



# The Spire

April 2019



## *The Pastor's Moment...*

Dear Park Place friends and family,

Lent is a time for us to reflect on our faith. Lent is a time to remember Jesus' journey through these days and Lent can be a time of new life. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, fasting, praying, resisting temptation and preparing for His ministry. We remember all that He went through during Jesus' last days in human form and then His Resurrection on Easter Morning.

Today is the first day of Spring and there are signs of new life all around us. The flowers are peeping up from the ground, the trees are beginning to bud and the colors of Spring are beginning to show.

May we all experience a form of New Life during our Lenten journeys and may we become even closer to God with a fresh rebirth of our spirits, come and share this journey with us in worship, prayer and devotion!

In Christ's Service & Mine,

*Pastor Wayne*



## March Worship Assisting

**Greeters & Ushers:** Lynn Usher; Shirley Harris; Ginny Platt; Lois & George Grenier

**Lay Readers:** Cathy Shute; Kristine Gervais; Cindy Boulay; Andrea Padula

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Ginny Platt; Shirley Harris; Lynn Usher; Padula Family;



*Coffee Hour needs hosts for April. If you'd like to host a Sunday, please fill out the sign-up sheet downstairs in the hall. Thank you!*

## Worship Schedule

*Worship begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday Morning!*

**April 7:** Holy Communion Worship – 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading– Deacons: Terry May Neves & Lynn Usher – Welcome New Members! / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Singing at the Holiday Retirement Home 2 p.m. - All are welcome!



**April 14:** Palm Sunday - Worship- 10 a.m. with Pastor Bill/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m. with Elizabeth Circle Bake Sale / Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Singing at Waterman Lake 2 p.m. - All are welcome!

**April 21:** Easter Sunday - Worship – 10 a.m./ Pastor Wayne leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.



**April 28:** Worship- 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne Leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.



## Holy Week – April 14-20



**April 14: Palm Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m. with Pastor Bill! Come help us usher in Holy Week. Then join us for our Annual Elizabeth Circle Bake Sale during Coffee hour.

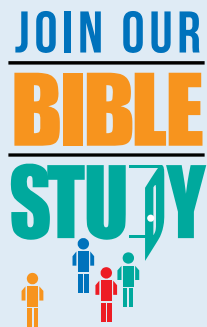
**April 18: Maundy Thursday** – Shadow of the Cross Cantata - A Contemporary Service - 7 p.m. This service of darkness features both traditional and contemporary selections in an accessible and moving cantata for Holy Week. Seven readings accompanied by the extinguishing of candles to a meditative conclusion shrouded in darkness.



**April 19: Good Friday – 7 p.m.** Please join us tonight for a Remembrance of Jesus' final hours on the Cross.

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Please join us next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as we welcome into our Park Place Church family, Judith Ouellette and Andrea & Michael Padula!



Our Bible Study will begin on Monday, April 29, the second Monday after Easter. We begin at 6:00 p.m. and finish between 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Bible Study is held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your Bible, paper and a pen! All are welcome!

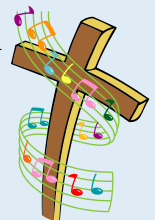


**Park Place Congregational UCC Missions**  
**Please remember All are welcome to join any activity or just drop in to see what is going on!**

**Let's Sing!**

We will be going to The Holiday Retirement Home in Manville, RI, and sing to/with the residents for about an hour in April 7. We'd love to have you join us.

We will be visiting The Village at Waterman Lake in Greenville, RI in April 14. *Both places are great outreaches to some wonderful people! All are welcome!*



**Thrift Shop - Stop on Buy!!!**

Come stop by on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Great clothes to choose from for the young kids to teens and adults! We also have great treasures to find, from jewelry to framed art to knickknacks! Come see what peeks your interest.**



The Board of Deacons are collecting non-perishable foods for our needy community members. Items needed are: peanut-butter, jelly, easy open cans of tuna, crackers & cheese, mac & cheese, soups etc. Please bring items to church on Sundays. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to add to the lives of all who receive them; so much so that we are running very low on our wonderful prayer shawls! ***Prayer Shawls continue to be greatly needed!*** Our meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. Hope to see you in May, we're taking this month off because our meeting day falls on Easter Sunday. Please continue to make shawls. Prayer shawls should be 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length.



Dear Park Place Family,

We have reached the end of the first quarter of 2019. The clocks have been moved ahead and we are on the cusp of spring. Have you seen the crocus and daffodils starting to peek through the ground? Growing up, the anticipation of Easter was second only to Christmas. I have wonderful memories of attending Easter Sunrise service in Connecticut on a hill overlooking a cove on Long Island Sound. I would return home with the excitement of aunts and uncles and my older sister coming for Mom's ham dinner. The week before she would bake cookies in shapes of bunnies,

frosting them in white and pink with a cinnamon candy for their eyes and chicks frosted white, blue and yellow with raisins or other candies for eyes. Since I was the "baby" everyone in the family would hide eggs in the yard again and again for me to find. Finally my niece and nephew grew old enough for me to take over hiding the eggs. Our Easter baskets (even for adults) had candy on top of the grass and small gifts hidden underneath. This is a meaningful time of new beginnings and the Resurrection. Some of you attended our special Ash Wednesday Service. I hope you have enjoyed Pastor Bill's Devotionals. I look forward to sharing Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday together in prayer.

With special blessings,  
Shirley

### ***April Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers***

*April 7:* The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Virginia Platt in loving memory of her Aunts and Uncles.

*April 14:* The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Claudia Dunn in loving memory of her parents, her husband and all departed family.

April 21: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory to God in loving honor of the Park Place Congregation by Ethel, Norman, Bobby, Cindy & Bob.

April 28: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill & Darlene McMillan in appreciation of our Minister of Music, Pastor Wayne Patenaude, for his talent and service as he leads us in worship through music.

**(Note: Thank you for your donations of the beautiful altar flowers each week, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please remember that payment of \$35.00 for the altar flowers is due during that month. Thank you for your attention.)**

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### Bible Quiz

After Jesus raises Lazarus from death, what does his family do to thank Jesus?

- A. They host a dinner for him.
- B. Martha serves the meal.
- C. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with an extravagant amount of expensive perfume.
- D. All of the above.

### Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: The victims of the terrorist attack at the two Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand; the victims of the Boeing Airplane crash; Carla Dyer; Jane & Bob Cash; Jean; Eva; Andrea; Steven; Elaine; Austen Lepper Carol, John; Cindy offers Thanks for our secret angels; Carlene; Karen B; Lisa Lyon; Richard Deblois, Judy O; Peter-emotional turmoil; Kathy Morrissette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Stacia; **Colin Walker**; Bobby Nicholson; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; Moe; Shelia Clough; Jackie Gardikis; Josh Barber; Paul; Melanie; Gabriella; Karen; Libby; Beth Fournier; Kenny; John Peter; Michael; Virginia; Steve; Alice; Deb C; Emily; Debbie Coury; Ann-Marie; Terry; Irene Marteno- cancer; Phyllis; Joyce - (cancer); Lauren & Heather; Frank; Cory; Joanne; Katherine; Irene; Bev; Jim; Ethel; Grace; Tom; Gregg; Peter; Nancy; Eric Green; Debbie Ziegenhagen; Cathleen; Claudia Berube; Trevor Bynoe; Dianne; Bob; Sherry; Terry; All people fighting cancer.



*Please continue prayers for*

... for the victims of the recent shootings at the Synagogue, plane crash in Indonesia and the school shootings.

... for the victims and families of domestic abuse.  
... all those still impacted by all the natural disasters including the wild fires in California.  
... the victims of all the turmoil worldwide. May the Lord bring Peace to this world.  
... our service men and women, and veterans both old and young who have served our country with honor and pride.

*Continued prayers for our homebound family members and friends:* Rita Clough; Carolyn Chirnside; Gloria Sasnett; Madeline Shay; Barbara; & friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See John 12:1-5.)

### **What Easter does**

**Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."**

**By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.**