


**WELCOME** WELCOME members and guests! Attendance books are located at the end of each row. Please take a moment to share your contact information with us. We are glad you selected this church as your place of worship today and hope you will come again. Please stop by one of our information centers to learn more about our church.

**WORSHIP** TRADITIONAL 8:30AM & 11AM  
CONTEMPORARY 9AM & 11AM  
BAYOU 7AM FOUNDRY 9AM

**NURSERY** For infants & toddlers through age 4. Rooms 36 & 38.

**KIDS** Kid's Church (Pre-K4 -2nd grade) at **9AM & 11AM** worship services following the offering, held in Room 30. **\*\*Kids must be potty trained to participate in Kid's Church.**

**COMMUNICATIONS** Sign up for our newsletter & other communications! Email us at [info@firstmethodistmonroe.com](mailto:info@firstmethodistmonroe.com) or call the church office 318-325-7335.

**GIVE**  Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383, go to [FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM/GIVE](http://FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM/GIVE), or Scan the QR code

**WEB** Sundays at **9AM & 11AM**  
[firstmethodistmonroe.com/watch](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com/watch)  
Facebook: @methodistmonroe  
YouTube: @firstmethodistmonroe

**TV** Sundays **11AM**  
The CW & ABC KAQY  
(when not preempted by special programming)

**RADIO** Sundays **8:30AM**  
KMLB 540AM

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**EMILY MARTIN**


Director of Hospitality


- From Monroe, LA
- Graduated from Neville High School and LSU
- Staff member since Aug. 2023
- Married to Wes Martin for 14 years with 2 children, Walker 11 and Levi 9.
- Favorite Candy: Anything chocolate!
- Favorite Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:7

*For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.*

**VBS**  
**JULY 13-17**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY | 8:30AM-11:30AM

**SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**  
Cokesbury Kids  
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD



 Contact Jackie Kitchingham if you would like to serve at VBS! Scan our Amazon Wishlist QR code to help purchase VBS supplies!

**REGISTER BY JULY 1ST**  
**& be entered to win an iPad!**

**VBS T-SHIRT ON SALE! >>>**



**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

**MADE TO MULTIPLY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**  
**9AM-5PM**



We are looking for people who are ready to grow in their faith. Join us as we learn simple yet essential steps every Christian should know to engage new people, share their faith story, and disciple new believers. Admission is free, and lunch will be provided. See Pastor Craig for more information, and scan the QR code to register.

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## THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2026  
8:30am & 11:00am

**PRELUDE** \_\_\_\_\_ Hunt Neely, Organist

**THE GREETING** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. John O'Leary

**(Text "HERE" to 318-217-8383)**

**\*HYMN #98** \_\_\_\_\_ *To God Be the Glory*

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Kem Alexander

The Apostles' Creed

### \*GLORIA PATRI

All are invited to pray at the altar.  
Please come down during the Gloria Patri.

### THE PASTORAL PRAYER

**(Text "PRAY" to 318-217-8383)**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**\*HYMN #365** \_\_\_\_\_ *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer

**(Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383)**

**THE OFFERTORY** \_\_\_\_\_ Paris

*How Beautiful*  
Westminster Bells  
Marcy Hall, Director

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the Children's Message all Pre-K4 - 2nd graders  
are invited to Kid's Church, in Room 30,  
during the 9am & 11am services.

**SCRIPTURE READING** \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 9:9-13

**THE ANTHEM** \_\_\_\_\_ Bedford

*The Lord Is My Light*  
The Chancel Choir

**THE MESSAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer

**THE TWELVE**  
Matthew

### INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

**(Text "JOIN" to 318-217-8383)**

**\*HYMN #344** \_\_\_\_\_ *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** \_\_\_\_\_ Hunt Neely, Organist

\*Those who are able please stand.

## TODAY



**TODAY!**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

Blood drive appointments can be made ahead of time by scanning the QR code.



**8:30AM TIL 12:30PM**

Look for the **Lifeshare bus** in the circle drive.

### ROSEBUD

The rosebud on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of **Jeffrey James Lowder**, born June 9, 2026. He is the son of Jackson and Abigail Lowder.

### PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH!

Please join us in praying for our children and youth attending summer camps. Pray for safe travels, spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, and opportunities to share the love of Christ. Thank you for supporting these ministries through your prayers.

### 90+ RECEPTION - TODAY | 10:30 AM | Parlor

Join us in celebrating our 2026 honored members who have blessed us with 90 plus years of life! Edith Braddock, Claire Davis, Mike Dolecheck, Irma Lee Harrison, Benny Heidenreich, Angylyn Jones, Florinell Laird, Genevieve McDuff, Milton D. McRight, Wayne Meece, & Miriam Scalia .

### PAVILION DEDICATION - TODAY | 10 AM

Join us as we dedicate the pavilion in loving memory of Jere Lacey Pyburn.

## THIS WEEK

### CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA WORKSHOP

TOMORROW, June 15 | 11:00 AM | Room 6

Join us for a compassionate look at understanding dementia, supporting a loved one through daily challenges, finding medical help, and caring for your own heart and wellbeing along the caregiving journey. To secure a seat and printed materials RSVP to [nflowers@firstmethodistmonroe.com](mailto:nflowers@firstmethodistmonroe.com)

### SONSHINE SISTERS Wednesday, June 17 | 11:00 AM | Room 42

A time of devotion, intentional prayer, and meaningful fellowship with other women. For more info, contact Emily Martin 318-537-0906 or Megan Jefcoat 318-355-0018

## THIS MONTH

**PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION - Sunday, June 28 at 8:30am & 11am.** Featuring special music by our Chancel Choir & orchestra. We will have our normal Sunday morning schedule on this day.

**GATHER, GRILL & ENJOY—THE PAVILION IS NOW OPEN!** Whether you're planning a cookout, celebration, Sunday School or small group gathering, or church event, our Pavilion is ready for you! Amenities include picnic tables, a hot water sink, two gas grills, rotisserie, refrigerator, and extra tables. Contact Kim in the church office to make your reservation.

### HELP US CELEBRATE ALL DADS!

In honor of Father's Day, we will be collecting items for The Wellspring of North-east Louisiana, a local ministry serving our community. Requested items include men's shorts, shirts, underwear, socks, and deodorant. Donations may be dropped off at the church throughout the month of June. You can also donate on their website [wellspringofnela.org](http://wellspringofnela.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

**RED, WHITE, & BAYOU** - Friday, July 3 | 6:30 PM

**CHILDREN'S PARADE** - Saturday, July 4 | 9:30 AM | Triangle Park

**ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - August 24-26 | 10:30 AM -1:00 PM