite all women from MSUMC and in the soft borders of our church to join us. Please call in your reservations to Kathy Moore at 419-885-3918 by noon on **Friday, October 6.**

Young Adults Have Returned to Monroe Street

It has been a blessing to see all the young adults in worship each week! Most have initially visited in response to the church web site and the welcome statement, and are now inviting their friends to come and check us out as well.

We've started a monthly dinner meeting along with a bit of spiritual/theological/church study and discussion, and it has been a success. We are a group of about ten, ranging from UT students to Toledo Campus Ministry members to young adult members of the church who did not have a group to attend until now. There is no firm age range in the group, and we encourage you to join us if you are interested. Call or text Lou D'Amato at 419-360-3097 or email at Ldamato419@aol.com.

Searchers/Advent Class

On **October 15** our speakers will be Missy and Landen Kiner who have a dramatic story of how each of them had to make sudden, life-changing decisions with no warning. They formed a company to provide free advice to seniors about how to transition from an independent life style to one that provides needed care.

Beginning **October 22**, we will begin a 4-week overview of the mission study, *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States* by Bishop Judith Ann Craig. Led by Marilyn DuFour, the study will include a look at Paul as a home missionary, a brief history of mission and missionary conferences, and an overview of the three current missionary conferences: the Alaska United Methodist Conference, the Red Bird Missionary Conference and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Come join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the chapel.

Details about the New Pictorial Directory

We hope you've signed up for your photo session for the new church pictorial directory. This is going to be a valuable tool for all of us as we move forward with getting to know the new members and helping them to put names to our faces. If you're going to be out of town **October 8, 9, and 10**, you can still be included.

Each member/family who is photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 photo of the pose they select to go into the directory. You will of course receive a copy of the directory itself—a new, more convenient design that is half the size of the old one and spiral bound for easier use. And if you're tech-savvy, you'll love the free app containing all the directory information!

You'll view your results on the spot to choose the pose you want included in the directory. At that time you can order photo packages. There will be no pressure to buy, but if you do, you will receive a coupon for \$10 off your purchase. If you bring a food item or personal needs item for The Bridge, you will get an additional \$5 coupon. And speaking of discounts, Lifetouch offers 20 percent off the order for

- Persons 60 and over
- Former or current military personnel
- First responders

We've mentioned Christmas cards before—how about 30 percent off Christmas card orders, which you'll receive in plenty of time for Christmas, since we're doing this early in October.

Pictures will be taken **Sunday, October 8** from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On **Monday, October 9** and **Tuesday, October 10** slots are available from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Appointments can be made right up to the last day of shooting, if there are time slots available, but don't wait too long!

The Good and Not-So-Good News of (Church) Ownership

We've **accepted a purchase offer for the parsonage** and should close by mid-October. As required, the \$130,000 net will be held in the Foundation, in part, for the possible purchase of any future parsonage. This sale increases the total of funds in the Foundation and eliminates the real estate taxes, insurance premiums, and maintenance costs from our annual expenses.

The **three bathroom renovations** are underway and should be completed within a month. Trustees believe we will be pleased with the results.

Recent **elevator work** was completed and inspected. However, the state elevator inspector now requires replacement of the elevator lift mechanism within one year due to a history of water in the bottom of the elevator shaft, which has occurred since the original installation. We expect this newly required work to cost about \$15,000. We will identify the best way to cover the cost of this unexpected work and have it completed.

Thank you for your patience during the last fifteen months of our renovations and improvements.

CROP Walk

The 2017 CROP Walk will take place on **Sunday, October 22**, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the University of Toledo. The CROP Walk raises funds for hunger relief activities. A portion of the Walk proceeds (25%) supports the local Feed Your Neighbor program run by Toledo Area Ministry. The remainder is used by Church World Service to support hunger relief efforts in the United States and around the world.

If you are interested in participating in the walk and recruiting sponsors, please see Kevin Mulder (419-539-2604).

Trunk or Treat

Plan on joining us again this year on Halloween, **Tuesday, October 31**, from 6 to 8 p.m., for Trunk or Treat. We want to provide a safe Trick or Treat experience for the children in the neighborhood, so we are gathering with our cars in the church parking lot, with open trunks full of candy. The little witches and goblins then can safely make the rounds through the parking lot and load up on candy and other treats.

Dress up in a mask or costume and bring along any other decoration to enhance the experience for the children. Donations of candy would be appreciated as well. There will be a designated box in Circle Drive foyer. We will also need help distributing flyers through the neighborhood.

Call Lou D'Amato at 419-360-3097 with questions. We hope to have a full parking lot this year. Thanks in advance for participating.



Getting the Word Out

Distributing church flyers throughout the church neighborhood has been an effective way to reach out to our neighbors, encouraging attendance at church events. It contributed to the success of the neighborhood picnic in June, and will be critical in inviting the neighborhood children to Trunk or Treat on Halloween.

