

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Here we are almost to February! We've survived this first half of our traditional New England winter, and hopefully have enjoyed some of the activities that only winter brings in skiing, snow-machines, and ice skating.

My perspective on our winter was informed a few years ago by a few days in Hawaii. One beautiful day after another, and it goes on all year! My first reaction was to think, "This must be a terrific place to live all year 'round!" But after a few more spectacular, sunny days, I had second thoughts. Am I really ready to give up winter? We all know people who have, relocating to Florida or Arizona, or becoming "snow birds" in warmer climates for the winter.

And then I remembered how much fun winter sports can be. And the fact is that I feel more energetic with the stimulation of colder weather. Can it be that some of us, whose traditions have been to have four seasons, really are more productive living here? I sense that is true for many of us.

So let's embrace the possibilities and challenges of winter! Needing to move the snow keep us active; winter sports test our endurance and patience; and the variety of weather conditions keeps our minds alert and our hearts pumping.

So enjoy! We've got to endure it for another six to eight weeks anyway. So let's embrace the challenges of living in this climate. Four diverse seasons help us to see life in all its variety. And then find ways to celebrate each new day.

Pastor Don

LENTEN "SOUP SUPPERS"

The Monroe Community Church will again participate in area Ecumenical Sunday Suppers during Lent: Feb. 17 & 24; March 3, 10, 17 and 24th. These are soup/sandwich/dessert suppers we share with other area churches and communities. Details about times and locations will be announced at Sunday services. We'll also post them on the Monroe Community Church website (www.monroetown.com/church) and on the Church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MonroeCommunityChurch).

EASTER MORNING SERVICE

Join us on Easter Sunday at 7 am on the steps of the Village Church for our early morning celebration. Service will be followed by a light breakfast.

KEY DATES

Late January

- 27 8th Grade Trip Fundraising Breakfast
- 29 Pizza Orders Due!
- 30 Wed. School Mtg

February

- 1 Last Day to File for Office
- 3 Super Bowl Sunday
- 5 Town Bdgt Hearing
- 7 Men's Club BB Tourn.
- 8 Men's Club Tourn.
- 9 Men's Club Tourn.
- 11 School Bdgt Hearing
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Farm Girls Meeting
- 23 Ice Skating Party

March

- 3 Supervisors of the Checklist in session
- 13 Town Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 Celebration of Arts
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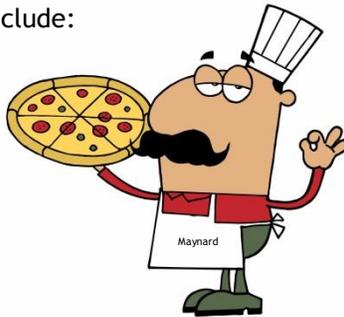
GET YOUR PIZZA ORDERS IN!

The Monroe Community Church is taking orders for their annual Super Bowl Pizza Extravaganza! It's simple - you order, they cook, you pick up (at Town Hall) on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3rd) and then just relax and enjoy the game!

Pizzas are \$8 each, with additional toppings .50. But no matter how many toppings you choose, you don't spend more than \$10 per pizza, so have fun!

Available toppings include:

Green Peppers
Onions
Mushrooms
Hamburg
Pepperoni
Sausage
Pineapple
Chicken



You can also order your pizza cooked or 'ready-to-cook'. You pay when you pick up your pizza (between noon and 4 at Town Hall). Cash or check, please. Checks should be made payable to Monroe Community Church.

Here's HOW to order:

By Phone: Call Barbara Farr, 638-2612
On-Line: www.monroetown.com/pizza-orders (You can find this under the "Church" section.)

Here's WHEN to order:

Now, please! Barb would like to have the orders in by January 29th to allow the church to plan for the right amount of ingredients. They would hate to run out of pepperoni, and are sure you wouldn't be happy, either!

EIGHTH GRADE CLASS TRIP FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

The Monroe School 8th grade class will hold a fundraising breakfast **THIS COMING SUNDAY**, January 27th, from 7 am to 10 am at Town Hall. Please come out and support the kids as they work for this year's trip. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, homefries, and toast.

PTF NEWS

The PTF will hold their regular monthly meetings on Tuesday, February 5th and Tuesday, March 5th, in the Monroe School Library at 6:30 pm. They'll be planning a spring event for the children, perhaps similar to last year's Cinco de Mayo Dance Party. Everyone is welcome to join them; you do not need to have children in the school.

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a meeting for all parents involved with Wednesday and/or Sunday School on Wednesday, January 30th, at 6:30 pm at the Village Church. We will meet to discuss scheduling options in light of basketball season. Please plan to attend.

