

United Methodist Church of Monroe



messenger

JULY 2018

EXTRA! EXTRA!

June was a very busy month at UMC Monroe ... from Emily, Jordyn and Juliana's confirmation, to the 2018 NY Annual Conference, Youth Sunday and Pastor Martha's Farewell Service. We couldn't wait to share a look back at those events so we're publishing an **EXTRA! EXTRA!** edition of the UMC Monroe *messenger*.

We'll resume publication of our regular newsletter in August with our new "editor," Pastor Mark.

Please add Pastor Mark and Janice's contact info to your church directory – it will be published in our fall edition:

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REMINDER: Please be sure to wear your nametag over the next few weeks to help Pastor Mark and Janice get to know you. We encourage you to introduce yourself and welcome them to UMC Monroe!!

Kathy

Summer

WHEN ON VACATION ...
BE WITH US IN SPIRIT.
THE REST OF THE SUMMER ...
BE WITH US IN PERSON.

Let's Celebrate!



July

"When conflict arises and you give yourself time to think, what should you think about? Consider these five questions:



T: Is it truthful? Is what I'm about to say the truth?

H: Is it helpful? Or will it simply harm the other person?

I: Is it inspirational? Does it build up or does it tear down?

N: Is it necessary? If it's not necessary, why do I need to say it?

K: Is it kind?

THINK before you speak. Reflect before you react. It'll slow down your anger every time."

Pastor Rick Warren



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happy birthday

07/01 John Rajpolt
07/07 Sam Gray
07/09 Ina Beardsley
07/09 Betsy Sword
07/14 Roger Grant
07/17 Mitchell Hornak
07/25 Jim Hussey
07/28 Jennifer Chaudhary
07/31 Ellie Lennon



happy anniversary

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

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!

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!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friendship Circle is on hiatus for the summer (unless a required need to gather for a project!) and we'll be back in the fall. Watch for more details in the mid/late August timeframe. Contact: Lynn Gregory



Social Issues Discussion Group

We're on hiatus for the summer and we'll be back in the fall. Watch for more details in the mid/late August timeframe. Moderator: David York.

UMC Monroe Choir is taking a break for the summer. Our 2018 – 2019 season will begin in September with our first rehearsal to be announced. The UMC Choir welcomes everyone of any age and musical ability to join us for our next season. Any questions, contact Michelle Lambert at voiceteacherct@gmail.com.



Summer Special Music Everyone is invited to share their talents (Don't hide that light under a basket!) during the summer - either singing or playing an instrument. If you'd like to sing but don't have music, I'll help you find something. Small groups are welcome too! If you have a musical friend that is not a church member, that you'd like to invite, this is an opportunity to invite them to experience the wonders of UMC Monroe and also give them a platform to share their talent! Please email RoseAnne Homola at Rhomola@reedexpo.com to make arrangements for any Sunday in the summer!

Dress A Girl Around the World Sew-a-Thons 2018

September 15: Monroe Congregational Church
October 6: United Methodist Church of Monroe
November 3: Monroe Congregational Church

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (includes lunch)
RSVP to Liz Skarzynski at 203.257.7174 or DressAGirlSouthernCT@yahoo.com

UMC Monroe Contact: Ethel Abraham



Dresses made in Monroe were delivered to the girls at the Orphanage in Uganda. Do you see any dresses you made? Photo provided by Liz Skarzynski.

MISSIONS



Help us celebrate *National Picnic Month* with our July Mini Mission. Throughout the month, let's *Pack a Picnic for the Monroe Food Pantry* with donations of picnic items. The Food Pantry is in need of these particular items: Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, etc.), BBQ Sauce, Relish, Sauerkraut, Baked Beans, Pasta salad mixes, Salad dressings, Powder drink mixes (iced tea, fruit punch, etc.), Snack items (pretzels, potato chips, etc.). Items can be left in the Mini Missions wagon in the narthex. Thank you for supporting our efforts to help our community have a summer full of fun picnics!



Thank you for your generous donations to our June mission collections:

Tool Kits -- part of the Church World Service Blankets+ Program (formerly Tools of Hope). Your donations helped to purchase tool kits to rebuild homes from the devastation of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Contributions will also go toward training in the various trades needed to help in rebuilding.

A Project from the Heart – our June Mini-Missions project accepted your donations to a group of retired police wives and other concerned Connecticut citizens who package and mail "WE CARE" boxes to our armed forces in Afghanistan. Over 12,000 packages have been sent since 2001.

Monroe Memorial Day Parade



It was a fun day as the UMC Monroe Kazoo Band participated in the ***Monroe Memorial Day Parade*** on Sunday, May 27. A special thanks to all those who supported the parade in memory of our fallen heroes.

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13



NYAC Conference



Health Kits



Photo Credit: Pastor Martha and Tanya Lennon

On Monday, June 4, 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!



Anita completes the delivery of our **Health Kit** donations to NYAC.

Photo Credit: Pastor Martha



Pastor Martha and Anita Stabler-Hussey attended this year's **NYAC** held at Hofstra University June 7 - 10, 2018.



Rise Against Hunger Juliana Epstein and Ellie, Tanya and Joe Lennon joined 100+ NYAC youth to package 30,000 meals to help eradicate hunger. Thank you for your good work and for representing UMC Monroe.

Photo credit: Tanya Lennon



UMC MONROE YOUTH NEWS



Confirmation 2018

Sunday, June 3, 2018

Our 2018 Confirmands and their Sponsors:
Jordyn, Rose, Juliana, Patti, Emily and Jennifer



Pastor Martha, Juliana and Wayne Epstein



Carin, Emily and Bill Florin



Chad, Jordyn and Cari Harris

Congratulations!

