

June 13, 2021 **The Third Sunday After Pentecost/Graduation Sunday** 10:00 am

*Monroe Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming congregation.*

*Our deacons and pastors hope you will feel at home here. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you in Christ's name*

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**Prelude** Morning Has Broken (Gaelic Melody) Katherine Logan, vocalist

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Moment of Quiet & Lighting of the Candles**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather together to hear God's word of hope.

People: *"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant"*

Leader: We gather together to celebrate our part in God's purpose.

People: *"Surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to give you a future with hope."*

*All: We gather together to be re-made in God's image, to bear the word and to do the work of hope in the world. Come, let us worship God!*

**Opening Prayer**

Nancy Smith, Deacon of the Day

**\*Our Church's Covenant**

inside front cover of hymnal

**\*Passing the Peace**

*In order for those tuning in from home to feel included, please turn and greet the webcam as you share signs of peace with one another.*

**Call to Confession – Unison Prayer - Silent Prayer**

*Gracious God, you are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the Spirit which enable us to have so much. There are moments when we forget that we have been recipients of other people's generosity. Believing that what we have is ours, we forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us. Help us to remember that being made in your image, we should strive to be as generous as you. Amen. ~silence~*

**Words of Assurance**

**Unison Prayer to Bless the Graduates** (adapted from Pathways for Pilgrims, Iona)

*God of journey, as we travel on, alert us to things that matter and open our eyes to every sign of your presence. Give all our graduates a sense of direction, purpose and wonder. We thank and praise you for the support they have received from teachers and coaches, friends and neighbors, parents and family, this church and community. When they encounter life's challenges, give them wisdom. When life brings them sorrow, give them joy. May they know that in everything you are walking with them step by step, gently guiding them to the heart of all things. Amen.*

## **Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer -- Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Offertory** God Reigns o'er All the Earth (Tune: TERRA BEATA)

*Our offering plate will be passed among us today.  
You may also choose to give online at [www.mcc-ucc/donate](http://www.mcc-ucc/donate).*

**Scripture** Jeremiah 18:1-11 page 706

*If you would like to read along, Bibles may be found underneath the pew in front of you.*

**Sermon** Throwing Clay Rev. Jennifer Gingras

**Benediction**

**Parting Music** Sent Forth by God's Blessing (Welsh Folk Melody)  
*Katherine Logan, David Walker, vocalists*

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**God is still speaking, welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today, in-person and online! Worship is live streamed on church's You Tube Channel under CCLI Streaming License #2169137 on: <https://www.youtube.com/monroecongregationalchurchucc>, as well as on our Facebook page "Monroe Congregational Church, UCC"

We are an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ, and we invite everyone to join in the full life and ministry of this church. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus' model of loving acceptance and welcome to all persons, inclusive of every age, race, ability, economic and social status, nationality, faith background, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital standing and family structure.

**COVID-19 Safety:** In order to keep our community members safe (*including children under 12, the immune-compromised and those not yet fully vaccinated*), please follow these guidelines:

- Please stay home if you feel sick or have a fever (catch us on YouTube/Facebook)
- Please wear a mask indoors (if you need one, just ask!)
- We have provided hand sanitizer and tissues in the pews, please use carefully as the chemicals are corrosive on wood and other surfaces

**Thank you for assisting in this morning's worship!**

- **Deacon:** Nancy Smith
- **Usher:** Susie Cuseo
- **Trustee:** Andy Nivison
- **Counter:** John O'Rourke
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Linda Fracassini and Nancy Smith

The flowers are given by Vinay Sampson in honor of our graduates!

Would you like to honor, remember, or celebrate someone or something with flowers on Sunday? Check out our easy online sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAC2CA5FEC61-flowers>



