



The Spire

February 2019



The Pastor's Moment...

Dear Park Place friends and family,

When you think of the month of February, what comes to mind? For many, Valentine's Day seems to take its place front and center. Retailers are already reminding us as they begin to decorate the aisles with red hearts, cupids and heart-shaped boxes full of chocolate. It's a holiday where many of us will search for that special card. In some cases we'll be looking for lots of romance, in others a simple confirmation of our love. We'll buy flowers, or candy, or both, for that special person in our life, and although we express our love throughout the year, Valentine's Day is our opportunity to go above and beyond.

I wonder – does God expect anything special from us on Valentine's Day? Should I send a card to God? Have I told him lately how much I love him? What would the perfect card for God say? What do you think God is looking for from us, not only on Valentine's Day, but every day? Let me share the chorus of a beautiful worship song that expresses our love for God.

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice.

To worship you – O my soul rejoice.

Take joy my King, in what you hear.

May it be a sweet, sweet sound,

In your ear.

Let's each of us take some time this month to express our love for God, through worship. The Bible tells us that God loves and inhabits the praises of his people, which means he not only loves to hear us worshipping him, but he lives in our worship and blesses us as we express our love for him. May the Lord fill your life with love and joy.

In God's love and mine,

Pastor Bill





January Worship Assisting

Greeters & Ushers: Shirley Harris & Leslie Brouwer; Lois & George Grenier; Cathy Shute & Ginny Platt; Mike & Hailie Padula.

Lay Readers: Darlene McMillan; Cathy Shute; Andrea Padula

Coffee Hour Hosts: Darlene McMillan; Leslie Brouwer; Cathy Shute; Sara Morrissette & Hailie Padula; David & Judy Ouellette; Wayne Patenaude;



Coffee Hour needs hosts for February. If you'd like to host a Sunday, please fill out the sign-up sheet downstairs in the hall. Note that the sign-up list has been changed to make hosting coffee hour a little easier for everyone. Thank you!



February Worship Schedule

Worship begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday Morning!

February 3: Holy Communion Worship – 10 a.m./ Pastor Wayne leading– Deacons: Stephanie Gray & Terry May Neves/ Coffee Hour 11 a.m./ Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.

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

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

February 24: 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.



Dear Park Place Family,

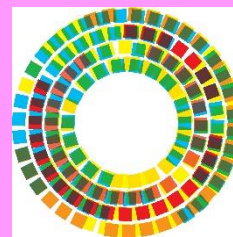


We are now fully ensconced in the New Year and in winter. Brrrrr! February is the month of love, hearts, flowers, candy and Valentines. BTW (By The Way), how are you doing on your New Year's resolutions? Just checking! Now I leave you with some special messages: Be Mine, Call Me, Hug Me, Cool Cat, Top Dog, My Pet, Miss You (you know who you are)! With blessings,

Shirley

THE CHURCH AS MOSAIC

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.



That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: “I make God visible.” But others who see us together can say: “They make God visible.” [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen



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 in April. 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 in April. 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 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 February 17!

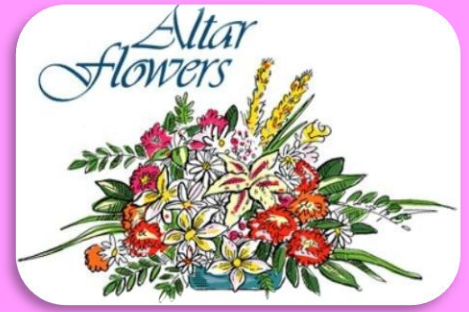
February Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers

February 3: 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 10: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Virginia Platt in loving memory of Granma Anderson.

February 17: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cindy Boulay in a Happy 60th Birthday old Pookie.

February 24: 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.)

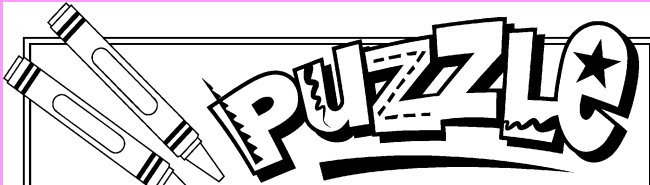
Bible Quiz

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Simon
- D. Andrew



Kid's Page



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

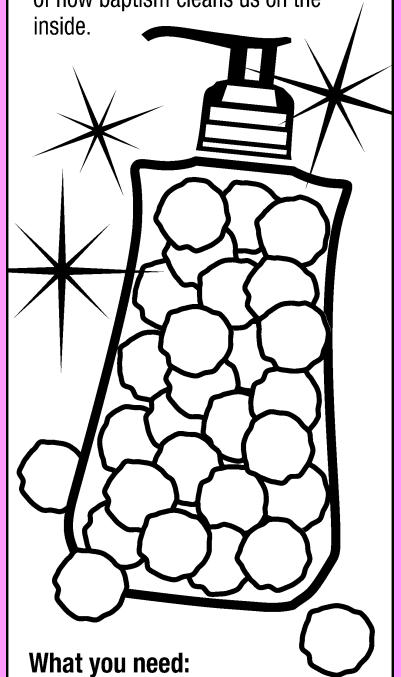
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Answer: f i e l e w n; new life

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See Luke 5:1-11.)

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.



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Ripples in the Water

“I drop kindness pebbles in still water every day, and I watch the effect they have on other people’s lives. My favorite kindness pebbles are compliments. Drop a compliment and watch the ripple effect that it has in your life.”

Remarkably, these cheery words come from a father who has faced many dark, difficult days. In *6 Minutes Wrestling With Life*, John Passaro tells of his daughter’s heart-wrenching battle with meningitis. The struggles didn’t make him bitter; rather, he frequently offers uplifting words on social media.

What if we followed Passaro’s example and complimented people regularly? Philippians 4:8 (NIV) instructs us to think about things that are noble, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. By extension, turning those positive thoughts into words causes “kindness pebbles” to spread God’s light in ripples throughout someone’s day — and, doubtless, through ours.