

****From Our Members****

Keep In Prayer

*Peace over War Linda S Lewis P Rollie H
Pastor Wayne C Mike H (Val B's brother in law)
Jane & Bob S (Jean K's sister & brother)
Our shut-ins: Allen R 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.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, Worship at 9:00am with Celebration of Communion

After worship is our Easter Breakfast hosted by Christian Education committee, followed by the annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection.

April Worship

April 5 – John 20:1-18, "I Need the Empty Tomb"
April 12 – John 20:19-31, "Jesus and Thomas"
April 19 – John 21:1-14, "Breakfast with Jesus"
April 26 – John 21:15-19, "Feed My Sheep"

April Worship Sponsors

April 5 – Betty Rhoad-Happy Easter!
April 12 – Becky Sparks-Happy Spring!
April 19 – Open
April 26 – Open

Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who sponsored an Easter flower to decorate our sanctuary Easter morning!



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

This four-lesson session is on Jesus' Beginnings
April 12 – Light and Darkness, 1 John 1:5-10
April 26 – Things We Do and Things We Say, 1 John 3:18-24
May 10 – Making Smart Choices, 3 John 11

Crushers Baseball

Come and join our Sunday school on Friday evening, June 19, for a Lake Erie Crushers baseball game in Avon. Tickets are \$17 but financial assistance is available if needed.

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

Frances Drake withdrew her membership March 1, 2026.



Financial Report **February 2026**

Current Income: \$7926.03
Current Expenses: \$7780.82
Current Balance: \$6736.44

NFB Income: \$200.00
NFB Expenses: \$1353.17
NFB Balance: \$71,429.64

Building Balance: \$2929.80
Christian Ed Balance: \$3949.20
Mission Balance: \$3085.04
Memorial Balance: \$3299.48
Total Spending: \$9663.44
Total Income: \$9928.34
American Funds Balance \$89,905.97(12/31/2025)

Our big project this summer will be replacing the 40ish year-old boilers and replacing them with high-efficiency ones. Council intends to use reserves for this project, but welcomes any special donations if you are able. If you see other needs around the church, please say something to a Council member or Pastor Wayne. We do have Memorial money that is waiting to be spent!

As always, **thank you** for supporting our mission and ministry.

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.

Thank you to everyone who supported our One Great Hour of Sharing special offering in March. OGHS supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response. Your support makes a difference in many lives! Thank you!

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 152 households in the month of March! Our next date is April 15, 9am to noon. We always welcome toothpaste if you want to donate.

LGBTQ+ Family & Ally Support Group

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 6:30pm. All are welcome as we work to create a just and accepting community for all!

Coffee & Fellowship

April 9 at 8:30am
Lyn Marie's Coffee on Main
Come and join us for a time of fellowship as we get together!



Pastor Wayne Update

With still a few weeks to go, I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I continue with daily radiation treatments through April 13 with chemotherapy on each Tuesday until then. My caregivers have assured me, however, that the after-effects will linger for a few weeks beyond that. Oh boy. I remain hopeful that the treatments are a success and we will put this behind us and get back to full ministry, enjoying life, and riding my bicycle! Thank you for your love and support throughout.

Peace,
Pastor Wayne



Monroeville Congregational Community United Church of Christ

Council minutes of meeting on March 9th, 2026

Members Present:

Wayne Chasney – Pastor
Brandon Stewart – President
Scott Horn – Vice President
Melissa Zehnder – Treasurer
Becky Sparks – Secretary
Gil King
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!*

Minutes: February council minutes were reviewed by members. Motion to accept by Scott Mercer, seconded by Melissa Zehnder, motion carried.

Pastor Report:

- Thank You from CLI for a donation for the handicap ramp at Kenilee Lanes.
- Invitation on the Bulletin Board for 160th Service at Flat Rock.
- Utilities are closer to normal-\$298.00
- Donation received from Payne & Nichols Law Firm for Joanne Ghrist memorial.
- Thank You card was signed and sent to Dave Leibold for plowing snow.
- Wayne wanted to let everyone in the congregation know how much he appreciates the cards and well wishes he has received during his cancer treatment.
- April 4th is an Easter Egg hunt down at Clark Park. We will be handing out books.
- Spectrum went from \$85.00 to \$90.20.
- Tom Kagy is helping with Maundy Thursday service. Communion will be served by Becky .
- Wayne's Treatment schedule is radiation every day for the next 5 weeks and chemo every Tuesday.
- Office hours will be M-W-T in the mornings, and Friday will either be in office or working from home.

Financial Report:

- Received memorial money for \$50.00 for Joanne Ghrist.
- Bucket of coins from the pop fund totaled \$52.97. Money will go toward One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Wagon money will go to the Local Missions-Total \$25.69.
- Current-\$6736.44

- NFB-\$750.00 for use of building.
- Gas bills have increased to \$648.00 per month.
- Taylor Ball, Pastor Wayne and Melissa Zehnder are the only people to sign checks for the church. Pastor Wayne will only do it in an emergency. They need to go to PNC to sign papers.
- Motion to accept financial report by Scott Horn and seconded by Scott Mercer. Motion carried.

Christian Ed:

- Easter Breakfast and Sunday School Egg hunt after Easter service.
- Annual Crusher baseball game on Friday June 19th.

Mission Committee:

- One Great Hour of Sharing-donations from the red wagon.

Non-Food Bank:

- Detergent will be bought from a local business-Common Good Collective in 5-gallon jugs.

Building:

- The boiler inspection was on March 2, 2026. Both boilers passed. An Ohio customer Portal needs to be created. Wayne will take care of creating it.

Business:

- Boilers-Waiting on Newt Daiello for a new furnace quote.
- Discussed compensation for Newt Daiello (he never sends us a bill). \$500.00 was agreed upon.
- Motion to send compensation to Newt was made by Scott Mercer and seconded by Becky Sparks. Motion carried.
- West window-Old Towne said it wasn't a window issue but an install issue. Recommended getting a new window.
- Scott Horn requested a second quote from Radiant Windows (Oak Harbor). Waiting on a quote.
- Gil King to talk to Adam Albright to see if he can look at the window.

Other:

- March 22,2026 will be a yard workday.
- The school service day is May 12,2026.

Next Meeting: April 13, 7pm

Motion to adjourn by: Melissa Zehnder and seconded by Scott Mercer

Submitted by Becky Sparks