

# The Spire

June 2020



Dear Park Place Friends and Family,

In these times of new ways of living, I find myself seeing so many positive things happening. I see people being more considerate of one another, being kinder, slowing down their pace and allowing time for thoughtfulness and even many opportunities of paying it forward. I have seen people who have shared a part of their stimulus check with other sisters and brothers in need. I have seen people sharing what they have so that others won't go hungry. I have seen people holding the door for others and allowing others to be first. I have seen people respecting social distancing in kind ways and it warms my heart. I have learned to look people in the eyes and to see them as they look back. I see someone's eyes smiling back over a mask and it is beautiful. In these new days of the new norm in our daily living, there are still so many things to be grateful for.



Our online worship services, Pastor Bill's Monday, Wednesday and Friday Inspirational Moments, and my Tuesday and Thursday Words and Music have been reaching so many people, not just in our church family but around the world. We thank you for your kind words and comments, emails, texts and Facebook messages. After prayerful thought and discussion with our Church council and Board of Deacons, we have decided to postpone the reopening of live "In person" worship until September. We, as much as we would love to be together in person, just feel that it is safer for all of our church family. We are here for you all so if you need us, please reach out. You are all in our prayers and thoughts always and we love that you are joining us through our on-line time together. We pray that you are finding joy and are well. We will look forward to seeing you all very soon and until then, May God's light and love light your days. Take time to experience God in all the small things and in all the beauty around us as the flowers bloom, as you take a ride or walk by the sea, or in a forest as you experience nature. Notice the wonder of all the amazing things that we so often take for granted. Love each other and be God's loving arms for all whose paths you cross. Be God's people no matter where you are.

*In Christ's love and mine,*

*Pastor Wayne*

## Worship Schedule

Join us as we use Social Media to worship and praise God! We will offer daily messages & prayer, as well as Sunday Worship on either Facebook (Park Place Church) or on You Tube: search Park Place Congregational Church

**June 7:** *Holy Communion Worship Service – 10 a.m. Please join us for Communion worship by getting these things ready prior to your worship, you'll need bread (crackers are fine as well) and juice (a beverage) and partake when blessings and instructions to do so are given. /Services will be posted to Facebook and You Tube. Also, please look for Pastor Bill's Inspirational Chats on Facebook on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and Words and Music moments with Pastor Wayne on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

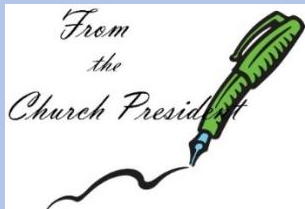
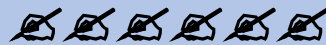
**June 14:** *Worship Service- 10 a.m. Available on Facebook-ParkPlaceChurch or YouTube.*

**June 21:** *Worship Service – 10 a.m.- Happy Father’s Day! / Prayer Shawl Ministry - Please join us by knitting/crocheting during this time away from one with one another.*

**June 28:** *Worship Service – 10 a.m./ Music & Praise - We will keep you posted as to when we can return to our regularly scheduled activities!*



Our Church School youth are finishing up their “Home School” classrooms this month. We wanted to let you all know that our children are resilient and doing well. They look forward to advancing into the next grade, hoping to see their school friends over the summer and just having time with more family and friends as the world around them opens up. They are a blessing and a gift from our Lord. May our children grow, learn and never stop their wonderment of the world around them.



Hello Church Family,

My original message was quite different. Being the optimist, I talked about the light at the end of the tunnel because the Governor had lifted the ban on religious gatherings. Even with all the restrictions, I felt there was a light at the end of the tunnel. Well, now it is with a heavy heart I am rewriting this message. You all have received the news that the Council and Deacons met with Pastor Bill and Pastor Wayne and made a very difficult decision to not open. We will meet again in August with the hope of opening in September. The light is still here, it is just a little dimmer.

There are so many of us who should not be attending a service just by virtue of our age, never mind any health issues. I am disappointed, but I think we made the right decision because in our hearts we love everyone in our church family and would be devastated if we had caused anyone to become ill. This is a lesson in patience and confirmation of our faith. And that light is still there. We will one day be back in our sanctuary together. We will one day be able to offer handshakes, hugs and kisses.

