

The Spire

October 2018



The Pastor's Moment...

Dear Park Place family and friends,

In September, Pastor Wayne and I had our annual meeting with the Church and Ministry Committee to renew our license. It's a very brief meeting where we explain what has been happening at Park Place. Our explanation has been summarized in this phrase, "Small in Number but Mighty in Spirit." When we consider the small number of people who worship at Park Place, and the number of diverse ministries and extended service offered by Park Place, we have no explanation except the Holy Spirit. Each year, upon hearing about the many activities of our church, the people on the Church and Ministry Committee smile and figuratively scratch their heads. How does such a small group of people accomplish so much for the Lord? We believe, without a doubt, it's because we are strengthened, uplifted, motivated, encouraged and guided by the Holy Spirit. Each year, since we've been licensed, we have reported to the Committee on the life of Park Place; and each year they have unanimously voted to renew our licenses.

As we begin our new church year, we once again face challenges; once again we scratch our heads and wonder how our objectives will be accomplished. Let us not focus on the mountain we have to climb, but rather let us focus on the Spirit who is climbing with us. May we never lose sight of the power of God or waver in our trust and faith in him. May we never forget what the angel said to Mary, "Nothing is impossible with God."

May we continue strong in prayer, faithful in worship and loving in service as we follow the path God has called each of us to walk as individuals, and as the body of Christ. Brothers and sisters in Christ, as your pastors and co-laborers in Christ service, it is our privilege and honor to continue on this Spirit filled journey with you.

In Christ's love and mine,

Pastor Bill



September Worship Assisting

Greeters & Ushers: Leslie Brouwer & Ginny Platt; Stephanie Gray & Ginny Platt; Shirley Harris & Ginny Platt; Mike & Hailie Padula

Lay Readers: Ethel Martel, Darlene McMillan; Kristine Gervais; Stephanie Gray & Andrea Padula

Coffee Hour Hosts: Wayne Patenaude; Darlene McMillan; Leslie Brouwer; Darlene McMillan & Ginny Platt; Darlene McMillan



Coffee Hour needs hosts for 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!

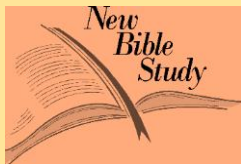
October 7: World Communion Worship – 10 a.m./ Lay Leaders / Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Singing at the Holiday Retirement Home 2 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

October 14: Worship – 10 a.m./ Pastor Bill leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Waterman Lake Retirement Home singing 2 p.m. All are welcome!

October 21: Worship- 10 a.m./ Pastor Wayne leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m. / Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m.

October 28: Worship – 10 a.m./ Pastor Bill leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Praise & Worship 6 p.m.

Bible Study



Our new Bible Study will begin on Monday, October 8, at 6:00 PM, downstairs in the auditorium of our church building. Once again the study will use DVD lessons from “*That the World May Know*” series, which is taught by Ray Vander Laan. Ray illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the scriptures. He emphasizes the importance of understanding the Bible as it relates to the time and culture when it was written. Then in each lesson he guides us into understanding how it relates to us today. “*That the World May Know*” was filmed on location in the Middle East and elsewhere. This film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true believer of Jesus.

The study will run for six Mondays; October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 12, and 19. There will be no class on Monday, November 5 so the Church Council and Deacons can meet. If you've always wanted to try a Bible Study, but felt you didn't know enough about the Bible to attend, don't let that stop you this time. Everything you will need to know during these lessons will be provided to you. If you're shy, and don't like speaking in a group, don't let that keep you away. You can join us and just watch and listen. The amount of your participation is completely up to you.

The Bible Study is not restricted to people who attend Park Place. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you know of someone who may want to attend, please invite them. All are welcome. If you have attended our movie nights through the summer and enjoyed the movies and time of fellowship, I believe you will also enjoy the Bible Study.

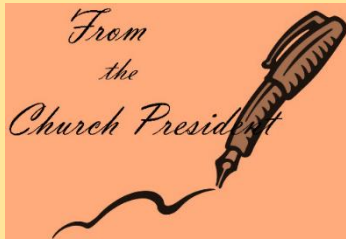
The Bible Study usually concludes between 7:00 – 7:30. I look forward to seeing you Monday, October 8 at 6:00 PM.

Pastor Bill

Our Christian Education/ Sunday School News!

If you'd like to enroll your child(ren) in our class, please speak with Kristine Gervais. Classes start soon!





October is shaping up to be an exciting month for blessing our families, neighbors and even our pets. The Blessing of the Pets will be on Saturday, October 6th. Then Sunday, October 7th is World Communion Sunday - Loving God, Loving our Neighbor. This special service created by Deacons will be led by the Park Place family. Hope to see everyone there!

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 October 7. 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 October 14. 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!*



Stop by the Thrift Shop

Come stop by on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come see what new looks you can add to your wardrobe! Great clothes to choose from for the young kids to teens and adults!





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!* We have been taking the summer off! Our meetings will every 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. hope to see you then! Please continue to make shawls. Prayer shawls should be 25-30 inches wide 70 inches in length. See you

on October 21st!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As you know our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every third Sunday of the month in the Guild Room from 2:00 – 3:30. Over the years a faithful and talented group of our women have met to knit and crochet the beautiful shawls on display in our sanctuary. We repeatedly hear how these shawls have offered comfort and love to those going through challenging times. The shawls have offered warmth to someone in the hospital or a nursing home. They've provided comfort to someone grieving the loss of a loved one. They are currently used by individuals all over the country. Recipients of a shawl have told us when they wrap one of these shawls around their shoulders they feel like someone is hugging them.

In September, this committed group of woman were invaded by three clumsy-fingered men. Bob Nicholson, Pastor Wayne and Pastor Bill joined the group to try their hands at knitting. We actually were able to knit a few rows, with much guidance, help and even moments of rescue from our gentle and encouraging instructor, Ginny Platt.

The mission of this ministry has not changed, with the addition of these men. However, it has also taken on an additional purpose – that is to raise funds for our "Safe in Prayer" campaign. Some unknown individual pledged to give \$100. to "Safe in Prayer" each time Pastor Wayne attended and participated in the prayer shawl ministry. Then someone else pledged money if Pastor Bill would knit, and next pledges were made if Bob would join the group. Pledges range from \$10 - \$100 for each time one of them attends. In the first Sunday, the clumsy knitting of our three men raised \$370. For the "Safe in Prayer" campaign.

If you would be interested in supporting this cause please speak with Ginny Platt or Shirley Bishop to make your pledge. Although this adds a fun and meaningful new element to the Prayer Shawl Ministry, may we never lose sight of its true purpose, to warm and comfort the hurting.

Ladies, thanks for letting us join you.

Pastor Bill



Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Jean; Bill Pacelt; 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 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 all natural disasters.
.... 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: Rita Clough; Carolyn Chirnside; Claudia Dunn; Gloria Sasnett; Madeline Shay; Barbara; & friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.

October Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers

October 7: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. John Linnell in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dumican and Mrs. Bertrice Smith.*

October 14: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Claudia Dunn in loving birthday remembrance memory of her mother, Maria Aulisio, her loving husband Norman Dunn and son Kevin.*

October 21: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert R. Wagner in remembrance of his birthday October 25th by his wife and children.*

October 28: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Shirley Harris in honor of her Park Place Family.*

(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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... 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 events, 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 and purchase your event tickets too. You can also schedule your weekly giving!



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A Well-Shaken Tree



For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me.

—Martin Luther