

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

River In Judea

Linda Marcus/Jack Feldman, 1989

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

Galatians 3:23-29, page 1061

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

Sermon

Who’s On Your Team?

Rev. Jennifer Gingras

***Hymn**

Come, Labor On (verses 1 & 4)

NCH 532

Benediction

Parting Music

Makin' Berries

Music: Walter Donaldson, 1928

Lyrics: Darryl Strawberry, 1972

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



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:** Linda Fracassini
- **Usher:** Clark Gingras
- **Trustee:** James Brown
- **Counter:** Bill Stadler
- **Web Steward:** Scott Young

*The flowers this morning are given by **the Maiolo family** in celebration of MCC's 50th Strawberry Festival!*



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. If you do not have access to a computer for online signup, call Diane in the office 203-268-9327, and she will help! 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>



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

Scott Young ⁽¹⁹⁾
Katie Young ⁽¹⁹⁾
Chantal Crosnier ⁽²⁰⁾

Meg Sullivan ⁽²⁰⁾
Juliette Nealon ⁽²¹⁾

Julia Gutierrez ⁽²³⁾
Hannah Halloran ⁽²³⁾



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)

Ron & Peggy Villani ⁽²⁴⁾



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 paying \$550 per week for 65 campers and \$10 more for each additional camper with a cap of 75 campers this year.

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 ask someone to notify the camp director, Karen, of your presence.

Christian Education



This Month in Senior PF:

June 17 – Picking, Set-up for 50th Annual Strawberry Festival

June 18, 19 – 50th Annual Strawberry Festival! Picking, Smoothies, Runners, Trash Team

June 26 – Trust & Teambuilding

Outreach



The **Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe** needs YOU! If you have a couple of hours to spare either on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays, we are looking for your help. **Summer sorting, tagging and hanging happens on Tuesdays at 9:30AM.** Volunteers will help you with what needs to be done. Sales associates are needed for two-hour shifts starting from 10AM to 3PM on Fridays and Saturdays. A procedure list can be emailed or you can visit the Shoppe when someone is manning the counter. It's fun and quite rewarding. Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280.

Fellowship



Young At Heart's next luncheon will be on Thursday, **June 23rd at 12 pm** **Old Towne Restaurant**, 60 Quality St, Trumbull, CT 06611
Please **RSVP** to Carol Viellette at (203)268-2565 or CV31@gmail.com

MCC Book Club is open to all church members.

For more information, please call Paula Haggstrom 203-452-0850
email: pjsh55@gmail.com We will continue meet via Zoom.



July 20th, 7 pm - The Last Mona Lisa by Jonathan Santlofer, Host: Julie McClenathan
August 17th, 7 pm - The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes, Host: Kristina Logan



Prayer Partners Look for signups in August. It's so easy to do: complete the sign-up sheet, receive a letter in the mail from Susie Cuseo with the name of who to pray for, share a conversation with them during coffee hour, send them a card or note in the mail using the church's address as the return and then meet in May 2023 at the "Big Reveal" potluck to find out who's been praying for you. Contact Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280.

In Our Prayers

Michael Barresi (Maria's Son); **Jennifer Bittar** (Loraine Zeiner's friend); **Jackie Bleakney**; **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**; **Bruno Forte** (friend of Nancy Hedine); **David Fischman** (Sue Granello's Friend); **Marge Fox**; **Fern Griffith** (Ashley Levin's friend); **Karen Guinness** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Gina & Liz** (Wendy Colegrove's friends); **Gary & Nancy Hedine**; **Mary & Rachel Heerema** (Julia Gutierrez's mom & sister); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Brian Hopkins** (Donna Konkol's cousin); **Bill Irwin** (Cheri's husband); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother); **Kelti** (friend of Liska Gutierrez); **Walter Lane** (Marge Fox's brother-in-law); **Danny Larkin** (Donna Konkol's relative); **Mary-Margaret Logan** (Andrew's mother); **Monica Lynch** (Bethany Dupuis' friend); **Jacquie MacLean** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Nicole Malia**; **Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Mike** (Dot's friend); **Jean Moffat**; **Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Joe Mumper** (Julie McClenathan's friend); **Bert Muizullis**; **Kathy Nivison** (Andy's mother); **Pat Nugent**; **Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Missy Olson**; **Osborne** (Colegrove's Family friend); **Dean Perosino** (Gayle Hammond's brother); **Donna Parratt**; **Geno Piacentini** (Karen MacDonald's husband); **P.T. Philip** (Liz Sampson's father); **Norman & Jan Ricker** (Linda & Jack Fracassini's friend); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Connor Scalia** (Jen Nivison's friend); **Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **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 and Dick Thompson** (Gary's cousins); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **Susan Walker**; **Charles L. Wynn, Sr.**, (and his mother) **Alleane** (friends of Will Duchon); **Allen Zeiner** (Ann Zeiner's son); **Ann Zeiner**

The concerns of our world: *The people of Ukraine; 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; Our friends living on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation and in Oaxaca, Mexico*

Those serving in the military, veterans & their families: Washington: **Rachel Hoffman** (Vaughan Askue's daughter), Virginia: **Chris Meneses** (Loraine Zeiner's friend), Georgia: **Zachary Peters** (Jacob Parker-Burgard's cousin), Kuwait: **Jon Sanchez** (Don Whiteley's grandson-in-law), South Carolina: **Bob Peters** (Don Parker-Burgard's brother-in-law)

MCC Community Calendar

Week of Sun. June 19th

Father's Day & Strawberry Festival Sunday

10:00 am Worship

12:00 – 5:00 pm Strawberry Festival

Mon. June 20th

7:30 pm Church Council (Zoom)

Tue. June 21st

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Thurs. June 23rd

175 Year Anniversary of the Meetinghouse

11:30 am Young @ Heart

Week of Sun. June 26th

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees (Zoom)

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tue. June 27th

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Pastor Jenn is on sabbatical until October 1.

Welcome sabbatical supply pastor, Rev. Peggy Allen!

Week of Sun. July 3rd

Communion

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. July 4th

Independence Day – Office Closed

7pm Outreach (Zoom)

Tue. July 5th

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Week of Sun. July 10th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tue. July 12th

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Wed. July 13th

7:00 pm Book Club (Zoom)

Week of Sun. July 17th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. July 18th

7:30 pm Council

Tue. July 19th

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Sat. July 23rd – Sunday July 31st

Sr PF Mission Trip to Frakes, KY

Week of Sun. July 31th

10:00 am Worship

Mon. Aug 1st

7:00 pm Outreach

Tue. Aug 2nd

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag