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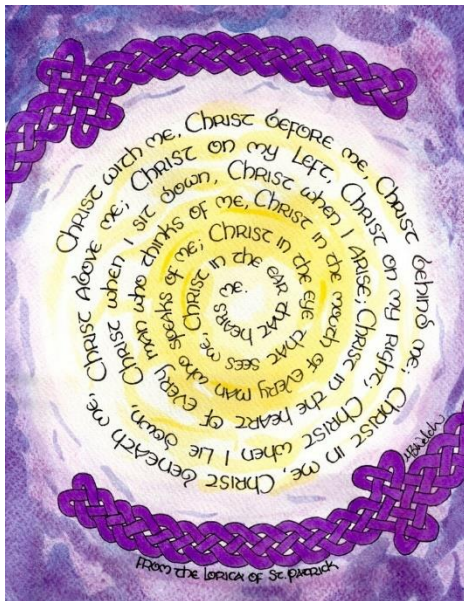
# THE MONROE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# STEEPLE

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**March 1, 2022**



*Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ at my right, Christ at my left,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.*  
- From St. Patrick's Breastplate

When many people think of March, they think of St. Patrick's Day. You don't have to be Irish, however, to celebrate where you came from. I hope that you have been enjoying the *Elisha's Corner* articles written by our church historian Gary Thompson about where the

founders of MCC came from. They are highly informative and quite interesting to read. I am hoping to be able to visit some of the places in England that he mentions as part of my summer sabbatical.

I write to you today sitting in my den on a foggy late February morning, listening to the news out of the Ukraine and lighting a candle for peace. Yesterday I walked in the sunshine and enjoyed some backyard time. *What are you celebrating today? What are your concerns of the day? To whom are you turning in these times?*

The quotation above reminds me that God in Christ is always with us, protecting, accompanying, healing. I have prayed with it often. The Breastplate is a very long 5th century hymn in the style of Druidic poetry that is attributed to St. Patrick. Each verse begins with the phrase, "I arise today" or "I bind to myself today" and calls for the divine protection of God in the Trinity, God as Creator, God as Christ, God as Spirit.

Legend has it that St. Patrick sang this when an ambush was laid against him and his followers by the High King Leary to prevent him from going Tara to share the faith at the High King's seat of power. A miracle happened when it appeared to the soldiers that Patrick and his monks were a herd of wild deer. It is believed that they were protected

because Patrick and his followers were tasked with sharing the faith all across Ireland. I invite you today, and in the coming days, to consider using the portion of St. Patrick's hymn quoted above as a prayer of protection when you are anxious and remember that you are surrounded by love and light.

*With you on this wilderness journey, in peace, Pastor Jenn*

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**A Word About Current Pandemic Precautions:** As the latest Covid-19 Omicron variant seems on the decline, the Deacons and I discussed at our monthly meeting recently how best to proceed with our protection protocols at MCC.

There are some **local metrics** to be celebrated\*: As of Feb 22, our risk level remains High, it's two steps down from Extremely High. In the Bridgeport Metro area, our vaccination rate is 95% (for one dose), 80% (for two doses) and 36% (Completely Boosted). Hospitalizations and deaths are down (from their high on Jan 13), and the positivity rate is down to 4.8%, (of reported tests). Although we are not yet at a place where the numbers are deemed safe, they seem to be on a downward trend.

The **World Health Organization** defines pandemics, epidemics, and endemics based on a disease's rate of spread. While an epidemic can be quite large, it is also generally contained and does not lead to the same large-scale social disruption, economic loss, and general hardship as does a pandemic, which cuts across international boundaries.

Earlier in this pandemic, many experts agreed that the goal was to reach herd immunity, which is when enough of the population has been vaccinated or recovered from the infection that a resistance is built up, thus slowing the spread. However, now that we better understand how this virus mutates and spreads, and how immunity wanes over time, it seems that total eradication may be unlikely.

Many experts say that COVID will likely lose its "pandemic" status sometime in 2022, due largely to rising global vaccination rates. *"If the virus does become more seasonal, wearing a mask on public transit and indoors during COVID season could become the new normal and other familiar prevention strategies, like regularly washing your hands and maintaining distancing practices in high-risk settings, could also stick around during seasonal spikes,"* said Dr. Albert Rizzo, Chief Medical Officer of the American Lung Association.

The Governor announced recently that he expects to lift the school/day care **mask mandate** on February 28th. This means that the decision to require masking in these settings will be placed in the hands of local school boards and communities. Please read the CE parents letter about masking in our children's and youth programs. As for MCC, we will continue to place public health awareness and the care for one another as primary reasons for our decision-making. Our protective measures have kept us healthy so far, so we will continue to **take a cautious approach and continue to mask indoors on Sunday mornings** as we wait to see if the current downward trend will hold.

Thank you for continuing to be so patient. Please continue to keep each other safe by maintaining holy distance and staying home if you or someone in your family has any symptoms. Deacons will continue to regularly evaluate our safety protocol and inform the congregation of any changes in program or policy. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this challenging time!

\* Here are some places to learn more online: *COVID Act Now Local Statistics, American Lung Association, Columbia Public Health*

**Trustees**



**Attention Please!**

Our new tenant and her family will move into the parsonage on March 1, 2022.

Please remember **not to park in the spaces designated for the parsonage.**

Thank you!



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!

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**WE WANT YOUR  
JAM JARS!**

THE JAMMERS CAN USE YOUR EMPTY JARS.  
PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH KITCHEN.  
NO LIDS OR RINGS, PLEASE!

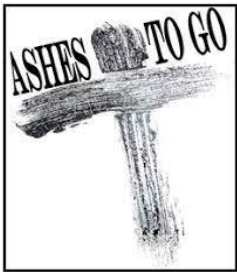






**March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday** Lent begins!

**10 am – 8 pm Labyrinth Walk:** Offered in Wilton Hall. A station will be set up for individuals to write out their confessions, to be burned later that night in a bonfire. Bring a warm pair of socks to walk the labyrinth (socially distanced, of course!)



**12 pm – 1 pm Ashes-to-Go:** In order to serve those in the community who would like to receive ashes but are unable to attend worship, Pastor Jenn will be offering a drive-through imposition of ashes in the driveway next to the meetinghouse.

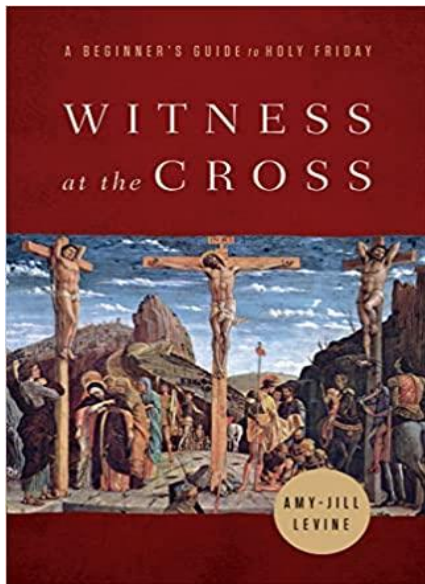
**6:30 pm Agape Soup Supper:** Join the Deacons for a light meal of soup and conversation in Wilton Hall.



**7:30 pm Worship Service:** We begin our Lenten Journey together in the meetinghouse with imposition of ashes, ending with a bonfire on Pierce Lawn.

*Everything will be done with current health and safety protocol in place. Please speak with Pastor Jenn or a member of the Board of Deacons if you have any questions.*

### **Lenten Study: Witness at the Cross, By Amy-Jill Levine**



*On Zoom, beginning at 7pm* The people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. Participants may choose to purchase a copy of her book from Amazon, or just come as you are (virtually, that is!)

- March 1 – Bystanders and Scoffers
- March 8 – The Other Victims
- March 15 – The Soldiers
- March 22 – The Beloved Disciple
- March 29 – The Women
- April 5 – Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Meeting ID: 203 895 5607 Passcode: MeetMe

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2038955607?pwd=bWxMMDRXN3d6emJNZ2JsVzlsTFp3dz09>

⚡ SR. PF HOSTS THE ANNUAL ⚡

# CHILI COOK-OFF

MARCH 19TH

6-8:00 PM

34 Church Street, Rexford House, Monroe CT  
Live music, entertainment, and much more!

**COME TO JUDGE ON MARCH 19th  
BRING THE HEAT!**



Questions?

Find answers at [mccuccseniorpf@gmail.com](mailto:mccuccseniorpf@gmail.com)

## Christian Education

Dear MCC Parents: Throughout the pandemic, the Board of Christian Education has followed a mitigation strategy in Sunday School, Junior and Senior PF that has been in alignment with the Monroe Public Schools. By now you may have heard about the Monroe Board of Ed decision that public schools will be "mask optional" as of February 28, 2022. As we understand, this move was made after careful consideration of the new state guidelines and a review of our town's vaccination and COVID statistics.

Over time, we realized that there are some things about being part of a church community that are different from being in a school community. Schools can cohort, limiting interpersonal contact to a smaller group which also supports contact tracing. MCC has intergenerational contact on Sunday mornings. When we gather, we will naturally be in community with people of all ages, some of whom are immunocompromised, and others who are too young to be vaccinated. It is also the case that the transmission level for the virus remains high. For this reason, we will continue to require masking on Sunday mornings when indoors until further notice in worship and in Sunday School.

However, beginning Sunday, March 6 our Junior and Senior PF evening programs will follow BOE guidance and implement a Mask Optional policy. We are making this change because we believe that there is a very high rate of vaccination among the leaders and students in both groups, and it is a much smaller population in which to contact trace. All other mitigation strategies will remain in place, including but not limited to frequent cleaning and hand washing, maximizing ventilation, and staying home when ill.

Lastly, the choice to wear a mask is an individual's decision and no one should be made to feel uncomfortable about that decision. Some families may not feel ready to unmask. At MCC, we will continue to teach empathy and compassion for others. We encourage you to continue to have honest conversations at home about these and other difficult topics. Feel free to reach out to us if we can support you in any way. We expect that everyone will practice kindness and compassion as we get used to our "new normal".

*Your Board of Christian Education: Meg Sullivan (Chair), Rev. Jennifer Gingras, Jeanette Cardentey-Morales, Kelsey Kaminski, Kate Parker-Burgard, Paul Cardentey, Jenna Rice and Korene Dahl*



**Weekly Prayer & Bible Study Group!** Every Thursday from 9:30-10:30 in Dineson Parlor, everyone is cordially invited and welcome to join us! Bring your favorite Bible (whatever version you prefer) and a small notebook. Let Pastor Jenn know if you have any questions. During Lent, we are reading Amy Jill Levine's Witness at the Cross (see Lenten Study announcement to learn more)

March 3	WATC: Chapter 1, Bystanders & Scoffers
March 10	WATC: Chapter 2, The Other Victims
March 17	WATC: Chapter 3, The Soldiers
March 24	WATC: Chapter 4, The Beloved Disciple
March 31	WATC: Chapter 5, The Women

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Do you enjoy working with children? Would you have an interest in sharing the love of God with the youth of our congregation? Please reach out to Jeanette Cardentey-Morales to find out how you can become part of our amazing group of Volunteer Sunday School Teachers!

## Sunday School

- March 6 - Jesus Raises Lazarus
- March 13 - Jesus washes feet
- March 20 - Peter's Denial
- March 27 - Jesus and Pilate

## This Month in Jr PF:

- March 6 - House of Cards
- March 13 - Toga Party & Trivia Night
- March 20 - Paint & Snack
- March 27 - MCC Service Event

## This Month in Senior PF:

- March 6 - Aspirations
- March 13 - Youth Sunday Planning
- March 19 - Chili Cook Off!



