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**July 1, 2020**



All over the world, religious communities have been forced to find alternative ways to worship together during the coronavirus pandemic. Many have gone online via Zoom, Youtube or Facebook (or some combination thereof).

We've learned that unfortunately, some communities that have returned to their buildings have suffered viral outbreaks (Oregon, Arkansas, West Virginia). Others (like MCC) with guidance from local health authorities and following proper protocols have turned to a habit steeped in the history of the American religious experience: outdoor worship.

In the 18th and 19th century, a variety of American religious communities had to make do without access to physical houses of worship. Usually this was done out of necessity, either because they lacked institutional support or the funding to maintain an independent brick and mortar presence.

Not surprisingly, Protestant communities were early adopters of this move. Protestantism, after all, emerged during the 16th-century Reformation as a "protest" against some of the more formal (and expensive) aspects of the Roman Catholic Church, such as elaborate and expensive buildings.

The emergence of more evangelical forms of worship in the 19th century fostered the popularity outdoor "camp" revival meetings, especially among Methodists, Baptists and Shakers. These events included spontaneous preaching, hymn singing and conversions. Large crowds met for days at a time at outdoor sites like Cane Ridge, Kentucky, in 1801.

Enslaved people also embraced various forms of outdoor worship. Some met in what were called "hush harbors," secret locations outside of established churches. In their meetings, slaves could partake in a blended Christian and African-derived worship away from the eyes of their captors and oppressors. For many, the outdoors provided a welcome refuge.

Meanwhile, transcendentalist thinkers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau emphasized nature as the center of their devotional reflection. They sought to transcend their individual selves into a greater universal being, which didn't require a physical church building.

As the history of outdoor worship in the United States shows, adapting religious services to an outdoor setting is not uncommon. On June 14th, we held the first outdoor, socially distant Summer Chapel Service at 9 here on the parsonage side lawn. Everyone who attended this first service was great about following our new protocols: wearing masks, sanitizing hands, bringing their own lawn chair and not standing too close to another. We even had one attender who listened from her car in the parking lot!

We've had a few follow-up services since, including Confirmation! We expect that we will continue this current practice of meeting outside as long as we are able, and if the local health metrics continue to move in a forward phasing direction.

Here are the guidelines for outdoor worship that we are working with. Please know that although gathering is not without risk, these safety precautions have been vetted by the Monroe Health Department and are considered best practices for now:

- If you are feeling ill or have a fever, please stay home (and watch us on YouTube or Facebook Live)
- Service begins at 9 am, and ends by 9:45 am. The order of worship is streamlined, because studies show that shorter is healthier.
- Please bring a lawn chair.
- When you arrive, please stop by the hospitality table to pick up a copy of the bulletin. There are extra masks, tissues and hand sanitizer available, as well as a no-contact offering plate and communion (if a communion Sunday).
- Please wear a mask (we have extras), and sanitize your hands upon arrival
- For the time being, we must refrain from congregational singing.
- Because we cannot yet share treats and coffee in person, we will still share updates and prayer concerns over Zoom at 10:30:

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

For those who need to continue to stay home and stay safe (or are otherwise unable to make it to worship on Sunday), we are streaming live on our church's You Tube channel:

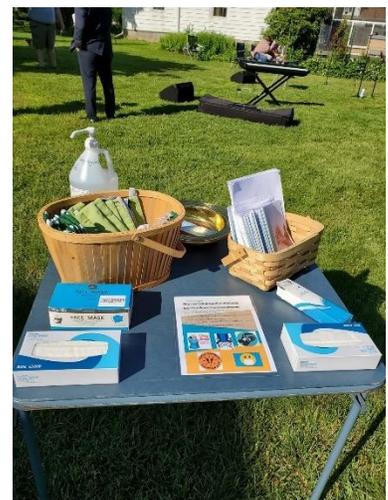
<http://www.youtube.com/c/MonroeCongregationalChurchUCC>

We know that there are a variety of comfort levels with the gradual reopening, so please know that if you are unable to be physically with us, we understand.

There may be reasons throughout the summer that we'll need to return to our pre-recorded format (*including but not limited to: my vacation, increase of COVID cases in our community or a severe weather warning*). If that is the case, we will let you know via the Friday "What's New at MCC" e-mail, please follow that and our church's facebook page for up to date service information.

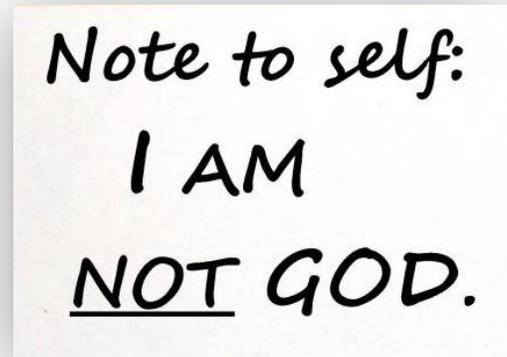
Again, thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time. If you'd like a socially distant visit from me, please call (203-895-5607), text or e-mail ([jenn@mcc-ucc.org](mailto:jenn@mcc-ucc.org)).

*In peace, Pastor Jenn*



## Prayer in the Midst of Worry

Worry has its place in life – it is a marker for our deepest loves and greatest desires. Anxiety, too, has a place. We are anxious when we trying to do our best; perhaps especially when we are trying to do our best for someone else. Anxiety is more intense - distilled, concentrated worry. Both worry and anxiety live around the horizon of our control, the boundary beyond which our influence wanes and we are at the mercy of outside forces.



Note to self:  
I AM  
NOT GOD.

Worry and anxiety have been a part of the COVID19 shutdown for many people – much of our familiar routine turned upside down. All kinds of things that usually happen somewhere else have been happening in our homes, and lots of other things (and people) have been beyond our reach.

Prayer in the midst of worry and anxiety invite honest reflection and acknowledgement of the limits of our abilities and our control. Anxiety is an obstacle to our best efforts, because it distracts us and narrows our vision. Worry prompts us to frown and sigh and slump. Anxiety leads us to clench our teeth, to clench our fists, to hunch our shoulders. Anxiety is tightness.

Prayer in the midst of worry and anxiety begins with trusting that God loves us and will help us. Remembering that Jesus has promised to be with us always. Recalling that the Holy Spirit brings gifts of power beyond our own. The next step is acknowledgment: "I can't do everything," "I'm not in control," "I am not God." Hold these acknowledgments quietly and attentively in your mind and heart. Breathe deeply. It may seem silly to even say "I am not God, yet there are stories of saints and teachers and missionaries of deep faith and commitment who made the acknowledgement daily, or more often, in prayer.

"I am not God" written on a card and taped on the bathroom mirror. This acknowledgement, seemingly silly and awkward, turns out to be of key importance. It opens our awareness. "I can't do everything ... but God can." "I'm not in control ... but God is." "God is God." This contrast enables a final step – asking God to do something. Prayers asking God to "*Lead me*" ... or "*Show me*" ...or "*Help me*" ... are vulnerable, trusting, and powerful, surrender and anticipate that God or Jesus will respond. Prayers that ask God or Jesus to help *us* to do something may still be hanging on to a desire for control.

The fruit of such prayer in the midst of worry and anxiety, of surrender and anticipation of Jesus' action, is great peace, and renewed hope, and release of all that has been clenched.

Keep on praying, *Debi*

## **Elisha's Corner**

By Gary Thompson, Church Historian

### **Ye Olde Centre Green Revisited**

Part III: How It Has Been Used

Over the years since 1872, when the Congregational Society and St. Peter's Episcopal Church acquired our Centre Green, the properties around it have been sold, and resold again and again. Only two properties have not; that of the two churches situated at its north and south ends, standing like invested guardians, to insure the integrity and preservation of its existence. For one hundred forty-eight years the two congregations have maintained it to ensure that it would "...be used wholly and exclusively as a Public Park ..." Following the purchase, the two congregations created and appointed representative members to a Monroe Centre Green Association. In 1947, the number of members had five from each church. During the 1950's it was somewhat inactive, but was still maintained at ten members in 1967. The Association was renamed "Commission" by a church constitutional change in 1965. It later became a "Committee", as it is today, with two members from each church.

The February 1949 issue of the church's *Parish Piper*, written by Jean Loveland, records that "the park commission" was chaired by Edward B. Beardsley of St. Peter's Church. It also indicated that the two churches raised funds for the maintenance of the Green by selling hay each year netting \$26 annually. The money was put in a trust fund that eventually grew to a sum of \$1,000. But, by the end of 1947, when no more hay was cut and sold, the fund only had \$879.10 left with annual interest only at \$90.75. Demand for hay in Town had fallen off and the cost to grow it had increased; so had the cost for mowing and raking the Green. Elm trees on the Green at that time were susceptible to Dutch elm disease. Many of them were dying and had to be cut down. Sadly, when Monroe Turnpike was constructed and then widened, many of the elm trees on the Green were destroyed. Interestingly enough, one of the Commission's suggestions for raising funds to keep the Green well groomed and treed was for each church to hold an annual strawberry festival. A 1933 quote to Commission Treasurer, Hans Denison from the Monroe Electric Co., gives indication that there were plans to electrify the Green: 792 feet of lighting with four lamps; four 200wts at \$14.35/month; four 150wts at \$12.69/mo; and four 75wts @\$9.35/mo. In his January 1953 Treasurer's Report he recorded the installation of our current light pole (\$30.00) and "Electrical material for new meter" (\$52.20), leaving a bank balance of \$706.18.

Funding for the care of the Centre Green has never been an easy task. In May of 1963 a request from both churches was published in the *Newtown Bee* "... for contributions for the maintenance of the Green." This appeal came almost ten years after the Commission had also solicited money to make improvements to the Green. The Monroe Historical Society was among the contributors. Over \$200 was collected. A subsequent request was made in 1974 for \$500 for grounds, trees, and benches maintenance; \$609 was received from sixteen donors. Ronald Renz provided 600 yards of loam for the south end of the Green and the Town provided the labor. Benedict's provided lime, Wakeman's Nursery provided fertilizer. In 1986 both churches started to contribute \$200 each per year in budget allocations. Presently, with two members from each church the allocations are \$250 from each with large outlays covered by project allocations. The Monroe Parks and Recreation Department currently provide the equipment and labor for spring and fall clean-up and mowing the grass.

When talking about our Centre Green, it is not possible to leave out the most famous event that took place there before the churches owned it. On June 30, 1781 there was the

encampment of Duc de Louzun, Rachambeau's French Army (Hussar). There were 300 infantry and 300 cavalry encamped on Fireman's Field overnight. Louzun roomed at the de Forest's Inn across the Green on Fan Hill Road and a dance was held in the army's honor on the Centre Green. The army was one of three Rachabeau regiments on their way to meet up with General Washington on the Hudson and then move on to Yorktown, Virginia to join up with the Continental Army. In the fall of 1861, again before it was the property of the two churches, there was a "Day of Fasting" in hopes of peace in the Civil War. A Union flag was raised in a ceremony to "neutralize the secession element in town". Dr. Edward Beardsley, for whom Beardsley Hall is named, was the main speaker. In 1923, the Women's Auxiliary of the Monroe Fire Department #1 held the first carnival on the Green. A collection of newspaper articles in our archives describe that in the 1960's and 70's and 80's there were Mother Goose Kiddy Fairs sponsored by the Mother's Club of the Congregational Church, and that the churches had fairs and bazaars ... barbeques and suppers ... food sales and auctions ... block parties... Easter egg hunts ... Sunday school parties ... Christmas Eve carol sings ... Halloween costume parades ... box lunch socials ... firemen's carnivals ... parades ... Boy Scout campouts ... and art shows in addition to the Strawberry Festivals and Apple Festivals that continues today. In November 1974 the lighting of a Christmas tree, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Wagner and planted in 1965, was inaugurated by Rev. Luther Pierce. In the spring of 1970, Samuel Masuk Nursery donated a blue spruce which was planted at the south end of the Green to balance the Wagner tree at the north end (which had to be cut down in 2016). And of course there have been serenity strolls and quiet picnic lunches on warm summer days. Up until 1974 there was even a mailbox on the Green; it was moved to the Town Hall parking lot. At the end of World War I a memorial made of wood was erected to honor those from Monroe who had served in the war. This was removed (lost or stolen) and replaced by a stone monument. A second stone was erected to honor those serving in World War II, a third stone was erected in 1984 dedicated to the veterans of Vietnam, and a fourth stone to honor participants in the Korean War. Most recently it was used for a peaceful gathering to draw attention for the need to address and resolve to correct social and criminal injustice and instances of police brutality in our country.

The most challenging event in the preservation of the Green came on March 12, 1963 at a public hearing in Hartford on the proposed legislation (HB2854) to prevent the State DOT from widening and straightening Route 111 through the Centre Green. Karl Decker wrote an article in the February *Trumbull Times*; "To Arms! To Arms! Save the Green!" The State DOT had plans that involved taking a substantial part of the south end of the Green, including the War Memorials and many of the trees on the east side of the Green to widen the highway. Presenting arguments at the hearing were 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Alex Saxton, Rev. Richard Ward, Rector Richard Martin, State Representatives Blanche Balstad and Allan Tibbitts, P&Z Chairman William Plumer, MRTC Chairman Richard Orr, and June Winiger, President of the Monroe Mother's Club. A petition of more than 500 names was submitted in support of the legislation. Public support was enough to thwart the DOT plans. But the project is still in their hopper.

*"Today, the Centre Green, still the heart of the community, stands as a memorial to the town's early fathers whose foresight recognized the need for such a gathering place and whose gift provides the bustling modern generation with an island of serenity and reminiscence of a worthy heritage." (Edward N. Coffey, Town of Monroe Historic District Manual, June 15, 1977).*

May it be so ... now ... and forevermore.

## The Gospel According to Broadway: 2020 Summer 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.

7/5 The Sound of Music

8/9 South Pacific

7/12 Wicked

8/16 Phantom of the Opera

7/19 Les Miserables

8/23 Carousel

## Congratulations to our 2020 Confirmands, confirmed on June 21st

### Confirmand

### Sponsor

Mia Briggs

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### 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.



### Bible Study Reunion!

Join us on the parsonage side lawn on Thursday, July 30th at 9:30 for an outdoor, socially distant, in-person reunion (rain date Friday, July 31). We've been praying for each other virtually for a long time, it will be nice to gather safely to share updates, joys and concerns. Please wear a mask and bring some food for yourself.

## Faith Formation Summer Schedule:



### Fruit of the Spirit Sunday school

No Gatherings over the summer; Please sign up for VBS and Silver Lake at Home



### Jr. PF

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** – in person gathering from 11:30am-1:00pm at Great Hollow Lake

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 8:00pm-9:00, pm Zoom gathering

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>** – in person gathering from 11:30am-1:00pm, location TBD

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**, from 8:00pm-9:00, pm Zoom gathering

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 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)**



**I am happy to announce, "Compassion Camp", an At Home/Virtual  
Vacation Bible School!**

**Here is some Q and A regarding this offering!**

1. When will this happen?
  - a. Beginning on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>
2. How will this VBS work?
  - a. Each Monday links to videos and Zoom gatherings will be sent to Registrants
  - b. Each Wednesday morning at 11:00 am join the Zoom for 30-45 minutes to check in and do some activities together
  - c. Throughout the week watch the videos and do the activities at home – and HAVE FUN!
3. Do I have to attend the Zoom?
  - a. No, but you might have more fun if you do!
4. Do I have to Register?
  - a. Yes. You will not have access to activities and Zooms if you don't register.
  - b. I need to know how many goodie bags to put together too 😊
5. How do I register:
  - a. Go to: <https://form.jotform.com/201695803205149> to register!
6. Who can attend?
  - a. **Anyone** can attend, although the Curriculum is designed for children and youth
7. How much does it cost?
  - a. This is FREE of charge, but we will accept financial donations to cover the cost of supplies and Curriculum.
  - b. You can make an online donation at <https://www.mcc-ucc.org/donate.html>; click on "To Donate through VANCO, Click Here"; go down to "Other", and enter your amount; in the space provided type "VBS".
8. Can I do anything to help? YES!
  - a. You can read a story
  - b. You can make a craft
  - c. You can make a snack
  - d. You can do some Yoga/Movement
  - e. Just let Debi know

I am so very excited for this event and I hope to see you there! Please contact me with any questions or if you can help out (debi@mcc-ucc.org)!

Debi



## Silver Lake At Home – Coming to YOUR Home in July!

Silver Lake is committed to providing an opportunity to encounter God's love in creation, a chance to be seen and loved for exactly who you are. We deeply value the experience of each individual who comes to camp and want to ensure positive outcomes for all.

We understand how much summer camp at Silver Lake means to you and your family. All of the year-round staff at Silver Lake are lifelong camp people and are committed to continuing to nurture our faith community throughout the summer and beyond.

For 2020, Silver Lake at Home will focus on the four Silver Lake "Loves": Love God; Love Your Neighbor; Love Yourself; and Love Creation. This four-week program has a number of options so that you can customize an experience that is the best fit for your family.

**Registration opened June 2.** Some options have a small cost attached; some are free. Some options include in-person gatherings; some are self-study programs you can do with your family. Do as much or as little as you like!

***Parents, we're here to support you as you guide your camper(s) through their faith exploration this summer. [Check out the Parent Resources page!](#)***

[Week 1, July 6-10: Love God](#)

[Week 2, July 13-17: Love Your Neighbor](#)

[Week 3, July 20-24: Love Yourself](#)

[Week 4, July 27-31: Love Creation](#)

[Paid Offerings](#)

[Silver Lake At Home Box](#)

[Cabin Groups](#)

[Virtual Mission Trip](#)

[Virtual Reel to Real](#)

[No Charge Offerings](#)

[Add On Activities](#)

[Campfires](#)



### **Faith First Aid**

On Tuesday mornings at 10:30am and Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm we will be having an Adult Faith Formation Group "Faith First Aid". In this group we will look at and discuss ways that Scripture intersects with our lives and can be a tool for helping during times of difficulties.

The dates for the group are Tuesday mornings, August 4<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday evenings, August 5<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. All gatherings will be

held via Zoom.

Please register by clicking the link below. On your registration please indicate which day you will be participating. Please register to receive the Zoom links.

<https://form.jotform.com/201756451956159> Thanks, Debi



Hello friends,

Adult PF will be meeting several times throughout the summer, perhaps a mix of outdoor, safe, socially distanced get-togethers and zoom gatherings, instead of our regularly scheduled Sunday night meetings. With many of us on vacation, and schedules otherwise in fluidity, scheduling as we go makes the most sense. 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](mailto:dpburgard@sbcglobal.net)) so he can add you to the e-mail notification list. Have a great (safe & healthy) summer!

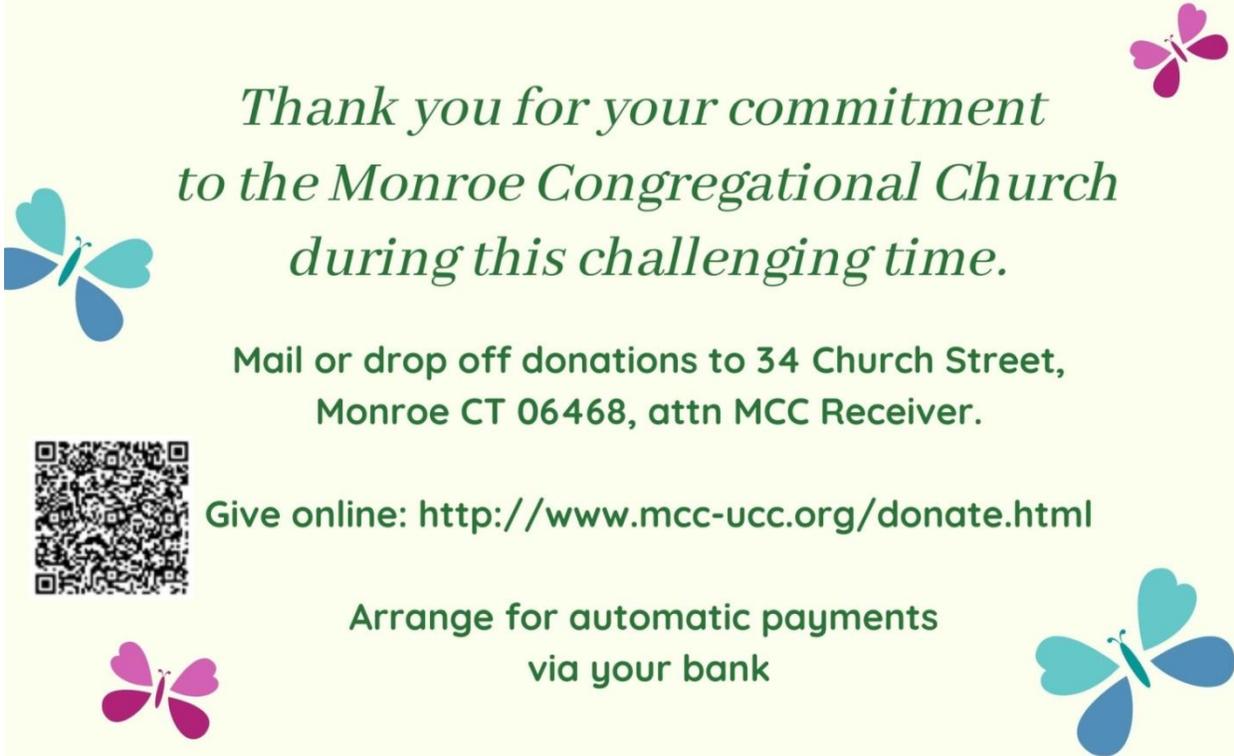
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*Thank you for your commitment  
to the Monroe Congregational Church  
during this challenging time.*

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Monroe CT 06468, attn MCC Receiver.

Give online: <http://www.mcc-ucc.org/donate.html>

Arrange for automatic payments  
via your bank



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## Outreach



It is with a heavy heart I am canceling the remaining Dress A Girl Sew-a-Thons for 2020. I don't want to put any one at risk of this terrible virus for what I think is a wonderful cause. You have all been such generous and industrious sewers and helpers that I have plenty of inventory should I get any dress requests for missions. The reality is that most missions have been delayed until 2021. Should anyone know someone going on a mission and in need of dresses I would be happy to supply what I

can, do not hesitate to contact me.

I know many of you have been sewing at home and have dresses you would like to turn in. I will be **collecting dresses on September 26 from 10 am until noon at Monroe Congregational Church**. Please let me know if you'll be dropping off dresses so I can release the space if no one has any dresses to turn in.

I will start planning our 2021 Sew-a-Thon schedule in the fall and let everyone know when that is finalized.

Please stay healthy and safe in this new world we all live in.

Liz Skarzynski, Ambassador Southern CT Dress A Girl Around The World



Most of you, along with me, have missed that incredible fragrance of boiling strawberries filling the MCC kitchen and hallways. We are working on a plan to make jam in the fall.

Do you want to help?

Unfortunately, we are on our own this year. If you would like to help by donating a few quarts of strawberries so that we can make jam...here's what we are looking for. Go to Jones Tree Farm and pick some

quarts, wash, hull and freeze in your own freezer. Shoot me an email

at [johnnymaiolo@gmail.com](mailto:johnnymaiolo@gmail.com) and let me you know if you have strawberries ready for future jamming! Once we have the go ahead from the health department, I'll contact you for your berries! Please follow Jones website for more information about their picking hours and safety rules.

If you are not picking and you still want to help, there will be other supplies I can call on you for when it's time for JAM sessions. Just let me know.

John Anthony Maiolo [JAM]

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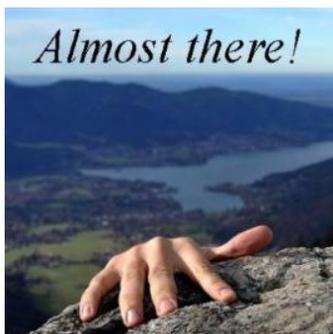
### Ladies Room Renovation Capital Campaign Project Update

Thank you for your generosity! As of today we have received \$12,050 in donations (including the \$2,200 from Gingerbread fund raising). It would be great to get this project completed while the Rexford House is essentially closed, and have a beautiful, safe, functional restroom when we reopen! However, we have been instructed not to start the project until we have all the funding.

**We still need to raise an additional \$6,175.**

Thank you again. Be safe. Stay well. Peace.

*Arlene Redmond for Your Ladies' Room Repair & Improvement Team*





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

George	Massar	07/01	Paul	Haringa	07/21
Sheldon	Smith	07/01	Carol	Kelly	07/21
Betsy	Gilberti	07/02	Erin	Brown	07/24
Jimmy	Gill	07/02	Owen	Michael Correll	07/24
Thomas	Hyde	07/02	Jack	McHugh	07/24
Laura	Rasmussen	07/02	Ann-Marie	Campbell	07/25
Griffin	Allen	07/03	Korene	Dahl	07/25
Jill	Sapak	07/03	Campbell	Halloran	07/25
Julia	Telep	07/04	Madeline	Smith	07/25
Geraldine	Esposito	07/05	Bill	Stadler	07/26
Kim	Rifflard	07/05	Luisa	Friend	07/27
Jane	Allen	07/06	Tom	Kelly	07/27
Vanya	Fraser	07/06	Lynda	Swift	07/28
Carrie	Friend	07/06	Carrie	Wittenauer	07/28
Warren	Griffiths	07/08	Christine	Wittenauer	07/28
James	Vance	07/08	Kate	Wittenauer	07/28
Mark	Malia IV	07/14	Logan	Dahl	07/30
Mike	Pellegrino	07/15	Sofia	Firmender	07/31
Kate	Parker -Burgard	07/20			



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

Gail & Gary Thompson<sup>(10)</sup>  
Rich & Michelle Correll<sup>(20)</sup>

Daniel & Eve Balestriere<sup>(16)</sup>  
Tony & Diane Prall<sup>(28)</sup>  
Dan & Meg Sullivan<sup>(30)</sup>

Matt & Wendy Colegrove<sup>(17)</sup>  
Tom & Kate Briggs<sup>(29)</sup>

## ***In Our Prayers***

**Jackie Ajello**(Michele Mount's mother); **Michael Barresi** (Maria's Son); **Jennifer Bittar**(Lorraine 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); **Jacquie 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** (Lorraine 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>

### **Week of July 5<sup>th</sup>**

9 am Summer Chapel: Outdoor, Socially Distanced Worship, \*Streamed to YouTube  
10:30 am virtual coffee hour  
<https://zoom.us/j/460134127?pwd=cjYrUDhSSkppdjNMYjhvQ0ZDci9hUT09>  
5 pm Senior PF (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)

### **Week of July 12<sup>th</sup>**

9 am Summer Chapel: Outdoor, Socially Distanced Worship, \*Streamed to YouTube  
10:30 am virtual coffee hour  
<https://zoom.us/j/460134127?pwd=cjYrUDhSSkppdjNMYjhvQ0ZDci9hUT09>  
5 pm Senior PF (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)  
8 pm Jr. PF Gathering Sunday  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/217631626?pwd=RXNzeUdWMEk5WERCYmJUcUd4L1BxZz09>

### **Week of July 19<sup>th</sup>**

9 am Summer Chapel: Outdoor, Socially Distanced Worship, \*Streamed to YouTube  
10:30 am virtual coffee hour  
<https://zoom.us/j/460134127?pwd=cjYrUDhSSkppdjNMYjhvQ0ZDci9hUT09>  
11:30 am Trustees Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/591991278?pwd=SVlkazlRNUdhWmpGN01CTytNSjJWZz09>  
5 pm Senior PF (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)

### **Wed. July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9 am – 4 pm Virtual Vacation Bible School (thru Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>)

### **Week of July 26<sup>th</sup>**

9 am Summer Chapel – Youth Sunday: Outdoor, Socially Distanced Worship, \*Streamed to YouTube  
10:30 am virtual coffee hour \*No live coffee hour at the church  
<https://zoom.us/j/460134127?pwd=cjYrUDhSSkppdjNMYjhvQ0ZDci9hUT09>  
5 pm Senior PF (in-person, socially distanced, masked, outdoors)  
11:30am – 1pm Jr. PF in person gathering, location TBD

### **Thur. July 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Bible Study Reunion- outdoor, socially distant, in-person reunion (rain date Friday, July 31).