

An opportunity that can fit into YOUR schedule...

Communion is an important sacrament in our faith journey. But for those who are home-bound or living in a health care facility, it's something they often miss. Caring Connections is re-starting this ministry that has been important to our MUM-bers over the years.

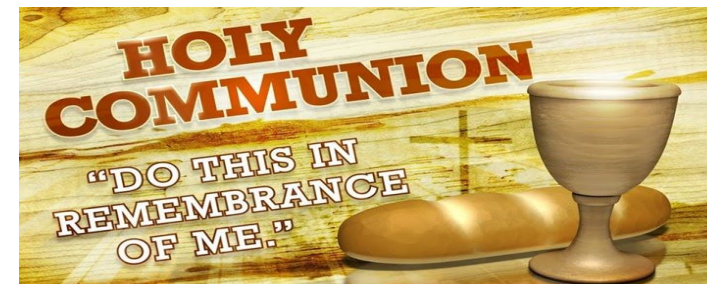
We are looking for someone to lead the **Communion Care Ministry**:

- * Coordinate 2-person Communion Care teams to deliver Communion monthly
- * Prepare "traveling" Communion kits each month (we already have all the supplies needed)
- * Minimal time commitment, and on YOUR schedule !!

Please reach out to Lori Hughes at musicnotes@comcast.net or contact the church office with your interest in either leading this ministry or being a part of a 2-person team to deliver Communion. (Everything you need to do and say is in the Communion Care kits).

Thank you for helping to meet this need,
Caring Connections

Ed. Note - having helped deliver Christmas gifts to members who cannot get to church, it was a joy to talk and visit with them. However, it was sad to realize that we have MUM members who have not been able to come to church or receive Communion in over 4 years (that pesky 2020 virus) and really miss it. It is so exciting that we may be able to reach out now. Thanks to Lori and Caring Connections!



Looking Ahead

May 5 - Blood Drive at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish

May 11 - Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8am

May 12 - Mother's Day!

May 18 - MUM Yard Clean-up Day, 8am-noon; Connections for Women, 9am

May 19 - Pentecost! Celebration following worship

May 20 - Messenger articles deadline

May 24 - Kids Club, 6pm

May 25 - Pirates Walk for Mental Health, 9am PNC Park

May 26 - Last Sunday before summer schedule

May 27 - Memorial Day, church closed

May 28 - MUM Messenger mailed

June 2 - Summer schedule: park worship 9am, in the sanctuary 11am



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 Rev. Kelly's weekly day off is Friday.



We all agree how beautiful the church looked for Easter, both inside and out! The latter because of the hard work MUM volunteers did last year. Please help continue our tradition this year as well. We will have MUM BEAUTIFICATION DAY MAY 18, 8:00 am til noon Bring you own yard tools as you feel comfortable using. Come for as long as you can. Everyone is invited! Contact Chris Laret, if you have questions.

2024 MUM Olmsted Women's Retreat *From Fruitiness to Fruitfulness: A Simple Recipe*

Come join us for our 2024 Women's Retreat as we learn together through scripture, prayer, discussion, and fellowship. The retreat will be led by Wendy Frase and she has lots of special things in store for us as we experience a simple recipe for shifting our lives from fruitiness to fruitfulness.

When: Friday, October 11-Sunday, October 13

Where: Olmsted Manor Adult Retreat Center, Ludlow PA

Cost: \$200 Single or \$180 Shared/Double for 2 nights lodging and 6 meals.

Deposit: \$50 due by August 18, 2024.

How to register: Click this link: [this form](#) or request a hard paper copy for completion.

Registration questions or financial assistance: Please contact Tammi Bentley at 412-951-9063 or bentleytj@comcast.net

Other questions: Wendy Frase, Ruth Woods, Beth Augustine, or Debbie Baird.

Take a Walk for a Good Cause.... with MUM's Health & Wellness Team

PIRATES CHARITIES FAMILY WALK
benefitting Mental Health Programming
presented by AHN

Saturday, May 25, 9:00 am at PNC Park

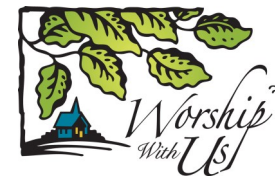
Stroll throughout the best ballpark in America, enjoying unparalleled views of the city and end on the field for a unique and memorable experience. The 2-mile leisurely route (at your own pace) will take fans through different parts of the ballpark, ending on home plate! Meet players, coaches, and their families at PNC Park as they participate in the walk. Following the walk, enjoy a carnival on the Riverwalk and the opportunity to learn about our area's local mental health resources.

Donation Registration Fee \$40 per person (with a team/group); supports local Mental Health and Wellness programs. And you receive these perks:

Voucher for two (2) tickets to any home game May 25 - June 23; First 2,000 registrants receive a free t-shirt; Opportunity to meet and interact with Pirates players and mascots; Five (5) carnival tickets for games and more
Event proceeds from the Family Walk will support **Pirates Charities** and **AHN's Chill Mobile Program for schools..**

For more details, go to
www.pirates.com/familywalk

To register with the MUM group, contact: Joshua Hughes @ mumhealthandwellness@outlook.com or sign up on the MUM bulletin board near the Narthex



Sunday Schedule

8:45 am Seekers Adult Class

10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Online

Sunday School Ages 3 years -12th grade (after Children's Sermon)

Room 4 is available for those with infants/toddlers who need some space.



Wander the Park This Summer

The Health and Wellness Team invites you to join in for park walking, following our summer services at Monroeville Park West. Not only get your body moving, at your own pace, but experience God in all the natural beauty found in the park. Hope you can wander with us!



Join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 for a spirit-filled worship celebration topped off with a Church Birthday Party. Wear red, orange or yellow, if you want.

Our designated Easter offerings totaled \$1915.15. We sent \$638.38 each to Jeremiah's Place, Four Corners Native American Ministry, and the Heifer Project. Our Outreach Ministry thanks you for your generous sharing with others at this holy time as we live our vision of **Serving God! Sharing Love! Changing Lives!**

Year to Date Finance Update, end of March 2024:

Revenue: \$109,534 Expenses: \$96,453

If you would like a copy of our church finance reports, please contact Leslie at 412-372-7474 or Financialsec@MonroevilleUMC.org.



Donate to MUM's ministries online through the code or at www.MonroevilleUMC.org

Checks made out to Monroeville UMC or cash worktoo!

CHURCH NOTES

Dear MUM Church,
I want to thank you so much for all your thoughts & prayers for my healing process. Thank you also for the Easter basket goodies! I loved everything in it. It was wonderful and your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. I started physical therapy this week and feel so much better already. My healing process is to take 19-11 months but I am hoping it will be less. Thank you, also, to Penny and Lisa for visiting. I really enjoyed our visit. I'm hoping to be back to church soon. Thanks for everything,

Always,
Marcy Ridgeway

Dear Church Congregation,
Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, Rev. Kelly's visit and the beautiful quilt. I am sure this all helped me recover from my recent surgery. Hope to see you in church.

Love and Prayers,
Joyce Bent

Dear MUM Quilters,
I wanted to thank you for the wonderful lap quilt. It's so perfect and just beautiful. I was raised in a quilting family. I have quilts on our beds & hanging for display. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. It was greatly appreciated.

Always,
Marcy Ridgeway

MUM Library - How many of you know we have a MUM Library and where it is? It might be hard to find - we often keep the door closed as the library has not been kept up-to-date in organization in the past few years. We are gathering a team to evaluate our library/multi-use needs. You can help by removing anything you have put in the library to store - flower arrangements, knick knacks, bins with supplies (markers, pencils, etc.), stuff on the desk, etc. It is a beautiful room, but right now does not have an appealing presentation to invite people in to browse our book collection or hold a meeting. You are welcome to borrow books, but since our card system may be hidden, just take them out and bring them back in two weeks without signing out.

We have *The Upper Room* daily devotional magazine in our Narthex literature racks. They are available in regular and large-print editions for anyone who wants one (donations appreciated). They delivered several times a year. The rack is beside the parlor - *Upper Room* on top right.

PHOTO NOTICE UPDATE: There are times when we post photos and videos of church events in the church, in the newsletter, on our website, on Facebook and other social media. In addition all of our church services are live-streamed on Facebook/YouTube. Congregation members may be shown in various situations - in the pews, taking communion, leaving church, during children's time, etc. If you attend the church service, please assume that you and your children may be shown in group views as part of the congregation. If you do not want your image or your minor child's image, whether photograph or video, used for noncommercial distribution within the church (newsletters, bulletins, bulletin boards, etc.) or outside of the congregation (internet, newspaper), please notify the church. For live-streamed events, we cannot tell who might be captured incidentally and cannot guarantee you will not be in camera range. All new members are required to sign photo releases with their preferences. We also require photo releases for minors attending events before we will use their images in single or small-group shots. We do not use children's last names on our website or social media, nor do we "tag" anyone. ~Betty Henderson, 724-733-4768 or Communications@MonroevilleUMC.org

KIDS & YOUTH STUFF



Join us for our final weeks of Sunday School for the school year!

May 5th – *Abide in Love*

May 12th – *Matthias is Chosen*

May 19th – **Pentecost Celebration**

May 26th – **Fun & Games**

COMING THIS SUMMER...

Vacation Bible School

July 20th-August 2nd

5-8pm

Registration coming soon



**Friday, May 24th
6-8 pm**

This May is our final Kids Club for the school year.
To celebrate a successful year of fun, this month will be
Kids Club Family Night.

Join us for games, crafts, and a delicious cook-out to celebrate a great year as we look forward to the summer!



Our youth are planning to go on a Uth 4 Missions mission trip to Jumonville this summer, July 15-19, but they need another adult or so to go. If you are interested in helping with the youth on the trip, please contact Natalie Frydryck at MUMYouth@MonroevilleUMC.org to find out more about our youth in mission!