

June 30, 2024

**Sixth 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**

Michael Row the Boat Ashore  
*John O'Rourke, vocalist*

- Traditional

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits

*People: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root!*

Leader: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits

*People: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live!*

Leader: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits

*People: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots!*

Leader: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!

*All: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root!*

**Opening Prayer**

Michelle Cardentey, 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**

Christ the Sure Foundation

NCH #400

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

*Holy One, we come to you this day with so many things on our hearts and minds. Some of the events this week have been very positive and have caused us to celebrate; but we are also prone to worry, doubts and fear. These negative things crowd out your Word and we become like useless soil, unable to receive and grow. Slow us down. Continue to pour your love on us because we really hunger and thirst for it. Forgive us when we allow all the negativity to drown out your word. Scatter again the seeds of peace, love, hope and joy that we may be better disciples for you in this world which is in so much pain. 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                                      When My Love Swayed                                      *Traditional Arabic Melody*  
*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**

Genesis 25:19-34, page 21

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

#### **Sermon**

*All In The Family: Jacob & Esau*

Rev. Jennifer Gingras

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

NCH #573

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

This Little Light of Mine  
*John O' Rourke, vocalist*

- Traditional

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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:** Michelle Cardentey
- **Usher:** Julio Morales
- **Lay Reader:** Chris Hisey
- **Trustee:** Caleb Nealon
- **Counter:** Tom Briggs
- **Coffee Host:** Michelle Cardentey
- **Web Steward:** Scott Young

**The flowers this morning are given by Diane & Tony Prall in celebration of Pastor Jenn and David Walker's birthdays today!**

**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)

Dan Sullivan <sup>(30)</sup>  
David Walker <sup>(30)</sup>  
Jenn Gingras <sup>(30)</sup>  
Sheldon Smith <sup>(01)</sup>

Betsy Gilberti <sup>(02)</sup>  
Thomas Hyde <sup>(02)</sup>  
Griffin Allen <sup>(03)</sup>

Julia Telep <sup>(04)</sup>  
Kim Riffard <sup>(05)</sup>  
Jane Allen <sup>(06)</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)

Mary Jo and Bill Brett <sup>(01)</sup>



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

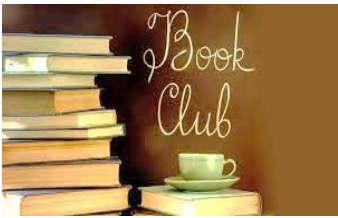


**MCC Summertime Coffee Hour Hosts:** Are you interested in providing refreshments for our church members and friends following Sunday worship! All you need to do is arrive at the kitchen by 9:45 to get the coffee going (instructions found on kitchen wall). Providing baked goods or other snacks are always 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!

**We encourage anyone to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:pjsh55@gmail.com) or home phone or 203-452-0850. The book club selections for upcoming months:

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** 7 pm Horse by Geraldine Brooks Host: TBA



**Morning Circle will not meet in July or August.** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 at 11AM in Dineson Parlor.



**Save the date:** Young at Heart will meet Thurs., July 26 at noon. Location and organizer TBD

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### *From the Historian's Notebook*

## Victorian Christmas Fair

**Seeking creative minds** to work together to offer an MCC Christmas fair on **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**. Inquiring Minds may contact Gary Thompson, Church Historian, [mailgt@yahoo.com](mailto:mailgt@yahoo.com)

A sign-up sheet has also been posted in Wilton Hall for the group of these creative minds to commit to organize this fundraiser event into a reality.

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



## In Our Prayers

**Alison Abrams** (Jessica Pfalzgraf's sister); **Allie** (Colegrove's friend); **Jennifer Bittar** (Loraine 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); **Walter Lane** (Marge Fox's brother-in-law); **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 Rifflard**, Pensacola Naval Air Station, **Zachary Gingras**, 395th Combat Sustainability Support, **Joel Smith**, 250th Engineering Company **Chris Meneses** (Loraine Zeiner's friend)

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

## **MCC Community Calendar**

### **Week of Sun. June 30<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

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

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

### **Tue. June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

### **Thurs. Jul 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Independence Day – office closed*

### **Week of Sun. Jul 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Communion*

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Mon. Jul 8<sup>rd</sup>**

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

### **Tue. July 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

### **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

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

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

10:00 am Worship

### **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

### **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

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

Carra McFadden, Guest Preacher

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees

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

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

7:30 pm Outreach

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

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag