

# The Spire



May 2018



Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

When I look at the calendar, I see that April is half over, yet just two days ago, I watched the snow come down. I believe most of us here in New England are asking, "When will spring arrive?" I actually have the answer to why spring is so late, thanks to Facebook. So in case you missed it, here's what I read this morning. "Mother Nature apologizes for the late arrival of spring. Father Time was driving and refused to stop and ask for directions!"

I know we're looking forward to buds on the trees and dandelions breaking through the crusty soil. We know the warm weather is coming. It won't be long before we complain about the heat. It seems not a lot has changed since the Israelites wandered in the desert. Remember they complained about being hungry and God fed them heavenly food, manna. They were thrilled at first, but eventually the complaint was, "Manna again?" So God sent quails into the camp, and the people ate meat. But it wasn't long before the cry became "Quail again! I'm sick of quail." How does God put up with us? He must love us very much to listen to our complaints and yet still provide for our needs.

Holy Week was very busy and also very uplifting this year as once again our Maundy Thursday service shared the story of that last night the disciples had with Jesus through the narration and music of "The Shadow of the Cross". Then on Good Friday we shared a "Contemporary Look at the Stations of the Cross" through scripture readings, music, and pictures taken from the movie "Jesus of Nazareth." After the agony of the garden on Thursday, the horrific death on the cross on Friday and the despair and loneliness of Saturday, we were once again uplifted and encouraged at the sight of an empty tomb on Sunday morning. I never tire of hearing this beautiful story of God's love for us and his willingness to hold nothing back, not even his only Son, to redeem us, to purchase our freedom from sin.

May we always remember, "We are resurrection people!" May we go forth in love, knowing that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and remembering that Jesus gave each of us the great commission - to share his story and his love with a hurting world.

*See you in church,*

*Pastor Bill*



## April Worship Assisting

**Greeters & Ushers:** Mike & Hailie Padula with Sophia;  
**Lay Readers:** Darlene McMillan; Andrea Padula  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Cathy Shute; Pastor Wayne & Sara Morrissette; the Padula family. Darlene McMillan;



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

## Worship Schedule for May

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.

**May 6: Communion Worship 10 a.m. - Leading worship: Pastor Bill Communion set up: Darlene McMillan and Dawn Shaw / Deacons: Bobby Nicholson and Dawn Shaw/ Sunday School 10-10:30 a.m. / Sinai Church 1-3 p.m. / Visit The Holiday Retirement Home – singing! 2 p.m. All are welcome!**

**May 13: - 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./ Visit Waterman Lake – singing! 2 p.m. All are welcome!**

**May 20: Worship at 10 a.m. – Leading worship: Pastor Bill / Sunday School – 10-10:30 a.m. then join worship / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.**



**May 27: 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.****



## 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.

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## **Special Mother's Day Notice**

Mother's Day is less than one month away. As you read this notice, pause for just a moment to think about your Mother. For many of us, Mom is already gone from this life and living in the presence of our Heavenly Father. For others, Mom is in the same home with us every day, and for others she may be living miles away from us. Regardless of where our Moms are, let's take a minute to consider the many lessons she taught us through her words and her actions. Let's pause in our busy day to thank her for her life which she so unselfishly gave or continues to give. Although our recognition of Moms should not be relegated to only one day a year in the month of May, we do make a special effort to honor our Moms on Mother's Day each year. Mother's Day is always the second Sunday in May, this year falling on Sunday, May 13.

We at Park Place would like to honor our Moms with a special service this year. Certainly the choir will offer special music, and Mother's Day would not be complete without Pastor Wayne's rendition of "Mama a Rainbow." But this year we also want to print the names of our Mom's or women that have played an important role in our lives, in a special bulletin to be distributed on Mother's Day.



If you would like your Mom's name added to this bulletin please contact the church office either by phone or responding to this email. Additionally, on Mother's Day we will provide time for special recognition for Moms, if you would like to offer a brief testimony highlighting something special about your Mom. If you are interested in speaking on Mother's Day during the service, please contact Pastor Wayne or Pastor Bill. Please plan to keep your story brief to allow time for everyone who wants to speak.

I believe Heaven will be filled with smiling Moms that day as they listen and look down speaking words of love, that we will hear in our hearts. Words like, "That's my kid. I love them so much."

God bless you all, Pastor Wayne & Pastor Bill

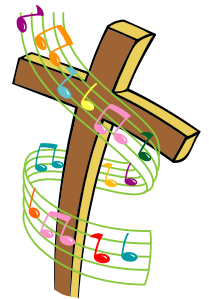


**Park Place Congregational UCC Missions**  
**Please remember All are welcome to join any activity or**  
**just drop in to see what is going on!**

**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 6. 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 May 13. 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 meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month from 2-3:30 p.m. 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 they are given to the babies during a baptism service! All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry 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. Donations are always welcome, we are looking for jewelry at this time. You never know what you'll find! Look for new bargains there!



**Relay For Life**

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, Relay for Life at Smithfield High School, 90 Pleasant View Ave. Smithfield, R.I. Relay Time: 2-11 p.m. All are welcome to join us! We will be joining the Neves/Albee Team this year.

### **Chopstick Auction News!!!!**

The Chopstick Auction will be June 9 at 7 p.m. \$3 for a regular chopstick and \$20 for a Golden Chopstick. We will have refreshment and munchies too!

Our Annual Chopstick Auction is coming up on June 9! We are now accepting new, use or re-gifted items for this event. Theme baskets are always a wonderful idea too! If you need any baskets please see either Ginny or Cathy! If you'd like more information please see our Event Co-Chair people Ginny Platt & Cathy Shute!

### **May Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers**

May 6: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by George & Lois Grenier in honor of first responders.*

May 13: *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. The flower vase is in grateful appreciation of all member of the bible study group.*

May 20: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Michael and Karen McDonnell in loving memory of her mom Betty Armstrong. The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Michael and Karen McDonnell in loving memory of her father, Ted Armstrong.*

May 27: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Leslie Brouwer in loving birthday memory of Gerrit J. Brouwer.*

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### **These flowers and anthem did not make it into the April Spire:**

April 8: *The Altar flowers were given to the Glory of God by the Neves family in a loving birthday remembrance of Charles Wood.*

April 8: *The Anthem, "An Antiphonal Easter Alleluia" was given to the Glory of God in loving birthday remembrance of Charles Wood by his family.*



April 29: *The altar flowers were 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.)*

## Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

*Please keep these people in your daily prayers:* Noah McCue, David Grenier; McKenna; Lisa Lyon; Richard Deblois, Mary Anderson; Nancy Lepper; Judy O; Peter-emotional turmoil; Kathy Morrisette; Anna; Brenda; 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 and families of domestic abuse.  
.... all those still impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria.  
.... all those effected by the California fires and mudslides.  
..... those impacted by the school shootings and church shootings.  
..... 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.

### Using Your Smart Phone...

... to stay in touch with your Park Place Church



... use your mobile device to visit our website. You can get up to the minute information, view the Spire electronically, view our event, or see our worship schedule!

Park Place Church E-giving: simply scan on your Smart phone or mobile device and enter your information! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3! Keep up on your church giving, pay for your altar flowers, give to the *Safe in Prayer* campaign. You can also schedule your weekly giving!

