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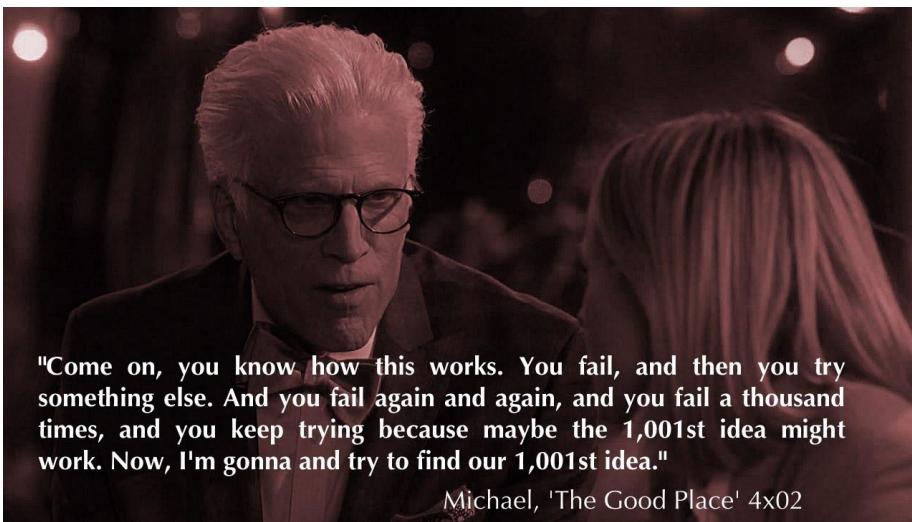
# THE MONROE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STEEPLE

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**October 1, 2021**

## **Looking for Trouble?**

Disguised as a hilarious comedy, *The Good Place* is in fact uncommonly profound, packed with clever observations about the human condition, faith, and cutting jokes ranging from the existential nature of frozen yogurt to the existential nature of, well, us. I've watched (and rewatched) every episode Netflix has to offer. One of my favorite quotes comes from a moment in season 4 when Michael (the Architect) says this to Eleanor (the main character, who the show is based on) at the end of a particularly frustrating day:



These strong words give them the courage to move on through a forking challenging time. (*Part of the cleverness of the show is that no one can curse in The Good Place, I find that adorable.*) I want to have that kind of faith like Michael has, but some days it's a stretch to figure out the next thing that has to be created, adapted or fixed. Hearing your stories and struggles makes me wonder if you sometimes feel the same way too.

It reminds me of what is said in James 1:2-4 "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing."

By placing our trust in God and relying on God's power for strength, growth and direction, we grow and mature through the difficult things of life.

We can so completely rely on God's care for us that we can be joyful when we see difficult times coming. Hang on... should we be saying, "YIPPEE! Another miserable day! More rotten stuff is happening to me! I'm so happy!"?

Well, ok, maybe that's a little over the top and people might look at you funny.

But if we can move in the direction of seeing God's hand guiding us through those difficult moments, helping us deepen our faith and trust, helping our character and endurance level grow, then perhaps we can see where James is trying to lead us.

Should we look for trouble in life? Probably not. But we needn't fear it either. As we move through life in faith, acting in love and living in forgiveness, we anticipate that growth and blessings will come (just perhaps not on our terms or schedule). By God's grace, we endure and grow and mature, and that realm of grace, love and forgiveness grows in and through us and the people we encounter. May it be so!

*Blessings & peace, Pastor Jenn*

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## **Christian Education**



### **Welcome to the 2021-2022 Senior PF year!**

We are so excited to be kicking off the new school year with our senior high school youth group! This summer we had a fantastic covid-safe trip to Hancock, Maine summer, which included 28 high school students (18 of which had never been on a mission trip!), 9 college advisor students and 6 adults. We met wonderful people, gained an understanding of what it's like to live with challenges like food insecurity, housing issues, employment challenges and what environmental impact the pandemic has had on the region and how we can all make a difference.

This year, our PF high school leadership team will be run by President Gavin Mills, Vice President Vee Sampson, Treasurer Evelyn Goyette, Secretary Lauren Unger, and Minister of Outreach Caleb Nealon. We have already welcomed a very large number of newbies with open arms and hearts.

Our adult leadership team has changed as Kelsey Kaminski and Kiersten Rooney have retired from the group. The good news is that we plan to continue to work with them as they open a new branch of Comfort Cases, one of the non-profits we worked with that supplies emergency items to children entering foster care. We are all so grateful for the time and attention they have given over the years to our youth!

I'll be leading our adult leadership team, which now includes Josh Post, Joe Gilberti, Paul Cardentey, and newcomers (to adult leadership) Audra Logan and Hannah Halloran. Our meetings are generally held Sunday nights in Dineson Parlor on from 5-7:30 pm and are open and welcoming to all high school youth, regardless of church membership or faith background. If you know someone in high school who is interested in joining this amazing group, please contact me or any of our other adult advisors.

*Peace & Love, Pastor Jenn*



**Weekly Bible Study: Thursdays, 9:30-11 am:** We cordially invite you to join us in the Dineson Parlor each week as we gather together to learn with and through one another -all are welcome! After a time of fellowship and prayer concerns, we read and discuss upcoming scripture texts or other faith-related topics. Bring your favorite Bible (whatever version you prefer) and a small notebook. Let Pastor Jenn know if you have any questions!

#### **Thursday Morning Bible Study Readings for October**

October 7	No Bible Study
October 14	God Calls Samuel – 1 Samuel 3:1-21
October 21	God Calls David - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14
October 28	Solomon's Temple – 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

#### **Sign Up now for the 2021 MCC Women's Retreat – *Let It Go!***

##### **November 12-14, Silver Lake Conference Center**

"Let go and let God." is a wonderful thought, but often easier said than done! We tend to want to hold on to our problems and stress and worry and agonize over them instead of letting God in to help. How can we move forward if we're still holding onto yesterday's conflicts and mistakes? There's freedom in letting go. Come away with the women of MCC, and we'll share time together on retreat talking, playing games, hiking, doing art and just letting go in God's big back yard. Friends are warmly welcome too!

Some of the questions you may have:

- **How much does it cost?** \$150 for four meals and two overnights. Please submit your payment by November 1 so that we have an accurate count for planning purposes. Please also make a notation on your check or through Vanco that says "Women's Retreat 2021". There are scholarships available, just speak with Pastor Jenn to confirm your spot.
- Can I pick my **roommate** ahead of time? Yes, simply let me know in an e-mail what your preferences are.
- What if I have **limited mobility**? Great news - we have been given permission to drive those with limited mobility down to the Lake, or to meals!
- What about **COVID restrictions**? In order to care for each other, all participants should be fully vaccinated (please submit a copy of your COVID-19 vaccine card). If you are unable to be vaccinated due to a health exemption, please test for COVID and provide a negative result.



Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A8AC22A2FB6-letitgo>

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Homecoming Sunday Sept 19th we welcomed back in person Sunday School and our Jr PF Youth group. We had almost all of our registered children in attendance, starting the year off with great success. We will continue to remain outside for Sunday School so long as the weather permits. If you haven't registered for our youth programs yet, please do so here:

<https://form.jotform.com/212146410084141>

## **Our October Fruits of the Spirit Sunday School Schedule:**

Sunday Oct 3 - The Burning Bush

Sunday Oct 10 - Manna & Quail

Sunday Oct 17 - God Calls Samuel

Sunday Oct 24 - God Chooses David

Sunday Oct 31 - Solomon's Temple & A Special Halloween Coffee Hour hosted by our Fruits of the Spirit classes.

## **This Month in Senior PF:**

- October 3 – Identity (Who are you?)
- October 10 – Newbie Cook (earlier start time for freshman tbd)
- October 17 – Scavenger Hunt
- October 24 – Trunk or Treat Fundraiser (earlier start time)
- October 31 – Halloween Party (location TBD)

## **Senior PF invites its church Family to**



**Saturday, October 24  
at Monroe Congregational**

**Put your costumes on and join us for raffles, candy, and family fun!**

**Admission: \$5 per kid or \$12 per family**

**All proceeds go to our 2022 Mission Trip**

**Our October Jr PF Schedule:**

Sunday Oct 3 - Fall Games  
Saturday Oct 9 - Trail of Terror  
Sunday Oct 17 (AM) - Crop Walk  
Saturday Oct 23 - Halloween Party & Pumpkin Carving  
Sunday Oct 24 - Sr. PF's Trick or Trunk Event  
Sunday Oct 31 - No JR PF

Looking forward to loads of fun, we hope you are too!!



Thanks to the Junior Pilgrim Fellowship for helping out at church! At a recent meeting they spent time cleaning the "family room" to make it fresh for little kids and their families, and they made signs for the Tag Sale. Way to go, everyone!



**Family Room Now Open:** Thanks to the blessing of technology, our church's nursery has been set up with a streaming option. If your young child needs a break, and you'd like to not miss out on worship, you may use the room which is setup with a TV, lots of toys and rocking chairs.

Although the space is not currently staffed, it is open, clean, and ready for use by parents

## Deacons

**October 17 - Following the Footsteps of Jesus** ~ Join us in worship on Sunday, October 17th as Catherine Gingras (Social Worker, Deacon and grown up Pastor's Kid) shares with us her reflections on a two-week journey of a lifetime to Israel. Be a part of her adventure in faith as she describes why many scholars consider the land "the Fifth Gospel" and shares stories, pictures and even some food at coffee hour.



**New Member Informational Meeting, October 24** ~ Join the deacons for an informational meeting at 11:00 am in Dineson Parlor. Find out more about the history (how we got here), theology (what we believe) and ways you might connect with others and learn more about faith doing so. New Members will join the church during worship Sunday, November 7th.



### **"The Art of Preaching" – a seminar for lay preachers:**

Have you ever wanted to know how to do the research, writing and delivering of a Sunday sermon? Would you like to be able to present a sermon or reflection in worship, or at another special occasion? Pastor Jenn and the Deacons are looking for a few good potential lay preachers as they plan for the program year and next summer's sabbatical.

At the end of the seminar, participants will be given the opportunity to share what they've learned with the congregation. Join her **on Zoom, from 7:30-8:15 pm on the following Monday evenings: Oct 4 & 25, Nov 1 & 8.** (The Sep 13 & 27 sessions have been recorded for use as a refresher or to "catchup" and join the seminar!)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87692647191?pwd=S3B3ZURyTjRsNUhJNVh0MkE1WkxZZz09>

**Flowers for Worship:** Would you like to honor or remember a loved one, or celebrate a milestone? You can do so, while also helping Monroe Congregational Church continue its tradition of fresh flowers on the communion table. Please review the available slots on Sign Up Genius and click on the button to sign up. If you do not have access to a computer, call Diane in the office 203-268-9327, and she will help you sign up!

You may choose to arrange flowers from your garden, purchase an arrangement, or send a check (\$25) to Monroe Congregational Church (memo: "flowers" & the date) or use our website to pay online, and we will order for you. If you are supplying the flowers yourself, please set them up between 9:30am and 9:45am, before worship. Thank you!

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



## Trustees



### Fall Work Day -Can you give a couple of hours to MCC?

Your help would be greatly appreciated on

**Saturday, Nov. 13 8:30am to 12 noon**

Call Dave Allen with any questions: 203-767-0883

Thank you!

Nearly nine months into the fiscal year MCC is on track to conclude the year on budget. Similar to last year, MCC applied for and received \$39,511 under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to help offset loss of other income. Pledge income, which makes up 60% of our budget, is holding steady and largely on budget. **A big thank you to everyone for staying current with your pledge commitments!** Strawberry Festival netted \$12,337 after expenses. And, despite having drawn \$25K from our investment reserves to help with liquidity earlier this year, our investment accounts have actually increased in value thanks to the performance of the stock market. Expenses to date are either running at, or slightly under budget, which we hope will continue. In other good news, MCC received confirmation this past month that it had fully satisfied all conditions for forgiveness of its original 2020 PPP loan of \$42,700 from Newtown Savings Bank. Many thanks to Fred Dubois, Bill Stadler and Frank Wittenauer for their work in seeing this through.

	2020 Actual Unaudited	2021 Adopted	YTD Thru 9/15/21	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledge Income	\$ 198,988	\$ 200,000	\$ 147,804	74%
Loose Offering	\$ 14,678	\$ 25,000	\$ 9,911	40%
Other Giving	\$ 4,895	\$ 12,500	\$ 2,953	24%
Investments/Reserves	\$ 22,194	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,415	102%
Rentals	\$ 26,014	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,815	73%
Strawberry Festival	\$ (802)	\$ 30,000	\$ 13,572	45%
Music Fest Net Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Mustard Seed	\$ 6,500	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%
Other Income	\$ 45,950	\$ 13,000	\$ 39,689	305%
	\$ 318,417	\$ 338,500	\$ 261,159	77%
<b>Expenses</b>				
Compensation & Benefits	\$ 213,414	\$ 210,000	\$ 138,219	66%
Facilities	\$ 57,519	\$ 75,000	\$ 62,215	83%
Outreach	\$ 19,490	\$ 30,000	\$ 11,507	38%
Programs	\$ 7,352	\$ 12,500	\$ 5,029	40%
Office Expenses	\$ 6,323	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,188	32%
Other Expenses	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,000	\$ 25	3%
	\$ 305,203	\$ 338,500	\$ 220,183	65%
Net Income/Loss	\$ 13,214	\$ -	\$ 40,976	



### **A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2021 Capital Campaign!**

Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$11,710 toward the painting of Rexford. The Trustees have since contracted with Bill Schiebe, who has done work for us previously. The total cost of the project is \$13,020, with work expected to begin in early October, weather permitting.

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### **Outreach**



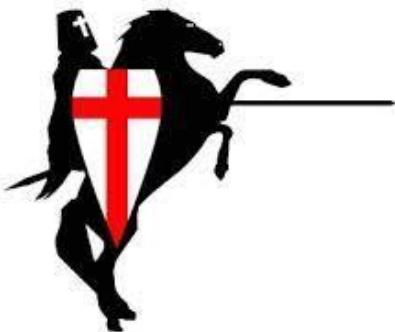
**Come out and support our Outreach Tag Sale  
Sat., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 am – 1 pm at the Monroe  
Congregational Church!**

This is one of the larger fundraisers for the church. The tag sale helps us raise money for good causes both local and regional, like **Monroe Food Pantry, Project Warmth, Center for Family Justice, and Bridgeport Rescue Mission.**

If you are able to help this year, please review the available slots on our sign-up here:

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8ac22a2fb6-outreach> Thank you!**

**Thank you** to everyone who came out to support our annual Wine & Beer Tasting on September 18th! We enjoyed tasting wines selected by Roy Nealon and beers selected by Al Jesulaitus and provided by our friends at Veracious Brewing on Main Street in Monroe. We also heard an inspiring presentation by Scott Redfern, one of the board members of the **Center for Family Justice**. In total, we raised \$940 which we are sending to CFJ, who are building a new safehouse in the area.



### **St George's Supper – Slay Hunger! Monday, October 18**

#### **Items needed:**

- 10 turkey & cheese wheat bread sandwiches (x3)
- 10 ham & cheese wheat bread sandwiches (x2)
- 12 apples (x4)
- 25 packs of chips or snack pack (x2)
- 25 cereal bars (x2)

**Sign up Link** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AADAF2EA2F85-stgeorges3>

Please consider signing up to help us serve those in need. All items need to be delivered to the MCC kitchen by 3:00 pm on October 18th. Sandwiches may be placed in the refrigerator. Please contact Stacy at 203-500-1279 if you need to help with sign-up or if you have questions. Thank you!

**Give the gift of sight  
Donate unused prescription glasses/sunglasses**



Have you been cleaning out your junk drawers or have unused prescription glasses/sunglasses sitting around? There will be a collection basket on the table during coffee hour for the month of October. They will be collected, donated, cleaned and distributed to places nationwide. Give the gift of sight so that someone can clearly read a newspaper or see the smiling face of a loved one. Contact Susie Cuseo at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280 with any questions or comments.

**Prayer Partners are needed!!**

I've only got 18 participants so far. Please find the signup sheets in Wilton Hall on the bulletin board. Complete the form and place in the slot alongside. In October you will receive the information of someone to pray for and to keep in your thoughts. You can send them a card or note in the mail signed "Your Prayer Partner" with the return address of the 34 Church St, Monroe, CT 06468. At the same time, someone else is praying for you. We will meet on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 11AM in Wilton Hall for the "Big Reveal" potluck luncheon where we'll converse, dine and find out who's been praying for whom. It's so easy to do; there's nothing to it. Wish them a good day when you wake up, give them the peace sign when passing the peace, strike up a conversation over coffee hour, or send them a holiday card in the mail. This does not require much of your time. Please contact Susie Cuseo at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280 with any questions or comments. Check out what a previous participant had to say about their experience:

"I enjoyed praying for my prayer partner because I felt like it was getting to know him little by little. I would ask people at church how he was doing and how his college search was going. I had fun picking out cards to send him and felt joy knowing he would receive them."



**MCC is participating in the 2021 CROP Hunger Walk** to support Church World Service and help families who are struggling with hunger. **We're asking you to join us** - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. **At last year's Virtual Walk, our church collected the highest number of donations in the greater Bridgeport area – thanks to your support and generosity!**

This year's Walk will take place on **Sunday, October 17** starting at United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport. Registration begins at 1:30 pm. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food for NOURISH Bridgeport. Twenty-five percent of monies raised remain in the Bridgeport area for hunger related programs.

For more information, contact Team Monroe Congregational Church's captain, Julie McClenathan at 203-502-3795 or [JulieMClenathan@gmail.com](mailto:JulieMClenathan@gmail.com).

**To donate or sign up for the team, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/team-mcc-2>**

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*Bridgeport*  
**CROP Hunger Walk**

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October 17, 2021

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Bridgeport, Connecticut

**Please Donate or  
Join 'Team Monroe Congregational  
Church' Today!**



[events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/team-mcc-2](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/team-mcc-2)



**The Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe is looking for help** on Tuesdays at 9AM for sorting, tagging and hanging the donated merchandise we collect. Just show up and someone will direct you with what to do. If you are available on Fridays (10-12:30 or 12:30-3) or Saturdays (10-12 or 12-2), we can use your help behind the counter. It's really easy to do. I can send you a list of things you'd need to do to either open or close the Shoppe or simply show up during business hours and our volunteer would gladly show you the ropes. The benefits of the Shoppe is numerous: satisfaction of doing something to help out the community and congregation, conversation with customers, being helpful, knowing that the monies made help Sr. PF, Outreach, Church World Service and many other service projects. Contact Susie at 203-268-0280 [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) for any questions or if you'd like to help out.

### **Heifer International is an organization where your pocket change helps to send animals to families.**

Giving these animals is like giving a family a small business where wool, eggs, milk and more can sustain them and the offspring that come from those animals can be given to other families giving them a hand up, increase access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. Other donations from Heifer International are seeds, irrigation pipes, water for life, gardener's gift baskets and Biogas stoves for entire villages. The collection jar will be on the serving table during coffee hour. Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280.



**Become a part of the grand mission of ending hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth with your spare change.** For more information, please visit this site: [Heifer International Gift Catalog | Heifer International](#)

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### **Fellowship**



**Young at Heart: 11:30 am Thursday, October 28, 2021**

Jennie's Restaurant

Co-hosts: Nancy Smith and Carol Viellette

**Please call or speak to Nancy Smith, 203-880- 5228 or [nancy.s.smith66@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.s.smith66@gmail.com) if you plan on attending**

**Morning Circle** invites the ladies of the congregation to our **next meeting on Wednesday, October 13 at 11AM** in Wilton Hall. We'll have Ray Giovanni from Union Savings Bank speak to us about the latest scam affect our community and put together Trick-or-Treat bags for the Food Pantry. We'll need supplies such as individually wrapped candies, small toys, spare change, or anything small enough to fit into a child-sized gift bag. Please bring a sandwich for the short business meeting. Contact Shari Carrano at 203-400-3563 with any questions or comments.



### **Fall Adult PF 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 5pm –all adults are welcome!**

With the pandemic on the upswing again, I imagine that among us are various levels of comfort with being indoors together the way we used to. For that reason, I'm going to suggest that we (1) trim our meeting time to two hours, (2) bring snacks that are easy to pick up (e.g., not a bag of chips that we all reach into), and (3) open windows during our time together. Also, anyone who wants to wear a mask is welcome to do so. Kate and I look forward to welcoming you back to our house on a regular basis, so please put the following dates on your calendar: **October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, and December 5.** –Don Parker-Burgard



### **MCC Book Club**

All meetings will continue to be via Zoom for now.

**MCC Book Club welcomes new members who love to read and have lively discussions.** No expertise is necessary.

For more information, please call Julie McClenathan 203-261-0360

October 13th - A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

November 10th - Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

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### **Monroe Community Events**



Come out and support the **Playground Foundation's Pasta & Meatballs Family Dinner Night**

Friday, October 15 5:00 – 7:30pm

## Elisha's Corner

By Gary Thompson, Church Historian

### **Our First Prudentialist, Andrew Hubbell**

The third person to be selected at the organizational meeting of the New Stratford Ecclesiastical Society "...to take care of ye Prudentials of Sd Society..." was neither a signer of the "Memorial" to petition the establishment of the New Stratford Parish nor of a family that originally settled Stratford. Andrew Hubbell was one day shy of fifty-six years old when he was selected at that meeting. Another difference is that he served for only that year and the following year; 1762 and 1763. The minutes of the Society does not mention him after that, but his oldest child, son Elijah, was quite active in the business of the congregation having been selected to be tax collector in 1764 and remained in that capacity for a number of years following. Andrew was born June 22, 1706, in Stratford to Sgt. James Hubbell and Patience Summers. His grandfather was Sgt. Richard Hubbell, Sr. At the age of twenty Andrew married seventeen year old Sarah Parruck in Stratfield. She was from Fairfield. They had one son and four daughters. On July 20, 1736, at age twenty-seven, Sarah died. Her son was nine years old at the time. Her youngest daughter, Sarah, was only twenty-three months old. Four months later on December 2, 1736, Andrew remarried twenty-two year old Mary Welles of Stratford, and the Hubbell homestead became stable again. They had four sons and five daughters; a household of thirteen children. Their oldest, Elijah, was twenty-three years old when his step-mother, Mary, had her last child, Rhoda, who was born in April, 1751. The inventory of Andrew's will indicates that he was a famer, and with a young, large family the involvement in the parish governance may have been more than he had time or desire. Or it could have been that he left the Parish to join the Society in Easton where he presumably died. In our records the "Rate Bill for the Meeting House 1774 .... " does not list any of the Hubbell family members.

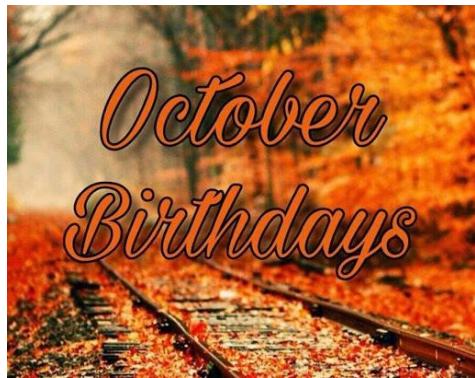
Andrew Hubbell's last will bequeathed his "house, barn, and 97 acres of land near Thomas Hawley land... " to his youngest son, Mathew who was at the time age thirty-two and with his own family; but he resided in Trumbull when he died and is buried there. To his son, Parruck, he left a small wooded parcel of land next to the property of Elijah Hawley. All this would indicate that Andrew's farm was on the Stepney side of the Parish. Interestingly in 1777, Andrew died on August 5<sup>th</sup> in Easton at age of seventy-one, his son Elijah died in Waterbury at age fifty, and his father, James, died Oct 1<sup>st</sup> in New Milford at age one hundred three.

