

United Methodist Church of Monroe



messenger

OCTOBER 2018



"I urge you to put yourselves at the service of such people and of everyone who works and toils with them."
1 Corinthians 16:16 NRSV

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since my arrival here in Monroe back in July, I have been very impressed with the many opportunities there are for outreach and mission. In speaking with the Church Council and Missions Committee, I have been singing the praises of the people of the United Methodist Church of Monroe. The church would not be able to sustain all of those service opportunities without the support of the members of the church. I thought it was time to make sure everyone knows how proud I am to be part of such a caring, service-oriented church.

A couple of new opportunities are about to present themselves. For the second straight year, a part of our country has been hit with a devastating hurricane. As I write this, the cleanup from Hurricane Florence has not yet begun. The flood waters are still rising in the Carolinas and the hurricane season is only about half over. Throughout the UMC in the United States, the call will soon go out for assistance. We will be asked to once again contribute money to UMCOR to help in the relief efforts. UMCOR is often the first organization on site and the last to leave. It is my favorite charitable organization because our apportionments cover the administrative costs, and every penny donated gets to the people who need it most. When the call goes out, please give generously. The conference will also be assembling work teams to go and help in the flood ravaged areas. Training is required for these trips so let me know if you want to go.

Another opportunity mainly concerns our youth. At Annual Conference Pastor Martha told me of a youth who is interested in going to Appalachia Service Project next summer. Janice and I have been many times and we are planning to lead a team if we are able to put one together. Each team consists of two adults and three to five youth. The youth must be fourteen years old before we leave. The estimated cost is \$800 per person and we will do fund-raising. While we will work to repair people's homes, there is also an emphasis on relationships, both with each other, and the people we are serving. It is a great program that changes the lives of all who take part. We need to commit soon, so, please have your youth contact me if they are interested.

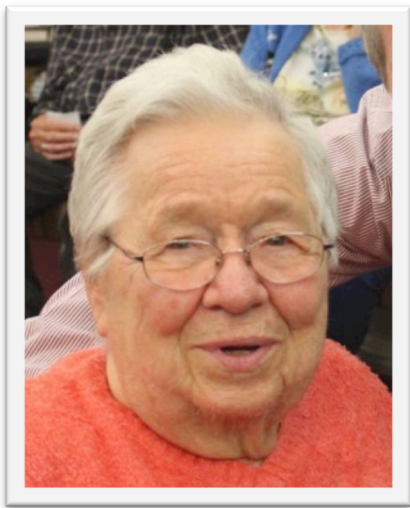
Let's keep working to serve God by serving God's people.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Mark

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In Memory of Jeanne Jones Baklik

December 30, 1930 – September 13, 2018

The church recently applied for, and received a grant from the *Connecticut District Mission and Church Extension Society* of the New York Annual Conference, also known as **DIMCHEX**. The grant is a matching grant in the amount of \$3,500 and it is half the cost of a new furnace for the parsonage. The furnace will be installed in early October. This is another example of the benefits we receive because we are in connection with all other churches in our denomination.



**The things we have
and take for granted
are things that
others are praying
for. Count your
blessings and then
share.**

Anonymous

Let's Celebrate!



happy birthday

10/01 Nancy Gray
10/03 Maya Chaudhary
10/03 Dave York
10/10 Erin Brantley
10/14 Janet Morris
10/23 Patrick Chrislip
10/25 Russ Gray
10/26 Kevin Early
10/28 Will Steese

10/10 Ina and Art Beardsley
10/15 Cheryl and Mike Pavia
10/20 Sheryl and John Rajpolt



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!

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!





NEW UMC Monroe Photo Directory is coming ... and we need your smiling faces to make it a success!

Exciting news ... we're working on a new UMC Monroe photo directory (it's been more than 10 years since our last one) and we need YOU to help make it complete! Our directory will showcase our church family, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected. By participating, you will receive a printed and electronic version of the new directory as well as a free 8" x 10" photo of your choice. (In addition, you may purchase additional photos in time for great Christmas gifts ... and the church will get 5% of any sales, but there is NO obligation to purchase anything and there is no cost to the church for the directory either.)

Save the dates: We will have two professional photography sessions at our church on Monday, October 22 with appointments from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm; and on Wednesday, November 21 (the day before Thanksgiving for those with college students and/or extended family who want to take advantage of the photo opportunity) from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm. Remember, our directory won't be complete without you, so mark your calendars and pick your date/time soon!

Before you schedule your time slot, please consider the following:

- Families with 7 or more members should reserve 2 consecutive slots
- Slots are artificially staggered to help the photographers stay on track



REGISTER NOW! Please visit our website (www.umcmonroe.org) and look for the “camera” to register for a session on **Monday, October 22**. Registration for sessions on **Wednesday, November 21** will be available soon.

For any questions, please contact Sheryl Rajpolt (srajpolt@us.ibm.com or 203.257.6204).



Kingdomtide is a liturgical season observed by Methodists stressing evangelism, charity, and assistance to the poor. *Kingdomtide* begins the Sunday on or nearest to August 31 and continues for 13 weeks ending before the first week of Advent.

To continue the tradition, Church Council adopted ***Operation Kingdomtide***, 13 weeks to provide opportunities for members to

invite others to important activities reflecting who we are as faith based community. Mark your calendars and invite a neighbor, friend, someone you think could enjoy the activity.

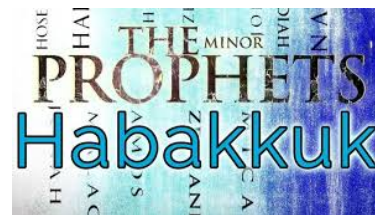
Over the 13 weeks we will offer a *Generation Bridge* mini lecture series including topics about Family Budgeting, Teen Finance and Healthcare 101. We'll also clean up the environment by collecting trash in our community. And we'll address Family with our Photo Church Directory ... see article above for more details.

For more information, please visit our website and search “*Operation Kingdomtide*.” If you have questions please contact Steve Arnold, or any church council member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We're continuing our bible study on the *Book of Habakkuk*, in the Old Testament. This book deals with questions that come up when someone really believes in God, yet the world around them doesn't seem to match up with how God wants it to be.

Please remember to bring your bible and something to take notes on. Please join us ... and feel free to invite a friend! Look forward to seeing you there! For questions, please contact Janet Morris.



World Communion Sunday and Pivot Ministries Choir

Please join us on Sunday, October 7, as we celebrate *World Communion Sunday* with a visit from *Pivot Ministries Choir*. *World Communion Sunday* takes place each year on the first Sunday in October as Christians of all denominations around the world celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together. This special Sunday embraces our diversity as children of God while uniting us within our local communities and around the globe through the shared experience of Holy Communion.



Social Issues Discussion Group

Join us 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. Our next meeting is October 21 at 11:30 am in Meeting Room 1. Moderator: David York.

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

November 3: Monroe Congregational Church

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (includes lunch)

** Please RSVP to Liz Skarzynski if you're planning to attend so she has an accurate count for lunch. Her contact info is 203.257.7174 or DressAGirlSouthernCT@yahoo.com.

UMC Monroe Contacts: Ethel Abraham and Tanya Lennon



Do you have a project idea that *Friendship Circle* might be able to assist with? If so, please contact Lynn Gregory. If it is do-able, we'll be happy to schedule a meeting to help you out!



On Sunday, September 16, we celebrated Michelle Lambert's tenure as UMC Monroe's Choir Director with a special coffee hour. We thank her for her talents and for her service! Photo credit: Amy Rajpolt

MISSIONS

Mini Missions for Pivot Ministries



We will be collecting items to present to the Pivot Ministries Choir at their visit on **Sunday, October 7**. Pivot indicated that they have a need at this time for bath towels, washcloths, toilet tissue, and basic toiletry items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc.). Our goal is to collect at least 24 each of bath towels and washcloths to meet their current needs. Items can be put in the Mini Missions wagon in the narthex now until their visit on October 7.

Water Bottles for Waterman

While the collection of water bottles and cans for our *Water Bottles for Waterman* drive has ended (thanks to everyone who contributed!), we welcome your continued donations. It's easy! Just drop the change collected from your bottle returns in the jug in the narthex on an ongoing basis. It is a simple way to help contribute to the *Waterman Scholarship Fund*.



UPDATE: CWS Kit and Blanket Programs

The *Church World Service (CWS) Kit and Blanket Programs* are two of the many ways Church World Service shares in a hope-filled tomorrow. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of children and families the world over. Thanks to everyone who has supported this important initiative!

CWS Kits and Blankets are more than a package of supplies. Each one is a tangible reminder that no matter what challenges a family may be facing, they aren't facing them alone. In the first half of 2018, we shipped out over 75,000 of these reminders to families across the United States and in Haiti, Syria, Lebanon and the nation of Georgia.

75,157 KITS & BLANKETS
DISTRIBUTED IN THE FIRST HALF
OF 2018



DO YOU LIKE TO CROCHET?

We are looking for crocheters to help with an upcoming project. We will be making covers for *Swiffers*. Our church would give them out for free to invite people to visit our church.

For more details and questions, please call Vivian Harris, Committee Chairperson, at 203.459.8347.





A message to the Congregation from Missions Committee:

As Pastor Mark mentioned, the Missions Committee has been exploring how our congregation can help with the disaster relief efforts from Hurricane Florence. As the flood waters recede, UMCOR is on site and ready to assist people with any needs they have by providing flood cleaning bucket kits, hygiene kits, and other needed items. According to UMCOR, the most effective way we can help in the immediate aftermath of the storm is with our monetary donations. These monetary donations will be used to supplement the materials they already have in place and support the people on the ground assisting residents.

For the next few weeks the Missions Committee will have a flood bucket available in the narthex to collect monetary donations from the congregation to be donated to UMCOR's disaster response. To understand the impact your donations can have keep in mind that the average cost of the items in an UMCOR flood bucket totals \$75 and the cost of the items in an UMCOR hygiene kit totals \$12. No amount is too small to give!

Donations can be cash or check (payable to UMC Monroe with Hurricane Florence Response in the memo line). Missions will make the donation to UMCOR on behalf of our congregation. Donations can also be made online directly to UMCOR's US Disaster Response fund (Advance Number # 901670) via our website or UMCOR's website at this link:

<https://www.umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Search-for-Projects>

Thank you for your support of this mission to help with the recovery from Hurricane Florence and for your continued prayers for those impacted by the storm.



Bridgeport Rescue Mission's Great Thanksgiving Project

With fall's crisp days upon us, the chilly days of winter will be here before we know it! The Missions Committee would like to invite everyone to help us keep our neighbors in need warm this winter. We will once again be participating in the **Bridgeport Rescue Mission's Great Thanksgiving Project** by collecting new or gently worn winter coats that will be distributed to children and adults in our area. All sizes of children's and adult coats are needed. Other winter wear like hats, gloves, scarves, etc. are welcome too. Stay tuned for more details for our collection to begin later this month. In the meantime, start looking in your closets at home for any gently worn coats you are no longer using and give them a new purpose to help our neighbors!

To learn more about the Mission's **Great Thanksgiving Project**, please visit their website at <https://bridgeportrescuemission.org/the-great-thanksgiving-project/>.



Pivot Ministries International Potluck Luncheon

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018

On Sunday, October 7 we will be celebrating *World Communion* with our friends around the world! We will also be welcoming *Pivot Ministries Men's Choir* to our worship service. In conjunction with these two exciting events, we're planning a potluck luncheon with an "international flair"! Maybe there is a special traditional dish you have made over the years or maybe you want to try something different and test it out on your church family?! Casseroles/stews/salads with international touches are great! Then there's pasta, rice or potato dishes, too. And don't forget the sweet stuff! Remember we are feeding a group of men that like to eat! (Well ... so do we Methodists.)

