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THE MONROE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STEEPLE

November 1, 2025

Thankful for the Beautiful, the Broken, and the Busy

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Dear friends, November doesn't knock; it just barges in, trailing chilly air and pumpkin spice behind it. One day life is all about sandals and sunshine, the next it's furry socks, a pot of soup on

the stove, and *"how is it so dark already?"* It's also the time of year when we pause to reflect on gratitude; on harvests and blessings, and (if we're honest) on whether we can survive one more family holiday without arguing about politics or pie crusts.

Lately, I've been learning that gratitude isn't just about the easy stuff. It's one thing to be thankful for a beautiful sunrise or a cozy meal with loved ones. It's another thing entirely to find gratitude when the day unravels; your phone's buzzing, dinner's burning, and someone (two-legged or four) needs your attention RIGHT NOW.

Gratitude isn't about everything going right. It's about noticing that even when things go sideways, there's still something sacred happening. Sometimes that holiness looks like laughter; like a team of tired volunteers sharing one more joke as they clean up, or friends who remind us that service and joy often share the same table. Other times it's quieter: a friend who checks in just when you need it, a child's unfiltered prayer, or a stranger holding the door when your hands are full of coffee and your head full of to-do's.

Gratitude is the gentle practice of remembering that even in the mess, there's mercy. Even in uncertainty, there's love. Even in exhaustion, there's community. So, this month, let's try a little spiritual experiment: giving thanks not only *for* things, but *through* things.

- Through the long grocery line.
- Through the noise and the news.
- Through picking up a sick kid from school or cleaning up after the dog (again).
- Through the burned stuffing and the too-salty gravy.

Because when we look closely enough, even our ordinary moments shimmer with grace.
With a grateful heart (and a broom in hand), Pastor Jenn



Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 2nd at 2 am

*Remember to turn your clock back 1 hour
before you go to sleep on Saturday, Nov 1st!*

Trustees

JOIN US!

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



Fall Clean Up
**Nov 15, 8:30-
noon**

Rake, trim shrubs, clean windows,
replace lightbulbs, etc.

Labors of Love



Have you been wanting to help out during one of our spring or fall church clean up days, but they haven't lined up with your availability? Have you spotted something that's been really bugging you – like that cobweb in the Rexford House entry, dirty windows, a dead light bulb, or you'd really love to have the ladies room looking spic and span like when it was new? The Trustees have too, but there is only so much that can get accomplished by a handful of busy

people. That's why we have created **Labors of Love**. **As church property needs arise they will be posted in the Steeple, bulletin and/or on the Wilton Hall bulletin board. Keep an eye out for upcoming Labors of Love lists and please help out where you can, when you can!**

Contact Dave Allen, dallen9457@att.net (203)767-0883, or the office, secretary@MCC-UCC.org, with any questions, comments or ideas.

- Clean doors, trim, and walls in the hallway and classrooms.
- Paint doors, trim, and walls in the hallway and classrooms. (Contact Julie McClenathan for paint colors.)
- Thorough cleaning of restrooms: floors, stall walls & doors, windows & sills, around toilets, countertop, mirrors and light fixtures.
- Vacuum Meeting House carpet and clean carpet.
- Clean pews and pew cushions.
- Organize kitchen cabinets that contain a variety of things we may no longer need, to make room for what we need to store.

Stewardship

This fall, our congregation embarks on a journey of faith and imagination with our stewardship theme: **"Dreaming God's Dream: No Gift too Small, No Dream too Big."** Together, we are called to remember that stewardship is not just about meeting a budget, it's about opening ourselves to God's vision for our community. Every pledge, every gift of time, every act of service (no matter how modest) becomes part of something far greater than we can accomplish alone. When we give with open hearts, we help build a church where hope is nourished, compassion is practiced, and God's dreams for peace and justice take root. With God's blessing, even our smallest gifts can inspire the biggest possibilities.





Don't miss the **MCC "Thank you" Pancake Breakfast**
following church on
November 23rd - Commitment Sunday!

Fellowship



Young at Heart date, location and host TBD

Join us for the monthly Book Club on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm**. 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.



Nov. 5th 7pm - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson



2026 MCC Women's Retreat

The Lodge at Silver Lake
Friday, April 10 – Sunday, April 12 2026

Details to follow.

Morning Circle would like to invite the women of the congregation to our next meeting on **Wednesday, Nov 12 at 11am in Wilton Hall** where we will put together bean soup jars for the Food Pantry. These beautiful jars are lovingly assembled by these generous women for visitors of the Pantry looking for a healthy, hearty and delicious soup. Monetary donations are readily accepted with checks addressed to Morning Circle with "Bean Soup Jars" in the memo line.

Gift tags for the Giving Tree program from the town will also be given out. Please have wrapped gifts with tags attached dropped off to the church office by Sunday, Nov 30 or at the reception area of the Monroe Police Department.

Bring a sandwich for lunch while we hold a short business meeting. Our next and last meeting for the year will be on Wednesday, Dec 10 at 12pm where we will meet at a location to be decided soon for our Christmas luncheon. Please contact Shari Carrano with any questions, comments or concerns at 475-342-8145.



Mark your calendars for future meetings:

Wednesday, November 12 at 11AM in Wilton Hall - Bean Soup Jar

Wednesday, December 10 at 12PM (Location TBD) - Christmas luncheon

Please contact Shari Carrano with any questions or comments at 475-342-8145.



Have you been curious about who is in this picture, taken in the 80's? They are (Right to Left): Lillian Wilton, Lillian Allen, Marge Lapidge, Cathy Moody, Lorri Sippin, Irene Abbott, Miriam Fawcett, unknown, Jessie Gay and in front, Marylou Brigham.
Photo submitted by Joyce Rousseau

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. 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>



Sacred Pause

Join us on 1st Wednesdays from 7–8 pm for a time of guided Christian meditation, prayerful stillness and reflection. Dress comfortably, bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Everyone is welcome!

7 pm Wed, Nov 5, Rexford House

Outreach



The Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe is always looking for volunteers on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Tuesday at 1:30 we sort, tag and hang new merchandise for the racks. It's easy to do; just drop by the back door and the volunteers will gladly show you what needs to be done. Remember that many hands make light work. On Fridays and Saturdays we need people to man our sales counter for a couple of hours per shift. It's fun to do and you'll enjoy talking to the customers and helping out our church in acquiring sales from gently-used clothing, books, toys and small household items. If you're interested in helping out on the weekends, please stop by when the Shoppe is open and our volunteer would be happy to show you what you need to do to open and closed. A document that contains a list of activities for a shift can also be emailed to you. Please contact Marge Fox with questions at 203-706-2132 or margefox48@gmail.com.



BINGO & SPAGHETTI NIGHT



Monroe Congregational Church
Wilton Hall
34 Church St, Monroe

Saturday, Nov 22
5 - 6 Dinner
6 - 8 BINGO

*Includes dinner & 5 cards w/chips
\$15/ea \$40/family
To Benefit Project Warmth*

Raffle baskets and game prizes generously
donated by local businesses & church members

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



Heifer International's mission is to end global hunger and poverty by supporting and investing in farmers and their communities. With your spare change we can provide the livestock, supplies, training and basic necessities needed to empower families to create the futures they deserve. Consider dropping your change in the collection jar on the serving table at coffee hour. Make a change for a better future for worldwide families with your spare change.

There is a **meal train** to support Linda Resnick's family as she continues to fight metastatic breast cancer. Thank you in advance for your support!

Signup here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/qge0d8>

Deliver here: 520 Barn Hill Road, Monroe CT



Let's feed hungry neighbors!

The **Feel The Warmth mobile community hot supper** needs 6-8 volunteers to cook a delicious and nutritious meal for 250+ hungry neighbors. Prep time in the kitchen is at nOURish's temporary kitchen at 1st Cong Church Fairfield, 148 Beach Road, Fairfield from 3 to 5:30 pm. It's then transported to the Harrison Apartments on 651 State Street, Bridgeport and served to the displaced and homeless population from 6 to 7 pm.

Sign up in Wilton Hall for our next meal on November 20th

Talk to Pastor Jenn for info!

Christian Education

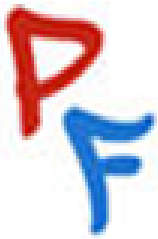


Weekly Bible Study has begun ~ All Are Welcome! We gather in Dineson Parlor, on **Thursdays** from **9:30-11 am**, to learn with and through one another. After a time of fellowship and prayer concerns, we read and discuss upcoming scripture texts or other faith-related topics. Bring your favorite Bible (whatever version you prefer) and a small notebook. Come as you are! Upcoming scripture texts or other faith-related topics. Bring your favorite Bible (whatever version you prefer) and a small notebook. Come as you are!

Love working with youth, want to spread God's love to the children of our congregation in this upcoming **25/26 school year**? **Please consider teaching Sunday School** (Pre k - 6th) **or being an adult advisor for our Jr PF youth group** (ages 11-14). You can speak to Jeanette with any questions or to express interest. Thank you!



Senior



Updates

Senior PF is looking for additional adult advisors! Senior PF is MCC's student-led, open and affirming, faith-based high school youth group. We meet on Sundays from 5:00-7:30 pm. The program focuses on mutual support, discussion of adolescent issues, spiritual growth, music, prayer, fun and community service. In July, we travel together on a mission trip, volunteering our time and talents with local nonprofits working to improve their community. We are open to youth of other faith communities, as well as those with no formal faith background, as we are a safe group for youth to connect to each other without being judged. If you are interested in learning more about becoming an adult advisor, please contact Michelle Correll at (203) 394-8415 or Kate Goyette at (203) 913-4222.



At a recent Senior PF meeting, our group had fun working together to clean the nursery, classroom 4 and the meetinghouse! Many hands (and vacuums!) make light work!

Sr PF is looking forward to helping at the Victorian Christmas Fair! We also have a few fundraisers connected to it:

*** live wreaths and bows as well as Advent wreaths and candles will be available for purchase** at the Victorian Christmas Fair as well as a few Sundays during coffee hour. Be on the lookout for the flier with more information and to preorder!

*** homemade soup will be available for purchase at the fair** and, if there are leftovers like last year, on Sundays during coffee hour.

Junior PF November Plans

November 2nd - Game Night! Bring your favorite board game (we also have backups)

November 9th OR 16th (We wanted to throw out two dates to get your opinion on which is best for your JrPFer) - Escape room at Escapology Danbury, we'll do the "Who Stole Mona" puzzle that runs at 4:40 (carpool at 3) and get pizza after. The cost is \$64; I'll cover the pizza. We wanted to throw out two dates to get your opinion on which is best for your JrPFer - please weigh in so I can get tickets asap. If there is a financial hardship, please let me know privately and I'll make sure they can go!

November 9th or 16th - Service Project - make bean soup jars for the Monroe Food Pantry

November 23rd - Decorating jam jars for Victorian Christmas fair, then games

November 29th (Saturday) - Help decorate the Meetinghouse for Christmas, 10-2 (they don't need to be there the entire time, but we sure could use any help they can give us!)

November 30th - No meeting



GOT SNACKS?



Our Sunday School students love a yummy snack at coffee hour! Help us fill the snack cabinet by bringing in goodies or juice boxes!

MCC's handmade jam makes a wonderful host/hostess or teacher gift for the upcoming holidays, as well as a great stocking stuffer!



Just think of the possibilities, you can it put on toast, add it to your smoothies, make a glaze for pork or chicken, add it with cream cheese and crackers to make a yummy appetizer, top it on ice cream, pancakes or waffles and even spread it between layers of cake. There're so many things you can use the jam for. Get some, share some and enjoy!! Strawberry Jam available for sale online at <https://monroe-strawberry-festival-since-1972.square.site/>





Monroe Congregational Church

34 Church Street, Monroe CT

Saturday - December 6

10 am – 3 pm

Artisans - Gifts - Food -

- Father Christmas -

Victorian Model Railroad

Elisha's Corner

By Gary Thompson, Church Historian

Our 2nd Annual Victorian Christmas Fair Welcomes Period Fashion

Our 2nd Annual Victorian Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 6th this year. In order to know what to wear to be fashionable – if you so desire, it is well to review once again what actual 19th century fashionable was.

The Victorian era spanned a period of sixty-three years from 1837 until Queen Victoria died in 1901. Our current Meeting House was built in the beginning of this era in 1847. During that time clothing fashion and styles changed remarkably and frequently; almost by decade.

Women's Fashion

It was often the structures beneath Victorian women's clothing that gave women's fashion its form. Corsets (also known as stays) molded the waist, while cage crinolines supported voluminous skirts. Bustles projected a dress out from behind. It was fashionable for Victorian women to wear corset covers that hid the lines of their stays and petticoats for added volume and warmth. Exactly what was worn and how it was made changed rapidly throughout the era, influenced by technological innovation, the introduction of the sewing machine, machine powered textile weaving looms and bulk fabric cutters, mail-order companies, and of course, shifting attitudes towards gender; with men as well as women. Rather than fashion being set by Victoria herself, she followed what was trending ... sometimes. With a youthful, but stout and under five feet tall stature, the queen was more inclined to camouflaging her figure rather than aggrandizing it. She may have had some influence in bonnet styles, though, which changed annually.



1840s Christmas Dickens Dress



1860 Formal Dress



Working Class Dress

By 1853, the long, dropped waistline with constricting corsets of the 1840s rose to its natural position. Flared daytime dresses featured high necklines, often completed with a wide white collar, long sleeves, and most frequently, a straight or curved waistline. A common bodice decoration was a V-shaped *retelles* that spread from the center of the waist to the outer edges of the dropped shoulders, usually finished in trim. The narrow fitted sleeves of the 1840s soon changed to be wide and open, expanding from either the shoulder or the elbow. These sweeping “pagoda” sleeves were worn with removable white under-sleeves called *engage antes* that puffed and closed at the wrist. From 1857 to 1860, the pagoda sleeves were often trimmed with bows and fringed epaulettes. Trims of fringe, tassels, ribbons, braids, and cords were very much in vogue during the 1850s for use on both the bodice and skirt.

During the 1850s decade, it became common to have a dress made in two pieces with a skirt and a separate matching bodice. Sometimes a skirt would have two matching bodices, one for day and one for evening. A bodice that was especially fashionable was the *basque waist*, a jacket-like bodice that extended over the hips. The skirt was often emphasized by tiered flounces, sometimes made in fabric that was woven specifically for more flounces to the ounces. The huge skirts displayed fabrics with great effect. Silk was particularly fashionable as it was lightweight over the multiple petticoats but had enough body to hold its shape. Patterned silks featuring flamboyant colors in stripes and plaids were the height of fashion. In the evening, the high-necked, long-sleeved day bodice was replaced with ones baring the chest and shoulders. Sleeves were shortened, and frequently, the waistline would end in a point in the front.



Shawls draped beautifully across the sweeping skirts provided the women with suitable outerwear. Cashmere shawls, imported from India for those who could afford it, were used, but the cheaper imitations made in France, England, and Scotland, were the dominant choice. *Mantles*, a three-quarter length coat fitted in the front but left loose in the back, with long, open sleeves, was also a common option. Fine heeled boots that laced well above the ankle came into fashion, as the crinoline exposed the feet.

Prior to 1875 the two piece garments consisting of a skirt and blouse combination were worn for less formal occasions, at home, and by working class women. Their style was more practical for movement and for working comfort. The blouses were typically loose fitting and belted at the waist. They were worn with a contrasting or similar skirt. They could be easily dressed-up by wearing a shorter over skirt to give an apron appearance

that could be gathered in the back, tied in a bow for a “bustle” look. This is the style that would have been seen in the rural farm areas of Connecticut, like Monroe.



1874 Fashion Plate – Mail Order Company Purchases

The bustle returned in 1883 formal attire in an exaggerated form in all shapes and sizes. The full length frame was replaced with steel strips that were often attached to the insides of dresses or fastened to a corset to amplify the curve of the bustle. Before the turn of the century it was gone again; this time for good. The use of an A-line shape of the skirts eliminated the need for undergarment structural supports and provided more freedom of movement and comfort; particularly in smaller rooms which were the more prevalent in the rural farm areas of Monroe.

Men's Fashion



1850 3 Piece Frock Coat Suit
Shirt and Sack Coat Suit and Vest



1852 Frock Coat and Slacks



Cravat and Winged

Men's trousers of the 1840s were fuller with a strap at the outside of the leg bottom that went under the foot. This feature disappeared as the decade progressed, and so did the fall fronts with the square shape look of buttons showing. They were replaced by a fly front design with no buttons showing. The pant legs were narrower and tapered from inseam to leg bottom; almost like pegged pants. The new style changed from the more ornate designs with the bright colors and lace, to a design that featured a more uniform

appearance with straight lines and comfort. The 1840s was also the decade that introduced the sack coat. Unlike a frock coat, the sack coat was short, single-breasted, unlined, and loose-fitting. The sack coat was generally worn for sporting or country dress. For all other occasions, men donned a frock coat or a tailcoat.

Moving into the 1850s, the waistline of frock coats began to lower, eliminating the high-wasted look of earlier decades. By then the sack coats had grown in popularity, with many of them being made to match a gentleman's trousers. Frock coats and tailcoats were also occasionally made to match.

The decade of 1860s ushered in the three-piece suit. Made in matched black, brown, or other dark hues, three-piece suits were generally worn with white shirts and dark-colored cravats. Frock coats remained in fashion for formal day wear. Formal morning coats, which were single-breasted and cut away from the front, were also quite popular. But for business dress or less formal day dress, the sack suit dominated the decade and would have been the attire of most of the men living in the rural farm land of Monroe. The cravat remained and was worn with the waistcoat (vest) as the only spots of bright color and pattern in the man's wardrobe. It could be tied in a variety of styles. A stock with a stiff back-fastening neckband was also worn.

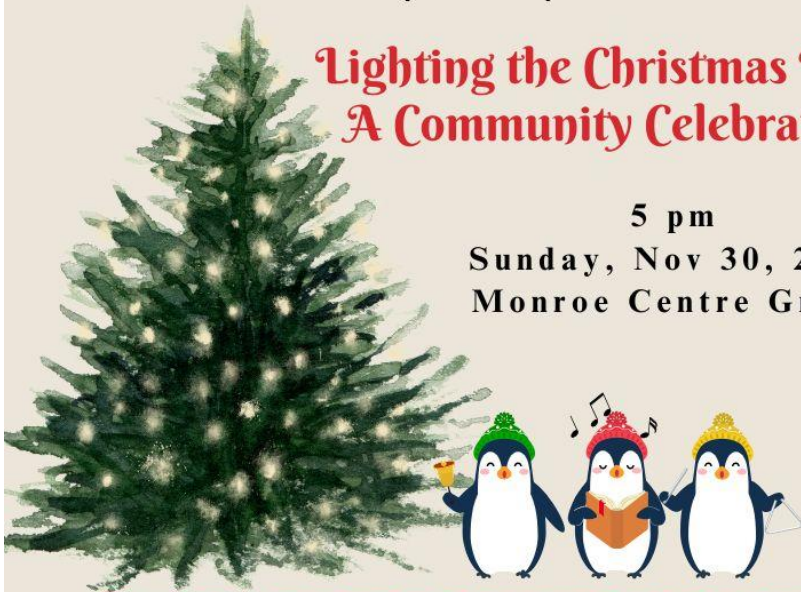
The "formal seating" picture of the Beardsley family displayed in our picture gallery in the rear entrance of the Meeting House will give you an idea of Monroe fashions of this Victorian Period. Or, just Google "Victorian dress for women" or "Victorian dress for men".
".....Meet me at the Fair!"

Fashionably and Historically Faithful, Gary Thompson

The Monroe Congregational Church, UCC
& St. Peter's Grace Episcopal Church
cordially invite you to:

**Lighting the Christmas Tree:
A Community Celebration**

5 pm
Sunday, Nov 30, 2025
Monroe Centre Green



Dress warmly, bring a flashlight, and join
us for cocoa & cookies in Wilton Hall!
Cookie donations greatly accepted



✦ **Let Girl Scout Troop 34010 take the stress out of your season!** ✦

Join us for a one-stop holiday wrapping and bake sale fundraising event filled with cheer, treats, and beautifully wrapped gifts.

📍 **Location:** Monroe Congregational Church

📅 **Date:** December 7, 2025

🕒 **Time:** 12pm – 4pm

🎁 **What We Offer:**

- Gift wrapping for all shapes and sizes
- Delicious homemade baked goods
- Hot cocoa & holiday music
- Friendly faces and festive spirit!



All proceeds support Girl Scout Troop 34010 raising funds for a GS sponsored trip to the Grand Canyon June 2026

♥ Come support your local troop and make your holidays a little sweeter ♥

The Story Told: Mr. Gruber's Silent Night



An original one act play depicting the story of
how the Christmas Carol "Silent Night" came to be.

10 am, December 7, 2025 (during worship)

The Monroe Congregational Church

34 Church St, Monroe CT

*Donations of unwrapped toys for children and teens
in the care of DCF will be gratefully received.*

All are Welcome, Always.



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

James	Allen	11/03	Michelle	Cardentey	11/15
Mark	Malia	11/07	Kathy	Allen	11/17
Jack	Campbell	11/08	Jonathan	Malia	11/18
Catherine	Goyette	11/09	Caleb	Nealon	11/18
Dorothy	Dralus	11/10	Paula	Haggstrom	11/19
Diane	Prall	11/10	Thea	Rice	11/19
Gail	Olson	11/11	Tess	Bauer	11/21
Linda	Resnick	11/11	Robert	Hammond	11/21
Jordan	Vaglivelo	11/11	Joel	Smith	11/21
Delilah & Ramona	Matejek	11/12	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
			Henry	Bergeron	11/29



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⁾
Andrew & Kristina Logan⁽⁰⁹⁾
Paul & Susan Granello⁽¹²⁾ Debra Hansen & Alan Vaglivelo⁽²¹⁾
Gloria & Mike Ganino⁽²⁴⁾ and Dana & Al Jesulaitis ⁽²⁹⁾

In Our Prayers

The people of **Jamaica**, rebuilding from the storm

Alison Abrams (Jessica Pfalzgraf's sister); **Allie** (Colegrove's friend); **Jennifer Bittar** (Loraine Zeiner's friend); **Jackie Bleakney**; **Shari Carrano**; **Lisa Cody & Dave Barton** (friends of Julie and Rob McClenathan); **Bonnie** (Gayle Hammond's cousin); **Cathy** (Julie McClenathan's Friend); **Debbie Cuseo** (Cliff's sister-in-law); **Kevin Daly** (Gary Thompson's friend); **Dealmira** (Jonathan Ganino's grandmother); **Dan & Laura Dimauro** (Cuseo friends); **Dot Dralus**, **Matt Duchon**; **Elaine** (Wendy Colegrove's Aunt); **Bruno Forte** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **David Fischman** (Sue Granello's Friend); **Donnajean Fredeen**, **Dave Fuller** (Gail Olson's brother); **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); **John** (Donna's father); **Jonathan** (Matt Colegrove's brother); **Josh** (Mary Erdmann's 2nd cousin); **Kelti** (friend of Liska Gutierrez), **Samia Khoury** (Will Duchon's friend); **Cindy Kovacs**; **Monica Lynch** (Bethany Dupuis' friend); **Nicole Malia**; **the Manuzzi Family**; **Mary** (Kate Brigg's Mother); **Mary Massar**; **Betty McKeown** (Donna Konkol's mother); **Meghan** (Mary Unger's niece); **Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Nancy Olofson**; **Missy & Gail Olson**; **Donna Parratt**; **Diane Prall**; **Amy Reber** (Pfalzgraf family friend); **Linda Resnick**; **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Palma Senatore** (Sara Alvarez's grandmother); **Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Ed Simonovich** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **Bernie**, **Lori & Gary Sippin**; **Cliff Smith**; **Sheldon & Nancy Smith**; **Christine Stadler**; **Chuck Stearns** (Cheri Irwin's cousin); **Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Winger's granddaughter); **Timara** (Mary Unger's friend); **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); **Jim Woolley** (Jen Nealon's Dad); **Allen & Ann Zeiner**

The concerns of our world: **Humanitarian** efforts and sustained peace; **LGBTQ+ children and their families** facing discrimination; **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 **unhoused, homebound** and **refugees**.

Those serving in the military, veterans & their families: **Lt. Col. Rachel Hoffman**, Tacoma, Washington (Vaughan Askue's daughter), **Zachary Gingras**, 395th Combat Sustainability Support, **Joel Smith**, 250th Engineering Company, **Chris Meneses** (Loraine Zeiner's friend), **Corporal Taylor Smith** (Cheri Irwin's Nephew)

November MCC Community Calendar

Week of Sun. Nov 2nd

*Communion Sunday, Daylight Savings
Ends (fall back!)*

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Junior & Senior PF

Mon. Nov 3rd

7:30 pm Outreach (Zoom)

Tue. Nov 4th

Election Day

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. Nov 5th

7:00 pm Sacred Pause (Dineson)

Thur. Nov 6th

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Week of Sun. Nov 9th

10:00 am Worship

11:30 Trustees (Conference Room)

5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF

Mon. Nov. 10th

7:30 Deacons (Zoom)

Tue. Nov 11th

Veteran's Day

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. Nov 12th

11:00 am Morning Circle (Dineson)

Thur. Nov 13th

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Sat. Nov 15th

8:30 – 12:30 Trustees Fall Church Work

Week of Sun. Nov 16th

10:00 am Worship

11:15 New Member Informational (Dineson)

5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF

Tue. Nov 18th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. Nov 19th

7:00 pm Book Club Zoom

Thur. Nov 20th

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

3:00 pm Feel the Warmth

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Sat. Nov 22nd

5:00 pm Spaghetti & BINGO

Week of Sun. Nov 23rd

New Member Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:00 Pancake Breakfast

5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF

Tue. Nov 25th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thur. Nov 27th

Thanksgiving Day

Week of Sun. Nov 30th

Advent 1

10:00 am Worship

11:00 Cheddar Together

5:00 pm Junior & Senior PF

5:00 pm Tree Lighting!