

*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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**Gathering Music** Give Thanks to the Lord. *H. Hopson, 1990*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go.

*People: Of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, the anger  
that haunts us.*

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go.

*People: Of the worry, stress or anxiety that have filled us since the last time  
we gathered.*

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up,

*People: The gift of your grace, your love and a life that fills us.*

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up,

*People: The gift of each other, the gift of this community, the gift of this time  
of worship.*

Leader: As we gather for worship O Lord, help us say together,

*All: We are here. We are not alone. Jesus Christ is among us today.  
Alleluia! Amen.*

**Opening Prayer** Jessica Pfalzgraf, Deacon of the Day

**\*Our Church's Covenant** inside front cover of hymnal

**Children's Message**

*Students may remain in church with their families, the nursery is staffed to care for younger children.*

**\*Hymn** In Christ There Is No East or West NCH #395

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

*Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created  
us to be. You call us to be your people, but we have allowed ourselves to serve other  
powers. We have ignored your call to stand for justice, choosing instead the path of  
least resistance or greatest return. We find ourselves stuck in patterns and relationships  
that we no longer know how to change. Turn to us again, liberating God! Restore us to  
the life you created us to live, through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen (silence)*

**Words of Assurance**

**\*Passing of 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.*

**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.*

**Time for Giving**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

The Call

Z. Randall Stroope, 2013

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

**\*Doxology and Presentation**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, the Word in flesh, born low,  
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore,  
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture**

Exodus 2:1-10, pg 48

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

**Sermon**

Drawn Out

Rev. Jennifer Gingras

**\*Closing Hymn**

Let Justice Flow like Streams

NCH #588

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Parting Music**

You Are the Light

Tom Fettke, 1988

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Offertory: The Call     Z. Randall Stroope, 2013

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;  
Such a Way as gives us breath,  
Such a Truth as ends all strife,  
Such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;  
Such a Light as shows a Feast,  
Such a Feast as mends in length,  
Such a Strength as makes His guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;  
Such a Joy as none can move,  
Such a Love as none can part,  
Such a Heart as joys in love.

**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.

Please join us for a time of **fellowship** following the service in Wilton Hall.



If you'd like to **give online** during worship (or anytime), simply scan this QR code, which will take you to our VANCO electronic giving page. Thank you so much for your support.

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

**Deacon:** Jessica Pfalzgraf    **Usher:** Bill & Mary Jo Brett    **Lay Reader:** Cliff Cuseo  
**Trustee:** Dave Allen    **Counter:** Michael Ganino    **Coffee Host:** Marge Fox  
**Web Steward:** Scott Young



**The flowers this morning are given by Lisa Bauerle.**

**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](http://MCC-UCC.org)



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

Coralina Goyette <sup>(14)</sup>                      Mike Pellegrino <sup>(14)</sup>                      Kate Parker-Burgard <sup>(20)</sup>  
 Mark Malia IV <sup>(14)</sup>                      Charles Smith <sup>(18)</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)

Daniel & Eve Balestriere <sup>(16)</sup>    Matt & Wendy Colegrove <sup>(17)</sup>  
 Rich & Michelle Correll <sup>(20)</sup>

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Diane is scheduled for vacation on Mondays throughout the summer, beginning this Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Diane will continue to work from home on Wednesdays where she will receive and respond to your voicemail and email messages. Happy Summer!

The **Monroe Summer Day Camp** will be renting our MCC campus again this year. The camp will provide added income for the church during the months of June, July and August. If you need to enter the building between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday please stop into the office and ask Diane to notify the camp director. **If the office is closed, please use the walkie-talkie provided to notify the camp director, Karen or Krissy, of your presence.** Thank you!

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### Fellowship



**MCC Summertime Coffee Hour Hosts:** Are you interested in providing refreshments for our church members and friends following Sunday worship! All you need to do is arrive at the kitchen by 9:45 to get the coffee going (instructions found on kitchen wall). Providing baked goods or other snacks are always welcome (but not mandatory). Please sign up in Wilton Hall. (Although one can do it, it's fun to serve with a friend). Thank you!

## Summer BOOK CLUB

New summer dates! **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 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](mailto:pjsh55@gmail.com) or home phone or 203-452-0850.

The book club selections for upcoming months:

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** 7 pm Horse by Geraldine Brooks Host: Julie McClenathan

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7pm - The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict



### Homecoming Picnic September 15 – Wolfe Park



**Young at Heart** will meet Thurs., July 25 at noon.

Red Rooster Pub, 160 South Main Street, Newtown

Please RSVP to Marge Fox (203)706-2132 or [MargeFox48@gmail.com](mailto:MargeFox48@gmail.com)

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### From the Historian's Notebook

Victorian Christmas Fair

**Believe it or not, December is only 6 months away - Let's get planning!** In Our Prayers

The initial planning meeting for the Victorian Christmas Fair will be on **Sunday, July 21 at about 11:15**. Grab a coffee and join us in the parlor! Thanks so much for your time and interest in this exciting new event!

## In Our Prayers

**Alison Abrams** (Jessica Pfalzgraf's sister); **Allie** (Colegrove's friend); **Jennifer Bittar** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend); **Jackie Bleakney**; **Byron Brown & Bruce Bryant** (friends of Will Duchon); **Lori Cimeno** (Peggy & Ron Villani's Daughter); **Kevin Daly** (Gary Thompson's friend); **Dawn** (Donna Konkol's Friend); **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); **Bryan Garvin** (Mike Pfalzgraf's cousin); **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), **Monica Lynch** (Bethany Dupuis' friend); **Nicole Malia**; **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); **Josh Post**; **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 Smith**; **Nancy Smith**; **Christine Stadler**; **Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Winger's granddaughter); **Wayne Thompson** (Gary Thompson's brother); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **June Wilkes**, **Charles L. Wynn, Sr.**, (and his mother) **Alleane** (friend of Will Duchon); **Allen Zeiner** (Ann Zeiner's son); **Ann Zeiner**

**The concerns of our world:** The people of **Ukraine** 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 Riffard**, Pensacola Naval Air Station, **Zachary Gingras**, 395th Combat Sustainability Support, **Joel Smith**, 250th Engineering Company **Chris Meneses** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend)

Kuwait: **Jon Sanchez** (Don Whiteley's grandson-in-law)

## **MCC Community Calendar**

### **Week of Sun. Jul 14<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Mon. Jul 15<sup>th</sup>**

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

### **Tue. July 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

### **Wed. July 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Book Club

### **Fri. July 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 Arts in the Park Meetup

*Senior PF Mission Trip July 21 – 28  
Appalachian Folk Life Center,  
Pipestem WV*

### **Week of Sun. Jul 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Victorian Christmas Fair  
Meeting (Dineson)

### **Mon. Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

### **Tue. July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

### **Thurs. July 25<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm Young @ Heart, Red Rooster

### **Fri. July 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 Arts in the Park Meetup

### **Week of Sun. Jul 28<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

### **Mon. Jul 29<sup>th</sup>**

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

### **Tue. July 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

### **Fri. Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 Arts in the Park Meetup

### **Week of Sun. Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion Carra McFadden,  
Guest Preacher*

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees

### **Mon. Aug 5<sup>th</sup>**

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

5:30 pm Outreach Planning

### **Tue. Aug 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

### **Week of Sun. Aug 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

### **Mon. Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

7:30 pm Deacons

*Pastor Jenn Vacation Aug. 18 - 24*

### **Week of Sun. Aug 18<sup>th</sup>**

Guest Preacher, Jim Hisey

10:00 am Worship

### **Mon. Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

6:00 pm Council Planning