## **Our Church's Covenant**

We declare our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In Holy covenant, we bind ourselves to God and each other, becoming devoted disciples and active apostles.

We promise each other to be faithful in worship and in support of this church, whose Savior and Lord is Jesus Christ.

In Christian love, we will care for and support each other.

With the Bible as our guide, we willingly promise all that we are and all that we have To the fulfillment of God's Kingdom

Freely we say these things, glorying in the joy of our salvation.

January 1, 1978



Welcoming the Children at MCC

#### Who are the Congregationalists?

Congregationalists are one of the historic streams of what is now called the United Church of Christ. We trace our heritage to the Pilgrims of colonial America and the founding of Monroe.

#### Who is the United Church of Christ?

Our denominational ties are with the UCC. The way we organize ourselves flows from the bottom -up, with members of each local congregation making their own decisions about clergy leadership, vision and mission.

Although the Monroe Congregational Church is an autonomous congregation, we are in covenant with other UCC local churches to share the mission work that no congregation is able to do on its own.



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An Open & Affirming Congregation

# Visitor Information



Monroe Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

# Welcome Visitors!

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the Monroe Congregational Church! We are thankful that you are here because we know that your presence is a gift. We hope that your experience of this community will be a gift to you as well.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we pray that you find peace in this morning's worship. Please let us or an usher know who you are and where you are from. If you are returning after a long absence, welcome home!

We are so grateful for your presence on this journey of exploration, reflection, and hope. We trust that, together, we can love and transform the world.

In Christ,

Rev. Jennifer M. Gingras, Senior Pastor Rev. Andrew Courtney, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation



## Seeker [seek-er], noun = a person who seeks

At MCC, we believe that each one of us in on a spiritual journey. In this way, we are all seekers, looking for authentic community, engaging worship and ways to grow and develop our faith in today's world.

You may have been raised in another faith tradition (or none at all), or you might be a cradle Congregationalist. You may want to become involved right away, or maybe you need a place where it is OK to just be. You may be looking for spiritual nurture for a member of your family, or you may be here for yourself.

What makes our church different is that we truly believe "whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here." And we mean it.

## What does MCC believe?

We are an open and affirming, covenantal church community who embraces the idea that "God is Still Speaking" to us through the preaching and teaching of scripture. We believe God has created each one of us with special gifts, and we are called to develop them and offer them to the world.



MCC's Adult Choir on Strawberry Festival Sunday

We have ordained pastors, but all our members are considered ministers. We observe the Lord's Supper (Communion, Eucharist) on the first Sunday of every month, and we offer baptism to those who want to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

#### How do we worship at MCC?

Worship is on Sunday mornings from September through mid-June at 8:45 and 10:30. In the summertime, we hold one worship service at 9am. Worship includes the important elements of praying, preaching, and singing together. We are also blessed with a variety of musical offerings including the Adult and Junior Choir, Bell Choir, Praise and Folk Bands.

During our 10:30 worship, children take part in our Sunday School program. Childcare for little ones is also available in our nursery.

# How do I join this church?

If you are interested in making a commitment to this faith community, start with attending a few worship services or smaller events. Next, speak with a deacon or pastor so that they can answer any questions you may have and tell you about our next New Member Informational.

