

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

I was recently called upon by two siblings who are acquaintances of mine from one of our surrounding communities, to try and help settle a dispute between the two of them who were in a bitter disagreement over a piece of inherited personal property. Seems that after several years of arguing and fighting this family feud had finally reached its boiling point. Both siblings were threatening litigation and so as a last ditch effort I was asked to try to shed some light on this matter from a Biblical standpoint, as well as to try and see if there was a peaceful resolution that could be reached.

It's a fact that few of us get through life without damaged friendships or family misunderstandings. Even the 12 Disciples, though they literally walked with Jesus for three years, quarreled among themselves and had feelings of resentment towards each other. It seems at times that we as humans can be experts at resentments and grudges. Just surf the internet and see what I mean:

New York City---"Violence erupts on a subway after two woman got into an argument over one's refusal to cover her mouth when she coughed". "One man killed after getting into an argument over a basketball game." Iowa City---"Man loses temper when the cleaning lady of his building accidentally wakes him up and then attacks her with a broom handle." The point is that it doesn't take much to set us off into a bitter rage or resentment.

If we can't always avoid offenses, at least we can learn to confess quickly and forgive easily. But be a quick confessor. Don't wait months or years! And when someone offends you be equally swift to forgive. Good forgivers overlook offenses, for the Bible tells us in 1 Peter 4:8, "Above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins." And Proverbs 12: 16 says, "A fool's wrath is known at once, but a prudent man covers shame."

Everyone has problems. But whenever possible look at others compassionately and instead of trying to blame them, try to understand them. And remember that bitterness is self-defeating. The person who throws fire at his enemy is in danger of burning his own fingers. Also remember that God has forgiven us far more than we'll ever need to forgive others. We only have limited days left on this earth to tear down fences between us and to restore precious relationships. So if you need to ask for forgiveness don't put it off. Likewise if you need to forgive another, don't wait any longer.

Our church service is at 9:30 every Sunday morning and we would love to have you join us for worship and fellowship
 ---Pastor Earl

AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY

4	Super Bowl Pizza Orders Due
7	Super Bowl Sunday
9	Presidential Primary
10	School Budget Hearing
11-13	Men's Club BB Tournament
13	Book Signing!
14	Valentine's Day
22-26	No School MCS/SJA (MCS back 2/29)
28	Ecumenical Soup & Sandwich Supper

MARCH

2	SJA Back to School
8	Town Meeting
13	Clocks Go Ahead
17	St. Patrick's Day
18	No School SJA
19	FAST Squad Dance
25	No School MCS
26	Easter Egg Hunt
27	Easter Sunday

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SUPER BOWL PIZZAS



The Monroe Community Church is asking for pizza orders to be in not later than Thursday, Feb. 4th. You can order by calling Barbara Farr at 638-2612, or via monroetown.com/pizza-orders Prices are the same as last year (\$8 base, .50 extra for the next 4 toppings, to a max of \$10 no matter how many toppings you choose.) Pick-ups are from noon to 4 PM, and you can always order cooked or uncooked. This year's toppings are: Onion – Green Peppers – Mushrooms – Hamburg – Pepperoni – Sausage – Pineapple – Ham.

65th ANNUAL CVL TOURNAMENT!

No, it's not the Men's Club members hitting 65 (well, maybe some of them.) It's the tournament they sponsor every year. Please come out and support them; all proceeds go into their scholarship fund. This year's schedule is:

Date	Girls	Boys
Thursday, Feb 11	6 PM	7:15 PM
Friday, Feb 12	6 PM	7:15 PM
Saturday, Feb 13*	1 PM Consolation	2:15 Consolation
	4 PM Championship	5:15 PM Championship

*Note, trophies are awarded after both sets of Saturday games.

JOIN US FOR SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

The Monroe Community Church invites everyone to Town Hall on Sunday, Feb. 28th, from 5-6 PM, to join in an Ecumenical Soup & Sandwich Supper. Come as you are – no need to bring anything. This is a nice way to meet friends and neighbors, as well as people from other area parishes, during Lent. (Lent begins on Feb. 10th.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MARCH 13th @ 2 AM, clocks go forward. Change your smoke detector batteries, please!

SCHOOL BUDGET NEWS

The Monroe School Board has approved a proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year. This budget is up 2.35%. The Food Service Fund budget is down -1.92%.

The board also approved trust fund contributions totaling \$75,000. No new trust funds are being requested. Funds between \$5,000 and \$20,000 are being requested depending upon the fund, amount needed, and the timing of need:

- Playground \$20,000
- Building Maintenance \$15,000
- Parking Lot \$ 5,000
- Speial Education \$15,000
- Heating System \$15,000
- High School Tuition \$ 5,000

The total proposed budget including trust funds is up 2.5%. **A public hearing will be held on Feb. 10th in the Town Hall at 6 PM,** with a snow date of Feb. 11th. **(Note: The Town's Budget Hearing will immediately follow the school's.)** The Board has completed the generator project this year for emergency shelter. Next year they will be asking to fund keyless lock entry security systems for both interior and exterior school doors. This project will be funded 50% by FEMA and will cost \$41,114 for the Town of Monroe. This is a -6% The Board is still in negotiations with the teachers' union and will not have any new cost items to share on this topic until February 8th.

SCHOOL LOOKING FOR TWO LONG-TERM SUBS

The Monroe School is currently looking for two long-term substitutes: A third grade substitute teacher is needed from May 1, 2016, through the end of the school year in June, and a substitute School Nurse/Health Educator, needed beginning April 4, 2016. You can find more information on both positions on the school's website, monroschool77.com.

Monroe Emergency Information Form

In an effort to assist people in the event of an emergency, the Town of Monroe's Emergency Manager is hoping to collect important information that will be kept confidential and used only for the purpose of assisting individuals in the event of an emergency. This information is being requested on a completely voluntary basis.

Please complete the following form and return it to the Monroe Town Emergency Manager, Maynard Farr, 71 Hammond Road, Monroe, NH 03771. If you have any questions, please call Maynard at 638-2612.

Name _____

Street Address (please, no Post Office Box #'s) _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Is this a full-time or seasonal residence? _____

Please circle all that apply to your household. Again, this information is being gathered in hopes of being able to successfully assist residents in the event of an emergency, and will not be used for any other purpose.

OXYGEN	MOBILITY	COGNITIVE	INFANT	ELDERLY	OTHER MEDICAL
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Additional information:

If power is lost, do you have a generator?	YES	YES, BUT WOULD NEED HELP WITH IT	NO
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If power is lost, do you have an alternative heat source?	YES	YES, BUT NEED HELP	NO
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Would you be interested in helping out in the event of an emergency?	YES	NO
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Please circle below any area in which you are trained and would be willing to help with in the event of an emergency. We will contact you with more information.

DEBRIS CLEARING:	LOGGER	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	OTHER _____
MEDICAL:	NURSE	PHYSICIAN	EMT
FIRE	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	TRANSPORTATION	OTHER HELP: _____

Thank you for completing and returning this form!

FOREST FIRE WARDEN NEWS

Just a reminder that now that there is snow on the ground, you do not need a fire permit. However, you must still follow the law as to what you are allowed to burn. If you have any questions, please call one of your local wardens or deputies. A full list is on monroenh.org, or on monroetown.com ([General Info](#)), with telephone numbers. We would also appreciate it if before you have a large burn, you call our local Dispatch office and advise them of your intention (787-2111, ext. 0).

YOUR LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will be closed on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 15th, and we will close early on Town Meeting Day (March 8th), at 4:30 PM. We are also very pleased to announce we will host a **book signing** by Monroe's own Kaitlin Ward on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 10 AM. Kaitlin describes her new book, [Bleeding Earth](#), as apocalyptic horror, and it is perfect for older teens and young adults – or anyone who is a fan of The Hunger Games or the like. She is working on having books for sale that day – but you can already buy it or download it for Kindle from [Amazon!](#) Go Kaitlin!

COME AND "SHAKE MY NERVE"



The Monroe FAST Squad will host a dance on Saturday, March 19th, at the Town Hall. The band is "Shake My Nerve", and is made up of former members of local favorites Phil 'n The Blanks (RIP Phil Tomeny.) Tickets are \$10, BYOB (especially green beer), 21+ only. The dance will run from 8 PM – Midnight. Tickets are at Paul's Whistle Stop in McIndoe's or you can e-mail or phone Maynard Farr, at 638-2612, or mfarr30@roadrunner.com.

IT'S EASTER EGG HUNT TIME!

Pastor Earl Brock is pleased to announce the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26th at the Monroe Town Hall from 1-3 PM. Buddy the Clown will be there, along with face painting, games, crafts, the Egg Hunt, and light finger foods.

PRIMARY (FEB 9TH) VOTING HOURS ARE 8 AM-7 PM. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY (MARCH 8TH) VOTING HOURS ARE 8 AM-7PM. ALL ARE AT TOWN HALL.

From Marilyn: Due to NH State Laws, Monroe can no longer have its "grace" period for dog licenses up to June 1st. We must conform to the State date that requires all dogs be licensed by April 30th. Any dogs not licensed after that run the risk of civil forfeiture (\$25 per dog + certified mailing fees). Any licenses done after April 30th also will be charged a penalty fee of \$1 per month in addition to the licensing fee.

NO, THIS ISN'T JUNK MAIL!
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