

June 9, 2024

Senior Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Sunday

10:00 am

Let It Grow!

*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 Bloom - The Paper Kites The PF Band

Moment of Quiet and Lighting of the Candles Jocelyn Allen and Braeden Goyette

Welcome & Announcements Owen Correll

Call to Worship Olivia Cottrell

Leader: *In the air, in the water, in the earth, growth is all around us*

People: *Let us rejoice in your creation*

Leader: Open our eyes and our hearts to your gifts

People: *Let us feel your warmth and breathe your spirit*

All: *Let us grow together in worship!*

***Opening Song** Here Comes the Sun (insert)

***Our Church's Covenant** Jonathan Ganino

Children's Message Emma Campbell

***Song** Dance (insert)

Call to Confession - Unison Prayer - Silent Prayer Abby Yeager

*Gracious Creator, We acknowledge and confess that we have often overlooked the
beauty and sanctity of the world you have entrusted to us. We have been careless with
your gifts, and at times, neglected our duty to cherish and protect them. Forgive us for
taking the splendor of your creation for granted. Instill in us a renewed spirit of
stewardship, that we may honor and preserve the wonders you have made. In humility
and hope, we ask for your guidance. Amen. (Silence)*

Assurance of Forgiveness & Passing of the Peace Jocelyn Allen

*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.*

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 17: 7-8
Molly Kinahan

Sermon 1 Jonathan Ganino

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer - Lord's Prayer Jocelyn Allen, Deacon of the Day

*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.*

Sermon 2	Emma Campbell, PF Vice President	
*Hymn	<i>Here I Am Lord (insert)</i>	
Scripture Reading	Mark 4: 30-32	Kat Vargovchik
Sermon 3	Owen Correll, PF President	
Skit	<i>The Rise of the Mustard Seed Shoppe</i>	Skit Team
Time for Generosity	Emily Andrade, PF Treasurer	
Invitation		
Offertory	<i>Good Riddance - Green Day</i>	Sr. PF
Prayer of Dedication		
Words of Appreciation	High School Leadership Team	
Benediction	Owen Correll	
Postlude	<i>Home - Phillip Phillips</i>	The PF Band

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!

Trustee: Glenn Bringham

Counter: John O'Rourke

Web Steward: Scott Young

Coffee Host: Leanne McEvoy & Jennifer Gingras



**The flowers this morning are given by Paulette Obertz
in loving memory of her sister, Robin
and
by Julio Morales
in celebration of Jeanette's 40th birthday!**

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>



Senior Pilgrim Fellowship (Sr PF) is a student-led, open and affirming, faith-based high school youth group. We meet on Sundays from 5:00-7:30 pm. Mutual support, discussion of adolescent issues, spiritual growth, service to others, music, prayer and fun are emphasized. We are a safe group for youth to connect to each other without being judged, and we are open to members of other faith communities, as well as those with no formal faith background.

Our **Student Leadership team** are elected by their peers. The President (Owen Correll), Vice President (Emma Campbell), Secretary (Jocelyn Allen), Treasurer (Emily Andrade), and Minister of Outreach (Molly Kinahan) are responsible for the program, with guidance and support from an Adult Leadership team: Josh Post (Lead Advisor), Amanda Cohen, Michelle Correll, Lucas Cuseo, Kate Goyette, and Sam Post.

Community Service is an important part of what we do. Our goal is to have one opportunity a month to give back by serving together. We go on a Fall Retreat together to help the group bond and get to know each other better. Fundraisers are held throughout the year to raise money for our programs. In the spring, PF leads the church in Youth Sunday - a worship service they create from scratch.

In July, we travel together on a **mission trip**, volunteering our time and talents with local nonprofits working to improve their community. In Senior PF, we believe that volunteering our time, talents and love to those who are in need gives us opportunities to grow and learn. We have served in Detroit, MI; Pipestem, WV; Boston, MA; Harlan, KY; New Orleans, LA; Cleveland, OH; Burlington, NC; Milwaukee, WI; Buffalo, NY; Chicago, IL; Vicksburg, MS; Indianapolis, IN; Hancock, ME; Frakes, KY; and Orland, ME. This year, we return to Pipestem, WV.

Here Comes the Sun

*Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright*

*Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely winter
Little darlin', it feels like years since it's been here*

*Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright*

*Little darlin', the smile's returning to their faces
Little darlin', it seems like years since it's been here*

*Here comes the sun
Here comes the sun, and I say
It's alright*

*Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes*

Dance

Dance in the moonlight and dance in the sun,
Dance in your sorrow and dance in your fun.
Dance in your discos and dance in your briefs,
Dance in your doubtings and dance your beliefs...

Chorus:

And we'll dance, dance, dance
Come dancing with me, aha!
And we'll dance, dance, dance
Come dancing with me.

Dance with the debs with the sweat on their palms,
Dance where it's hardest: homecomings and proms.
Did somebody say that you'd never be queen,
Send them our way and we'll paint their nose green... (*Chorus*)

Dance up from childhood and into your teens,
Dance through your screw-ups and dance in your dreams.
Come join the dancing, you make it complete,
We'll hug you and kiss you and step on your feet... (*Chorus*)

PF Song (Here I Am Lord)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart (x2 after last verse)

I, the Lord of snow and flame, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

2024 Youth Sunday Participants:

Welcoming Ushers: Griffin Allen, Alex Malecki

Collection Ushers: Mathias Aoaeh, Georgia Bauerle, Deanna Ganino, Olivia Malewicki

PF Band: Emma Campbell, Amanda Cohen, Owen Correll, Adrienne Crowley, Lucas Cuseo

Art Team: Jocelyn Allen, Georgia Bauerle, Olivia Malewicki, Maddie Patti

Liturgy Team: Emma Campbell, Jonathan Ganino, Braeden Goyette, Alex Malecki

Music Team: Owen Correll, Molly Kinahan, Julia Kinahan, Maya Fisher, Adrienne Crowley, Abby Yeager, Kat Vargovchik

Skit Team: Emily Andrade, Mathias Aoaeh, Olivia Cottrell, Deanna Ganino, Colin Mills



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

Jeanette Cardentey-Morales ⁽⁰⁹⁾

Abby Coleman ⁽¹¹⁾

Rich Correll ⁽¹⁴⁾

Cynthia Kovacs ⁽¹⁰⁾

June Wininger ⁽¹¹⁾

Paul Cardentey ⁽¹⁵⁾



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)

Chuck & Bonnie Schneider⁽¹³⁾



If you are visiting today: WELCOME! It's so good to have you with us! We hope that this time together is one that helps you feel connected to your community and faith. Our family of faith welcomes you!

We'd love to include you on our e-mail distribution list, so that you get weekly updates about what's going on at MCC along with a monthly newsletter, *The Steeple*. Please e-mail our Administrative Assistant Diane Prall at secretary@mcc-ucc.org to let us know if you'd like to be included. If you've been visiting with us for a while and you'd like to discuss making a longer-term commitment to the Monroe Congregational Church by becoming a **member**, please speak with a deacon or Pastor Jenn, who can be reached at jenn@mcc-ucc.org or her cell, 203-895-5607.

Christian Education

Junior PF Schedule through the end of the program year:

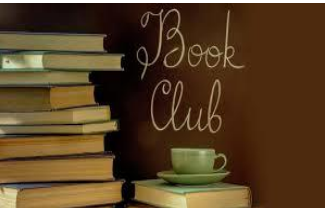
June 9th – Jr PF sees M&M's show (Jeanette's Birthday!)

June 15/16 – Jr PF helps with Country Store & Children's Games

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 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. The book club selections for upcoming months:

June 19th—CANCELED, July 17th 7 pm Horse by Geraldine Brooks Host: TBA

Outreach



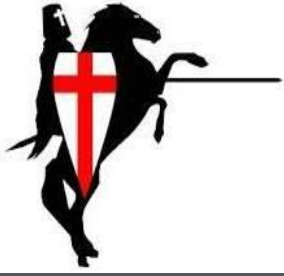
Morning Circle would like to invite all the women of the congregation to their **last meeting before the summer on Wednesday, June 12th**. We will meet at **Sal's on 25 for lunch at 12pm** to celebrate togetherness and service. If you'd like to carpool from the church's parking lot, be there at 11:45. **We will not meet in July or August**. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 at 11AM in Dineson Parlor. We look forward to seeing you at Sal's for a delicious meal and wonderful conversation. Please contact Shari Carrano at 475-342-8145 with any questions, comments or concerns.



Young at Heart will meet Thursday, June 27 at noon

The Housatonic House, 337 Roosevelt Dr, Seymour

RSVP to June Wininger 203-268-4422



St George's Supper – TOMORROW Monday, June 10

Please join us for sandwich making in the kitchen following worship on Sunday, June 10th. Please consider a cash donation this month to help us feed our neighbors, look for the basket at coffee hour to contribute. Any amount would be gratefully received. Please memo on checks: "St George's Supper". Please contact Stacy at 203-500-1279 with questions. Thank you!

2024 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

REPLACING THE MEETINGHOUSE ROOF



Our historic campus requires regular maintenance, inside and out. The roof of the Meeting House has been leaking due to recent wind and weather damage. The estimated cost for repairs is \$30,000, and we plan to do the work done ASAP.

Thanks for your support!

To contribute, send a check with the memo: Capital Campaign or donate on our website (choosing Capital Projects)
<https://www.mcc-ucc.org/donate.html>



Graduate Sunday, June 16, 2024

Have you or a loved one recently completed high school, college/ university, graduate school, or another educational program?

Join us for Worship on June 16th so we can celebrate your achievement!

Contact the church office with the details, and let us know where you are headed next!

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

25% of sales will benefit

Monroe Congregational Church

June 22, 2024

**4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT
205 Monroe Turnpike
Monroe, CT**

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Monroe Congregational Church



52nd Strawberry Festival 2024
will be held on Saturday, June 15 (10am-5pm)
& Sunday, June 16 (12pm-5 pm)

Strawberry Festival wear will be sold during coffee hour. Please contact co-chairs with any questions, comments or concerns: Susie Cuseo, Clark/Jenn Gingras, Josh Post and Frank Wittenauer. They'll be the ones wearing their Festival shirts for the occasion.



Can you believe it? Our annual Strawberry Festival is only two weeks away! We are more than prepared for it with over 1,300 jars of jam, 150 strawberry breads, more than 100 vendors, 10 games primed and ready for little hands to participate in,



gallons of ice cream and bags and bags of ice, burgers and hot dogs. Our bounce house will return to bring lots of kids bouncing thrills as well as our Country Store filled with your donated baked goods for sale along with strawberry pie, dipped strawberries and quart containers filled with.... you guessed it, strawberries that you've picked three mornings in a row. Don't forget face painting and the amazing entertainment we have lined up.



Please sign up.

Isn't it getting you so excited for the weekend to be here? Volunteers are what make our festival a huge success -please give your time, talent and dedication.

Sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CAEAA22A4FB6-49507863-strawberry>

Please contact co-chairs Susie Cuseo, Clark/Jenn Gingras, Josh Post or Frank Wittenauer with any questions, comments or concerns.



Remember that the **Country Store will need baked goods to sell.** So please bake up your delicious goodies! Please do not send in things that will melt.

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 Cimen** (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); **Peter 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); **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**; **Drake Oatis**; **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**; **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 9th

Youth Sunday

10:00 am Worship

M&Ms show Junior PF

Mon. June 10th

7:30 pm Deacons

Tue. June 11th

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. June 12th

10:00 am Mixing Party

11:00 am Morning Circle Picnic

Thurs. June 13th

7:00 pm Chancel Choir



June 15th & 16th



52nd Annual Strawberry Festival

Week of Sun. June 16th

Father's Day, Graduation

Strawberry Festival Sunday

10:00 am Worship

Mon. June 17th

7:30 pm Council

Tue. June 18th

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Week of Sun. June 23rd

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tue. June 25th

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thurs. June 27th

12:00 pm Young @ Heart

Week of Sun. June 30th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. Jul 1st

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

Tue. June 2nd

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thurs. Jul 4th

Independence Day – office closed

Week of Sun. Jul 7th

Communion

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. Jul 8rd

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

Tue. July 9th

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag