

Offertory

Panis Angelicus
Suzanne Powers, soprano

C. Franck

***Doxology and Presentation**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, the Word in flesh, born low
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen!*

Prayer of Dedication*Scripture**

Mark 1: 4-11

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Sermon

Water and Spirit

Rev Paul Bryant-Smith

***Hymn of Parting**

Arise, Your Light Is Come

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Benediction**Parting Music**

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

P. Nicolai

**Please stand if you are able.*

Welcome Visitors!

The members and friends of the Monroe Congregational Church, UCC are happy to have you with us. We hope that you feel God's presence and find peace. We hope that you will join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Wilton Hall. Handicap accessible restroom facilities are located in the hallway of Rexford House.

Special note to parents of infants – We're glad that you are here and that you have chosen to bring your children to church with you. While nursery care is available in Rexford House, your infants are welcome to stay with you in the sanctuary throughout the service. If, during the service, you decide you and your baby need a quiet place, there are rocking chairs available in the Narthex.

To learn more about our church's programs and outreach in the community, or to subscribe to our electronic newsletter "The Steeple", please visit our website: www.mcc-ucc.org.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO Rev. Paul Bryant-Smith who is leading worship this morning while Pastor John is with The Men's Retreat at Silver Lake. We are grateful to Rev. Paul for his leadership and message this morning.

Please Note! Next Sunday, January 15th we will return to our 2 worship service format with services at 8:45 AM and 10:30 AM.

Providing leadership this morning:

Trustee of the Day: Nick Caballero

Deacon of the Day: Fred DuBois

10:00am Lay Reader: Liska Gutierrez

Prayer Concerns
January 8, 2012

Betty Snudden (Barabara Gerritsen's mother); **Tama A** (Kathy Maiolo's friend); **Bill Balliette** (Kelsey & Marissa Maiolo's grandfather); **Larry Barnes** (John and Angela Cross' friend); **Jean Buschbaum** (John Cross' mother); **Janie Carlisle** (the Colegroves' friend); **Cheryl Ciambriello** (Wendy Colegrove's friend); **Jean Cruickshank** (Linda Fracassini's sister); **Thomas Culp** (Karen Culp's son); **David Delia** (David Bailey's friend); **Matt Duchon; Marc Duchon** (Will Duchon's brother); **Cheryl Finch** (Judy Coward's friend); **Patricia Ford** (Jackie Bleakney's sister-in-law); **Marilyn Guerrieri** (Fred DuBois' sister-in-law); **Colleen Gilmore** (Cynthia Robinson's aunt); **Karen Guinness** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Beth Gullo** (Donna O'Hara's cousin); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Jody Heussner** (Julie Heussner's mother); **Tom Judge** (The Olofson's friend); **Sally Kelley** (Lani Siciliano's mother); **Chris Keeler** (Ann Zeiner's nephew); **Nancy Kirby** (Pamela Joy's sister); **Kathleen Krenicki** (Wendy Colegrove's friend); **Kym Langill** (The Maiolo's family friend); **Peter Litchfield** (the Gran's brother-in-law); **Barbara Lord** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **Luba** (the Coward's friend); **Nicole Malia; Rica Mendes** (David Bailey's friend); **Sandy Morrison** (Ken Fredeen's sister); **Kathleen Murphy** (Susan Walker's friend); **Katherine N** (The Maiolo's family friend); **Sarah Post; Wanda Price** (Dave Price's aunt); **Linda Resnick; Cynthia Robinson; Connor Scalia** (Jen Nivison's friend); **Nick Scalzo** (Angela Cross' father); **Lou Scalzi** (Debbie & Bruce Gran's friend); **Thomas Slater** (Pam Kelly's mom); **Annika Stadler; Judy Swarbrick** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **Peggy Torrito ; Heather Tusch; Ujwala** (Sampson family relative); **Shane Watson** (Will Duchon's friend); **Don Williams; Grace Wright** (Kathy Maiolo's Aunt); **George Zaleha; Richard Zeiner** (Ann's brother-in-law); those suffering from mental illness, **Caregivers**

Those serving in the military:

Iraq: **Tony Cuseo** (Cliff Cuseo's nephew)

Lindsay Whitehead (Kelsey Maiolo's friend's father)

Japan: **Bobby Herring** (Ashley & Scott Levins' cousin);

Davis Cappabianca (Ashley Levins' friend)

Korea: **Meara O'Hara** (Donna & Pat O'Hara's niece);

Germany: **Rachel Hoffman** (Vaughan Askue's daughter);

Afghanistan: **Capt. Caitlin Hall** (Judy Coward's niece)

Concerns of our nation and world:

- The people of the **Middle East**; may they have justice and peace
- The people of **Haiti** and the people who seek to aid them
- The people of **Somalia** and the horn of Africa suffering with drought, disease and famine

The flowers are given today by Jackie Bleakney in honor of her children and grandchildren

The January Coffee hour is sponsored by Janet Schmitz

Happy Anniversary to the following people and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number in parenthesis is anniv. date)

Joseph & Lani Siciliano⁽¹⁾ Jennifer & Larry Wissink⁽⁷⁾
Lisa DeSiero & Dawn Viglione⁽²⁾ Michael & Michele Mount⁽⁹⁾

Happy Birthday to the following people and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number is birth date)

Chad Bauer ⁽²⁾	Aiden Pringle ⁽⁶⁾	Nicole Zapherson ⁽¹⁰⁾
Jim Atkins ⁽³⁾	Jan Redfern ⁽⁷⁾	Halie Strack ⁽¹¹⁾
John Hastedt ⁽⁴⁾	Steve Grundt ⁽⁹⁾	Anna Masuk ⁽¹¹⁾
James Stallone ⁽⁴⁾	Molly O'Hara ⁽⁹⁾	Joshua Correll ⁽¹¹⁾
Jeanne L'Homme ⁽⁵⁾	Susan Granello ⁽¹⁰⁾	Danielle Adams ⁽¹²⁾
Don Parker-Burgard ⁽⁶⁾	Matt Duchon ⁽¹⁰⁾	Will Brakeman ⁽¹³⁾
Victor DiMenna ⁽⁶⁾	Morgan Mako ⁽¹⁰⁾	Joanne Malia ⁽¹⁴⁾

Attendance for January 1 10:05am Adults 46; Children 3= 49

Call to Annual Meeting

January 22nd, 2012

The members of Monroe Congregational Church are hereby called to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held at 11:30am on January 22nd, 2012, in the Meeting House. The agenda for this meeting will include Receiving of Reports, Election of Officers, Board Members and Delegates, Adoption of the 2012 budget, and any other business that must properly come before the Congregation. Please note that there will be one service at 10am on January 22, 2012. Child care will be available.

Suzanne Adams, MCC Clerk

Copies of the 2012 budget and draft of the annual report are available in the Narthex and the Church Office.

Deacons

Great News! We are imagining a new **parish nurse program** at here at MCC. If you are a licensed nurse and would like to find out more information about how you can use your nursing gifts here at MCC please contact Heather Henning at 203-459-2577 or heather.henning@sbcglobal.net

Would you like to see a beautiful bouquet in church on Sundays? Consider an arrangement for MCC. They are \$25 each and there is a sign up sheet in Wilton Hall. You can customize a sentiment for the bulletin, which will be printed in the bulletin. After the service, you are welcome to leave it at MCC or take your flower arrangement home. If you have any questions please contact Ann Zeiner 268-5302 or the church office 268-9327.



Christian Education

Where	January 8	For What?
Beardsley	PreK & Kindergarten	Sunday School
Kitchen	1 st & 2 nd grade	Cooking
Beardsley	3 rd & 4 th grade	Storytelling
Wilton Hall	5 th & 6 th Grade	Games
Dineson Parlor	7 th & 8 th Grade	Sunday School
Pastor Jenn's Office	High School	Cross Roads

Outreach



We had a great Blitz Build – Thank to everyone who participated. There are four more workdays setup for through June: February 11th, March 10th, May 12th and June 9th. Please let me know if you are able to make any of the dates. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 8AM to carpool. David Kingsbury, 445-0647

Take home some Simply Smiles Coffee today

As you consider Christmas gifts for families and friends, remember that Simply Smiles coffee is a great way to be part of a long-term solution for our friends in Southern Mexico. Only \$10 per bag feeds a child for 3 weeks.

Fellowship



Snacks Needed!! Please consider donating a couple of packages of cookies and a gallon of juice for Children's snack during coffee hour. Leave a note attached to your donations and they'll get to the right place or put them in the children's snack cabinet under the serving counter. Children young and old appreciate your tasty gifts. Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com.

Stewardship

Help us Pour the Sweet Syrup of Success on a pile of Stewardship Campaign Pancakes January 15th

The Stewardship Committee, the whole Board of Trustees, and Pastor John invite all members and friends of MCC to a pancake breakfast after both services on Sunday, January 15th. We want to say *thank you* to all of those who support our church financially. Children are definitely included. Come celebrate the wonderful ministries and relationships we share. Pledge cards are still available in the church office



MCC Community Calendar

Week of Jan.8

8:45am Worship
10:30am Worship
11:45am Trustees (Dineson)

Mon. Jan 9

7:30pm Outreach (Dinseon)

Tues. Jan10

7:30pm Deacons (Dineson)

Wed. Jan 11

6:30pm Confirmation Class (Dineson)

Thurs. Jan. 12th

9:30am Bible Study (Dineson)
6:30pm Bell Choir
7:30pm Adult Choir

Week of Jan.15

Stewardship Pancake Breakfast

8:45am Worship
10:30am Worship

Tues. Jan. 17

12:00pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. Jan. 18

6:30pm Confirmation Class (Dineson)

Thurs. Jan. 19

9:30am Bible Study (Dineson)
6:30pm Bell Choir
7:30pm Adult Choir

Week of Jan. 22

Annual Meeting Sunday

10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:30am Annual Meeting

Tues. Jan. 24

12:00pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag
7:30pm Council Meeting (classroom 4)
7:30pm Divorce Support Group (Dineson)

Wed. Jan. 25

6:30pm Confirmation Class (Dineson)

Thurs. Jan. 26

9:30am Bible Study (Dineson)
6:30pm Bell Choir
7:30pm Adult Choir

January 1 Steeple Articles are due by noon on December 28.

