

United Methodist Church of Monroe

messenger

JULY 2017



"Let every detail in your lives - words, actions, whatever - be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way." **Colossians 3:17 The Message**

Words simply don't do justice in thanking everyone for their love, support, prayers, presents and presence. I have felt so blessed, not only on the day of my Ordination and the Sunday celebration but throughout this entire process. As such, I am not only thanking you all but God. I thank God for appointing me here at this time and for giving me such a generous and caring church family.

The Holy Spirit was definitely present when the Bishop laid hands on me and knowing so many of you were watching and participating in it with me made it even more powerful. Then, you knocked my socks off on Sunday! I again felt the Spirit as my father guided you all in prayer. I've tried to find the right words to describe the feeling, but words just escape me. Then, to be presented the beautiful purple stole was quite the surprise. I was already feeling overjoyed with the gift of the robe; receiving the stole made me understand what it means to have "joy like a fountain."

I also thank God for keeping me here with you another year. I am excited for the new opportunities we have to be in ministry and mission together. When asked what ordination would mean to me during my BOOM interviews I likened it to Confirmation. I tell the youth that Confirmation is not an ending but a beginning of a new journey. That is how I feel. God has opened up new pathways to us and just like you all surprised me I think God has some joyful surprises in store for us.

I wish I could thank everyone by name here and the role that you have played and why I am thankful, but I figured you wouldn't want this newsletter to be doubled. However, I do have to thank two people specifically - Wayne and Juliana. From the late nights coming home from Drew, to the numerous workshops attended, to the anxiety I expressed as I prepared my paper they were there supporting and loving me. I will be forever grateful to them and for God for placing them in my life.

With a thankful heart,

Pastor Mande



When on vacation ...

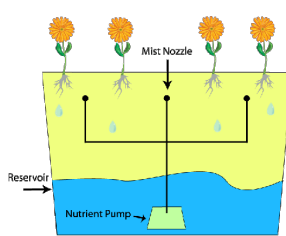
be with us in spirit.

The rest of the summer ...

be with us in person.

Thank you to everyone who recognized the “Fathers” in their lives by giving to our **Pivot Ministries Father’s Day Collection**. With your generosity we raised over \$250 in support of Pivot’s continued greenhouse

Aeroponic System



endeavors, including “Aeroponic” gardening. Your donations will help to purchase supplies including seed, lamps and other equipment. As always, *thank you for your support!*

To learn more about *Pivot Ministries* and this project, please visit our website under the *Missions* tab or by searching *Pivot*.



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NOW!**

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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

07/01 John Rajpolt
07/07 Sam Gray
07/09 Ina Beardsley
07/09 Betsy Sword
07/10 Bobbie Grant
07/14 Roger Grant
07/17 Mitchell Hornak
07/25 Jim Hussey
07/28 Jennifer Chaudhary

07/01 Carol and Rich Steiner
07/14 Carin and Bill Florin



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!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Our choir is taking a break for the summer!

If you would like to perform special music during summer worship, please register online at www.umcmonroe.org, sign up on the sheet posted on the Music Room door, or contact the church office. We need your talents!

The 2017 – 2018 choir season will begin on Sunday, September 10 with the first rehearsal on September 6 at 7:30 pm.

Summer Bible Study Instead of a study on a particular book, we will be meeting on a standalone topic each week — that way no one will miss anything due to vacation schedules.

Dates: July 13, July 20 and 27, August 3, 10*, 17 and 24
Time: 10:00 am

If anyone is interested in leading a study or has any suggestions for topics, please contact Pastor Martha.

* Bible Reading Marathon at the Monroe Town Gazebo .



Family Game Night is Saturday, July 15 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your favorite game and snack to share. Better yet, bring a friend! See you at game night!

Covenant to Care Collections For over 20 years our church has assisted *Covenant to Care of Connecticut*, an organization that helps kids in foster care. Each year we collect various items that the State does not supply to these children between the ages of newborn to 18. Our contact, Social Worker Marie Lucien, has a caseload of about 25 children that our donations will assist. This year, we are asking for school supplies and backpacks. They will be collected during the months of July and August and can be placed on the shelf above the coat hangers. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this cause! Contact: Ethel Abraham at 203.430.0338.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...



July Mini-Missions: Sandwich Condiments

Summer is time for picnics. Help us with some picnic sandwiches by bringing in mayo, ketchup and sandwich condiments!

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!





YOUTH

sunday

What a great day at UMC Monroe! On June 18 we celebrated *Youth Sunday* with all of our Sunday School classes participating in the service. Mrs. Hornak's elementary class, with assistance from Mrs. Simmons' class, shared what lessons they learned this year and showed us the craft projects they made. Our Middle School and High School classes participated as liturgists and ushers.

Pastor Martha presented Maya, Sera and Liam with their Third Grade Bibles and we recognized our Sunday School Teachers for their dedication to our youth ministry. Sunday School Certificates were presented to every student (including our little ones in the nursery) and we said a special "congratulations" to our Class of 2017 with a graduation video tribute. Michelle Rajpolt was awarded this year's Waterman Scholarship.

Rose Aiello gave a youth message on the parable of the Sower and the Seeds and gave out packets of seeds to the youth.

We were treated to a very special musical performance when our youth joined the UMC Monroe Choir by singing the anthem, "This Little Light of Mine."

The service was followed up with a celebratory fellowship time!

P.S. Our summer break begins now ... we look forward to seeing our youth back in Sunday School on September 10! And to our adults ... if anyone is interested in getting involved in the Sunday School ministry, please contact Pastor Martha.





All of our youth celebrating the end of another year of Sunday School. Enjoy your summer and we'll see you on September 10!



Michelle is awarded this year's Waterman Scholarship

Celebrating Sunday School 2016 - 2017



Our seniors: Emma and Michelle



Liam, Sera and Maya received their 3rd Grade Bibles



Pastor Martha's Ordination Day



Please visit our FaceBook page @umcmonroe for more pictures of the events surrounding Pastor Martha's ordination!



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The ladies of *Friendship Circle* assembled **Health Kits** for Pastor Martha and Anita to bring to the New York Annual Conference June 7 - 10. Thanks to all who donated supplies or made monetary donations and, of course, thanks to the ladies who put them all together!

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Pastor Martha and Anita Stabler-Hussey attended this year's **New York Annual Conference** held at Hofstra University June 7 - 10, 2017.



A very special "note of thanks" to Lauren Cacace and Michelle Lambert for providing their musical talents throughout the year!



This just in ...

Rose Aiello was *caught* weeding the church grounds.

... A BIG THANKS TO HER!!!

Who will be caught next?

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It's game time!



VS.



Sunday, July 30, 2017 – 1:12 pm

Ticket price: \$15 *

Ballpark at Harbor Yard • 500 Main Street • Bridgeport

Join us for fellowship and fun while raising funds for *Raise the Roof* when the *Bridgeport Bluefish* take the field against the *Long Island Ducks*!

Register online or complete a registration form at coffee hour. Submit payment in the collection plate or drop it by the church office. Make checks payable to *UMC Monroe* with *Raise the Roof* in the memo line. ***The deadline to register and pay for your tickets is Sunday, July 16.***

Family, friends and neighbors are welcome!

Questions? Contact Anita Stabler-Hussey or visit our website and search “Bridgeport Bluefish.” Information about carpooling will be available soon!

* A portion of each ticket will go to benefit *Raise the Roof*, the Connecticut District’s Mission Project in partnership with the South Congo Conference. For more information, please visit our website and search “Raise the Roof” or “Bridgeport Bluefish.”

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2017 Bible Reading Marathon



Calling all members of UMC Monroe! Please join us for the annual Bible Reading Marathon this summer!

- What:** Reading the Bible aloud in public
Bring your own bible or use the one that is provided!
- Why:** To proclaim the Word of God over the town of Monroe as a Witness to God's Unity through Community.
- Dates:** Thursday, August 10 – Saturday, August 12
8:00 am – 8:00 pm daily
- UMCM Dates/ Times:** To be announced
- Where:** The Gazebo on the Monroe Town Green
Fans will be provided in the gazebo to keep you cool!

For more information on how to be part of this exciting faith event, contact Janet Morris at 571.439.6548 or via email at whimsyjanet57@gmail.com.

All are welcome! Stop by anytime!

Apple Crumb Pie Making Day



You're Invited

(So mark your calendars!)

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2017
Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Where: UMC Monroe Fellowship Hall
Who: All Ages

We will be making our traditional apple crumb pies to bake and freeze. Join in on the fun and fellowship! We need set up, peelers, slicers, runners, assemblers and clean up. Apples and pie crusts will need to be picked up, too! New this year - we will be making sugar-free pies to order.

The ingredient list for donations will be available at the end of July.

