

United Methodist Church of Monroe



messenger

MAY 2019

Dear friends:

Each year, the Christian calendar leads us through Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. We all know that Advent is the season of preparation leading to the birth of the Christ child. We know Lent is the season of repentance leading to Easter Sunday and Jesus' resurrection. By the time you read this, Easter will have come and gone, and we will be firmly ensconced in the Easter season. But what is the Easter season? The Easter season represents the forty days that Jesus remained on earth following His resurrection. It begins on Easter Sunday and runs through the seven Sundays after Easter.

Had Jesus not stayed on earth for forty days after his resurrection, and showed the world that He lived once again, there might not be a Christian church. The eleven remaining Disciples had gone into hiding. They had believed that Jesus was the promised Messiah, but their hopes were now shattered. They had forgotten His promise to return from the grave. They believed He was gone forever.

But Jesus was raised from the dead, and He appeared to many following the resurrection, not just his closest friends and disciples. He spent forty days teaching and preaching and healing. His appearances included one time when He appeared to five hundred at one time (1 Cor 15:6). By appearing to so many, in so many different places, Jesus proved beyond a doubt that he had indeed been raised back to life by the power of God. Most importantly, Jesus spent those forty days teaching His disciples and preparing them for the task of telling the world about God's love for them, expressed in and through Christ.

These forty days lead up to Jesus' ascension from the Mount of Olives when He returned to heaven to rejoin the Godhead. And yet, today, hardly any attention is paid to this important time in the life of the church. In teaching his Disciples how to continue His mission, he expected them to carry on, to continue to reach out to the least and the lost, and he expects that of us too. We are never more prepared to carry the message to the masses than we are following the excitement of Easter. So, I encourage you to build on that excitement and do all you can to advance the Kingdom of God.

Easter Blessings to you and your family.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Mark

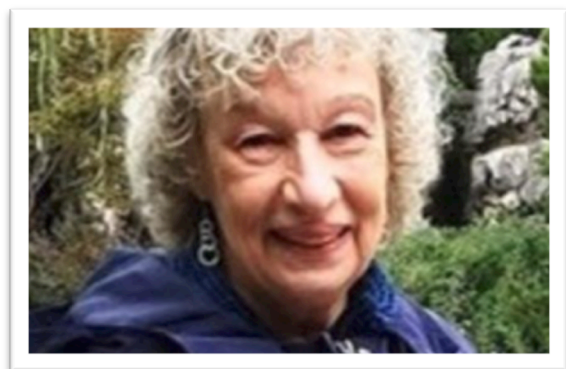
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Are you a member of the Class of 2019?



Are you “moving up” to a new school this fall?

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!



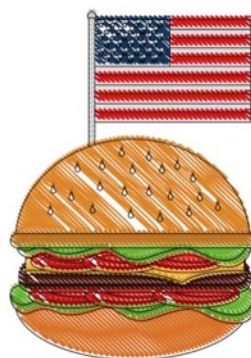
In Memory of Deanna Culbert

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of former church member Deanna Culbert who stepped into eternity on Sunday, April 14 at age 74. While at UMC Monroe, Deanna was involved in the church's missions for many years. She also worked on the Harvest Festival and enjoyed participating in the Crop Walk. Our prayers go out to her husband, John, and their family.

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!



May

05/08 Matthew Hornak
05/13 Rebecca Denike
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 Stacey and Steven Moore

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Connecticut Chamber Choir Presents “The Road Home”

Sunday, May 5 at Nichols United Methodist Church (35 Shelton Road, Trumbull)

Time: 4:00 pm

Tickets: \$15 Seniors, \$20 regular (NOTE: Patti will have tickets available for sale at church on Sunday, May 5; tickets also available at the door)



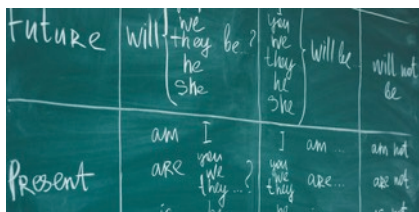
Spring 2019 Training Dates

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



What You Need to Know About Estate Planning

Saturday, May 11 at Edith Wheeler Memorial

Time: 10:00 am - noon

Please join us for our next Generation Bridge event at Edith Wheeler Library to learn what you need to know about estate planning. Attorney Frederick Martin will talk about common questions around probate, taxes and estate considerations when Medicaid comes into play. If you can't make it, feel free to share with your friends.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-you-need-to-know-about-estate-planning-tickets-59509775340>.

