United Methodist Church of Monroe



APRIL 2019

Dear friends:

By now, I am sure that you have heard the results of the Special Called Session of General Conference (GC2019) that was held in St. Louis February 23-26. I will try to summarize those results as much as possible in this limited space. First, I want to emphasize the words of our Bishop, Thomas J. Bickerton that, "We are currently in a holding pattern." In April, The Judicial Council will meet to review the Traditional Plan that was approved at GC2019. They will decide which parts of the plan, if any, will go into effect on January 1, 2020, and we need to wait for their ruling.

The Traditional Plan, which maintains and strengthens the current stance of our Book of Discipline, was passed by the delegates by a vote of 438 to 384, just 54 votes. This in spite of the fact that the Judicial Council has already ruled that more than 50% of the plan is in violation of The Constitution of The United Methodist Church. Passage of this plan has caused great pain and harm to many of our members. This plan tells members of the LGBTQIA community that they are not welcome in our denomination. As stated by Bishop Bickerton at the Special Called Session of the NYAC Annual Conference on Saturday March 16th, "our denomination is killing itself by imposing hurt and pain."

If 27 delegates had voted otherwise, the Traditional Plan would have failed, and the One Church Plan would have passed. Our Bishop also told us, "twenty-seven votes impacted the lives of 12 million people. There were no winners here." The One Church Plan would allow pastors and churches to decide if they would allow same-sex marriages on church property, and conferences would decide if they would allow ordination of LGBTQIA candidates. The Bishop stated that "the One Church Plan has been in place here in the New York Annual Conference for many years, and it works." Our Bishops have not been conducting trials for many years, but have, instead, worked for "just resolutions" to complaints. Two-thirds of all delegates from the United States voted in favor of the One Church Plan. It was not surprising that the majority of resistance came from the African and South-east Asian delegates.

Sadly, there have been allegations of voting irregularities and some have already been verified. An audit found that a very limited number of ineligible persons had voted. They had been denied credentials but were somehow able to attain them. There are other issues. Two delegates from South Congo are listed on official attendance records but never traveled to the US. Three people voted as delegates for South Congo, but their names were not found on delegate election records. Also, at the direction of his father, the son of a Bishop from the Democratic Republic of Congo attended and voted as a delegate, despite the fact that he lives in Brussels. A task force has been appointed to investigate possible improper voting at GC2019.

The votes cast at General Conference show that the division within the UMC is almost 50/50, progressive and traditional. I personally am deeply grieved over both the allegations, and the fact that members of the United Methodist Church, people who call themselves "Christian" could resort to lying and cheating to support their position on the issues before the delegates. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to moral and ethical behavior. As I stated at the beginning of this letter, we are in a holding pattern, but one thing has not changed; we are still called to love one another and to love everyone who walks through our doors. As John Wesley said, "If your heart is as my heart, take my hand." We need to trust that God will guide us through these difficult times, and continue to love one another. Stay tuned!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Mark

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In Memory of James W. Hussey, Jr. July 25, 1933 – March 9, 2019

Let's Celebrate April!



04/01 Evan Chaudhary

04/04 Cooper Rupp

04/05 Joe Lennon

04/07 Sue Simmons

04/08 Wayne Epstein

04/11 Matthew Cacace

04/11 Rich Steiner

04/16 Matthew Hagopian

04/16 Amy Rajpolt

04/18 Henry Whalen

04/19 Adam Bartlett

04/19 David Bartlett

04/19 Joe Bartlett

04/21 Sara Rupp

04/25 Tim Aiello

04/27 Dan Aiello



happy birthday



04/18 Bill and Pat Smith

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!



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ttoly Week Worship Schedule

Communion will be served on Maundy Thursday, April 18, with a special service on Good Friday, April 19 – both services begin at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunday worship will be held on Sunday, April 21, at 10:00 am.



An Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 21, at Great Hollow Lake (accessible via 454 Purdy Hill Road) at 6:00 am and will be followed by refreshments at the pavilion. All are invited to bring something to share.

