



The Spire

October 2019



The Pastor's Moment...

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this Spire Moment, I know that Darlene and I will be on the road in two days, and by the time you read it, we will be at our home in Florida. As much as we enjoy our time in Florida and worshipping at Sunshine Cathedral, it's not the same as home. Therefore, it seems appropriate to share the words of Paul to the Philippians because they so beautifully express what I am feeling. "Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ. So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart."

As our new church year really begins to get into swing, we begin preparations for the Blessing of the Pets, for Christmas on the Hill, and for our Christmas Cabaret. May we always remember, that although these events may provide financial support for Park Place, our first goal is to be a light in a dark world, to be a witness for Christ and his love for all humanity. Pastor Wayne and I give thanks always for you; for your support and commitment to the ministries of Park Place. Though miles separate Darlene and me from you during the month of October, we will be back in time for the October Music and Praise. Also, our next Bible Study entitled "In the Dust of the Rabbi" will begin on November 11, and run for five weeks. I hope you will plan on joining us.

May the Lord watch over you and richly bless you.

In Christ's love and mine,

Pastor Bill

September Worship Participants



Greeters & Ushers: *Leslie Brouwer & Ginny Platt; Shirley Harris & Ginny Platt; Terry May Neves & Ginny Platt; Hailie & Mike Padula.*

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: *Leslie Brouwer & Darlene McMillan; Wendy Brunnell & Cathy Shute; Ginny Platt; Leslie Brouwer & Wayne Patenaude*



Greeters & Ushers are needed. Please consider being a Greeter for Sunday worship. This "job" is so important, you are the first person, people see when they arrive for worship. It's so nice to be greeted with a happy, smiling face as you enter the sanctuary.

Coffee Hour needs TWO HOSTS per week in October. 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!

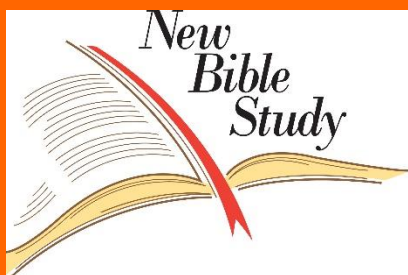
October 6: *Holy Communion Worship – 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading– Deacons: Set-up: Leslie Brouwer & Dawn Shaw / Serving: Leslie Brouwer & Ginny Platt- NIN offering taken / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.*

October 13: *Worship- 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading- Baptism of Autumn Rose Brooks Coffee Hour - 11 a.m. / Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.*

October 20: *Worship – 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m.*

October 27: *Worship- 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m. / Music & Praise - featuring our Chancel Choir - 6 p.m.*

Come and Follow Me to our Fall Bible Study



Once again, we will have a Fall Bible Study beginning on Monday, November 11 at 6:00 PM. This will be a five-week study entitled "In the Dust of the Rabbi." For five weeks we'll explore what it means to be a disciple. Our teacher Ray Vander Laan will once again guide us through the lands of Israel and neighboring countries. We may have some understanding of what it means to be someone's

disciple, but what did it mean in the time of Jesus?

We will meet on the following Mondays at 6:00 PM; November 11, 18, & 25. There will be no class on Monday, December 2. Our two remaining classes will be on Monday, December 9 & 16. Our study meets downstairs in the church hall.

If you've never attended a Bible Study, please consider joining us. All you need is a heart and a mind ready and willing to learn. Workbook pages will be provided. Please bring a pen or pencil, some note paper and your Bible. I look forward to taking this journey with each of you as we walk, "In the Dust of the Rabbi."

Sympathy to Our Family & Friend...



It is with great sympathy we extend to the family and friends of Isabella Carter. Isabel passed away on September 9, 2019. Isabel was an active member of Park Place for many years. She was always ready to lend a hand from cooking to cleaning, working the craft table for Christmas on the Hill Bazaar. She also made countless scarves, hats and gloves for the bazaar and our Prayer Shawl Ministry and just to have in her car for those people who she found needed winter items while on her daily travels.

May the Lord welcome Isabel with loving arms and comfort her family and friends during this most difficult time.

Happy October!

I'm not sure how happy. I couldn't believe it when Linda said she was preparing the October Spire. That is a recurring theme.....time passes slowly as a kid and then way to fast the older we get. The weather isn't supporting the fall season either - cold one night, in the 80's the next day. I think Mother Nature is confused. But the advertisements certainly say it's fall with pumpkin spice everywhere, apple cider donuts, Halloween specials and I think I see Christmas decorations creeping in. Augh! Let's take time and enjoy Fall's colors and the brisk air. Let's take time and enjoy each others' company. If we don't see you at church on Sundays, hopefully we will see you at Music and Praise. Those of you who can't make either, you are in our thoughts and prayers.



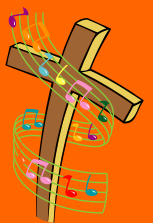
Blessings,
Shirley



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 November 3. We'd love to have you join us.



Thrift Shop - Stop on Buy!!!

Come stop by during our regular shop hours of 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 peaks your interest.

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! *New Prayer Shawls are always welcomed!* Our meetings are every 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. Hope to see you October 20! Please continue to make shawls when you are unable to attend the group. Prayer shawls should be 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length.



Dear Church Family,

It has long been a mission of Park Place to provide food to those who come to our doors hungry. We have for many years maintained a small food pantry stocked with your generous donations of canned goods etc. However, it seems that many of those who do come seeking food these days do not have access to a can opener or means to heat or prepare the food we traditionally stock. In addition, we do not have regular church office hours which has decreased the distribution of food we do have on hand.

The Deacons are seeking your support for a new food sharing program that would collect 10 specific items that have been recommended on numerous sites to provide a nutritious and portable “lunch to go” for the homeless or someone in need of a meal. In addition to the food provided in the bag, we would like to add a personal note of encouragement, hope or support. We are lovingly referring to these bags as “Heavenly Snack Packs” and if possible, we would love to create enough to have some on hand for someone who comes by when the church is open and we would also love to be able to hand out one to everyone we serve on Park Place’s Soup Kitchen Saturday (our next dates are Nov. 23 and Feb. 8).

Please look for our sample “Heavenly Snack Pack” and our “wish list” for shopping items downstairs at coffee hour. Please consider taking a note paper and briefly writing a message of support or prayer while you have your coffee. Please see Darlene, Ginny, or Shirley with any questions. With gratitude for your generosity of time and resources, we prayerfully ask God’s guidance and blessing with this program,

Board of Deacons

October Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers

October 6th: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kathy & Sara Morrisette in Loving Memory of all our departed loved ones.

October 13th: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Claudia Dunn with a Birthday Remembrance of loving husband Norman, mother Maria Aulisio and son Kevin.

October 20th: The Altar flowers are giving to the Glory of God by Wendy Brunnell in loving memory of her Grandmother Hazel Pierce.

October 27th: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Megan, Peter and Petra Palumbo in loving memory of Megan’s Nana, Loraine Gabaree.

(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.)

Bible Quiz

Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.

- A. Saul, David, Solomon
- B. Samuel, David, Saul
- C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- D. Solomon, Jesse, David

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Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: the family of Isabel Carter; Rev Daelher Hayes; Mike & Debbie Ziegenhagen; Jocelyn; Luis Echeverria; Joan Casavant; Bob MacLaren; Carla Dyer; Laurie; Eva; Lauryn Maples; Lori Rybak; Janet Estes; Steven; Claudia Dunn; Elaine; Bob, Nancy & Austen Lepper; Carol; John; Carlene; Karen B; Lisa Lyon; Richard Deblois, Judy O; Kathy Morrissette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Stacia; Colin Walker; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; Moe; 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;; Cathleen; Claudia Berube; Trevor Bynoe; Dianne; Bob; Sherry; Terry; All people fighting cancer.



Please continue prayers for

... the victims of the terrorist attacks across our great nation and across the world. May the Lord bring Peace to this world.

... all those impacted by all natural disasters all around the world.

...for the victims and families of domestic abuse.

... 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; Madeline Shay & friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.

Bible Quiz Answer: A (See 1 Samuel
9:15-17; 16:1-13; 1 Kings 1:28-30.)



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“Jesus No Cry”

Author Marlo Schalesky recalls her 2-year-old’s first table prayer: “Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy. Amen.” Her 5-year-old sister was unimpressed, calling it “a funny prayer.” But Mom affirmed it as fine, later blogging: “I saw how woefully self-centered my own prayers had become. ... [In my daughter’s] language ... they would sound more like ‘Marlo no cry. Marlo be happy.’”

So Schalesky made some intentional changes. “Instead of only asking for God’s blessing, I’m focusing more on asking God to help me to be pleasing to him. When I ask for wisdom, I also ask him to help me honor him in all I do and think. And instead of focusing on my desire for all to go well, I ask him what I can do to bring him joy. ... I am learning to pray with childlike faith. I’m learning to pray, ‘Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy.’”

—Heidi Mann