

****From Our Members****

Keep In Prayer

*Eloise H Elaine G Bethany & Baby Athena C
Lonnie H Linda S Lewis P Nathan D Rollie H
Mike H (Val B's brother in law) Linda D (Judy S's sister)
Jane S (Jean K's sister)
Our shut-ins: Allen R Joan G Carol J*

Worship

Worship shapes us into the people God is calling us to be, forming habits and language that teach us why we are in relationship with God, and how to be in relationship with God.

Celebration of Communion is on the first Sunday of each month.

October 5, we celebrate **World Communion Sunday**

October Worship

October 5 – 2 Timothy 2:1-7, Remember Our Ancestors
October 12 – Matthew 13:31-32, Dream God's Dream
October 19 – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, The Bible
October 26 – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, Fought the Good Fight

October Worship Sponsors

October 5 – Gary & Holly Valko, in celebration of Scott's birthday
October 12 – Rick & Cindy Horn, in celebration of grandsons birthdays
October 19 – Lisa Sparks, in celebration of Cole's birthday
October 26 – Gary & Holly Valko, in celebration of Jenny's birthday

Annual Church Picture, Sunday, Oct. 5 after worship

Special Music, Sunday, Oct. 12, Ben Low, a senior at the College of Wooster, will be playing piano for us.

Visit us at monroevilleucc.org

Our condolences to **John & Shari Wade** & family on the loss of her mother, **Marybelle Robinson** on August 31, 2025. Memorial services were held September 21, 2025, at the church.

Congratulations to **Brett Sparks & Kitana Scheid** who married September 6, 2025, at The Barn in Monroeville.

Sunday School

The purpose of our Sunday school is to help children & youth better know God through the stories of the Bible and relationships with one another and the adults around them.

Sunday school meets every other week after worship for a Bible lesson.

October 5 we will finish our first unit on Creation
October 19 we will begin a unit on Naomi and Ruth

Fall Hayride, Sunday, October 19

We will meet at Horn Farm on Sandhill Road at 4:00pm for a hayride.
Then we will meet at the church around 5:00pm for a light dinner and games!
Everyone is welcome!



Financial Report August 2025

Current Income: \$5253.13
Current Expenses: \$6392.76
Current Balance: \$-1733.70

NFB Income: \$300.00
NFB Expenses: \$1951.55
NFB Balance: \$59,524.59

Building Balance: \$1240.24
Mission Balance: \$2226.66
Memorial Balance: \$2817.66
Total Spending: \$12,135.26
Total Income: \$6228.13
American Funds Balance \$93,368.74 (8/20/2025)



Our Stewardship Theme this year is “Dreaming God’s Dream.”

Generosity is not just something we do, it is something we are.

You probably know someone who doesn’t just practice generosity, but IS generosity! They are always ready to offer support, send cards, and do those little things for others seemingly without even thinking about it. They live a generous life.

Such a generous life is something we all can nurture and grow. It starts with recognizing how much God has done for us and then committing to respond in kind. God has made us to be generous.

As you cultivate that generous life, know that the gifts you give to our church make a difference, for our community and for the world! Our ministries touch people’s lives and bless others in ways we may never know. While it is a blessing to Dream God’s Dream, it’s even better to help make God’s dream a reality!

Plan to join us in worship on **Sunday, November 9, for our Stewardship Celebration Sunday.** After worship, we will have a soup dinner and time to fellowship, play games, and build community with one another. Come with joy as together we “Dream God’s Dream.”

Here is how YOU can invest in the mission and ministry of our church.

- Write a check, put it in a church envelope, (or any envelope) and leave it in the offering basket on Sunday.
- Write a check, put it in a church envelope, (or any envelope) and mail it to the church.
- You can also use PayPal. It’s easy.
- You can also direct your bank to make the church a recurring bill through online banking. This is one of the best ways as it is free and the church receives the gift whether you remember to write the check or not!



Come and join with us,
To know God,
To share God’s love,
And to serve God together!

****Mission and Ministries****

Through mission we share the gifts God has given us to help create a better world for all.

Non-Food Bank

"To ease the burden of poverty by providing basic household necessities and offer a word of hope to those in need."

We served 158 households in September.

Next Date: October 15, 9:00 – Noon (3rd

Wednesday of the month)

We are collecting toothpaste this month.

Discontinuing the drive-up option has reduced our numbers slightly but also helped us spread out the items we give more evenly. We do find more people choosing less than the 10 items offered because they don't need everything all the time. The need remains, and those we serve are grateful that the ministry is here. If you would like to get more involved, let Pastor Wayne know!

LGBTQ+ Family & Ally Support Group

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 7, 6:30pm.

All are welcome.

Many of those who come to the support group meetings express thanks for a safe space to be themselves and feel a sense of support. Many feel more unsafe in the world today than ever before as attacks on the community increase. Come and be part of this community of support and hope as we work to make our world a more welcoming and accepting place.

Coffee & Fellowship

October 9 at 8:30am

Lyn Marie's Coffee on Main

Come and join us for a time of fellowship as we get together!



Blessing Box

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to our Blessing Box. This is a valuable resource for the community, and we are grateful to be able to help our neighbors!

Monthly Mission Focus

Through mission we share the gifts God has given us to help create a better world for all.

The third Sunday of the month will be devoted to the Mission Focus.

October – Neighbors in Need (UCC) and Cancer Services



Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

November – Senior Center Home Meals program

December – The Christmas Fund (UCC)



Ways to Connect with us Online

Check out our web page at

<https://www.monrovilleucc.org/> to find

- Information about upcoming events
- The worship bulletin for each Sunday
- The Weekly Meditation (also available directly to your email Inbox)

Find us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Monroville-UCC-107496705953838/> for

- Sunday Worship Live Stream
- Monday Morning Prayer
- A link to the Weekly Meditation
- Regular posts and updates

If there are other ways you would like to connect with us, contact Pastor Wayne.

Monroeville Congregational Community United Church of Christ
Council minutes of meeting on September 8th, 2025

Members in attendance: Brandon Stewart, Scott Horn, Ben Renwand, Becky Sparks, Melissa Zehnder, Scott Mercer

Pastor Wayne opened us in prayer and members repeated the mission statement.

Becky motions to accept August minutes, Melissa seconds, all were in favor.

Pastor Wayne gave his report.

Financial report read and approved pending edits to parsonage allowance

Rent from parsonage to go into building.

Hayride on October 19th, 5 out of 6 teachers have returned Church Safety protocol form.

Mission Focus

Sept. – Flat Rock

October – Neighbors in Need, Cancer Services

November – Senior Center Lunches.

Nothing really to report from non-food bank.

Green Goose is going to check the refrigerator. Becky motions, Scott Horn seconds, all in favor.

Redoing the bathrooms with memorial funds to remove the stall walls and making the bathrooms more accessible. Wayne is going to reach out to Bob Smith to look at the doors.

We can remove worker's comp since we only have one employee, but Wayne suggests we remain on worker's comp, and council agrees.

Wayne updated us on the stewardship campaign and offered congregational questions on index cards, some multiple choice, others discussion focused. Celebration Sunday soup and game night on November 9th.

Brandon will be our delegate to the Annual Gathering, the Scotts motioned and seconded, all were in favor.

Melissa got prices from Cyclone, Heitsche, and DeMuth. Heitsche is \$77.25/quarter \$283.25/year. Cyclone \$111/ quarter. DeMuth \$84/quarter with a \$20 sign-up fee. Labeling trash talk till next month.

Wayne offered us to hold the money for Project Lifesaver. Wayne is going to ask about liability, etc. Scott moves, Ben seconds. All are in favor pending Wayne asking specific questions regarding protection.

Becky motions to adjourn, Ben seconds, all are in favor.