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ASP Youth Mission Project

Making homes warmer, safer, and drier



The UMC Monroe ASP Team kicked off their mission project during our worship service on Sunday, March 24th. Participants from our church include three youth: Cooper Rupp, Colin English, and Juliana Epstein. Our three adult volunteers are Wayne Epstein, Janice Allen, and Pastor Mark. The UMCM ASP Team is part of a larger group called Seeds of ASP that has 20 teenagers and 10 adults committed to going this year.

The team will spend July 13th through July 20th on various construction projects. Although they do not know the exact jobs they will be asked to do, past activities included new roofs, plumbing, electric work, porches, retaining walls, kitchen cabinets, sheetrock, insulation, spackling, painting, and anything else you can imagine! Repairs are made at no cost to the families in need and are aimed at making homes warmer, safer, and drier.

During their time there, the UMCM ASP Team will be sleeping in a local school, and using the cafeteria for meals. They will be with groups from other parts of the United States, and from a wide variety of religious backgrounds sharing meals, songs, chores, and time together. They have been promised lives will be changed.

To get ready for their trip, each participant will spend time learning basic and power tool safety, learning about the people in Appalachia, and about sensitivity to cultural differences. They also have to spend time fundraising to cover the cost of travel transportation, food, building materials, and supplies.

The UMCM ASP team has two main fundraising efforts planned; they will be selling flowers in the Spring, but the majority of their income will be made up by sales of stock certificates.

The primary benefit of stock ownership is the satisfaction of helping others and knowing you are making a difference in people's lives, especially to the families in need. The experience also brings about spiritual growth for our youth and adults.

A \$25 donation makes you a *Silver Stockholder* and you will receive an invitation to their end of year dinner when they share pictures and stories from their trip. A \$100 donation makes you a *Gold Stockholder* and will get your name on the back of their team t-shirt. A \$250 donation makes you a *Platinum Stockholder* and will get your name on the back of their team t-shirt (in bigger letters!), a magnet for your car, and a video of their trip.

Please consider investing in their project. Check should be made payable to **PUMC Seeds of ASP** and sent/given to Janice Allen at 515 Cutlers Farm Road, Monroe, CT 06468. A copy of your Stock Certificate will be sent to you.

Thank you for your help and support. They could not do this without you!

Janice Allen



saturday APRIL 6, 2019 START TIME: 9:00 AM Rain or shine

All proceeds will go toward our High School Youth participation in an Appalachia Service Project in July 2019. Our ASP Youth Team will also be selling baked goods - please stop by their table and pick up some sweets for Easter!

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Monroe Food Pantry and join in our ongoing efforts to help our neighbors!

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Concert and Fundraiser

Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 pm • United Methodist Church of Monroe \$10 Suggested Donation • Refreshments and Stock Certificates Available • All Donations Welcome!

Our UMC Monroe Team of youth and adults is headed to West Virginia July 13 – 20 on their first ASP mission trip!

Please join us as we welcome Guilford-based *Breakwater Light* for a bluegrass concert and fundraiser. ALL proceeds will benefit the team's fundraising efforts. We thank *Breakwater Light* for their generous donation of their time and talents.

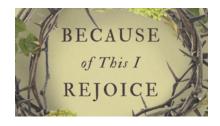
Stay tuned for more details ...







UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday Morning B.I.B.L.E. Study

Rejoice in the Lord always ... even during Lent

Thursday, April 4, 11, 18 – 10:00 am in Meeting Room 2

Please join us on Thursday mornings for a 6-week study of Philippians. From the book, Because of This, I Rejoice by Max O. Vincent, we will explore how to develop spiritual disciplines in a joyful manner to help us focus less on ourselves and more on God.

Many Christians think of Lent as a season of self-sacrifice and spiritual chores. But this year, what if Lent was different? What if we approached Lent with the spirit of joy?

Anyone is welcome to attend who has a desire to study God's Word together.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

First United Methodist Church of Shelton (188 Rocky Rest Road, Shelton) welcomes all to their dinners on Friday nights through April 12 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. They're serving up their famous baked or fried cod, choice of potatoes, pasta in marinara sauce, homemade coleslaw, and dessert. No reservations needed. First come first serve, dine in or take out!



\$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors (60+) and \$6 for Children 12 and under.