## ***In Our Prayers***

**Lisa Rozmus** (friend of the Pfalzgraf family); **Jackie Ajello** (Michele Mount's mother); **Michael Barresi** (Maria's Son); **Ben** (Maria Barresi's son-in-law's brother) **Jennifer Bittar** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend); **Byron Brown & Bruce Bryant** (friends of Will Duchon); **Cheryl Ciambriello** (Wendy Colegrove's friend); **Lori Cimeno** (Peggy & Ron Villani's Daughter); **Dot Dralus; Matt Duchon; Marge Fox; Rachel Fracassini** (Jack & Linda Fracassini's niece); **Meredith Gibson** (Paul & Judy Coward's niece); **Fern Griffith** (Ashley Levin's friend); **Karen Guinness** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Gina, Liz** (Wendy Colegrove's friends); **Gary & Julie Hedine** (Nancy Hedine's son & daughter-in-law); **Mary & Rachel Heerema** (Julia Gutierrez's mom & sister); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Brian Hopkins** (Donna Konkol's cousin); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother); **Heather Joyce** (Paul & Judy Coward's daughter); **Kelti** (friend of Liska Gutierrez); **Walter Lane** (Marge Fox's brother-in-law); **Logan/Weiss family; Mary-Margaret Logan** (Andrew's mother); **Jacque MacLean** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Nicole Malia; Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Rev. Jonathan Miller** (Paul & Judy Coward's friend); **Jean Moffat; Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Joe Mumper** (Julie McClenathan's friend); **Kathy Nivison** (Andy's mother); **Pat Nugent; Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Olson Family; Ray Osborne** (Colegrove's Family friend); **Dean Perosino** (Gayle Hammond's brother); **Geno Piacentini** (Karen MacDonald's husband); **P.T. Philip** (Liz Sampson's father); **Norman & Jan Ricker** (Linda & Jack Fracassini's friend); **Barbara Rivel** (Judy Coward's friend); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Kelly Rodman** (Angela Cross' friend); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Roshong** (Judy Coward's nephew); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Connor Scalia** (Jen Nivison's friend); **Nicholas Scalzo** (Angela Cross's Father); **Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Al Shaeffer; Yessika Siccardi** (Sampson family friend); **Bernie Sippin; John Skarupa** (Barb Pellegrino's brother); **Christine Stadler; Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Winger's granddaughter); **Olga Terwilliger** (Nancy Hedine's sister-in-law); **Ian Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Dick Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Meg Trogolo** (Paul & Judy Coward's niece); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **Charles L. Wynn, Sr.,** (and his mother) **Alleane Wynn** (friends of Will Duchon); **Allen Zeiner** (Ann Zeiner's son); **Ann Zeiner**

**The concerns of our world:** *Those who serve or live in war or conflict zones; first responders and those who serve in law enforcement; those who suffer discrimination; those who struggle with mental illness, addiction, divorce or separation; Caregivers; the homeless, homebound and refugees; Our friends living on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation and in Oaxaca, Mexico*

**Those serving in the military, veterans & their families:** New York: **Zachary Gingras**, Washington: **Rachel Hoffman** (Vaughan Askue's daughter), Virginia: **Chris Meneses** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend), Georgia: **Zachary Peters** (Jacob Parker-Burgard's cousin), Kuwait: **Steven Roshong** (the Coward's nephew), South Carolina: **Bob Peters** (Don Parker-Burgard's brother-in-law), Afghanistan: **Samuel Siciliano**, North Carolina: **Jake Terifay**



## **2021 Graduates**

**Grace Callanan** is graduating from Masuk High School. She will attend St. Laurence University in the fall.

**Jack Campbell** is graduating from Masuk High School. He will attend Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

**Brian Correll** is graduating with a Bachelor's in Psychology from Skidmore College. He will be working as a Wilderness Therapist in Lake Placid.

**Josh Correll** is graduating from Masuk High School. He will be at Ithaca College studying film in the fall.

**Olivia Cross** is graduating from Masuk High School. She will attend the University of Arizona.

**Alex Gutierrez** is graduating from Ithaca College-School of Music -Bachelor in Music Education, Choral. He will be going to graduate school at Ithaca College for a Master's in Conducting in Opera and Musical Theater.

**Josie Kelman** is graduating from Masuk High School. She will attend Baylor University in the fall.

**Audra Logan** graduated from UConn summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech, Language Pathology and Hearing Sciences and Psychology. She is headed to Southern for a graduate degree in SLP.

**Ashley Malia** graduated from an electrician program at Lincoln Tech in Shelton in March. She is now employed as an electrician apprentice.

**Jake Minch** is graduating from Masuk High School. He will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall.

**Andrew Resnick** is graduating from Masuk High School. He will attend University of Connecticut.

**Gerrit Wissink** is graduating from Woodland Regional High School in Beacon Falls. He will attend Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in Game Design & Development.

