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THE MONROE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STEEPLE

April 1, 2025

The Blessings of Spring: A Time to Listen & Renew As April arrives, the world around us awakens from its winter slumber. The days grow longer, the earth softens, and the first green shoots of life push their way through the soil. For many of us, one of the first signs that spring has truly arrived is the familiar, comforting sound of the peepers—tiny frogs whose chorus fills the air at dusk. Their song is a reminder of renewal, hope, and the steady rhythms of God’s creation.

There is something deeply spiritual about these early spring evenings, when the peepers call to one another from the ponds and marshes. Their voices remind us to pause and listen—to the earth, to one another, and to God. Just as the peepers emerge after a long, silent winter, we, too, emerge from the Lenten season into the joy of Easter. Their song is one of faithfulness, an echo of God’s constant presence in our lives, even when we may feel dormant or uncertain.

Spring is a time of resurrection, not just in the natural world but in our spiritual lives as well. The story of Easter is one of renewal and transformation. Just as Jesus emerged from the tomb, bringing light and life to the world, we are invited to step into the fullness of life that God offers us. It is a season to embrace fresh beginnings, to shed the burdens of the past, and to walk forward with faith and gratitude.

At the Monroe Congregational Church, we are blessed to share this season together. April brings opportunities to celebrate, serve, and grow in our faith. As we gather for Holy Week services, we will reflect on Christ’s journey to the cross and rejoice in His resurrection.

This month, let us be present in God’s creation. Take a walk and notice the budding trees, the return of birdsong, the warmth of the sun on your face. Step outside one evening and listen to the peepers—a simple, yet profound reminder that God’s world is alive with beauty and purpose.



In the book of Isaiah, we are told: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19). Indeed, God is always at work, bringing new life, new hope, and new opportunities for us to grow in faith. May this season be one of renewal for each of us. May we open our hearts to the blessings of spring, listen closely for God's voice in the world around us, and step forward into the joy of resurrection life. Blessings, Pastor Jenn



Holy Week at the Monroe Congregational Church

Palm Sunday, April 13th, 10 am –

Join us in our historic Meetinghouse to celebrate Palm Sunday. We will begin with a festive procession around the green.

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service,

April 17th, 7:30 pm: A candlelit evening worship service remembering Jesus' mandate to love one another.

Easter Sunday, April 20th – 6 am Sunrise Service on Pierce Lawn: Dress warmly and join us outside at the fire pit to welcome the resurrection! 10am Easter Celebration Service: Join us at MCC for the Great Easter Celebration! We will also join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. After worship we will share a festive Easter Coffee Hour. Christ is Risen indeed AND Everyone is Welcome!

11 am - Easter Sunday Celebration Coffee Hour

Fellowship seeks refreshments for our festive Easter Table! Here are a few ideas: cookies, cakes, fruit, fruit salad, finger sandwiches, veggies, and dips! Please bring your contribution to the church kitchen by 9 am on Easter morning -Thank you!



Loaves & Fishes FryDays: Join The Monroe Congregational Church & St. Peter's Grace Episcopal Church Fridays in Lent from 4:30-7:30 pm, as Dave Kuban's Planet Pizza food truck serves up hot fried fish, shrimp, french fries, chicken nuggets and pizza (GF available) from the church's parking lot! Either grab & go or stay & enjoy with neighbors and friends. This is a shared fundraiser for BOTH our communities, so the locations will vary.

- April 4: SPGE hosts April 11: MCC hosts

Save time and **pre-order** online at <https://loaves-fishes-frydays.square.site/>

We are seeking **volunteers**! As a volunteer, you will help people get their pre-ordered food, clean up tables and be hospitable! This is a joint fundraiser for both our church communities, so it doesn't matter which site you serve.

Please wear your Strawberry Festival T-shirt :) and sign up online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A8AC22A2FB6-55203832-loaves#/>

Easter Flowers Order Form

Monroe Congregational Church
34 Church Street, Monroe, CT 06468

Help us beautify the church for Easter Sunday
in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one!

Plant	Cost Each	Quantity	Total Cost
Daffodils	\$20.00		
Lilies	\$20.00		
Hyacinth	\$20.00		
Tulips	\$20.00		
Check Total			\$

Given by _____

In Memory, Honor or Celebration of (**circle one**):

*Please send the office **this form** (mail, scan & email, or put into the brass mailbox outside of the Rexford House front doors) with a **check** for the total amount, made payable to Monroe Congregational Church. Memo: Easter flowers

You can also pay online: <https://www.mcc-ucc.org/donate.html>
(choose flowers & note Easter) Please be sure the office still receives this form.

****The last day to place an order is Wednesday, April 2nd**

Outreach

MCC Outreach Tag Sale

April 5, 2025, 9 am – 1 pm (early birds at 8 am)

**WE NEED YOUR
TREASURES!**



It's time to gather your donations for the Annual Outreach Charity Tag Sale on Apr 5! To donate, please bring your items to Wilton Hall on either April 1, 2 or 3 from 9 am until 5 pm. **We would really appreciate it if, when dropping off your items, you could stay and help volunteers sort.**

**All items must be clean and in good condition.
Thank you for your generous donations!**

Items we cannot accept include:

- Electronics, including old computers, monitors, boom boxes or phones (of any type)
- Coffee mugs (travel and ceramic), plastic water bottles, Plastic food storage items
- Stuffed toys
- Cribs, car seats or pack and plays
- Encyclopedias, textbooks or VHS tapes
- Bicycles that are not complete and rideable
- Blankets, comforters, or linens that have holes or are not clean
- Anything that is broken or chipped
- Large furniture items like dining room sets, particle board furniture, bookcases, upholstered chairs or couches.

*Please email Julie McClenathan pictures of small furniture items before donating. juliemcclenathan@gmail.com



*You're here to be light, bringing out the
God-colors in the world.
Matthew 5:14-15 (The Message)*

*"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let
it shine... Let it shine, let it shine, let it
shine..."*

Jesus teaches that faith calls for action.
Sharing our light, as an expression of
God's love here on earth, leads to making
blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking
meals, building houses and schools and
sending disaster relief buckets - all around
the world.

On any given day, light shines because we
are there through our gifts to **One Great
Hour of Sharing**. MCC will take up our
annual offering on Sunday, March 30.
Your contributions make a difference.
Share the light!

Annual Offering Mar 30



Flowers for Worship: Would you like to honor or remember a loved one, or celebrate a milestone? You can do so, while also helping Monroe Congregational Church continue its tradition of fresh flowers on the communion table. You can sign-up in Wilton Hall or online! You may choose to arrange flowers from your garden, purchase an arrangement, or send a check (\$25) to Monroe Congregational Church (memo: "flowers" & the date) or use our website to pay online, and we will order for you. If you are supplying the flowers yourself, please set them up between 9:30am and 9:45am, before worship. Thank you!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAC2CA5FEC61-flowers> or [MCC-UCC.org](https://www.monroecch.org)



Close the Gap 5k Challenge

Exciting news! We are about 5k away from reaching our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, Better Together goal of \$210,000. And we are grateful for everyone's pledge of support! Knowing that we are so close, in appreciation of our church's ministries (and Senior PF especially) an anonymous donor family has posed a challenge to our pledging members and friends.

From now until Strawberry Festival Sunday, anything donated by an individual or household above and beyond their current pledge will be matched by the anonymous donor family and given to Senior PF – **up to \$5,000**. To participate in the challenge, submit a gift with the notation "Close the Gap" so we can keep track. This could have a huge impact on our youth's summer mission trip, not to mention our ministries here at MCC! Thanks for your consideration.

*Since 1792, transforming the lives of people
who will in turn transform the world.*



Development Team - We had a wonderful turnout for the Development Team's kickoff brainstorming meeting and will be expanding our discussions to evaluate short and longer-term opportunities. Thank you to everyone who took part in our meeting. We continue to welcome everyone and their ideas and suggestions. If you're interested in lending a hand please reach out to me at mganino@pkfod.com or call/text me at **203-257-3619**.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church family!
- Mike Ganino, MCC Treasurer

The Monroe Congregational Church, Inc.



Christian Education



Snack & Chat with NOOMA The name NOOMA comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word πνευμα (pneuma), meaning "wind or spirit". Join us in Dineson Parlor after worship for a series of short films (less than 14 minutes each), snacks and a light discussion about life's big questions – no prep necessary and all are welcome! Apr 27 – Flame

Junior PF Updates



Our junior-high youth group (grades 6-8) meets most Sundays from 5-6:30 in classroom 5, join us!

4/6	Church scavenger hunt
4/13	NO JR PF - Spring Recess
4/20	NO JR PF - EASTER
4/27	Earth Day Service Project

Have you seen Junior PF's **"Alleluia"** Coloring Poster at Coffee Hour? Our hope is that everyone has a chance to color it in before Easter morning! Take a minutes and add your art to our masterpiece!



Sr PF will be selling treat-filled plastic eggs in preparation for Easter again this year. \$25 for 25 eggs; preorder or grab-and-go at coffee hour! Be on the look out for details in early April! Any questions, contact mccuccseniorpf@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting Sr PF!



More Outreach



Feel The Warmth with nOURish Bridgeport! Our crew felt grateful and inspired to cook and serve the Feel the Warmth community hot supper in Bridgeport last month. **Our next opportunity to serve will be on May 15th.** Please look for the signup sheet and join us to bring some hope, laughter and nourishment to food insecure neighbors. A typical meal includes making and distributing salad (featuring greens from their hydroponic garden), dessert and a main dish for about 200 folks, serving alongside Sacred Heart students and more seasoned volunteers. Join us!



Join the fun group of women that keep the Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe open and thriving!

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays? We sort, tag and hang donated merchandise in the Shoppe on Tuesdays at 1:30PM while on Fridays we are open from 10-3 and Saturdays from 10-2. It's easy to do. Just pop on over during any of those time frames and the volunteers(s) would gladly show you the ropes for opening or closing the Shoppe, a list of responsibilities can be emailed to you for your perusal. You can always shadow a volunteer for a couple of shifts until you get the hang of it and then when you're ready, you will be put on the schedule. Monies collected from shoppers' purchases go to mission trips, outreach programs and many more. Please contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280 with any questions.

Fellowship

Morning Circle invites the women of the congregation to our next meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at 11am in Dineson Parlor where we will be putting together Church World Service hygiene kits that will go to families living on the edge of poverty. Sometimes they often have to choose between buying food for their family and basic hygiene items. The donations from Church World Services are an essential part of keeping families healthy. These kits contain the following items: a washcloth, toothbrush (in original packing), nail clipper, bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging), travel-size non-aerosol deodorant, lotion, shampoo, non-expired toothpaste (all 3.4 oz or less new only) and sturdy wide-tooth comb (6-inch minimum teeth). Monetary donations for these items are greatly appreciated with "CWS hygiene kits" on the memo line. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month with the exception of a couple of them. Mark your calendars for the following:



Wed., Apr 9, 11AM Dineson Parlor - CWS hygiene kits
Wed., May 14 11AM Dineson Parlor - Women's hygiene products collection
Wed., Jun 11 12PM - June Picnic Luncheon - Location TBD

2005 Women's Retreat - Silver Lake Retreat Center, May 2-4, 2025

Picture it: a weekend away in a beautiful setting filled with laughter, meaningful conversations, peaceful moments of meditation, energizing movement, and connection with some truly fabulous women. Oh, and let's not forget—delicious meals that Chef Lynn gets to prepare for us to enjoy! If you've already signed up, thank you—we can't wait to see you there! If you're considering joining us, there's still time to make it happen. And if you know someone who might enjoy this special weekend away, please invite them along! *For now, here's what you need to know:*

- **How to Sign Up:** Add your name to the sign-up sheet in Wilton Hall or e-mail me your plan (jenn.gingras@gmail.com).
- **Planning Meeting:** Join us for a fun brainstorming session on Wednesday, April 2 at 2:30 PM in my office. Everyone's welcome, and together we'll create something wonderful!
- **Cost:** The retreat is \$195 per person. You can pay online or drop off a check at the church—whatever works best for you. Memo: Women's Retreat

Our Women's Retreat promises to be a refreshing, inspiring, and uplifting weekend. I hope you'll say yes to taking a little time for yourself and joining this amazing community of women. Looking forward to hearing from you! – Pastor Jenn

Young At Heart will meet at noon on April 24th details forthcoming



Join us for the monthly Book Club on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm**. We will continue to meet via zoom so that all members can join from wherever they may be. Questions can be sent to Paula via email pjsh55@gmail.com or home phone or 203-452-0850.

April 16th The Glass Maker by Tracy Chevalier Host: TBD

May 21st The God of the Woods by Liz Moore Host: TBD

June 18th The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters Host: TBD

July 16th Brave New World by Aldous Huxley Host: TBD



It's only a month and a half away!! It's the "Big Reveal" potluck luncheon for Prayer Partners held on **Sunday, May 18 at 11:15am in Wilton Hall**. Please bring a dish to share: the variety makes it fun!! Continue to pray for your partner, send cards or notes using the church's address (34 Church St Monroe) as the return and signed

"Your Prayer Partner" or seek them out during coffee hour and strike up a conversation. I look forward to seeing you all and finding out who has been praying for whom. Contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280 with any questions. I leave you with this prayer: As the earth blooms and grows, may we also experience growth in our spiritual lives. Draw us closer to You, Lord, deepening our understanding of Your Word and Your ways. May April be marked by a sincere pursuit of holiness, a deeper prayer life and a stronger faith in Your promises. We also pray for unity among believers, that we may come together in love and service, reflecting the beauty of Your Church to the world. Help us to bear one another's burdens, to encourage and uplift each other and to share the hope that we have in Christ with those around us. Amen.

53rd Annual Strawberry Festival 2025

will be held on Saturday, June 14 (10am-5pm) & Sunday, June 15 (11am-5pm).



The Strawberry Festival is only two and a half months away. Can you believe how fast it's approaching? There's been some busy bees making jam -as of mid-March there's over 810 jars of five flavors! There's so much to do before the big event: berry picking starting on Friday, June 13, prepping the kitchen to make pies, sorting the berries, hulling, and making biscuits. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Strawberry Festival! MCC is a family that comes together to serve the community

and reconnect with each other while doing so. There are so many ways to help out: face painting, taking orders, being a runner to fill orders, working at our country store, the kid's games, manning the prize table and the courtesy tent, and giving tours of the Meetinghouse. We need people to help keep the grounds and food tables clean. And then there are always more pies and biscuits to bake, sorting, slicing, and creating whipped topping! We need to assemble those awesome shortcakes and don't forget about dipping those beautiful berries into chocolate or blending them into delicious smoothies! You can also help by baking some yummy goodies that will be sold at the Country Store. (Please consider that it will be hot under the tent, so please do not send donations that may melt with the heat.) Whatever task you take on is important to our festival's success. Please contact Clark Gingras, Rev. Jenn



Gingras, Frank Wittenauer or Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments. Thank you in advance for your time and dedication to MCC and to another wonderful strawberry festival.



Jam sessions will go into April, so check out this link to sign up:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CAEA_A22A4FB6-54954856-jamsession. **Our Strawberry Festival kickoff will be on Sunday, June 1.** Communion will be served with our strawberry shortcake biscuit! During coffee hour we will be selling jam and all things Strawberry Festival: t-shirts, hats, etc.

Trustees

**Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 26th
8:30 – noon**

Whether you can give MCC an hour,
or a whole morning,
please come and help us beautify
and maintain our campus!



Many hands make light work.

Elisha's Corner Memorials

As early as the 16th and 17th centuries, memorials-in-memory-of gifts were provided to churches to ensure that loved ones and people of prominence or popularity were remembered by future generations. Some may have even been in payment of absolution for the deceased. The more prominently lasting memorials would have been on stained glass for church widows or blinds. This practice was carried into the 19th century in Monroe with the old stained glass windows installed in the East Village Methodist Church. None, of course, were provided to either of our original Meeting Houses' windows. We do, however, have records of memorial gifts in memory of members and non-members of our congregation.

In our Rexford House hall, to the right side of the entrance to Dineson Parlor, there is a stand holding a shadow box wherein lies our official **Book of Remembrance**. The book itself is a memorial gift given in 1958 by Miss Clare M. Johnson (cousin of Olen

Beardsley's wife, Martha Merrill) in memory of Mabel Huntley Johnson, wife of Herbert B. Johnson. Therein are the calligraphy written records of gifts made to our congregation "in the memory of loved ones", both monetary and articles. The stand and shadow box repository, too, is a gift. It was dedicated in 1961 to the memory of Louis B. Beardsley and given by his wife, Alice B. Beardsley, and their sons Roger and his wife, Ester, and Earl and his wife, Grace. Monetary gifts memorializing designated loved ones are recorded for the church building fund specifically for needed equipment and furniture and were deposited in a Passbook Saving Account opened on Dec. 6, 1967. Such memorial gifts are in addition to the many outright gifts of money and a sundry of items useful to our campus without memorializing anyone.

The **Book** resides in the care of the Deacons as does the monetary donations; like those given in the name of Alice Beardsley in 1977 for books for our library, or Mabel and Margret Burr in 1978 to 1980, as well as Edna DuBail in 1980, Jack Paul in 1977, or William C. Mitchell established by his wife Elsie in 1977, and William Soukup established by his wife Mae in 1980. Some memorial monetary funds were established out of persons' wills or trusts, like that of Robert Sinclair, who you may remember donated the property upon which Beardsley Hall was erected. It was dedicated by his wife Marjorie in 1995. The memorial bequeathed by Clara M. Johnson in her will was in the form of "five equal shares of the (remaining undivided portion of her property) in memory of (her) grandparents, James C. Johnson and Marietta Beardsley Johnson, and of (her) father, Seymour J. Johnson, to be held in trust in perpetuity, with the income therefrom to be used annually for the care, maintenance and upkeep of the Church building and for the Pastor's salary".

Most of the memorial entries in the **Book** and the supporting documents filed in our archives is monetary gifts, but there are articles of lasting preservation as well. In the rear entrance to our Meeting house there is a Cross atop the cement wall in memory of Willard B. Stanley, 1878 – 1952. On the wall of our chancel hangs a 48" cross from the Wiemer Memorial Fund in memory of Rev. Theodore C. Wiemer gifted in 1973 along with two 10" candlesticks on the communion table. On the deacons podium rests the Bible given by Sue Zaleha in memory of her husband, George, who presented the name "Rexford House" to a voting congregation. In 1961, Sue and George gifted communion linens to memory of William H. Zaleha. Offering plates were given in 1967 to the memory of Gertrude Reetz, 1886 – 1966, by her daughter, Helen Reetz Hauenstein. At the same time offering plates were also given in memory of John G. Hopper by his daughter, Josephine Hopper Schoonmacker, and by the Barsumian and Junkins families, and by Rev. W. Raymond Ward in memory of his father William E. Ward. In 1983, pew cushions were donated to the memory of Emma Wilton by Charles and Lillian Wilton and many others. The hand bells in our balcony are a 1985 gift from Edward Helland, in loving memory of his wife and choir member, Barbara Louise Helland. And the carriage lights adorning each side of the Meeting House front door were given by Mae Soukup in loving memory of her husband, William in 1982. All these treasure of our congregation, and more, were given in memory of loved ones who concluded their careers and service in life, as well as experiencing the pleasure and love of their grandchildren. There are also entries of gifted treasures in the **Book** that memorialize those whose lives were cut short all too soon, for whatever reasons known only to God. Four of them come to mind immediately.

First is a brass bud vase that was given in July of 1977, by Evelyn and John Smith in memory of their infant son, Howard James Smith, and the grandson of Jean and Audrey Smith. At the start of the Strawberry Festival every year we gather in a circle around the second one; a "weeping cherry tree planted on the church grounds" behind Beardsley Hall. It was given by Sue Day, a former director of our choir, and by members of our congregation at the time, whose names fill five pages of the **Book**, in memory of Sue's son, Mark Day. Mark was an active PFer who became a missionary in his early twenties. He fell from the roof top of a house he was helping to build in a mission village in Africa. The third is the "Peace Pole" in the garden behind our Meeting House, giving by Joyce and Gilles Rousseau in loving memory of daughter, Lauren, teacher and victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. The bench in front of the church office in Rexford House

was also given to memorialize her and four of her colleagues. The fourth treasure precipitated this tour through the **Book** and records in our archives to answer a question about it.

It is the weathervane atop our church steeple which was given by the family of Harold and Betsy Prall, in loving memory of their son, Eugene Dudley Prall, who died at age 22, a victim of a head-on automobile collision on the River Road in Shelton on the morning of May 3, 1972. It was installed in 1973 while repairs to our steeple were being made. The bird on the weathervane is a "crowing cock" (a rooster). Perhaps it is a Lenten season lesson to us not to deny Jesus Christ in our lives, as did Peter the apostle. Thank you, David Walker, for the question.

Historically faithful, Gary Thompson, Church Historian

Hartford HealthCare 
St. Vincent's Medical Center



My name is Ellen Muentener and I am the Volunteer Services Manager at St Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport, CT. **We are in desperate need of Gift Shop Volunteers.**

St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport needs your help! Our hospital gift shop is seeking volunteers (over the age of 20 years old) to help assist staff, patients and visitors with finding the right gift for their loved one. Even a few hours weekly makes a meaningful difference. Contact the Volunteer Services Manager, Ellen Muentener for more information - ellen.muentener@hhchealth.org or 917-744-1237. We appreciate your help!

A heartfelt
Thank You ❤️

Jackie Bleakney would like to express her deep appreciation to everyone who reached out to her with kind words and loving support in the loss of her dear friend Don Whiteley.



Happy Birthday to the following people
and to anyone we may have missed we will keep you in our prayers.

Brian	Coleman	04/05	Mary	Erdmann	04/22
Kyla	Allen	04/08	Sara	Whiteley	04/22
Linda	Fracassini	04/09	Rick	Erdmann	04/23
Evelyn	Goyette	04/10	Juliana	Jesulaitis	04/24
Matt	Matejek	04/10	Juliet	Aravena	04/25
Julie	McClenathan	04/10	Emily	Rooney	04/27
Myron	Wininger	04/14	Kevin	Cuseo	04/28
Jude	Blaiotta	04/15	Joseph	Konkol	04/28
Adam	Bartlett	04/19	Jessica	Pfalzgraf	04/28
David	Bartlett	04/19	Donald	Elmendorf	04/29
Joseph	Bartlett	04/19	James	Hisey	04/29
Samantha	Post	04/19	Michelle	Correll	04/30
Albert	Jesulaitis	04/21			



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

Deborah & Jeff Vargovchick ⁽⁰⁷⁾ Melissa & Brian Coleman ⁽¹⁷⁾
Joanne & Mark Malia ⁽²⁰⁾ and Margery & Roy Danis ⁽²³⁾

In Our Prayers

Frank Wittenauer and his family on the passing of his Uncle Joel Bowie; Alison Abrams (Jessica Pfalzgraf's sister); **Allie** (Colegrove's friend); **Jennifer Bittar** (Loraine Zeiner's friend); **Jackie Bleakney; Kevin Daly** (Gary Thompson's friend); **Dealmira** (Jonathan Ganino's grandmother); **Dan & Laura Dimauro** (Cuseo friends); **Dot Dralus, Matt Duchon; Elaine** (Wendy Colegrove's Aunt); **Bruno Forte** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **David Fischman** (Sue Granello's Friend); **Dave Fuller** (Gail Olson's brother); **Mary & Rachel Heerema** (Julia Gutierrez's mom & sister); **Brad Heines** (Susie Cuseo's friend); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Heather Henning; Brian Hopkins** (Donna Konkol's cousin); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother); **Jonathan** (Matt Colegrove's brother); **Kelti** (friend of Liska Gutierrez), **Samia Khoury** (Will Duchon's friend); **Cindy Kovacs; Monica Lynch** (Bethany Dupuis' friend); **Jonathan Malia; Nicole Malia; the Manuzzi Family; Mary** (Kate Brigg's Mother); **Betty McKeown** (Donna Konkol's mother); **Meghan** (Mary Unger's niece); **Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Pat Nugent; Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Nancy Olofson; Missy & Gail Olson; Dean Perosino** (Gayle Hammond's brother); **P.T. Philip** (Liz Sampson's father); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Jill Sapak; Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Yessika Siccardi** (Sampson family friend); **Ed Simonovich** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **Bernie, Lori & Gary Sippin; John Skarupa** (Barb Pellegrino's brother); **Sheldon & Nancy Smith; Christine Stadler; Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Wininger's granddaughter); **Timara** (Mary Unger's friend); **Tom** (Wendy Colegrove's dad); **Wayne Thompson** (Gary Thompson's brother); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **June Wilkes; Natica Williams** (Will Duchon's friend); **Allen & Ann Zeiner**

The concerns of our world: The people of **Gaza & the West Bank; Israeli hostages** and their families, the people of **Ukraine, Sudan, Syria** and the **Middle East; LGBTQ+ children and their families** facing discrimination; those who serve or live in **war or conflict zones** around the world; **first responders** and those who serve in **law enforcement**; those who suffer **discrimination**; those who struggle with **mental illness, addiction, divorce or separation; Caregivers**; the **homeless, homebound and refugees**.

Those serving in the military, veterans & their families: **Lt. Col. Rachel Hoffman**, Tacoma, Washington (Vaughan Askue's daughter), **Zachary Gingras**, 395th Combat Sustainability Support, **Joel Smith**, 250th Engineering Company, **Chris Meneses** (Loraine Zeiner's friend), **Lance Corporal Taylor Smith** (Cheri Irwin's Nephew)

MCC APRIL Community Calendar

Mon. March 31st

7:30 pm Outreach (Zoom)

Tue. April 1st

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Tue. April 2nd

2:30 pm Women's Retreat Planning Meeting
(Pastor Jenn's Office)

Thurs. April 3

9:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:30 pm Confirmation

Fri. April 4th

4:30-7:30 Loaves & Fishes FryDay (St.
Peter's Grace)

Sat. April 5th

8am -2pm Outreach Tag Sale

Week of Sun. April 6th

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Trustees
12:30 pm Jam Making
5:00 pm Jr & Sr. PF

Mon. April 7th

7:30 pm Outreach

Tue. April 8th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. April 9th

11:00 am Morning Circle
7:00 pm Lenten Zoom

Thurs. April 10th

9:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Bell Choir

Fri. April 11th

4:30-7:30 Loaves & Fishes FryDay (MCC)

Sat. April 12th

12:30 pm Jam Session

Week of Sun. April 13th

Palm Sunday, Baptism -Colby Kaminski

10:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Sr. PF

Mon. April 14th

11:00 am Jam Session
3:00 pm St George's Supper
7:30 pm Deacons

Tue. April 15th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. April 15th

7:00 pm Book Club Zoom

Thurs. April 17th

Maundy Thursday
6:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Fri. April 18th

Good Friday

Week of Sun. April 20th

Easter Sunday
6:00 am Sunrise Easter Service
10:00 am Easter Service
11:00 am Easter Celebration Coffee Hour

Mon. April 21st

7:30 pm Council (Zoom)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:30 pm Confirmation

Tue. April 22nd

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thurs. April 24th

9:30 am Bible Study

12:00 pm Young at Heart

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:30 pm Confirmation

Sat. April 26th

8:30 am - 12 Church Spring Clean up

Week of Sun. April 27th

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Nooma

5:00 pm Jr & Sr. PF

Tue. April 29th

1:30 pm Mustard Seed Sort & Tag