

July 21, 2024

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

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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**Gathering Music** With Quiet Courage Larry Daehn, 1995 Bethany Dupuis, flutist

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to worship this morning!  
*People: Even though it is summertime, our lives are crowded and rushed.*  
Leader: Come into this time of peace and quiet.  
*People: We need to rest in God's word.*  
Leader: God's love is with you. God will give you rest and refresh your souls.  
*All: Thanks be to God for this "break-away" time. AMEN.*

**Opening Prayer** Rebecca Cicarelli, 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** To You, O God, All Creatures Sing (verses 1 & 4) NCH #17

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

*Patient God, we wait all year for these summer months when we can rest and relax, to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world. Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity. Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just relax and not try to get everything done as though life was some sort of contest. Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you, not out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm. We ask these things in Jesus' Name, 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

Widmung ("Dedication")

Robert Schumann, 184

*Our offering plate will be passed among us today.  
You may give online 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

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56, pg 916

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

### Sermon

Come Away

Rev. Jennifer Gingras

### \*Closing Hymn

Let There Be Light! O God of Hosts

NCH #589

### \*Benediction

### Parting Music

Let Justice Flow like Streams

Hymn #588 Verse 4 (recently discovered at Monroe Goodwill Store)

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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.

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:** Rebecca Cicarelli    **Usher:** Melissa Quinn    **Lay Reader:** Glenn Brigham  
**Trustee:** Bill Brett    **Counter:** John O'Rourke    **Coffee Host:** Kathy Allen  
**Web Steward:** Scott Young



**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)

Carol Kelly <sup>(21)</sup>

Ann-Marie Campbell <sup>(25)</sup>

Bill Stadler <sup>(26)</sup>

Owen Campbell <sup>(24)</sup>

Campbell Halloran <sup>(25)</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)

Trees & John Whitbeck <sup>(23)</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!

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



**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)



**From the Historian's Notebook**

Victorian Christmas Fair

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

The initial planning meeting for the Victorian Christmas Fair will be **TODAY, 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!

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**David Walker**

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## In Our Prayers

**June Winger, Don Whiteley, Senior PF on Mission Trip, Holly Hallgren, 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 & 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 Rifflard**, 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**

*Senior PF Mission Trip July 20 – 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 pm 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 pm Arts in the Park Meetup

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

*Communion Carra McFadden,  
Guest Preacher*

*Pastor Jenn Vacation, Aug. 4 – 10*

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

### **Fri. Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm Arts in the Park Meetup

### **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 (zoom)

### **Tue. Aug 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

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

*Guest Preacher, Jim Hisey*

10:00 am Worship

*Pastor Jenn Vacation, Aug. 18 - 24*

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

*Diane on Vacation - Office Closed*

6:00 pm Council Planning

### **Tue. Aug 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

### **Thur. Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>**

12:00 pm Young @ Heart

7:00 pm Book Club