To that end, we need lots of help before these events in distributing flyers, walking in pairs over a clearly delineated area. Flyers for Trunk or Treat will be distributed on **Saturday, October 29**. Please help when you are asked.

Second Sacred Grounds Workshop

The second Sacred Grounds workshop in the Toledo area will be hosted by the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo on **Sunday, October 15** from 2:30 pm to no later than 6:00 p.m. The MultiFaith Council of Northwest Ohio is helping to pilot this program in the Toledo area in partnership with several local conservation organizations. The aim of the program is to assist faith communities wanting to care for creation on their grounds, especially by using native plants to create habitat for birds and butterflies, welcome bees and other pollinators, reduce water pollution from runoff and lessen the contributions to and impacts of climate change.

This second workshop will focus on how to assess a faith community's property and plan for, design, install and make use of appropriate native plantings.

Registration and light refreshments will begin at 2:00 p.m., and the workshop will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. Indoor presentations and small group work will take place in the Social Hall. Site assessment will be practiced outdoors using the beautiful grounds, so dress for the weather.

Free registration for the workshop is available on the MultiFaith Council's website at www.multifaithcouncil.org. More information about National Wildlife F's Garden for Wildlife Federation's Program is available at www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.aspx. Please consider joining us!

Concert Thanks

Many thanks to those who came to the first concert of our 2017 – 2018 Concert Series! Our next concert is "A Season's Evensong" on **December 10** at 4:00 p.m. And, thanks to our generous patrons, who make it all possible. Soli Deo Gloria!

Worlds of Belief

The Worlds of Belief group includes people of all ages interested in attending religious and spiritual sites, activities, and events throughout the Toledo area. The group has enjoyed festivals, toured mosques and temples, and attended religious services, planning 1-2 outings together per month. In between times, members communicate via email and Facebook when they see events others might enjoy, and often attend those events together.

October events are yet to be determined. Suggestions are always welcome. You can follow our "Monroe Street Church Toledo" Facebook page to receive event announcements, or email lynne.hamer@utoledo.edu to be added to the group's email list. If you prefer, call or text Lynne Hamer at 419-283-8288 and we will call or text you as events are added, or we can also mail you updates. Just let Lynne know if you are interested in October events and we will do our best to keep you informed!



Honoring Pastor Pinkie

On September 10, the Worlds of Belief class attended the Appreciation Service honoring Pastor Pinkie Mitchell in her 8th year of service. The theme of the event was "I'm serving Jesus on Purpose," based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13.

Many members of Pastor Pinkie's family participated, including her son Brother Anthony Amison as Master of Ceremonies. The event was hosted by Truth in Jesus Church, and Pastor Geneva Baber led several parts of the service. Many churches had representatives in attendance.

Pastor Pinkie has served Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Ministries for 8 years now, and she especially invited our class, along with all MSUMC members and friends, to join in this celebratory observation – a follow-up to our attending services with her last January. It was a wonderful event and we felt blessed to be included. Left to right in photo, were Xavier Hughes, Bill Hoover, Marion Steiner, Pastor Pinkie Mitchell, Mary Macdonald, Lynne Hamer, Sue Thayer, Ellen Steiner, and Marie Hoover.

School Kits

Many thanks to all who contributed supplies and funds for the school kits. We delivered 26 complete kits to the District Office for distribution at the Festival of Sharing at the end of September. We also have additional supplies that will be used by the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center and the 2018 Freedom School. Special thanks to Peg Hull for preparing the wonderful bags to hold the supplies!

Congregational Care

Our card ministry has been well received. Ellen Steiner sends cards to our college students and military personnel. Please provide her with their current addresses.

We will again distribute cookies to shut-ins in December. As you think ahead to the holiday season, perhaps you can plan on baking some to share.

Choral Music Festival Coming

Mark your calendar now! If you love choral music you will enjoy the Sacred Choral Music Festival closing worship service on **Sunday, November 19** at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Presbyterian Church, located at Talmadge and Monroe Streets. This service will include the choral music from the festival and congregational singing, as well as some of our area organists.

The Wesleyan Chorus will be participating in this mass choral event, as well as many area choirs. The choirs are led by Dr. Bradley Pierson, from UT. If you are interested in singing in the choir, contact Denise Mathias for music information and rehearsal times.

Giving Fair

The Giving Fair will be back in December bigger and better than ever. Be on the lookout for more details on this wonderful opportunity to support organizations doing great work in our community and throughout the World. And, of course, there will be Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate for sale.

Thank You

Isaias Rivera gives thanks for all of the gifts he received. The gifts will go toward a new laptop that he will need for U.T.

God, help us to listen for your voice ...