**March 19<sup>th</sup> Senior PF Chili Cook-off Fundraiser 6 - 8 pm!** Senior PF is preparing for our big mission trip this July to the Appalachia Folklife Center in West Virginia! We are excited and looking forward to new experiences, hard work, helping others and being in community with one another. Please join us for a chili cook off where we will have several contestants competing for the title of Chili Master! There will also be live music, a gift basket raffle and a bake sale. Please join us and see who should be crowned the Chili Master 2022!!!

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## Deacons



**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. Please review the available slots on Sign Up Genius and click on the button to sign up. If you do not have access to a computer, call Diane in the office 203-268-9327, and she will help you sign up!

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>





## Deacon Flocks - Updated February 2022

Each member of our board of Deacons is assigned a "flock", a group of people that they care for through regular communication and prayer. If you have requests or concerns that you would like to share, your deacon is available. Naturally, if you are more comfortable with contacting one of the other deacons, or your pastor, please do so.

Such requests or concerns might include:

- a need for prayer
- a request for help (transportation to a doctor's appointment or church function, etc.)
- a sorrow (illness, accident, death or other crisis)
- a joy (a birth, graduation, upcoming wedding, etc.)
- something that particularly pleases you, or would better meet your needs in the worship service

If you do not know your Deacon, ask someone to introduce you. He or she looks forward to meeting you and getting to know you better.

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**Springing ahead and thinking about Easter...** please save these future April dates.

**Palm Sunday, April 10th - 10 am,** We'll begin worship outside and parade around the green (weather permitting), remembering Christ's entry into Jerusalem which began Holy Week.

**Maundy Thursday, April 14th - 7:30 pm,** An evening service in which to remember the commandment Christ gave us to love one another. Join us for candlelit readings,

deeply moving music and a celebration of the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death.

**PF Easter Egg Hunt, April 16th - 11 am,** Senior PF invites all our children to come and play games and hunt for candy-filled eggs. Grab your basket and hop on over to join us!

**Easter Sunday, April 17th - 6 am,** We'll begin our celebration with a Sunrise Service at the fire pit, a 10 am Traditional Celebration Service and a 11 am Special Easter Coffee Hour. More information about the coffee hour to come soon!



# Welcome to MCC!

## NEW MEMBER INFORMATIONAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH  
11:15 AM, DINESON PARLOR

Find out more about our history (how we got here), theology (what we believe) and ways you can connect with others.  
*New Members will join the church during worship March 20th.*



## Fellowship



Help Wanted at the **Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe** - Do you have a couple of hours to spare either on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays? Sorting, tagging and hanging occurs on Tuesdays at 1PM. The ladies here take the donations, price them and put them on the racks. Sales associates work for approximately two hour shifts on either Friday or Saturday. The procedure to open or close the Shoppe is really easy. You can visit while a volunteer is manning the counter and she'll walk you through the steps or you can receive a list by email. Call the Shoppe at 203-268-4879 to make sure the sales associate is there. Monies from the sale of these donated items help PF, Outreach, mission trips, etc. Please contact Susie Cuseo at [thecusesos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecusesos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280 with any questions or comments.



**Morning Circle** invites the ladies of the congregation to our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 11AM in Wilton Hall. We will be putting together birthday bags for the Food Pantry. Children visiting love receiving these bags containing a box of cake mix, birthday candles, birthday napkins and frosting. Donations are needed to complete these bags and they can be left in the collection bin outside the Men's Room. Please bring a sandwich lunch while we have our short business meeting. Contact Jackie Bleakney at 203-268-5275 with any questions or comments.