Until then,

Blessings to all,

Shirley



Happy Birthday!!

Wishing you all a Happy June Birthday! Please consider sending a card, making a phone call or reaching out in some way to one of our happy people!

5<sup>th</sup>: Lois Chrystie

9<sup>th</sup>: Amanda Brooks

18<sup>th</sup>: Hannah Shaw

20<sup>th</sup>: Henrietta Roles

23<sup>rd</sup>: Shirley Harris

25<sup>th</sup>: Hunter Gervais

29<sup>th</sup>: Leslie Brouwer

30<sup>th</sup>: Lynn Usher



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

We plan to continue our nursing home ministry when it is safe to do so and all restrictions are lifted.



**Stop by the Thrift Shop!** The Thrift Shop will reopen as soon as we are able. We pray that our customers are all well and safe during this time.

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! Although we cannot meet together at this time, please continue to knit and crochet at home. Please continue making shawls during your time at home, we are running low. Prayer shawls should be 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length.



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**Bible Quiz**

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest

## Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Ken Depot- difficult time grieving; Lisa Lyon; Fr Pieroni; Jane McCarthy; Beverly Fountaine; Janet Theberge; Shelagh Lees; Debbie Ziegenhagen; Jocelyn; Laurie; Eva; Lauryn Maples; Janet Estes; Steven; Claudia Dunn; Elaine; Bob, Nancy & Austen Lepper; Carol; John; Carlene; Karen B; Richard Deblois, Judy O; Kathy Morrissette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Stacia; Colin Walker; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; Moe; 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; Cathleen; Claudia Berube; Trevor Bynoe; Dianne; Bob; Sherry; Terry; All people fighting cancer.



Please continue prayers for

... those suffering from the Coronavirus

... those working in the healthcare field, our First Responders, truckers, so we get our food delivered to the stores and clerks and pharmacy workers.

... the victims of the terrorist attacks across our great nation and across the world. May the Lord bring Peace to this world.

... all those impacted by all the natural disasters all around the world.

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

... 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; friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.

John Brouwer has recovered from coronavirus and is back to work, thank you for all your prayers.

## Sympathy to our Family ...

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Madeline Shay. Madeline was an active member of Park Place Church for 74 years! She loved her family, church and especially her church choir. She was loved by many.

We will be having a Celebration of her life as soon as we are able.

May the Lord watch over her family and friends during this difficult time.



# ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



## What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

## What you do:

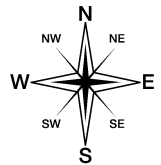
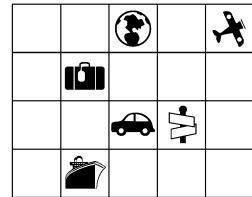
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

# PUZZLE

## Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

*Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.*



### Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N  \_ \_ \_

### Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE  \_ \_

### Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E  \_ \_ \_

### Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W  \_ \_

### Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW  \_ \_ \_ \_

### Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_ng both no\_ and for\_ vermored. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over you coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Bible Quiz Answer: B (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)



## June Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are not being ordered until we are able to once again return to our beautiful church for worship and fellowship. This is how the donations would read if we were ordering flowers:

*June 7: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rodger Lawton, Joan, and Laurie Lynn Lawton in loving memory of his mother Jean Lawton.*

*June 14: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cathy Shute in honor of our wonderful Chancel Choir.*

*June 21: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Darlene McMillan in loving memory of Mom & Dad McMillan and Mom & Dad Mixer.*

*June 28: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God as an expression of love and birthday remembrance of Alice D. Picard by her 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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### “Welcoming the Holy”

Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers who turned out to be the Lord. Jesus said, “If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple,” the giver will be rewarded (Matthew 10:42, NIV). An ancient Jewish proverb asserts: “Hospitality is one form of worship.” A Russian Orthodox monk is said to have told a younger one, “Sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road and I say, ‘Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?’” And an old Gaelic poem declares, “Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise.”

Sometimes we think we must do something big to serve God. Today, when you smile at someone on the street, take time to entertain a child’s question, bring cookies to a new neighbor, thank a server or clerk ... know that you are serving Jesus, that you are worshiping God.

—Heidi Mann Amen.