

# United Methodist Church of Monroe

# *messenger*

MAY 2017

## MAY MEANS MISSIONS!!

*"Each one should use whatever gift he or she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."*

**1 Peter 4:10**



Now that it is getting warmer outside it is perfect time to get out and help someone else. Let's put our gifts to good use by "doing all the good we can" like John Wesley exhorted us.

We have a lot of exciting mission opportunities occurring during the month of May, so hop on board and join us! *(See inside the newsletter for more information)*

- May 4<sup>th</sup> is National Day of Prayer -- join with others from Monroe at the Town Hall Gazebo at noon as we pray for our community, our nation and our world.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> is our Shredding Event -- we have tons of fun while shredding tons of documents; we also need bakers for goodies. The free will donations go towards our Waterman Scholarship Fund.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> is the CROP Walk -- walk with us or sponsor a walker *(the author of this article and her daughter are walking, hint hint)*.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day -- purchase a blanket in honor or memory of a special woman and another woman somewhere in the world will be given warmth, shelter and comfort.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> is Game Night and Sandwich Making -- sign up to donate supplies and/or come and make sandwiches. Spooner House, the receipt of our sandwiches, has also asked for produce. Pick up an extra bag of apples next time you're at the grocery store! Then stay for lots of fun as we play all sorts of games.

- We will also be collecting supplies to make UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Health Kits during the month of May, which I will bring to the New York Annual Conference in June, which will be delivered to people all over the world. We find it is easier to collect the materials and put the kits together as a group, which the Friendship Circle will do the first Monday in June. A collection box will be in the narthex for donations. Here is what is needed for one kit (so donations of packs of combs, hand towels, toothbrushes, etc. are extremely helpful):
  - **1 hand towel**
    - 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
    - Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable
  - **1 washcloth**
  - **1 comb**
    - Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
    - No pocket combs or picks please
    - Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth
  - **1 metal nail file or nail clippers**
    - No emery boards, please
  - **1 bath-size soap**
    - 3 oz. and larger sizes only
    - No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
    - Do not remove from original packaging
  - **1 toothbrush**
    - Adult size only
    - Do not remove from original packaging
  - **6 adhesive bandages**
    - ¾ inch to 1 inch-size
    - Common household Band-Aids
  - **1 plastic bag**
    - One-gallon size sealable bag only
  - **\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste**
  - **\$1.00 for shipping for each kit**

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

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor M. M. M.*



## 2017 Waterman Scholarship Applications

The deadline for graduating high school seniors to apply for this year's *Waterman Scholarship* is **Monday, May 15, 2017**. Please visit our website and search *Waterman Scholarship* for more details.

## CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, May 7



CROP is the Community Appeal of Church World Service. It fights hunger locally, nationally and internationally and emphasizes agricultural self-help. Sign up to walk and/or help contribute to the

walk. The walk begins at Seaside Park in Bridgeport (enter through Park Avenue entrance) at 1:30 pm and wraps up by 5:00 pm. The event is held rain or shine!

Please visit our website and search *CROP Walk* for more information.

## Memorial Day Parade: Sunday, May 28



**Can you Kazoo?** UMC Monroe will be participating in the 2017 Memorial Day Parade, May 28 at 1:00 pm. Consider joining our church's presence in the Memorial

Day Parade. Help create community awareness and show God's love to the community

All are welcome to participate. Marching, sauntering, or gasping up a hill with a kazoo is an experience you won't want to miss! It is an enjoyable time seeing parade watchers burst into song. No need to worry about being off-key ... it's a kazoo! Join us in the band, or as a bystander in the crowd. More to follow. Questions: please contact Steve Arnold.

## 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!



05/08 Matthew Hornak  
05/17 Bob Pantalone  
05/19 Denise Wiley  
05/24 Mike Pavia  
05/26 Ethel Abraham  
05/26 Aiden Wallace



happy birthday



happy anniversary

05/12 Rose and Dave Aiello  
05/27 Annette and Bob Griffith  
05/27 Anita Stabler Hussey and Jim Hussey  
05/27 Stacey and Steven Moore

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

# SUNDAY, MAY 14 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 *CWS Blankets+ Program*. Only \$10\* to supply and ship a blanket to a person in need — wherever they may be around the world!! A blanket can serve as warmth, shelter and comfort.

The *CWS Blankets+ Program* recognizes that the smallest, simplest things can make a major difference in the daily life and future of adults and children worldwide. *Blankets+* helps to provide blankets, tents, and other shelter items (as well as small tools such as seedlings, water pumps, basic farm implements, sewing machines, training, etc.). In 1946, in the aftermath of World War II, U.S. Christians joined hands and hearts in response to Jesus' call to feed the hungry,



quench the thirsty, and shelter the homeless children of God. Then and now we can do together what no one group can hope to do as well alone. Today, CWS is a cooperative ministry of 37 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in partnership worldwide. The *Blankets+ Program* is one of the many ways that CWS provides a way for congregations to join together in reaching out to neighbors in need the world over.

Each donation can be designated in honor or in memory of someone close to your heart. Please complete the Blanket Order Form and return your order to the church office by Sunday, May 7 for inclusion in our May 14 bulletin. Gift cards will be available. Any questions can be directed to Rose Aiello at [buildingroses@aol.com](mailto:buildingroses@aol.com).

## Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Order Form



*Just \$10\* 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 "UMCM" with "Blankets Plus" in the memo line. For bulletin inclusion, order should be in by Sunday, May 7.*

*In Honor of:*

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*In Memory of:*

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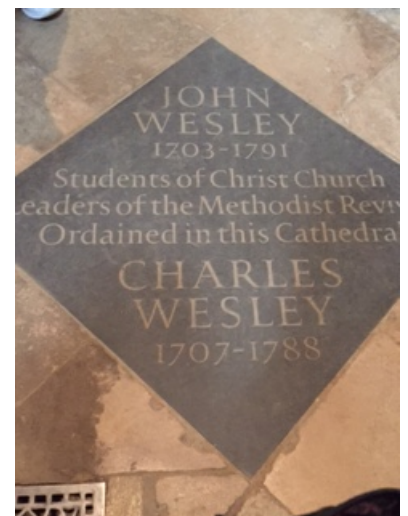
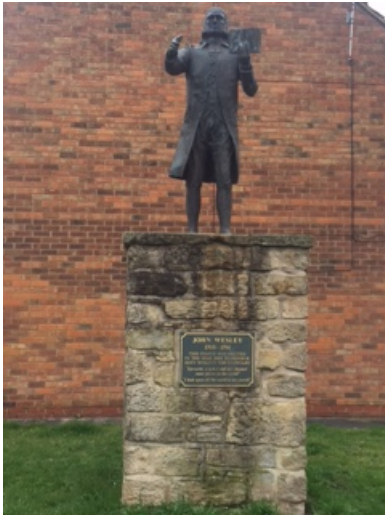
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Check here if you would like a gift card(s) \_\_\_\_\_



# PASTOR MARTHA & WAYNE'S WESLEYAN HERITAGE JOURNEY





# EASTER EGG HUNT





# EASTER EGG HUNT





# EASTER SEASON





# SUNRISE SERVICE



# UPCOMING EVENTS

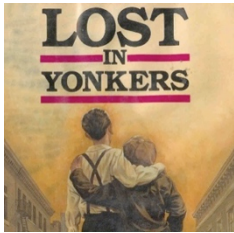


**Family Game Night and Sandwich Making** is Saturday, May 20 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Please bring your sandwich items as we'll be making sandwiches for delivery to Spooner House on May 21. The individually wrapped sandwiches should have meat, cheese and no condiments. And don't forget to bring your favorite game and snack to share. See you at game night!



## **The Social Issues Discussion Group**

Join us on May 21 at 11:30 am in Meeting Room 1 for a forum where concerned believers discuss their views on various social issues. The discussion is truly open with no agenda or curriculum to follow. Moderator: David York



## **Two Planks Theater May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14**

The New York Post called *Lost in Yonkers* "the best play (Neil) Simon ever wrote." The story of a widower who has to become a traveling salesman to pay off his recently deceased wife's medical bills and leaves his two teen sons in the care of their stern grandmother and their crazy aunt. A classic American coming-of-age story set in the 1940s.

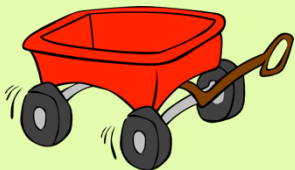
Performances are held at UMC Monroe. Friday/Saturday curtains are at 8:00 pm. Sunday matinee is at 5:00 pm. For more information and to purchase tickets online, please visit [www.twoplankstheatre.org](http://www.twoplankstheatre.org).



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...



### **Mini Missions: Noodles for the needy!**

Use your noodle and donate to the food pantry in May! All types of noodles are welcome!

### **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!





# 2017 National Day of Prayer



Thursday, May 4, 2017  
12:00 noon

Join us at the Gazebo on the  
Town Green as we pray for

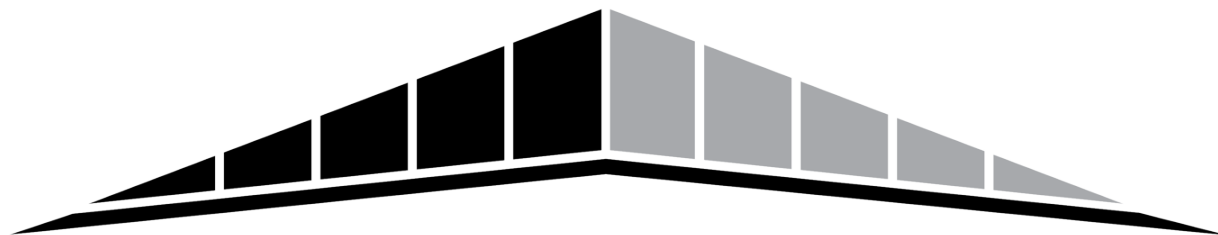
Our Community

Our Nation

Our World

*"Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For Your sake, my God."*

Daniel 9:19



# THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND  
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

Thursday, May 4 – Sunday, May 7, 2017  
Seaside Park, Bridgeport – 24 hour viewing

Opening Ceremony: Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 pm  
Closing Ceremony: Sunday, May 7 at 12:00 pm

On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) unveiled a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. Since its dedication, *The Wall That Heals* has visited more than 400 cities and towns throughout the nation, spreading the Memorial's healing legacy to millions.

