



*United Methodist Church of Monroe*

# *messenger*

SEPTEMBER 2019

## EXTRA! EXTRA!

It seems like we blink and summer has passed us by! UMC Monroe had a very busy few months ... we kicked it off with Youth Sunday, then the 2019 NY Annual Conference, our first Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip to West Virginia, a Summer Bible Study of Simon Peter, Marilyn's Tea Party and our annual outdoor worship service at Webb Mountain and the Susan Kimball Butterfly Garden. As we look to September and the fall, it doesn't look like we're slowing down!

September brings the kick-off of the 2019 - 2020 Sunday School year on Sunday, September 15 (we're still looking for teachers!) and the return of our UMC Monroe Choir (all are welcome!) and Social Issues Discussion Group (moderated by Dave York). We're also planning for a visit from Pivot Ministries on September 29th.

In October we'll be hosting Dress A Girl (Saturday, October 19) and looking ahead, our fall Paper Shredding Fundraiser will be on Saturday, November 2. Before we know it, the

Christmas season will be upon us and Santa Claus will be making his annual visit (scheduled for Saturday, December 14)!

Please watch for more information about all of these events (and more!) in our weekly announcements/reminders, on our website ([www.umcmonroe.org](http://www.umcmonroe.org)), Facebook page (@umcmonroe) and in the UMC Monroe **messenger** .. you don't want you to miss anything!

There are many opportunities for you and your family to participate in UMC Monroe's activities and committees ... we welcome your assistance and any/all new ideas ... just let us know and we'll be happy to get you involved!

# THANK YOU

... to everyone who shared their time and musical talent and provided special music this summer!



## **FALL PAPER SHREDDING EVENT...**

*Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9am-12noon at the Village Square Shopping Center.*

It's never too early to start collecting your papers for our next shredding event -- see you in November!

Spread the  
love of God  
in your  
life. Use  
words when  
necessary!

~ Lizzie Kate

*Let's Celebrate!*

# September



happy birthday

09/01 Bob Griffith  
09/06 Emma Rupp  
09/12 Kevin Brown  
09/13 Chad Harris  
09/14 Marilyn Jones  
09/15 Kathy Schmalkuche  
09/27 Seraphine Lambert  
09/29 Gary Chrislip  
09/30 Michelle Lambert  
09/30 Bill Smith

09/05 Sue and Jason Simmons  
09/13 Brenda and Bob Pantalone  
09/20 Jennifer and Neil Chaudhary



happy anniversary

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

## Seeking Coffee Hour Hosts

It's a wonderful way to support fellowship! Sign up online through SignUpGenius -- visit our website and click on the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49a4af22a6fa7-sunday> ... to host a coffee hour! All of the basics are supplied including coffee, tea, sugar and paper goods. Coffee making instructions are in the kitchen. As host we ask that you make the coffee, heat the tea water, supply the creamer and juice and clean up. Snacks and sweets are not required unless you'd like to provide them. Please consider taking a Sunday and sign up today!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



## ***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 September 15th at 11:15 am in Meeting Room 1. Moderator: David York.

## *Dress A Girl Around the World Sew-a-Thons 2019*

September 21: Monroe Congregational Church

October 19: United Methodist Church of Monroe

November 2: 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



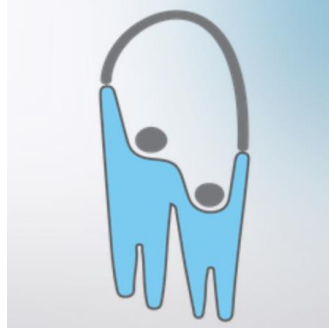
Dresses made in Monroe were delivered to the girls at the Orphanage in Uganda. Do you see any dresses you made? Photo provided by Liz Skarzynski.



Please join us on Sunday, September 29th, for a visit from the *Pivot Ministries Choir with a Pot-Luck Luncheon to follow*. In the weeks leading up to Pivot Ministries' visit we will be collecting some needed items for them as our September Mini Missions effort. A luncheon sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex by Labor Day. More details on the collection of donations will be coming soon.

**Did you know?...**Founded in 1970, Pivot Ministries is a faith-based residential treatment program for men located in Bridgeport and Norwalk. It is a non-profit agency with four decades of successful experience assisting men challenged by alcohol and substance abuse. Its mission is to treat drug and alcohol addiction as a spiritual problem and return the men to their families usefully whole. Serving approximately 250 men per year, the Ministry reaches men throughout the Northeast and beyond.

For more information about Pivot Ministries, please visit their website at [www.pivotministries.org](http://www.pivotministries.org).



