

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2, 2018

Monroe City Band Concert
today at 3:00 p.m.

Advent Services Wednesdays at 1:00 and 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 in fellowship hall, this week Noah's Ark to serve a potato bar.

Friends in Faith Ministry
Elder Ministry dinner will be held Tuesday Dec 4th at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sign-up sheet in the welcome center.

Celebration of Lights Service
Dec 6th at 6:30 p.m. We need greeters; please sign up in welcome center.

Christmas Poinsettia order forms in welcome center. Each pot is \$8.00 or 2 for \$15.00.

Vigilant Soul Concert Dec 8th at 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Christian music with a local band.

Noah's Ark Christmas Program Dec 12th at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Sunday school Christmas program Dec 16th at 10:45 service, meal to follow.

Christmas Cantata Sunday Dec 23rd one service at 10:00 a.m. meal to follow.

Welcome to
Monroe UM Church
608-325-6700
monroeumc@tds.net
www.monroeumc.com

The office is open
Monday – Friday
8:30 am-4:00 pm

Pastor Randy at home
325-4503

Childcare for infants and preschoolers is available in the nursery during all services. Coloring books are also available at the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing devices are available for your convenience. An usher will be happy to assist you.

If you are interested in knowing more about our church, please speak to Pastor Randy or visit the Welcome Center before you leave.

Education

Children's Sunday School
Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Meet in your classroom. Christmas play practice starts Nursery to 8th grade.

Confirmation Class held Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. in the library.

Adult Sunday Classes

The Bait of Satan at 10:45 a.m. in the library. Questions contact Sandi Nelson 608-325-7921

The Purpose of Christmas will start December 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Books available at welcome center.

Adult Tuesday Classes

Encounter Jesus – meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the library, this week chapter 3.

Disciple 2 – Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Randy's office. This week chapters 15 & 16.

Fellowship Opportunities
Middle and High School Youth
Wednesdays 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sundays 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

College Student Care Packages
we're looking for donations of \$10 to go into the Christmas cards. For more information stop at the office.

Health, Holiness & H₂O –

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. Water aerobics are followed by fellowship in the hot tub. For more information call Lillian Falk 608-325-1370.

New members are always welcome.

Volleyball – Fridays from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Questions contact Todd Carter 608-325-1651 or Bryan Versnik 608-325-4507

Christmas Camp/Team K.I.D. Dec 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Hand in Hand room. We will focus on the whole Christmas story. All student rehearsal for Christmas program.

Peace and Friendship
Christmas party at Turner Hall Dec 11th at 11:30 a.m.

Music Notes

Divine Intervention rehearses on Mondays at 5:45 p.m.

Chancel/Bell Choir Holiday rehearsal schedule Wednesdays 12/5, 12/19, choir at 7:10 p.m. Bells at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday 12/12 Choir at 6:45 p.m. Bells at 7:45 p.m. Saturday 12/22 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Cantata Dress Rehearsal. If you are interested in either choir, contact Julie Shipe McClain at 608-219-9158 or juliesm@uwalumni.com.

Funds needed for Organ Valve Replacement. The Berghaus pipe organ's offset chests were built with inferior materials. In the past few years, our organ technician has been adjusting these valves during annual visits to tune the organ. However for the long term health of the organ, valve replacement is recommended. Cost of project is \$3,500. If you are interested in contributing, please submit your offering to the SWIM organ maintenance account 48-18. For more information please see Julie Shipe McClain.

Green County Food Pantry
Priority donations: hot cereal, hot chocolate, sugar, flour, cake mixes, Jello/pudding and crackers. Place your donations in the white baskets in the hall across from the choir room.

MUMC needs representatives to help take food to party on Mondays, and to serve on their board. We have one volunteer and would like one or two more. Please see the office for more information.

Committee Meetings

Monday December 3

Computer committee 6:30 p.m.

Monday December 10

Trustee 6:30 p.m.

Finance 7:30 p.m.

Focus on Mission

Please **PRAY** for and

Support our special missions

UM Children's Services of WI

Northcott Neighborhood House

UMCOR (UM committee on Relief)

Redbird Mission in Kentucky

Family Promise

Looking Ahead...

Loaves and Fishes Dec 23rd

Volunteer Appreciation Dec 30th

Badger Ringers handbell concert

Jan 5th 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The Ringing Badgers

Handbell Ensemble, under the direction of Mark Bloedow, is excited to return to Monroe United Methodist Church in concert on Saturday, January 5, 4:00pm. The varied program called "Sounds of the Season" will feature traditional and popular Christmas favorites, as well as, a unique setting of "We Three Kings" by Joel Raney, fitting for the beginning of the Epiphany season. A delightful mix of festive music, something for everyone to enjoy!

Happy Birthday

Dec 2: Joan Emberson

Dec 4: JoAnn Colden

Gladys Laube

Karen Martini

Dec 5: Robert Falk

Dec 8: Ryan Colden

Sandra Pieper

Jessica Shaker

Dec 9: Brylee Lynn Scafe

Kasey Tousignant

Happy Anniversary

Dec 4: Dennis & Amber

Griepentrog

Ushers

8:00 – Carol Wells, Harvey Klassy,

Debb Bennett

10:45 – Lillian Falk

Readers

8:00 – Stewart Sathoff

10:45 – Ashton Klemm

PRAYER CORNER

Pray at the beginning of Advent for a meaningful Christmas. Ask Jesus to be born anew in you.

We pray for the following members and friends this week.

Our families of the week:

Rick & Kathie Gleason

Cody & Abby Langmeier

Mark & Ardell Signer

Our homebound member of the week is **Willis Schmoltdt**. Please send him a card at 917 3rd Ave, Monroe.

College student of the week:

Haley Brazil

332 Wilgus Hall

Platteville, WI 53818

Our staff member of the week

Cassandra Popanz (Noah's Ark)

Safety awareness on the roadways as the weather changes.

Last week's attendance:

110 + 39 + 35 + 40 = 224

Thanksgiving Eve: 72