

The Spire

July/August 2020



Dear Park Place Friends and Family,

Although the Covid 19 pandemic has caused a major change in our lives, the love we have for each other is still strong and growing. Although you aren't actually sitting in our sanctuary when Pastor Wayne and I record the Sunday morning service, we can look out at the empty pews and imagine where each of you would be sitting. Recently, during three of my Facebook messages, I talked about the symbolism the architect designed into our beautiful church building. In the third message I sat in one of the pews and made reference to the 12 windows that surround our sanctuary, windows that represent the twelve tribes of Israel as well as the twelve disciples. Yet, as I sat there I was filled with a new insight. As the light from the windows flooded the sanctuary I was reminded of Hebrews 12:1; "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." As I sat there bathed in the light from the windows I sensed the presence of those who had gone on before; the many pastors who had served Park Place over the years; the original members who stepped out in faith to plant the church, and the members through the years who committed their time, their finances and their energy to support the ministries of the church. All of those, who came before us, who have gone on to their reward are in that huge crowd of witnesses. And they are looking down on us encouraging us and cheering us on as we "run with endurance the race God has set before us."



Who would have ever imagined, services being conducted through Facebook and YouTube? Who would ever have imagined a daily offering of inspirational chats and words and music? The Rev. J.J. Woolley, the first pastor of Park Place, understood the importance of keeping the message of Christ's love constantly before people. However I doubt he ever could have imagined how today's technology would make possible what he described at the laying of the church's cornerstone – "In all places men are affected by their surroundings, and the things of God would be forgotten and neglected if they were not kept continually before them." I believe our daily presence on social media is fulfillment of Rev. Woolley's plan.

I pray that all of us follow the guidelines we are given to keep us safe and well. This pandemic is not over yet, but I believe we will come through it with victory. How can we fail with that huge crowd of witnesses cheering us on?

May we remember each other daily in our prayers, and I look forward to the day when we can return to worship together again in our sanctuary. May the Lord watch over and keep you well.

Love,

Pastor Bill

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 YouTube: search Park Place Congregational Church

July 5: *Holy Communion Worship Service – 10 a.m. Please join us for Communion worship by getting these elements 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 YouTube. Also, please look for Pastor Bill's Chats on Facebook on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and Words and Music moments with Pastor Wayne on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

July 12: *Worship Service- 10 a.m. Available on Facebook-ParkPlaceChurch or YouTube.*

July 19: *Worship Service – 10 a.m.- Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m. Please join us by knitting/crocheting during this time away from one with one another.*

July 26: *Worship Service – 10 a.m./ Music & Praise - We will keep you posted as to when we can return to our regularly scheduled activities!*

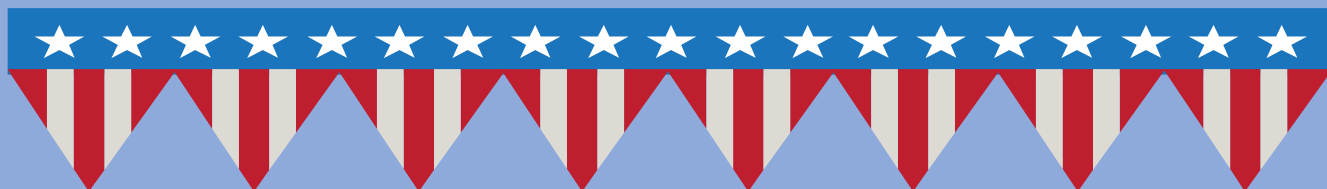
August 2: *Holy Communion Worship Service – 10 a.m. Please join us for Communion worship by getting these things ready prior to your worship, you'll need bread (crackers are fine as well) and juice (a beverage) and partake when blessings and instructions to do so are given. /Services will be posted to Facebook and YouTube. Also, please look for Pastor Bill's Chats on Facebook on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and Words and Music moments with Pastor Wayne on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

August 9: *Worship Service- 10 a.m. Available on Facebook-ParkPlaceChurch or YouTube*

August 16: *Worship Service- 10 a.m. Available on Facebook-ParkPlaceChurch or YouTube*

August 23: *Worship Service- 10 a.m. Available on Facebook-ParkPlaceChurch or YouTube*