For more information, please contact Brian Sherwood.

Dress A Girl Around the World Sew-a-Thon

Saturday, May 11 - 10:00 – 3:00 pm

Monroe Congregational Church (34 Church Street, Monroe)

Registration:

Contact Liz Skarzynski at 203.257.7174 or
DressAGirlSouthernCT@yahoo.com

UMCM Contacts:

Ethel Abraham and Tanya Lennon



UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals/Pet Food Collection

Sunday, May 19

10:00 am Church Service

Bring your dog, cat, hamster, goldfish, or any other beloved pet to an outdoor service especially for pets and people who love them. You can also bring a picture of your pet if you prefer. There will be a blessing of the pets during the service.



As a gentle reminder, please have your pet in a cage or on a leash.

** Today is a day to focus on our pets. To help our neighbors who have pets too we'll be collecting pet food donations for the Monroe Food Pantry! **



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 May 19 at 11:30 am in Meeting 1. Moderator: David York.

Memorial Day Parade: Sunday, May 26

Can you Kazoo? UMC Monroe will be participating in the 2019 Memorial Day Parade, May 26 at 2:00 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, gasping up a hill, or hitching a ride in the truck 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.



Trustees Update

With the proceeds from the United Methodist Development Fund loan we have contracted with Spath-Bjorklund of Monroe to begin the engineering work needed to subdivide the parsonage property as voted on by the Church membership in 2018. The replacement sliding door in the sanctuary has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives. The faucets at the two kitchen sinks have been replaced. A skylight has been repaired. We are working on some additional signage for our visitors, safety work on the playground and cleaning of the nursery. We have installed a "knox" box outside the rear entrance for use by the Monroe Fire Department in case of a fire or emergency. ***There are always projects to be done at our church properties. If you have an interest in assisting, you don't need to be a Trustee!! Contact Pastor Mark and he'll be sure to pass your name on to one of us!***

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



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:

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



For our **May Mini Mission**, we will once again be collecting items to assemble UMCOR Hygiene Kits that are distributed to people in need when they are displaced from their homes due to natural disasters. We will be collecting the items needed and then meeting to assemble the kits together (date and time for assembly TBD). The kits will be delivered to the New York Annual Conference in early June.

Hygiene Kits

In addition to the items needed, they also request \$1.00 per kit for toothpaste and \$1.00 per kit for shipping. Monetary donations to cover these costs can be made by check payable to UMC Monroe with UMCOR Kits in the memo line and placed in the collection plate.

Below is a list of the items needed for each kit. There are very specific requirements for some of the items and UMCOR asks that we strictly adhere to their guidelines for the items. Items can be placed in the Mini Missions Wagon in the narthex by Sunday, May 26:

Hygiene Kit Materials

- **One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)**
 - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **One washcloth**
 - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **One comb**
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- **One toenail or fingernail clipper**
 - No emery boards or metal nail files
- **Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)**
 - No Ivory or Jergen's soap
 - Do not remove from packaging
- **One adult toothbrush**
 - Do not remove from packaging
 - Personal advertising not acceptable
- **10 adhesive bandages (.75 inches by 3 inches)**
 - Common household bandages acceptable
- **One one-gallon size re-sealable bag**

Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols

There is Power in Prayer!

Janice Allen

PRAYER

ПРА́ВЕР

The UMCM Prayer Team will be praying for these families in our church directory in May. Please join us on Thursday mornings at 11:30 am (after Bible Study class). Prayer requests can be emailed to prayerrequest@umcmonroe.org, or complete a form on the table in the Narthex and place it in our prayer box.

Thursday, May 2

Millie Derle
Darlene and Harold Dobler-Palin
Katie Early
Patti and Kevin Early
Tom and Amanda Early

Thursday, May 23

Phil and Nancy Gray
Russ and Leigh Gray
Sam Gray
Lynn Gregory
Vannah Griffin

Thursday, May 9

Jim Eastwood
Pastor Martha Epstein
Wayne and Juliana Epstein
Bill, Carin, Emily and Daniel Florin
Dr. Bill Fohrenbach

Thursday, May 30

Bob and Annette Griffith
Bethany Hagopian
Matt Hagopian
Sandi Hagopian
Tori Hagopian

Thursday, May 16

Adam, Molly and Patrick Fromm
Emily Fromm
Paula and Bill Fromm
Roger Grant
Max Gray

*"Hear my **prayer**, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth." ~ Psalm 54:2*



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.

