

United Methodist Church of Monroe



messenger

SEPTEMBER 2016



You know the phrase “if you see something say something” but I would like to change it to “if you see something, **do** something.” Yes, saying something is extremely important in matters of security and so if you see something that is a danger or if someone is being harmed than call definitely call 9-1-1 or say something to the authorities.

But if you are walking around the church building and you see something that needs to be done, feel free do it. I love when I come to church and see that the recycling bin has been put out, the garbage cans brought in, someone with a broom in their hand or putting a dirty coffee cup in the dishwasher.

Over the last year as we have had to hire new staff we have reviewed the job descriptions of our staff positions. Having a job description is very helpful so that you know what is expected, what you need to do each day, when you get time off, etc.

Job descriptions are not only helpful in our paid work but in our lives work as Christians too. Jesus commanded us to love God and to love one another and then to Go and make disciples of the world, sharing the Good News with others. That all sounds well and good, but what does that look like in daily living?

St. Francis of Assisi said, “Always proclaim the Gospel. If necessary, use words.” I think our job description as a Christian is to have a servant’s heart; doing things that help others and that further the kingdom. And part of that is keeping God’s house clean and in good working order so that we demonstrate to the world that we love each other and that we are a place that welcomes others.

So, if you see a weed that needs to be pulled—pull it! If you see a light bulb that needs changing--change it! If you see someone who needs a hug, hug them! Not sure what needs to be done or what you can do to help--ask me!

When we all take a few moments to do a few things it not only takes the burden off others it brings us together in fun and fellowship and when we work together sharing God’s love then we are living up to the job description Christ has placed upon us.

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Macode



Harvest Fest 2016

Saturday, October 1 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pulled pork, baked potatoes, apple fritters, fried Oreos, apple pies and Vermont cheddar cheese will all be back! Enjoy bluegrass music with the Still River Ramblers or participate in the children's crafts. We will also be selling mums this year!

Here's how you can help to make this a successful event:

- **Get the word out!** The usual signs will go up on September 17 but word of mouth is always better! Invite family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Grab a flyer and put it up at retail establishments that you visit regularly.
- **Apple Pie Making:** Saturday, September 17 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you can't come that early, come a bit later and assist in the clean up! The sign-up sheet for donations of apple pie ingredients is posted with items to be dropped off at the church by Sunday, September 11.
- **Apple Pie Baking:** Friday, September 30 at approximately 8:00 am. A few people to bake half the frozen pies. Once they cool, they need to be re-boxed for sales the next day.
- **Buy a pie!** You can order online or forms available at the Fest bulletin Board. \$15 for a delicious apple crumb pie. (You know – those "world" famous ones!)
- **Food preparation:** Several of our past volunteers are not available on event day. We will be in need of assistance in the food area including coordination, serving and cooking. Please let Rose know where you can help.
- **Do you enjoy canning vegetables or making jams/jellies? How about homemade candles?** Donate your product and we'll sell it!
- **Vendors.** If you know of someone interested, be sure to invite them to send in an application. They are available on the website or extras are on the bulletin board. Any questions can be directed to Rose.
- **Children's Crafts:** Work with Sue Simmons and Patti Hornak. We will be in need of volunteers on event day to help the children.
- **Friendship Circle (10:30 am) and My Fair Ladies (7:30 pm)** will continue to meet every other Monday. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend! Check with Bobbie Grant with any questions or suggestions.
- **Set up of church sanctuary after service on Sunday, September 25.** Chairs need to be stacked and the folding chairs and tables moved.
- **Set up of all other areas, including decorations, can be done anytime during that week as needed.**
- Look for updates to be posted on the bulletin board, website or emails.

Your co-chairs: Rose Aiello 203.556.1513 or Darlene Dobler-Palin 203.893.5594.

APPLE PIE ORDER FORM

Please fill out this form and return to the church office through the collection plate or by mail. Pies may be ordered baked or frozen/unbaked. All pies are \$15 each, **paid in advance**. All checks should be made out to "UMC of Monroe." Thank you for your support!

Deadline for ordering baked pies is Sunday, September 25, 2016.

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address: _____

How many baked? _____ How many frozen/unbaked? _____

Total # of pies ordered _____ x \$15 each = _____

Baked or unbaked pies can be picked up on Harvest Fest Day, October 1 *unless special arrangements are made with the church office for Friday, September 30 afternoon pick up*. Frozen/unbaked pies can also be picked up after worship on Sunday, September 18, 25 or October 2, 2016.



This just in ...

Ethel was *caught* -- she saw that we needed a new clock and she purchased one.

Betsy and Dotti were *caught* -- they saw the Sunday School closet needed cleaning and they cleaned it.

... thank you!

Who will be caught next?



September Health Screening

Carin Florin, UMC Monroe Parish Nurse, will be conducting the last of a series of health screenings on Sunday, September 25. The screenings will take place during fellowship time and will consist of blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen levels. Any information gathered will be held under the strictest confidentiality.

For questions about these screenings, please contact Carin at parishnurse@umcmonroe.org.

THANKS!

To everyone who shared their time and musical talent and provided special music this summer: Rose Aiello, Heather Arnold, Janis Chapin, Patti Early, Michelle Lambert, Janet Morris, Sheryl Rajpolt, Cooper Rupp, Dave Rupp, Sylvia Vargas and our VBS Surfers.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Monroe Food Pantry is in desperate need of help on Mondays 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Wednesdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and one Saturday per month. Any amount of time that you could give would be greatly appreciated! For more information, please contact Gail Mas.

Seeking Coffee Hour Hosts

It's a wonderful way to support fellowship! Sign up using our new online SignUpGenius registration process -- visit our website and click on the coffee cup and you're ready to host a coffee hour! All of the basics are supplied including coffee, tea, sugar and paper goods. Coffee making instructions are in the kitchen. As host we ask that you make the coffee, heat the tea water, supply the creamer and juice and clean up. Snacks and sweets are not required unless you'd like to provide them. Please consider taking a Sunday and sign up today!

Let's Celebrate!



happy birthday

09/01 Bob Griffith
09/04 Madison Belcher
09/11 Debbie Salvas
09/13 Chad Harris
09/13 Nick Palmer
09/14 Marilyn Jones
09/15 Kathy Schmalkuche
09/27 Sera Lambert
09/29 Gary Chrislip
09/30 Michelle Lambert
09/30 Bill Smith

09/13 Brenda and Bob Pantalone
09/15 Bobbie and Roger Grant
09/20 Jennifer and Neil Chaudhary
09/23 Laurie and Gordon Palmer
09/24 Tammy and Mike Cahill



happy anniversary

Please submit additions and corrections to the birthday and anniversary list to the office at umc@umcmonroe.org or 203.268.8395. We don't want to miss anyone! Thanks!



Calling all Youth from 6th grade to 9th grade!

We will have our first Youth Group meeting on September 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Parents, please plan to come at 5:30 pm to go over the schedule, complete paperwork and hear about the exciting things we have planned this year.

The Youth Group will also be participating in:

September 17: Apple Pie making in the morning, Game Night in the evening

September 18: Sing-a-Long with Seniors

September 24: Tending Susan's Garden

Bring a friend—all are welcome!!



UMC MONROE YOUTH NEWS

2016 – 2017 Sunday School Program

Ready! Get Set, Go! Our new Sunday School year will begin on September 11, 2016! We can't wait to get started and see all the children and teens' smiling faces!

We are looking forward to learning more about the bible and engaging in the fun activities that are in store for us this year! Please join us!

Contact: Sue Simmons. Sunday School Director

And to our adults ... if you're interested in getting involved in the Sunday School ministry, please contact Sue or Pastor Martha.



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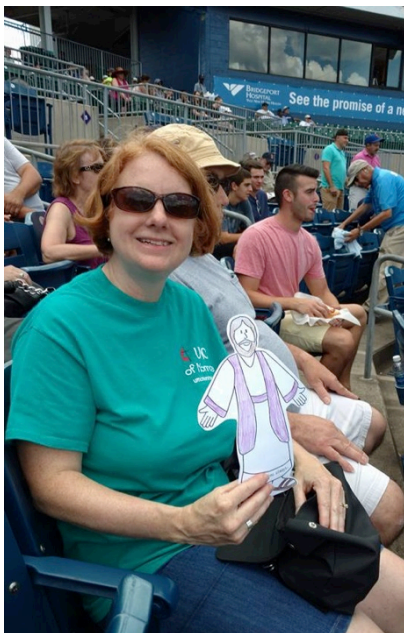
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2016 Bible Reading Marathon



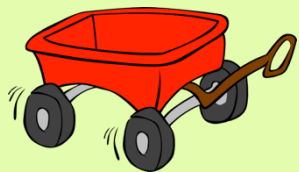


Members of UMC Monroe, friends and family cheered the **Bridgeport Bluefish** on to a victory over the Long Island Ducks, 14-6. It was a HOT afternoon at the ballpark, but we had a great time in fellowship AND we and raised money for **Binky Patrol** ... a real win-win!



On Sunday, August 21, we celebrated **Priscilla's 90th** Birthday!!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...



Mini Missions: Cookie Mixes

The leaves are starting to fall. Once it gets cold, cookies are perfect for our taste buds. Let's fill the wagon with cookie mixes!

Change for Waterman Scholarship

We are collecting loose change for the Waterman Scholarship Fund. There is a jug in the narthex for you to deposit loose change. All coins accepted! Keep an eye on the thermometer and watch it rise with your help!



UPCOMING EVENTS



The Church Council is hosting a planning session – ***Planning Our Future*** -- on Saturday, September 10 at the Arnold's (17 Gaylor Drive, Monroe; 203.268.3800).

We will be discussing our short and mid-term goals. Everyone is welcome. The Session starts at 9:00 am and will end by noon. We hope to see you there!

Marilyn's 80th Birthday and Retirement Party!! ***Sunday, September 11***

Sign up for the luncheon on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Items for the memory book can still be dropped off in the church office or sent electronically to Denise at umc@umcmonroe.org.



Are you ready for an emergency?

Come join us to learn how to be prepared in an emergency. We will be discussing different kinds of disasters that can happen in our area and practical measures to *weather the storm*. This emergency preparedness session will be held on Thursday, September 15, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Edith Wheeler Memorial Library (733 Monroe Turnpike). Questions: Wayne Epstein or Dave York, Monroe CERT Team Members

Family Game Night is Saturday, September 17, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Join us for lots of fun and fellowship!



Save the date for a sing-a-long!

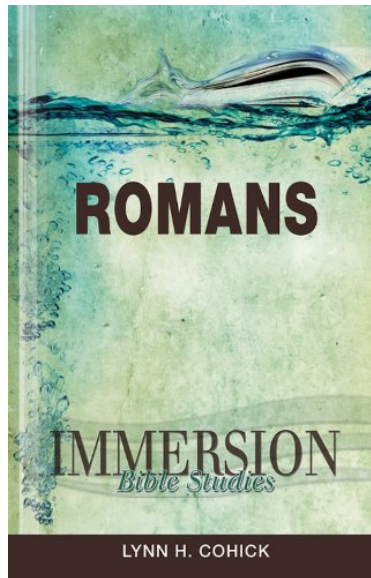
We're planning to visit a local assisted-living facility for a ***sing-a-long*** on Sunday, September 18. Please join us and feel free to invite a friend. All are welcome! Stay tuned ... more information will be available shortly. Event Coordinator: Steve Arnold

Mercy Learning Center needs Tutors – 637 Park Avenue, Bridgeport – to teach English Language Learners, Math & Reading – they meet twice a week for 2 hours – no prior teaching experience necessary – one day training session required– Center is open between 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Call 203.334.6699 or email Lynn Gabriel (lynn.gabrie@mercylearningcenter.org) or Sandra Santy (Sandra.santy@mercylearningcenter.org).



Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is recruiting new volunteers for weekdays, evenings or weekends. Orientation and Training sessions to begin this Fall. Call Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at 203.315.7510.

Immersion Bible Study: Romans



Thursdays, September 8 – October 13, 2016

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am ~ Location: Meeting Room 2

Journey inside the pages of Scripture to meet a personal God who enters individual lives and begins a creative work from the inside out. Shaped with the individual in mind, Immersion encourages simultaneous engagement both with the Word of God and with the God of the Word to become a new creation in Christ.

Immersion, inspired by a fresh translation -- the Common English Bible -- stands firmly on Scripture and helps readers explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of their personal faith. More importantly, they'll be able to discover God's revelation through readings and reflections.

If you want to order Romans, please contact Pastor Martha. The book sells for \$10.14. Please join us ... and feel free to invite a friend!

Susan Kimball

Memorial Butterfly Garden

at the Webb Mountain Discovery Zone



Join us for a special afternoon together at Webb Mountain Discovery Zone! We will be meeting to assist with the community upkeep of the beautiful *Susan Kimball Memorial Butterfly Garden*. Pack a picnic for your family to join us for lunch and a short hike when our gardening work is done. Hope to see you there!!

When: Saturday, September 24 at 1:00 pm
Rain date: Sunday, September 25 at 1:00 pm

Where: Webb Mountain Discovery Zone
71 Webb Circle, Monroe

For more information on how to get involved with this mission project, contact Tanya Lennon at tanyalennon@aol.com or visit our website.

* The Webb Mountain Discovery Zone honored **Susan Kimball**, a Monroe resident who was 8 years old when she died in a swing accident in 2009, by dedicating the Butterfly Garden in her name.

We hope to see you there!!

UMC Monroe Seeking



Organist/Pianist

The United Methodist Church of Monroe is seeking an organist/pianist to provide music for weekly and special worship services, and accompany congregational hymn singing, weekly choir rehearsals, choir anthems, special music, children's choir, weddings and funerals, etc.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this position, please visit our website at <http://umcmonroe.org/job-post-organistpianist/> for more information.

Questions: Contact our Staff Parish/Pastor Relations Committee at spprc@umcmonroe.org.



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Prayer Concerns



Russ (Fudd) Gaffney - third surgery for a severe infection	Friend of Billy Schmalkuche – Jill - strength for long-term rehab from surgery for spinal injuries
Anita Stabler-Hussey's granddaughter - Danielle (radiation treatment) and niece -Marsha (kidney failure)	Anita's friend Esther
Quintin Brantley	Charlotte - Marilyn's friend
Woman whose son was in car crash with father. The boy is in ICU and the dad's other baby under age 2 did not survive	Marilyn Jones' niece – Kathryn - ALS
Friend of Kathy Schmalkuche – Deni - medical tests	Dexton
Family of Cindy Held on her passing after long battle with cancer	Olivia - baby with Tuberous Sclerosis causing seizures
Shannon Rupp's family - passing of her grandmother	Marilyn Jones' nieces: Vicky with tongue cancer and Amy experiencing paralysis
Ryan and Jocelyn - trying to have a baby	Michelle Lambert's friend Melissa - brain tumor
Anita Stabler-Hussey's brother - George	Dolores Ovesny
Amanda - healing	Jeff York
Cari Harris - recovery from procedure	Tom Boomershine
Family and friends of Dolores - wife of Bobbie's cousin Bill - on her passing	Darcy and Cameron
Roy G - 8 year old with serious epilepsy	Robert Ellis - co-worker of Claudia Wallace - cancer
Gail Mas' niece Suzette	Greg - Gail Mas' nephew - cancer
Paula Fromm's brother-in-law - Jim Cooper	Evelyn Sweetnam - hospice care
A father facing eviction and brother dying of cancer	Linda Summa - Turner's daughter - cancer
Family of Sandra Williamson - Richard Rice's cousin - on her passing	Theresa - friend of Yorks - cancer
Rev. Joseph Piccirillo (former pastor of the Nichols UMC) - passing of his wife, Sandra	Olivia - Juvenile Diabetes
Helen Kadric Dickenson - daughter of Gwen Stevens and granddaughter of Grace Stevens (members of the East Village Church)	Sue Simmons' friend- Debbie- MS
Ronald - Ethel Abraham's brother-leukemia	Jimmy - Bobbie Grant's friend's son
Debbie - Marsha Cohen's friend- recovering at home after 7 months in the hospital	Fromm's friend - Radovan Frzop
Ellen - cancer	York's daughter-in-law - Lori
Friend of Wallace's - Audrey Scott - on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant	Jodi Kles - Sheryl's cousin - living with rare form of cancer
Wallace's niece - Jessica Iannacone – complications following surgery for removal of a lung mass	Military personnel
Leigh Gray's co-worker – Nancy - healing from brain tumors	Unemployed
Millie Derle's sister – Bev - cancer	First responders, firemen, policemen
	Persons dealing with 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
	Christians around the world persecuted for their faith
	For all families who are involved in drugs and addiction
	Bringing an end to the drug epidemic and deaths
	30 million refugees without basic necessities of life

If you would like to add a person to our prayer list, or to receive a weekly copy of the joys and concerns email prayerrequest@umcmornoe.org, call the 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.

Paper Shredding set for Saturday, November 5

Our fall Paper Shredding event is set for Saturday, November 5. We will need volunteers to staff the event and we hope that everyone will take advantage of shredding papers, too! Start spreading the word! Flyers and more information about will be available shortly. Questions: papershredding@umcmornoe.org. Event contact: Bill Florin.



Check us out on Social Media!



An easy way to let others know about the good things going on at *UMC Monroe* is to LIKE us on Facebook.

Go to www.facebook.com/umcmonroe/ and click on the "Like" button on the top of the page. Then, in the box that appears, click on "All Notifications." This will ensure that you see updates and photos posted to our page!



Visit our website for a repository of information about our church and activities! Are you looking for a copy of a current or old newsletter? Do you want to enroll for one of our events? Are you curious when the next Game Night is? Were you out of town last Sunday and want to check out

Pastor Martha's sermon? Are you wondering if an event has been cancelled due to inclement weather? Do you need a copy of an event flyer to print, email or share to Facebook to let your friends know what we're doing at UMC Monroe?

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, please visit our website for this type information and much, much more – the site is fully searchable, too!! **Visit our website TODAY at www.umcmonroe.org!**

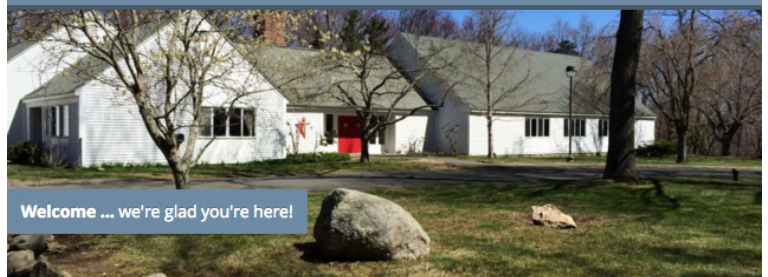


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Reverend Martha Epstein
Rose Aiello, Lay Leader
Marilyn Jones, Organist/Pianist
Michelle Lambert, Choir Director
Denise Wiley, Church Secretary

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Sep 2016 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>28</div> <div>10am - Worship Service</div> <div>11:15am - August Health</div>	<div>29</div> <div>10:30am - FC: Friendship</div> <div>7:30pm - MFL: My Fair</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>2pm - YC: Youth Craft</div>
<div>4</div> <div>Communion Sunday</div> <div>10am - Worship Service</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>11:30am - MM: Missions</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7:30pm - CP: Choir Practice</div>	<div>8</div> <div>10am - BS: Immersion Bible</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Planning Our Future</div>
<div>11</div> <div>8:45am - CP: Choir Practice</div> <div>10am - Celebrating Marilyn</div> <div>10am - Worship Service</div> <div>10:15am - Sunday School</div> <div>11am - SS: Potluck</div>	<div>12</div> <div>10:30am - FC: Friendship</div> <div>7:30pm - MFL: My Fair</div>	<div>13</div> <div>7:15pm - CC: Church</div>	<div>14</div> <div>7:30pm - CP: Choir Practice</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Newsletter Deadline</div> <div>10am - BS: Immersion Bible</div> <div>7pm - CERT Informational</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>8am - Apple Pie Making</div> <div>6pm - FGN: Family Game</div>
<div>18</div> <div>SAVE THE DATE: Sing-a-</div> <div>8:45am - CP: Choir Practice</div> <div>10am - SS: Sunday School</div> <div>10am - Worship Service</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>7pm - Condo Meeting (Hills)</div>	<div>21</div> <div>7:30pm - CP: Choir Practice</div>	<div>22</div> <div>10am - BS: Immersion Bible</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>1pm - Susan's Garden at</div>
<div>25</div> <div>8:45am - CP: Choir Practice</div> <div>10am - SS: Sunday School</div> <div>10am - Worship Service</div> <div>11:15am - Harvest Festival</div> <div>11:15am - September</div> <div>1pm - RAIN DATE! Susan's</div>	<div>26</div> <div>10:30am - FC: Friendship</div> <div>7:30pm - MFL: My Fair</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>7:30pm - CP: Choir Practice</div>	<div>29</div> <div>10am - BS: Immersion Bible</div>	<div>30</div> <div>9am - Apple Pie Baking</div> <div>10:30am - Cheese cutters</div>	<div>1</div> <div>10am - UMC Monroe Annual</div>