

The Spire

May 2019



The Pastor's Moment...

Dear Park Place friends and family,

I believe many pastors and choirs who operated at an accelerated pace for the last few weeks have slowed down just a bit now that Easter is behind us. In one week's time we went from the triumphant entry on Palm Sunday, to the service on Thursday, which reminded us of the final Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Immediately following the meal we remember a sense of emptiness, of loneliness and despair as Jesus is taken away by the soldiers. Then there is the horror of Friday as Jesus dies on the cross. Saturday, a day of wondering, of waiting, of hoping that Friday was not the end soon rolls into Resurrection Day as we peer into an empty tomb and remember that this is exactly what Jesus foretold, and we celebrate with joy and excitement the resurrection of our Lord.

We walked a very emotional path during Holy Week. But now Holy Week is behind us, Sunday is past – where do we go from here? Before ascending into heaven Jesus told his disciples to go into all the world and make disciples by telling the story of what they had seen, what they had felt and experienced. Those instructions were not just for the disciples, they are also for us. To tell our story, not just through words but by our every action and behavior. People don't care to hear how much scripture we can quote or how much theology we understand. They just want to hear our story, to hear what Jesus means to us; and your story is best told and lived by you. Just before Jesus died on the cross he said, "It is finished." The work of redeeming us from our penalty of death for our sins is done. But the work of building the church through the power of the Holy Spirit is ongoing. And we are the laborers that Jesus has called to build.

Each of us needs to examine our hearts and minds, to take an inventory of our skills and talents, and then listen to what God is calling each of us to do for the furtherance of his kingdom. May each of us take time in prayer with the Lord to identify the particular ministry he has called us to, and to trust that if God calls us to a specific task, he will also give us the ability to accomplish it.

The fields are ready to be harvested.
See you in the fields,

Pastor Bill



April Worship Assisting

Greeters & Ushers: Lynn Usher & Terry May Neves; the Padula family; Terry May & Paul Neves

Lay Readers: Darlene McMillan; Andrea Padula; Shirley Harris; Kristine Gervais

Coffee Hour Hosts: Wayne Patenaude & Shirley Harris; Kathy Morrisette; Wayne Patenaude



Coffee Hour needs TWO HOSTS for each Sunday in May. 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!

May 5: Holy Communion Worship – 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading– Deacons: Darlene McMillan & Ginny Platt / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Singing at the Holiday Retirement Home 2 p.m. - All are welcome!

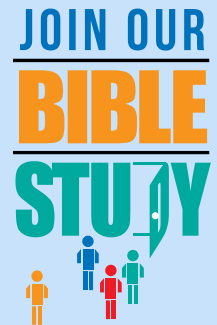
May 12: Worship- 10 a.m. with Pastor Bill leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m. / Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Singing at Waterman Lake 2 p.m. - All are welcome!

May 19: Sunday - Worship – 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading/ Wrights Farm Family Dinner 12 p.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.

May 26: Worship- 10 a.m. with Pastor Bill leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Music & Praise 6 p.m. Featuring Our Chancel Choir

The Feasts of the Bible

If you enjoyed this year's devotions – if you read the Bible and scratch your head searching for understanding – if you would like to learn more, please consider joining our Bible Study. The devotions were designed to provide an introduction to our next Bible Study, "The Feasts of the Bible." This will be a six-week study beginning Monday, April 29 @ 6:00 PM. It will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at Park Place Church. You are always welcome!



Our Sunday School Children!

Our kids collected money for Heifer International and One Egg Haiti during Lent! They did a wonderful job, making decorated cookies to sell and passing out eggs for you to fill with loose change! Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our children!



Hello Everyone,

April showers are bringing May flowers for sure. And allergies... I've never asked God to bless so many people! There's a renewed sense of energy and hope in the air. All my neighbors have come out of hibernation and it's good to talk to them as we work in the yard.

May God bless all of you!

Shirley

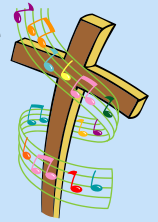


Park Place Congregational UCC Missions
Please remember All are welcome to join any activity or just drop in to see what is going on!

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 on May 5. We'd love to have you join us.

We will be visiting The Village at Waterman Lake in Greenville, RI on May 12. 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 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. Hope to see you in May! Please continue to make shawls. Prayer shawls should be 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length.



Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Joan Casavant as she continues her rehab; Rev. Morales and his family; 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 Martenocancer; 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.

... The victims of the terrorist attack at the two Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand

... 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 family members and friends who are unable to attend worship: Rita Clough; Carolyn Chirnside; Gloria Sasnett; Madeline Shay; Barbara; & friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.

May Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers

May 5: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by George & Lois Grenier in honor of first responders.*

The yellow roses are given to the Glory of God by Candy Stewart in loving memory of her mother, Camilla Horton.



May 12: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Catherine Shute in loving memory of her mother, Rita Gallant, her grandmothers, Amanda Gallant and Catherine Henry.*

May 19: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Michael and Karen McDonnell in loving memory of her mother, Betty Armstrong and her father, Ted Armstrong.*

May 26: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Leslie Brouwer in loving birthday memory of Gerrit J. Brouwer.*

(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

In Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, to what two women is Boaz connected?

- A. Rahab and Ruth
- B. Tamar and Rahab
- C. Ruth and Bathsheba
- D. Bathsheba and Mary

For Our Youth...



HEART-SHAPED breakfast



Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.




What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!





A blessed woman



The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.



She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;


she provides _____ for her _____

Her _____ rise _____ and

_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answer: up, night, food, family, children, up, call

Bible Quiz Answer: A (See Matthew 1:5.)



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Echoes of Easter

The Resurrection wasn't a "one-off"; it was a spark that lit a flame that continues burning even today, especially where people minister in the Risen One's name. One such outreach, Camp Noah, serves children traumatized by disaster. Nationwide, volunteers offer week-long experiences of kindness, love, listening and safety to kids who've recently survived a tornado, flood, hurricane, wildfire or shooting. Kids often open up for the first time to share their "storm stories" and begin a journey of healing.

Leaders at Camp Noah attest to God's power to bring joy out of sorrow, trust out of fear and life out of death. A boy who initially was aloof dances with another camper at the closing worship; kids who arrived with uncertain expressions leave with smiles and regained confidence. Mental health counselors are part of camp teams, and referrals are made to continue care afterward.

Resurrection often happens in steps, not overnight. But wherever "ordinary" daily ministry takes place in Christ's name, extraordinary echoes of the first Easter are evident.

—Heidi Mann