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.

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

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.

Sign up for our newsletter & other

communications! Email us at info@firstmethodistmonroe.com or call the church office 318-325-7335.



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Sundays at 9AM & 11AM

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

RADIO

# **NISTRY SPOTLIGHT**



Our team builds ramps on the first Saturday of each month (except July, August, and September due to the heat). If you're looking for a hands-on way to make a difference and share Christ's love through service, we'd love for you to join us! For more information, contact Wavne Kellv at 547-6424.



## OCT. 19 AT NOON IN THE **GARDEN ROOM**

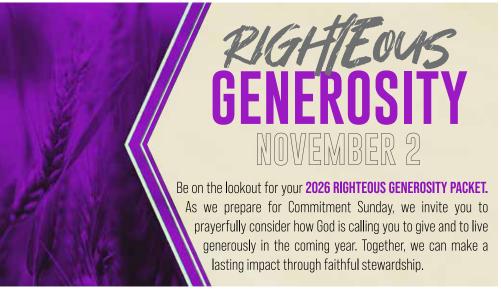
Make your reservation

Text "LUNCH" to 318-217-8383

Are you new to First Methodist Monroe or have you joined our faith family over the past year? We would love for you to join us as we share a meal and connect with others in our faith family!



located at the main entrances, Jackie@firstmethodistmonroe.com

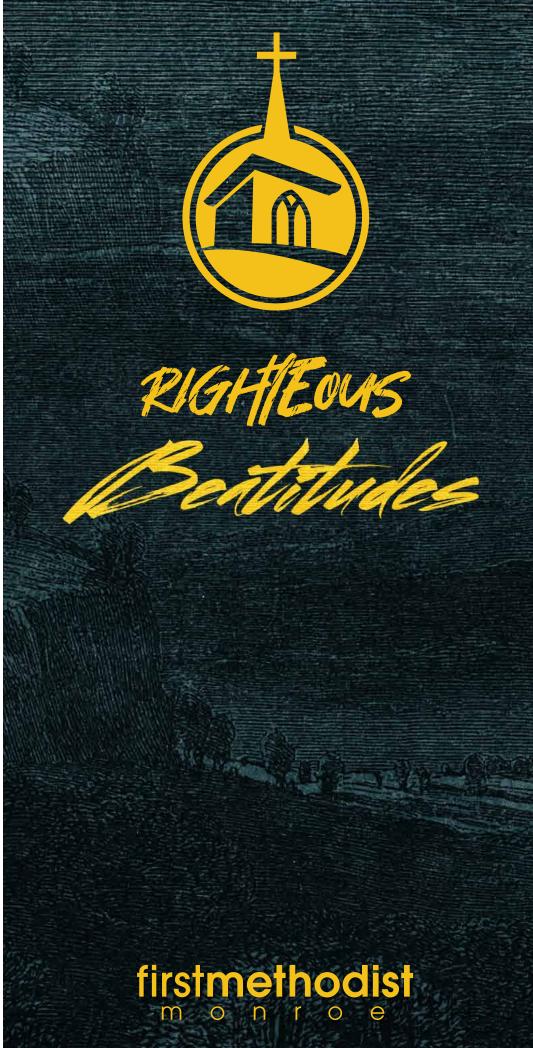








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## THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 5, 2025 at 8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE \_\_\_\_\_ Hunt Neely, organist

THE GREETING

\*HYMN #140

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

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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)

\*HYMN #121 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

THE OFFERTORY Forrest

Hymn of Mercy The Chancel Choir Rachel Kennedy, Flute

\*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.

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer

#### **RIGHTEOUS BEATITUDES**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER** 

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS** 

Offerings made during communion will go to the Methodist Menders.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

Faure

Moreau du Concours Rachel Kennedy, Flute Joey Gardunio, Pianist

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Communion & visitation team members please come forward during the final hymn to receive your communion sets.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMITMENT**

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

\*HYMN #500 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

\*Those who are able please stand.

#### TODAY

**FOUNDRY QUESTION & ANSWER GATHERING** - TODAY immediately following the 11:00 AM worship services in the Sanctuary. This will be an open time to ask questions and share your thoughts about the proposed uniting of Foundry and First Methodist Monroe.

**MINISTRY OF H.O.P.E. -** Fall gifts are ready for pickup at the H.O.P.E. table. Please be sure to collect yours and deliver them to your assigned shut-in(s).

#### THIS MONTH

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT! -** Supper at 5:00 PM | Studies at 6:00 PM

Menu: Fried Chicken {Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 children (ages 3–10) \$24 family max} Stay in the loop! Sign up for Wednesday Night Supper texts to see the menu and make reservations. Text "MEAL" to 318-217-8383. For more information about our fall studies go to firstmethodistmonroe.com.

#### **GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

Blood Drive | Sunday, October 19 | 8:30 AM-Noon LifeShare will be parked in the circle drive. Stop by and help save a life!

**BLUE GRASS ON THE BAYOU** - Free community concert!

Sunday, October 19 | 5:30 PM | On the Bayou at First Methodist Monroe Join us for a special evening of music and fellowship! This free community concert will be held rain or shine and will feature talented musicians Hallie Yarbrough, Jeff Hicks, and Matt Morgan.

#### **50+ ADULT LUNCH AND LEARN**

Thursday, October 23 | 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM | WM Convention Center Join us for the Living Well Foundation Luncheon, where you'll hear about local organizations receiving support through the Foundation's grants. RSVP to nflowers@firstmethodistmonroe.com to reserve your seat at the FMM table.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE -** Sunday, October 26 | Immediately following the 11:00 AM worship services in the Sanctuary. For all First Methodist Monroe members. At this conference, members will discuss and vote on the motion to unite Foundry and First Methodist Monroe. Please pray daily for God's will to guide us in this important decision.

#### DISCOVER NORTHERN ITALY PRESENTATION

Monday, October 27 | 5:30 PM | Classroom #6

Join us for a slide presentation about the upcoming faith-based journey to Northern Italy, scheduled for September 17–25, 2026. Learn more about this exciting trip and how you can be part of it. For details or to register online, visit: https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1329058

#### SAVE THE DATE

### GRATITUDE & GRACE: FIRST METHODIST WOMEN'S EVENT

Sunday, November 2 | 3-5 PM | Fellowship Hall

Ladies of First Methodist Monroe, you're invited to an afternoon of fellowship, food, inspiring speakers, worship, and fun! Mark your calendars, bring a friend, and join us! We can't wait to see you there!

#### **DAY OF THANKS -** Sunday, November 9 | All Worship Services

Just as Christmas is a time when we bring gifts to bless children, Day of Thanks is our opportunity to bring gifts of food to bless seniors. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for NELA Senior Adults. Donations will benefit the Council on Aging and the West Ouachita Senior Center.