Bringing The Wall home to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit provides thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
NAVAL VETERANS

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# Paper Shredding Fundraiser

Individuals and Businesses Welcome

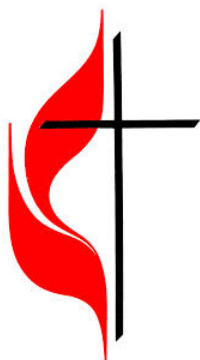
DATE: Saturday, May 6, 2017 (rain or shine)  
TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
LOCATION: Village Square, 401 Monroe Turnpike/Route 111, Monroe, CT  
(across from McDonald's)  
COST: \$10 standard archive box (approximately 15"x12"x10")  
Prices increase \$5.00 per size according to container  
PAYMENT: Cash, or checks over \$30.00 (made out to: UMC Monroe)

The material placed in the **PROSHRED** bin can include:

office paper	NCR paper	invoice paper	colored paper
windowed envelopes	glossy paper	file folders	computer paper
brochures	fax paper	ledger paper	letterhead
laser printouts	product sheets	envelopes	other office paper

\* No need to remove staples, paperclips, binders, etc. Shredding will be done on-site. \*

Proper destruction of confidential documents is a critical step in ensuring that you and your customers don't become victims of identity fraud. Take advantage of the convenience and security of having your sensitive household and business records destroyed by the Pros.



TO BENEFIT MISSIONS NEAR AND FAR OF THE  
**United Methodist Church of Monroe**

For more information email: [papershredding@umcmonroe.org](mailto:papershredding@umcmonroe.org)  
or visit our website [www.umcmonroe.org](http://www.umcmonroe.org)

# Prayer Concerns



Ruth - family friend of Bill Florin - undergoing chemo  
Joy Tate's grandsons - Braiden and Connor  
Michelle Lambert's brother - Michael - broke leg in motorcycle accident  
Arthur  
Ethel Abraham and family on passing of her brother - Ronald Uttenweiler  
Heidi Thoma - next Emmaus rector - flu  
Friend of Wayne Epstein - Gayle - colon cancer  
Paula Fromm - recovering from knee surgery  
Ed Combonie - cancer  
Josephine Clark  
Margaret Borchers - Head Librarian Monroe - ill  
Howard Davidson - Betsy's brother - COPD  
Christina Reynolds friend's husband - heart attack  
Bob - finds God and strengthen his life  
Sean Michael - Encephalitis  
Shirley Grove - recurrence of cancer  
Jen and Heidi  
Emma - young woman who had massive stroke  
Gail Mas' niece - Suzette  
Cooper Abbott - Lynn's grandnephew  
Amber - reconstructive surgery  
Isaac - infant with Wolf Parkinson's  
Jeanne Baklik - rehab from fall  
Marilyn Jones  
Brenda Pantalone's grandmother  
Norma - Cari Harris' grandmother - broken hip from fall  
Sue Simmons brother - Jeffrey - alcoholism  
Lauren - Patti Early's friend's daughter - addiction  
Dotti Hossler's sister - Loretta  
Kathy's 96 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

Bobbie Grant - knee  
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  
Marilyn Jones' nieces  
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  
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 illness

*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](mailto: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](mailto:umc@umcmornoe.org)) for our monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> 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!



United Methodist Church of Monroe							May 2017 (Eastern Time)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 South Central Emmaus 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - YWD: Youth	1	2 11:30am - MM: Missions	3	4 8:30am - Community Bible 10am - BS: Bible Study @ 12pm - National Day of	5 8pm - Two Planks: Lost in	6 9am - Paper Shredding 8pm - Two Planks: Lost in	7 Communion Sunday 10am - Worship Service 1:30pm - CROP Hunger 5pm - Two Planks Theater:	8 10:30am - FC: Friendship	9 7:15pm - CC: Church	10 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	11 8:30am - Community Bible 10am - BS: Bible Study @	12 8pm - Two Planks: Lost in	13 8pm - Two Planks: Lost in
14 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 5pm - Two Planks Theater:	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 7pm - Hills of Monroe	17	18 8:30am - Community Bible 10am - BS: Bible Study @	19	20 6pm - FGN: Family Game	21 10am - Spooner House 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - SI: Social Issues	22 10:30am - FC: Friendship	23	24	25 10am - BS: Bible Study @ 7pm - Monroe EMT	26	27
28 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service	29	30	31	1	2	3	28	29	30	31	1	2	3