MEN'S CLUB BASKETBALL CVL TOURNAMENT

Come support the annual Monroe Men's Club Connecticut Valley League basketball tournament to be held on February 7,8 and 9 at the Monroe Town Hall. Teams from Monroe, Barnet, Waterford and Concord will compete again this year. Even if you do not have kids or grandchildren playing, come out and support this worthwhile cause. It's good fun and especially good food in the kitchen featuring popcorn, soda, hot dogs, pizza and the good old Italian sausage with peppers and onions. And as always, the Men's Club meets the second Monday of every month from October thru March at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. New members are always welcome.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Monroe Community Church will hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th, from 1 - 3 pm at the North Church. This event is perfect for children 12 and under, and includes crafts, games, treats, as well as the actual egg hunt. Volunteers are needed; please contact Sonia Zuk at 638-4191 to raise your hand.

DOG LICENSING TIME!

Yes, it's that time again. Please contact Marilyn Bedell to get your dog(s) licensed. You'll need proof of rabies vaccine. Ryegate Small Animal Hospital will be holding a rabies clinic on Thursday, March 28th from 6-7 pm.

TOWN MEETING NEWS

Here are the offices that are up for election on March 13th:

Office	Term
Moderator	2 Years
Town Clerk	3 Years
Town Treasurer	1 Year
Tax Collector	3 Years
Selectman	3 Years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Years
Library Trustee	3 Years
Sexton Village Cemetery	1 Year
Sexton North Monroe Cemetery	1 Year
Planning Board	3 Years
Board of Adjustment	5 Years
Budget Committee, *4 Seats*	3 Years

All candidates for these offices must file a “declaration of candidacy” with the Town Clerk beginning Wed., January 23rd. The last day to file is Friday, February 1st. There is no fee for filing. Marilyn will have the Town Clerk’s office from 3 to 5 pm on Friday, Feb. 1st, if you are someone who likes to decide things at the last minute!

TOWN BUDGET HEARING

Also in preparation for Annual Town Meeting, there will be a public hearing of the proposed 2014 Town Budget on Tuesday, February 5th, 7 pm, at Town Hall.

SCHOOL MEETING NEWS

In addition to voting for Town Offices on March 13th, we also vote for “School Offices”. The offices up for election are:

Office	Term
Moderator	1 Year
School District Clerk	1 Year
School District Treasurer	1 Year
School Board Member, *2 Seats*	3 Years

To run, you must file a ‘declaration of candidacy’ with the School District Clerk (Bettie Ward, 638-2515) between January 23rd and February 1st. There is no fee for filing. You must have been a resident of Monroe for 6 months, and be a registered voter on the checklist.

NEW DATE FOR SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING!

The previously posted date for the school budget hearing (January 28th) has been moved to **February 11th, 6 pm**, in the Monroe School. There is also a “snow date” of Feb. 13th set in the event bad weather forces a cancellation on 2/11.

CALLING ALL FARM GIRLS!

Do you believe in the power of a clothesline, an apron, and your own ingenuity and creativity? Do you garden, tend animals, or simply dream of doing so? Or are you crafty? What about being the type of gal who believes in doing what you can for others, be it welcoming a new neighbor with a plate full of homemade cookies or stopping by an elderly friend’s home just to chat?

If you said yes to any of these things, then you belong in our Farmgirl Sisterhood! Our new local Farmgirl Chapter, Hunt Mountains Farm Girls, is looking for members. Call Sonia at 638-4191 for more info, or visit the Farmgirl Forum at www.maryjanesfarm.org to find out more. A meeting is planned for February 15th at the UFO meeting, 6:30 pm in the Monroe Library.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Please keep in mind that Monday morning Preschool Story Hour at the Monroe Public Library (9:30, music, stories, crafts) will follow the Monroe School calendar. If there is no school, or if there is a snow day, Preschool Story Hour is also cancelled. For info, call **Belinda Smith at 638-4956**.

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

The children of Monroe School will hold a “Celebration of the Arts” on Thursday, March 21st, at 6:30 pm at Monroe Town Hall. Please join them and let them show you what they are learning! Their demonstrations will tie in with their learning “expeditions” across all curriculum. (Honestly, we’re not sure what that means, but the kids can probably explain it to us!)

RECYCLING NEWS



Did you know? There is now a “yellow bin” at the Municipal Garage, set right next to the recycling containers. This box was placed by Planet Aid, a non-profit organization that “re-uses” used clothing, shoes and small toys to support various charities. You can read more about how it all works at planetaid.org.

You will need to have your donation in a plastic bag. And as always, please remember, no plastic bags in the recycling OR soda can bins.

ICE SKATING PARTY!

Please join friends and neighbors for the fourth annual Ice Skating Party, at the Town Skating Rink in front of the Municipal Garage.

Who: YOU!
What: Skating, music, hot cocoa & a toasty fire
When: Saturday, Feb. 24th
1 - 3 pm
Where: Municipal Rink
(Woodsville Road)
Bring: A camp chair
A log for the fire
A snack to share



Did you have an item for this newsletter that was missed? E-mail it to Eileen at leen_brown@hotmail.com, or call 638-3002, and we'll get it in the February “e-newsletter.” The next paper newsletter will be mailed in late March.

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