

# The Monroe Doctrine



July 2022

## Summer sermon series explores “Prophet Margins”



Summer is a time for journeys. We pack our things and our families; we jump in the car; and we head off. Our family spent 12 days exploring the Washington,

DC, area prior to coming to Monroe. In honor of his high school graduation, our son Josh helped choose our destination. It was the trip of a lifetime.

The summer of 2022 can be the journey of a lifetime as we explore, learn, and ultimately discover what is at the heart of our faith. We’ll take our summer journey in shorter stages each defined by our traveling companions. They will take us on a journey of discovery. Our companions will be some of the prophets of the Old Testament. They have a propensity to take us to the edge, even when we don’t really want to go, so our series is called “Prophet Margins.”

Not everything we see and hear along the way will be comfortable and easy. Prophets tend to speak uncomfortable truths. The world – including the people of God – have the more frustrating tendency not to listen when they speak, even as they speak for God.

What might we learn if we take the risk to listen? We might be troubled, and we will be, but we also might be lifted up. We may be challenged, but we may find reasons for hope. We might even find a renewed vision that inspires us for our journeys.

So, what do you say? Are you up for a journey this summer to the edge of our faith? Then you’re ready for “Prophet Margins.” Join us every Sunday in July and August at either 9:30 or 11:00 AM in-person at the church or online on Facebook, YouTube, and [monroeumc.org](http://monroeumc.org).

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jeff

## Annual Conference report

On Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, Pastor Joel, Pastor Jeff, and Lay Member Jerry Lapham attended the 2022 West Ohio Annual Conference via Zoom.

The Conference Book of Reports contains extensive instructions for churches wishing to leave the United Methodist Church with their property under paragraph 2553 of the 2019 Discipline. Actions must be completed by the end of 2023.

Agenda Recommendation #8 contained a proposal for using paragraph 2548.2 which has no end date. The Bishop ruled it out of order because there is already a case before the Judicial Council on the subject and his ruling will go there also.

Agenda Recommendation #7, which called for “Ordination without prejudice toward sexual orientation or gender identity” was defeated.

For a copy of the Book of Reports go to [www.westohioumc.org/conference/resources-0](http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/resources-0) and click on “2022 Book of Reports.”



*New Pastor Jeff and family at June 26 Luncheon.*

## Thank you

From **Hayward Ball**, "I am doing fine now. Thank you for all of your kind thoughts and prayers.

From **Pastor Joel & Wendy**, "Wendy and I were so touched by these last few weeks of well-wishes, gifts, notes and cards. What a glorious outpouring! We found a true home among you and were honored to serve you as pastor and pastoral family."

## Children's Ministry

**Xtreme Kids Children's Church** is at 9:15 in Small Fellowship Hall. Our mission is to teach kids how to read the Bible and apply it to their lives. Find online lessons on Facebook (Monroe United Methodist Church) and YouTube (c/MonroeUnitedMethodist). Our current curriculum is based on the Parables of Jesus. Watch the latest kid-vids to see The Good Samaritan, Parable of the Talents, and Parable of the Sower.

**Nursery** for newborns to 4 years old Sundays during the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

**Amanda Outreach/Slinky Tutoring.** Help is needed Mondays and/or Wednesdays between 4:30 and 5:30. Amanda Elementary children appreciate your Christian love and encouragement. Next training session is September 7 at 4:30PM. Contact Gina for more details ([gmatcraft@gmail.com](mailto:gmatcraft@gmail.com) or 937-514-3793).

## Monumental VBS

Monumental VBS is July 10 - 14. Let's celebrate God's awesomeness! To register, go to [monroeumc.org](http://monroeumc.org) or contact Gina. Crew and station leaders can sign up there too.

The VBS Team meets on Tuesdays between 11:30 AM and 3:30 PM to decorate, etc.

## Pray for VBS, July 10-14

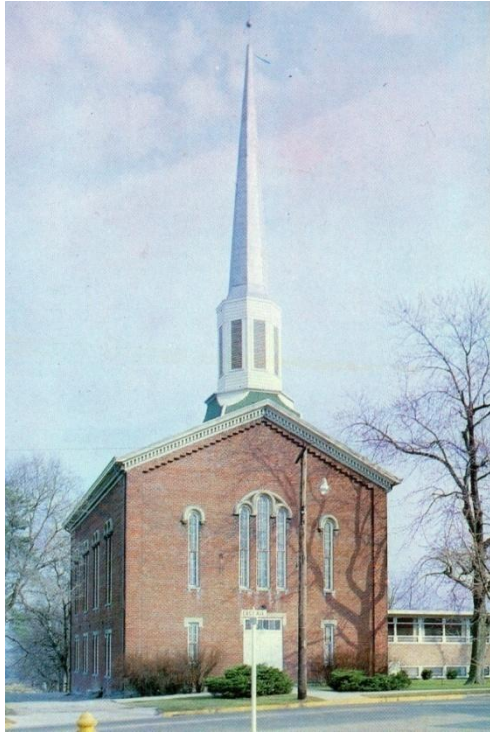
Please keep our Monumental Vacation Bible School in your prayers. You might pray for the following aspects:

- For God to raise up willing and caring servants to prepare for and engage with children
- For the children God intends to attend, that the way may be open for them to hear about the opportunity and respond
- That the children and their families will learn about and experience the monumental love of God in Jesus Christ and be drawn closer to Christ
- That those serving are sustained in strength, patience, wisdom, and compassion throughout the week
- For God to open doors for each of us to invite our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors' children to VBS
- For fitting weather during VBS week

Remember what scripture says about prayer: "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16b) Thank you for your commitment to pray for our VBS coming up this month!



## BEFORE AND AFTER



Before

One of the founders of Monroe, Nathaniel Sackett was the father of Methodism in the village of Monroe. He was a local Methodist preacher and held services in his home. As interest increased a church was formed. It was not long before a meeting house was constructed.

The congregation continued to grow and in 1860 the church needed more room. The old building was torn down and the church pictured above was constructed on the same lot. The first service in the new building was held in February 1861.

On May 10, 1969, a cloudy windy Saturday afternoon, the sky suddenly grew very dark, and the wind blasted in from the west as the rain began to pelt down, at times turning to hail. At about 4:30 p.m., a black funnel cloud appeared over Monroe.

The resulting tornado caused a lot of damage to the Monroe community. Lost was the steeple on the Monroe Methodist Church. It along with the water tower next to the church, the steeple had become a symbol for the community.

(Photograph taken May 11, 1969, from Jane Majors)







After

Do you have any stories or photographs that would add to the church's history?

The "History Committee" is made up of the following: Jane Majors, Elaine Kuth, Eleanore Short, Reed Musgrove and Roger Miller

Contact: Roger Miller at [rmiller149@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rmiller149@cinci.rr.com) or others of the committee.

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|-----------|
| <p>26</p>  <p>Pastor Jeff Motter's First Day</p>        | <p>27</p> <p>6:00pm Yoga/AH<br/>7:00pm Scouts/AH</p>   | <p>28</p> <p>10:00am Share Group/Parlor<br/>7:00pm Line Dancing/AH</p>                                   | <p>29</p> <p>11:00am Yoga/Narthex<br/>12:00pm Exercise/Narthex</p>  | <p>30</p> <p>7:00pm Rekindled/AH</p>                  | <p>1</p> <p>10:00am Exercise/AH<br/>11:00am Yoga/AH</p>  | <p>2</p>  |
| <p>3</p> <p>Holy Communion</p>   | <p>4</p>  <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10:00am Share Group/Parlor</p>   | <p>6</p> <p>11:00am Yoga/Narthex<br/>12:00pm Exercise/Narthex</p>   | <p>7</p> <p>7:00pm Rekindled/AH</p>                   | <p>8</p> <p>10:00am Exercise/AH<br/>11:00am Yoga/AH<br/>5:00pm -9:00pm Emmaus Gathering/AH</p> | <p>9</p>  |
| <p>10</p>  <p>6:30pm -8:45pm Vacation Bible School</p> | <p>11</p> <p>6:30pm -8:45pm Vacation Bible School</p>  | <p>12</p> <p>10:00am Share Group/Parlor<br/>6:30pm -8:45pm Vacation Bible School</p>                     | <p>13</p> <p>11:00am Yoga/Narthex<br/>12:00pm Exercise/Narthex<br/>6:30pm -8:45pm Vacation Bible School</p> | <p>14</p> <p>6:30pm -8:45pm Vacation Bible School</p> | <p>15</p> <p>10:00am Exercise/AH<br/>11:00am Yoga/AH</p>                                       | <p>16</p> |
| <p>17</p>  | <p>18</p> <p>6:00pm Yoga/AH<br/>7:00pm Scouts/AH</p>   | <p>19</p> <p>10:00am Share Group/Parlor<br/>7:00pm Finance Committee/Zoom<br/>7:00pm Line Dancing/AH</p> | <p>20</p> <p>11:00am Yoga/Narthex<br/>12:00pm Exercise/Narthex</p>  | <p>21</p> <p>7:00pm Rekindled/AH</p>                  | <p>22</p> <p>10:00am Exercise/AH<br/>11:00am Yoga/AH</p>                                       | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24</p>   | <p>25</p> <p>6:00pm Yoga/AH<br/>7:00pm Scouts/AH</p>   | <p>26</p> <p>10:00am Share Group/Parlor<br/>7:00pm Line Dancing/AH</p>                                   | <p>27</p> <p>11:00am Yoga/Narthex<br/>12:00pm Exercise/Narthex</p>  | <p>28</p> <p>7:00pm Rekindled/AH</p>                  | <p>29</p> <p>10:00am Exercise/AH<br/>11:00am Yoga/AH</p>                                       | <p>30</p> |
| <p>31</p> <p>Sunday Brunch after Worship</p>   | <p>1</p> <p>6:00pm Yoga/AH<br/>7:00pm Scouts/AH</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>10:00am Share Group/Parlor</p>   | <p>3</p> <p>11:00am Yoga/AH<br/>12:00pm Exercise/Narthex</p>  | <p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Rekindled/AH</p>                   | <p>5</p> <p>10:00am Exercise/AH<br/>11:00am Yoga/AH</p>  | <p>6</p>  |