Holy Week 2019

Palm Sunday

The service began with a grand entrance of the choir singing “Hosanna” and our youth waving palms in celebration of Jesus’ arrival into Jerusalem. Rose (with assistance from “the crowd” in the congregation) gave the Youth Message on how Jesus asked his disciples to get the donkey he would need to ride into the city and the excitement of the crowd and what it all meant. The choir sang “Sing Hosanna in the Highest,” followed by Pastor Mark’s sermon “All Shook Up”. The handbell choir performed “Do Lord” during offertory which included switching over to the hand chimes for a portion of the performance.



Photo credit: Rose Aiello

Maundy Thursday

The choir performed “This is For You”, followed by Pastor Mark’s message “No Safety For a Savior.” All were invited to the table for seatings of “12” for a re-enactment of the Last Supper in The Upper Room. The service concluded with “The Vigil in the Garden,” twelve readings of scripture from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John with the verses of “Were You There?” sung throughout and the extinguishing of the twelve candles after each reading.

Good Friday

The service opened with Janice Allen on flute and some of the handbell ringers performing “Were You There?” A dramatic reading was done by Sheryl Rajpolt (“Mary”) and Bill Florin (“John”). The evening concluded with The Service of Tenebrae, which means the service of “darkness,” an ancient worship service dating back to the twelfth century in its present form. As the passion story is read, the light (candles) is gradually extinguished, reminding us of the darkness of our world without Christ. The Christ candle is removed after the reading of Christ’s death, but never extinguished, reminding us that the darkness can never overcome the light of Christ and that He rose again and with us always.

Easter Sunrise Service at Great Hollow Lake

Monroe's ecumenical sunrise service at Great Hollow Lake was a beautiful setting to God's creation on this glorious day. Some Canadian Geese friends joined us in prayer and song (it was a honking good time). Special thanks to Bill Schmalkuche for his beautiful musical offering.



Easter Sunday Service

Our Easter service began with special music from Michelle Lambert – she sang “Let the Bright Seraphim” for our prelude. Our choir was at their best as they sang “Behold the Risen Savoir” for the anthem – both performances were accompanied by RoseAnne Homola. Sheryl Rajpolt, Rose Aiello, Michelle Rajpolt and Cooper Rupp presented a story to our youth – of all ages -- about Easter “surprises.” We were blessed (and surprised!) to have our old friend, Marilyn Jones, join us for worship and fellowship. Pastor Mark’s sermon discussed “Signs of Life” and our bell choir shared a beautiful performance of “Hallelujah Chorus” during the offertory.

A special thank you to Rose Aiello – she continues to outdo herself with another beautiful altar arrangement!



EASTER EGG HUNT



Easter EGG 2019 HUNT



The rain stopped long enough for us to have a great time at the 2019 UMC Monroe Easter Egg Hunt on April 6! A breakfast buffet was served to 127 people and 51 children enjoyed a craft and hunting for eggs. Many thanks to everyone that generously donated food, paper goods, candy or plastic eggs; our enthusiastic youth group for stuffing and hiding 800 eggs (with some stuffing help from Pastor and Janice Allen); also to the youth group for making the beautiful



egg centerpieces; craft leaders Sue Simmons and Patty Hornak and their very patient helpers; my dedicated kitchen crew of Gail Mas and Vicki Whalen; our fabulous UMC Monroe bakers; Anita Stabler-Hussey and Sue York, my check-in experts; set-up assistance from Tanya Lennon and Kathy Schmalkuche; and everyone that stayed to help with clean up. Extra thanks to Kathy for all the publicity and registration work and to Sheryl Rajpolt -- my go-to person! I was able to deliver 190 pounds of non-perishable food to the Monroe Food Pantry from donations collected at the event. ~ Rose Aiello



LIEUTENANT JIM EASTWOOD INDUCTED INTO THE CONNECTICUT FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME



On Thursday, April 4, Jim was inducted into The Connecticut State Firefighters Association (CSFA) Hall of Fame at their 11th Annual Dinner at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT.

