

# MONROE COMMUNITY NEWS

## Pastor Earl's Letter

While at the calling hours of a great lady that had passed away last week, several of us were talking about some of the well-known women in the Bible. Our minds ran immediately to some of the favorites like Eve, Sarah, Leah, Miriam, Esther, Ruth, several Mary's, Elizabeth, Martha and a few others. But did you know that there are nearly 150 women mentioned by name in scripture?

I have in my possession a "2014" Time magazine in which it has published in it a list of the 100 "most influential people" of the twentieth century, and 41 on that list were woman, the highest number in Time's "100's" history. But not one of the 150 women that were mentioned in scripture were mentioned on that list. It's too bad that Time Magazine didn't expand this concept to include the most influential women in biblical history. And if they had, who would you include on that list?

I for one would include Queen Esther on the top of that list, as she and Ruth are the only two women who have books of the Bible named after them. Esther was a beautiful Jewish woman who rose to the highest power in ancient Persia, whose political interventions saved the Jewish people from annihilation. Ruth on the other hand was a humble Gentile and a young widow who cared for her mother-in-law and worked in the fields. She embraced the Lord, married a landowner in Bethlehem, had a baby and lived a faithful and obscure life.

Ruth and Esther were very different women. One was a Gentile among the Jews, and the other a Jew among the Gentiles. One was humble the other was regal. One was a peasant, the other, a queen. We meet Ruth because of a famine in Judah, and we meet Esther because of a feast in the capital of Susa. But in God's timing, both women changed history! Because of Queen Esther, the Jewish people were saved from genocide, and because of Ruth a baby was born who

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Alcohol & Lottery Petitions       | 2-5 |
| School Openings                   | 3   |
| Election Info                     | 3   |
| Lord's Acre Auction               | 6   |
| Harvest Festival "Save the Dates" | 6   |

became the grandfather of King David and the ancestor of the lord Jesus Christ!

Obviously Time Magazine didn't factor the Holy Spirit into their calculations nor did they weigh the power of prayer or the ripple effect of Christian words or deeds. If God Himself was to compile a list of the 100 most influential people on earth, I doubt very much that we would see many celebrities, stars, models or athletes there. The Bible says that not many of the great and famous are chosen, but rather the humble. (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

You and I are here because God appointed us to be here at this time. Before we were even born, God chose us to be influencers. Psalm 139:16 says, "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in your book they were all written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them." That's why we don't want to waste a single day or let time slip away on the lesser things of life. We're here on this earth to do our Father's work. And while I agree that we all need our appropriate rest and leisure, we also want to make every moment count for Christ. We should all strive to be on God's "Timely" list by using our days to worship, witness and work for Him with all our heart, soul and mind. It has been said that timing is everything, and your world of influence may be greater and more powerful than you think.

Our worship service for August takes place each Sunday in our North Monroe Church at 9:30 AM. Please join us!

- Pastor Earl

## Details on Changing Alcohol & Lottery Ticket Rules . . .

If you were at Town Meeting in March, you'll recall there were questions about reversing the town ban on alcohol and lottery ticket sales. Jeff and Paula Geil are organizing a petition that will allow us to vote on these measures in the fall. Here are the explicit rules from the state of NH. There are TWO separate petitions which need signatures in order for one or both to make it to the ballot. If you have not yet signed and would like to, you may view the petitions at the Town Offices, or at any Farm to Fire Pizza event in Monroe. Or, you can sign the enclosed petitions (perhaps even with a few of your registered voter neighbors!), and mail to Jeff Geil, 25 Winchester Drive, Monroe, NH 03771. Thank you!

### CHAPTER 663 QUESTIONS TO VOTERS

#### Liquor Sales

##### **663:5 Time to Petition for Questions to be Placed on Ballot.**

I. Upon petition of not less than 5 percent of the legal voters of any city or town filed with the secretary of state not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in August and no later than the first Friday in September before a state general election, the following questions shall be submitted to the voters of such city or town on the usual ballot at such state election:

- (a) "Shall state stores be operated by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"
- (b) "Shall malt beverages (beer) be sold by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"
- (c) "Shall wines containing not less than 6 percent nor more than 15.5 percent of alcoholic content by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit (table wine) be sold by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"
- (d) "Shall liquor be sold for consumption on the premises where sold by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"

II. If a majority of the qualified voters present and voting in a city or town signifies the disapproval of question (a) above, the commission shall not operate state liquor stores in that city or town.

III. If a majority of the qualified voters present and voting in a city or town signifies the disapproval of question (b) above, then the commission shall not issue licenses or permits for the sale of malt beverages in that city or town.

IV. If a majority of the qualified voters present and voting in a city or town signifies the disapproval of question (c) above, then the commission shall not issue licenses or permits for the sale of wine in that city or town.

V. If a majority of the qualified voters present and voting in a city or town signifies the disapproval of question (d) above, the commission shall not issue licenses or permits for the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises where sold in that city or town.

VI. If a majority of the qualified voters present and voting in a city or town signifies the approval of question (a) above, the commission may at its discretion operate state liquor stores in that city or town.

VII. If a majority of the qualified voters present and voting in a city or town signifies approval of question (b) above, then the commission may at its discretion issue licenses or permits for the sale of malt beverages in that city or town.

VIII. If a majority of the qualified voters present and voting in a city or town signifies the approval of question (c) above, the commission may at its discretion issue licenses or permits for the sale of wine in that city or town.

IX. If a majority of the qualified voters present and voting in a city or town signifies approval of question (d) above, then the commission may at its discretion issue licenses or permits for the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises where sold in that city or town.

**Sales of Sweepstakes**

**663:7 Question; Vote; Results.** Upon the petition of 5 percent of the voters of any city or town filed with the secretary of state not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in August and no later than the first Friday in September before a state general election, the appropriate version of the following question shall be submitted to the voters of such city or town at said election: "Shall sweepstakes tickets (continue to) be sold in this city or town?" If a majority of those voting vote "yes" on the question, tickets may be sold or continued to be sold by the commission in that city or town. If a majority of those voting vote "no" on the question, the commission shall not sell tickets in that city or town. No petition that the question prescribed in this section be printed on the ballot at a state general election shall be made within 2 years of a vote on such a question at a previous state general election.

**From Principal Leah Holz**

School starts on Thursday, August 25th. We will welcome students and families back with our annual First Day Breakfast at 7:50 AM in the dining room.

MCS is searching for soccer coaches! We are looking for a Head Coach and Assistant Coach for both Grades 3-5 Co-Ed Soccer & Grades 6-8 Co-Ed Soccer. Contact MCS Athletic Coordinator Molley Gilley at [mgilley@monroeschool77.com](mailto:mgilley@monroeschool77.com) if you are interested.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EMS? IN KNOWING HOW TO HELP IN AN EMERGENCY?** There is an upcoming EMT class at BMU starting 9/8 thru the end of Jan. The classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays with some Saturdays. Cost is \$500 (reimbursable if you join the Monroe FAST Squad and act as a member in good standing.) Call Lou Lutrel at 603-747-3311 with questions or interest.

**Town News**

**LAST BIG TRASH DAY** for 2016 is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 3 PM. Questions? Please call the Selectmen’s Office at 638-2644.

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST** will be in session on September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM – 7:30 PM at the Town Offices.

**NH STATE PRIMARY** is September 13<sup>th</sup>, with polls open at Town Hall from 8 AM – 7 PM.

**MARILYN BEDELL** is also relaying her apologies for the closed days due to the parking lot and driveway repaving project. She says, “I know it inconvenienced many, but now it is done. Have a safe and quiet August.”

**Petition For Liquor Sales**  
In The Town of Monroe

July 5, 2016

The Town of Monroe is currently a “dry town”. Residents are unable to purchase alcohol in the Town of Monroe, whether locally purchased or ordered online and delivered to the home.

Many residents have expressed interest in reversing the “dry town” status to allow liquor sales.

Below are the four required questions that must all be on the ballot. You may vote for all, for some or for none of them. Each question is considered separately. The full New Hampshire State RSA 663:5 follows this cover sheet for your review.

- (a) "Shall state stores be operated by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"
- (b) "Shall malt beverages (beer) be sold by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"
- (c) "Shall wines containing not less than 6 percent nor more than 15.5 percent of alcoholic content by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit (table wine) be sold by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"
- (d) "Shall liquor be sold for consumption on the premises where sold by permission of the state liquor commission in this city or town?"

In order for these questions to appear on the November 2016 ballot, a petition of not less than 5 percent of the legal voters must be presented to the New Hampshire secretary of state.

| <b>Registered Voter Name</b> | <b>Signature</b> | <b>Address</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1                            |                  |                |
| 2                            |                  |                |
| 3                            |                  |                |
| 4                            |                  |                |
| 5                            |                  |                |
| 6                            |                  |                |
| 7                            |                  |                |
| 8                            |                  |                |
| 9                            |                  |                |

**Petition For Sweepstakes Sales**  
In The Town of Monroe

July 5, 2016

The Town of Monroe is currently unable to sell sweepstakes tickets. Residents have expressed strong interest in reversing the current status to allow sweepstakes sales.

Below the specific New Hampshire State RSA 663:7 in question.

**Sales of Sweepstakes**

**663:7 Question; Vote; Results.** Upon the petition of 5 percent of the voters of any city or town filed with the secretary of state not earlier than the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in August and no later than the first Friday in September before a state general election, the appropriate version of the following question shall be submitted to the voters of such city or town at said election: "Shall sweepstakes tickets (continue to) be sold in this city or town?" If a majority of those voting vote "yes" on the question, tickets may be sold or continued to be sold by the commission in that city or town. If a majority of those voting vote "no" on the question, the commission shall not sell tickets in that city or town. No petition that the question prescribed in this section be printed on the ballot at a state general election shall be made within 2 years of a vote on such a question at a previous state general election.

In order for these questions to appear on the November 2016 ballot, a petition of not less than 5 percent of the legal voters must be presented to the New Hampshire secretary of state.

| Registered Voter Name | Signature | Address |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1                     |           |         |
| 2                     |           |         |
| 3                     |           |         |
| 4                     |           |         |
| 5                     |           |         |
| 6                     |           |         |
| 7                     |           |         |
| 8                     |           |         |
| 9                     |           |         |
| 10                    |           |         |
| 11                    |           |         |

## Lord's Acre Auction

This year's Lord's Acre Auction is on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM until sold out (remember to bring your appetite!), at the North Church Vestry. Donations IN GOOD CONDITION are welcome, but PLEASE no electronics of any kind. If you have questions, call Winston Currier at 638-2331.

## Harvest Fest 2016

Save the dates! This year's Harvest Fest will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Life on the River." We'll be celebrating with a parade, live animal show by Squam Lakes Science Center, games, music, clowns, food, fireworks and more. More info to come as we get closer to the dates.

And this from Maynard Farr, Town Emergency Management Director:

**if you SEE something SAY something**

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.**  
Call 9-1-1 or your local police department.

If You See Something Say Something™ used with permission of the NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

**No, This isn't Junk Mail!**  
Monroe Community Church  
P.O. Box 179  
Monroe, NH 03771-0179

ECRWSS  
NONPROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
MONROE, NH 03771  
PERMIT NO. 6

POSTAL PATRON  
Monroe, NH 03771