So -- get out your cookbooks (including those UMC of Monroe ones) that are stashed away on a shelf or cabinet. Have some fun with your planning but don't get stressed if you don't have time! Store bought is always ok!

Some examples to get you thinking:

Korean("Yukgaejang" a spicy shredded beef; "Japchae" sweet potato noodles)

French (Chicken Cordon Bleu; crepes; croissant sandwiches; Quiche)

Russian (Hmmm...Beef stroganoff)

German (How about egg noodles with cabbage? or Kuchan coffee cake?)

Chinese (fried rice, mini egg rolls)

Thai ("Pad Krapow Moo Saap" Basil and Pork; Fried Noodles)

Japanese (Ramen; "Onigiri" rice balls)

Spanish (rice, flan)

Italian (pastas-all kinds!)

British (Shepherd's Pie, scones)

Irish (potatoes, corned beef)

Polish (kielbasa and kraut)

Greek (think Feta cheese & olives!)

Mexican (tacos, guacamole dip)

And American Dishes are always welcome! Consider the different areas of the 'ol USA! Southwest (Texan BBQ), Southern (fried chicken), New England (whoopie pies), Midwest (Michigan Pasties; Kansas Zwiebach)

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex. Let me know what you are bringing so we have variety! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Happy Cooking!

Rose Aiello

Email: (buildingroses@aol.com)

Text/Call 203.556.1513

Outdoor Worship at Webb Mountain Discovery Zone

We couldn't have asked for more beautiful morning for an outdoor worship service at Webb Mountain on Sunday, August 26. The sun was shining, a calm breeze was blowing and the temperature hovered in the low 70's. We enjoyed special music – thanks to Janice, Patti, Sheryl, Janet and Rose – and learned what it meant to be a “Righteous Tree” and how important it is to spread God's love through our words and actions. After enjoying snacks during fellowship, many hands made light work as we did a little weeding in Susan Kimball's Memorial Garden. Our gardeners did an AMAZING JOB!!





OCTOBER MINI-MISSIONS: CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR SOLDIERS



A Project from the Heart

We are 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.

Your help would be greatly appreciated in any of the following ways:



Collect supplies for our care boxes within your community, church, school, girl/boy scout troops or office. We would be happy to help you organize this effort.



Assist us with postage by sending a check to:
PROJECT FROM THE HEART- HSC
c/o Shirley Sambrook
314 Shoreham Village Drive
Fairfield, CT 06825

Please note the SIZES specified. Large size and heavier items cannot be accepted since the increase in size and weight significantly increases the cost of postage.

Please NO GLASS items due to breakage concerns.

For more information and/or to add a name and address of a soldier to our recipient list, please contact:

Miriam Zalenski 203.261.8550 biqred722@sbcglobal.net
Shirley Sambrook 203.259.5903 shirlqirl1106@optonline.net
Shirley Petrino 203.374.8617

THANK YOU!



Elsie Voros, Darlene Bagley, Donna D'Addario, Mary Lou Edwards, Betty Gunter, Shirley Petrino, Pat Richard, Shirley Sambrook, and Miriam Zalenski.

Debra Mahony, Valerie Mocarski, Lisa Potanovich, Rosemary Romano, and Norine Zalenski.



In memory of Pat Vida, Dottie Szudora, Chris Sullivan, Gene Krusinski, and Alex Fucci.