This award recognizes present and former members of an organized Fire Department that have served both their Fire Department, County and/or State-wide Fire Service Organizations above and beyond normal expectations, over an extended period of time. Inductees shall have demonstrated both leadership and motivation, for the betterment of the Fire Service, throughout Connecticut and the United States. These persons shall have contributed, in a positive way, to the enrichment of the organizations that they represented.

Congratulations and thank you, Jim, from your UMC Monroe family!



Lunch with friends ... in California

Kathy and Bill Schmalkuche

We couldn't believe our luck when we found out that we'd be in the San Francisco area at the same time as Julie and Gary Chrislip. We were excited to see them and to catch up over lunch on the West Coast. They asked us to say "hello" to everyone at UMC Monroe!

Photo credit: Amy Schmalkuche

Dinner with friends at FUMC Shelton

Marsha, Millie, Gail, Dave, Sue, Anita and Priscilla enjoyed a fish fry dinner at First UMC Shelton this Lenten season. While Jim passed before he made it to one of his favorite dinners, he was with the group in spirit!



This just in ...

Wayne Epstein was *caught* spending many hours setting up two new computers -- one for the church office and one for the sanctuary. Both will make our lives easier.

... A BIG THANKS TO HIM!

Who will be *caught* next?

MISSIONS: ACCOMPLISHED

BY THE NUMBERS

The Missions Committee is happy to report the positive impact our projects are having with this installment of *Missions: Accomplished ... By the Numbers!*

- 18 *Buckets of Fun* created for the foster children at Covenant to Care
- 190 pounds of food collected at the Easter Egg Hunt for the Monroe Food Pantry
- \$350 in donations from Easter Egg Hunt proceeds in support of UMC Monroe's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team

Thank you to everyone who contributed to one (or more) of these projects!



Photo credit: Tanya Lennon



CROP Walk 2019

Help us end hunger one step at a time at the annual CROP Walk! The walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at Seaside Park in Bridgeport (check in at 1:00 pm, walk begins at 1:30 pm).

All are welcome to join our UMC Monroe team to walk with us or support our walkers with a donation.

Visit our team page at:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct/umcmonroe> to sign up to walk or donate.

CROP HUNGER WALKS SUPPORT MORE THAN 2200 HUNGER-FIGHTING GROUPS IN THE U.S.
crophungerwalk.org

Family Game Night/Sandwich Making

Please join us for Family Game Night and Sandwich Making for Spooner House on Saturday, May 18 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. We are asking each family attending to please bring supplies to make 10 sandwiches (1 standard loaf of bread with 20 slices, 10 slices of thick cut deli meat of any variety, 10 slices of cheese of any variety). We'll assemble the sandwiches together and then play some games. And don't forget to bring your favorite game and snack to share.

Can't make it to Family Game Night? You can also bring your completed sandwiches to church on Sunday, May 19. Sandwiches should have 1 thick cut slice of deli meat and 1 slice of cheese (no condiments) and be individually wrapped or bagged. Drop your sandwiches off in the refrigerator in the kitchen before the worship service.

Our goal this time is 75 sandwiches. Spooner House also has a current need for the following items that we will be collecting: Gallon size zipper bags, paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags (kitchen size 15 gallon and heavy duty 45 gallon), Canned chicken, and Canned tuna.

The sandwiches and other items collected will be brought to Spooner House on May 19 by our Youth Group who will be visiting the facility to learn more about it while serving dinner to the residents there. Thank you for supporting this effort to help Spooner House!





UMC MONROE YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group Christian Passover Seder and Dinner

Our Youth Group participated in a modified Seder on Sunday. Seated at low tables with cushions, our young disciples reclined as they learned about the great Exodus thru video clips from the Prince of Egypt followed by a ceremony of traditional Seder foods to tie it together. After our Seder, we took communion from Pastor Mark to remember what Jesus did for us



Youth Group Photo Credits: Tanya Lennon and Janice Allen

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to all our Youth for helping stuff the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, for hiding the eggs, and making centerpieces for the tables!



