



Easter Greetings!

The great Easter proclamation is that Jesus rose and is alive for all time! How you and I live in the light of his resurrection becomes our focus for the entire season of Easter, which includes all of May and lasting through Sunday, June 2. My hope is that you will find opportunities to celebrate the Good News as Easter people and share God's love. And as a tickler, here are just a few ways we do that here at Monroe UMC:

- MOM's ministry**: devoted women who gather every first and third Wednesday at 9am, sewing children's clothes for missions.
- UMW**: the backbone of our women's fellowship who grow together in faith and support missions, meeting monthly (May 8 @ 1pm).
- Men's Group**: Enjoying Christian fellowship and great dinners, every fourth Tuesday @ 6:30pm. Bring a friend!
- Methodist Men's Breakfast**: Starting this Wednesday at 7am, great Christian fellowship, devotional, and mission focus. All men are invited.
- UMYF**: our new youth fellowship that meets every first and third Wednesday at 6:30pm.
- Community Table**: our outreach to the Monroe community through a no-cost meal and Christian fellowship, including music jam. And weren't those tacos fantastic!
- Weekly Bible Study**: meets every Tuesday @ 9am. Currently exploring the Letter of James.
- Chimes**: meets nearly every week to provide uplifting music during worship.
- Choir**: provides inspiring songs for every worship, practice is Sunday mornings prior to worship. If you can sing, don't hide it beneath a bushel.
- VIP**: gifted women who add to our worship with special musical selections.
- Banner Gild**: amazingly talented women who fashion our fantastic liturgical banners.
- 175th Anniversary Committee**: meets regularly to develop a host of programs designed to celebrate 175 years of faith as a church, with special programs each month of 2019.
- Seasonal Celebrations**: Turkey Supper, Ice Cream Social, UMW Bazaar, Old Settlers Pancake Breakfast, proceeds going to various church-supported Christian missions.
- VBS**: annually observed with our Presbyterian neighbors (our turn this year, more to come).
- Summer Church Camp**: devoted to growing Christians while having a bunch of fun!
- Cub Scouts**: meet the last Sunday of each month at 6:30pm, promoting mental, physical, and spiritual strength.
- Blood Drive**: hosting periodic drives (next one is 11 May, beginning 6:30am).
- Alcoholics Anonymous**: meets every Monday night at 7pm, devoted to a sober life.
- Church Council**: our overarching council comprised of a variety of committees and boards that strategize for ministry and tend to the general administration of the church (by the way, administration has Latin roots, which literally means "for a lesser service," in other words, in service to a superior, which for us is Christ), meets every other month (22 May @ 7pm).
- Worship**: last, but certainly not least, every Sunday at 9:30. Bring a friend!

While this doesn't exhaust the list, I pray you consider ways of being involved as we live the truth of Easter through the ministry of our church. Truly, if God is for us, who is against us?

Pastor Van, a lesser servant (minister) to our Greater God.



MOMs has been busy! They made 233 dresses and, had 25 pairs of shorts and made another 66 sets of shorts to be sent out to those in need!

Easter Sunday 2019





Wednesday, May 8, at 6:30pm, our church will host an appreciation dinner for our emergency First Responders. While this is not a congregation-wide covered dish event, any who are willing to assist are encouraged to contact Patty Eilander.

*Thank you to everyone
for the lovely cards and
beautiful wishes for my
birthday. God bless you
all!*

Ada Beth Thank You

United Methodist Women
will meet Friday, May 10 at
1:30. Carol Diekema will
provide the program. Host-
esses are Dawn Neff and
Nancy Current.

175th Anniversary
Committee will meet
Sunday, May 5th
immediately after worship.

Thanks to all for your
generous donations to
Bidwell Riverside.
~MUMW



**Ice Cream Social
planning is underway!**

**Ice Cream making will be
Tuesday June 18**

**Ice cream stirring will be
Wednesday June 19**

**Ice Cream Social
Thursday June 20**



May Community
Table features
Goulash and a
variety of salads!
Community

Table will be held Wednesday
May 17 from 5-7!

Honor your mom with a Mother's
Day carnation. They are \$5 in
memory of or in honor of your
special lady. Please order
by Tuesday May 7.



The Beautiful Month of May

			<p>1</p> <p>UMW Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>MOMs 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Heritage Cookbook meeting 1:00</p> <p>Youth Group 6:30</p>	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>8:45 Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Time</p> <p>9:30 Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>175th Anniversary Committee mtg after worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>AA 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>First Responder Appreciation Dinner 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>UMW 1:30</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Blood Drive 6:30-10:30</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day</p> <p>8:45 Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Time</p> <p>9:30 Worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>AA 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Chicken Cooking 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>MOMs 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Community Table 5-7</p> <p>Youth Group 6:30</p>	16	17	18
<p>19</p> <p>8:45 Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Time</p> <p>9:30 Worship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>AA 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church Council 7:00</p>	23	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>8:45 Sunday School</p> <p>9:00 Coffee Time</p> <p>9:30 Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed</p>  <p>AA 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 a.m.</p>	29	30	31	

May Helpers

May 5

Communion: Lori Schakel

Greeters & Ushers: Jim & Sally Morris,
Alan Jennings and Deb Coulter

Liturgist: Jeanne Van Genderen

May 12

Greeters & Ushers: Jim & Sally Morris,
Judy Stock, Linda Birkenholtz

Liturgist: Ada Beth Hume

May 19

Greeters & Ushers: Jim & Sally Morris,
Judy Stock & Linda Birkenholtz

Liturgist: June Hjortshoj

Hospitality (due to Graduation):
June Hjortshoj

May 26

Greeters & Ushers: Don and Elaine Keuning,
Ryan and Jan Phifer

Liturgist: Melba Brummett



The office will be closed Monday,
May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.



Elaine Keuning	2
Matt Birkenholtz	3
John McConeghey	
MaKenna Van Veen	4
Darrell Nolin	7
Marjorie Nolin	9
Kelsey Lemke	10
Jan Phifer	12
Mary Vaske	
Rachel Phifer	
Jacob Warrick	13
Jimmy & Holly Daughenbaugh	14
Hunter Van Veen	15
Virginia Cash	17
Reed Worth	
Jeff and Amy Fagg	19
Shawn and Julie Palm	20
Shoshanah Fagg	23
Phyllis Miller	
Scott and Rita Van Veen	
Abigail Lemke	24
Gene & Donna Stravers	26
Jim Garland	27
Sue Gregerson	29
Logan Phillips	30



Monroe United Methodist Church

Rev. Van Dickens, Pastor

Sunday School 8:45

Coffee Time 9:00

Worship Service 9:30

"We are a friendly, faithful, and loving family dedicated to sharing God with our neighbors"



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