Items Needed

Food:

Beef Jerky
Slim Jims
Sunflower Seeds
Tuna with Crackers
Tuna in pouches
Crackers, boxes of wrapped stacks
Plastic jar of Peanut Butter, 8 oz. or less
Plastic jar of Jelly, 22 oz. or less
Oatmeal, box individual pocks
Hot Chocolate, box individual pocks
Cereal, individual small boxes
Coffee, 12 oz. can or sealed bag
Protein bar/Energy bars
Cookies, small boxed
Gum/Hard Candy
Drink Mixes
Canned Vienna Sausages,* 4.6 oz.
Conned beans or with franks,* 8.3 oz.
Conned fruit/fruit cocktails,* 8.5 oz.

* Flip top cans please

Hygiene Products:

Toothbrushes, single or 2-4 pack
Toothpaste, 6.4 oz. or less
Dental Floss
Chap stick
Disposable razors
Shaving Cream, 10 oz. or less
Body Wash, 13.5 oz. or less
Stick Deodorant
Hand sanitizer wipes
Q-Tips, 180 count or less
Nail clippers
Bathroom tissue
Feminine Hygiene maxi pads, 26 or less
Tampons, 36 count or less
Hypoallergenic Baby Wipes, non-alcohol, soft pack, 80 count or less

Other:

Vitamins
Sunscreen, non-aerosol SPF 30 or 50 (May - August)
Insect Repellent, non-aerosol (May - August)
Hand/foot wormers (October - February)
Writing paper/envelopes/pens
Laundry detergent - PODs



UMC MONROE YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School is back – it's Rally Day!

It was a busy day at UMC Monroe as we celebrated Rally Day! Our service included the 2018 - 2019 Sunday School Kick Off, recognition of our Sunday School teachers, a blessing of backpacks, the return of our choir and a prayer in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.

Our service was filled with music with the choir returning for a new season. They were directed by RoseAnne and accompanied by Janice on the keyboard and Wayne on the drums. Janice also played the bells ... a special treat! Thanks to all of you for sharing your musical talents.

And in Methodist tradition we finished the day with a kick off luncheon. Thanks to everyone who provided food for the event!

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



We're looking for a volunteer to coordinate crafts for Grades 5 and under on the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sundays) from October through June. We thank Brenda Pantalone for coordinating the last several years! If you have an interest, please speak to Sue Simmons (suszq55@aol.com).



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Happy Birthday, Priscilla!

On Tuesday, August 28, church members -- of all ages! -- visited Crosby Commons to celebrate Priscilla's birthday. We enjoyed appetizers, snacks and birthday cake. We had a great time with Priscilla ... and we think she did, too!





'I had to build my confidence to where I felt okay facing the world from this new seated position'

—JILLIAN HARPIN



People Magazine
September 10, 2018

An Update on Jill Harpin

Kathy Schmalkuche

We wanted to share an inspiring update on Jill Harpin. Jill was a college classmate of our son, Billy. We've had her on our prayer list since the spring of 2017 when her life changed while on vacation in Riviera Maya, Mexico with three of her closest friends.

As documented in the September 10 issue of *People Magazine*, "2 years after a fall from a third-floor balcony put her in a wheelchair, the 25-year-old doesn't let anything hold her back." "Although doctors have told her that her chances of walking again are slim, she cycles in half-marathons, plays adaptive basketball, goes rock climbing on a wall at a local gym – and even rode a mechanical bull on a trip to Nashville. In April she participated in a 5K race – and in June, with the help of a specially designed off-road wheelchair, she took second place in the *Gaylord Gauntlet*, a strenuous trail-and-obstacle event in Wallingford, CT." And Jill has taken up waterskiing, too! Talk about having faith and no fear!

Jill has been blessed with the love and support of her family and friends ... and people like us who are praying for her recovery. "These days she continues a rigorous regimen of physical therapy ..." and "gets around with a state-of-the art wheelchair and hand-controlled car." Jill credits her parents for keeping her spirits up and says "I'm happier than I ever was before my fall. I'm going to live the life I'm lucky enough to have." Jill is an *amazing* young woman -- thank you for your continued prayers. ... they are working!

