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THE MONROE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
STEEPLE

December 1, 2024



On the Way to Bethlehem

"For outlandish creatures like us, on our way to a heart, a brain, and courage, Bethlehem is not the end of our journey but only the beginning – not home but the place through which we must pass if ever we are to reach home at last."— Frederick Buechner, The Magnificent Defeat

Think of all the places you've called home over your lifetime. In every place we live, we learn to settle into the feel of it, the people in it, and the unique qualities of the place. They are all so different and also... the same. Wherever we land, we long to live a worthwhile life and find purpose and relationships in the midst of it.

Places can shape us and our stories, even if we simply journey to and through them for a little while. We are changed as their narratives become part of ours. This Advent and Christmas season, we will focus on the places that shaped the path of Jesus' birth narrative. We'll learn more about why his life, ministry, and death became one of the most significant narratives of human history.

Rome's occupation shaped the context of the lives of those whom Jesus championed and to whom he gave hope. Jerusalem's religious practices shaped an alternative vision of the new Jerusalem, a kin-dom of peace, that Jesus would invite us to remain. Nazareth's simple and interdependent nature shaped his relationships and taught him the joy of community. Bethlehem's history connects the spirit of generosity in ways that underscore the gospel of love we have inherited.

And so, this Advent season we are going to go on a journey to these places "*on the way to Bethlehem.*" Each week takes us to a place and a significant event that leads us ultimately to a stable and a manger. We hope that you and your loved ones will join us in worship, 10 am on Sundays, as we travel together.

In Christ's love, Pastor Jenn

Deacons

ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM... ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT MCC

DECEMBER 1 - HOPE (ROME), VICTORIAN WORSHIP SERVICE w/COMMUNION,
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR 1-5 PM, COMMUNITY TREE
LIGHTING 5PM (REFRESHMENTS AT ST PETER'S GRACE)

DECEMBER 8 - PEACE (JERUSALEM), SENIOR PF ON RETREAT AT CAMP HAZEN

DECEMBER 15 - LOVE (NAZARETH) ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORIGINAL MEETINGHOUSE
DEDICATION, JUNIOR PF CAROLING 11:30-2

DECEMBER 22 - JOY (BETHLEHEM), INSTANT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT,
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR

DECEMBER 24 - CHRIST (THE STABLE), 4 PM QUIET SERVICE, 7 PM FAMILY SERVICE,
11 PM LESSONS & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 29 - STORY & CAROL SING, WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SWEATER

JANUARY 5 - EPIPHANY SUNDAY, STAR WORDS IN WORSHIP



The Monroe Congregational Church, UCC and
St. Peter's Grace Episcopal Church invite you to our
Annual Tree Lighting Celebration
this Sunday, December 1
on the Monroe Centre Green at 5 pm following our
Victorian Christmas Fair!



VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR

**MONROE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH * 34 CHURCH ST
10 AM WORSHIP, 1-5 PM FAIR, 5 PM TREE LIGHTING
DECEMBER 1, 2024**

Visit us for local crafters, historical church tours,
homemade soups, wreathes & advent candles.
Purchase a time travel passport for the Victorian train display,
children's activities, and a visit with Father Christmas.
Unwrapped toys gratefully received for Covenant to Care.

IT'S HERE!

Limited Edition MCC Pewter Christmas Ornament



***buy yours at the Victorian Christmas Fair
or at coffee hour (\$20 each)!***

Join us Christmas Eve at MCC

4 pm Quiet Worship (**Communion, Candles & Carols**)

7 pm Worship (**Chancel & Chime Choirs, guest musicians**)

11 pm Lessons & Carols by Candlelight



The Monroe Congregational Church, UCC

34 Church St, Monroe CT

On YouTube: [MonroeCongregationalChurchUCC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMCC-UCC)



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. You can sign-up in Wilton Hall or online! 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>
or [MCC-UCC.org](https://www.MCC-UCC.org)

Special Christmas Coffee Hour

11 am December 22 Wilton Hall

* Join us for a special Christmas coffee hour, to share some fellowship and holiday cheer! If you are able to bring a something to share, please drop it off in the kitchen between 9-9:45 that morning, thank you!



A **Christmas Poinsettia order form** can be found on the **last page of your Steeple!** The cost is \$25.00 each. **All orders must be received no later than Sunday, December 15** to ensure delivery by December 24th and inclusion in the bulletin dedication. Please make your check payable to Monroe Congregational Church with "poinsettia" in the memo line. The check and **order form** may be dropped off in the brass mailbox outside of the office, put in the offering plate, or mailed to the church. You can also donate through our website at <https://www.mcc-ucc.org/donate.html> Choose OTHER and memo poinsettias

Christian Education

"Almost Instant" Christmas Pageant



December 22nd at 10 am in worship!
Rehearsal - Sat, Dec 21st from 1-3 pm
Youth of all ages welcome to participate!



Senior PF is taking orders for their Christmas wreath fundraiser! See their table at coffee hour to order yours for the holidays! Wreaths are locally sourced from Jones Tree Farm.

\$15 for 12", \$20 for 16", bows \$2
Please make checks to **MCC Sr PF**
Memo: Wreath



ANNUAL REPORT

Attention Board Chairs ~ Please submit your annual report to the church office by Friday, December 13th

Please call the church office with any questions: 203-268-9327

A Note from Our Moderator



Dear MCC Family, Happy Holidays! What are you grateful for? I am grateful for my family, especially my spouse whom I married at MCC in 2008, the people of MCC and the community we create, and living in Monroe – at last! And lots more.

Importantly, I am grateful for MCC’s very talented staff. It is the time of year when we show our appreciation in a tangible way. Our tradition is to give a holiday gift to each of our staff members who take such wonderful care of us: Pastor Jenn, Will Duchon, Diane Prall, Heather Hisey and Jeanette Cardentay-Morales (Jeanette is not an employee now, but was for the first half of the year).

Your gift in any amount will combine with others and will help show our appreciation for all Jenn, Will, Diane, Jeanette and Heather have done for us this year.

Please consider a contribution in any amount as a thank you to our team.

1. Online is the best way; it is easy and immediate.
 - a. Go to the MCC website “Donate” page (<http://www.mcc-ucc.org/donate.html>)
 - b. Click “To Donate through VANCO, Click Here.”
 - c. If you don’t have a login and profile set up already, it’s easy and you can use it for your pledge or other donations to MCC.
 - d. Scroll down to the “Staff Gift” block and then follow the prompts.
2. By check: Write your check to MCC and write 2024 Staff Gift in the memo line.
 - a. You can mail that to Receiver, MCC, 34 Church St., Monroe, CT, 06468
 - b. Or drop it off in the office in the Receiver mailbox.
 - c. Or put it in the collection plate on Sunday (be sure to indicate “2024 Staff Gift”).

This week is a good time to do it, before we get occupied with turkeys, trees, gifts, parties, pies, cards... We will recognize the team at our special Christmas Coffee Hour on December 22 – a time of warmth, fellowship and goodies.

May the hope, peace, love & joy of Advent and Christmas be with you,
Arlene Redmond, Moderator

Trustees



Thank you to everyone who came out November 9th to help with our Fall Church Work Day!

Trustees ~ 2025 MCC Stewardship Campaign

On November 3rd we began our annual pledge drive, an intentional period of stewardship commitment entitled "**Better Together**". May this time of thinking about our shared investment in the ministry and mission of The Monroe Congregational Church be a fruitful one!

In worship, you have heard stories about how we as a congregation are responding to God's invitation to serve our neighbors. Each of us will be invited to invest in becoming the church God is urging and encouraging us to become. It is a time of great possibility for our congregation and the future of its mission.

To date we have received 36 pledge cards totaling \$116,122.00 -Thank you!

We hope you will respond to this invitation by completing and turning in your 2025 pledge card as soon as possible, either by mail, in the giving plate on Sunday, or by e-mailing your intentions to John O'Rourke at jorourke224@gmail.com.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how to financially support the Monroe Congregational Church in 2025!

Your Stewardship Committee, John O'Rourke (Receiver), Diane Prall, Rev. Jenn Gingras

Outreach

Covenant to Care Christmas Gift Collection!



It's that time of year again! Like last year we are collecting **unwrapped** gifts for children! Our CAFAF (Connecticut Alliance of Foster & Adoptive Families) social worker, Samantha Heltke, will have her case workers meet at her office and "shop" the donated gifts for the ones that are a good fit for the children on their case load.

Remember we will no longer need to wrap the gifts. Easy peasy! Just **purchase as many gifts as you like and bring them (unwrapped) to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 15th!**

No Time to Shop –No Problem! Monetary gifts are also very much appreciated. Please make checks payable to MCC and Memo: C2C Xmas and Diane will do the shopping for you!

Thank you so much for being such an awesome, generous resource for so many children, year after year! Diane Prall - Covenant to Care Liaison
Check out CAFAF <https://cafafct.org/>

Thanksgiving Baskets



Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the **MCC Covenant to Care Thanksgiving Fundraiser!** Thanks to you, MCC raised \$1,081 providing yet another record breaking **36 Thanksgiving meals to families facing difficult times.** Your donation is greatly appreciated by myself, Samantha Heltke our CAFAF Advocacy and Support Services Regional Liaison, the Town of Monroe Social Services and the families you will provided a meal for this Thanksgiving Day.

As always, well done MCC!
With deep appreciation, Diane Prall, Covenant to Care Liaison



Heifer International is a charity Morning Circle collects spare change for. Bees and goats are a couple of gifts that can help families support themselves. Offspring of the animals are given to neighbors so that they too can sustain themselves making the community stronger and self-supporting. **A collection jar is set out on the table during coffee hour.** Contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or call 203-268-0280 with any questions.



Do you have a couple of hours to spare on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays? We sort, tag and hang donated merchandise in the Shoppe on Tuesdays at 1:30PM while on Fridays we are open from 10-3 and Saturdays from 10-2. It's easy to do. Just pop on over during any of those timeframes and the volunteers(s) would gladly show you the ropes. For opening or closing the Shoppe, a list of responsibilities can be emailed to you for your perusal. You can always shadow a volunteer

for a couple of shifts until you get the hang of it and then when you're ready, you will be put on the schedule. Monies collected from shoppers' purchases go to mission trips, outreach programs and many more. Please contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280 with any questions.

Fellowship



Join us for the monthly Book Culb on the **3rd Wednesday of the month.** We will continue to meet via zoom so that all members can join from wherever they may be. Questions can be sent to Paula via email pjsh55@gmail.com or home phone or 203-452-0850.

- December 18th** The Women by Kristin Hannah
- January 15th** The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
- February 19th** The Keeper of Hidden Books by Madeline Martin

Many thanks to our Morning Circle ladies for their kindness and generosity in putting together 24 quart-size bean soup jars for the Food Pantry. They always look so beautiful when the final product is dropped off. Thank you to Stop & Shop for providing a \$25 gift card towards the purchase of the beans.



For our **Christmas luncheon** the group will meet at Little Barn in Shelton for reservations at 12PM with carpooling at the church's parking lot at 11:45AM.

Giving Tree gifts need to be wrapped, tagged with the gift request and dropped off in the church office by Sunday, December 1st. Morning Circle will not meet in January or February. Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions, comments or concerns at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280.