Contact the church office at 203.929.3537 for more details or visit their website at www.umcshelton.org.



The 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 on April 14 at 11:30 am in Meeting 1. Moderator: David York.

Dress A Girl Around the World Sew-a-Thon

Saturday, April 27 10:00 – 3:00 pm Newtown Congregational Church (14 West Street, Newtown)

Registration: Contact Liz Skarzynski at 203.257.7174 or

DressAGirlSouthernCT@yahoo.com

UMCM Contacts: Ethel Abraham and Tanya Lennon



BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE THIS MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12

by donating to the Church World Service ("CWS") to purchase blankets! Continuing a long-standing tradition in our church, we will be collecting contributions to purchase blankets through the CWS Blankets+ Program. For \$10, a blanket can be supplied to families fleeing their homes or recovering from disaster and more. In 2018, CWS distributed thousands of blankets around the world and our church collected \$330. Our congregation can be part of an even greater response in 2019. Remember a blanket can serve as warmth, shelter and comfort!

In response to Jesus' call to feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, and shelter the homeless children of God, CWS was formed as a cooperative ministry of 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 hands and hearts together in reaching out to neighbors in need the world over. We can do together what no one group can hope to do as well alone.

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 5 for inclusion in our May 12 bulletin. Gift cards will be available. Any questions can be directed to Rose Aiello via email at buildingroses@aol.com.

Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Order Form

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS+

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 5.

In Honor of:		
In Memory of:		
By:		
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There is Power in Prayer!

Janice Allen



Our prayer group continues bathe our Church in prayer on Thursday mornings after Bible study around 11:30am. In addition to all prayer requests received, the weekly prayer list, those mentioned on Sunday morning, our denomination, nation, community, this month we will be lifting up these names in our family church directory.

Thursday, April 4

Dick and Laura Bartlett
Joe Bartlett
Art and Ina Beardsley
Andre, Christina, Emily and Eric Benoit
Judith Bosco

Thursday, April 11

Erin Brantley Leah Brantley Quintin and Kathleen Brantley Priscilla Bromley Matthew, Lauren and Hailey Cacace

Thursday, April 18

Neil, Jennifer, Evan and Maya Chaudhary Gary and Julie Chrislip Patrick Chrislip Marsha Cohen Rebecca and John Denike

Thursday, April 25

No meeting

Jesus tells us in Matthew 21:13 "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer' ..." and "where two or three are gathered ... I am there." (Matthew 18:20). Come and be present in His presence with us as we unite in Spirit! All are welcome to participate in this ministry.

There are many ways to submit your prayer requests. There are forms on the table in the Narthex. A form is available on our website, or you can email your request to prayerrequest@umcmonroe.org.

VOLUNTEER Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help click thru the PowerPoint slides during the worship service. Please see Janice Allen if interested.





Help is needed with ongoing website maintenance. Our website is a vital part of our outreach and the first step for people looking for a church. Without additional help, our website may need to be suspended or shut down. Please see Kathy Schmalkuche for details.

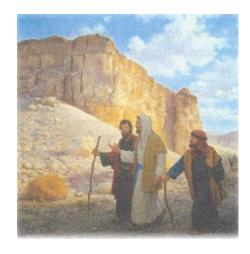
Calling all Prayer Angels!

Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28, 2019 First United Methodist Church, Shelton

We've been preparing for South Central Emmaus Weekend XLI and it is only a few weeks away! UMC Monroe's Patti Early, Juliana Epstein, Emily Florin, Cooper Rupp 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.



"You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!"

~ Psalm 139:16 (TLB)



This just in ...

Will and Matt Steese were caught cleaning up the church property.

... A BIG THANKS TO THEM!

Who will be *caught* next?

"A Spiritual Walk"



On Saturday March 23, Janice Allen led us through a "Spiritual Walk." Participants took a sacred journey in the sanctuary where stations were setup and participants used their body, their senses, their mind, and their heart to connect with the light of God that is within them.

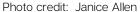
They followed a path with several stations. The first four stations prepared them to be in God's presence. The altar area is where they experienced the fullness of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. As they left the altar area they prepared for their outward journey into the ordinary world where they received a special blessing from Pastor Mark to send them on their way.

On their journey there were prayer cards and other objects that they took with them to remember their experience.

The power of the Holy Spirit was at work in all who experienced the presence of our awesome God.

A special thank you to Generation Bridge and Brian Sherwood for all their help in sponsoring this event.











All high school youth welcome! First United Methodist Church, Shelton

Friday, April 26 – Sunday, April 28

An Emmaus weekend offers young people of high school age a short course in the Christian way of life. Those who come to an Emmaus weekend experience Christian community and a time of reflection and insight into their own lives. There is uplifting music, a chance to meet and get to know new friends, opportunity to know oneself, others, and God on a deeper level, and to share the joyful and loving relationship that is central to the Christian experience. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Emmaus, please contact Patti or Bill.

April Mini Missions: Thomas Merton Center

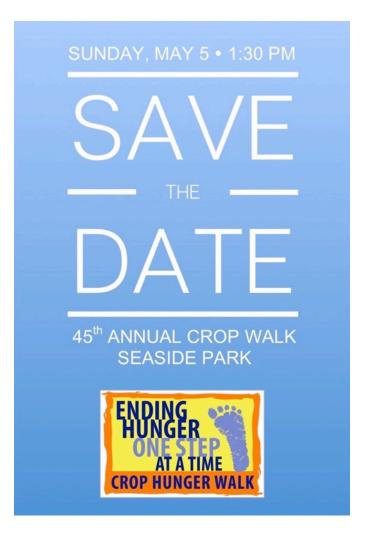
Did you know that socks and underwear are the most requested, but least donated items at homeless shelters? We may take for granted having clean undergarments and socks available for us to put on after our daily shower, but for many in our local area, that might not be the reality.

The *Thomas Merton Cente*r in Bridgeport offers free showers several days every week and has an ongoing need for socks and undergarments to provide for those in need. Throughout the month of April, we will be having "*Undies Sundays*" for our Mini



Mission. We will be collecting new, packaged men's briefs and boxers, women's panties, children's underwear, and socks for all ages and sizes. Donations of travel size toiletries like soaps, shampoos, conditioners, etc. will also be collected. Save them up from hotels on your Spring Break travels!

Donations can be left in the Mini Missions wagon in the narthex. All these items will be donated to *Thomas Merton Center* to distribute to their guests using their shower facilities each week.













UMC MONROE YOUTH NEWS

Saturday, April 6: Easter Egg Hunt

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Youth will help with egg-hiding and other activities for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!





Youth Group Christian Passover Seder and Dinner

Sunday, April 7 from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Youth will experience a Passover Seder with our Jewish friend, Marsha Cohn. Our meal will be symbolic where we will learn about and taste the traditional foods of the Seder followed by a meal. We will be seated at low tables with cushions, like the disciples, so please bring something to sit on (cushions/floor mats/pillows).

Like Jewish families who gather around their dining room tables, we will gather in fellowship hall, sharing this ceremonial meal but then concluding with the sacrament that Jesus initiated at this event, the sacrament of Holy Communion. This too will be celebrated around the dining tables.

The symbolic foods will be provided, as well as a meal by the Youth Group leaders.

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



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Monster Mini Golf and Laser Tag

Sunday, March 17

Here are a few photos from our recent Youth Group field trip/activity --.we had a great turnout and it was

reported to be "super fun!"













Photo credits: Tanya Lennon and Janice Allen

Youth Group Prepares for Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24

The UMC Monroe Youth Group had an egg-cellent time helping out the church by filling eggs with candy and making egg-stra special centerpieces for our upcoming Egg Hunt on April 6!









Photo credits: Tanya Lennon and Janice Allen

Are you a member of the Class of 2019?

Are you "moving up" to a new school next year?

If you (or someone you know from our church family) are graduating or "moving up" to a new school this fall, let us know! Please submit the student's name and the school they're graduating from and "moving up to" to Denise (umc@umcmonroe.org or 203.268.8395) by May 15 -- we'll be celebrating this year's graduating class in our June issue!





Paper Shredding Fundraiser

Individuals and Businesses Welcome

DATE: Saturday, May 11, 2019 (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

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 or visit our website www.umcmonroe.org or our FaceBook page (@umcmonroe) Page 14 of 18

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

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

Get Trained and Join Monroe CERT



Free Training - Spring 2019

Two Friday evenings and two Saturdays May 10 & 11 and May 17 & 18

Class starts soon – register now!

- Learn how to prepare and what to do in an emergency: Disaster
 Psychology, Fire Control, Rescue, Sheltering, First Aid, CPR, more ...
- Help your family, friends, neighbors and community
- Assist Monroe's emergency services

Orientation: Wednesday, April 24 - 7:30 pm The Center - 235 Cutlers Farm Road

Spring 2019 Training Dates

Friday, May 10 from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Friday, May 17 from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Saturday, May 18 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Most sessions will be held at The Center, 235 Cutlers Farm Road. One session will be held at Monroe Fire Station # 1, 18 Shelton Road (110).

Graduation: Thursday, June 13 - 7:00 pm The Center - 235 Cutlers Farm Road

For more information and/or a registration form, please contact Dave York, Monroe's Emergency Management Director, at dyork@monroect.org or 203.650.8474 or visit the Town of Monroe website at www.monroect.org and look for *Public Safety* and then *Community Emergency Response Team*.

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Visit us ANYTIME at www.umcmonroe.org!



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



Luke Testa and family - brain surgery

Family, friends and colleagues of Jeremy Richman

Bill and Marie Schmalkuche, Bill's parents

Friends of Michelle Lambert - Paula, on her aunt's passing and Laura's father, stroke

Patti's cousin, Emilia - lung cancer

Families of the 3 people that died in the Oxford fire

Lynn's friend, Mary - Stage 3 cancer

Mary Ellen

Chan Family - passing of wife and mother

Matt Crosby - liver transplant

Patti and Kevin Early's daughter-in-law, Amanda – recent

news of Celiac disease

Lauren - in rehab and her mother, Linda

Allen's daughter-in-law, Jessica - depression

Sara Rupp's friend, Gina - health issues

Dotti's friend Pat and family - losing son to addiction

Fromm's friend, Radovan Frzop - healing

Anthony and Kyle - brothers that were beaten

Anita's neighbor's grandson, Gavin - health issues

Patti's co-worker, Anna - possible recurrence of cancer

Herb and Marie Walsh - Denise's parents

Christina's Dad, Carl - in hospital

Anita and family on Jim's passing

Dotti Hossler's friend, Joy - pneumonia

Dori Bishof - healing

Diane Greco - friend of Allen's - breast cancer

Julianna Sherwood's mom, Melinda

Gail's niece, Josephine - healing and encouragement

Mason and his mother, Amanda

Vivian's brother, Wayne - Parkinson's

Roger Grant

Gail Mas' nephews, Lonnie and Greg

Lynn Gregory's grandson, Carson

Sue York's brother - in hospice

Tyson (child) with central sleep apnea and seizures

John Whalen's mom, Dorothy - melanoma

Michelle Lambert's friend, Kristyanne - ovarian cancer

Sheryl's Aunt Marge - hospice care

Joe Lennon's brother, Michael - cancer

Dotti Hossler's sister, Loretta

Pastor Martha's father, Rev. Richard Rice

Sue Simmons' brother, Jeff - addiction

Marilyn Jones

Delores Ovesny

Caleb

Dexton

Ben Abercrombie - football player with broken neck

Dotti Hossler's brother, Roger

Kathy's great-aunt, Marie Houdek

Roy G - child with serious epilepsy

Friend of Billy Schmalkuche - Jill - long-term rehab

Jeff York

Tom Boomershine

Robert Ellis - co-worker of Claudia Wallace - 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

The United Methodist Church

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

and increasing suicides

Wisdom for world leaders

Children with mental illnesses

Unity and peace around the world

Those suffering from depression and/or loss

Brothers and sisters in Mozambique

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: submit The deadline to information Denise (umc@umcmonroe.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! Page 17 of 18

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11:30am - MM: Missions 7pm - Church Council

^{**} Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information about our activities. **