August 30: *Worship Service- 10 a.m. Available on Facebook-ParkPlaceChurch or YouTube*



Greetings Park Place Family and Friends,

Just like a vacation post card, Greetings from quarantine; wish you were here. These days there is excitement going out to a grocery store safely. I haven't had to fill my gas tank much the past few months. Seeing Pastor Bill's virtual tour of Park Place Church, I can honestly say, "wish we were there." I know we are all hoping to get back to church, to seeing each other, to praying together soon. Like a child, I want it NOW! The adult in me says:

Slow down, don't go too fast
Gotta remember to wear the mask
No kissing or hugging or up close and personal
Right now it's just all virtual

I wish you all a Happy Fourth of July and pray our time together will be sooner rather than later.

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!

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.

Happy Birthday!!

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



July:

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| 4: Maureen Deloreto | 5: Kathlene Gorman | 8: Nicole Brouwer |
| 8: John Vencenzi | 10: Justin Cahoon | 18: Iain Brouwer |
| 18: Dorcy Walker (2011) | 18: Natalie Ruh (2015) | 21: Lois Grenier |
| 25: Veronica Brouwer | | |

August:

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| 2: Stacia Rossi | 3: Marc Cardillo | 4: Brian Shay |
| 9: Ellen Pacelt | 10: Denise Moffit | 18: Glenn Marr |
| 20: Eric Shay | 22: Curtis Poland | 23: Autumn Rose Brooks (2019) |
| 25: Thomas Brouwer | 25: Cindy Boulay | 29: Stephen Larson |
| 29: Margaret Shay | | |

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Curtis P.; Dave Hartshorn; Michelle, Micah; Michael Ruo; Ken Depot; Beverly Fountaine; Janet Theberge; Shelagh Lees; Debbie Ziegenhagen; Jocelyn; Laurie; Eva; Lauryn Maples; Janet Estes; Steven; Claudia Dunn; Elaine; Bob, 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 Martenocancer; 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 who are recovering from Corona-virus, those who are working in hospitals, First Responders and all who are working with the public.

...For our country as we navigate our world of change, understanding, forgiveness, friendship and love. All of those that are working together to bring awareness to the Black Lives Matter movement.

... 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.

Summer 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:

July 5th: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Leslie Brouwer in memory of all Loved Ones.

July 12th: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cathy Shute to honor her grandchildren.

July 19th: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Graham Giffin, Lois Grenier's father and also friendship of Karen Elliott.

July 26th: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Isabel Carter in honor of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bible Quiz

In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.

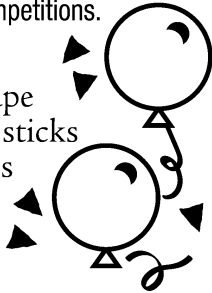
(Answer on last page)

GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue

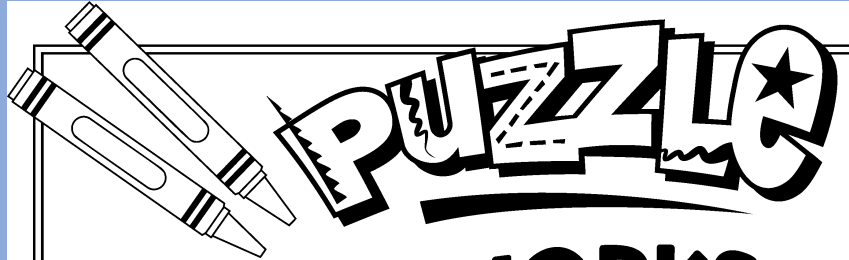


What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



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JOHN 2:1-11



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JOHN 9



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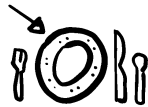


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MATTHEW 8:23-27

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LUKE 5:1-11



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Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)



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“Shine on, friends!”

Friendship is one of the greatest gifts a human being can receive. It is a bond beyond common goals, common interests or common histories. It is a bond stronger than sexual union can create, deeper than a shared fate can solidify and even more intimate than the bonds of marriage or community.



Friendship is being with the other in joy and sorrow, even when we cannot increase the joy or decrease the sorrow. It is a unity of souls that gives nobility and sincerity to love. Friendship makes all of life shine brightly.

—Henri Nouwen