

The Monroe Doctrine



May 2012

Fit for life



“Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.” - 1 Timothy 4:7 (Phillips Translation)

Physical fitness has become a billion dollar a year industry in the United States. At any given time you can find an infomercial on

television featuring the latest fitness product on the market. I especially like the creative names of the fitness equipment in recent years like “The Thigh Master,” “The Abdominizer,” and “The Gut-Be-Gone.”

Most of the fitness products also come with a training video. Whether it’s “Sweatin’ to the Oldies” with Richard Simmons, Winsor Pilates, Beach Body, Zumba, Jim-Bob’s “Country Line Aerobics,” or Billy Banks Taebo, they all promise the same thing. If you’ll follow their training plan, you can be physically fit in a matter of days. In reality we know physical fitness doesn’t happen overnight. It takes developing a personalized regular routine and staying with it. This is also true of our spiritual lives.

It is great to work on our physical fitness, but don’t neglect your spiritual fitness either. The Apostle Paul writes, “Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things,

holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” 1 Tim. 4:7-8.

It’s good to be physically fit, but it’s even better to be spiritually fit. Maybe we should produce some videos on spiritual fitness like “Prayers of Steel,” or “Sermons of Brimstone.”

Let us exercise those spiritual disciplines: prayer and meditation, fasting, scripture reading, journaling, etc. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will “Pump You Up.” See you Sunday.

--Pastor Tim

Worship Highlights

May 6	Holy Communion
May 13	Mother’s Day
May 20	Leadership Day
May 27	Pentecost

Mother’s Day

A special mother’s day service is planned for May 13. There will be special music, testimonies, and gifts for all the ladies. Please don’t miss this wonderful day to remember our mothers.

Lay Leadership Sunday

We are planning a Lay Leadership session on May 20 following the 10:45 service. After the last worship service of the day, we will gather for a light meal followed by a time of prayer and visioning for the future. Everyone is certainly urged to be part of this important time, especially

the members of the Administrative Council. We will gather around noon and plan to conclude between 2:00 and 2:30 PM.

Pastoral Care Team visiting



A new visitation team has formed within the church. **Susan and Bill Childers** and **Ann Copeland**, along with **Mary Ann Leeds** and the We Care team, and **Flo Davidson** and the Good Shepherd

team are assisting **Pastor Tim** in reaching out to our homebound as well as to other situations of need that arise. Pastor Tim will still be out visiting routinely at the hospitals, with our homebound, and others, but this team of compassionate friends will also be out to pray, listen and support you in your times of need. The We Care Team will also continue to deliver Holy Communion, upon request, to those who cannot attend church. If you would like to have a visit from Pastor Tim, contact him at the church office at 539-7290 or email monroeminister@cinci.rr.com. You may also check the box on the back of the communication card in the weekly bulletin.

Good Fellowship to meet

Good Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, May 1, at 6:00 PM in Atchley Hall. Please bring a covered dish, dessert or salad to share and your own table service.

UMW to meet

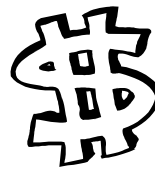
The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, May 17, at 1:00 PM at the home of **Lenora Housh**, 630 Seminary Drive, Mount Pleasant. Hostesses will be **Pat Garrett** and **Shirley Hall**. The program will be announced later. Please bring peanut butter or jelly for Hope House. All women are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact **Ellen**

Osterman at 539-8896.

MUMC RR Club

The next Railroad Club meeting will be Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 AM in Melvin's Room, at which we'll "show & tell" models. We also plan to book the Cincinnati Dinner Train at a later date. The cost is \$74.50 per person, including tax but not the gratuity. With eight or more, we get a 10 per cent discount. The dinner train departs from the Madison Road station at 6:00 PM on Saturdays. On board, they will serve four courses, with a choice of hickory smoked prime rib, salmon with a spicy hoisin glaze, or boneless chicken breast sautéed in white wine sauce. Details can be found at <http://www.cincinnati-railway.com/dinnertrain/>. See **Brad Jonas**, **Phil Lacefield**, or **Jerry Michael** if you are interested. All aboard!

Finance Update



As of the end of March we have a deficit of \$3,580 which is better than we had projected for budget purposes. Year to date total actual giving was \$82,367 while year to date total actual expenses were \$85,956.

We received a letter from West Ohio Conference thanking the church for paying 100% of our 2011 apportionments, which support United Methodist Ministries across the West Ohio Conference and throughout the world.

The Kroger Neighborhood Rewards program will be replaced beginning May 1, 2012, with the Kroger Community Rewards Program. The new program will provide for easier participation. No re-loadable gift cards are required; rewards are linked to your registered Kroger Plus Card; and registration is an easy secure on-line process. We appreciate all members who have participated in the Kroger gift card program and encourage all to register your Kroger Plus Card in the new program. We will provide more information once we receive our exclusive organization number which will be needed for you to register your Kroger Plus Card.

Two return from Emmaus



As she completed the Walk to Emmaus on April 22, **Sara Hicks** said she was “meant to be here at this time” and that “God knew my name.” **Pat Williams** said, “I know God brought me

here and I know why. I never have felt so much love before.” The two were pilgrims on Northern Lights Women's Walk #35 at Lebanon UMC. **Jennifer Lacefield** served on the Walk team.

The next set of Walks by the Northern Lights Community will not be until the summer of 2013. The next Men's Walk will be June 20 – 23, 2013, and the next Women's Walk will be July 18 – 21, 2013. Both will be at Lebanon UMC. If you'd like to attend, contact the **Lacefields** or the **Laphams** or any of the more than 100 people from our church who've been on the Walk.

Librarian wanted

The Adult Ministries Committee needs someone to dust off, organize, and maintain the Church Library located in Melvin's Room. If you have a love of books and would be willing to help, please contact **Debby** or **Phil Davis**.

Devotionals available

Current copies of *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals are available in the narthex and at the Welcome Centers We invite you to pick up a copy to enrich your spiritual life.

Graduation Sunday



Graduation Sunday will be June 3. Graduates will be recognized on this day at all of our worship services. If you are graduating from high school or college, please notify the church office.

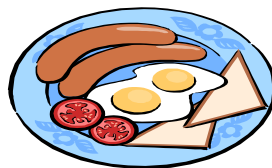
The entire congregation wants to share in your achievement.

Softball field

A group of volunteers has been working on

installing a new ball diamond in Sackett Field just east of the church. Anyone interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact the church office. We hope to erect a new backstop through donations. Pickup games are planned for later this year.

Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 5, at 9:00 AM. Those helping to cook and set up tables, please meet at 8:00 AM.

VBS dates set



This year's Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 8, through Thursday, July 12. You can register in the church

office or on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/mumc-vbs>. If you would like to volunteer you help, contact **Kelly Waugh**.

Upward Sports Camp



Upward Sports Football and Cheerleading Camp for Kindergarten through 6th Grade will be held July 16 - 19, from 6:30 - 8:45 PM at Monroe United

Methodist Church. Early registration fee is \$30; after June 24, the cost is \$40. Deadline is July 9. For information and registration forms email UpwardSportsMUMC@gmail.com or call 539-7290.

There's three of them!

Josh and **Melissa Evans** are happy to report the birth of their triplets, Kellan - 5 lb. 4 oz., Brennen – 3 lb. 4 oz., and Cade – 4 lb. 11 oz. on Monday, April 23. If you would like to help with meals, go to <http://mealbaby.com/viewregistry/13646775> and register. Then you can sign up for a day or days to provide a meal. Of course, if you're not into Internet, you can call Melissa at 539-8841.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30/9:30/10:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM B.L.A.ST. Sunday School 12:00 PM Music Appreciation Reception/narthex 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Webbs using Atchley Hall 5:00 PM "Folks in Crisis" @ Wesner's house 5:00 PM JumpStart (jr. youth group) 5:00 PM Youth movie night - "bring-a-friend" 6:00 PM "Parenting" class/parlor	30 7:00 PM Zumba	1 10:00 AM Share Group 6:00 PM Good Fellowship dinner/AH	2 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Alpha @ Lapham's house 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Zumba	3 10:00 AM EALS Book Discussion Group @ Beans & Brew 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Marriage Works/Ohio in Melvin's Room 7:00 PM Praise Team/AH	4 7:00 PM Zumba	5 8:00 AM Zumba (master's class only) 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast
6 8:30/9:30/10:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM B.L.A.ST. Sunday School 10:00 AM Teen Sunday School 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Girl Scouts using Atchley Hall 5:00 PM "Folks in Crisis" @ Wesner's house 6:30 PM Adult Handbells/MR 7:00 PM Basketball 7:00 PM Worship Concert for Teens @ Bethany UMC	7 7:00 PM Missions Committee/parlor 7:00 PM Zumba	8 10:00 AM Share Group 7:00 PM Finance Committee/MR 7:00 PM Line dancing 7:00 PM SPRC meeting	9 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Alpha @ Lapham's house 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Zumba	10 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Marriage Works/Ohio in Melvin's Room 7:00 PM Praise Team/AH	11 7:00 PM Zumba	12 8:00 AM Zumba (master's class only) 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Youth "Mom & Me Night Out" dinner @ Spaghetti Factory/Fairfield & event @ Covenant Community Church 7:00 PM Adult Handbells rehearsal/sanctuary
13 8:30/9:30/10:45 AM Worship No Youth Activities 9:30 AM B.L.A.ST. Sunday School 10:00 AM Teen Sunday School 10:45 AM Adult Handbells playing 5:00 PM "Folks in Crisis" @ Wesner's house 6:00 PM "Parenting" class/parlor 7:00 PM Basketball	14 7:00 PM Zumba	15 10:00 AM Share Group 7:00 PM Line dancing 7:00 PM Trustees/MR	16 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Alpha @ Lapham's house 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Zumba	17 10:00 AM EALS Book Discussion Group @ Beans & Brew 1:00 PM United Methodist Women @ Lenora Housh's house 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Marriage Works/Ohio in Melvin's Room 7:00 PM Praise Team/AH	18 7:00 PM Zumba	19 8:00 AM Zumba (master's class only) 9:00 AM Model Railroading meeting
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Happy Birthday

May Birthdays

- 1 – Kayden Hall
Arlene Horton
- 2 – Joe Ihle
Sharon Warmoth
Melanie Flower
Jenny DeBord
- 3 – Samantha Streibick
Lynne Alleman
- 4 – Ron Tubbs
- 5 – Ed MacDonald
Monica Elliott
Tommy Guido
Ty Yalich
- 6 – Rachael Brookshire
- 7 – Andy Garitson
Olivia Fields
- 9 – Eric Thompson
- 11 – Patricia Hall
Hannah Brookshire
Chris Cox
Ryan Staton
- 12 – Larry Daniel
- 13 – Patrick Schlamb
Matthew Fink
Emily Izor
- 14 – Isaac Firth
- 15 – Tonya Deem
- 17 – Susan DeHart
- 19 – Annette Brumberg
- 20 – Rob Kilburn
Debbie Gillum
Colby Gillum
- 21 – Richard Carpenter
- 23 – Jeff Zimmerman
- 24 – Brittany Henson
Paula Holman
- 25 – David Passet
- 26 – Kaylie Craft
Marty Hatcher
Lily Salyers
Ethan Thompson
- 27 – Noah Fults
Libbie Lolli
- 28 – Reed Musgrove
Jennifer Lacefield
Ryan Copeland
- 31 – Emily Essig
Isabel Fults
Giselle Sanvee

Happy Anniversary

May Anniversaries

- 1 – Brenda & Bill Leeds
- 2 – Michele & Brett Guido
- 3 – Sue & Bob Garver
- 4 – Tracy & Ty Yalich
- 11 – Phyllis & Jerry Michael
- 17 – Sarah & Kyle Kilburn
- 24 – Anne & Jerry Lapham
- 26 – Marian & Charles Hattery
Kelly & Tim Waugh
- 27 – Amanda & Ryan Hogan
- 28 – Giselle & David Sanvee
- 29 – Lois & Branch Shay

**We send special anniversary
greetings to
SUE & BOB GARVER
as they celebrate 55 years of
marriage**

Recent Statistics...

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
April 1	344	\$9,161
April 8	468	\$6,686
April 15	261	\$9,109
April 23	265	\$3,662

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mission Statement:

*Shining the light on the hill by connecting with Jesus Christ,
connecting with each other, and connecting with the world.*

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