

United Methodist Church of Monroe

Messenger

*A welcoming family of caring Christians dedicated
to joyful service to all God's people.
Share in the journey.*



2015



*"Hope delayed makes the heart sick;
longing fulfilled is a tree of life."*

Proverbs 13:12 CEB

I don't know about you but my heart has been sick waiting for spring to come. As I write this we are anticipating the arrival of spring on March 20th, with snow of all things! Really?!

So many things have had to be delayed due to this long and harsh winter, including our Dinners with the Epsteins. Every time we were ready to set dates the weather would once again interfere or one of us wasn't feeling well. We've had to cancel Game Night, one Sunday service and had two very snowy Sundays in which only a few people could get out. And the poor My Fair Ladies and Friendship Circle—their meetings were canceled most of January and all of February!

But here we are on the edge of spring...it will come...I have to have faith...and if this Proverbs verse is correct, then when it comes it will come with great beauty and fulfillment.

We are not only looking forward to spring with its warmer temperatures and the flowers unfurling but we are also looking forward to Resurrection Day. On Easter Sunday, this year April 5th, we will once again discover that the tomb is emptied and that any hope that has been delayed will be available to us in ways in which we cannot even fathom.

Easter is not just one day though. Eastertide, as a church season, goes on for 50 days until we celebrate Pentecost. This is the time that we read from the book of Acts, to hear about the apostles and the early followers of Jesus as the faith spread over the land. My hope is that during Eastertide we too will see an unfolding of the faith here in our communities as well as throughout our land. There are just too many folks who are heart sick, let's share with them the Good News!

So, we might need to hold on just a little longer, but I fully trust that those crocuses and daffodils and tulips will be rising up from the earth very soon.

My prayer for you during this Easter season is that whatever you are longing for will be fulfilled in the name of our Risen Savior!

In His Peace,

Pastor Maude

Coming Soon--
Consecration Sunday
Stay tuned for the exciting details!

SEEKING COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sign up today to host a coffee hour as a way to...support fellowship...commemorate a special event...make some new friends...share your favorite cookies...celebrate Spring...All the basics (plates, cups, napkins, utensils, sugar) are supplied - including the coffee and instructions on how to make it. The host makes the coffee, heats the tea water and supplies the creamer...of course, no one will object if you want to put out juice and a few cookies. The sign-up sheet is posted outside the sanctuary or email the church office to book your date.



SUNDAY, MAY 10 IS MOTHER'S DAY!!!

THIS MOTHER'S DAY, give more than a card! Donate to the Church World Service ("CWS") by purchasing a blanket! Continuing a long-standing tradition in our church, we will be collecting contributions to purchase blankets through the Church World Service ("CWS") Blankets+ Program. Only \$5 to supply and ship a blanket to a person in need—where ever they may be around the world!! A blanket can serve as warmth, shelter and comfort. At the end of 2014, 8,000 congregations (including UCMC) participated in CWS Blankets+. The Blankets+ program also includes hygiene kits, school kits, baby care kits and emergency clean-up buckets to both domestic and international locations.



Each donation can be designated in honor or in memory of someone close to your heart. Please use the form below and be sure the church office receives your order by Sunday, May 3 for inclusion in our May 10 bulletin. Gift cards will be available. Any questions can be directed to Rose Aiello at 261-5528 or buildingroses@aol.com.

BLANKET ORDER FORM

Just \$5 will purchase a blanket through the Church World Service Blankets+ Program. Orders for more than one are certainly welcome! Please make your check payable to UCMC and in the memo line write "Blankets Plus". For bulletin inclusion, order should be in by Sunday, May 3. (Please print.)

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By _____

Check here if you would like a gift card(s). _____



Join us for Family Game Night on Saturday, April 18 from 6-8 p.m. Bring your favorite game and snack and prepare to have a fun evening of fellowship.

Perfect attendance ?

The church choir director was frustrated because at least one member was missing from each Easter cantata rehearsal. At the final practice, she announced, "I wish to publicly thank the tenor for being the only choir member to attend every rehearsal."

"It's the least I could do," said the tenor, "since I won't be here for Easter."

**We are collecting loose change for the
Waterman Scholarship Fund.
Please place your loose change
in the jug in the narthex.**



--WATERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND--

The Waterman Scholarship Fund (WSF), a trust fund of the United Methodist Church of Monroe, was established in 1982 by UMC Monroe member Ray Waterman in memory of his wife, Mary Waterman. As Mary was a teacher, the Watermans were very supportive of youth activities within the church and of education in particular. Therefore, the original intent of the fund was to award post-secondary education scholarships to outstanding student members of UMC. It was also intended by Ray that the value of the fund should increase over its lifetime. Subsequent to Ray's passing, the scholarships have been awarded in the memory of both Ray and Mary Waterman.

The office is accepting applications from those wishing to be considered as a recipient of a scholarship this year. The deadline is May 15, 2015. For an application, please contact the church office.



March 29	10 a.m.	Palm Sunday
March 30	7 p.m.	Holy Monday
March 31	7 p.m.	Holy Tuesday
April 1	7 p.m.	Holy Wednesday
April 2	7 p.m.	Maunday Thursday
April 3	7 p.m.	Good Friday
April 5	6:30 a.m. 10 a.m.	Easter Sunrise--Great Hollow Lake Easter Service

Please
Pray
for...



If you would like to add a person to our prayer list, notify the church office or leave your request in the collection plate. Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If you would like your name or that of a relative or friend to stay on the list longer, please contact the office.

From Priscilla-Heidi Curry-abdominal surgery
Cari Harris-continued healing from back surgery
Jeanne Baklik-cracked hip from fall
Bobbie cousin Delores- hospitalized w/diverticulitis
Carl Sword's sister-in-law Phyllis- in John Hopkins
Paoletta family- passing of "Aunt Donna" to Marilyn
Jones' grandchildren
Michael Hossler
Max Pizzolato-11 yr old accidental gunshot victim & family
Lester McGonagl & Phil Schnell-health difficulties
Suzette Cable-severe pain
Dexton
Family of Kenneth Waite on his passing
Carl Sword-possible cataract surgery
Cooper-Lynn Abbott's great nephew-cancer free
Friends of Chrislips-Dave & Meg Rennie-Dave recovery
from kidney transplant
Carrie-Bobbie's friend w/AS-recovery from sinus surgery
David Rice- Edna Turner's grandson-brain surgery
Linda Summa-Turner's daughter -cancer
Shirley Cornut
Bobbie's cousin's widow-Mary Johnson
Nick-15 yr old w/brain tumor-grandparents, Peggy &
Jerry Price former members of UMCM
Esther McCoy
Marilyn Jones' friend-Charlotte-GERD
Cassandra-Lynn Gregory's friend
Theresa-friend of Yorks-spread of cancer
Suzanne-Jeanne Baklik's son's mother-in-law-in rehab
Angel- Shannon's cousin
Walt, April & their unborn baby
"Baby girl" Murphy-unborn baby w/birth defects
Rosemarie Lewis-Bobbie's friend-chemo for lung cancer

Victoria-premature baby
Marilyn Jones' sister
Ernie Salvas-hospital
Carl Sword's brother-Brian
Richard Rice-Pastor Martha's father- stage 4 kidney
disease
Dave York's cousin Richard-recurrence of cancer
Gail Northrup
Bob Pantalone's mother
Robert Noll-cancer treatment
Claudia Wallace's parents
Millie Chase
Olivia-Juvenile Diabetes
Sue Simmons' friend- Debbie- battling MS
Richard Olsen-terminal cancer
Gail Mas' niece Suzette-healing for spine
Gail Mas – Granddaughter Darcy
Jimmy - Bobbie Grant's friend's son
Lynn Abbott's grandson- Brady
Fromm's friend-Radovan Frzop
From Lydia: Hayley Annino-friend of Kathryn-leukemia
Anna- friend of Sue Simmons-colon cancer
Dotti Hossler's brother-Rod-recovery from stroke
York's daughter-in-law-Lori-continued cancer treatment
Jodi Kles –Sheryl's cousin - living w/rare form of cancer
Debbie Bailey –MS –friend of Priscilla Bromley
Military personnel
Unemployed
First responders, firemen, policemen
Persons dealing w/serious medical issues, drug addiction
Caregivers
Guidance for world leaders
Covenant to Care children, foster children
Those who do not have anyone to pray for them
Those who are persecuted for their faith
All Christians who are in harm's way



MINI MISSION WAGON NEEDS

On your next hike to the grocery don't forget to buy some
trail mix, granola, and granola bars for the wagon.



Dates to look forward to:

May 2 Paper Shredding Event
 May 3 CROP Walk
 May 23 Mozambique Car Show
 July 13-17 VBS

The United Methodist Church of Monroe

Apr 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			7pm - Holy Week 7pm - Two Planks	4pm - Two Planks @ 7pm - Holy Week 7pm - Two Planks	7pm - Holy Week	9am - Easter Egg
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Sunday 6:30am - Sunrise 10am - Sunday 10am - Sunday	7pm - Two Planks	12pm - Missions 7pm - Two Planks	6pm - Hills of 7pm - Two Planks	4pm - Two Planks @ 7pm - Two Planks		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mission Sunday & 10am - Sunday 10am - Sunday 1pm - Two Planks	Newsletter Deadline 10:30am - Friendshi 7pm - Two Planks 7:30pm - My Fair	7pm - Two Planks	7pm - Two Planks	4pm - Two Planks @ 7pm - Two Planks		6pm - Family Game
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10am - Sunday 10am - Sunday 1pm - Two Planks	7pm - Two Planks	7pm - Two Planks	7pm - Two Planks	4pm - Two Planks @ 7pm - Two Planks		2pm - Memorial
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Consecration 10am - Sunday 10am - Sunday 1pm - Two Planks	10:30am - Friendshi 7pm - Two Planks 7:30pm - My Fair	7pm - Two Planks	7pm - Two Planks	4pm - Two Planks @ 7pm - Two Planks		

**For more information on calendar events,
 see the calendar on our website.**

Pastor Martha is generally in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings. Please check the updated calendar on the website for changes to the schedule. For a visit or pastoral care emergency, please call or email Pastor Martha.

PastorMartha@verizon.net
 Parsonage (203-880-9227)

**Check us out on FaceBook...United Methodist church of Monroe is on FaceBook!
 Visit our Page and 'Like' us today!**

Girl Scout Sunday was a huge success!
Thank you to all who participated.



Many thanks to Carl Sword for a beautiful
job of repairing the baptismal font.



Thanks to the 15 UMCM members who
went to *Masonicare* and had a sing-along
with 20 of the residents. They had a
great time singing, clapping and
requesting songs!



Thanks to those who attended the Basic
Computer Class for Seniors. Thanks
especially to Wayne Epstein for helping
Patrick Chrislip with this Capstone project.



TWO PLANKS THEATER COMPANY

Two Planks Theater Company will be presenting the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winning musical, "Next to Normal", here at the UMCM on April 30, May 1-3, and May 8-10. This musical is about how one mother's mental health issues affect her entire family. Two Planks will host a community forum on the subject of mental health following its show on May 3. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to twoplankstheater.org.



4/1 Evan Chaudhary
4/5 Daniel Cahill
4/8 Wayne Epstein
4/11 Richard Steiner
4/16 Amy Rajpolt
4/18 Henry Whalen
4/19 Adam Bartlett
4/19 David Bartlett
4/19 Joe Bartlett
4/22 Doug Salvas
4/25 Timothy Aiello
4/25 Katie Palmer
4/27 Daniel Aiello



4/18 Bill & Pat Smith



Many thanks to:

Mike Cahill for breaking off ice, removing snow and stopping the leak in the choir room office.

John Rajpolt for removing ice and snow.

Anyone who put down ice melt on the walkways Sunday mornings.

Betsy Sword for putting away Christmas decorations.

Doug Salvas for fixing the dishwasher.

The Trustees for getting the new doors and the Fromm's who will paint the new doors in the spring.

Rose Aiello for all the odd jobs she does to help make the church a great place to worship.

Bill Schmalkuche, Patti Early, and Amy Rajpolt for filling in on the piano.



Join us for a Hoppin' Good Time!
Saturday, April 4, 9 am, Rain or Shine
Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast, Craft

\$3.00/child \$5.00/adult, paid at the door

Bring your own Easter basket

Egg Hunt limited to children 10 and under

RSVP to the church office by 3/29/15

We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, family and classmates. We are also looking for donations of individually wrapped nut-free candy and mini-toys by March 22 so that our Ladies groups can stuff all the eggs. There will be a marked box in the narthex for your donations. All leftover candy will go to Covenant to Care and the Food Pantry. Adult and older youth volunteers are needed, contact Sue Simmons (susq55@aol.com) to volunteer.

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