## July Birthdays

- 1 – Dillis Bolton
- 4 – Barbara Riggs
- 9 – Ginny Gansheimer
- 12 – Arlene Klemushin
- 15 – Pat Williams  
Norman Ivins
- 18 – Dale Short
- 19 – Aaron Brophy
- 20 – Carolyn Price
- 27 – Elaine Garver  
Debby Davis  
Ashley Gould
- 28 – Nancy Harrison **(97 years)**
- 30 – Lyndi Uitto
- 31 – Holly Stevens

## July Anniversaries

- 1 – Jim & Jan Aumann **(50 years)**
- 2 – Jimmy & Sara Hicks
- 7 – Dale & Eleanore Short **(60 years)**  
Brian & Sheilia Holbrock
- 12 – John & Tula Hamilton **(53 years)**
- 15 – Ken & Lori Cobb **(52 years)**  
Mike & Connie Grooms **(55 years)**
- 18 – Alan & Denise Dyke
- 22 – Doug & April Aumann

### Monthly Statistics...

|        | Offering |
|--------|----------|
| May 8  | \$1,439  |
| May 15 | \$2,927  |
| May 22 | \$15,711 |
| May 29 | \$4,747  |



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:45pm





# What we're looking forward to in July

## Mission Week

We are serving locally the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with Vacation Bible School here at MUMC.

Schedule: 9am – 9pm Mon-Thurs

Cost: \$40 per day OR \$130 for the week. (Cost covers travel and two meals each day. Participate for two or more days to attend the retreat for free).

**Register by July 6<sup>th</sup>.** Send your full name and the days you want to participate to [rmstout2014@gmail.com](mailto:rmstout2014@gmail.com)

Funding may be available to youth who wish to serve but cannot pay the fee. Contact Ruthie for more information.

Adult volunteers (especially drivers) are greatly welcome and appreciated! Contact Ruthie for details.

## July Schedule

Sun 7/10-Thurs 7/14

Local Mission Week

Fri 7/15-Sat 7/16

Noon-Noon 24 hour youth retreat

Wed 7/27

7-8:30 pm new students welcome party (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up)

Sun 7/31

Brunch following each service

## 24-Hour Retreat

End mission week with a lock-in style, 24-hour youth retreat. Discover how God is with you through every season of life with our learning theme, "Highs and Lows."

Cost: \$50 (FREE for mission trip participants of 2 or more days. Cost covers T-shirt and meals).

**Register by July 6<sup>th</sup>.** Send your intent with your full name to [rmstout2014@gmail.com](mailto:rmstout2014@gmail.com).

## Fifth Sunday Brunch

Every time there is a fifth Sunday in the month, Blaze Youth is hosting brunch in Atchley Hall following each service. Cost is "pay-what-you-can" and the proceeds support our summer trips.

**Date of next brunch: July 31st**

Volunteers eat free! Contact Ruthie at [rmstout2014@gmail.com](mailto:rmstout2014@gmail.com) to find out how you can help!

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REQUESTED RETURN SERVICE

Mission Statement:

*Shining the light on the hill by connecting with Jesus Christ,  
connecting with each other and connecting with the world.*



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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM-4:30PM



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