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THE MONROE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE STEEPLE

November 1, 2024



Grief & Gratitude

November brings shorter days, longer nights and lower temperatures... the signs of fall and the end of another year are all around us. And with these signs comes a deep gratitude to God for another year and the relationships developed within it.

Several years ago, I came across this little citation by the author and psychotherapist, Francis Ward Weller. I liked it and saved it for future reference:

"The work of a mature person is to carry grief in one hand and gratitude in the other and to be stretched large by them. How much sorrow can I hold? That's how much gratitude I can give. If I carry only grief, I'll bend toward cynicism and despair. If I only have gratitude, I'll become saccharine and won't develop much compassion for people's suffering. Grief keeps the heart fluid and soft, which makes compassion possible."

These words strike me as being both realistic and theologically sound. There are those among us who have experienced a whole lot of grief during the past couple of years. Some of you have lost a job, and are still searching. Some of you may have lost a loved one, and the holidays cause memories to come flooding back. Some of you have had to refocus your future plans, due to circumstances beyond your control. Grief is indeed a part of our common humanity.

Grief can intensify our sense of differences when we compare them: *"My loss is greater than your loss."* But grief doesn't have to lead to cynicism and distrust. No one escapes this life without some pain and loss.

Theologians speak of the theology of the cross. The cross shows us that Jesus intimately knew pain and loss. Jesus wept when his friend Lazarus died. Jesus experienced betrayal by his best friends. Jesus felt the sting of the whip and the crown of thorns thrust down upon his head. The writer of Hebrews says of Jesus, *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses."* (Hebrews 4:15a NRSV)

Grief, rightfully dealt with, can lead us to compassion rather than the lethargy of bitterness and despair. And gratitude rightfully expressed can bear us up during times of grief and empower us to show compassion to others. Being thankful for discovering beauty outside your window doesn't have to mean you don't care about what's going on in

disaster recovery around the US and our wider world. Enjoying a good hearty meal doesn't have to mean that you are neglectful of those hungry neighbors in Bridgeport.

This Thanksgiving, I hope that we will remember the source of all good things. Our God can redeem the things in life that we grieve and use us to be a blessing to others. Thomas Merton wrote of a Christian's capacity to be a "wounded healer." May that be said of us all in the days ahead as we balance genuine grief with compassionate gratitude!

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Jenn

Nov 17- Welcome Raymond Fellow Guest Preacher!

Dave Stuart recently retired as a partner at the New York City law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore, where he spent most of his 28-year legal career. Upon his retirement from Cravath, he began serving as Special Pro Bono Counsel at the firm overseeing the Incarcerated Survivors' Initiative – an award-winning program he founded to represent incarcerated survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence, including while imprisoned in matters that include resentencing, parole applications and civil rights violations. He earned his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University, where he met his wife (Peggy). He earned his law degree from New York University School of Law. Dave and Peggy have two adult children and live with their dog, Obi, in Fairfield. **Welcome Dave!**



Dave Stuart
M.Div, Third Year
Yale Divinity School 2025



Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 3rd
Remember to turn your clock back 1 hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, Nov 2nd!

Trustees

JOIN US!



**WHETHER YOU CAN GIVE
AN HOUR OR A MORNING,
PLEASE COME HELP
MAINTAIN OUR CAMPUS!**

Rake, install new mulch,
trim shrubs, clean windows,
replace lightbulbs, etc.

**Trustee Fall Work Day
Saturday, Nov 9, 8:30-12:30**

Stewardship



Imagine Together.

As we embark on this fall season of stewardship, let us take a moment to reflect on the power of our collective imagination as we envision the incredible possibilities that lie ahead for Monroe Congregational Church.

Imagine a community where every person feels valued and connected, where our shared faith inspires us to

reach out to one another and to those in need. Together, we create a welcoming space where love and compassion thrive, empowering us to live out our mission of service and support.

When we come together as stewards of our church, we unlock the potential to make a lasting impact. Each and every gift, whether it's your time, talents, or treasures, helps us cultivate a vibrant church life, enrich our programs, and expand our outreach efforts. Imagine the joy we can spread and the lives we can touch when we unite our resources and efforts!

Let's dream boldly about what our church can become. As we share in this journey, we encourage you to reflect on how you can contribute to our mission. Together, we can nurture a community that uplifts and inspires, where faith flourishes and everyone feels at home.

Every Sunday in November, you will hear from a variety of speakers as we invite our members and friends to make a commitment towards the future with their annual pledge of financial support. You'll receive a mailer with a letter and a pledge card that we hope you will return in the plate on Sunday, through the mail, or by sending your intentions via email to jorourke224@gmail.com

Join us as we embark on this adventure of imagining together, and let's make our vision a reality. Thank you for your commitment and generosity. Together, we are stronger!

With gratitude and hope, Your Stewardship Committee,
John O'Rourke (Receiver), Diane Prall, Rev. Jenn Gingras



Don't miss the **MCC "Thank you" Pancake Breakfast**
following church on
November 24th - Commitment Sunday!

Christian Education



Registration Season has begun! If you haven't already registered your child for Sunday School or for Junior PF, please let Pastor Jenn know at Jenn@mcc-ucc.org so she can send you the form.

Love working with youth, want to spread God's love to the children of our congregation in the **24/25 school year**? **Please consider teaching Sunday School** (Pre k - 6th) Speak with Jeanette to sign up and Thank you!



Thursday Morning Bible Study - Join us in Dineson Parlor at 9:30 am every Thursday* for prayer, conversation and discovery. As we approach Advent, we will begin reading together On the Way to Bethlehem by Rob Fuquay, available on Amazon (paperback or kindle).

11/7	Jonah and God's Mercy, Jonah (the whole thing)
11/14	Rome, A Place of Longing
11/21	Jerusalem, A Place of Waiting
11/28	No Bible Study - Thanksgiving Break

**except when it's a holiday or school is delayed or closed for weather*

Snack & Chat with NOOMA

Join us in Dineson Parlor after worship on these dates to enjoy some snacks, a short video and light discussion about life's big questions.

No prep necessary and all are welcome!

Sep 29 - SUNDAY
 Oct 27 - YOU
 Dec 29 - NOISE
 Feb 23 - RAIN
 Mar 30 - DUST
 Apr 27 - FLAME





Junior PF November Schedule

We had a wonderful start to the program year! Remember that friends are always welcome, regardless of church membership. Here is a recent pic of some of us from our Halloween party. We are a fun group of middle schoolers who enjoy playing games, serving others and building friendships!

11/3 – JPF Service, Making Gingerbread cookies for the Victorian Christmas Fair

11/10 – Game Night, bring your favorite board game to share

11/17 – Friendsgiving, bring your favorite dish to share

11/24 – *No Junior PF, Happy Thanksgiving!*

Senior PF Mission Trip Presentation & Parent/Guardian’s Meeting

Mark your calendar! **Sunday, November 3rd** after worship the Senior PF will give the church a presentation on their summer mission trip. Later, at 5:00 pm in Rexford House is a Parent’s/Guardian’s Meeting in which adult leadership will introduce themselves, answer any questions, and share plans for the annual retreat, to be held December 6-8th at Camp Hazen. We look forward to seeing you!

**Help US,
Help the COMMUNITY!**



Monroe

Congregational Church's
Senior PF is hosting a
COAT DRIVE

**All donations will go towards Bridgeport Rescue Mission
(725 Park Avenue, Bridgeport CT)**

Donation Locations:

-Masuk High School - 1014 Monroe Turnpike, CT

-MCCUCC Wilton Hall - 34 Church Street, Monroe CT

Collecting winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves,
and snow boots.



Deacons

Assisted Listening Devices

As part of the ongoing Homeland Security grant project, we added four wireless assisted listening units to our sound system in the Meetinghouse. We are thrilled to be able to enhance the experience of those needing greater accessibility. If you are interested in trying one out, asking Scott Young or an usher is a perfect way to get started!



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



Large Vases Needed!

Ever wonder how MCC is able to provide beautiful, fresh flowers for worship on Sunday for just \$25? One of the answers is that we receive a \$5 credit, which is applied to MORE flowers, when we provide the vase! Unfortunately, we are almost out of vases. If you have any clean vases you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office, or put them on the shelf at the end of the hall outside Wilton Hall. Thank you!



Are you interested in becoming a Deacon? We would love to have you! Give it some thought and then contact Leanne McEvoy with any questions, concerns, or to sign up! (203)520-6750 mcevoyl@hotmail.com

Attention MCC Leadership!

Annual Reports are due Friday, December 13th

Please submit your annual report to the church office by Friday, December 13th

Please call the church office with any questions: 203-268-9327 or email secretary@MCC-UCC.org



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Victorian Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 1, 2024



10 AM VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
1-5 PM LOCAL CRAFTERS & WREATH SALES, WILTON HALL
HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR, MEETINGHOUSE
CAROLING BY JUST VOICES
5 PM COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING ON THE GREEN

BONUS "TIME TRAVEL" PASSPORT... (\$5 PER PERSON)
VICTORIAN MODEL RAILROAD DISPLAY (DINESON PARLOR)
CHILDREN'S CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES (REXFORD HOUSE)
VISIT WITH VICTORIAN FATHER CHRISTMAS! (BEARDSLEY HOUSE)
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

DONATIONS OF UNWRAPPED TOYS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR
COVENANT TO CARE

Please see the signup sheet in Wilton Hall to be a part of this exciting new MCC event!

Outreach

Thanksgiving Baskets



The **MCC Covenant to Care Thanksgiving Fundraiser** is on! If you would like to make a donation to supply a family in need with a Thanksgiving meal, please see the poster and donation basket at coffee hour. You can also donate from our website -**please memo Covenant to Care!**

<https://mcc-ucc.org/donate.html>

Thank you for your past and present support!
Diane Prall, Covenant to Care Liaison



Adult Mission Trip

Hurricane Helene was a powerful, fast-moving Category 4 storm when it made landfall in Florida's Gulf Coast region. It then ripped through Georgia and continued to dump record rains on neighboring states, including western North Carolina, where entire communities have been cut off due to

flooding, washed-out roads and bridges, and downed trees. Local aid agencies are currently collecting reports of damage from roughly 150 communities across eight states. Teams on the ground will continue to survey the destruction in the coming days as they navigate widespread power, water, and gas shortages. Long-term recovery is among the greatest challenges in disaster response and recovery, particularly as communities work to ensure no one is left behind. Our hope is to organize an adult mission trip from MCC that can go to the area of Asheville, North Carolina to work with local response efforts when the locals are ready for us. If you are interested, please sign up in Wilton Hall or speak with Pastor Jenn. Thank you!

BINGO & SPAGHETTI NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOV 23 In MCC's Wilton Hall

5 - 6 DINNER
6 - 8 BINGO

Includes dinner & 5 cards w/chips
\$15/ea \$40/family
To Benefit Church World Service
Disaster Relief & Project Warmth



Thank you **Mustard Seed Shop**
50 years of mission & ministry!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe needs VOLUNTEERS! Do you have a couple of hours to spare on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays? We sort, tag and hang donated merchandise in the Shoppe on Tuesdays at 1:30PM while on Fridays we are open from 10-3 and Saturdays from 10-2. It's easy to do. Just pop on over during any of those timeframes and the volunteers(s) would gladly show you the ropes. For opening or closing the Shoppe, a list of responsibilities can be emailed to you for your perusal. You can always shadow a volunteer for a couple of shifts

until you get the hang of it and then when you're ready, you will be put on the schedule. Monies collected from shoppers' purchases go to mission trips, outreach programs and many more. Please contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280 with any questions.



Heifer International Update: Throughout the year, the collection bottle for your spare change has been on the serving table during coffee hour. Your contributions have allowed Morning Circle to send out a check for \$100 that will provide a family far away the ability to help sustain and support themselves with the donation of animals or plants. They can, thereby, send the

offsprings from those animals to neighbors and then the community can share the wealth. So, continue making a change for the future of others by putting your spare change into the collection bottle. Please contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280 with any questions. Thank you for supporting those who do not have the means to do so.

MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental health is a universal human right

"God will not foster or lose hearts until justice prevails throughout the earth."



THANK YOU to all who have given!

MCC will be sending a check for at least \$400 to Neighbors in Need! The special offering started on October 6 **-but there is still time to contribute** if you would like to support the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. In addition to this year's focus on mental health, Neighbors in Need also supports our indigenous neighbors. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM).

Learn more at

<https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>



Have you cleaned out your junk drawers lately and come across those old prescription glasses/sunglasses/cases? There will be a collection basket in Wilton Hall this month by the serving table during coffee hour. These donations will be cleaned, screened and sent to those less fortunate to receive the care necessary to have a better life. Your glasses can brighten someone's day when they see the smile on a loved one's face, have the ability to read a food label, newspaper, watch their grandchildren play soccer or see what's coming at them while driving. Give the gift of sight by donating your old glasses. Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280.

Fellowship



Young at Heart will meet Thurs., **November 21 at Noon**
Details to be announced.



Morning Circle invites the women of the congregation to our next meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 11am in the kitchen where we will put together bean soup jars for the Food Pantry. We will need donations of beans, spices, jars and cloth toppings to make these beautiful works of culinary yumminess. Monetary donations are also accepted, please write "Bean Soup Jars" on the memo line and leave it in the church office in the Morning Circle mailbox. The Giving Tree program run by the town of Monroe will be handing out gift tags for those who can provide a wrapped gift for someone whose holiday will be brightened by your generosity and kindness. Thank you ahead of time for your thoughtfulness and sense of community. Our last meeting of the year will be the Christmas luncheon (location to be determined) held on Wednesday, December 11 at 12PM. Please contact Shari Carrano with any questions, comments or concerns at 475-342-8145.

Wednesday, Nov 13, 11AM Kitchen/Wilton Hall - Bean Soup Jars/Giving Tree Tags
Wednesday, Dec 11, 12PM - Christmas Luncheon - Location TBD
Wednesday, Mar 12, 11AM Dineson Parlor - Birthday bags
Wednesday, Apr 9, 11AM Dineson Parlor - CWS hygiene kits
Wednesday, May 14 11AM Dineson Parlor - Women's hygiene products collection
Wednesday, Jun 11 12PM - June Picnic Luncheon - Location TBD





**Silver Lake Retreat Center
weekend of May 2-4, 2025**



Join us for the monthly Book Club 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.

- November 20th** The Briar Club by Kate Quinn
- December 18th** The Women by Kristin Hannah
- January 15th** The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
- February 19th** The Keeper of Hidden Books by Madeline Martin

Elisha's Corner Victorian Era Christmas "Adventime"



Historians and genealogists are time travelers. We travel back in time through public and private records, pictures and paintings, diaries, journals, maps, and letters, and the like. We investigate "what" happened, "when", "where", by "whom", and, if we are fortunate, "why". For example, the Victorian Era influenced and in many ways changed the life styles, fashions, and mores for sixty-three years from 1837 to 1901, when Queen Victoria of Great Britain died. Its influences were readily adopted by the people throughout Europe, India, Africa, and the populated areas of the United States. In many

respects it was an evolutionary reaction associated with the industrial revolution and imperial expansion.

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent this year on December 1st, we have the collective opportunity to be "time travelers" as well, and imaginarily land between 1847, when two-thirds of our current meeting house was built and opened for worship, and the construction of the "Church Parlor" [Beardsley Hall] in 1886. Our *Book of Records - 1795-1922*, indicate that at a meeting of the Congregational Society (formerly the Ecclesiastical Society) the 25th of February 1847, a resolution was passed whereby **".. it [was] the opinion of [the] Society necessary and desirable that a new building [for the purpose of public worship] be erected..."**. Samuel C. Beardsley and Charles E. Hawley were directed by a vote to **"circulate a subscription and report to a subsequent meeting"**. The "subscription" was for pledges from the congregation to build the new Meeting House; and without a mortgage. On March 19th, the Society voted that **".... Henry T. Curtiss, Samuel C. Beardsley, Charles E. Hawley, Nathan N. Wheeler, and Samuel B. Beardsley be a building committee requiring them to seek such information as may be useful in building a new House of Worship"**.

That gives us the "what-where-when-whom" of the story. The "why" is the most telling. Fortunately it is told in the minutes of that February 25th meeting: **"Resolved that the building now used by the Congregational Society of Monroe as a house of public**

worship from its bad condition and repair is an unfit place of public worship."

One's time traveling imagination can only speculate on how bad the seventy-eight year old Meeting House's condition was. The congregation was not that wealthy at the time, but by the April 12th meeting the building committee's report supported that enough voluntary subscriptions had been committed and **"Therefore, Resolved that said Committee be hereby authorized to contract on behalf of the Society and to adopt such style of structure as in their judgments shall best promote the object in view having due regard to the amount to be expended and so far as is practicable to limit the same to the amount subscribed...."** The building contract was awarded to Hotchkins Clark & Co. of Derby, CT. They finished the construction on June 21st/22nd of that year at a cost of \$2,650 (\$105,000 in current dollars), plus the salvaged value of the building materials of the demolished old Meeting House, less the steeple bell, its yoke, and hardware.

When the Parish of New Stratford was granted township status and the Town of Monroe was formed, the Ecclesiastical Society of New Stratford was divested of its stewardship and governance authorities. The congregation subsequently adopted the Congregational Society of Monroe as its name. The young Rev. Robert Dexter Gardner was the minister at the time the current meeting house was built and opened for public service. Accepting his call in 1841, Rev. Gardner stayed on until 1851, when he was asked to leave due to the congregation's discontent with the manner and content of his sermons. His departure did not set well with the Consociation of Fairfield County, who chastised the Society severely.

The Clerk of the Society in 1847 was Nathan N. Wheeler, also a member of the Building Committee. Another member of the Committee was Henry T. Curtiss, who was also the elected "agent", or Treasurer, for that year. Both men played a significant role in the property upon which the new Meeting House was to be built. The property deed filed with the Monroe Town Clerk was made out by Nathan N. Wheeler, who owned the property in back of the old Meeting House, **"for consideration of one dollar received to my full satisfaction of Henry Curtiss of said Monroe to hereby give grant sell and confirm unto the said Curtiss one certain tract of land situated in said Monroe in quantity eighty feet in the front and one hundred feet in depth the same being the tract upon which the foundation of the new Congregational Church about to be erected in the Centre of Monroe are now placed."** But Nathan Wheeler had reservations for this endeavor. So, the deed was put in trust to Henry Curtiss, Society "Agent", as the deed reads, **"because it is not certainty and satisfactory known what the size and proper style and designation of said Society is, and in consequence of said uncertainty in this respect it has been deemed Advisable that said Society should not take a formal conveyance of said tract until such uncertainty is removed but at the same time should have all the beneficial interest in the same."** Apparently, he was leaving nothing to chance. It also alluded to the possibility that the congregation may have been seeking a corporate name from the State Legislature. Yet oddly enough, this deed was not formally recorded until August 7th; a month and a half after the new structure was completed. The subsequent release of the deed by Henry Curtiss to the Congregational Society was made for one dollar, but not recorded by the Town Clerk until January 23, 1850. Things must have moved slow back then.

The new Meeting House was dedicated to the worship of God on December 15, 1847, with a religious service that followed. Guest ministers from Easton, Huntington, and Newtown participated with Rev. Gardner in that service. It was the third Sunday of Advent; just like it will be again this year; 177 years back to the future. Imagine that!

Historically Faithful Gary Thompson, Church Historian



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September 26, 2024

The Rev. Jennifer Gingras, Pastor
Monroe Congregational Church United Church of Christ
34 Church St, Monroe, CT 06468

Dear Friends at the Monroe Congregational:

On behalf of the Huntington Congregational Church United Church of Christ and myself, I want to express our warmest thanks for the lovely letter and the book "Binding Covenant", chronicling our shared history and your faithful ministry since 1764. The folks at HCCUCC were so touched by your letter and your thoughtfulness in recognizing our 300th anniversary and our close ties.

Our history continues to be interwoven together as we work to be faithful to God's call to each of our churches in the past, the present, and the future.

May God's blessing be upon on you in your ministry as you continue to bring God's Realm into fruition.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Lucille L. Fritz &

The Congregation of the Huntington Congregational Church United Church of Christ

"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



In Our Prayers

Alison Abrams (Jessica Pfalzgraf's sister); **Allie** (Colegrove's friend); **Jennifer Bittar** (Loraine Zeiner's friend); **Jackie Bleakney; Kevin Daly** (Gary Thompson's friend); **Dawn** (Donna Konkol's Friend); **Dealmira** (Jonathan Ganino's grandmother); **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); **Holly 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), **Samia Houry** (Will Duchon's friend); **Monica Lynch** (Bethany Dupuis' friend); **Nicole Malia;** Mary (Kate Brigg's Mother); **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); **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 & Nancy Smith; Christine Stadler; Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Wininger's granddaughter); **Tom** (Wendy Colegrove's dad); **Wayne Thompson** (Gary Thompson's brother); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **June Wilkes; Natica Williams** (Will Duchon's friend); **Don Whiteley; Allen Zeiner** (Ann Zeiner's son); **Ann Zeiner**

The concerns of our world: The people of **Gaza; Israeli hostages** and their families, the people of **Ukraine, Sudan** 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 Riffard**, Pensacola Naval Air Station, **Zachary Gingras**, 395th Combat Sustainability Support, **Joel Smith**, 250th Engineering Company **Chris Meneses** (Loraine Zeiner's friend)



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

James	Allen	11/03	Jonathan	Malia	11/18
Mark	Malia	11/07	Caleb	Nealon	11/18
Jack	Campbell	11/08	Paula	Haggstrom	11/19
Catherine	Goyette	11/09	Thea	Rice	11/19
Dorothy	Dralus	11/10	Madison	Caballero	11/20
Diane	Prall	11/10	Tess	Bauer	11/21
Gail	Olson	11/11	Robert	Hammond	11/21
Linda	Resnick	11/11	Joel	Smith	11/21
Jordan	Vaglivello	11/11	Ruth	Wakeley	11/24
Nolan	Molloy	11/13	Gail	Thompson	11/26
Osiris	Gutierrez	11/14	Marc	Cardentey	11/27
Joe & Lucy	Sullivan	11/14	James	Brown	11/28
Michelle	Cardentey	11/15	Katherine	Hyde	11/28
Denise	Sentementes	11/15	Henry	Bergeron	11/29
Kathy	Allen	11/17			



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

Gilles & Joyce Rousseau ⁽⁰²⁾	Karen Matysczak & James Brown ⁽⁰⁴⁾
Laurel & Ken Post ⁽⁰⁵⁾	Andrew & Kristina Logan ⁽⁰⁹⁾
Paul & Susan Granello ⁽¹²⁾	Debra Hansen & Alan Vaglivello ⁽²¹⁾
Gloria & Mike Ganino ⁽²⁴⁾	and Dana & Al Jesulaitis ⁽²⁹⁾

**MCC Community Calendar:
November**

Week of Sun. Nov 3rd

Daylight Savings ends – FALL Back

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Mission Trip Presentation

5:00 pm Junior & Senior PF

Mon. Nov 4th

7:30 pm Outreach

Tue. Nov 5th

Election Day

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thur. Nov 7th

9:30 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

Sat. Nov 9th

8-12 am Church Fall Clean Up Day

Week of Sun. Nov 10th

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees

5:00 pm Junior & Senior PF

Mon. Nov 11th

Veterans Day – Office Closed

7:30 pm Deacons (zoom)

Tue. Nov 12th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. Nov 13th

11:00 pm Morning Circle

Thur. Nov 14th

9:30 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

Week of Sun. Nov 17th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Junior & Senior PF

Mon. Nov 18th

7:30 pm Council (zoom)

Tue. Nov 19th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. Nov 20th

7:00 pm Book Club (Zoom)

Thur. Nov 21st

9:30 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

Sat. Nov 23rd

8-9 pm Spaghetti – Bingo Night

Week of Sun. Nov 24th

Stewardship Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Pancake Breakfast

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tue. Nov 26th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thur. Nov 28th

Thanksgiving -Office Closed

Fri. Nov 29th

Thanksgiving Friday-Office Closed