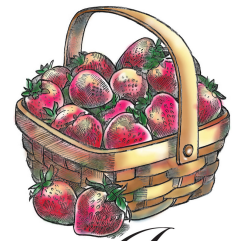


# United Methodist Church of Monroe

## Messenger

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



*June*  
**2015**

**OPEN  
SUNDAY**  
JUST FOR YOU

*"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, let's continue to express our gratitude. With this gratitude, let's serve in a way that is pleasing to God with respect and awe."*

*Hebrews 12:28*

Believe it or not, summer is upon us! And guess what, we don't close down!! We remain open, not only on Sunday mornings for worship but we have game nights, collections for mission projects, Vacation Bible School, meditative walks, My Fair Ladies and the Friendship Circle meetings.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us what an amazing God we have--one who is offering us grace, peace and eternal life just because God loves us. "Let us continue to express our gratitude," the author says. It doesn't say let's offer our gratitude from September to early June. And, it says that not only should we be thankful but we shall serve.

Yes, I know summer is the time for vacations; I am taking mine as I am sure others of you are. But that doesn't mean we stop worshiping God, reading the Bible or gathering in fellowship. If you do go away and visit another church please bring me back a bulletin. I love seeing what other faith communities are doing. See something you like? Let me know and we'll try it.

One new thing I am looking forward to doing is taking some meditative walks from our own Gray Trail as well as up on Webb Mountain. We will gather, say a prayer, read a scripture passage and enjoy God's beautiful creation together. Dates and times to be announced.

Vacation Bible School is rapidly approaching. Now is the time to invite your family and friends to join us as well as to sign up to help. This is one of my most favorite times during the year. I love interacting with the kids and celebrating the following Sunday. (See inside the newsletter for more information about this.) As part of VBS our mission focus will be "Imagine No Malaria." The New York Annual Conference has a goal of donating \$1.2 million to help eradicate this deadly disease and we are more than half way there. Bishop Middleton has asked each church to donate \$10 per member to this cause with the understanding that some churches will be able to go beyond that while for others this will be very difficult. I invite you to prayerfully consider what God is calling for you to give toward this wonderful mission. During the weeks leading up to VBS we will have some fun skits and lots of information about "Imagine No Malaria." Then when we celebrate on Sunday, July 19th we will have a special offering.

Let us continue to joyfully serve God this summer in all that we do!

In Christ's Peace,

*Pastor Maude*

# BIRTHING KIT SUPPLIES NEEDED

Every 90 seconds a woman somewhere in the world dies from complications during pregnancy or childbirth. 356,000 women die every year, most of the deaths occurring in the developing world. Annually 4 million infants die within a month of being born. When a mother dies, it dramatically increases the risk of death for her baby. Birthing kits provide the essential items to promote a safe, clean delivery and to encourage good after care. Using a birthing kit can double a woman's chance of surviving the birth.

We find it is easier to collect the materials and put the kits together as a group, which My Fair Ladies and Friendship Circle will do the first week in June. A collection can is in the narthex for donations.

## Items needed:

- Small bars of soap (1-2 oz. size, in original packaging; small bars such as those found in hotels are acceptable)
- Thin gloves (surgical, latex, or thin rubber gloves)
- Clear plastic sheeting, 4 mil thick (1 square yard is needed for each kit)
- Cotton string
- Single-edge razor blades (covered in paper or cardboard to keep it from causing injury; regular shaving razors are not acceptable)
- Receiving blankets (sizes may range from 28 x 28 inches to 32 x 32 inches—you can donate a large piece and we will cut it down to size, no thermal or fleece please)
- Gallon-size plastic sealable bags
- We also need to enclose \$1 for each kit we provide so monetary donations are also welcome, please indicate Birthing Kit on your check made out to United Methodist Church of Monroe.

Thank you for your support as we seek to bring Christ's love to those near and far.

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## JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**DATE: July 13 - 17, 2015**  
**TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**WHERE: United Methodist Church of Monroe**  
515 Cutlers Farm Road

**WHAT: Storytelling, Music, Snacks, Crafts and Recreation**

**AGES: Entering Kindergarten – 5th Grade**

**COST: \$10 per child (\$20 maximum per family)**

For registration forms, questions or other information:

CALL: 203.268.8395

E-MAIL: [umc@umcmonroe.org](mailto:umc@umcmonroe.org)

WEBSITE: [www.umcmonroe.org](http://www.umcmonroe.org)

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR A FUN WEEK!**

If you would like to help with VBS, please contact the office.

***We need lots of volunteers!***



Join us for Family Game Night on Saturday, June 20 from 6-8 p.m. Bring your favorite game and snack and prepare to have a fun evening of fellowship.

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



Covenant to Care for Children of Greater Bridgeport will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for the school season throughout May, June, July and August. Your help would be greatly appreciated. You can leave any donated items on the shelf in the narthex hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bromley at 203-268-4218.

### South Central Emmaus Weekend XXXIII - April 10 - 12, 2015

We had: 40 team members ... 21 adults and 19 youth

12 candidates (aka first time youth)

Weekend scripture: God is my rock and my salvation. Psalm 62:2

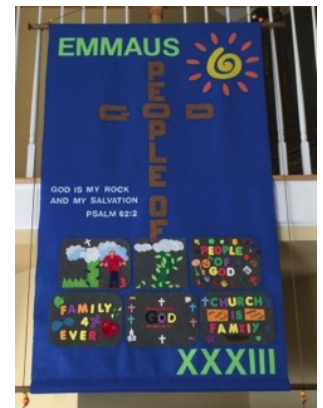
UMCM team members: Emma Rupp, Bill and Kathy Schmalkuche

Many UMCM Prayer Angels

UMCM Kitchen Angels: Sheryl and John Rajpolt, Steve and Heather Arnold, Shannon and Cooper Rupp

Emmaus Weekend XXXIV will be this fall ... more details to follow!

Any high school youth or adults interested in the program, please contact Bill Schmalkuche or Patti Early.



***Thanks to all those who participated and contributed to the CROP Walk!***







*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.*

Robert Wallace family-loss of their 23 yr old son, Danny  
Sylvia Turchin-multiple medical problems  
Newborn Dylan May Murphy & parents  
Anita niece's (Marsha Stabler) fiancée- Michael Steed  
Michael Hossler-continued recovery from surgery  
Beth & Vincent Carbone-continued healing from auto accident  
Donald-Bobbie Grant's friend  
David  
Esther grieving loss of son, Leo McCoy  
John Rajpolt's friend Harry  
Rev. Lewis & family on the loss of her sister  
Those mourning the loss of Suzanne  
Those mourning the loss of Cindy-Gail Mas' niece  
Jeanne Baklik  
Dotti's friend-Evie-undergoing a knee replacement  
Shirley Cornut  
David Rice- Turner's grandson-successful brain surgery  
Kristen Griest-Army Rangers school. Kristen is among the first group of women to be admitted to this training & her family is asking for prayers for her strength, endurance & health (friends of Russ and Leigh Gray)  
Bobbie Grant's son's father-in-law-Donald-ill  
Bill Florin's friend Bill-hospitalized w/heart trouble  
Margaret Pantalone-recovery from surgery  
Willie Wiley  
Bobbie Grant's friend-Carrie-needs gallbladder surgery  
Cody-young man facing surgery  
Vannah Griffin's son Tom-injury  
Katya Downey's neighbor- Richard-kidney disease  
Paul Lesko's friend-Sultan-liver cancer & wife Nancy as she cares for him  
Dotti Hossler's brother-stroke  
Cari Harris  
Linda Summa-Turner's daughter -cancer  
Bobbie's cousin's widow-Mary Johnson

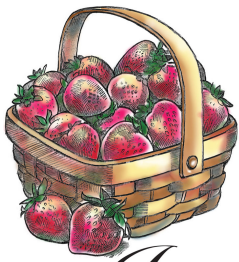
Nick-15 yr old w/brain tumor-grandparents, Peggy & Jerry Price former members of UMCM  
Theresa-friend of Yorks-cancer  
Walt, April & their unborn baby  
Rosemarie Lewis-Bobbie's friend-chemo for lung cancer  
Ernie Salvas  
Richard Rice-stage 4 kidney disease  
Dave York's cousin Richard-recurrence of cancer  
Gail Northrop  
Robert Noll-cancer treatment  
Claudia Wallace's parents  
Olivia-Juvenile Diabetes  
Sue Simmons' friend- Debbie- battling MS  
Richard Olsen-terminal cancer  
Gail Mas' niece Suzette-healing for spine  
Gail Mas – Granddaughter Darcy gave birth to Ryder  
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  
York's daughter-in-law-Lori-continued cancer treatment  
Jodi Kles –Sheryl's cousin - living w/rare form of cancer  
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  
Christians in harm's way  
All those affected by the devastating earthquake in Nepal

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## 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 Summer...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.





*June*

### MINI MISSION WAGON NEEDS

Fruit juice is perfect for the warm weather. Bring in some juice, juice boxes, and dry drink mixes and get loose!!



Dates to look forward to:  
July 13-17 VBS

The United Methodist Church of Monroe

Jun 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:30am - Ladies	12pm - Missions				2pm - Children's
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Children's Sunday 10am - Sunday	10:30am - Friendshi 7:30pm - My Fair	7:15pm - Church				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Sunday	Newsletter Deadline					6pm - Family Game
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Sunday	9am - Two Planks @ 10:30am - Friendshi 7:30pm - My Fair	9am - Two Planks @	9am - Two Planks @	9am - Two Planks @	9am - Two Planks @	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10am - Sunday	9am - Two Planks @	9am - 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!**

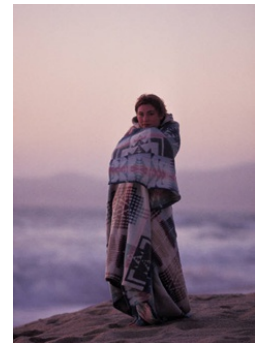
Consecration Sunday was a time for fellowship and love for  
the church.  
Thanks to all who helped with this and pledged your support.



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Thank you to everyone that contributed to our annual Mother's Day Blanket Sunday! A lovely tribute to those special individuals that were and are part of our lives!

With your generous donations, we raised over \$375 for the Church World Service Blankets+ Program! That's over 75 blankets that will go to a person in need of warmth, comfort and protection after a natural disaster to all corners of the world.



*Adam Bartlett - Hofstra University*  
*Erin Brantley -- Southern Connecticut State University*  
*Katie Early -- Western New England University*  
*Katie Palmer -- University of Alabama*  
*Patrick Chrislip -- Shelton High School*  
*Matthew Hornak -- Masuk High School*  
*Dylan Palin -- Masuk High School*  
*Emily Florin -- Stepney Elementary*  
*Cooper Rupp -- Elizabeth Shelton Elementary*





6/1 Claudia Wallace  
 6/4 Millie Chase  
 6/8 Art Beardsley  
 6/8 Julie Chrislip  
 6/12 Stacey Moore  
 6/15 Amy Schmalkuche  
 6/16 David Hornak  
 6/16 Gordon Palmer Sr.  
 6/17 Katie Early  
 6/20 Tom Early  
 6/25 Annette Griffith  
 6/25 Marina Salvas  
 6/26 Jordyn Harris  
 6/30 Kathleen Brantley



### ***Many thanks to:***

Sheryl & John Rajpolt, Mike Cahill, Bill and Kathy Schmalkuche for all their hard work in cleaning up the church grounds. The church looks great!

Rose Aiello for cleaning and organizing the sanctuary closet and fellowship hall cabinets.

The Griffith's and the Chrislip's for all their donations.



6/1 Kathleen & Quintin Brantley  
 6/24 Leigh & Russ Gray  
 6/26 Cindy & Kenneth Krom  
 6/27 Debbie & Doug Salvas  
 6/29 Julie & Gary Chrislip



### **When on vacation...**

When on vacation, be with us in spirit.  
 The rest of the summer, be with us in person.

Thanks to all those who helped with the paper shredding event and to those who contributed!



The choir will be taking a break for the summer starting June 21st. If you would like to perform special music during summer worship, please contact Julie Chrislip or let the office know. We need your talents!



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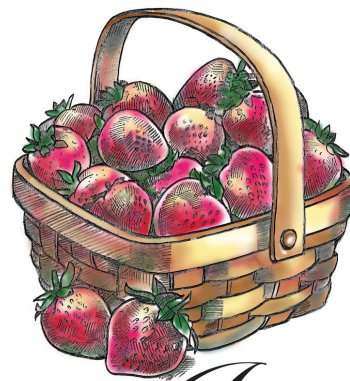
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Worship & Sunday School: Sunday, 10 a.m.



"Dad, can you make dinner for me and  
my entire Sunday school class?"



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