

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Meetings

Monday February 11
Trustees 6:30 p.m.
Finance 7:30 p.m.
Monday February 18
Open Door 7:00 p.m.

Friends in Faith Ministries

Valentine's lunch February 14
at Culver's 1:30 p.m.

Hearing Loop installed this week. Sanctuary will not be available on Thursday and Friday.

Basic information:

-Most, but not all hearing aids have a tele coil (T-coil) or one can be added.

-The T-coil has to be activated to use the loop.

-Background noise in hearing aids is greatly diminished or eliminated when listening to audio through a hearing loop.

-Call your audiologist or hearing aid provider and tell them you want to use the hearing loop at Monroe UMC. More information available at the welcome center in the orange hearing loop Boucher.

February 10, 2019

Second Harvest food bank was mistakenly communicated at being February 14. This is incorrect. If you signed up to work, you are free to attend the FIFM Valentine's Day lunch.

*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.

Handicapped bathrooms & changing table located in bathrooms across from nursery (room 4).

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

Meet in your class rooms at 9:15 a.m.

Confirmation Class meets on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. in the library. This week Question 13: What is the Church?

Adult Sunday Classes

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

The Story Continues by Ellsworth Kalas at 9:30 in the library, this week chapter 6.

Adult Tuesday Classes

Encounter Jesus Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the library. This week morning class lesson 8, evening class lesson 7.

Disciple 2 resumes on March 5.

Fellowship Opportunities

Friday Night Fun Night

February 15, dinner is tacos (American and Mexican). Bring a dessert and a game.

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

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.

Middle and High School Youth

Sundays and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Will not meet Sunday night February 17.

Music Notes

Divine Intervention rehearses Mondays at 5:45, just not Feb 11.

Chancel Choir has started practicing for the Easter cantata now is a good time to join! Rehearsals Wednesdays at 6:45 in choir room. Bell Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7:45.

If you are interested in either choir, contact Julie Shipe McClain at 608-219-9158 or juliesm@uwalumni.com.

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...

Hand in Hand will host St. Victor's 1st grade as they perform their play in fellowship hall on February 15 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Fun Night February 15 dinner at 5:30-tacos both American and Mexican. Sign up at welcome center.

Cinnamon Rolls Sunday February 17, youth group will make and sell cinnamon rolls between services. To order in advance contact Jane Gaulrapp 608-325-8563.

General Conference St Louis February 23-26.

Prayer Week February 27 to March 6. All committees are encouraged to meet for the sole purpose of praying for their ministry area, our local church, and the results of General Conference. Please avoid "any business as usual."

Ash Wednesday March 6, service at 1:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Unanswered Prayer

Why do we think God is not responding to our prayer? Sometimes it's because we are praying for something outside of God's best intention for us. That is, we're praying in the wrong direction.

Isn't it absurd to pray for safety when we're robbing the bank? Why would God honor our prayer when we're outside the 10 Commandments?

Isn't it absurd to pray for God to help us keep an affair secret? God will not answer prayer to protect our disobedience.

These are two extreme examples of praying in the opposite direction of God's will for our lives. Other instances in our lives may be more subtle. They may be instances of defiance of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps other explanations of unanswered prayers are related to the situation – if our prayer is answered, the other people it affects are not ready. Sometimes God knows we're not mature enough to receive the answer we're seeking.

When praying, be persistent as well as looking at the circumstances and identify selfish rebellion.

Happy Birthday

Feb 10: Arlie Fahrney
Feb 11: Ashton Klemm
Owen Klemm
Carla Pederson
Lynn Zimmerman
Feb 12: Bart Briggs
Feb 13: Ron Albright
Spencer Brunton
Griffin Clark
Nahum Castellanos
Hernandos
Dawn Lederman
Katrina Sathoff
Feb 14: Rachel Nipple
Aimee Williams
Feb 15: Gwen Shaker
Harley Shelton
Feb 17: David Ayen
Chris McCabe
Killian Moore

Happy Anniversary

Feb 12: Cesar & Rebecca
Navarro
Feb 15: Doug & Diana
Felmeten

Ushers

8:00 – Judy Gray
Pete Buholzer
Kerry Stamm

10:45 – Nate & Joanne Hare
Shirley Brunkow

Readers

8:00 – Judy Gray
10:45 – Olivia Cummings

PRAYER CORNER

O Jesus, your love has set the standard of true love. Let me share your love generously.

We pray for the following members and friends this week.

Our families of the week:

Paul & Linda Hannes

Sylvia Mahlkuch

Maryellen Sullivan

Our homebound member of the week is **Carol Ethridge**. Please send her a card at 616 8th Ave Room 120, Monroe.

College student of the week:

Ian Salzwedel

247 Chippewa St

Eau Claire, WI 54703

Our staff member of the week

Anita Andes (Noah's Ark)

Pray for those who have lost a loved one this past year.

General conference February 22-25.

Pray for the 864 delegates including the six from Wisconsin: Dan Dick, Sam Royappa, and Steve Zekoff; Lisa King, Barbara Dick, Gail Burgess.

Live stream general conference at: UMC.org/generalconference

Last week's attendance
107 + 50 + 38 + 46 =241