Our calendar of meetings

Wednesday, Dec 11, 12PM - Christmas Luncheon - Little Barn in Shelton

Wednesday, Mar 12, 11AM -Dineson Parlor - Birthday bags

Wednesday, Apr 9, 11AM -Dineson Parlor - CWS hygiene kits

Wednesday, May 14 11AM -Dineson Parlor - Women's hygiene products collection

Wednesday, Jun 11 12PM - June Picnic Luncheon - Location TBD



Thank you, **Prayer Partners!** You've been keeping your partner in your thoughts for the last two months. I hope that you had a chance to either pass the peace to them during the service or maybe strike up a conversation at coffee hour or maybe even sit next to them at the Spaghetti Bingo night dinner. As special occasions come up, I hope that you get a chance to send them a note or card in the mail signed "Your Prayer Partner" and use the church's address (34 Church St Monroe CT 06468) as the return. We will continue to pray for our partner anonymously until Sunday, May 18th at 11:15AM in Wilton Hall where we will hold the "Big Reveal" potluck luncheon. Please bring in any dish you choose and we'll find out who's been praying for whom. Contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280 with any questions.



Elisha's Corner

Historian's Notebook

The Finding of Our Church's Victorian Treasures

June Winger and the ladies of the Morning Circle had an idea; replace the couches in Dineson Parlor with some new, more attractive ones. That was the seed that was planted and the plan just grew from there. Glen Brigham, Geri Greco, Rob and Julie McClenathan volunteered to repaint the Parlor and rearrange and add to the wall hangings. The very attractive result speaks for itself. Was it not for this project, the following series of discoveries may never have taken place.

While purging and clearing the bookcases to prepare for the painting, Pastor Jenn discovered two formally used **cherry wood communion cup serving trays and two tithing boxes**. In remarkable condition, the labels on the bottom of

the cup serving trays indicated that they were made in 1898. Our resident antique appraiser, Mike Pellegrino, placed the origin of the tithing boxes between 1865 and 1895. Yes! Victorian Era! Mike took these items and properly cleaned them for display. During the appraisal Mike was asked if we should mount them in a large shadow box. After some thought, he came up with a better idea.

On Saturday, November 9th, Mike and his wife, Barbara, gifted to our congregation a glass display case that once belonged to Ed Coffey, former Town of Monroe Historian. It now sits under the portrait painting of Elisha Rexford at the inside entrance to Rexford House like it was made to be there. Its origin, according to Ed Coffey's daughter, Laura, is unknown, but that it was his before it was passed on.

So with all of that in place a search was made for the glass communion cups used until the time that disposable plastic ones were introduced. They were eventually found in the church office, in a wicker basket atop a storage box on top of the filing cabinet. They were subsequently installed in the two communion serving trays.

Not done yet. The curious storage box had to be investigated. It was there, among miscellaneous supplies, that three more of our Church treasures were found. One was the **old baptismal bowl** (sadly without its ewer). It was appropriately cleaned for display in our new display case. Another was a **commemorative delft-like dish with the image of William Feeney's pen and ink winter image of our 1847 Meeting House**. This, too, is now in the new display case. There may be more of them stored somewhere in Rexford House.

The third item was the ever elusive and long sought after **original pin and ink winter drawing of our 1847 Meeting House by William Feeney**. This gem is to be finely cleaned and suitably framed for hanging before our Victorian Christmas Fair, the first Sunday of Advent, on December 1st. All of these findings happened within a few weeks of each other with great enthusiasm and excitement. All because the Morning Circle ladies thought it a good idea to replace the couches in Dineson Parlor.

How many time-travelers do we have in our congregation? Imagine!

Historically faithful, *Gary Thompson, Historian*



2024 Inclement Weather Policy Inclement Weather Policy



Here in New England we get to enjoy seasonal weather changes. At MCC, we have learned to be flexible and make safe choices about our scheduled plans. The safety and well-being of our people is one of our most important concerns.

This is our inclement weather policy, including who makes decisions about closings and how the decision is spread in the community. If you serve in a position of responsibility, please find your leadership role below.

In Person Sunday Worship Services:

1. **At 7 am**, Pastor (Jenn Gingras, 203-895-5607) and the current Chair of Deacons make the decision whether or not to cancel in-person worship. If in-person worship is cancelled, Jenn will record and upload an abbreviated worship service on <https://www.youtube.com/monroecongregationalchurchucc> by noon (sermon, prayer, announcements)
2. **Jenn** notifies staff and key volunteers (who in turn notify those they work with), including Will Duchon (203-615-3908), Reader, Usher and Trustee of the Day. Jenn sends a church-wide e-mail and posts on FB (MCC-UCC Conversation and Monroe Cong Church Page)
3. **Chair of Deacons** notifies CT Weather/IAN Snap, Channel 8 & Channel 3
4. **Committee meetings** are cancelled at the discretion of committee chair, although many are held on Zoom at the moment, so weather shouldn't be a problem!

Sr. & Jr. PF groups will be notified of any changes or cancellations by e-mail, phone tree and/or Facebook notifications as appropriate.

1. Josh Post (203-400-0884)– Makes and communicates Sr PF decision
2. Rev. Jennifer Gingras (203-895-5607) – Makes and communicates Jr PF decision

Evening Meetings: It is the responsibility of the convener to notify the meeting participants of any changes or cancellations.

Midweek Morning Programs: If the Monroe School district either delays or cancels school, morning Bible studies and other church-sponsored morning programs are cancelled.

Church Office: If the Monroe School System is closed, and staff members are able to travel, they may choose to do so if conditions are safe. Otherwise, they may choose to work remotely.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office at 203-268-9327.

For info on parking lot conditions, our plow guy's name is Adam, his cell is 203-258-8382.

In Our Prayers

Alison Abrams (Jessica Pfalzgraf's sister); **Allie** (Colegrove's friend); **Jennifer Bittar** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend); **Jackie Bleakney; Kevin Daly** (Gary Thompson's friend); **Dawn** (Donna Konkol's Friend); **Dealmira** (Jonathan Ganino's grandmother); **Dan and Laura Dimauro** (Cuseo friends); **John Dominic** (Pfalzgraf's neighbor); **Dot Dralus; Matt Duchon; Elaine** (Wendy Colegrove's Aunt); **Bruno Forte** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **David Fischman** (Sue Granello's Friend); **Dave Fuller** (Gail Olson's brother); **Lehre Fuller** (Gail Olson's sister-in-law); **Holly Hallgren; Mary & Rachel Heerema** (Julia Gutierrez's mom & sister); **Brad Heines** (Susie Cuseo's friend); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Heather Henning; Brian Hopkins** (Donna Konkol's cousin); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother); **Jonathan** (Matt Colegrove's brother); **Kelti** (friend of Liska Gutierrez), **Samia Khoury** (Will Duchon's friend); **Monica Lynch** (Bethany Dupuis' friend); **Nicole Malia; Mary** (Kate Brigg's Mother); **The Manuzzi Family; Betty McKeown** (Donna Konkol's mother); **Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Jean Moffat; Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Joe Mumper** (Julie McClenathan's friend); **Pat Nugent; Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Nancy Olofson; Missy & Gail Olson; Dean Perosino** (Gayle Hammond's brother); **P.T. Philip** (Liz Sampson's father); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Yessika Siccardi** (Sampson family friend); **Ed Simonovich** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **Bernie Sippin; Gary Sippin** (Lori Sippin's son); **John Skarupa** (Barb Pellegrino's brother); **Sheldon & Nancy Smith; Christine Stadler; Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Winger's granddaughter); **Tom** (Wendy Colegrove's dad); **Wayne Thompson** (Gary Thompson's brother); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **June Wilkes; Natica Williams** (Will Duchon's friend); **Don Whiteley; Allen Zeiner** (Ann Zeiner's son); **Ann Zeiner**

The concerns of our world: The people of **Gaza; Israeli hostages** and their families, the people of **Ukraine, Sudan** and the **Middle East; LGBTQ+ children and their families** facing discrimination; those who serve or live in **war or conflict zones** around the world; **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.**

Those serving in the military, veterans & their families:

Stateside: **Lt. Col. Rachel Hoffman**, Tacoma, Washington (Vaughan Askue's daughter), **Justin Rifflard**, Pensacola Naval Air Station, **Zachary Gingras**, 395th Combat Sustainability Support, **Joel Smith**, 250th Engineering Company, **Chris Meneses** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend)



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

Lily	Briggs	12/02	Tom	Briggs	12/17
Michael	Snyder	12/02	Georgia	Bauerle	12/18
Frank	Wittenauer	12/02	Connor	Halloran	12/18
Jeremy	Young	12/03	Jennifer	Halloran	12/18
Matthew	Colegrove	12/06	Lynda	Bauer	12/21
Larry	Wissink	12/06	Trevor	Rooney	12/22
Owen	Granello	12/08	Donna	Parratt	12/23
Ryan	Granello	12/08	Ashley	Prall-Lauren	12/23
Madeline	Wissink	12/10	Holly	Hallgren	12/24
Megan	Wissink	12/10	Kirsten	Crosnier	12/27
Bill	Allen	12/11	John	O'Rourke	12/27
Ed	Burke	12/11	Leanne	McEvoy	12/28
Kiersten	Rooney	12/11	Adam	Briggs	12/29
Kathryn	Maiolo	12/14	Ella	Rudewicz	12/30
Paulette	Obertz	12/14	John	Telep	12/31
Emily	Barnhart	12/17			



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

John & Cindy O'Rourke⁽⁰⁷⁾ Linda & David Rooney⁽¹⁷⁾
Holly & Peter Hallgren⁽²²⁾ and Vinay & Elizabeth Sampson⁽²⁹⁾

**December
MCC Community Calendar**

Week of Sun. Dec 1st

Advent 1 - Communion

10:00 am Victorian Christmas Worship

1:00 pm Victorian Christmas Fair

5:00 pm Tree Lighting

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tue. Dec 3rd

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thur. Dec 5th

9:30 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

Fri. Dec 6th - 8th

Senior PF Retreat

Week of Sun. Dec 8th

Advent 2

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees

1-2:30 pm Junior PF Caroling

Tue. Dec 10th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. Dec 11th

11:45 am Morning Circle Carpool

12:00 pm Morning Circle Christmas Luncheon (Little Barn, Shelton)

Thur. Dec 12th

9:30 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

Week of Sun. Dec 15th

Advent 3 (deadline to order Poinsettias)

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees

5 pm Jr PF Christmas Party

Tue. Dec 17th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. Dec 18th

7:00 pm Book Club

Thurs. Dec 19th

9:30 am Bible Study Christmas Party

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Sat. Dec 21st

1-3 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Week of Sun. Dec 22nd

Advent 4

10:00 am Worship with Almost Instant Christmas Pageant

11:00 am Special Christmas Coffee Hour

Tue. Dec 24th

Christmas Eve

4 pm Quiet Christmas Eve

7 pm Intergenerational Christmas Eve

11 pm Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

Wed. Dec 25th & Thur. Dec 26th

Christmas Holiday - office Closed

Week of Sun. Dec 29th

10 am Casual Christmas

New Year's Eve and Day - Office Closed

The Connecticut Choral Society
& Trinity Episcopal Church
present....

