

United Methodist Church of Monroe

Messenger for January 2015

Mini Mission for January:

School snacks such as chips, pretzels, and fruit snacks

The Staff would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their generous donations for our Christmas gifts. We appreciate your love, support and generosity.

Pastor Martha, Julie, Marilyn and Marsha

PIVOT Collection Announcement:

During the month of January, the Missions and Social Concerns Committee are collecting bedding items for Pivot. Located in Bridgeport, Pivot's mission is to treat drug and alcohol addiction as a spiritual problem and return the men to their families usefully whole. Let us help by providing new pillows, sheets and pillowcases to them.

If you prefer you can give a monetary donation and committee members will go shopping with their coupons; after all January is the month for White Sales!



We want to welcome Brandon Given and Willow Rupp into our church family. They were recently baptized in our church and we warmly welcome them into our fold.

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 Winter...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. If you would like to sign up to host a coffee hour, please see the sign up sheet posted outside the sanctuary or email the church office to book your date.



UMCM Youth are joining American teens across the nation in transforming *Super Bowl Sunday, February 1* into the nation's largest youth-led day of giving "Souper Bowl of Caring"! Our UMC youth are striving to make a difference in the very big problem of world hunger. 17 million+ American households--including over 16 million children--are at risk of going to

bed hungry. This number keeps growing in our own nation. Last year more than 260,000 youth participated in Souper Bowl of Caring, collecting more than \$9.8 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. That's a total of more than \$90 million collected since the movement began in 1990! This year's goal is to empower 275,000 young people to collect \$11 million for charities in their communities. Help us grow this movement and tackle hunger in America! 100% of all our donations will go to the Monroe Food Pantry and Kings Pantry. Our goal is \$500! More is better! There will be lots of excitement on game day with our youth serving up a soup luncheon (see below) in place of coffee hour. We hope you can help us! Mark your calendars and bring cans of soup and your cash or check donations. Look for us outside the sanctuary and at the lunch! We'll have our soup pots ready for your donation. (Both cash and checks will be accepted - checks can be made payable to UMCM.)

We will also be having a soup lunch after the church service. Please bring 2 cans of soup (at least one can should be clear chicken broth-based or beef broth-based). One can will be used for lunch and one donated to the Monroe Food Pantry. Join in for some wonderful fellowship and a great cause plus plenty of time to get home for the big game!



If you would like your name to appear in the birthday or anniversary section, please notify the church office.

1/5 Anita Stabler-Hussey

1/6 Aidan Ramos

1/10 Juliana Epstein

1/13 Bill Florin

1/18 Martha Epstein

1/18 June Hallden

1/18 Lee Hossler

1/18 Katie Schmalkuche

1/21 Michelle Rajpolt

1/22 Malenna Hornak

1/28 Carl Sword

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MEETINGS 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

MY FAIR LADIES MEETINGS - 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Monday, January 05, 2015

Monday, January 19, 2015

Monday, February 02, 2015

Monday, February 16, 2015

Monday, March 02, 2015

Monday, March 16, 2015

Monday, March 30, 2015

Monday, April 13, 2015

Monday, April 27, 2015

Monday, May 11, 2015

Monday, May 25, 2015 - Memorial Day - No Meeting

Monday, June 08, 2015

Monday, June 22, 2015

Monday, July 06, 2015

Monday, July 20, 2015

Monday, August 03, 2015

Monday, August 17, 2015

Monday, August 31, 2015

Monday, September 14, 2015

Monday, September 21, 2015

Monday, September 28, 2015

Monday, October 5, 2015 - Friendship Circle only - Pack up Harvest Fest

Monday, October 12, 2015

Monday, October 26, 2015

Friday, October 09, 2015

Friday, October 23, 2015

Monday, December 7, 2015 - Christmas Party

Monday, December 21, 2015 - No Meeting

COLLECTING LOOSE CHANGE

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



Join Pastor Martha and others as we attend the:

2015 DISTRICT RESOURCING DAYS

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015

Newtown United Methodist Church

10 AM to 12 Noon

There will be a variety of workshops available. Please RSVP to the office by Jan. 25, 2015.



United Methodism 101

Whether you're a member or considering becoming one, a long-time Methodist who wants to check your basic knowledge of the church or you simply want to know more about the denomination, this course is for you! Please join us for this 5-week series and learn about United Methodist basics: Its history, structure, beliefs and ministries. Classes are here at the church: Sunday, January 11 - Sunday, February 8.

Please see the church website, www.umcmonroe.org for the January calendar.