### **Please mark your calendars for the following dates:**

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 11AM in Wilton Hall - Birthday bags for Food Pantry  
Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11AM in Wilton Hall - Hygiene kits for Church World Service  
Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11AM in Wilton Hall - Collection of women's products for Food Pantry  
Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11AM - Annual Luncheon



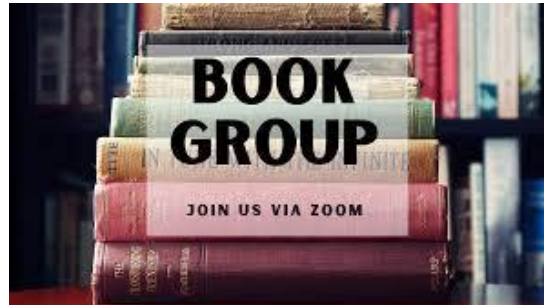
**Prayer Partners Unite!! We will meet on Sunday, May 22 at 11AM in Wilton Hall for our "Big Reveal" potluck luncheon.** It is at this time we will find out who's been praying for whom. In the meantime, please keep your prayer partner in your thoughts. Send them a card or note in the mail signed "Prayer Partner" and use the church's address as the return (34 Church St. Monroe, CT 06468). No special occasion is necessary to send one because who doesn't love getting something just for them in the mail that isn't a bill? As the date approaches, I'll post a signup sheet so we know who's coming and what they may be bringing (appetizer, entree, dessert - whatever your heart desires). Please contact Susie Cuseo at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280 with any questions or comments.



### **Adult PF meets the first and third Sunday of the Month**

Join us at 274 Wheeler Road or via Zoom.

If you'd like to join us, contact Don Parker-Burgard  
([dpburgard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpburgard@sbcglobal.net)).



### **MCC Book Club is open to all church members.**

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

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm - Anxious People by Fredrick Backman, Host: Peggy Villani  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm - The Lobotomist's Wife by Samantha Greene Woodruff, Host: TBD  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm - The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd, Host: TBD  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm - The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See, Host: TBD  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm - The Last Mona Lisa by Jonathan Santlofer, Host: TBD  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm - The Involuntary American by Carol Gardner, Host: TBD



### **Young at Heart**

Next luncheon will be on March 24th at 12, Red Rooster, Newtown  
Please RSVP to Gail Hammond at 203-426-2772 or  
[gayleh1002@gmail.com](mailto:gayleh1002@gmail.com)



Jackie Bleakney is thrilled to share the news of the birth of her Great-Grandson! Tyler Kurt Bleakney was born on February 11. Congratulations Jackie and welcome little one!



A grand piano is positioned on a stage, partially illuminated by a spotlight. The background consists of red curtains with gold fringe at the bottom. A large, semi-transparent yellow circle is centered on the stage, containing text.

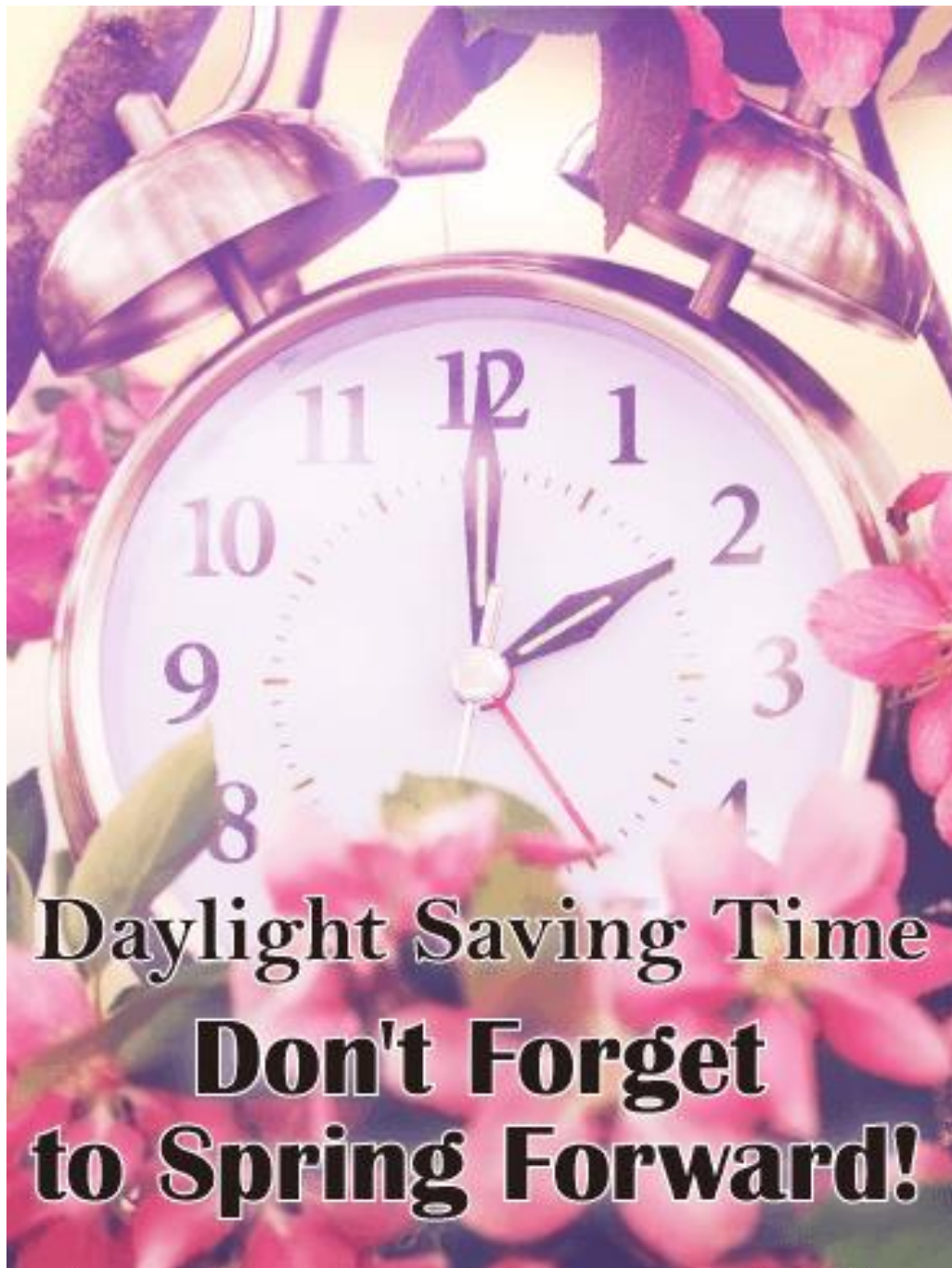
*Join Us at MCE!*  
*Music in Community*

🎵: Bell Choir resumes Thursday,  
February 24 @ 6 PM

🎵: Chancel Choir resumes Thursday,  
March 17 @ 7 PM

*questions? [willeduchon@gmail.com](mailto:willeduchon@gmail.com)*





Daylight saving time will begin at 2:00 AM on  
**Sunday, March 13**

## **Elisha's Corner**

By Gary Thompson, Church Historian

### **Pulpit Suppliers – John and Joseph Johnson**

The last two members of the Ecclesiastical Society of New Stratford committee to “... *provide a Minister or Ministers to preach ye Gospels among us*” were brothers; John and Joseph Johnson. John was sixty-five at the time and his younger brother, Joseph, was fifty-four. They were the third and eighth children of George Johnson (II) and his wife, Hannah Dorman of Stratford. Information concerning John is sparse. He was born in Stratford on April 15, 1697 and grew up in the Ripton Parish. He was eighteen when his father died and he became the ward of Dr. Thomas Leavenworth of Ripton Parish who lived near Indian Well. He, his two brothers, Joseph and Robert, and sister Margret were bequeathed approximately thirty-three acres of woodland on Moose Hill in 1715; two years before the Ripton Parish (Huntington) was established. John's share was eight acres of the property plus half of the house the family had adjacent to the “Common land” (Huntington Green). As his legal guardian, and because John was eighteen, Thomas Leavenworth had probably taken John in as an apprentice at his shipyard on the Housatonic River. His other siblings, including Joseph who was only seven years old, remained with their mother in the family home. There are no records found that John had any children, nor was actually married. He remained on the Committee throughout 1762 and 1763 until he was replaced at the December 1763 meeting. He died in 1766, at the age of sixty-nine, four years after being selected.

Unlike his older brother John, Joseph Johnson was a signer of the original 1761 Memorial (a “Memorialist” for establishing the Parish). Born on January 22, 1708, he was married, had a growing family, and had inherited ten and a half acres of the wooded property on Moose Hill; so the two brothers may have lived adjacent to one another. At the age of twenty-seven Joseph married Rachael Meade of Greenwich on April 20, 1732 when she was twenty-three. They raised ten children; five girls, the first two were twins, and five boys. Their oldest child, James, became a minister. Joseph remained on the Committee for its first few years and was then replaced. He is cited in the Society minutes in later years being on a variety of other committees. It appears that, like his two brothers, he was well educated, but what they did for a living is undocumented, as is when he died. His wife Rachael died in 1748 shortly after the birth of their last daughter. They were both forty years old when she died, but unlike the normal custom to remarry with a young family to maintain, it appears that he did not. Their children ranged in age from infant to fourteen years old. He could have employed a housekeeper and/or nursemaid or received support from either of his two youngest sisters. And at the age sixty, he may have seen action in the Revolutionary War as a Corporal in 1778.

The brothers' father, George Johnson (II) was born in Stratford on March 27, 1660, to George Johnson (I) and Katherine Butcher. He must have traveled to England as an infant, because his sister Katherine was born in St. George late in the following year. Upon their return to the colonies, before October 1664 when his brother, Gershom Johnson was born, they had settled in Kingston, Somerset County, Maryland. At the age of twenty-one, after his father died, George (II) returned to Stratford to establish himself. It is an educated guess that he followed in his father's and grandfather's trade as a

cabinetmaker, or at least some form of carpentry. On January 4, 1695 he married Hannah Dorman, a Stratford maiden of nineteen. They had six daughters, one died in infancy, and three sons, John being the oldest and Joseph the youngest. Their residence was in the center of what would become the Ripton Parish. The acreage on Moose Hill was probably an investment purchase but proved valuable for his three sons' early inheritances. He died at the early age of forty-one on August 24, 1714. His widow, who did not remarry, despite the early ages of their children, lived another ten years.

George Johnson (I), John's and James' grandfather, came from Canterbury, Kent, England, where he was born. He was baptized at the Canterbury Cathedral on April 3, 1625. In the spring of 1637, at the age of twelve, he and his six brothers and five sisters, father, Captain Edward Francis Johnson, and mother, Susanna Munter, took passage on the ship *Hercules* bound for New England. They settled in Woburn, MA, northwest of Boston. His father was a cabinetmaker by trade and later became a New England inland explorer, historian, first commissioned officer of Woburn, Town clerk, and the colony's General Court Speaker. When he became of age, George (I) returned to Canterbury and at age twenty-five, married twenty-year-old Katherine Butcher in the Canterbury Cathedral in 1665. Between then and 1660, when George (II) was born, they had immigrated to Stratford. They only had two boys and a girl; the last child, son Gresham, died in infancy. By 1664, he moved his family to Kingston, Somerset, Maryland, where he died at the age of fifty-six on December 23, 1681.

Canterbury, England is an hour and a half's drive of 62 miles southeast of London on England's southeastern corner.

