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August 1, 2020



For this year's Youth Sunday service, held on July 26th, our young people in Senior PF focused on "New Beginnings", with an image of a rising phoenix on the bulletin cover. The theme isn't really a revolutionary one – even under 'normal' circumstances they would be looking ahead and adapting to a new grade, or a transition to college, or a new job. It's perfectly normal in late adolescence/early adulthood to be thinking about what the next new thing in life is going to be.

Of course, what makes this year's theme special is that they have just survived a season of stay home/stay safe directives with their families. Many of their plans have been changed, as important events in their lives were either cancelled or adapted. Some of their households have either wrestled with the virus itself or have had to adapt with a loss of income. Through it all, they have supported one another and done an admirable job of dealing with the changes. The question I've been asking them is "what will you tell your kids and grandkids about this time?"

Maybe it was like that for Job. You remember Job, don't you? The Hebrew Bible remembers him as an extremely wealthy, wise, and highly respected man who had a very close relationship with God and a strong faith. As the story goes, Satan tries to drag Job away from God by making a bet that he could turn him to the dark side by causing all kinds of calamity in his life. Consequently, everything Job owned was ripped away by natural disasters and criminals. Not only that, everyone in Job's family (except his wife) died. Then his health began to suffer - his body was suddenly covered in boils, blisters, and oozing sores.

Job didn't have a clue as to why all of these bad things were happening to him. He was really confused. And miserable. His friends didn't help, they kept telling him he must have done something wrong to cause all of his bad luck (that's what people thought back then).

In the beginning of his troubles, Job could only see his situation only from his own perspective. Of course, he questioned why all the bad things were happening to him. He begged for mercy. He even wished he'd never been born! God offered Job different perspectives about his life; but left the work of figuring it all out up to him. In the end, despite all the calamities he experienced, Job never gave up and remained faithful to God.

Which leads me to wonder... as our community travels through our own time of calamity:

- How can we live faithfully amidst the chaos of this life as opposed to getting stuck in old patterns?
- How can we build up stamina for dealing with ambiguities in the absence of clear, concise answers?
- What new perspectives are emerging in these times?
- What is the work the church must do in this moment to support those outside our doors?
- How can we/the church develop multiple perspectives without seeking one as the answer?

Because of Job's faithfulness, God gave Job a new beginning with even more wealth than he had before. God even gave Job and Mrs. Job more children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren (although, as our youth wisely pointed out – that doesn't really replace the ones they lost). Job accepted his new beginning with a heart of thanksgiving, honoring God in all he did for the rest of his life.

I pray that you are staying safe and healthy during these challenging times, and that you are finding times of rest and recuperation.

In peace, Pastor Jenn



Trespases or Debts?

When I led worship on June 28th an interesting thing happened. When praying the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, I mistakenly said "Forgive us our trespases" instead of "Forgive us our debts". After morning Chapel at Zoom Coffee Hour a few of us got to talking about that and I asked why at MCC is it "debts" and not "trespases".

You see, most of the churches I have served, and attended, say "trespases" so I got to wondering. Of course my wondering led me to Gary Thompson, our Church Historian, and he gave me some great insight!

Gary's first response to my question was, "Excellent question. I have asked that one before, myself. In school, back then, we said 'trespases', as we did in the Methodist church, before I answer your question, though, I want to verify what and how it came about. I'll get back to you.

Gary's findings were as follows: "You will find that Mathew 6: 9-13 uses 'debts/debtors' while Luke 1: 1-4 uses 'Sins/Sinners'. John Wycliffe in 1395 translated the verses in the Greek Bible using 'debts' in his translation. William Tyndale in 1526 translated the same verses using 'trespases'. The Anglican, Methodist, and Roman Catholic churches followed the Tyndale version, even though the Roman Catholic version in Latin uses 'debitum'. And therein is the basis for our using 'debts/debtors'. The Puritans (Ecclesiasticalist of New Stratford) distanced themselves from anything Roman Catholic, and adopted Wycliffe's translation, as did King James and the Church of England in 1611.

'Trespases/Trespasers' use was/is common American in most churches, and at one time it was used in our Congregational congregation. When Rev. Luther Pierce became our minister in 1975 - 1986 he strongly reminded us of our Puritan heritage and equally urged us to recite the Lord's Prayer using the words 'debts and debtors'. His middle name was Calvin and of all our modern ministers he remains in my mind as the most 'purist'.

