

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"It's a small world after all" are just some of the lyrics that were written to hit song "It's a Small World" by Ashfield Division from the UK in the 1960's. And oh how true does that seem to be today?

Think about it this way: Two centuries ago it took many, many months to circumnavigate the globe in sailing ships. Today, a commercial airliner averaging 500 miles per hour could circle the earth in slightly over two days. Today, one can have breakfast in New York, lunch in Los Angeles, and supper in Honolulu! And if you have business appointments in all three cities but don't feel like making the commute, you can have a video conference and be there instantly whenever you want! It's a small, small world indeed!

Did the size of the world change? Not physically. But in every other way our world is rapidly shrinking. Travel, television, the internet, publications, and immigration, have all brought the world to every nation's door. Our "shrinking world" has had enormous implications for the followers of Jesus Christ. Why? Because it's this world in which we've been commanded to reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And to do that, we have to develop big world thinking, and to be able to have the ability to look at the world from God's perspective.

So while the world is shrinking in many ways, the population is increasing at a faster and faster rate. Last I checked, we have over seven billion souls alive today, who are individuals that God loves and sent His Son to die for. (John 3:16) And it is our responsibility (those of us who know and serve Jesus Christ) to go and tell them.

Do we live in a big world? Geographically, yes. But spiritually it's getting smaller, as the Gospel advances. You and I are responsible to Christ for being big world thinkers, never losing sight of the whole world that God loves and for which Christ died for. Most of you who have heard me preach from the pulpit, know how much that I like to challenge you, and how big I am on prayer. So I challenge you to become a big world thinker. Become informed, pray, give, and go in obedience to Christ's Great Commission. And as more Christians become big world thinkers, the closer we get to fulfilling the Great Commission. And just think, you and I just might be alive to see it happen!

- Pastor Earl

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29	No School (MCS/SJA)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS STARTED

Diane Brock is back to assist with Sunday school along with the hidden talents of George Cobb, and so we are calling all children, calling all children! The church has worship service every Sunday morning at 9 AM. If you haven't been to church in a while, perhaps God is using this newsletter as means to bring you back into his fold. Come and see what we are all about, and bring the kids/grandkids, too!

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



✓Did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? Or that the leading cause of kitchen fires (and ruined dinners) is unattended cooking? The Monroe Fire Department will be celebrating Fire Prevention Week by asking all children to submit drawings about fire safety in the kitchen. Winners are traditionally given a ride to school in a fire truck, complete with lights, sirens, and excitement!

The National Fire Protection Agency has a great deal of information about kitchen safety, along with fun games and activities for kids. For links to these and other fire safety information, visit monroetown.com/fire-safety.html

✓The Fire Department will also hold their annual "Fill the Boot" charity breakfast on Sunday, December 1st. This is a 'by donation' breakfast – there is no set price. All of the money raised from this breakfast goes along with the overall Angel Tree Project, to help local families in need, so please be generous! Breakfast is always 'all you can eat', and runs from 8 – 10 AM.

NEW SAU SUPERINTENDENT TO SPEAK

The Monroe PTF is holding their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 PM in the School Library. The new SAU superintendent, Dr. Jeannie Richards, will be there to speak. Everyone is invited to come hear about her ideas and plans for Monroe School.

AIM HIGH SOCCER TOURNAMENT RETURNS

The third annual "Aim High" soccer tournament will be held on Saturday, October 26th, beginning at 9 AM on the Monroe School field. Hosted by the PTF, this tournament has six schools and over 110 kids competing. A concession stand will be open all day, with delicious (and warm!) food, including pulled pork, chowders, stews, nachos, etc. This is a great event and a great way to spend a Saturday in the fall!

To help defray costs, the PTF is selling ads for the program. Anyone can place an ad: businesses, parents, grandparents, and anyone who loves kids!

PROGRAM AD DETAILS

Full Page.....\$100.00
½ Page.....\$50.00
¼ page.....\$25.00
Business Card....\$20
Mustangs Supporter \$10 (name is included on our Mustangs Supporter page)

Ads can be mailed to: Monroe PTF,
P.O. Box 130, Monroe NH 03771.
Checks should be made out to the
Monroe PTF.

This tournament marks the end of the season, so please come out and cheer for ALL of the kids as they play their hearts out.

MEN'S CLUB KICKS OFF MEETING YEAR, HOSTS ANNUAL PARTY

Fall is in the air, which means the Monroe Men's Club will hold the first meeting on Monday, October 14th, at 7 PM in Town Hall. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month from October through March. If you would like to become a member, please join us on the 14th or at the upcoming Halloween party.



The Men's Club Halloween Party will be held on Thursday, October 31st, at 6 PM in Town Hall. Cider and donuts are provided. Children wanting to enter decorated pumpkins must have them at Town Hall by 6 PM. Rules are 1) name and age should be on the back of the pumpkin; 2) pumpkins cannot be carved; 3) no sharp objects left in the pumpkins; and 4) decorating by children, not parents, please.

After the costume parade and judging the 8th grade will hold their annual Haunted House, entry from the lower floor of Town Hall.

4-H GETS ROSETTE AT FAIR

Congratulations to the Hunt Mountain 4-H Club on their third place rosette at the North Haverhill Fair! Every single member of the club displayed at the fair, a great testament to the "heart" of these kids. For this coming 4-H year, members can participate in shooting sports, sewing, cooking and crafts, among other activities. For more information, call Jessica Sherman at 638-4096 or visit the group's Facebook page (they're listed as Hunt Mountain 4-H).

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

The Garden Club will be making wreaths for Town Buildings (i.e., Town Hall, Post Office, Library) on December 4th at 6:30 PM in Town Hall. All help is appreciated, and you do not need to be an expert in wreath-making! The Garden Club normally meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, typically in the Library. New members are welcome. For more info, call Barb Farr at 638-2612.



BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

The Scouts of Troop 209 will hold their annual food drive on Saturday, November 9th. All donations from Monroe will be taken to Tri-Cap Food Bank in Woodsville, which serves our town. Please place any non-perishable items (which can include household goods such as cleaners, laundry detergent or toilet paper) **by your mailbox or the end of your driveway** by 8 AM. If we miss collecting your donation by 3 PM, please call 638-3002 and we'll come right over!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW ENTERS 27TH YEAR!

The "Christmas Crafts in the Country" Show will be held on Saturday, November 9th, from 10 AM-3 PM at Town Hall. This show benefits the Monroe Fast Squad, and donations for the bake sale are greatly appreciated. The Monroe School 8th Grade will prepare the Harvest Luncheon, and they are looking for item donations for their raffle table. Ideally, items should be new and 'similar', suitable to present in a basket. For example, fishing items grouped in a fishing or 'outdoors' basket, spa items grouped in a 'relaxation' basket, or our personal favorite, chocolates in an 'indulgence' (or 'absolutely necessary to sustain life') basket.



CALLING ALL ANGELS!

This year's "Angel Tree" will be up in Town Hall on December 2nd. Please stop by and take a tag, which will give you the name and gender of a person in need, along with a few ideas of what they might appreciate for Christmas. Gifts are due back to the NEW TOWN OFFICES by December 16th.

The Monroe Fire Department reminds you to **CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES** when you **CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!** Daylight Savings Time ends on November 2nd this year, and everyone is encouraged to use the extra hour they "gain" to change the batteries in their own smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, test the alarms, and remind friends, family, and neighbors to do the same.

Shopping not your thing? Donations are also gratefully accepted – simply send a check made payable to the Monroe Community Church to Angel Tree Project, P.O. Box 179, Monroe NH 03771. **AND, new this year, you can nominate a person or a family in need anonymously** – they need never know you thought of them. For more details, go to monroetown.com/church

Did we miss something? Call Eileen at 638-3002 to get it in the next 'e-newsletter.' If you would like to receive your newsletter via e-mail, please send a note to leen_brown@hotmail.com. "Change Your Clock" artwork © Energizer Corp and used with permission.

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