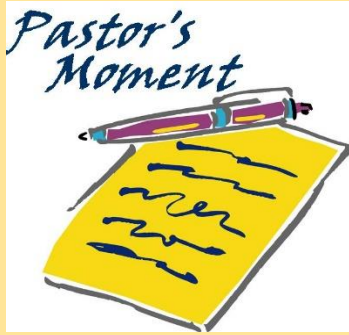


# The Spire

November 2019



Dear Park Place Friends and Family,

As I write this, I have been awestruck once again by the beauty of the autumn foliage. The majesty of the amazing array of color mesmerizes me each and every year and I find myself giving thanks to God for offering us this reminder of all the beauty that is around us. If we look closely, each leaf is different and unique. As they fall off the trees, they continue to have purpose, because they can keep the ground warm for the insects and the roots of the trees. The roots can maintain the nurturance of the soil so that they may blossom again in the spring. In a world that is ever changing, we need to seek the beauty in it. Change is inevitable, but the one constant is that God is always there for us.

We are approaching Thanksgiving and once again we will do what we can to be God's blessings of charity and goodness in our world. As I view all the beautiful array of color all around us, I am also reminded of the beauty in all of us. We are all a part of God's beautiful array of color in our world. Whatever shade of color we are inside and out, may we strive to bring our God given beauty to our world sharing God's love and light with others.

Treasure the beauty around us and in each of us, And hope to see you in church.

In Christ's love and mine,

*Pastor Wayne*

## October Worship Participants



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

**Lay Readers:** *Shirley Harris; Sara Morrissette; Cathy Shute; Kristine Gervais.*

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** *Ginny Platt & Cathy Shute; Jay & Amanda Brooks; Cathy Shute; Sara Morrissette & 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 November. 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!*

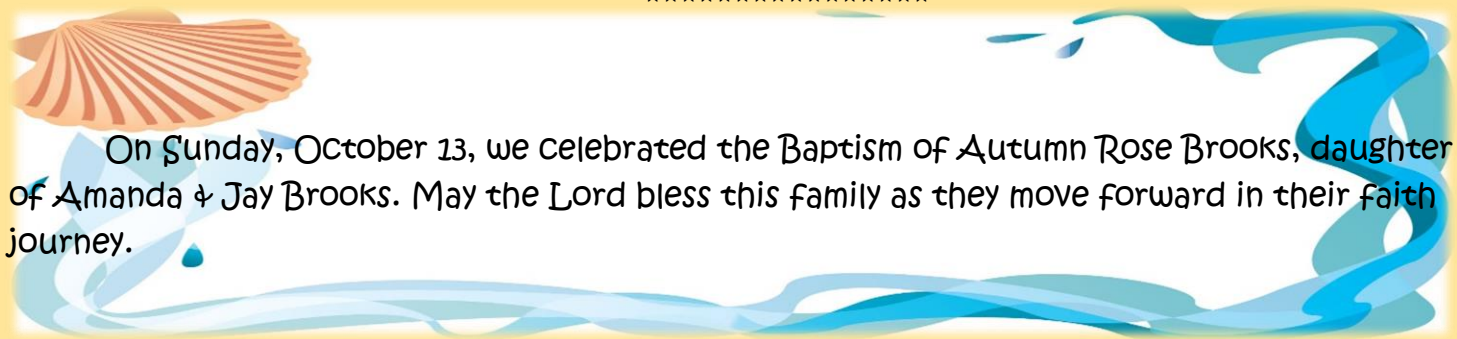
**November 3:** *Holy Communion Worship - 10 a.m. with Pastor Bill leading- Deacons: Set-up: Leslie Brouwer & Dawn Shaw / Serving: Leslie Brouwer & Ginny Platt / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Holiday Retirement Home-Visiting & Singing! 2 p.m. All are welcome!*

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

**November 17:** *Worship - 10 a.m. with Pastor Bill leading / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m.*

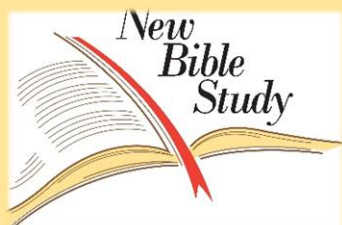
**November 24:** *Thanksgiving Sunday Worship- 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne leading / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m. /Music & Praise - featuring our Chancel & Handbell Choirs - 6 p.m.*

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On Sunday, October 13, we celebrated the Baptism of Autumn Rose Brooks, daughter of Amanda & Jay Brooks. May the Lord bless this family as they move forward in their faith journey.

## Come and Follow Me to our Fall Bible Study



Our Fall Bible Study is 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.

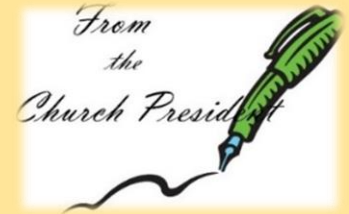
There will be no class on Monday, December 2. Our two remaining classes will be on Monday, December 9 & 16. Our study meets downstairs in the church hall.

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."



Dear Park Place Family and Friends,

November is arriving with a blast of wind and rain. Leaves are still on the trees, however, in splendid color. The pumpkins and cornstalks are proudly displayed. The temperature is falling only slightly (my heating bill appreciates this). I look forward to Thanksgiving, not just for the food, but the camaraderie of family and friends. I am overwhelmed with thankfulness, especially for my family. My niece says we could have a family reunion in a phone booth, but actually it was a restaurant booth! After some medical scares, I thank God every day for their health and happiness. The same goes for my friends - locally and far away. I am grateful God hears my prayers. Every night I say a prayer with my new BFF, Sambuca, that God keep the roof over our heads, give thanks we are dry, fed, healthy and we are loved. I also pray for my Park Place family. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!



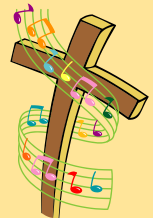
Blessings,  
Shirley



**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 and December 1. We'd love to have you join us.



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

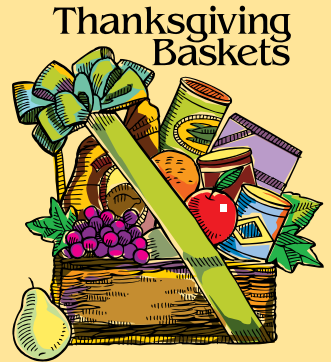
Come stop by during our regular shop hours of Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Great clothes to choose from for the young kids to teens and adults! We also have great treasures to find, from jewelry to framed art to knickknacks! Come see what peeks your interest.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. Hope to see you November 17! 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.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Gift Basket Collection. Please bring your Non-perishable food items to church on Sunday mornings and please in the box in the Narthex. We'd like to help those in need have a delicious Thanksgiving dinner for their families. \$20. Gift cards for Turkey purchases will be appreciated. Please keep in mind this is for a Thanksgiving dinner not a regular food fundraiser. Thank you for your generosity!



Dear Church Family,

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.

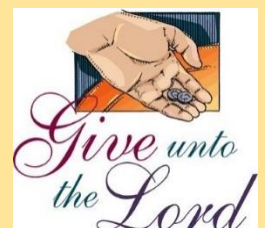
We are making these bags “Heavenly Snack Packs” and if possible, we would love to create enough to have some on hand for someone who comes by when the church is open and we would also love to be able to hand out one to everyone we serve on Park Place’s Soup Kitchen Saturday (our next dates are

Nov. 23 and Feb. 8).

Mission Items needed for our Heavenly Snack Packs: single serve tuna or chicken snack kit; single serve fruit cups or applesauce; meat snack stick (i.e. jerky) peanut butter crackers, breakfast or protein bars (avoid chocolate), individual bags of chips, individual boxes of raisins or dried fruit, pudding packs, individual packs of cookies or a sweet treat, small bottled water. If you could bring any of these items to church on Sundays, it would be greatly appreciated. Please put donations in the box in the Narthex.

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Stewardship Time is approaching! As we plan for our Church budget for the coming 2020 year, we ask you to think of your ‘Giving to God’ also. Prayerfully consider what you give or if you don’t give to Park Place, please consider giving weekly or monthly. We work for the Glory of God and need you, your wonderful talents and your faithful giving.



## Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: 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 Morrisette; 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.



### *November Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers*

**November 3:** *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cathy Shute in memory of Jack Hamel.*

**November 10:** *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Wayne and Glenn Marr in loving memory of Lynn Dieterich and Mary Beck,*

**November 17:** *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God for a November 16th anniversary remembrance of Ruth and Joe Davis by their children and grandchildren.*

**November 24:** *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Wayne Patenaude and Glenn Marr in Honor of all of our Music Ministry and for all their hard work and dedication.*

*(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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### "Present Tense"

After "turkey day" came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not "How was your Thanksgiving?" but "How is your Thanksgiving?" After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.


That doesn't always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? "Sometimes I'm just grateful I have arms." That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being "thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice."

So ... how is your Thanksgiving?

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



**Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)**