Generation Bridge

All Are Welcome to Attend “**The Caregiver and Aging Conference**” to be held at Southern Connecticut State University this year. There’s a LOT of great content relevant to people across ages and responsibilities.

The event is on Saturday September 28, 2019 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. ***You do not have to participate the whole day!***

Come for the content you want...there are 14 sessions and over 22 speakers and panelists including our own RoseAnne Homola who will participate on a caregiver panel.

Registration is FREE. Please pass the information along to your friends, families, and or work colleagues. Chances are that even if the content isn’t right for you, there are likely many people you know who would benefit.

Go to the link below for more details on the break-out sessions!

Sessions: <https://www.generation-bridge.com/sessions-and-content>

# TAKE NOTE



**UPDATE**



In just a few weeks we will be distributing a new edition of our **Church Directory**. If you need to make any changes to your address, email, phone, cell phone, etc., please send an email to [admin@umcmonroe.org](mailto:admin@umcmonroe.org) by Sunday, September 15.

If you have a college student or a young adult family member living away from home and you'd like to add or update their contact information, we welcome that input, too.

And while we're at it ... would you like to share family birthdays or anniversaries that are not currently published in our monthly newsletter? If so, just send us the month and date of the special event(s) -- we don't want to miss the opportunity to celebrate your special occasions with you!

Contact: Kathy Schmalkuche at [admin@umcmonroe.org](mailto:admin@umcmonroe.org)



## *2019 Bible Reading Marathon*

*1 Timothy 4:13 "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture..."*

Blessings and thanks to all who came out to participate in the *2019 Bible Reading Marathon* on the Monroe Green. I could hear in the way you read your chapters, God's Word means so much to you. Over the three days, we were able to read through the New Testament, and then read from parts of the Old Testament. Keep Paul's letter to Timothy in mind, and think about joining us next year.

~ Janet Morris



## UMC Monroe knows how to throw a Tea Party!



Sunday, August 18 was a beautiful summer morning when we gathered for worship. Rose delivered the children's sermon "Run the Race" and Bill delivered the message "Why Would They?" ... he told the story of Thecla ... a saint that most of us were learning about for the first time. Thank you!

After worship we headed to Fellowship Hall for Marilyn's Tea Party in honor of our special friend (and longtime organist/pianist), Marilyn Jones. We were happy to have Marilyn and her daughter, Renee, and son, Kent, join us for a "spot of tea," finger sandwiches and fellowship. Her church family enjoyed her visit.



We want to thank everyone who pitched in to make the party possible. The altar flowers were magnificent, the floral centerpieces and Marilyn's corsage were very "English-like," the light fare food was delicious, the decorations and ladies' hats accentuated the theme and the fellowship time was priceless!



A special shout-out to Brian for suggesting the party and sharing his Grandma's china cups and saucers, tea pots and tea spoons. Another way to bridge generations and make special memories. Thank you.

Most importantly, our guest of honor and her family enjoyed the party!



# MISSIONS



## **Covenant to Care Back-to-School Supplies Monroe Food Pantry Lunch Box Snacks**

Once again, a whole lot of items were donated for UMC Monroe's *Covenant to Care Back-to-School Drive* and *Lunch Box Snacks Collection* for the *Monroe Food Pantry*.

Thank you for helping start the school year off right for the kids in our community!

## **Spooner House Donations**



Thank you to everyone who made sandwiches or donated paper products and canned foods to *Spooner House* that were handed off in August. We appreciate your support of this mission and thank you for your generous donations and gifts of nourishment!





# UMC MONROE YOUTH NEWS



Our **2019 – 2020 Sunday School** program kicks off on Sunday, September 15th with an ice-cream social to follow. All youth Pre-K through high school are welcome and nursery care is available. Feel free to invite a friend!

**Please look out for registration and photo release forms sent in the mail.**

And to our adults ... if you're interested in getting involved in the Sunday School ministry, please contact Sue Simmons.

Contacts: Sue Simmons (Sunday School); Rose Aiello (Ice-Cream Social)

*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. If you have an interest, please speak to Sue Simmons ([suszq55@aol.com](mailto:suszq55@aol.com)).



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# *Dress a Girl Around the World Sew-a-Thon*



*Imagine a world where every little girl owned at least one dress!*

*What if that dress was made by you?*

*Calling all crafters or  
want-to-be crafters!*

## *Materials List:*

- Bring your sewing machine and a sewing kit

## *Extra Materials Needed:*

- Irons, ironing boards and cutting boards

## *Materials Provided:*

- Patterns, scissors and power cords
- Cotton fabric, double-wide  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bias tape,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " elastic
- All the support you need and lunch with a \$5 donation to keep us going!

## *Join us for a Sew-a-Thon to support Dress a Girl Around the World*

*UMC Monroe Fellowship Hall*

*Saturday, October 19, 2019*

*10:00 am – 3:00 pm*

*Questions:*

*Ethel Abraham and Tanya Lennon*

*Registration:*

*contact [umc@umcmonroe.org](mailto:umc@umcmonroe.org) or 203.268.8395*



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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.



Prayer Request



Host Coffee Hour



Mini Mission Wagon



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Ministry Staff



Newletters

Visit us ANYTIME at [www.umcmonroe.org](http://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.

# Prayer Concerns



Ron Bombero, Sr.-surgery & health issues  
Bill Florin's friend, Bruce-cancer & upcoming surgery  
Family & friends of "Buddy" on his passing (Bill's friend Mike's brother)  
Craig & John-back problems from separate falls  
Sheryl's Uncle Don & family on passing of Aunt Marge  
Vivian's cousin, William Marshall-hospice care; his wife Sue & family  
Knott Family on passing of Noreen  
Jim Eastwood-recovery from knee surgery  
Anita's grandson, Jacob-beginning Army basic training  
Gail's sister, Joan-COPD  
Gail's friend, June-rare cancer found in blood  
Janice & Mark Allen  
Betty Cooper, Paula Fromm's sister-eye issues  
Scott-heart problems  
Jared-diagnosed w/cancer & his friends as they cope  
Charlie, moving to full time care & his wife, Isabel  
Suzette, Gail's niece-medical & personal issues  
Bill & Marie Schmalkuche, Bill's parents  
Joe Lennon's brother, Michael-continued treatments for cancer  
Lauren & her mother, Linda  
Sue Simmon's brother, Jeff-alcohol addiction  
RoseAnne's dad, Ken  
Marilyn Jones  
Jacob, 5-year old & his family & doctors-Jacob recently diagnosed w/100% blindness in one eye  
Roger Grant-fall  
Sheryl's mom-seizures  
Lynn's friend, Mary-Stage 3 cancer-improvement  
Kathy's friend, Dick Hormel-treatment for melanoma  
Dexton  
Pastor Martha's father-Rev. Richard Rice  
Josh, London & Jessica  
Lynn Abbott's grandson Tyson- rare genetic disease (Coffin Siris)  
Fromm's friend-Radovan Frzop  
Selina Daniels Son – car accident & loss of friend

Lynn Gregory's grandson, Carson  
Mason & his mother, Amanda  
Vivian's brother Wayne-Parkinson's  
Michelle Lambert's friend-Kristyanne-ovarian cancer  
Dotti Hossler's sister, Loretta  
Delores Ovesny  
Caleb  
Ben Abercrombie –football player w/broken neck  
Dotti Hossler's brother Roger  
Kathy's great-aunt Marie Houdek-hospice  
Roy G-child w/serious epilepsy  
Friend of Billy Schmalkuche-Jill-long-term rehab  
Jeff York  
Tom Boomersshine  
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 w/rare form of cancer  
  
Abused children  
The United Methodist Church, Monroe & beyond  
Military personnel  
Unemployed  
First responders, firemen, policemen  
Persons dealing w/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 & deaths  
Refugees  
Unspoken burdens that reside upon people's hearts  
Youth-effects of social media & those being bullied & increasing suicides  
Wisdom for world leaders  
Unity and peace around the world  
Those suffering from depression and/or loss  
Mental health issues & associated stigma  
"Sandwich" generation

*If you would like to add a person to our prayer list, or to receive a weekly copy of the joys and concerns email [prayerrequest@umcmornoe.org](mailto:prayerrequest@umcmornoe.org), call the office or leave your request in the collection plate. Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If you would like your name or that of a relative or friend to stay on the list longer, please contact the office.*



**REMINDER:** The deadline to submit information to Denise ([umc@umcmornoe.org](mailto:umc@umcmornoe.org)) for our monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. When making your submission, please include all content and provide a contact name. Any submission received after the deadline is not guaranteed publication and may be deferred to the next month. Thank you!

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Sep 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Worship Service	2 11:30am - MM: Missions	3	4	5	6	7
8 10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Worship Service	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 10am - Sunday School Kick- 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - St: Social Issues	16	17 7pm - Church Council	18	19	20	21 10am - Dress a Girl Around 3pm - ASP Dinner Set-Up & 6pm - Rooms for ASP
22 10am - Worship Service	23	24	25	26	27 Luncheon Set Up @ 9am - Generation Bridge:	28 Luncheon Set Up @
29 10am - Pivot Ministries 10am - Worship Service	30	1 11:30am - MM: Missions	2	3	4 5pm - HOLD: Cooking Class	5 2pm - HOLD: Cooking Class