To read the article, please visit *People Magazine's* website at:

<https://people.com/human-interest/woman-paralyzed-falling-balcony-during-vacation/>



On the Long Road to Recovery
Harpin on the way into surgery in 2016 (next) and during a physical therapy session.

Standing Tall
Harpin works out weekly with the Exoskeleton. "My favorite part is getting to walk around and have conversations face-to-face with my family and friends," says Harpin.



Achieving Her Goals—and Then Some
1. Waterskiing on Lake Allatoona in June 2017. 2. Climbing the rock wall at Prime Club in Wallingford, Conn. "In a lot of adaptive sports you're sitting in a chair, but [now] with rock climbing," says Harpin, "I've really grown to love it." 3. At the Gaylord Gauntlet on June 23. "I was nervous I'd be exhausted, but I had such high energy," says Harpin, who trained for three months. "I was feeding off all the excitement from my team."



A Strong Family Bond
"I wouldn't have come so far if it wasn't for my family," says Jillian (with sister Katie and parents Dawn and Bill at the Gaylord Gauntlet in June).

Photo credit: People Magazine



Paper Shredding Fundraiser

Individuals and Businesses Welcome

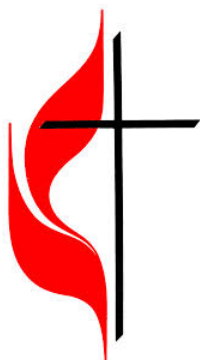
DATE: Saturday, November 3, 2018 (rain or shine)
TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
LOCATION: Village Square, 401 Monroe Turnpike/Route 111, Monroe, CT
(across from McDonald's)
COST: \$10 standard archive box (approximately 15"x12"x10")
Prices increase \$5.00 per size according to container
PAYMENT: Cash, or checks 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. *

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

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or visit our website www.umcmonroe.org
or our FaceBook page (@umcmonroe)



This year we will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 4. It is a day to recall those who have died in the faith throughout history. Obviously there would be no Christianity without faithful disciples of Christ who have held fast to their faith in good times and in bad. There have been countless martyrs who have died witnessing to the love of God and the saving grace of Christ. And sad to say, in some parts of the world, Christians are still persecuted and even slain for their beliefs. Take time to think of our Christian heritage, and remember with thanksgiving those who have held fast to their faith no matter what.

Did someone you love pass away in the last year (between 11/05/17 and 11/03/18)? Would you like us to remember that person with a special time of prayer and consideration on All Saints' Day? Please register your request on our website, www.umcmmonroe.org, or complete the form below and drop it in the collection plate. (Please print information)

YOUR NAME: _____

NAME	DATE BORN (mm/dd/yy)	DATE DIED (mm/dd/yy)
_____	____/____/____	____/____/____
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This just in ...

Rose Aiello, Gail Mas, Bill and Kathy Schmalkuche were *caught* following the loving example of Christ.

... A BIG THANKS TO THEM!

Who will be *caught* next?



HO-HO-HO HOLD THE DATE!

Breakfast with Santa is set for Saturday, December 15 at 9:00 am. Stay tuned for more details! Questions: Anita Stabler-Hussey.

South Central Emmaus XL

Friday, November 9 - Sunday, November 11, 2018

Trinity Episcopal Church, Seymour

Calling all Prayer Angels!



We've been preparing for South Central Emmaus Weekend XL and it is just around the corner! UMC Monroe's Patti Early, Juliana Epstein, Emily Florin and Bill and Kathy Schmalkuche are serving "on team."

Please consider being one of our Prayer Angels! A great deal of prayer goes into each Emmaus weekend. While participants are on the retreat, our Prayer Angels lift them and the weekend itself, up in prayer. Your prayer is a wonderful gift to each person on this Emmaus weekend.

To choose a day and time, visit our website www.umcmonroe.org and click on the Emmaus Prayer Angels button or sign up on the registration sheets in our attendance booklets. Include your email and we'll send you a reminder of the day(s)/time(s) you selected a few days before the weekend. Questions? Please contact Patti or Bill.