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

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CROP Walk Rally

Our Youth Group represented our church at the Crop Walk Rally. And then we enjoyed an ice cream stop on the way home

Photo credit: Janice Allen

Youth Clean Up Day

Thanks to Emily and Cooper for picking up sticks around our church home on the [#5thSunday](#)

Photo credit: Sheryl Rajpolt



MAY youth group events

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CROP Walk

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Seaside Park • Bridgeport

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Paper Shredding Fundraiser

9:00 am – noon • Baked Goods Donation Table
Village Square • 401 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe

19

Spooner House Sandwich Making Delivery Service Project

More details to follow

26

Monroe Memorial Day Parade and Kazoo Band

2:00 pm • Lower Elm Street/Route 111
More details to follow



Our ASP Team spent time learning about basic tool safety on Sunday, April 7 at UMC Monroe and had a chance to put their skills into action. At the supervision of Wayne Epstein and Pastor Mark, our participants used a miter saw, a drill driver, and a drywall taping blade. Their project included cutting wood to make a frame, putting dry wall on it, and taping and spackling the drywall.

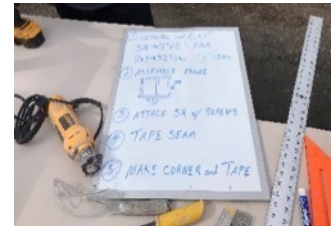
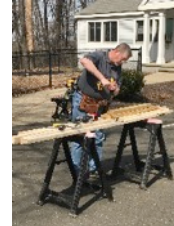


Photo credit: Janice Allen

We are grateful to *Breakwater Light* and Janet Morris for hosting a bluegrass concert fundraiser to support our mission. A special thank you to Brian Sherwood for putting together a promo video, and to Kathy Schmalkuche for helping us spread the word thru social media.

Our team is about halfway to our goal of raising \$3,600. We have several opportunities available should you want to help us out.

1. **Stock Certificates** are for sale. A \$25 donation makes you a Silver Stockholder and you will receive an invitation our end of year dinner when we share pictures and stories from our trip. A \$100 donation makes you a Gold Stockholder and will get your name on the back of our team t-shirt. A \$250 donation makes you a Platinum Stockholder and will get your name on the back of our team t-shirt (in bigger letters!), a magnet for your car, and a video of our trip.
2. **Spring Flower Sale Gift Cards.** During the month of May we are selling \$25 gift cards to Mason's Farm Market. If you plan to purchase Spring plants, please see one of our ASP team members! You can purchase a gift card from us and then pick out what you like from a variety of flowers at Mason's.
3. **God Bless the USA Ribbon Car Magnets** is another way to support us. They are available for \$5. It's a great addition to your vehicle and shows pride in America!

Checks should be made out to UMCM ASP.

Thank you from the UMCM ASP Team,

Juliana Epstein, Cooper Rupp, Collin English, Janice Allen, Wayne Epstein and Pastor Mark

Spring Flower Fundraiser for ASP Youth Mission Trip \$25 Gift Cards

Spring is here! Purchase a \$25 gift card from our ASP Team and pick what you like from a variety of hanging baskets, potted plants, geranium tubs, and more at Mason's Farm Market in Monroe. They offer some of the highest quality plants in the area





Paper Shredding Fundraiser

Individuals and Businesses Welcome

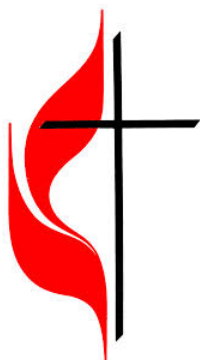
DATE: Saturday, May 11, 2019 (rain or shine)
 TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
 LOCATION: Village Square, 401 Monroe Turnpike/Route 111, Monroe, CT
 (across from McDonald's)
 COST: \$10 standard archive box (approximately 15"x12"x10")
 Prices increase \$5.00 per size according to container
 PAYMENT: Cash, or 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

* 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.

