

the good news is...

inspiring us to act	even Judas gets his feet washed	revealed through non-violence	alive in the world
			
Palm/Passion Sunday 10am	Maundy Thursday 7:30pm @ Garden City UMC	Good Friday 7:30pm	Sunrise Service 6:30am @ Boyce Park Easter Sunday 10am
			



Looking Ahead

Apr. 2 - Maundy Thurs., at Garden City UMC, 7:30pm

Apr. 3 - Good Friday, at MUM, 7:30pm

April 5 - Happy Easter!
 Boyce Park, 6:30am;
 Church, 10:00am

Apr. 6 - Office closed

Apr. 10 - Kids Club, 6-8pm

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

Apr. 12 - Quilts; Baptism

Apr. 18 - Connections for Women, 9am; Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm

Apr. 23 - Veterans' Breakfast

Apr 20 - MUM Messenger articles deadline

Apr. 27 - MUM Messenger Mailed



**Monroeville United
 Methodist Church**
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 Sharing Love . . .
 Changing Lives!*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 2: Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm: Jesus' Last Supper

*The joint service will be at Garden City UMC, 500 Laurel Drive.
 Rev. Kelly Smith preaching

April 3: Good Friday, 7:30 pm: Remembrance of Christ's Crucifixion

*The joint service will be here at Monroeville UMC.
 Rev. Scott Gallagher preaching.

April 5: Easter Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection!

6:30 am: Sunrise Service, Commissioners Field in Boyce Park (on Old Frankstown Rd.) Bring a lawn chair and maybe a blanket.

10:00 am: Easter Worship at MUM!

All services at MUM will be in-person & online on Facebook & YouTube.

Maundy Thursday Service at Garden City will be in-person & on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/GCUMCmonroeville/ (and shared on our page)



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NOTES TO NOTE

Spaghetti
FUNDRAISER

Monroeville United Methodist Church

Saturday, April 18th
4-7pm

Tickets - \$10
 13 & Under - \$8
 2 & Under - Free

Be sure to check out our Silent Auction!

Tickets are available after church in the Narthex or in the office during the week.
 Sign up in the Narthex to volunteer to set up & tear down, help in the kitchen, or serve.

Monroeville United Methodist Church

Kids Club

April 10th
6-8pm

All kids, preschool-5th grade, are invited to join us.

Kids Club April '26 Sign Up

Register Here

HOLY HANDS QUILTERS



HOLY HANDS

On Sunday, April 12th, we will have the Blessing of the Quilts during our worship service. Thank you to Rev. Kelly who has us all raise our hands toward the quilts

as she offers a prayer and to you all who participate in this blessing.

Many times we receive notes of thanks from the quilt recipients. We want to share a recent one with you because we all support this ministry through our giving to MUM.

“Thank you so very much for the beautiful quilt. I know it was made with prayers - which I really needed. Thanks to those prayers. I am so much better - you did it! So much thought had to go into the creation - the beautiful warm colors and lovely design. It is keeping me warm on these cold, cold evenings. May God bless each of you and all others you pray for.”



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>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Seekers Adult Classes
Sundays at 8:45 am in the Church Parlor
Mondays at 7:00 pm on ZOOM
No Classes April 5 and April 6.

The current book is *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, by John Shelby Spong. If you want to join the discussion, please contact Leslie Thorsen for a book, Zoom link or information at 412-372-7474 or FinancialSec@MonroevilleUMC.org.

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study is the second Saturday of the month at 8 am. The group meets in-person for breakfast (\$7) and on Zoom. Rev. Kelly leads the Bible Study. The next meeting will be **Saturday, April 11 at 8 am**. Please email Kevin Whitfield at kevinwhitfield@msn.com to RSVP.

Connections for Women meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 am. ALL WOMEN are invited to come! There will be a program and time to connect with each other. Please bring your own mug for coffee or tea. The next meeting is **Saturday, April 18 at 9 am** in Fellowship Hall.

KIDS & YOUTH

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, offers campers excitement, energy and experience in the outdoors. Believe it or not, it is possible to have the best day ever, every day at Camp Allegheny! Through engaging Bible exploration time, fun activities, and exciting times of worship, campers will have fun, be safe, and grow more in their faith.

Jumonville, nestled on the outskirts of Hopwood, PA, is a place where the power of God will change your life. The Cross of Christ will greet you before you even get here. Jumonville summer camp is a fun, friendly, faith-building sleep-away program for all ages. Located about 50 miles south of Pittsburgh, Jumonville hosts 3-6 day programs for ages 6-18.

Wesley Woods, located in Grand Valley, PA, deepens your spiritual connection as you encounter God through fellowship and worship. Wesley Woods Summer programs are centered around the ministry of Jesus Christ and the ministry of Christianity. It is our goal to create a welcoming environment that is an echo of the embrace that we receive from Jesus. With programs like adventure, sports, fine arts, special interest camps, little camps for our junior campers, and exceptional persons camp, Wesley Woods has something to offer everyone.

REACHING OUT



Our traditional **Easter Offering** has been designated by our Outreach Ministry to be given to two local organizations:

The United Methodist Church Union, www.churchunion.org: A year ago a fire destroyed The Learning Hub - an after-school and summer program serving children of Northview Heights. Kidcelerate serves more than 400 children with tutoring, field trips, arts education and meals. Programs have continued in temporary spaces and they are breaking ground this year to build a new facility which will be larger and provide even more opportunities!

Casa San José, <https://casasanjose.org/en/> connects, supports, and advocates for the Latino Community in Pittsburgh. They help provide support for the community through connections to social services, health and wellness, youth programs, education & professional development, and community organizing. They will launch a new community center this year.

The Easter Offering consists of donations in Easter Offering envelopes, offerings clearly noted as being for the Easter Offering on your check and envelope, or offerings donated through our online giving that are designated for **Easter**.



MUM CARES for April will focus on some basic non-perishable foods that are always needed, such as cereal, mac & cheese, canned tuna & chicken, stews, soups, noodles, pasta, powdered milk, etc. Think of items you would want to have for meals without having to add a lot of extra ingredients that you might not have available.



We will hold our 2nd **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Free Market** on Saturday, November 21. We want to let you know early to 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 to bring them in.



Calling all Vets!

We have partnered with the **Veterans Breakfast Club (VBC)** to host a breakfast program at MUM on **Thursday April 23, 8:30-10:30 am**. The breakfast is provided by MUM, free to all Veterans. **RSVP by calling 412**

-623-9029 or emailing betty@veteransbreakfastclub.org

Find more information about the Veterans Breakfast Club and details about events at <https://veteransbreakfastclub.org/about/>