Sgt. James Hubbell was at least by title a sergeant in the Fairfield militia. No record of his military service has yet been found to substantiate this. He was born in Fairfield in 1673 and spent his youth there. As his father Richard bought and sold properties in Fairfield and Stratford, he moved to the Stratfield Parish (northern Fairfield between Park Avenue and Blackrock Tpk.) where as a young man he met and married Patience Summers. He was thirty-one and she twenty-two. They must have moved from there to Stratford, since all of their children were born there; Andrew being the oldest. He later removed his family to a homestead in Easton, probably close to Stepney, since Andrew established himself in the New Stratford Parish. James and his wife Patience had two sons and three daughters. Their youngest daughter Patience was unmarried and move with them to Trumbull where she died in 1760 at the early age of thirty-eight. Her mother preceded her by seven years; she died on September 29, 1753 at the age of seventy. It may have been after his daughter's death when James moved again to establish the Hubbell famer in New Milford where he died at the age of one hundred three. He, his wife, and daughter Patience are all buried in the Unity Burial Ground in Trumbull.

The desire or necessity to move from place to place may have been an inheritance from James' father, Sgt. Richard Hubbell. In 1645, at age nineteen, Richard Hubbell arrived in the colony of New Haven, Connecticut from England. He was under the supervision of his maternal uncle, John Wakeman, a New Haven merchant and magistrate. On March 7, 1647, at age twenty-one he became a "Freeman", which meant that he was a property owner and subject to taxation. Four years later he married a local nineteen year old, Elizabeth Miegs, who was born in 1631 in Plymouth, Devon, England. With their first child, John, in hand they settled in Guilford in 1653, where they had three more sons and two daughters and where he was registered as a "Planter". The following year he took the "Oath of Fidelity" on May 4, 1654.

*The History of the Hubbell Family*, by Walter Hubbell (1915) indicates that in 1662 he got involved with others who endorsed two political papers (pamphlets) that were offensive to the "aristocratic government" of New Haven. They were all brought to trial for sedition. He, at least, was acquitted of the charge and was set free. Shortly after this incident he must have moved his family to the Pequannock section of west Stratford (now Bridgeport) where he established his homestead at what is now the corner of Clinton Avenue and North Avenue. He was a knowledgeable surveyor as well as a farmer and a realtor. He frequently bought and sold properties in the Stratford and Fairfield area for personal gain. *The Family History* .... claims that he earned the rank of Sergeant in the Fairfield County Militia, was a leading citizen, and an extensive landowner. He gifted portions of the properties to his children as they matured and set out on their own. But his wife did not benefit from this. She died on October 10, 1664, in Stratfield (Pequannock), leaving Richard with seven young children aged two to twelve. She is buried in the Old Stratfield Cemetery. He waited five years before he married his second wife, twenty-two year old Elizabeth Gaylord, who was born in Windsor, Connecticut on October 4, 1647. He was forty-three when they married. They added three more sons and three daughters to the family. The third child was James, Andrew Hubbell's father. Interestingly, of Richard's sons, two each were named John, James, and Samuel. Imagine that dinner table. At age forty-one, the second wife Elizabeth died in Stratfield and is buried in the Old Stratfield Cemetery, also. Her death may have been due to child birth. Within the year Richard, now sixty-two with a new baby to care for and at least four more older children still at home, married his third wife, Abigail Prudden, a forty-one year old widow, who was born in Milford on February 13, 1647. He had one more son by this last wife. Abigail lived in the Stratfield residence until she was seventy years old. She died on January 18, 1717 and is buried in the old Congregational Burying Ground in Stratford; probably next to her first husband.