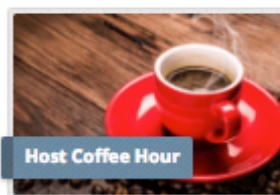
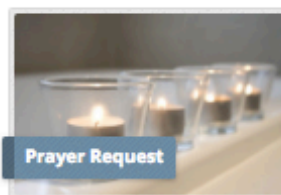


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Welcome ... we're glad you're here!

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 Ed Fagan on his passing - friends of the Aiellos
Family and friends of Jeanne Baklik on her passing
Family of Thomas, Gail's cousin, on his passing
Liz Cerrato and family on the passing of her father-in-law, Enzo, and her grandmother in Portugal
Lynn Abbott's son and family - displaced from home due to oil leak
Janice Allen - healing from knee surgery
Michelle Lambert's Dad - heart failure
Michelle's friend, Kristiann - ovarian cancer
Sheryl's Aunt Marge - in hospice care
Sheryl's sister, Kelli
Steve Arnold's father - surgery and treatment for melanoma
Gail Mas - healing
George Magera and family on the passing of Nancy Jo
Lynn Gregory's friend, Mary Ellen
Ethel's friend, Evie - cardiac catheterization
Tyson, Lynn Abbott's grandson
Brian's stepdad - medical issues
Rev. Cliff Field - medical issues - cousin of Delores Ovesny
Sister Frances Smalkowski - back surgery – friend of Yorks (and Bobbie Grant)
Dan York
Pastor Youcef - in Iranian prison
Joe Lennon's brother, Michael - colon and prostate cancer
Carl Sword
Barbara Cedergren - daughter of Roger and Dotty Collin
Patti Early's cousin, Jyll - battling cancer
Dotti Hossler's sister, Loretta
Pastor Martha's father - Rev. Richard Rice
Sue Simmon's brother, Jeff - addiction
Marilyn Jones
Delores Ovesny
Caleb
Dexton
Leila - child with a muscular degenerative disease
Suzette, Gail Mas' niece

Ben Abercrombie – football player with broken neck
Audrey Stabler - kidney disease
Dotti Hossler's brother, Roger
Lauren - addiction battle
Shaun - battling addiction
Debby Couture - pancreatic cancer
Pastor Martha's friend Cassandra's husband, Wayne – Stage 3 throat 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
Gail Mas' nephew, Greg - cancer
Linda Summa - Turner's daughter - cancer
Olivia - Juvenile Diabetes
Sue Simmon's friend, Debbie - MS
York's daughter-in-law, Lori
Sheryl's cousin, Jodie Kles - 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 who continue to be without power in Puerto Rico

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!

United Methodist Church of Monroe							Oct 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Youth Work Day 2pm - Two Planks Auditions 4pm - Youth Group Bowling		1 6pm - Hills of Monroe	2 7:15pm - Bell Choir	3 10am - The Book of	4	5 Operation Kingdomtide:	7 World Communion Sunday 10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Pivot Ministries 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service	8	9 11:30am - MM: Missions 7:15pm - CC: Church	10	11	12 5pm - Liz's Cooking Class @	13 Operation Kingdomtide: 2pm - Liz's Cooking Class @
14 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service	15	16	17	18	19 5pm - Liz's Cooking Class @	20 Operation Kingdomtide: 9am - United Methodist 2pm - Liz's Cooking Class @							
21 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - SI: Social Issues 11:30am - Worship	22 2pm - UMC Monroe	23 7pm - Hills of Monroe	24	25	26 5pm - Liz's Cooking Class @	27 2pm - Liz's Cooking Class @							
28 Missions Sunday 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service	29	30	31	1	2 5pm - Liz's Cooking Class @	3 9am - Paper Shredding 10am - Dress A Girl Around 2pm - Liz's Cooking Class @							

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