

May 23, 2021

Pentecost * Confirmation * New Members

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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Musical Call to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Bethany Dupuis, Deacon of the Day

Our Church's Covenant

We declare our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*In Holy covenant, we bind ourselves to God and each other, becoming devoted
disciples and active apostles.*

*We promise each other to be faithful in worship and in support of this church,
whose Savior and Lord is Jesus Christ.*

In Christian love, we will care for and support each other.

*With the Bible as our guide, we willingly promise all that we are and all that we
have, to the fulfillment of God's Kingdom*

Freely we say these things, glorying in the joy of our salvation.

Passing 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.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Rite of Confirmation

Invitation & Introduction

Questions of the Candidates

Naming of Gifts, Names & Blessings

Prayer of Confirmation

Welcome & Blessing from the Congregation

*We pledge to you our concern, our help, and our prayers, that you may continue to
grow in your knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. God grant that loving and being
loved, blessing and being blessed, serving and being served, we may be united as
the body of Christ.*

Pronouncement

Morning Prayers

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.

Offertory & Dedication

Reception of New Members

Pastor: Let us affirm our faith together as we receive these new members into our church.

Congregation: *We believe in God who has created and is creating.*

Deacon: God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new. God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: *We trust God. God calls us to be Christ's body in the world.*

Pastor: Amy, Catherine, and Juliana will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talents, and resources, participating regularly in the worship and work of the Monroe Congregational Church, United Church of Christ and contributing to our life and ministry in this place as best you are able?

New Members: We do promise. With you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil.

Deacon: With your love, God will love. With your hands, God will touch this community. With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world. We will make mistakes, but in those moments we will learn the power of forgiveness and grace. Congregation, what is your promise to our newest members?

Congregation: *We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of Monroe Congregational Church, United Church of Christ and we promise you our love, support and care. We promise to pray, serve and laugh with you as we share the hopes, labors and joys of the church of Jesus Christ. We promise to look forward with you in hope as we strive to be Christ's witnesses in the world.*

All: *Together we will proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!*

Scripture

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Sermon

A Letter to Our 2021 Newcomers

Rev. Jennifer Gingras

Benediction

Parting Music

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

God is still speaking, welcome to all who are worshipping with us today! † 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.

Our Pandemic Commandments

In order to keep our community members safe, please follow these gathering guidelines:

- Thou shalt stay home if you feel sick or have a fever (catch us on YouTube/Facebook)
- Thou shalt wear a mask (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
- We have slightly propped open the two front windows and church doors to allow for optimum air circulation and HEPA filtering, the heat is on and lap blankets are available upon request



Congratulations to our 2021 Confirmands!

Confirmand

Sponsor

Hannah Andrejczyk

Julia Gutierrez

Emma Campbell

Christine Wittenauer

Aiden Clausen

Michael Pfalzgraf

Owen Michael Correll

Kathy Maiolo

Julia Telep

Jim Brown

Isabella Pinto

Jessica Pfalzgraf

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Thank you for assisting in this morning’s worship!

- **Deacon:** Bethany Dupuis
- **Usher:** Clark Gingras
- **Trustee:** James Brown
- **Counter:** Bill Stadler
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Jennifer Wissink

In Our Prayers

Nicholas Scalzo (Angela Cross's Father); **Jackie Ajello** (Michele Mount's mother); **Michael Barresi** (Maria's Son); **Ben** (Maria Barresi's son-in-law's brother) **Jennifer Bittar** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend); **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; Marge Fox; Rachel Fracassini** (Jack & Linda Fracassini's niece); **Meredith Gibson** (Paul & Judy Coward's niece); **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); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother); **Heather Joyce** (Paul & Judy Coward's daughter); **Kelti** (friend of Liska Gutierrez); **Walter Lane** (Marge Fox's brother-in-law); **Logan/Weiss family; Mary-Margaret Logan** (Andrew's mother); **Jacque MacLean** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Nicole Malia; Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Rev. Jonathan Miller** (Paul & Judy Coward'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); **Olson Family; Ray Osborne** (Colegrove's Family friend); **Dean Perosino** (Gayle Hammond's brother); **Geno Piacentini** (Karen MacDonald's husband); **P.T. Philip** (Liz Sampson's father); **Norman & Jan Ricker** (Linda & Jack Fracassini's friend); **Barbara Rivel** (Judy Coward's friend); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Kelly Rodman** (Angela Cross' friend); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Roshong** (Judy Coward's nephew); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Connor Scalia** (Jen Nivison's friend); **Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Al Shaeffer; 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); **Ellie Swindlehurst** (Joanne Malia's mother); **Olga Terwilliger** (Nancy Hedine's sister-in-law); **Ian Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Dick Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Meg Trogolo** (Paul & Judy Coward's niece); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **Charles L. Wynn, Sr.**, (and his mother) **Alleane Wynn** (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: South Korea: **Zachary Gingras**, Washington: **Rachel Hoffman** (Vaughan Askue's daughter), Virginia: **Chris Meneses** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend), Georgia: **Zachary Peters** (Jacob Parker-Burgard's cousin), Kuwait: **Steven Roshong** (the Coward's nephew), South Carolina: **Bob Peters** (Don Parker-Burgard's brother-in-law), Afghanistan: **Samuel Siciliano**, North Carolina: **Jake Terifay**



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

Susan Walker ⁽²³⁾

Linda Rooney ⁽²⁴⁾

Justin Riffard ⁽²⁷⁾

Bethany Dupuis ⁽²⁴⁾

Stacy Andrejczyk ⁽²⁵⁾

Murial Hastedt ⁽²⁸⁾

Lily Forte ⁽²⁴⁾

Debra Hansen ⁽²⁶⁾

Rebecca Young ⁽²⁸⁾

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)

Myron & June Winger ⁽²⁴⁾ and Sheldon & Nancy Smith ⁽²⁸⁾

49th Strawberry Festival Volunteer Opportunities



Sat., 5/22 9-11am
Sun., 5/23 12-2pm

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4baaa923a0ffce9-jamsession>
or email JAM [John Anthony Maiolo] JAM johnnymaiolo@gmail.com



Check out <http://mcc-ucc.org/strawberry-festival/strawberry-festival-sign-ups.html>
for more area signups



Monroe Congregational Church 2021 Capital Campaign – Painting Rexford House

Great News! We have reached our campaign goal!
A huge thank you to everyone who helped us get there!

– The MCC Board of Trustees



Prayer Partners Unite!!! We will be meeting **today** at **10:45!**



Junior PF Pastor Jenn and a rotating group of adult volunteers will be getting together with middle schoolers (6-8 grade) on most Sunday afternoons from 4-5 in Wilton Hall, unless otherwise noted. Pandemic commandments (masks, social distancing, handwashing, etc.) are in place.

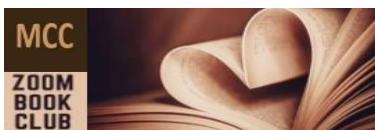
Here are some upcoming events:

- May 23, 4-5 – Jr PF Time Capsule
- May 30 – Off (Memorial Day)

Fellowship



All the ladies of the congregation are invited to the Morning Circle meeting being held on **Wednesday, June 9 at 11AM** in Wilton Hall.



MCC Book Club

Questions -contact Mary Unger (203) 268-5754
June 9th The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah



Adult PF meets via Zoom the first and third Sundays of the month.

For information about Adult PF please contact Don Parker-Burgard.

dpburgard@sbcglobal.net

MCC Community Calendar

Week of May 23rd

CONFIRMATION & NEW MEMBERS!

10:00 am Worship

10:45 am Prayer Partner Luncheon (Pierce)

4:00 pm Junior PF

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tues. May 25th

1:00 pm Sort and Tag

Thurs. May 27th

9:30 am Last Bible Study of season

Week of May 30th

10:00 am Worship

Mon. May 31st Memorial Day, Office Closed

Tues. June 1st

1:00 pm Sort and Tag

8:00 pm Outreach Zoom

Week of June 6th

10:00 am Worship -Communion

4:00 pm Junior PF

5:00 pm Senior PF

5:00 pm Adult PF

Tues. June 8th

1:00 pm Sort and Tag

Wed. June 9th

11:00 am Morning Circle

Week of June 13th

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Outdoor Sunday School

11:30 am Trustees

4:00 pm Junior PF

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tues. June 15th

1:00 pm Sort and Tag

7pm Bereavement Group

7:30 CE Board Meeting -Zoom

Fri. June 18th

Strawberry Festival Set Up Day

Sat. June 19th

49th Strawberry Festival

Week of June 20th

Father's Day

Strawberry Festival Sunday!

10:00 am Worship

Mon. June 21th

7:30 pm Council Meeting -Zoom

Tues. June 22nd

1:00 pm Sort and Tag

Week of June 27th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tues. June 29th

1:00 pm Sort and Tag