Questions: Rose Aiello at buildingroses@aol.com or 203.556.1513

Prayer Concerns



Joan - loss of her mom, Pat
 Pastor Martha's friend - Scott - undergoing testing
 Family of Kim Larson - grieve her passing
 Family and friends of Kim Zahor - 42 year old mom of four
 – on her passing
 Cooper Abbott - Lynn's grandnephew - cancer treatment
 Emmy - not having to enter nursing home
 Lisa - daughter of Sandi Hagopian's friend/co - worker
 Janice - uterine cancer
 Wendy - Sandi's co - worker - shingles
 Sue's stepdaughter, Carrie - - dealing with divorce and her
 mother losing husband to cancer
 Sue's friend - Linda - pain due to ulcerative colitis
 Amy Rajpolt - job search
 Vivian Harris' friend, Paulette - her sister-in-law has
 aggressive breast cancer and brother had mild stroke
 Amelia - battling lung and breast cancer
 Bob - Patti Early's cousin
 Bobbie Grant - rehab and recovery from knee surgery
 Sue Simmons' brother Jeff
 Michelle Lambert - systemic candida
 Ruth - family friend of Bill Florin - undergoing chemo
 Ed Combonie - cancer
 Howard Davidson - Betsy's brother - COPD
 Gail Mas' niece - Suzette
 Jeanne Baklik
 Marilyn Jones
 Lauren - Patti Early's friend's daughter - addiction
 Dotti Hossler's sister - Loretta
 Kathy's 97-year-old great-aunt - Marie Houdek - hospice
 Fromm's friend - Radovan Frzop - paralyzed with some
 feeling
 Dexton and Caleb
 Tyson - Lynn Abbott's grandson - Benign Rolandic Epilepsy
 Janet's friend - Robert Davidson and his Mom - lymphoma
 Priscilla's son-in-law - Bill Curry
 Gail Mas' granddaughter - Sara

Amanda
 Roy G – 8-year-old with serious epilepsy
 Wallace's friend - Audrey Scott - needs kidney transplant
 Millie Derle's sister - Bev - cancer
 Friend of Billy Schmalkuche - Jill - long-term rehab
 Charlotte - Marilyn's Jones' friend
 Olivia - baby with Tuberous Sclerosis causing seizures
 Dolores Ovesny
 Jeff York
 Tom Boomershine
 Darcy and Cameron
 Robert Ellis - co-worker of Claudia Wallace - cancer
 Greg - Gail Mas' nephew - cancer
 Evelyn Sweetnam - hospice care
 Linda Summa - Turner's daughter - cancer
 Olivia - Juvenile Diabetes
 Sue Simmons' friend - Debbie - MS
 Jimmy - Bobbie Grant's friend's son
 York's daughter-in-law - Lori
 Gayle
 Jodi Kles - Sheryl's cousin - living with rare form of
 cancer

Military personnel
 Unemployed
 First responders, firemen, policemen
 Persons dealing with serious medical issues
 Caregivers
 Covenant to Care and all foster children
 Those who do not have anyone to pray for them
 Christians around the world persecuted for their faith
 Drug epidemic - addiction and deaths
 Refugees
 Unspoken burdens that reside upon people's hearts
 Youth - effects of social media and those being bullied
 World leaders, including our country
 Children with mental illnesses

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.



REMINDER: The deadline to submit information to Denise (umc@umcmornoe.org) for our monthly newsletter is the 15th of each month. When making your submission, please include all content and provide a contact name. Any submission received after the deadline is not guaranteed publication and may be deferred to the next month. Thank you!

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Jul 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service	26 8:30am - Two Planks 12pm - Two Planks Summer 7pm - CROP Walk Meeting	27 8:30am - Two Planks 12pm - Two Planks Summer 7pm - Hills of Monroe	28 8:30am - Two Planks 12pm - Two Planks Summer	29 8:30am - Two Planks 12pm - Two Planks Summer	30 8:30am - Two Planks 12pm - Two Planks Summer	1 1
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9 Communion Sunday 10am - Worship Service	10 8:30am - Two Planks 12pm - Two Planks Summer	11 8:30am - Two Planks 11:30am - MM: Missions 12pm - Two Planks Summer 7:15pm - CC: Church	12 8:30am - Two Planks 12pm - Two Planks Summer	13 8:30am - Two Planks 10am - BS: Summer Bible 12pm - Two Planks Summer 7:30pm - Two Planks Open	14 8:30am - Two Planks 12pm - Two Planks Summer	15 Newsletter Deadline 9am - Two Planks Junior 6pm - FGN: Family Game
16 10am - Worship Service	17 10:30am - FC: Friendship 12pm - Two Planks Summer	18 12pm - Two Planks Summer	19 12pm - Two Planks Summer	20 10am - BS: Summer Bible 12pm - Two Planks Summer	21 12pm - Two Planks Summer	22 12pm - Two Planks Camp
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