**Mason Whiteley** is graduating from Edgewood High School in Ohio. He will attend the University of Indiana.

**Sara Whiteley** is graduating from Naugatuck High School. She will attend the University of Massachusetts.



to the following people and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number is birth date)

Rich Correll <sup>(14)</sup>

Gregory Nivison <sup>(16)</sup>

Katie Young <sup>(19)</sup>

Paul Cardentey <sup>(15)</sup>

Andy Nivison <sup>(17)</sup>

Scott Young <sup>(19)</sup>

**Happy Wedding Anniversary** to the following couples and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number is anniversary date)

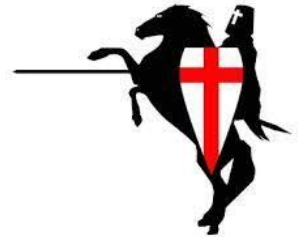
Chuck & Bonnie Schneider <sup>(13)</sup> and Don & Kate Parker-Burgard <sup>(16)</sup>

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### Outreach

#### St George's Supper: DAY AFTER STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL EDITION!!!!

The next St. George's Supper hosted by MCC will take place on **Monday, June 21st**. Please consider signing up to help us serve those in need. Because the kitchen (and refrigerator) will be tied up all Sunday afternoon providing delicious food to our weekend guests, please deliver supplies between 3:00 and 3:30 on Monday the 21st. Thank you for your support!



*Sign up here to help:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AADAF2EA2F85-stgeorges1>



## COMFORT CASES®

Help PF bring comfort to a child entering foster care! Now collecting (*new items only pls*):

- Small duffles or backpacks
- Pajamas
- Toothbrush
- Travel size toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant
- Coloring books & crayons
- Journals
- Small stuffed animals



Please place donations to the collection bin in Rexford House near front doors –thank you!

**TODAY!!!**

CHILDREN 4-12 (YOUNGER, IF ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT), JOIN US AT 10 AM ON PIERCE LAWN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SERVING OTHERS! WE'LL WORK TOGETHER ON A SPECIAL TASK FOR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!



**OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH**



### **49<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival Volunteer Opportunities**

**Make sure you get a space at your favorite spot and see where else you are needed! Check out <http://mcc-ucc.org/strawberry-festival/strawberry-festival-sign-ups.html> for area signups!**

Need a new **red Strawberry Festival Shirt**? Want to look like you belong to the most attractive volunteer team in town? See Kate today at Coffee hour!!!

## THE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

In January and February, many of the decisions about how to make the festival happen had to be figured out, even though we didn't know what the pandemic landscape would look like in June. We thought it best to be conservative—to expect that strict regulations would still be in place. So, we went ahead and started planning a festival that would follow the then-current state and town regulations.

We found that tents were hard to come by because so many restaurants were having customers dine outdoors—which is when we realized that we would need to provide outdoor dining for the festival. We also made the decision to eliminate home-baked goods like breads and cookies, as well as smoothies, which we thought could be difficult for health-inspection requirements. We eliminated face painting and children's games. Even today with so many people vaccinated, this seems like a smart decision because of the size of crowds that gather in game alley with young children and their families.

This year's festival will be a mix of the familiar and the new. Many of our customers who have been coming to the festival for years may be a little confused by the changes. For that reason, MCC hospitality will be more important this year than it's ever been.

Customers will go to the order tents (one each for cash and credit) near the top of the driveway on Church Street. At the order tents, customers will be able to order everything (sample order form below). Once a customer pays, a Berry Runner (Sr. PF) will take the order form to the Expeditors in Wilton Hall, who will package up the order. The Berry Runner will then take the fulfilled order down the sidewalk and deliver it to the customer. Customers can dine in the parking lot where there will be tents and tables in the shade or they can sit at one of the many picnic tables and high-top tables spread out around the campus.

*Many of us did not want another year to go by without a Strawberry Festival. We decided to keep the festival simple, which I think we can accomplish with your help. Let's stay positive, find the good in all that we do, and make sure our customers and community know we pulled this off the best way we could—and let's leave them happy and enthusiastic enough to come back for the 50th!*

*Thank you for all your help,  
Co-Chairs Clark, Frank, John*

Item	Quantity	Price
Chocolate-covered strawberries: 4 for \$6 or 12 for \$16		
4 dark chocolate		
4 milk chocolate		
2&2—half dark, half milk		
12 dark chocolate		
12 milk chocolate		
6&6—half dark, half milk		
Jams: \$8 a jar, 2 jars for \$15		
Strawberry		
Strawberry Blueberry		
Strawberry Cherry		
Strawberry Lemonade		
Strawberry Jalapeño		
Safari's Delight		
Very Berry		
Strawberry Shortcake: \$4 child, \$6 adult		
Child's portion		
The Works		
Dairy Delight		
Biscuit Lover		
Strawberry Pie: \$15		
Biscuits-to-go: 4 for \$5		
TOTAL		

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monroe Congregational Church Strawberry Festival 2021

## The 49<sup>th</sup> MCC Strawberry Festival

- 49th annual festival @ 34 Church Street, Monroe
- Saturday, June 19, 10am-5pm, and Sunday, June 20, 12-5pm
- Church service: Sunday, June 20, 10-11 am.
- Volunteer Check-In Table: When you arrive at MCC to start your volunteer shift, please stop at the Check-In table to register and have your temperature taken with a touchless device.
  - Volunteers working inside Wilton Hall with food, will be required to wear a mask.
  - Volunteers working outside on the MCC Campus are not required to wear a mask, but we highly suggest that you do for safety purposes.
- Sunday night dinner: ~6-7:30pm
  - Pick up your dinner from the food truck—your choice of one of the dinners below:
    1. Sausage/onions/peppers/chips/roll/salad
    2. Chicken patty sandwich/chips/salad
    3. Veggie burger/chips/salad
  - Announcements: ~6:30—Josh & Clark
  - ~7pm Enjoy your strawberry shortcake.
- Tell your friends we will have 60+ excellent and unique vendors on the Monroe Town Green.
- Parking is at Fireman's Field, on the corner of Routes 110 and 111. Follow the signs to the grassy area and you will find a fireman who will help you find a parking spot.
- Monroe police will be directing traffic at the crossing area on both days of the festival.
- Handicapped parking (MCC volunteer or customer): Valid handicapped parking will be behind the Mustard Seed Shop in our back parking lot.
  - We will need a few volunteers at the entrance to accept cars with handicapped registrations.
  - One space will be designated for Jenn's truck for deliveries.
- MCC volunteer parking: We have arranged for volunteer parking at St. Peter's Church parking lot. Why? Our regular parking lot is going to be converted to an area for our food truck, tents, and dining.
- Entertainment lineup: Bluegrass and country bands Gunsmoke (Sat) and Gold Rush (Sun) will be performing. Also, there will be a special performance by the MCC PF Band.
- Hungry for lunch? This year our hot food will be provided by the SWAT (Southern Wings and Things) truck. Gina and her crew will be cooking up a special menu for the festival: chicken wings, hot dogs, clam strips, veggie and beef burgers, chicken patty sandwiches, and fries.





Please join us

## Jack's Senior Cello Recital

Friday, June 25, 2021  
7 pm

Monroe Congregational Church  
34 Church Street



## MCC Community Calendar

### **Week of June 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Graduate Sunday*

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Outdoor Sunday School – Service

11:30 am Trustees Zoom

4:00 pm Safe Church Training

5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Tues. June 15<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Sort and Tag

7:00 pm Bereavement Group

7:30 pm CE Board Meeting -Zoom

### **Fri. June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Strawberry Festival Set Up Day

### **Sat. June 19<sup>th</sup>**

49th Strawberry Festival



### **Week of June 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Father's Day & Strawberry Festival Sunday!*

10:00 am Worship

### **Mon. June 21<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm Council Meeting–Zoom

### **Tues. June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1:00 pm Sort and Tag

*Pastor Jenn will be on vacation in Maine from 6/24 – 7/3*

### **Week of June 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Laity Sunday*

*Guest Preacher – Don Parker Burgard*

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Tues. June 29<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Sort and Tag

### **Week of July 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Independence Day*

10:00 am Worship with Communion

### **Tues. July 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 pm Outreach Zoom

### **Sat. July 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

*PF Mission Trip to Hancock, Maine*

### **Week of July 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Guest Preacher – Zak Carroll*

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Week of July 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Guest Preacher –Rev. Dr. Sheldon Smith*

10:00 am Worship

11:15 Trustees Zoom

### **Tues. July 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Bereavement Group

### **Week of July 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Outdoor Worship!*

9:30 am DOD setup for Outdoor Worship

10:00 am Worship