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Pledge Envelopes



If you pledge to the church and would like to use pledge envelopes please call 203-268-9327 or email Diane at MCC-UCC.org **before the September 30th order deadline** –thank you!
(Offering envelopes are available in the pews.)

Fellowship

**It's Time To Sign Up,
so we have a head count
and can start firming up our plans for the**



Hope we are finding you all well and you are enjoying the summer. Please use the link below to sign-up for the Homecoming Picnic/Ice Cream Social on September 11 at Wolfe Park, Monroe, CT from 12 pm to 3 pm. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and/or outdoor games.

Hamburgers/Hotdogs - Lemonade and Ice Tea will be provided as well as Ice Cream and toppings. Please let us know of any dietary needs you may have on the sign-up. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all there. If anyone would like to help with setup, etc., please contact Michelle at michelle.cardentey@gmail.com. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted! Please memo: Fellowship Homecoming Picnic

Signup Here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAC2CA5FEC61-homecoming>

OR

from our website HOME page MCC-UCC.org

OR

in Wilton Hall!

Christian Education



Register Now for 2022/2023 Children & Youth Programming at MCC!

We are planning this year's programming! Please sign up your child(ren) and youth for the 2022/2023 season.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAC2CA5FEC61-youth>

or on our website: **MCC-UCC.org**



Love working with youth, want to spread God's love to the children of our congregation in this upcoming **22/23 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! See you soon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins on September 11th



JR PF Schedule (Sundays at 5 pm)

Sept 11 - Welcome Back Party.

Sept 18 - Apple Picking

Sept 25 - Service Project



Sr PF begins weekly on September 11 at 5pm.



Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 8 @ 7 PM. The Choir is looking for more singers, so please consider giving it a try. A good first step would be to come out to our first rehearsal and just sit in or listen. The Chancel Choir is blessed with having a warm and close fellowship, and the satisfaction of preparing and singing beautiful music throughout the church season.



Chime Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 15, @ 6 PM. We will be preparing music for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas

Questions? Please see Music Director, Will Duchon.

Outreach



Outreach Wine Tasting Fundraiser
Saturday, October 1st 6pm
Details coming soon!

Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their community. **You can help out by dropping your spare change into the collection bottle located on the serving table during coffee hour.** At the end of the year, we pool the monies and purchase animals and plants to help those in need worldwide. Please contact Susie Cuseo at 203-268-0280 or thecuseos@yahoo.com with any questions.



Have you cleaned out your junk drawer recently and found old prescription glasses, sunglasses and cases? You can drop off your donation in the basket found in Wilton Hall. Your glasses will be cleaned, checked and sent to those around the world who can't afford eye care and wear. Make a difference in the lives of those who'll see the newspaper clearly as well as the smile of a loved one's face. Contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280.

The **Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe** needs YOU! If you have a couple of hours to spare either on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays, we are looking for your help. **Summer sorting, tagging and hanging happens on Tuesdays at 9:30AM.** Volunteers will help you with what needs to be done. Sales associates are needed for two-hour shifts starting from 10AM to 3PM on Fridays and Saturdays. A procedure list can be emailed or you can visit the Shoppe when someone is manning the counter. It's fun and quite rewarding. Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280.



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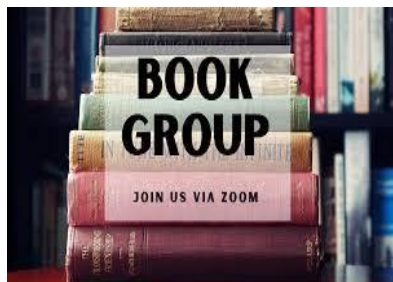


Young At Heart

Next luncheon will be on Thursday, **September 22nd at 12 pm**
Place to be determined.

Please RSVP to Nancy or Shelton Smith at (203)880-5228
revsheldonsmith@yahoo.com or nancy.s.smith66@gmail.com

Morning Circle invites all the women of the congregation to attend our **first meeting** of the church season on **Wednesday, September 14th at 11AM** in Dineson Parlor. We will have Ray Giovanni from Union Savings Bank speak to us about the local scams affecting the members of our community. Please bring a sandwich lunch for our short business meeting. We will be collecting donation items for the Food Pantry. Contact Jackie Bleakney at 203-268-5275 with any questions or comments.



MCC Book Club is open to all church members. We will continue to meet via zoom on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.** For more information, please call Paula Haggstrom 203-452-0850 email: pjsh55@gmail.com

We will continue meet via Zoom.

Wednesday, September 21, The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

- Wednesday, October 19, The Rose Code by Kate Quinn
- Wednesday, November 16, The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue
- Wednesday, December 21, Woman on Fire by Lisa Barr
- Wednesday, January 18, The Midnight Library by Matt Haig



Prayer Partner Signups! What's a Prayer Partner? They are members of a group who keeps someone in the thoughts and prayers while someone else is praying for them. Kind of like a daisy chain of caring. Fill out the information sheet in Wilton Hall, then you'll get a letter in the mail with the name of the person who you'll pray for

and then in May 2023 we'll meet for the "Big Reveal" potluck luncheon to discover who's been praying for whom. It's really easy and just takes a few moments out of your hectic day. You can mail them a card or note signed as "Your Prayer Partner" and use the church's return address (34 Church St., Monroe, CT 06468). Find them during coffee hour and strike up a conversation. Make eye contact with them while you pass the peace during service. Contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 2030-268-0280 with any questions, comments or to sign up. Here's a testimonial from a previous member:

"I loved this experience. Receiving cards from my prayer partner was always a nice reminder that someone was praying for me. I enjoyed praying for someone else as well. It's nice to know you can possibly put a smile on someone's face when they receive your card or notes throughout the year."

