

****From Our Members****

Keep In Prayer

*Linda S Lewis P Rollie H Dan L
Pastor Wayne C Lonnie H (Brandon S's friend)
Mike H (Val B's brother)
Jane & Bob S (Jean K's sister & brother)
Our shut-ins: Allen R Joan G Carol J Eloise H*

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.

January Worship

January 4 – John 1:1-18, “In the Beginning”

January 11 – Matthew 3:13-17, “Renewal of Baptism”

January 18 – Guest Preacher, Rev. David Long-Higgins

January 25 – Matthew 4:12-23, “Called to Discipleship”

January Worship Sponsors

January 4 – Becky Sparks, Happy New Year!

January 11 – The Brewers, Blessings for the New Year

January 18 – Open

January 25 – Judy Smith, in celebration of anniversary

On Sunday, January 18, our Heartland Conference Minister, Rev. David Long-Higgins, will be leading worship. After worship, Rev. Dave will be sharing his work with the wider church with our Confirmation class in the undercroft. Anyone interested is welcome to attend!

I want to thank everyone for the generous gift. I am overcome with gratitude for my church family. I am thankful for the opportunity to contribute my time to serve as our treasurer. I look forward to maintaining this position for many years to come. Thank you & God Bless.

Melissa Z

I would like to thank my entire church family for your kindness, understanding, generosity, and gifts for me this past year and especially during my current illness and the holidays. My family and I have been overwhelmed by your love and support. We are truly blessed! Thank you.

Peace, Pastor Wayne

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 Sunday after worship

January 4 – Visitors from the East

January 18 – Simeon & Anna

Winter Bowling Party

Everyone is welcome to join the kids and parents at Kennilee Lanes on January 25 after worship for bowling and pizza!

Thoughts and prayers for **Pastor Wayne** as he continues his course of treatments.



Financial Report **November 2025**

Current Income: \$14,233.10
Current Expenses: \$6595.41
Current Balance: \$3376.54

NFB Income: \$1750.00
NFB Expenses: \$2949.75
NFB Balance: \$56,285.60

Building Balance: \$2239.80
Christian Ed Balance: \$4793.54
Mission Balance: \$2364.54
Memorial Balance: \$3299.48
Total Spending: \$9609.16
Total Income: \$16,088.10
American Funds Balance \$96,218.09(9/30/2025)

As we close the books on 2025, thank you to everyone who supported our mission and ministry. We have finished with a positive balance in our Current account and are ready to continue serving our members, our community, and our world for 2026! We cannot do this without the support of everyone who calls this place their church home. THANK YOU!

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 141 households in December.

Next Date: January 21, 9:00 – Noon (3rd Wednesday of the month)

Big thank you to all our volunteers who keep the Non-Food Bank running by picking up items, organizing the stockroom, and helping during our giveaways. It takes 10-15 volunteers each month to make this ministry happen, not to mention the countless people who donate items and money! Moreover, our volunteers come from several churches and communities, making this a truly ecumenical ministry! What a blessing to be entrusted with this work.

LGBTQ+ Family & Ally Support Group

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 6:30pm. All are welcome.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to work to make our community and our wider world and more welcome and accepting place for all. Come and be a part of a supportive community.

Coffee & Fellowship

January 8 at 8:30am

Lyn Marie's Coffee on Main

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



Blessing Box

The Blessing Box continues to see regular use as we minister to our neighbors close by. Thank you for bringing in non-perishable foods (and non-freezable foods in cold weather).

Monthly Mission Focus

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

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Christmas Fund this year. We gave \$149.25.

Thank you for supporting our Mission Focus each month. If you have a mission you would like to highlight during the year, please talk to a member of the Mission Committee.



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

Members Present:

Wayne Chasney – Pastor (joined by phone)
Brandon Stewart – President
Scott Horn – Vice President
Melissa Zehnder – Treasurer
Scott Mercer

Brandon opened with prayer

Pastor's Report

Wayne didn't have any correspondence to share.

Ruth pitched in and cleaned the bathrooms when CLI was off.

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church!

Wayne is hoping to be here December 14th and 21st.

Wendy will be leading 4pm Worship on Christmas Eve.

No in-person worship on December 28th.

Wayne hopes to be here January 4th on January 11th
Wayne will either record again, or Brandon will lead worship & preach. January 18th, David Long-Higgins will lead worship. January 25th is still to be determined.

Financial Report

The bill for Blake's was \$9,350. The drainpipe was plugged, it was also not attached to the city sewer system. It is now. The city will talk about reimbursing the church at their next meeting.

We have \$9,000 coming from the American funds that will go into replenishing the building fund.

Scott M. motions to accept treasurer's report, Melissa 2nds, all are in favor.

Melissa and Scott M. will count in January.

Funds from the basket auction will go to nonfood bank.

Christian Ed

Christmas dinner last Friday was amazing!

Mission & Nonfood Bank

No report from mission committee or nonfood bank, everything is running smoothly.

Building

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Nothing new on the bathroom updates, still waiting on Abe.

The west window is not installed correctly, squeaking, and bowing in and out when touched. It will be repaired in January. Olde Town was here in June of 2023 last.

Business

Nominations – Expiring Terms

Council: Scott M. has agreed

Wayne is going to check-in with Ben Renwand to return to council, Penny for Mission committee, and Emily for C.E.

The congregational meeting is scheduled for February 1st (Melissa Motioned, Brandon Seconded, all were in favor)

Communion – Christmas Eve (4pm) –Becky

Dave Leibold, the gentleman who does our parking lot in the winter, has agreed to do it this winter at no charge, as long as we are willing to send him a thank you card.

Scott M. moved and Melissa seconded to pay Brandon for the month of December. All present (except Brandon who abstained) voted yes.

The church historical records are in the hands of the church historian, we need to appoint a new church historian and then get the records from her. We're going to revisit this conversation.

It would be easy to accommodate cutting out pews and replacing some of them with chairs. We just need enough people here to coordinate it and do it.

New little free library will be discussed in the spring.

Next meeting is on January 12th at 7pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.