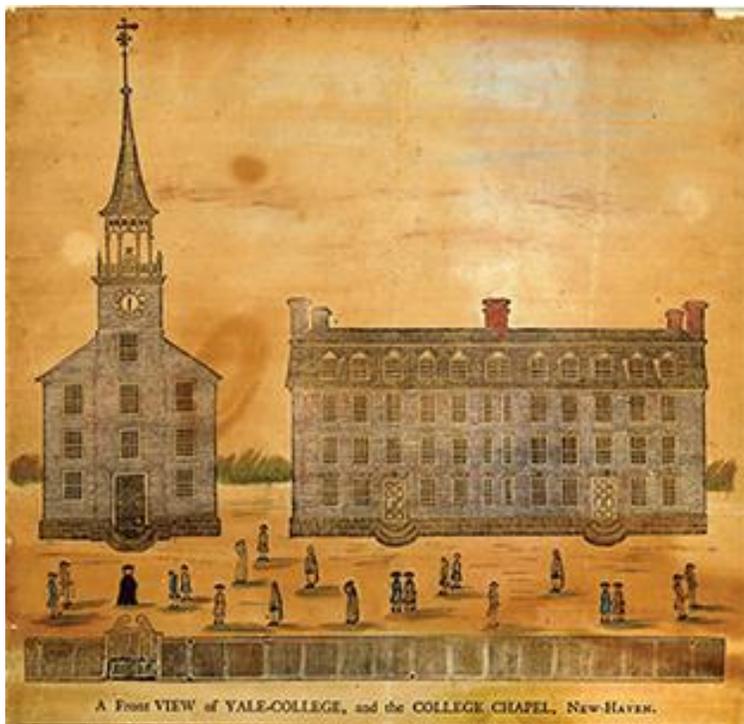
Somewhere in our archives there is probably a copy of a Bulletin reflecting our use of 'trespases'. I'll look for one as soon as I can get a chance. In the meantime, I encourage you to join us in our Puritan heritage. It took me awhile, too."

So now I know, and so do you, that it was The Reverend Luther Pierce who urged the congregation to use "debts/debtors" instead of "trespases/trespasers" when praying the Lord's Prayer. However, in the end it doesn't really matter what specific words we use. All that matters is that our hearts and minds are devoted to it. Peace, Debi M-K

Elisha's Corner
By Gary Thompson, Church Historian
Remembrance of Plagues Past

The following article is from a posting on the Facebook site, "Explore Congregational Church History, May 28, 2020". The site was started in 2013 by Congregational church historians who wanted to explore, discuss, and share the history of our faith in the United States. We have 425 members, at last count. The site administrator is Rev. Douglas Showalter, retired, a Yale Divinity School alumnus. It is interesting to see in this article that guidelines and concerns of the eighteenth century are so similar to that of our 2020 pandemic; isolation, social distancing, tracing, and school attendance safety. Who says history doesn't repeat itself?

Remembrance of plagues past



Classes at Yale were interrupted by epidemics long before the arrival of COVID-19.

By [Judith Ann Schiff](#) | May/June 2020

Judith Ann Schiff is chief research archivist at the Yale University Library.

In this 1786 woodcut of Yale by Daniel Bowen, students near President Ezra Stiles (at left, in black) take off their hats—a time-honored tradition in that era.

Yale classes have been disrupted by war, weather, labor actions, and epidemics over the university's 320-year history—particularly in the eighteenth century, when the fear of "pestilential distempers" forced Yale presidents to "break up" the college

at

critical times. Our best record of epidemics in that era was written by Ezra Stiles '46, president of Yale from 1778 to 1795, in his Literary Diary (edited and published in 1901).

Stiles meticulously documented the fevers and plagues that swept through New Haven during his presidency, especially the scarlet and yellow fevers that terrorized the college toward the end of his life.

It was early in 1794 that scarlet fever broke out. Stiles noted on February 10 that the town was "alarmed with Danger of the Spreading of the canker or ulcerous sore Throat or scarlet fever." On March 15, "Backus, a Freshman" died, having "taken sick" the day before. Ten days later: "a Freshm. Sick. College alarmed. Three Classes petition Dismissal. Declined."

The next day: "four scholars sick with Scarletina fever. On the 29th: "The students unusually alarmed & agitated, so that I dismissed about Twenty." On the 31st: "I myself & wife taken sick. We released as many scholars to go home as intimidated. About Two Thirds today."