EVENSONG

reflective, meditative music in
a beautiful, historic sanctuary

Sunday, December 8th
3:00pm

FREE ADMISSION

Trinity Episcopal Church
36 Main St., Newtown, CT

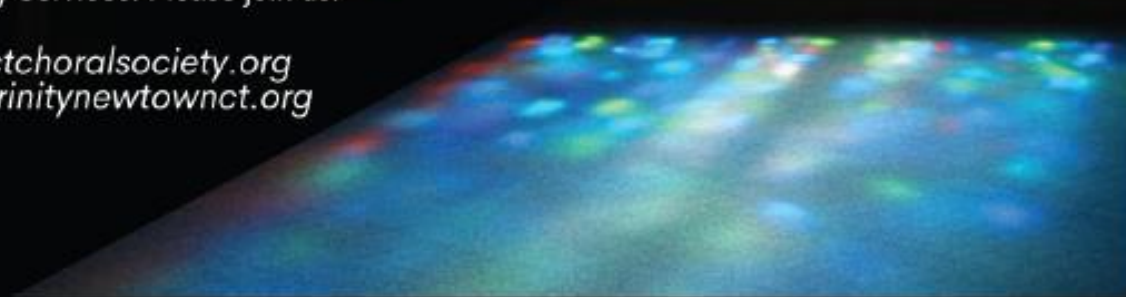
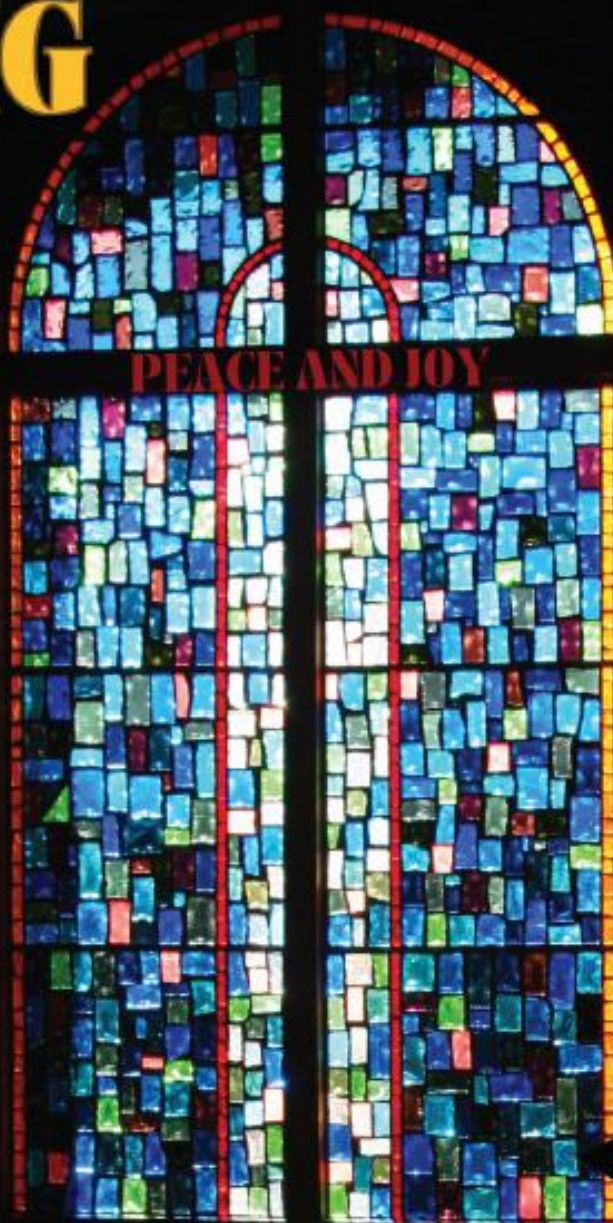
JENNIFER SISCO, Conductor
MICHAEL LANTOWSKI, Organist
CONNECTICUT CHORAL SOCIETY

ANDREA CASTNER-WYATT, Rector
Trinity Episcopal Church



This music filled event is our gift to the
community and is being held during the
39th Annual Holiday Festival to
benefit (NYFS) Newtown Youth
& Family Services. Please join us!

www.ctchoralsociety.org
www.trinitynewtownct.org



Add a Splash of Color to Our Meeting House for Christmas!



**Christmas Poinsettia
Order Form**



Quantity	Cost Each	Total Cost
	\$ 25.00	

Given by (PRINT your name): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Other: _____



Orders must be placed no later than Monday, Dec. 11th, 2023 to ensure delivery by December 24th and inclusion in the bulletin dedication. Please make your check payable to Monroe Congregational Church with "poinsettia" in the memo line. The check & **order form** may be dropped off in the brass mail box outside of the office, put in the offering plate, or mailed to the church. You can also donate through our website at mcc-ucc.org/donate.html Choose OTHER and **memo poinsettias**



Thank you and have a blessed holiday!