It must be noted that Richard Hubbell was an original member of the Stratfield Ecclesiastical Society and a signer of the memorial issued to establish the Stratfield Parish. He died on October 23, 1699 and is buried in the Old Stratfield Cemetery with his two wives named Elizabeth. His headstone reads: "He was born in England 1626 Died in America 1699 Founder of the Hubbell Family. Richard was born on January 22, 1626, in Ribbesford, Wyre Forrest District, Worcestershire, England. Today Ribbesford is a village and civil parish that is part of the Town of Bewdley with a population of less than 300 people and within twenty-three miles southwest of Birmingham.



**Happy October Birthday** to the following people  
and to anyone we may have missed we will keep you in our prayers.

Andrea	Crosnier	10/01	Audra	Logan	10/15
Vinay	Sampson	10/01	Karen	Matyszczak	10/15
Gayle	Hammond	10/02	Ginger	Bartlett	10/19
Julie	Heussner	10/05	Carl	Haggstrom	10/19
Lorraine	Zeiner	10/07	Shari	Carrano	10/21
Lucas	Cuseo	10/08	Juliana	Lavitola	10/21
Robert	McClenathan	10/08	Lois	Spence	10/22
Jacqueline	Bleakney	10/10	Alan	Vaglivelo	10/25
Joseph	Gilberti	10/12	Zachary	Gingras	10/26
Pete	LaQuesse	10/12	Hubert	Muizulis	10/26
Elizabeth	Sampson	10/12	Lynne	Hyde	10/27
Richard	Bauer	10/13	Shirley	Dotoratos	10/29
Brian	Correll	10/13	Alison	Cross	10/30



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

Lois & David Spence <sup>(06)</sup>      Christine & Gary Hare <sup>(06)</sup>      Clark & Jennifer Gingras <sup>(10)</sup>  
Kyla & Bill Allen <sup>(12)</sup>      Linda & Nick Callero <sup>(15)</sup>      Michael & Jessica Pfalzgraf <sup>(17)</sup>  
Mary & Franklin Renz <sup>(23)</sup>      Frank & Christine Wittenauer <sup>(23)</sup>      James & Donna Perrone <sup>(26)</sup>  
Tom & Lynne Hyde <sup>(26)</sup>      Mary & George Massar <sup>(27)</sup>      and Andrea & Bruno Crosnier <sup>(28)</sup>

## MCC Community Calendar

### Week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Communion Sunday*

10:00 am Worship  
5-7:30 pm Jr PF  
5:00 pm Senior PF  
5:00 pm Adult PF

Oct 4-9 Pastor Jenn on Vacation

### **Mon. October 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm "The Art of Preaching" Zoom

### **Tue. October 5<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag  
8:00 pm Outreach Zoom

### **Thur. October 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Deacons

### Week of October 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Worship  
4:00 pm Senior PF (kitchen)  
5-7:30 pm Jr PF

### **Mon. October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Indigenous Peoples' Day -office closed

### **Tue. October 12<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Wed. October 13<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am Morning Circle  
6:30 pm Confirmation (Parsonage Porch)

### **Thur. October 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

### **Fri. October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Family Dinner Night - Playground Foundation

### Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am Trustees  
1:30 pm Crop Walk  
1:30 pm Jr PF Crop Walk  
5:00 pm Senior PF  
5:00 pm Adult PF

### **Mon. October 18<sup>th</sup>**

3:45 St George's Supper  
7:30 pm Council

### **Tue. October 19<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag  
7:00 pm Bereavement Group  
8:00 pm CE

### **Wed. October 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Confirmation (Parsonage Porch)

### **Thur. October 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

### Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Worship  
3pm Trunk or Treat SR PF Fundraiser  
5-7:30 pm Jr PF  
5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Mon. October 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm "The Art of Preaching" Zoom

### **Tue. October 26<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Wed. October 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm FEA Association Meeting

### **Thur. October 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)  
11:30 am Young at Heart (Jennies)

### Week of October 31<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am Worship  
5-7:30 pm Jr PF  
5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Mon. November 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 pm "The Art of Preaching" Zoom