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August 1, 2022



We hope everyone is having a safe and happy summer!
Please read on to see what is happening at MCC during August!



Diane is schedule for vacation on Mondays throughout the summer.
The church office will be open on Tuesdays & Fridays.
Please call a head if you would like to come to the office.
Thank you!

A heartfelt
Thank You 

After nearly 2 weeks in the hospital, I am happy to print that Susan Walker is back home! She asked me let you all know she is grateful for all the prayers, love, and support that was expressed to her in calls and cards from her MCC family and she hopes to see everyone in worship before too long.

Christian Education



Love working with youth, want to spread God's love to the children of our congregation in this upcoming **22/23 school year**? **Please consider teaching Sunday School** (Pre k - 6th) **or being an adult advisor for our Jr PF youth group** (ages 11-14). You can speak to Jeanette with any questions or to express interest. Thank you! See you in the fall!



Jr PF: See you in the fall!



Senior PF:
The Senior PF would like to thank everyone who so very generously contributed to their mission trip gas and scholarship fund!



Outreach



The **Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe** needs YOU! If you have a couple of hours to spare either on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays, we are looking for your help. **Summer sorting, tagging and hanging happens on Tuesdays at 9:30AM.** Volunteers will help you with what needs to be done. Sales associates are needed for two-hour shifts starting from 10AM to 3PM on Fridays and Saturdays. A procedure list can be emailed or you can visit the Shoppe when someone is manning the counter. It's fun and quite rewarding. Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280.

St George's Supper – Help Slay Hunger - Monday, August 8



Please consider signing up to help us serve those in need. All items need to be delivered to the MCC kitchen by 3:00 pm on August 8th. ***You will need to use the walkie-talkie at the front door to gain access to the building on Monday (see below).** Sandwiches may be placed in the refrigerator. Please contact Stacy at 203-500-1279 if you need to help with sign-up or if you have questions. Thank you!

Sign up on our Website HOME page: mcc-ucc.org or Sign up Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AADA2F85-stgeorges8>

Items needed:

- 10 turkey & cheese wheat bread sandwiches (x3)
- 10 ham & cheese wheat bread sandwiches (x2)
- 12 apples (x4)
- 25 packs of chips or snack pack (x2)
- 25 cereal bars (x2)

Trustees

The **Monroe Summer Day Camp** is renting our MCC campus again this year. The camp will provide added income for the church during the months of June, July and August paying \$550 per week for 65 campers and \$10 more for each additional camper with a cap of 75 campers this year. **Due to camp regulations/safety protocols if you need to enter the building Monday – Friday between 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM** we ask that you **please use the walkie-talkie to contact the camp director**, Karen, to alert her of your presence and need to enter the building. **Thank you for your patients and cooperation -it is appreciated.**



For the summer, **please do not lock the nursery, kitchen or Dineson parlor doors.** The summer camp is using these rooms and they do not have keys. Thank you, Dave Allen

Fellowship



Signups coming soon!



MCC Summertime Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Are you interested in providing refreshments for our church members and friends following Sunday worship! All you need to do is arrive at the kitchen by 9:45 to get the coffee going (instructions found on kitchen wall). Providing baked goods or other snacks are always welcome (but not mandatory). Please review the available slots on our SignUpGenius website link below and click on the date you would like to sign up for. There are slots for 2 people per Sunday (although one can do it, it's fun to serve with a friend). If you don't have access to a computer you can sign up in Wilton Hall or just call Diane in the office and she will help you get signed up - Thank you!

Sign up on our Website HOME page: mcc-ucc.org or

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48adac2ca5fec61-mccsummertime>

MORNING
CIRCLE

Morning Circle will not meet in August. Our first meeting of the program year will be on Wednesday, September 14th at 11AM in Dineson Parlor. We will have guest speaker Ray Giovanni from Union Savings Bank to talk about scams affecting the local area. Please bring a donation for the Food Pantry and a sandwich while we hold our short business meeting. Contact Jackie Bleakney at 203-268-5275 with any questions.

Young
at
Heart

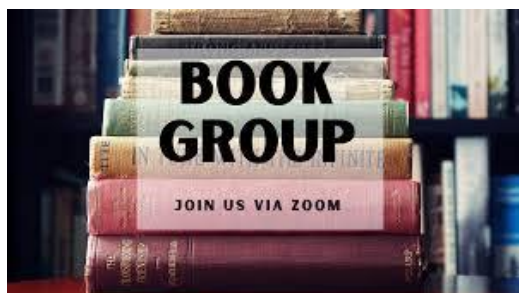
Young At Heart

Next luncheon will be on Thursday, **July 28th at 12 pm**

Housatonic House, 337 Roosevelt Drive, Seymour, CT 06483

Please RSVP to Shari Carrano at (203)400-3563

Your spare change can make a difference in the lives of families who struggle day after day in foreign countries. It adds up and at the end of the year **Morning Circle purchases livestock through Heifer International** that aid a family in becoming self-sufficient and productive. They pass on to others the offspring of their livestock, giving their neighbors the opportunity to produce a lucrative future of their own. So drop your spare change in the collection bottle found on the serving table during coffee hour. Please contact Susie Cuseo at thecuseos@yahoo.com or 203-268-0280 with any questions or comments.



MCC Book Club is open to all church members.

Below are the reading selections for the next few months of the book club. We will continue to meet via zoom on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.**

For more information, please call Paula Haggstrom 203-452-0850 email: pjsh55@gmail.com

Monday, August 15th, 7 pm - The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes, Host: Kristina Logan
Wednesday, September 21, The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner
Wednesday, October 19, The Rose Code by Kate Quinn
Wednesday, November 16, The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue
Wednesday, December 21, Woman on Fire by Lisa Barr
Wednesday, January 18, The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Prayer Partners

Prayer Partner Signups!!

Do you know what a Prayer Partner is? It's easy to do. Signup in Wilton Hall from the end of August through September, you'll get a letter in the mail with the information of the person you will keep in your prayers, mail them a note or card signed



"Your Prayer Partner" while using the church's address (34 Church St. Monroe, CT 06468) as the return, find them during service to pass the peace, strike up a conversation with them over coffee or tea and then in May 2023 come to the "Big Reveal" potluck luncheon to find out who's been praying for whom. Please contact Susie Cuseo with any questions or comments at 203-268-0280 or thecuseos@yahoo.com. Here's what one of our participants had to say about their experience as a Prayer Partner:

"I enjoyed being a prayer partner to be able to receive special prayers meant for me. I also liked having someone to pray for specifically and hope that this gives them some solace."



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

Brian	Campbell	08/02	Wendy	Colegrove	08/12
Karen	Coffey	08/02	Amy	O'Rourke	08/12
Margery	Fox	08/02	Danielle	Rooney	08/12
Beverly	Shaffer	08/02	Donna	Konkol	08/13
Kate	Briggs	08/04	Franklin	Renz	08/13
Nick	Caballero	08/04	Kelsey	Kaminski	08/14
James	Halloran	08/04	Mary	Renz	08/15
Jessica	Nivison	08/04	Donald	Whiteley	08/16
Tyler	Zalenski	08/05	Mary	Unger	08/19
Jeff	Vargovchik	08/07	George	Cunningham	08/24
Jenn	Nealon	08/08	Richard	Draus	08/24
Anthony	Prall	08/08	Jennifer	Wissink	08/25
Sophina	Gingras	08/09	Nicole	Malia	08/28
Haley	Brown	08/11	Sue	Waters	08/28
Bella	Pinto	08/11			



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

Romeo & Sue Crea⁽⁰⁴⁾ Jack & Linda Fracassini⁽⁰⁵⁾ Tom & Carol Kelly⁽⁰⁵⁾
Cliff & Susie Cuseo⁽⁰⁵⁾ Eric & Daniela Gerhard⁽⁰⁷⁾ Joe & Betsy Gilberti⁽⁰⁹⁾ Manuel &
Michelle Cardentey⁽²¹⁾ Kenneth & Nancy Olofson⁽²²⁾ and Rob & Kelsey Kaminski⁽²⁴⁾
and Kristen Prall & Nicholas Boronski⁽²⁹⁾

MCC Community Calendar

Pastor Jenn is on sabbatical until October 1.

Welcome sabbatical supply pastor, Rev. Peggy Allen!

Week of Sun. July 31th

10:00 am Worship

Mon. Aug 1st

Diane Vacation -Office Closed

7:00 pm Outreach

Tue. Aug 2nd

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Wed. Aug 3rd

7:00 pm Fellowship (Zoom)

Week of Sun. Aug 7th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. Aug 8st

Diane Vacation -Office Closed

Tue. Aug 9th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Week of Sun. Aug 14th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. Aug 15th

Diane Vacation -Office Closed

7:00 pm Book Club (Zoom)

7:30 pm Council

Tue. Aug 16th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Wed. Aug 17th

5:30 pm Trustees' Meeting –Maria's

Fri. Aug 19th

5:30 pm Council Planning Meeting

Week of Sun. Aug 21st

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. Aug 22nd

Diane Vacation -Office Closed

Tue. Aug 23rd

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

Thur. Aug 25th

12:00 pm Young At Hear