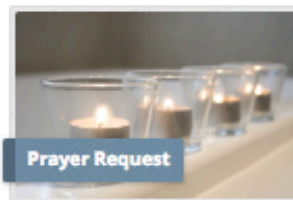
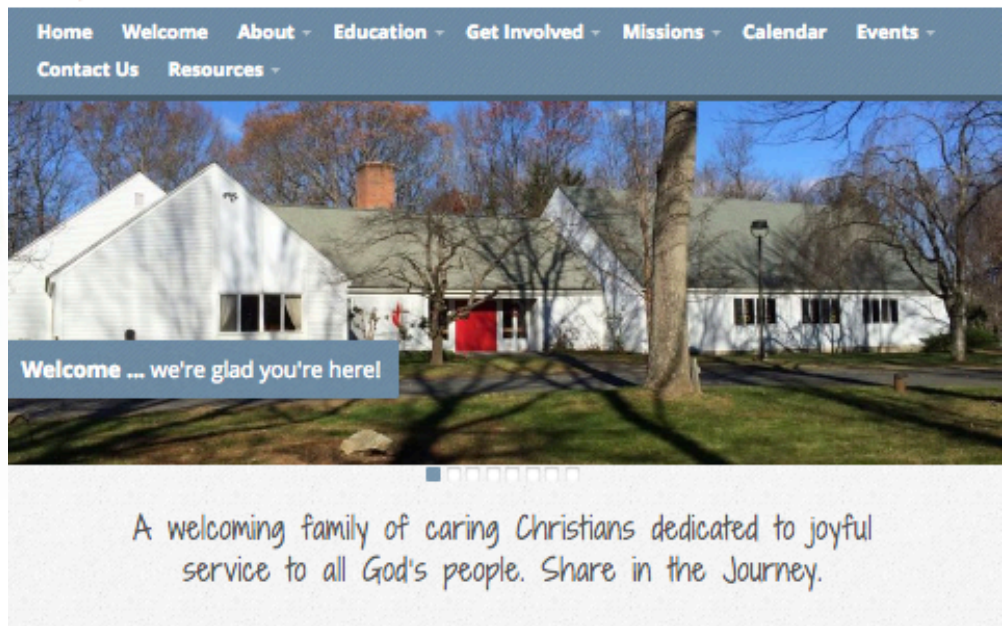


TO BENEFIT MISSIONS NEAR AND FAR OF THE

United Methodist Church of Monroe

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

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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



2 young boys who lost their mother to cancer last year
and father who committed suicide this week
Michelle Lambert's voice student, John - daughter passed
Family and friends of Deanna Culbert on her passing –
former member of UMCM
Anita's friend, Jay - source of infection
Darlene's colleague, Francoise - breast cancer
Joanne Merla - passing of daughter from overdose
Family of Carl Flynn (Christina's grandfather/Diane's
father) on his passing
Janet's cousin Rich - healing
Lynn Abbott's grandson, Tyson - rare genetic disease
(Coffin Siris)
York Family - passing of Sue's brother, Bob Stright
Rebecca Denike friend's niece, Izzy - a 7-year-old with
multiple brain tumors
Luke Testa and family - recovery from brain surgery
Bill and Marie Schmalkuche - Bill's parents
Patti's cousin, Emilia - lung cancer
Lynn's friend, Mary - Stage 3 cancer
Mary Ellen
Matt Crosby - liver transplant
Lauren - in rehab - and her mother, Linda
Allen's daughter-in-law, Jessica - depression
Fromm's friend, Radovan Frzop - healing
Herb and Marie Walsh - Denise's parents
Dori Bishof - healing
Lynn Gregory's grandson, Carson
Diane Greco - friend of Allen's - breast cancer
Juliana Sherwood's mom, Melinda
Mason and his mother, Amanda
Vivian's brother, Wayne - Parkinson's
Roger Grant
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 - hospice
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 People of Sri Lanka
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: 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

May 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Ennaeus Weekend XLI @ 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 4pm - Youth Group Meeting	29	30	1 6pm - Girl Scout Meeting @	2 10am - BYOB (Bring Your 11:30am - Prayer Team @ 12pm - 2019 National Day	3	4
5 10am - Communion Sunday 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 1:30pm - CROP Walk @ 1:30pm - Youth Group: 4pm - Connecticut	6 11:30am - MM: Missions	7	8	9 10am - Bible Study @ 11:30am - Prayer Team @	10 7pm - Monroe CERT	11 9am - Paper Shredding 9am - Youth Group: Paper 10am - Dress a Girl Around 10am - GB: What You Need
12 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service	13 7pm - Church Council	14	15 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 5th	16 10am - Bible Study @ 11:30am - Prayer Team @	17 7pm - Monroe CERT	18 8am - Monroe CERT 6pm - FGN: Family Game
19 10am - Blessing of the 10am - Spooner House 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - St: Social Issues 2pm - Connecticut District 4pm - Youth Group:	20	21	22	23 10am - Bible Study @ 11:30am - Prayer Team @	24	25
26 10am - SS: Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 2pm - Memorial Day Parade 2pm - Youth Group:	27	28	29	30 10am - Bible Study @ 11:30am - Prayer Team @	31 10am - Dress a Girl Around 1pm - HOLD: Appalachia	1

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