

Monroe Congregational Church ■ United Church of Christ  
"That they may all be one"

[www.mcc-ucc.org](http://www.mcc-ucc.org)

34 Church Street ■ Monroe, CT 06468 ■ Church Phone: 268-9327

Rev. Jennifer M. Gingras Sr. Pastor ♦ William Duchon, Music Director



November 28, 2021

**First Sunday of Advent**

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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**Prelude**

**Moment of Quiet & Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope**

**Musical Hymn Response**

Hope Waits for us at Advent

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*Please continue to wear a mask as we sing.*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Advent is...

*People: A pilgrimage of the soul,*

Leader: Responding to a deep yearning

*People: Going on a quest.*

Leader: Following a star to a place of wonder and joy,

*People: Waiting for a baby's cry and the angel's song,*

*All: Come, let us begin our Advent journey.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**"Rooted in Love" Stewardship Testimonial**

Nancy Smith

**\*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.*

**Children's Message**

*Students may remain in worship with their families, there is no Sunday School today.*

**\*Hymn**

Watcher, Tell Us of The Night

NCH 103

**Call to Confession – Unison Prayer - Silent Prayer**

*So soon, O God, too soon. We have hardly cleaned up from Thanksgiving, and it is  
Advent with Christmas coming soon. We confess that we are not ready. Yet, it is  
into such a world as this and such a time as this that you choose to enter. Help us  
to keep alert in this Advent season. Help us to see you in the midst of ordinary  
tasks. Help us to slow down for prayer, for family and friends. Help us to stand up  
for peace and justice; for Jesus comes to bring new life to us and our world. O God  
help us to be ready to receive you again. Amen. ~silence~*

**Words of Assurance**

**Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer -- Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

## Sung Prayer Response

*Make of my heart a stable, a house for the Holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for hope to live and grow.*

*Make of my life a stable, a house for the Holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for hope to live and grow*

*Make of our church a stable, a house for the Holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for hope to live and grow.*

## Offering Invitation & Offertory

*Our offering plate may be found on the hospitality table as you leave worship today.  
You may also choose to give online at [www.mcc-ucc/donate](http://www.mcc-ucc/donate).*

## Scripture

Jeremiah 33:1-3, 10-11, 14-16 Page 723, Psalm 25:4-6 Page 492

## Sermon

Making Room

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Smith

## \*Closing Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

NCH #345

## \*Benediction

## Parting Music

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\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

## Hope Waits for Us at Advent

### Verse 1

Amanda Udis-Kessler

D D/F# G A D D/F# G A Bm G

Hope waits for us at Ad-vent. Hope waits for us to trust. Hope waits for

6 A D Bm Cmaj7 Asus A G2 D/F#

our com-mit-ment to a land that's kind and just. In this time of

10 Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# G A Bm

pre-par-a-tion for the work of co-cre-a-tion, for the birth-ing of a world that

15 C G D2 Em7 D/F# G G/B Bm D

heals the ones in pain, Hope is born in us a - gain.

**God is still speaking, welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today, in-person and online! Worship is live streamed on church's You Tube Channel under CCLI Streaming License #2169137 on: <https://www.youtube.com/monroecongregationalchurchucc>, as well as on our Facebook page "Monroe Congregational Church, UCC"

We are an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ, and we invite everyone to join in the full life and ministry of this church. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus' model of loving acceptance and welcome to all persons, inclusive of every age, race, ability, economic and social status, nationality, faith background, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital standing and family structure.

**COVID-19 Safety:** In order to keep our community members safe (*including children under 12, the immune-compromised and those not yet fully vaccinated*), please follow these guidelines:

- Please stay home if you feel sick or have a fever (catch us on YouTube/Facebook)
- Please wear a mask indoors (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

**Thank you for assisting in this morning's worship!**

- **Deacon:** Nancy Smith
- **Usher:** Susie Cuseo
- **Trustee:** Bill Stadler
- **Counter:** John O'Rourke
- **Coffee Host:** Vaughan Askue
- **Web Steward:** Scott Young



**The flowers this morning are in given by Cheri Irwin in loving memory of her father, Neil Stearns, who would have been 95 on November 27<sup>th</sup>. He passed 2 years ago.**

**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>



**Annual Reports are due Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Please submit your annual report to the church office by Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

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



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

James Brown <sup>(28)</sup>

Henry Bergeron <sup>(29)</sup>

Jeremy Young <sup>(03)</sup>

Katherine Hyde <sup>(28)</sup>

Frank Wittenauer <sup>(02)</sup>



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

Al & Dana Jesulaitis <sup>(28)</sup> and Lynn and Richard Draus <sup>(04)</sup>

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## Stewardship

*They are the best plants that grow in the soil, and they yield their fruit in its season.*



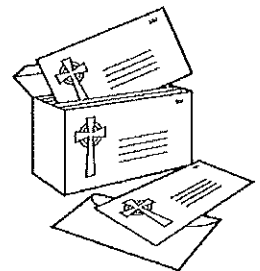
### The 2022 MCC Stewardship campaign "Rooted in Love" is off and running!

Our goal this year is to increase our pledge base by 10%, so that we can decrease our reliance on the endowment to fund operating expenses. To date we have received 50 pledges for a total of \$131,550. If you haven't done so already, please complete and return an estimate of giving card for 2022 in the plate or through the mail, or send your pledge via email to [jorourke224@gmail.com](mailto:jorourke224@gmail.com). Thank you for prayerfully considering how to financially support the Monroe Congregational Church in 2022!

~ Your Stewardship Committee, *John O'Rourke (Receiver), Diane Prall, Rev. Jenn Gingras*



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!



Please contact Diane in the office 268-9327 or [secretary@MCC-UCC.org](mailto:secretary@MCC-UCC.org) if you would like to **order a box of pledge envelopes for 2022** –thank you!

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## Christian Education



**Weekly Prayer & Bible Study Group!** Every Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a group of about 8 regular attendees gather in Dineson Parlor to learn with one another and share prayer concerns. You don't have to have ANY prior knowledge of Christianity or Theology in order to participate. 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.

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|-------------|---|
| December 2  | Tamar (Genesis 38:13-19, 24-27) & Mary (Luke 1:26-38) |
| December 9  | Rahab (Joshua 2:1-22) & Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45)      |
| December 16 | Christmas Party!                                      |
| December 23 | Off (Christmas Break)                                 |
| December 30 | Off (Christmas Break)                                 |





## "Almost Instant" Christmas Pageant at MCC!!!

MCC is having a Christmas Pageant in church on December 19th at 10 am! Dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 18th at 11 am. The only speaking parts are narrators, but we would like to have everyone at the rehearsal so that we are ready on the next day. Youth of all ages are welcome to participate, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8ac22a2fb6-christmas1>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you haven't registered for our youth programs yet, please do so here:  
<https://form.jotform.com/212146410084141>

### Our November Fruits of the Spirit Sunday School Schedule:

Sunday Nov 28 – No Sunday School, Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!

### Our November Jr PF Schedule:

Sunday Nov 28 – No JPF,  
Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!

### This Month in Senior PF:

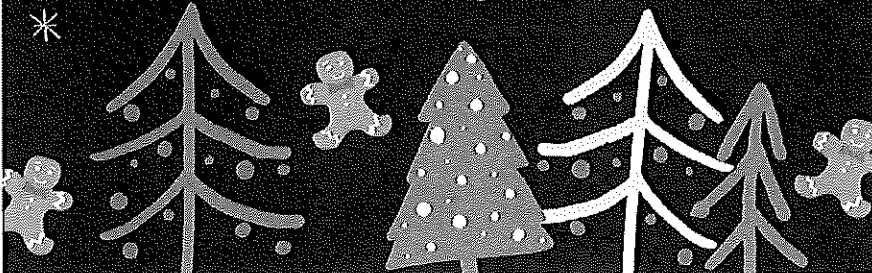
- November 28 – Thankfulness
- December 3-5 PF on retreat at Camp Hazen

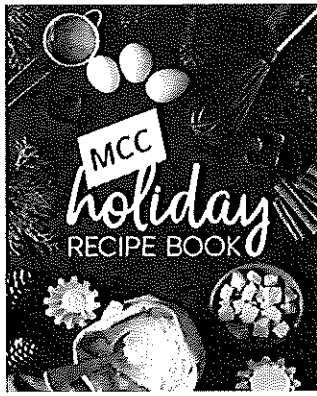


## Special Christmas Coffee Hour

December 19, 11 am Wilton Hall

Join us for a special Christmas coffee hour, to share some fellowship and holiday cheer! If you are able to bring a something to share, please drop it off in the kitchen between 9-9:45 that morning, thank you!





## Fellowship

With Christmas right around the corner, we would like remind you of the **MCC Holiday Cookbook**. If anyone would like to contribute a recipe (or another great recipe) I will be combining them into last year's cookbook. Please feel free to share any holiday recipes - Easter, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day etc.... Please include a little note sharing why this recipe is special to you and a picture if you like. Our hope is that over time we will have an awesome book to get printed and sell as a fundraiser. E-mail your recipes to

[michelle.cardentey@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.cardentey@gmail.com) and I will format them and merge them into last year's book! Thank You On Behalf of Your Fellowship Board, Michelle Cardentey

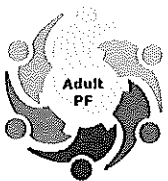
## MORNING CIRCLE

**Morning Circle invites the ladies of the congregation to our last meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 8 at 12PM for a holiday luncheon at My Place in Newtown.** We will meet in the church parking lot between 11:30-11:45 if you'd like to carpool. For those who took tags for the Giving Tree, please have wrapped gifts with attached tags in the church office by Sunday, November 28th. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity to those who do not have these little comforts.

At our last meeting, the ladies put together 25 bean soup jars for the Food Pantry. This was a successful project with the help of Stop & Shop who donated the beans while The Common Bond Market in Huntington provided a 10% discount on the seasonings. The numerous volunteers made light work of putting together these beautiful jars.

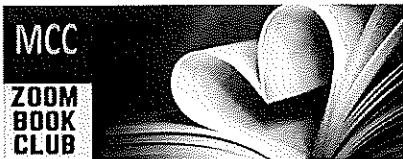
**Morning Circle will not meet during the months of January and February.** Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions, comments or suggestions at 203-268-0280 or [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com).

On behalf of the ladies of Morning Circle, have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. May it be safe and yummy. We have so much to be grateful for.



## Fall Adult PF 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 5pm –all adults are welcome!

Kate and I look forward to welcoming you back to our house, so please put the following date on your calendar: **December 5.** –Don Parker-Burgard



## 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.

December **15th**, 7 pm -*The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi, 340 pg, Host: Arlene Redmond  
January 12th, 7 pm -*The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline, 389 pg, Host: Linda Fracasini  
February 9th, 7 pm - *Slow Fire Burning* by Paula Hawkins, 316 pg, Host: Gayle Hammond



## Young at Heart will not meet November and December.

Many members are grandparents who will be busy those holiday months.

**Next luncheon will be in January.** Young at Heart wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas.

## Outreach

**Christmas is coming!**

**What can you get the person who has everything?**



**Heifer International is an organization where your pocket change helps to send animals to families.**

Giving these animals is like giving a family a small business where wool, eggs, milk and more can sustain them and the offspring that come from those animals can be given to other families giving them a hand up, increase access to

medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. Other donations from Heifer International are seeds, irrigation pipes, water for life, gardener's gift baskets and Biogas stoves for entire villages. The collection jar will be on the serving table during coffee hour. Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280. **Become a part of the grand mission of ending hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth with your spare change.** For more information, please visit

this site: [Heifer International Gift Catalog](#) | [Heifer International](#)



### **Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement**

Working closely with IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services), The Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement (IPRR) in Newtown co-sponsors

refugee families upon their arrival to the United States. They are committed to helping each family learn English, procure employment, enroll in school and become productive and independent community members.

IPRR will soon be sponsoring an **Afghan family, one of the special visa holders from our military operation there.** They are looking to build a very large team of volunteers to settle this next family in the greater Danbury area. They have several committees to be a part of. The time commitment varies, anywhere from 1-12 months.

- House Search Committee
- Housing Setup Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Driving Education and License Sub-Committee
- Interpreter Committee
- Family Finances Committee
- Employment Committee
- Cultural Integration Committee
- Youth Education Committee
- Adult ESL Committee
- Healthcare Committee
- Childcare Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Technology Support
- Calendar Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

**If you are interested in volunteering,** please contact: Elaine Sleath, Volunteer Coordinator at [elainsleath@yahoo.com](mailto:elainsleath@yahoo.com) . For more information contact: Cindy Dunn, Co-Chair of IPPR at [cindylou722@gmail.com](mailto:cindylou722@gmail.com) or Rich Stein, Co-Chair of IPPR at [itradeoptions@tradelink.net](mailto:itradeoptions@tradelink.net)





Gift Tags for those in care of DCF  
available on the Meetinghouse  
Christmas Tree beginning 11/28.  
Please bring wrapped gifts (tag  
attached) to the office by Dec 19.  
*Thank you for sharing God's love!*

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

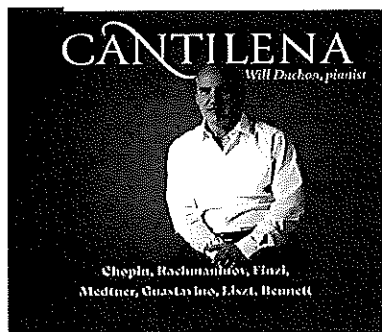
## Lighting the Christmas Tree: A Community Celebration

Sunday, December 5, 2021 • 5 PM  
Monroe Centre Green

Dress warmly, bring a flashlight,  
and join us after for cocoa and  
cookies in Rexford House at the  
Monroe Congregational Church

### Deacons

Welcome back, **Chancel Choir!** Thank you  
for sharing your gift of music with the  
congregation, we are grateful for you! If  
you'd like to join the choir, speak with Will  
Duchon. Rehearsals are Thursday nights at  
7, warmups are on Sunday mornings at  
9:15 am.



Dear MCC Friends,

I recently released a  
new recording of solo  
piano works. The  
album is titled  
"Cantilena", and  
includes music by  
Chopin,  
Rachmaninov, Liszt,

and four other composers.

I want to share this album with my church  
family, so please feel free to take a  
CD. They are available in the Narthex of the  
Meetinghouse as well as in the church office.  
*Will*

## Bell & Chime Choir

IT'S TIME TO RING THOSE  
BELLS/CHIMES ONCE AGAIN!  
PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS  
FOR FORMING A BELL (OR  
CHIME) CHOIR.

Want to join? Please let Will Duchon know  
(willduchon@gmail.com). Updates to follow!

## ***In Our Prayers***

**Jackie Ajello** (Michele Mount's mother); **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 Cimen** (Peggy & Ron Villani's Daughter); **Cliff Cuseo**; **Dot Dralus**; **Matt Duchon**; **Marge Fox**; **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); **Mary-Margaret Logan** (Andrew's mother); **Jacquie 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); **Lisa Rozmus** (friend of the Pfalzgraf family); **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**; **Maria Stadler** (Jessica Pfalzgraf's sister); **Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Wininger's granddaughter); **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); **Susan Walker**; **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:** 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: **Steven Roshong** (the Coward's nephew), South Carolina: **Bob Peters** (Don Parker-Burgard's brother-in-law), North Carolina: **Jake Terifay**

## **MCC Community Calendar**

*Pastor Jenn is on Vacation Nov 25 – Dec 2*

### **Week of November 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Rev. Dr. Sheldon Smith, Guest Preacher*

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Tue. November 30<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Thur. December 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Fri. December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Senior PF Retreat –Camp Hazen*

### **Week of December 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Advent Communion*

10:00 am Worship

5-6:30 pm Jr PF

5:00 pm Adult PF

5:00 pm Community Tree Lighting

### **Tue. December 7<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Wed. December 8<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 am Morning Circle Christmas Lunch  
(My Place)

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

7:00 pm Book Club Zoom

### **Thur. December 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study (Dineson)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Week of December 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees

5-6:30 pm Jr PF

5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Tue. December 14<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Wed. December 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

### **Thur. December 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Bible Study Christmas Party  
(Dineson)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Week of December 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

*Christmas Coffee Hour*

5-6:30 pm Jr PF

5:00 pm Senior PF Caroling

5:00 pm Adult PF

### **Tue. December 21<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

7:00 pm Bereavement Group

### **Thur. December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 pm Choir

### **Fri. December 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas Eve Worship*

4:00 pm Contemplative Service

7:00 pm All Ages Service

11:00 pm Service of Lessons & Carols

### **Sat. December 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Christmas*

### **Week of December 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

*Christmas Casual Sunday*

*Diane on vacation Dec 27- 31 Office Closed*

### **Tue. December 28<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Wed. December 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Confirmation (Dineson)

### **Thur. December 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Choir

### **Fri. December 31<sup>st</sup>**

*New Year's Eve –Office Closed*



## Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



| Quantity | Cost Each | Total Cost |
|----------|-----------|------------|
|          | \$ 25.00  |            |

**Given by (your name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In Celebration of:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



\*A check for the total amount, made payable to Monroe Congregational Church, may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office (34 Church Street).

**Orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021** to ensure dedication in the bulletin by December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to write "Poinsettias" on the memo line of your check.



*Thank you and have a blessed holiday!*

November 28, 2021

Luke 21:25-36

## Sign of Things to Come *United Black Christians Anniversary*

"Til Love Comes is the first single on Tracy Howe's album, "Things That Grow", available at [tracyhowemusic.com](http://tracyhowemusic.com). On this first Sunday of Advent, these inspiring words are a prophetic reminder of the universe-transforming power of the incarnation, the coming of the Christ Child. You can find more of Tracy's music, including a link to a video of this song, at [tracyhowemusic.com](http://tracyhowemusic.com).

We will march on, will fight on  
"Til love comes

If you cut into beauty  
and try to make it bleed  
you only find a deeper hope  
and what makes a person free  
the depths of love  
come from where we've been  
redeemed

So put down your guns  
and unlock the prison doors  
You can keep all your money;  
give yourselves to the poor  
learn to love  
Building a world of grace

We will march on, will fight on  
"Til love comes

You might make your words a weapon  
and build power out of fear  
But it's your own self breaking and  
fading away in the mirror

Because love  
Is writing the song

And the mystery of suffering is the life  
that comes from pain  
And the hope we share holds it -  
gives it a name  
All in love  
We carry on

We will march on, will fight on  
"Til love comes

We gave our lives to this fight,  
we gave our lives  
If we fall it will be alright,  
if we fall it will be alright  
Our bodies wrapped in dust,  
will tell the tale of both of us  
I who heard your cry for help,  
and you who lived for someone else

We will march on, will fight on  
"Til love comes

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