Friends are ***always welcome*** – no need for them to belong to our church!!



Our youth celebrating the end of another year of Sunday School. Enjoy your summer and we'll see you on September 9 when we kick off the 2018 – 2019 school year!



A very special “thank you” to our Sunday School teachers who give so generously to educate our youth. Not pictured: Tanya Lennon. If anyone is interested in getting involved in our Sunday School ministry, please contact Pastor Mark or Sue Simmons.

Celebrating Sunday School 2017 - 2018



Mitchell Hornak was awarded the 2018 Waterman Scholarship



Aiden Wallace received his 3rd Grade Bible



Our Pre-K/K class taught us how to pray ... they did a great job under the leadership of 1st year Sunday School teacher, Amy Rajpolt!

Photo credit Amy Rajpolt.

Pastor Martha's Farewell Service



Pastor Martha's Farewell Party



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Pastor Martha and June Church Council Meeting attendees



On Sunday, June 17, we welcomed Rebecca Denike, her daughter Kelley Keane-McAlexander and their family to UMC Monroe! Rebecca and Kelley transferred from nearby Newtown UMC. We're so happy you're part of our church family!



Bible Study Celebration

"Loving Lord, as we gather to enjoy our lunch after this final Bible study we will share with Pastor Martha, we are grateful for new places she has led us on our paths to you. Help guide us to maximize all of our moments. The sweet and the bittersweet. Obedience, love and joy are fruits of the spirit. We know joy is not based on things always going our way, so we will not be sad today, for the joy of the Lord is our strength, and our stronghold. Amen!"



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

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Flags and Cell Phones

If you have an old, worn flag that you need to dispose of properly, you can do so right at the church. Just place it in the collection box located in the narthex. The Marine Corp League and VFW in Stratford continuously provide this service to the public.

Used cell phones can also be recycled for our service men and women and left in the same box.

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!



Prayer Concerns



Family of Roberta Blakeman Kaempfer on her passing
Family of Jody Crosby - Gail Mas' nephew - died as a result of a truck rollover accident in MA
Family, friends and employees of Dan Logue - farmer and part-owner of Logue Farms in Woodbury - died from injuries suffered in tractor accident
Salvo family of Newtown on passing of 12-year old son, Ross
Brenda Pantalone's family - passing of Mickey Bennett, Brenda's grandmother
Collin
Claudia Wallace's co-worker Jennifer's husband
Christopher Waxon - recovery from brain surgery
Dr. Bill - following God's call to do mission work in California
Adam - on prayer list since an accident in September has made progress but experiencing depression to get home
Patti Early's cousin, Jyll - battling cancer
David - battling depression
Dotti Hossler's sister, Loretta
Pastor Martha's father, Rev. Richard Rice
Tom Stabler
Sue Simmons' brother, Jeff – addiction
Jeanne Baklik
Marilyn Jones
Delores Ovesny
Caleb
Tyson - Lynn Abbott's grandson
Laura Galbraith - UMC Pastor - colon cancer
Dexton
Leila - child with a muscular degenerative disease
Gail Mas' friend, Betty Tomackek - MS and lung cancer
Suzette - Gail Mas' niece
Ben Abercrombie – football player with broken neck
Audrey Stabler - kidney disease
Dotti Hossler's brother, Roger
Joe Lennon's brother, Michael - colon cancer
Lauren - addiction battle

Shaun - battling addiction
Pastor Martha's friend Cassandra's husband, Wayne – Stage 3 throat cancer
Debby Couture - pancreatic cancer
Gail Mas' granddaughters, Sara and Amanda
Kathy's great-aunt, Marie Houdek - hospice
Fromm's friend - Radovan Frzop
Roy G - child with serious epilepsy
Friend of Billy Schmalkuche - Jill - long-term rehab
Jeff York
Tom Boomershine
Darcy and Cameron
Robert Ellis - co-worker of Claudia Wallace - cancer
Greg - Gail Mas' nephew - cancer
Linda Summa - Turner's daughter - cancer
Olivia - Juvenile Diabetes
Sue Simmons' friend, Debbie - MS
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
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
Wisdom for world leaders
Children with mental illnesses
Unity and peace around the world
Those suffering from depression and/or loss

Those affected by the volcano eruption in Hawaii
Those who continue to be without power in Puerto Rico
People affected by storm that passed through area on May 15

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!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 10am - Worship Service	2 8am - Two Planks Summer	3 8am - Two Planks Summer	4 8am - Two Planks Summer	5 8am - Two Planks Summer	6 8am - Two Planks Summer	7
8 10am - Worship Service	9 8am - Two Planks Summer	10 8am - Two Planks Summer 11:30am - MM: Missions 7:15pm - CC: Church	11 8am - Two Planks Summer	12 8am - Two Planks Summer	13 8am - Two Planks Summer	14
15 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - SI: Social Issues	16 8am - Two Planks Summer	17 8am - Two Planks Summer	18 8am - Two Planks Summer	19 8am - Two Planks Summer	20 8am - Two Planks Summer	21
22 10am - Worship Service	23 8am - Two Planks Summer	24 8am - Two Planks Summer 7pm - Hills of Monroe	25 8am - Two Planks Summer	26 8am - Two Planks Summer	27 8am - Two Planks Summer	28
29 10am - Worship Service	30 8am - Cooking Camp	31 8am - Cooking Camp	1 8am - Cooking Camp	2 8am - Cooking Camp	3 8am - Cooking Camp	4 10:30am - Memorial