

The Spire

January 2019



The Pastor's Moment...

Dear Park Place Family & Friends,

Happy New Year!!!

Here we are, beginning a new year on our faith journeys and I find myself filled with the spirit of Christmas! The spirit of love, peace, hope, joy and the light of Christ. These beautiful gifts helped us to prepare and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all of you who helped to make this season so special. But most of all thanks to God for the blessed gift of our Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Park Place has something special....Park Place has its own unique character that welcomes all who enter into the presence of God, whether it be coming to worship, to shop, to attend and participate in our Bible study, to knit or crochet with our Prayer Shawl ministry, to help in the garden, to attend or help at one of our fundraisers throughout the year, to sing a-long and worship at one of our many musical events, and help in the office or thrift shop. (The list goes on and on). We are so grateful for the gifts and talents that you all bring.

May this year be another of ongoing ministries, times of fellowship and of loving one another in Christ's Name!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Wayne



December Worship Assisting



Greeters & Ushers: Shirley Harris & Ginny Platt; Stephanie Gray; Mike & Hailie Padula; Paul & Terry May Neves

Lay Readers: Shirley Harris; Andrea Padula; Stephanie Gray; Kristine Gervais

Coffee Hour Hosts: Leslie Brouwer; Sara Morrissette & Hailie Padula; Stephanie Gray; Wayne Patenaude; Darlene McMillan

Coffee Hour needs hosts for January. 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!

January 6: Holy Communion Worship – 10 a.m./ Pastor Bill leading–Deacons: Darlene McMillan & Bill McMillan/ Serve - Darlene McMillan & Ginny Platt/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Singing at The Holiday Retirement Home singing 2 p.m. All are welcome!

January 13: Worship- 10 a.m./ Pastor Wayne leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m. / Singing at The Village @ Waterman Lake Retirement Home singing 2 p.m. All are welcome!

January 20: Worship 10 a.m./ Pastor Bill /Coffee Hour 11a.m. / Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m./Annual Congregational Meeting 11 a.m./Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m.

January 27: Worship – 10 a.m./ Pastor Wayne leading/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m./ Music & Praise 6 p.m. - Featuring Bob Nicholson & Pastor Wayne

Our Christian Education/ Sunday School News!

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





Happy New Year Everyone!

I can't quite wrap my head around this being 2019. How did 2018 pass so quickly? I realize time can't pass fast enough when we are young and the older I get, the less control I have in slowing it down. How many of you made it to midnight? I must confess, if I have a nap, I can (he, he). And how many of you make New Year resolutions? I didn't used to; not because I don't need them...but I used to make them for the unattainable, so I stopped. But I have one resolution I have been making for a few years now, one I've prayed on --- to be a better Christian. It is one I can work on all year long and it not only impacts my life, but hopefully others'. If I seem to be faltering, I have some good friends who get back on the right path. It makes me introspective and helps me make better decisions. With that in mind, I'd like to wrap my arms around all of you and give you a New Year's hug.

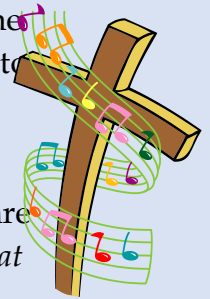
With blessings,
Shirley



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 January 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 January 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!*

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!** Our meetings are every 3rd Sunday of the month from

Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m. Hope to see you then! Please continue to make shawls. Prayer shawls should be 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length. See you on January 20!

January Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers

January 6: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill & Darlene McMillan in memory of Jack Hamel.*

January 13: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Wayne in loving memory of Lynn Dieterich.*

January 20: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Darlene and Bill McMillan in loving memory of Maggie Platt.*

January 27: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Paul, Terry May & Jocelyn Neves in honor of Carlene Neves' birthday and thanking her for all she does for her loving church.*

(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: Jane & Bob Cash; Jean; Eva; 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 of the recent shootings at the Synagogue, plane crash in Indonesia, mail bomb threats and the school shooting.

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

... all those still impacted by all natural disasters including the wild fires in California.

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

Kingfisher Faith

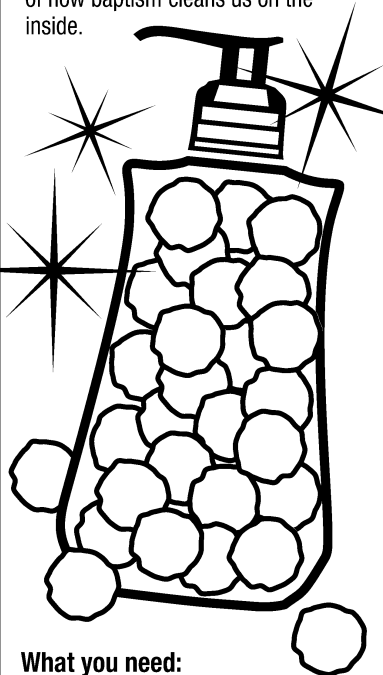
In a video on his publisher's website, Eugene Peterson tells of watching a kingfisher repeatedly dive for fish in a lake. Peterson counted 37 dives before the kingfisher caught its supper! "And he's the king fisher!" Peterson chuckles. From that bird-watching episode, he gleaned a ministry lesson: It may take a long time and many attempts — maybe dozens! — before something works out.

God calls us to live out his love faithfully, even when we don't seem to be accomplishing anything. Maybe we extend 36 invitations to worship, work 36 monthly shifts at a food bank or utter 36 prayers without seeing results. "What's the point?" we wonder. But the kingfisher urges us on: "Maybe number 37 is the charm!"

In the words of St. Paul (and mixing fishing and farming metaphors): "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9, NIV).

Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n j, new life