*in the words of the Bible,
in the cries of the poor,
in the testimony of saints,
in the warnings of prophets,
in the questions of children and young people,
in everyday conversations with our neighbors,
in words unsaid,
in the movement of breath ...*

*God, sometimes your voice
may not be a voice at all.
God, help us to hear you*

*in the sound of the sea,
in the crash of the wind when the ferry's cancelled,
in the rustle of leaves and the sweep of a cleaning brush,
in the laughter and debate of birds in the cloisters*

Help us to sense you

*in the smell of grass after a rain.
in the colors of the sea.
in the tang of salt spray.
in the touch of a stranger.*

Amen

MONROE STREET FINANCIAL REPORT

Month Ending August 31, 2017				
	Current Month	Monthly Budget	Year to Date	Annual Budget
	Actual		Actual	
Total Contributions	\$ 24,381.00	\$ 26,859.00	\$ 245,301.00	\$ 337,320.00
Lackland Endowment Match	\$ 310.00	\$ 417.00	\$ 2,399.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Foundation Subsidy	\$ -	\$ 5,833.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Lackland Bequest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 20,000.00
Total Other Income	\$ 60.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 5,194.00	\$ 1,300.00
Total Rental Income	\$ 625.00	\$ 853.00	\$ 18,405.00	\$ 32,565.00
Total Income	\$ 25,376.00	\$ 34,020.00	\$ 346,699.00	\$ 466,185.00
Total Operating Expense	\$ 44,356.00	\$ 49,821.00	\$ 365,499.00	\$ 576,829.00

The income for the summer has been very good. The direct deposit of contributions has kept our income very steady and makes it a lot easier to cover our expenses during the summer period. Our overall summer expenses are under what we had budgeted.

Jerry Charles, Treasurer

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				\$ 3,826.00	Complete
Sound & Video Equipment				\$ 127,859.00	Complete
Lighting				\$ 4,857.00	Complete
Restrooms Restoration				\$ 875.00	
Platform and Choir Loft				\$ 19,201.00	Complete
Chairs for Chapel & Sanctuary				\$ 14,528.00	Complete
Carpeting for Chapel & Sanctuary				\$ 34,534.00	Complete
Painting for Video Screen on Wall				\$ 4,180.00	Complete
Miscellaneous Expenses				\$ 9,328.00	
Capital Fund Drive Expense				\$ 32,982.00	Complete
Elevator Restoration				\$ 17,010.00	1890
Learning Room Wall Construction				\$ 574.00	Complete
LaRue Outside Double Doors				\$ 3,650.00	Complete
Security System				\$ 1,976.00	Complete
				\$ 368,247.00	

These are the current expenditures through September 15, 2017. The double doors to LaRue and the elevator work have been completed. We have not received the final bill for the elevator, which will be about \$1,890. The bathroom restorations have not been completed.

Transferred from Foundation				\$380,000.00	
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October 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
 10:30 a.m. Beacon and Bridge Bible Study
 11:30 a.m. Bridge
 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

11:00 a.m. Zumba Gold
 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
1 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	3 10:45 a.m. Witness Committee 6:00 p.m. Young Voices	4 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Worship Arts Committee 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	5 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories 6:00 p.m. Mountain Mentors Board	6	7 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Book Study Noon Men's Retreat through noon Sunday
8 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal Men's Retreat ends at noon 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Photo shoots for directory	9 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Photo shoots for directory 5:15 p.m. Trustees	10 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Photo shoots for directory 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Young Voices 7:30 p.m. Cantabile rehearsal	11 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Gifts of Caring needlework group 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	12 11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories	13	14
15 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal	16 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	17 6:00 p.m. Young Voices	18 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Agape Ministers 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	19 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories	20	21 10:30 a.m. Book Study
22 Voice Deadline 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal 1:30 p.m. Worship at Holly Glen CROP Walk	23 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:00 p.m. Jobs with Justice	24 6:00 p.m. Young Voices FEED THE STAFF at Holly Glen	25 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Wesleyan Chorus Rehearsal	26 11:00 a.m. Sacred Stories 6:00 p.m. MSNC Board Meeting	27	28 10:30 a.m. Book Study
29 12 noon Intergen. Choir Rehearsal	30 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	31 10:00 a.m. Fold and Address Voice for mailing 6:00 p.m. Young Voices 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat 7:30 p.m. Cantabile Rehearsal				

Church Staff

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

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Services

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

Prayer Groups

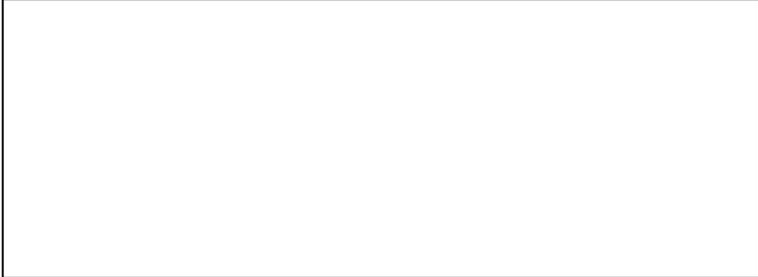
Men's Prayer Breakfast
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 a.m.
Uncle John's Pancake House, 3131 Secor Road

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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