

The Spire

February 2018



The Pastor's Moment...

Hey Everybody!!! All friends and family of this branch of God's family!!!

Love is an overwhelming sense of goodness, kindness, charity, patience, and care. It is putting others ahead of ourselves. It is treasuring the gifts that all who are a part of our lives bring to the essence of who we are. Jesus came to us as the savior of us all and truly loved us, offering his own life as a sacrifice for us all. All of Jesus' ministries were rooted in love and sharing God's promises to the world. We, as believers and followers of Christ are called to share our love. I went to a funeral service yesterday for a friend's sister and the Pastor shared that this woman was love. The kindness, compassion, love and willingness to always be there for others was a testament to her life and to her faith. As we approach the season of lent, may we also be beautiful

Reflections of God's love. Come and join us on our walk through faith. Blessings to all and hope to see you in church!!!

With Love in Christ's Service,
Pastor Wayne

Janaury Worship Assisting

Greeters & Ushers: Cathy Shute, Ginny Platt, Mike & Hailie Padula;
Karen McDonnell & Ginny Platt

Lay Readers: Kristine Geroais; Andrea Padula; Sara Morrisette;

Coffee Hour Hosts: Cathy Shute; Darlene McMillan; Pastor Wayne
& Sara Morrisette



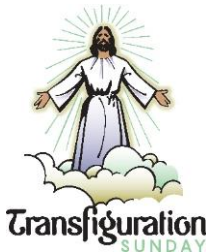
Coffee Hour needs hosts for February. If you'd like to host a Sunday, please fill out the signup sheet downstairs in the hall. Thank you!



Worship Schedule for February

Worship begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday Morning! Children are invited to attend Sunday School from 10 – 10:30 a.m. then proceed to worship service.

February 4: - Holy Communion Sunday - Worship 10 a.m. - Leading worship: Pastor Bill / Communion set up: Ginny Platt & Dawn Shaw / Deacons: Ginny Platt & Dawn Shaw / Sunday School 10-10:30 a.m. then join worship. / Coffee Hour @ 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.



February 11: - Transfiguration of Our Lord - Worship at 10 a.m. - Leading worship- Pastor Wayne / Sunday School – 10-10:30 a.m. then join worship / Coffee hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.

February 14: Ash Wednesday Service: 7 p.m. All are welcome! Happy Valentine's Day!!!

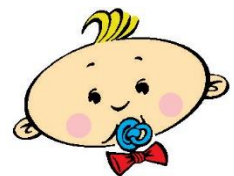


February 21: 1st Sunday in Lent Worship at 10 a.m. – Leading worship: Pastor Wayne / Sunday School – 10-10:30 a.m. then join worship / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.

February 28: 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship at 10 a.m. – Leading worship: Pastor Wayne / Sunday School – 10-10:30 a.m. then join worship / Coffee Hour 11a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m. / Music & Praise Hour – 6 p.m.

A New Family Member!!!

Amanda & James Ruh announce the birth of their son, Bennett MCKim Ruh born on December 25, 2017! Both mom and baby are doing well! Natalie is very excited to have a little brother to look after and play with. May the Lord bless this new little baby and his happy family.



Our Christian Education/ Sunday School!

Sunday School students attend Sunday school from 10 – 10:30 a.m., then they will continue to worship service. Please speak with Kristine if you have any questions.





**Getting
College Ready!!**

Hunter Gervais and Taylor Poland are both seniors in High School this year! We wish them both blessings from our Lord and prayers from their church family as they search out colleges for this exciting new journey they will begin very soon!

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Christine Patenaude; Lisa Lyon; Ralph & Ana; Richard Deblois, Mary Anderson; Terry May Neves; Nancy Lepper; Judy O; Peter-emotional turmoil; Kathy Morrisette; 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; All people fighting cancer.



Please continue prayers for

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

.... all those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria.

.... all those effected by the California fires.

.... those impacted by the earthquake in Mexico.

.... all the lives that were impacted by the shooting in Las Vegas.

.... 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: Madeline Shay; Rita Clough; Carolyn Chirnside; Claudia Dunn; Gloria Sasnett; Barbara & friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.

Stop, look and listen

Lent, the season of the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year). While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions.

Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- It causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."
- It tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.
- It tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words aren't only important for our safety in travel; they're also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.



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 March 4. Our visits are the first Sunday of each month to make planning easier. We'd love to have you join us.

We will be visiting The Village at Waterman Lake in Greenville, RI on March 11. We would love to have you come and join us to bring music to the residents. Our visits are usually on the second Sunday of each month to make planning easier. *Both places are great outreaches to some wonderful people! All are welcome!*



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 future meetings will be the third Sunday of each month. Please check with Cathy Shute or Ginny Platt if you're interested in attending this special group! If you can't make our meeting, please continue making shawls. Prayer shawls should be 25-30 inches wide 70 inches in length. Baby Blankets are also needed, as we've had quite a few Baptisms over the Prayer Shawl Ministry past few months! All are welcome! Even if you don't know how to knit/crochet, we'll teach you!

Stop by the Thrift Shop

Come stop by on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. You never know what you'll find! The Annex (Aka., The Gregory Room) will also remain open. Look for new bargains there!



Bible Quiz



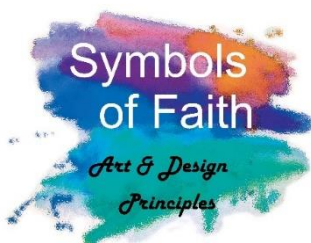
Paul declares that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God’s love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above

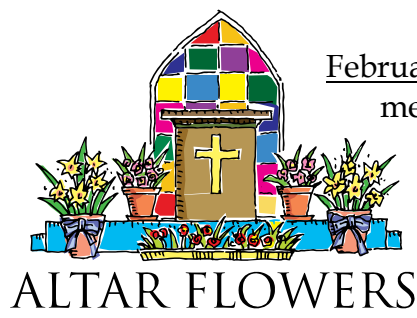
Symbols of Faith!!

Cindy’s art story of faith....

I chose the cross because it reminds me of Jesus dying for my sins. The dove reminds me of how much God loves me. The olive branch is freedom. And the rainbow which arcs above them all with its beautiful colors symbolizes hope. In the Bible the rainbow is often used as a reminder of God’s covenant with us. It is a symbol of Hope in Him.



February Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers



February 4: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Kevin Dunn by his mother, Claudia Dunn and his brother, Mark Dunn.

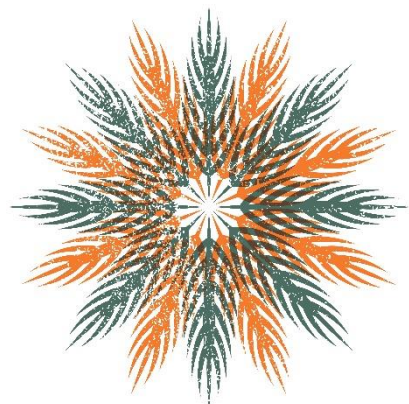
February 11: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Virginia Platt in loving memory of Mom & Granma Anderson.

February 18: Open Sunday. Please see either: Dawn Shaw, Terry May Neves or Ginny Platt to let them know you'd like to donate flowers for this Sunday.

February 25: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Glenn Marr and Wayne Patenaude in loving memory of Glenn Marr's Grandmother, Thelma Crawford.

(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.)

Ash Wednesday Prayer
February 14, 2018



Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

—Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Bible Quiz Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)



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