



I mentioned during my sermons that for us as Christians who follow a liturgical calendar, Easter is a season. Through this season, we will reflect on the way the Resurrected Christ changes our lives, both individually and collectively as the church. Each week during worship, you are invited to create space for the Spirit to draw you closer to the power of the Resurrection. We come together in worship so that we might celebrate God's love in Jesus Christ - this love reminds us that nothing we can do, nothing that we experience will separate us from God and in that promise, we draw the strength we need to make it through each day.

Later this month regular visitors will become new members here at MUM. I love when our church family grows. It is also an important reminder for those who are already members to reaffirm our vows together and our commitment to uphold this congregation with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

I know the month of May can be a busy time for many of us – tests, practices, games, recitals, rehearsals, shows, travel plans, etc.!!!! But I can't wait until we celebrate **PENTECOST** on May 17th. Pentecost is our annual celebration of the birthday of the church- the day the Spirit fell upon the followers of Jesus and gave birth to something new. 2,000 years later, we are the descendants of the spiritual movement of the church. Pentecost is my FAVORITE church holiday and of course we'll have a huge celebration in worship. I hope you will join us.

As we look ahead, the first Sunday in June takes us back to our summer worship schedule. We have a lot of new faces with us for whom this change may be new, so if you have any questions or concerns, let me know.



Looking Ahead

May 3 - Retirement reception for Betty; Greensburg District Conference, Community UMC, 2 pm

May 7 - New Members' Class, 7pm

May 8 - Kids Club, 6-8pm

May 9 - Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8am

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 13 - Max & Erma's fundraiser for VBS, all day

May 16 - Yard Clean-up, 9am; Connections for Women, 9am

May 17 - Pentecost Celebration; New members

May 18 - *MUM Messenger* articles deadline

May 25 - Memorial Day; *MUM Messenger* Mailed



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NOTES TO NOTE



We all agree how beautiful our church grounds can look. Now that spring weather has arrived (maybe), the trustees need help with spring clean-up to spruce up our grounds and landscape.

**We will have
MUM BEAUTIFICATION & CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday, MAY 16, 9:00 am til noon**

Bring your own yard tools as you feel comfortable using. Come for as long as you can. Everyone is invited to help as they are able!
Please contact Chris Laret, if you have questions.



We will hold our 2nd **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Free Market** on Saturday, November 21. Although this is months away, start sorting through attics, basements, storage areas for donations.

We will accept: kitchen dishes, glasses, utensils, pots, pans; decorations; household items; toys and games; small furniture; small kitchen appliances. We will

NOT accept: clothing, TVs, car seats, computers, monitors, etc. or anything broken, stained, torn, or missing parts. *If you wouldn't buy it, please don't donate it.*

PLEASE DO NOT BRING items to the church, yet.

We will let you know this fall when you may bring them in!

Alcoholics Anonymous M.U.Ms The Word Group

Monroeville United Methodist Church
3:00 pm Mondays
219 Center Rd. Monroeville, PA. 15146
-Parking Lot Entrance-



When: September 11-13, 2026

Focus Leaders: Tammi Bentley & Wendy Frase

Theme: *The Wide Open Spaces of God*

Details: Retreat begins at dinner Friday night and ends Sunday at 11am. Cost includes 2 nights lodging & 5 Buffet meals. Single - \$250 pp. Multiple/shared occupancy - \$200 pp.

Location: 941 Laurelville Ln, Mt Pleasant, PA 15666

Deadline to register: August 16, 2026

Link to online form: <https://forms.gle/HoreUctzJySrJAam8>. Forms are also available on the bulletin board in the back hall



8:45 am Seekers Adult Class
10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Online
Sunday School Ages 3-12th grade (following Children's Sermon)



Join us in celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, May 17, for spirit-filled worship as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. Wear red, orange or yellow!
There will be a "Birthday" party in room 7 following the service.



The 9 am park service is led by our band, as well as soloists/special music. It is a more relaxed worship format offered in the beauty of an outdoor setting. Our site is easily accessible with sun and shade, easy parking, level sidewalk and restrooms! There is a playground where kids can go. Dress casually and bring a blanket or lawn chair.

In the event of rain, we will meet at the church. We will update Facebook and email if we are moving to the church.

The 11 am sanctuary service is our regular more traditional service with the time changed to 11 am for the summer. The service includes liturgy and hymns, as well as soloists/special music.

No Sunday School during the summer.

You are invited to the
GREENSBURG DISTRICT
CONFERENCE
Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 2:00-3:30pm

Community UMC
3487 Rte. 130, Harrison City

* meeting is held to conduct necessary business of the district.

YTD Finance Update end of Mar. 2026
Revenue: \$135,842 Expenses: \$108,152



Our MUM Cares donations to the Garden City Food Pantry for the May 14 distribution will focus on summer fun and picnic items. Condiments, paper plates, cups, silverware, trash bags, table cloths, paper napkins, hand sanitizers, bug spray, etc. Drop off items in the shopping cart near the back door.

CHURCH FAMILY, CONT.

After over 23 years of faithful service, Betty Henderson will be retiring effective April 30 from her position as the Coordinator of Communications for the church. We have been very blessed by Betty's ministry and she will be missed on staff. Luckily for us Betty will still be a regular fixture at MUM.

Since we are unable to hire someone to replace Betty, if you have any communication needs or questions, please reach out to Karen Marci or Rev. Kelly. Moving forward we will also be looking for volunteers to help with the communication work.

We will be having a Thank You reception for Betty on May 3 after the service. Please stop by and say thanks to Betty for all her years of hard work.

Tammi Bentley -- Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee

Communications Note: For bulletin insert and newsletter articles, contact Communications@MonroevilleUMC.org or MUMC@MonroevilleUMC.org You can also call the church office for information as we adjust the communications duties that you may need, **412-372-7474**.

CELEBRATING
40
YEARS

This month, we celebrate a truly remarkable milestone in the life of our church family. For 40 years, Karen (our church Administrative Assistant) has faithfully served with dedication, care, and strength. Through countless phone calls, bulletins, meetings, and moments both joyful and challenging, her steady presence has helped shape the life and ministry of this congregation in ways both seen and unseen. Her work has not simply been a job—it has been a ministry of hospitality, organization, compassion, and commitment.

We give thanks to God for the gifts she has shared so generously over these four decades.

Her faithfulness has been a blessing to generations within this church, and her impact will continue to be felt for time to come.

We invite you to join in expressing your gratitude. Whether through a card, a note, or a word of thanks, please take a moment to let her know how much her service has meant to you and to our church family.

With deep appreciation and joy, *Rev Kelly*

ACTION NEWS from Caring Connections -- Baseball season is here, and just as batters “step up to the plate,” so do MUMbers, ready to take ACTION at all times, whenever and wherever there is a need! Caring Connections appreciates all of the card-signers, card-makers, soup & muffins-makers, soup & muffins-deliverers, and friendly visitors to MUM’s homebound. All are “cheer-bringers” who brighten the lives of others by sharing God’s love. Thank you for caring and for serving in so many ways, wherever and however God is calling you!

Please know that Caring Connections would also like to encourage children to share their gift of creativity and love with our homebound folks by submitting some of their special drawings or “works of art” to Caring Connections. Who wouldn’t feel happy and blessed to receive one of these special gifts of love from a child? (Drawings should be no larger than what would fit into a 6” x 9” mailing envelope and can be left on the back of the Action Desk.) As always, if you have any questions or new ideas, let Penny or Lisa know or call the church office. Thank you!

KIDS & YOUTH



Kids Club
at Monroeville United Methodist Church
Friday, May 8th 6-8pm
Register Here
All kids, preschool-5th grade,
are invited to join us.

<https://forms.gle/nHNSaop5sSQsimG9>



ATTENTION! GRADUATES!!

Are you a student graduating from high school, college, graduate school, trade school or other post-high school program? If you are an adult, have you completed a degree or certificate since last year? We would love to recognize our MUM students for their accomplishments. We will honor our grads this summer. Please contact Rev. Kelly with the student’s name, the school they are graduating from, degree or diploma received, and future plans at

RevKelly@MonroevilleUMC.org.

412-372-7474.

Notes from Natalie:

*Our Christian Education Ministry will hold a Max & Erma’s (2740 Mossie Blvd.) fundraiser for VBS on Wednesday, May 13. Present the flyer that we will have at church any time on 5/13 and a percentage of your food purchase will be donated to our Christian Education Fund. Enjoy a good meal & support our kids!

*We are looking for volunteers to help at VBS, July 20-24, in the evening. If you can help, please contact Natalie Frydryck.

* August 3-7, our youth will go to Uth4Mission, our Conference youth mission trip program. We are looking for sponsors to help defray costs for our youth.

*MUM will be participating in the 4th of July Parade in Monroeville. We will be in touch with more information soon.

Please contact Natalie Frydryck, if you are interested in any of the above opportunities.

MUMYouth@MonroevilleUMC.org



Summer Church Camp 2026 - Registration is OPEN!

Check out the options and see what works for your child or youth! MUM will help with the cost for each student from our church who attends summer church camp. Reach out to Rev. Kelly for more information about camping, registration and MUM’s camp funding.

[Camp Allegheny](#), near Somerset, PA.

[Jumonville](#), in Hopwood, PA,

[Wesley Woods](#), located in Grand Valley, PA

CHECK OUT the CAMP WEBSITES!