On April 2, [Yale President] Stiles "discontinued all College Exercises till May Vacation or till College should be called together by Advertisement." He and the tutors, he wrote, "design to Tarry in Town. I notified them that those who tarried might recite daily & receive the necessary instruction." In April, the epidemic abated, and the college reopened fully on May 27 at the end of vacation.

Then, just three months later, another plague swept through New Haven. In August, Stiles noted that "The yellow fever brot [brought] in by a Vessel here about 15 or 16 June last, which has been lurking about ever since & now proves dreadful. Sixteen or 18 deaths out of Twenty patients at least. More mortal than the small pox, tho [though] less contagious." Scarlet fever, "tho' much abated" was "yet extant." Only about half of the students returned for the summer term.

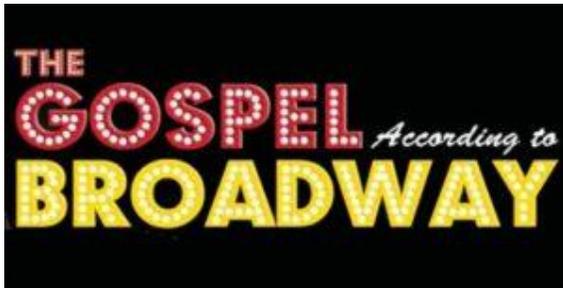
On September 5, Stiles wrote about issues that sound familiar 235 years later: contact tracing and social distancing. "Hitherto I have believed that by the care & vigilance of the Authy [Authorities], it might be guarded & its progress checked, as we could hitherto, trace all the Instances; but now they begin to be lost and bewildered. I begin to give up the possibility of preventing its spreading, and to be discouraged and to wish my fam[il]y out of town. This forenoon I sent off my Eliza to the farms." After a public Commencement on September 10, students were told not to return until November 12. The yellow fever epidemic ended on October 28, according to Stiles' account.

On New Year's Day 1795—five months before he himself would die of a "bilious fever"—Stiles wrote a "Bill of Morty for New Haven The Year 1794." It was based on his special notebook of daily statistics on the epidemics. Out of a population of about 3,500, 50 had died of scarlet fever, 63 of yellow fever (87 had recovered from it), and 78 either of other sicknesses or because they had "died at sea."

The data collected by Stiles and New Haven County physicians led to the founding of the city's first board of health in April 1795. They were also used by Noah Webster '78 in his pioneering 1799 work *A Brief History of Epidemic and Pestilential Diseases*. The book became a standard text in early medical schools.

Baptism Blessings!

Baptism is one of the two sacraments recognized by the United Church of Christ, the other being The Lord's Supper. A sacrament can be defined as "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." It is a public symbol and act which reminds us that God reaches out to us in love. It is also a joyous celebration of new birth, God's free and undeserved gift, and the visible recognition of becoming a member of the Christian church. Congratulations to Kelsey and Rob Kaminski on the baptism of their daughter, Lucy Rae on Sunday, July 26th. Her sponsors are Kiersten Rooney and Ryan Tiscia. We are so grateful to welcome our new little sister in Christ!



The Gospel Goes to Broadway: 2020 Summer Chapel Worship Series

Every year musicals are produced in theaters around the world. Some are successful, and some are not. When we look at critically acclaimed works that stand the test of time, we see that they have some things in common. In addition to being well written, directed and produced, they all find a way to touch the depths of the human spirit. If the musicals on Broadway deal with life's truths in such a way to touch the heart, there must be some of God's truth to be found in them. Let's take some time this summer to plumb the depths together.

8/9 South Pacific

8/16 Phantom of the Opera

8/23 Carousel

Eagle Scout Candidate Josh Correll Builds Outdoor Chapel Furniture

Back in late May, when we began planning what outdoor, socially distanced, mask-wearing, in-person worship with a livestream might look like, we had a lawn and some trees with moving shade. Now, thanks to Josh Correll, we have 8 moveable outdoor church pews and a pulpit, hand made by himself and Scouts from Troop 63. Josh saw a need, and delivered. This is an outstanding Eagle project, and MCC is blessed to be the recipient. Thanks, Josh (and the Correll family)!



What Happens if it Rains for Outdoor Worship?



precautions, join us on Youtube or Facebook.

Maybe we'll be fortunate and it won't rain on a Sunday this summer. But... it's probably more likely that it will! If it rains on Sunday morning we'll shift to holding worship in Wilton Hall, with folks sitting on their own lawn chairs, wearing masks, socially distanced. Fun fact: each floor tiles measures 12", so counting 6 between you and your neighbor is easy. We'll open doors, run fans and STILL be livestreaming, so if you think it's too risky for you and your household to be indoors with others with

HOWEVER... Worship on August 30th will be pre-recorded by the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Smith, there will not be an in-person summer chapel service.

What Plans do we have for worship this Fall?



For now, our plan is to continue outdoor, in-person summer chapel worship at 9 am on the parsonage side lawn through September 13th, with streaming for the folks who continue to shelter in place.

Over the summer, your pastor and church leaders will continue discerning what to do beginning September 20th. Much depends on what the local health metrics look like as we enter fall. If we experience a second wave,

we may transition to pre-recorded services again. If numbers are good, and we feel like we can move back into the Meetinghouse, there will be additional safety measures to put in place so that we can minimize risk. Of course, there are also many other programmatic decisions that we'll need to make about educational, outreach and fellowship programs. My hope is that we can come up with a plan for moving forward by Labor Day and communicate it with all of you.

I know it can seem like we are taking things very slowly, but I believe taking extra time to be sure we aren't putting ourselves and those we love at undue risk is worth it. We'll get to the other side of this. The church has already navigated through centuries of dangers, toils, and snares. This is a difficult time in many ways, and we all yearn for a sense of normalness, but it seems we're just not there yet. Thank you for being patient and supportive as we figure it all out!

With hope, Pastor Jenn



Socially Distanced Office Hours

Pastor Jenn will be offering socially distanced office hours by appointment on the parsonage side lawn, provided the weather holds. If you are unable to leave your home, she can also come to you and stay (socially distanced) outside your storm door for a chat. Arrange with her by calling 203-895-5607.

Faith Formation Summer Schedule:



Fruit of the Spirit Sunday school

No Gatherings over the summer; Please sign up for VBS – it's not too late.



Jr. PF

Sunday, August 23rd – in person gathering from 11:30am-1:00pm, location TBD

Jr. PF Guidelines for Safe In-Person Gathering

If you have a cough or fever that is not allergy related,
please stay home (we will miss you!)

Please bring and wear a mask
(let's show off some cool ones)

Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and
Please bring your own food and drinks
(we love to share, but just not right now)

No hugging or physical contact
(bummer—no Tag games)

Use the hand sanitizer (will be provided)



We have a winner!

Thank you everyone who participated in the June Photo Contest - "God's Love in Nature".

We had many wonderful entries, and the judging was close, but our winner of a \$20 Gift Certificate to Beautiful News Christian Bookstore in Danbury is Kyla Allen! Her photo is attached to this email and her accompanying remarks are as follows:

"Hi Debi, I spotted this on Saturday on our family hike along the Appalachian Trail at Bulls Bridge, Kent . Remarkably, it was before I read the church bulletin call for signs of love in Nature. It was my own sign but thrilled at the timing to share. Best, Kyla"

I also would like to thank my daughter, Stefany Mitchell. for judging. She is a Visual Artist and attended an Arts High School.

Wishing you all God's Peace,
Debi M-K

Compassion Camp Virtual VBS has begun and I am excited to tell you that besides our kids from MCC we are also joined by kids from Bloomfield, CT, Hartford, CT, Milford, CT and even Italy! One of the positives that comes out of virtual opportunities is being able to cast a wide net and reach as many folks as we can! It's not too late to get in on the activities – just email me at debi@mcc-ucc.org. *Debi M-K*



Dear friends, at our **Adult PF** virtual meeting on Wednesday, we decided that for the rest of the summer we will meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30. This means that our next few meetings will be on August 5 and 19.

We decided to return to the theme of racism and racial justice for at least the rest of the summer. Many of us are reading books on our own that will surely provide some great discussion fodder.

If you are interested in joining up with the group or want more information, please send an e-mail to Don Parker-Burgard (dpburgard@sbcglobal.net) so he can add you to the e-mail notification list.



Young at Heart is on a hiatus. Until we meet again, may all take care and be well. -Betty Heiney

Trustees



It's a Win-Win!

Here at MCC we are all about cost efficiency. We do our best every day to use your generous contributions in a way that will give the "most bang for the buck", and we are always looking for ways to save money. Our partnership with Ambit Energy for the supply cost of our electric bill has the potential to save both MCC and our participating parishioners (and their family & friends) money! How can we all save money? It's

simple, join us in becoming a customer of Ambit Energy and get their great rate! For every 15 parishioners who sign up with Ambit Energy, **MCC will get one of their electric bills for free** (supply side only). MCC's goal is 3 free bills = 45 people. We are 1/3 of the way there. For more information or to sign up, call Donna Konkol at 203-209-2974. It's a win-win for everyone; **you save money on your electricity supply bill & MCC gets a refund on their electricity bill each month!**

Thank you for helping the church -and your pocketbook!



Something to Celebrate!

Ladies Room Renovation Capital Campaign Project Update

Thanks to an exceptionally generous donation of \$6,175.00 we have enough money to begin the renovations of our Ladies Room in September!

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal!

Allen, David & Kathy
Askue, Vaughan
Bailey, David
Bleakney, Jacqueline
Carrano, Shari
Colegrove, Wendy & Matt
Gagne, Thomas
Gingras, Rev. Jennifer & Clark
Granello, Susan & Paul
Gutierrez, Osiris & Julia
Hedine, Nancy
Heiney, Betty
Henning, Heather
Kelly, Tom & Carol

Konkol, Donna & Joseph
Logan, Kristina & Andrew
MacDonald, Karen
Maiolo, John & Kathy
Malia, Mark & Joanne
Massar, George & Mary
Mastroni-Kenyon, Debi
Matysczak-Brown, Karen & James
McClenathan, Rob & Julie
Nealon, Roy & Jenn
Olson, Robert & Gail
O'Rourke, Cindy & John
Pearson, Chris & Jan
Pellegrino, Mike & Barbara

Prall, Anthony & Diane
Provost-Switzer, Rev. Kristen & Scott
Renz, Franklin & Mary
Rousseau, Joyce & Gilles
Sampson, Vinay & Elizabeth
Schmitz, Marian
Schultz, Robert & Marilyn
Shaffer, Al & Beverly
Sippin, Bernard & Lorrie
Smith, Sheldon & Nancy
Whitbeck, Trees & John
Whiteley, Donald
Winger, Myron & June
Zeiner, Ann



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to the Monroe Congregational Church
during this challenging time.*



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Outreach

**TAG
SALE**



**Outreach Tag Sale, Tentatively Re-scheduled for September 12,
has been cancelled**

Hi Folks! The Board of Outreach has been in conversation over the last few months with several people about the feasibility and safety precautions of holding a re-scheduled tag sale in September. We've decided that with the amount of work it takes to prep the tag sale, the question of sanitizing all the items dropped off and the fact that most of the members who do the sorting/tagging are in our most vulnerable population for catching the virus, it's just not feasible at this time. Of course, we are saddened that this will have an impact on what we are able to do financially for those in need, at a time when needs are deep. We're committed to serving our neighbors and looking for safe ways to engage in the work of building and strengthening our community. Stay tuned!

In peace, the MCC Board of Outreach

Providing Help to Those Displaced by the PT Barnum Fire



Dear MCC Family,

In early July there was a 2-alarm fire at the PT Barnum apartments in Bridgeport. A total of 40 people and 14 families were displaced. Personally, knowing members of that community and working with Pastor Doran Wright, who serves the community, I'm reaching out to ask for the help from the MCC Family. The first step was to connect with the Board of Outreach and with help from Mustard Seed, clothing has been coordinated to help 5 families. Unfortunately, due to Covid, the availability of items at Mustard Seed only scratched the surface of the overarching needs of the families.

The Board of Outreach voted to contribute \$250. We are asking the congregation for additional support so that we can open up a line of credit for each family at either Goodwill or Salvation Army to meet their immediate need for clothing. Cash, gift cards, or checks should be given to the church office and I will then coordinate with the store of their choosing. You can also make a donation through our website (<http://mcc-ucc.org/donate.html>) choose "Other" and note "fire".

All the displaced families are temporarily housed at the Holiday Inn. Once repairs are finished and the families are allowed back in their homes there will be a second round of needs for household goods which I will coordinate. PLEASE DO NOT start dropping items off at the church. There will be a second e-mail when that process begins. As always, thank you so much for your support in helping our neighbors through a traumatic and difficult time.

Thankfully,
Leanne McEvoy for the MCC Board of Outreach

See local news coverage of the fire here:
<http://connecticut.news12.com/story/42326158/fire-officials-60-people-displaced-following-fire-at-pt-barnum-apartments>



nOURish Bridgeport Inc. Seeks Volunteers

Are you yearning to help your neighbors, in person and safely, through these difficult times? Begun by Rev. Sara Smith, nOURish Bridgeport Inc. is a volunteer-driven organization in downtown Bridgeport that brings hope through Food-Centered, Volunteer-Powered, Community-Anchored Direct Service and support programs. And they need volunteers to keep their good work feeding people going!

For the safety of all staff, volunteers and the people we serve, masks are required before entering the building and while volunteering. Protocols include a hand washing sink, hand sanitizer, gloves and aprons. Their building and kitchen are carefully sanitized. Small volunteer groups of 5 are accommodated so that social distancing can be maintained. All programs take place at the Nourish Offices at 2200 North Avenue in Bridgeport (same location as United Congregational Church, their partner).

Here are ways that you can get involved:

Mondays, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, 3:30 to 6:15 PM: Drive thru Food Pantry, sorting and placing groceries in the open trunks of clients.

Thursdays, 1:30-5:45 PM: Due to Covid-19, what was formerly offered as a "Feel the Warmth" in-person dinner is now a Meals-To-Go Program. Approximately 250 home cooked meals-to-go are prepared and packaged by our Chef, along with a small group of volunteers (5 at the most). The meals are then boxed up and made ready for drive-through pick up or delivery to 4 local apartment complexes.

Fridays, 1:30-4:45 PM: 235 sandwiches are prepared, wrapped, boxed and distributed to the same clients as Thursday's Program, explained above. Once the meals are distributed and the kitchen is cleaned up, we are finished for the day, normally by 4:45 at the latest.

To learn more, speak with Pastor Jenn, who is organizing (along with Grace, PF's Minister of Outreach) a small group from PF to go and serve on August 20th and 21st.



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

Kevin	Dahl	08/01	Danielle	Rooney	08/12
Karen	Coffey	08/02	Donna	Konkol	08/13
Margery	Fox	08/02	Franklin	Renz	08/13
Beverly	Shaffer	08/02	Kelsey	Maiolo	08/14
Kate	Briggs	08/04	Cody	Forte Jr.	08/15
Nick	Caballero	08/04	Mary	Renz	08/15
James	Halloran	08/04	Alex	Grundt	08/16
Jessica	Nivison	08/04	Donald	Whiteley	08/16
Tyler	Zalenski	08/05	Mary	Unger	08/19
Jeff	Vargovchik	08/07	Daniel	Hyde	08/22
Jenn	Nealon	08/08	Dianne	Griffiths	08/23
Anthony	Prall	08/08	George	Cunningham	08/24
Haley	Brown	08/11	Richard	Draus	08/24
Isabella	Pinto	08/11	Jennifer	Wissink	08/25
Wendy	Colegrove	08/12	Kyle	Granello	08/26
Amy	O'Rourke	08/12	Nicole	Malia	08/28
			Sue	Waters	08/28



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

Tom & Carol Kelly⁽⁰⁵⁾ Cliff & Susie Cuseo⁽⁰⁵⁾ Debi & Wayne Mastroni-Kenyon⁽⁰⁵⁾
 Eric & Daniela Gerhard⁽⁰⁷⁾ Joe & Betsy Gilberti⁽⁰⁹⁾

In Our Prayers

Danny (friend of the Cuseos), **Jackie Ajello**(Michele Mount's mother);**Michael Barresi** (Maria's Son); **Jennifer Bittar**(Loraine Zeiner's friend);**Byron Brown & Bruce Bryant** (friends of Will Duchon); **Cheryl Ciambriello**(Wendy Colegrove's friend); **Dot Dralus; Matt Duchon; Dave Fuller** (Gail Olson's brother);**Karen Guinness** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Meredith Gibson**(Paul & Judy Coward's niece); **Lily Grace** (Maria Barresi's baby cousin); **Rachel Fracassini**(Jack & Linda Fracassini's niece);**Donnajean & Ken Fredeen: Gary & Julie Hedine**(Nancy Hedine's son & daughter-in-law); **Rachel Heerema**(Julia Gutierrez's sister); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Brian Hopkins** (Donna Konkol's cousin); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother);**Kelti**(friend of Liska Gutierrez); **Mary-Margaret Logan**(Andrew's mother); **Beverly Lowrey**(Jackie Bleakney); **Jacque MacLean** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Nicole Malia; Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Rev. Jonathan Miller** (Paul & Judy Coward's friend);**Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Joe Mumper** (Julie McClenathan's friend); **Kathy Nivison**(Andy's mother); **Pat Nugent; Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Bob, Missy, Jason & Mark Olson; Ray Osborne** (Colegrove's Family friend); **Dean Perosino**(Gayle Hammond's brother);**Geno Piacentini**(Karen MacDonald's husband); **P.T. Philip** (Liz Sampson's father); **Norman & Jan Ricker** (Linda & Jack Fracassini's friend);**Barbara Rivel** (Judy Coward's friend); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Kelly Rodman** (Angela Cross' friend); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin);**Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Connor Scalia** (Jen Nivison's friend); **Hunter Scalzo**(Angela Cross's nephew);**Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Al Shaeffer; Bob Sherbo**(Jack Fracassini's cousin);**Yessika Siccardi**(Sampson family friend); **Bernie Sippin; John Skarupa**(Barb Pellegrino's brother); **Christine Stadler; William Stadler**(Jessica Pfalzgraf's nephew); **Tom & Jane Steen** (Jessica Pfalzgraf's father & step-mother); **Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Ellie Swindlehurst**(Joanne Malia's mother); **Olga Terwilliger**(Nancy Hedine's sister-in-law); **Ian Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Dick Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Meg Trogolo**(Paul & Judy Coward's niece);**Bill & Ruth Wakeley; Susan Walker; Rita Wissink**(Larry's mother), **Margaret Woodruff** (Mike Pfalzgraf's mother); **Charles L. Wynn, Sr.,** (and his mother)**Alleane Wynn** (friends of Will Duchon); **Allen Zeiner**(Ann Zeiner's son)

The concerns of our world:

Those who serve or live in **war** or **conflict zones**; **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**; Our friends living on the **Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation** and in **Oaxaca, Mexico**

Those serving in the military, veterans & their families:

South Korea: **Zachary Gingras**, Washington: **Rachel Hoffman** (Vaughan Askue's daughter), Japan: **Chris Meneses** (Loraine Zeiner's friend), Georgia: **Zachary Peters** (Jacob Parker-Burgard's cousin), Kuwait: **Steven Roshong** (Judy & Paul Coward's nephew), **Bob Peters** (Don Parker-Burgard's brother-in-law), Afghanistan: **Samuel Siciliano**, North Carolina: **Jake Terifay**

*Worship may be found on our new YouTube Channel, posted Sundays by 9am
<https://www.youtube.com/monroecongregationalchurchucc>

August 1-8 – Pastor Jenn on Vacation

Week of August 2nd

9 am Summer Chapel: Outdoor, Socially Distanced Worship with Communion*

10:30 am virtual coffee hour

<https://zoom.us/j/460134127?pwd=cjYrUDhSSkppdjNMYjhvQ0ZDci9hUT09>

5 pm Senior PF Elections (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)

Wednesday, August 5th 6:30 pm Adult PF 274 Wheeler Road, Monroe

Week of August 9th

9 am Summer Chapel: Outdoor, Socially Distanced Worship*

10:30 am virtual coffee hour

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11:00 am Outreach on Zoom

5 pm Senior PF (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)

Week of August 16th

9 am Summer Chapel: Outdoor, Socially Distanced Worship with Baptism*

10:30 am virtual coffee hour

<https://zoom.us/j/460134127?pwd=cjYrUDhSSkppdjNMYjhvQ0ZDci9hUT09>

11:30 am Trustees Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/591991278?pwd=SVIkazlRNUdhWmpGN01CTytNSjJWZz09>

5 pm Senior PF (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)

Monday, August 17th St George's Supper

Wednesday, August 19th 9 am – 4 pm Virtual Vacation Bible School (thru Wed, August 19th)

6:30 pm Adult PF (location TBD)

Week of August 23rd

9 am Summer Chapel: Outdoor, Socially Distanced Worship*

10:30 am virtual coffee hour

<https://zoom.us/j/460134127?pwd=cjYrUDhSSkppdjNMYjhvQ0ZDci9hUT09>

11:30am – 1pm Jr. PF in person gathering, location TBD

5 pm Senior PF (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)

Monday, August 24th 7:30 pm Church Council, on Zoom

August 25-31 – Pastor Jenn on vacation

Week of August 30th

Worship will be posted to YouTube by 9 am (No in-person worship)

10:30 am virtual coffee hour

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5 pm Senior PF (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)