# Ash Wednesday Labyrinth Walk

*Begin your Lenten Journey with  
contemplation. Visit when you can,  
and depart when you must*

10 am - 8 pm, Wednesday, March 2nd  
Wilton Hall, Rexford House,  
Monroe Congregational Church

*Bring slippers or heavy socks.  
Masks and social distancing required.*



As the new year begins, we hope that our friends and loved ones listed on our weekly prayer list have found healing of both body and soul. If you or your loved one finds you are no longer in need of our weekly prayer, please let Diane know so we may rejoice in the good news and remove the name making room for those who may need to be added. [secretary@mcc-ucc.org](mailto:secretary@mcc-ucc.org) or call the office 203-268-9327

**Bert Muizullis, Missy Olson; David Fischman** (Sue Granello's Friend); **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); **Marge Fox; Fern Griffith** (Ashley Levin's friend); **Karen Guinness** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Gina & Liz** (Wendy Colegrove's friends); **Gary & Julie Hedine** (Nancy Hedine's son & daughter-in-law); **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); **Jacque 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); **Kathy Nivison** (Andy's mother); **Pat Nugent; Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Ray 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); **Kelly Rodman** (Angela Cross' friend); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Connor Scalia** (Jen Nivison's friend); **Nicholas Scalzo** (Angela Cross's Father); **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:** *Those who serve or live in war or conflict zones; 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:** New York: **Zachary Gingras**, 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)





**Happy March Birthday** to the following people  
and to anyone we may have missed we will keep you in our prayers.

03/01	Manaia	Friend	03/22	Michael	Pfalzgraf
03/01	Catherine	Gingras	03/23	Madeline	Colegrove
03/04	Michele	Molloy	03/25	Rachel	Colegrove
03/04	Melissa	Olson	03/25	Cliff	Cuseo
03/06	Eric	Gerhard	03/25	Susie	Cuseo
03/07	Deborah	Vargovchik	03/25	Lynn	Draus
03/14	Suzanne	Adams	03/25	Jan	Pearson
03/16	Cheramie	DiMenna	03/26	John	Maiolo
03/16	Jamie	Dotoratos	03/28	Dana	Jesulaitis
03/16	Jonathan	Stone	03/28	Arlene	Redmond
03/18	Mike	Rifflard	03/29	Bonnie	Schneider
03/21	John	Goyette	03/31	Carol	Veillette



**Happy March Wedding Anniversary**  
the following couples and to anyone we may  
have missed, we will keep you in our prayers.  
(Number is anniversary date)

Julie & Rob McClenathan <sup>(08)</sup>

## **MCC Community Calendar**

### **Tue. March 1<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag  
7:00 pm Witness at the Cross Lenten Study

### **Wed. March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Ash Wednesday*

10 am-8 pm Labyrinth (Wilton Hall)  
12-1 pm Ashes to Go (Meetinghouse driveway)  
5:30 pm Agape Meal Deacon set up  
6:30 pm Agape Meal (Wilton)  
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

### **Thur. March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)  
6:00 pm Chimes & Bells Rehearsal

### **Week of March 6<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF  
5:00 pm Adult PF ZOOM

### **Tue. March 8<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag  
7:00 pm Witness at the Cross Lenten Study

### **Wed. March 9<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am Morning Circle  
6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)  
7:00 pm Book Club Zoom

### **Thur. March 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)  
6:00 pm Chimes & Bells Rehearsal

### **Week of March 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Daylight Savings -Spring Ahead!*

10:00 am Worship  
11:15 New Members Orientation (Dineson)  
11:30 am Trustees  
5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF

### **Mon. March 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Outreach ZOOM  
7:50 pm Deacons ZOOM

### **Tue. March 15<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag  
7:00 pm Witness at the Cross Study  
7:00 pm Bereavement Group

### **Wed. March 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

### **Thur. March 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)  
6:00 pm Chimes & Bells Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### **Sat. March 19<sup>th</sup>**

6-8 pm Senior PF Chili Cook Off

### **Week of March 20<sup>th</sup>**

*New Member Sunday*

10:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm Junior PF  
5:00 pm Adult PF

### **Mon. March 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 pm Council ZOOM

### **Tue. March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag  
7:00 pm Witness at the Cross Lenten Study

### **Wed. March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

### **Thur. March 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)  
12:00 pm Young at Heart TBD  
6:00 pm Chimes & Bells Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir