

****From Our Members****

Keep In Prayer

*Eloise H Elaine G Linda S Lewis P Rollie H
Pastor Wayne C Lonnie H (Brandon S's friend)
Mike H (Val B's brother-in-law) 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 and special occasions.

November Worship

November 2 – *Dream God's Dream* with John 6:1-14

November 9 – *Dream God's Dream* with Acts 2:42-47

November 16 – Isaiah 65:17-25, *Infinite Possibilities*

November 23 – Deuteronomy 26:1-11,
Thanksgiving

November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

November Worship Sponsors

November 2 – Penny Sparks, in memory of Izzy Reynolds

November 9 – Gary & Holly Valko, in celebration of Eloise's birthday

November 16 – Betty Rhoad, in celebration of son's birthday

November 23 – Ruth Garwood, in celebration of grandson Hudson's birthday

November 30 – Betty Rhoad, in celebration of daughter's birthday

All-Saint's Sunday, November 2

We will celebrate our 50 Year Members!

Congratulations to **Carly Helmstetter** and Aaron Lopez who were married October 11, 2025 in Berlin Heights.



"Dream God's Dream" Stewardship Celebration, November 9

Through our generosity and giving, we work together to dream God's dream and build God's beloved community. Join us Nov. 9 for a celebration of our stewardship, our Congregational Meeting to approve the 2026 Spending Plan as prepared by Council, and then a soup & fellowship lunch. Come and help us to Dream God's Dream!

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23

Remember the holiday as we begin the week by giving thanks!

Stay after worship to help decorate the church for Advent & Christmas.

First Sunday of Advent, November 30

We begin preparing for the birth of Jesus and the "Good News of great joy for all people."

Visit us at monroevilleucc.org

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.

Thanks to everyone who came out for our non-hayride hayride on October 19. Even though we didn't get to have our traditional ride through the fields, everyone still had a good time. We are already looking forward to better weather next year!

Christmas Dinner, Friday, December 5

Join the Sunday school for a special dinner and visit from a special guest as we prepare our hearts and our lives to welcome the Christ-child.



Financial Report

September 2025

Current Income: \$5911.45
Current Expenses: \$8386.62
Current Balance: \$-4208.87

NFB Income: \$214.00
NFB Expenses: \$1767.17
NFB Balance: \$57,971.42

Building Balance: \$2239.80
Christian Ed Balance: \$4857.54
Mission Balance: \$2324.54
Memorial Balance: \$3299.48
Total Spending: \$10,288.23
Total Income: \$7833.33
American Funds Balance \$93,368.74 (8/20/2025)



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

This year, we are celebrating all the many ways our church dreams God’s dream and the many ways each of us support that ministry through our giving.

Thank you for helping us “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!

Ways to Connect with us Online

Check out our web page at <https://www.monroevilleucc.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/Monroeville-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.

****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 156 households in October.

Next Date: November 19, 9:00 – Noon (3rd Wednesday of the month)

We are collecting toothpaste this month.

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

November 13 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.

November – Senior Center Home Delivered Meals program



Home Delivered Meals

This meal program is open to any Huron County resident who is 60 years and older. The resident must be homebound and have difficulty preparing their own meal. Meals are delivered to your door weekdays between 10:30am and 1:00 pm by our friendly staff. These meals meet the requirements set forth by the Ohio Department of Aging and are being provided on a "donation basis". Clients are requested to donate to the cost of the service.

In May, 2025, Home Delivered Meals had a waiting list of 94 people. That's 94 elderly neighbors who could use a meal but the center could not afford to help them. To address this list, Senior Enrichment has implemented a "feed a friend" program and is asking the community to donate. For roughly \$5/meal, we can feed a friend for a week for about \$25, or a month for \$100. Let's see how many we can help.

December – The Christmas Fund (UCC)



Monroeville Congregational Community United Church of Christ
Council minutes of meeting on October 13th, 2025

Members Present:

Wayne Chasney – Pastor
Brandon Stewart – President
Scott Horn – Vice President
Melissa Zehnder – Treasurer
Kail Tinker – Secretary
Becky Sparks
Scott Mercer

Pastor Wayne opened with prayer; members repeated the mission statement:

*Come and join us to know God,
Share God's love,
And serve God together!*

September council minutes reviewed by members – motion to accept by Melissa, seconded by Scott M.; motion carried

Pastor Report:

- Correspondence – OBWC preaudit questionnaire; Insurance renewal; money market requires reactivation every 6 months
- Stewardship & Generosity Program update – Brandon S. will preach Nov. 2
- Stewardship letter drafted with Narrative spending plan to be mailed.
- Project Lifesaver Update - \$ with National project – not responsible
- Memorial Projects – Bathroom doors (Abe H to quote); Little Free Library replacement; Sanctuary pews to offer different seating options.
- Stewardship Celebration Nov. 9th – soup & games

Financial report:

- Parsonage rent to current (November); motion made to accept financial report by Becky S.; seconded by Scott M; motion carried.

Christian Ed:

- Horn Hayride 10/18/25
- December 5th – Xmas party

Mission Committee:

- November – Neighbors in Need
- December – Xmas Fund

Building:

- Refrigerator serviced/cleaned; ok that runs constantly
- Parsonage line drain – no notification; WC to contact
- Bathroom updates – doors, Abe H. to quote

Business:

- 2026 Spending Plan reviewed
- Trash Removal – Republic blue bags; motion made by Scott M; 2nd by Scott H; motion carried.
- Communion – Nov 2 – Melissa; Dec 7 – Becky; Xmas Eve – 2 services

Next meeting: November 10th, 7pm

Motion to adjourn by Melissa; seconded by Becky S; motion carried

Submitted by Kail Tinker