We at the Monroe Congregational Church grieve the passing of Susan Lee Walker who died on August 20, 2022. Susan was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, a dedicated registered nurse, and a longtime faithful member of this church. Many of our young adults remember her as an inspirational mentor during her many years as a Senior PF youth group leader and the choir will dearly miss her presence. The prayers of the congregation are with all her friends and family, and especially with her sons, Lucas (his wife Michelle) and Michael (his wife Jessie), and with her husband Dave.



Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Dave at 86 Hillcrest Road, Monroe, CT 06468.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Monroe Congregational Church, Saturday, October 29 at 11 am.



Our church family mourns the passing of Susan Crea who died on August 26 after a long illness. Sue was an enthusiastic participant in the Strawberry Festival along with her husband, Romeo, and a dedicated volunteer at the Mustard Seed Shop. We hold Sue's family and friends in our prayers for comfort and peace. A memorial service will be held in October.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Romeo at 151 Morningside Court, Shelton, CT 06484.

TROOP 63 FALL FUNDRAISER



Troop 63 is at it again!

**MUMS ARE
BACK!**

**When The Time Comes To Put Away The Sand Pails
and Shovels and Decorate For Fall
Troop 63 has what you need!**

Join us for our 2nd annual Fall Fundraiser
Featuring: Mums, Purple Cabbage, Haybales & Cornstalks

Here's what's available:



CORNSTALKS



PURPLE CABBAGE



HAYBALES



MUMS IN VARIOUS COLORS | AVAILABLE IN 8 OR 12 INCH POTS

Full selection available and online orders can be made
at bit.ly/Troop63fall

PICK UP DETAILS:

Friday – September 23, 2022
4:00 - 6:00pm
Monroe Congregational – Rexford Hall

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sandra Busa
203-520-4358
Sandragabriel@gmail.com

All funds raised directly support scouts and scout programming
Troop 63 is chartered by Monroe Congregational Church



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

Mia	Briggs	09/02	David	Rooney	09/19
Liska	Gutierrez	09/02	Jeff	Swift	09/19
Vinathi	Sampson	09/02	Colleen	Konkol	09/20
David	Bailey	09/03	Marisa	Pinto	09/20
Paul	Adams	09/08	Vandana	Sampson	09/20
Lorraine	Sippin	09/08	Mary	Massar	09/21
Becky	Unger	09/08	Kristen	Prall	09/24
Edward	Dotoratos	09/09	Nancy	Hedine	09/26
Laura	Cuseo	09/10	Priscilla	Cunningham	09/29
Andrew	Logan	09/14	Katherine	Logan	09/29
Joshua	Post	09/16	John	Esposito	09/30
Ronald	Villani	09/16	Heather	Henning	09/30
Julie	McHugh	09/17	Laurel	Post	09/30



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

Jenna & Stephen Rice⁽⁰⁴⁾ Cheramie and Victor DiMenna⁽⁰⁸⁾ Kim & Mike Riffard⁽¹⁴⁾
 Reggie & John Hastedt⁽¹⁶⁾ Julia & Osiris Gutierrez⁽¹⁶⁾ Shirley & Jamie Dotoratos⁽¹⁶⁾
 Jenn & Andy Nivison⁽¹⁹⁾ Marilyn & Robert Schultz⁽²⁰⁾ Gay & Hubert Muizulis⁽²⁵⁾
 Jan & Chris Pearson⁽²⁹⁾ Kate & Mark Barnhart⁽²⁹⁾ and Donna & Jim Gill⁽³⁰⁾

MCC Community Calendar

Pastor Jenn is on sabbatical until October 1.

Thank you sabbatical supply pastor, Rev. Peggy Allen!

Week of Sun. Sept 4th

10:00 am Worship

Mon. Sept 5th

Labor Day -Office Closed

Tue. Sept 6th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Thurs. Sept 8th

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

St. Peter's Apple Festival Sept. 10 – 11

Week of Sun. Sept 11th

10:00 am Worship

1st Day of Sunday School

12–3 pm Homecoming Picnic
(Wolfe Park)

5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF's

Mon. Sept 12th

Diane Vacation -Office Closed

7:00 pm Outreach Meeting

7:45 pm Deacon's Meeting

Tue. Sept 13th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Wed. Sept 14th

11:00 am Morning Circle

7:00 pm Book Club (Zoom)

Thurs. Sept 15th

6:00 pm Chime Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Week of Sun. Sept. 18th

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Trustees (Zoom)

5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF's

Mon. Sept. 19th

7:30 pm Council (Zoom)

Tue. Sept. 20th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Thur. Sept. 22nd

12:00 pm Young At Heart

6:00 pm Chime Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Week of Sun. Sept 25th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF's

Tue. Sept 27th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Thurs. Sept 29th

6:00 pm Chime Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Sat. Oct 1st

6 pm Outreach Wine Tasting

Week of Sun. Oct 2nd

10:00 am Worship Pastor Jenn

Returns!

5:00 pm Junior, Senior PF's

Mon. Oct 3rd

7:00 pm Outreach Meeting

Tue. Oct 4th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Wed. Oct 5th

7:00 pm First Confirmation

Orientation Meeting

Thurs. Oct 6th

9:30 am First Bible Study Class

6:00 pm Chime Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir