

The Spire

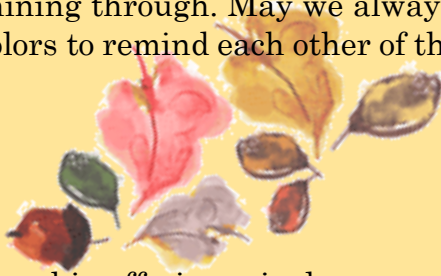
November 2020



Dear Park Place Friends and Family,

During this time of seasonal change, I have found myself enamored with the beauty all around us. The incredible beauty of the array of colors that has been presenting itself to us has been extraordinary. The changes of each leaf and tree, especially as the sun's rays are shining through and onto them are amazing. The subtle beginnings of the changes through the full spectrum of color, has been touching the earth differently every day. Everyday, offering new hues so that we may experience the beauty.

We, too, have been experiencing changes. Changes in the way we go about our daily lives due to the pandemic. There is still beauty to be found within every moment and new opportunities to be a light and a ray of God's beauty shining through. May we always be the brilliance of color as we move forward, each with our own colors to remind each other of the love and beauty that is always here for us to witness!



In Christ's love and mine,
Pastor Wayne

P.S. Hope you are tuning into our worship offerings six days a week and that joy is overflowing in your lives.



Worship Schedule

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

November 1: *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.*



Please mail in your 2021 Pledge Cards to the church by the first week of November so they can all be dedicated on the Sunday, November 8th, worship service.

November 8: *Worship Service- 10 a.m. Available on Facebook-ParkPlaceChurch or YouTube. (Stewardship Pledge Cards will be dedicated today)*

November 15: *Worship Service – 10 a.m.*

November 22: *Thanksgiving Worship Service – 10 a.m. Please join as we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday with you all virtually on Facebook or YouTube.*

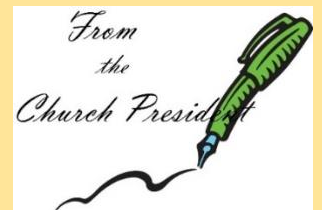


November 29: *1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service – 10 a.m. Please join us as we usher in our Advent Season with the Lighting of the Advent Wreath and other traditional services throughout the Advent Season. All services will be on Facebook and YouTube.*



Hello Park Place Church Family & Friends,

We are now well into fall and nearing the end of this year – Yeah! We are still worshipping virtually 😞. But there is still so much to be thankful for. The weather has been beautiful lately so we can get out and get fresh air. We might even be able to take off our masks and fill our lungs. There are fall decorations everywhere, with big orange pumpkins, cornstalks, Indian corn, scarecrows and lots of spooky Halloween decorations.



Thanksgiving will probably be quite different this year with no large gatherings. As I've grown older my gatherings have not been the loud, crowded dinner table bursting with food and merriment. They seem more sedate and we eat less. One year I remember a large gathering and there were ten different pies for dessert, plus pudding and ice cream. The turkey was in the 30-pound range and all the fixings filled another long counter and carving stand. While Covid - 19 has had its impact, I still am thankful for being able to celebrate Thanksgiving. I know no one close to me will go without or be alone. I'm extremely thankful for everyone's health. Most of all, I am thankful I am still able to reach out and help others.

Just a few years ago I couldn't have imagined there existed a Church family such as ours, people I miss seeing and hugging each week. I am ever grateful for this family that seems to offer so much support and so many prayers when needed. I offer each of you the biggest hug and most sincere wish to a Happy Thanksgiving.

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! Due to the pandemic, the Thrift Shop has remained closed to the general public since March. We are now selling items on Facebook Marketplace and scheduling appointments with those who have expressed an interest through Marketplace and those who have called the church for an appointment. All customers are required to wear a mask and to social distance while shopping. Please leave a message at the church with your name and phone number and I will return your call and arrange a convenient time for your visit. At this time, we are not accepting items of clothing. Hope to see you soon.

Cathy Shute



Prayer Shawl Ministry - Safe Distancing in the Park!!! On October 18 we joined together in Slater Park to do some knitting and conversation. We all enjoyed our time together with social distancing on a beautiful day!

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is ongoing, please continue to knit and crochet at home. Shawls can be either knitted or crocheted and should measure 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length. Thank you in advance for supporting our Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you are helping us, please let us know via phone or email: 401-726-2800 or office@ppucc.necoxmail.com

“Thanksgiving Baskets” and “Comfort Wishlist” Curbside Pick Up and Delivery Drive

“It is not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving” Mother Theresa

In these extraordinary circumstances, with so much need in our community, the Deacons and Church Council are committed to keeping our church’s tradition of “extravagant” holiday giving safe and impactful.

Thanksgiving Baskets - We will be collecting non-perishable food items, gift cards and cash donations (one of the Deacons will do the shopping for you!) to be distributed to a family in need.

The week of November 15 at times to be announced, volunteers will be at the front of the church to gratefully receive your donations at the curbside. We can also arrange a contactless pickup at your home.

Comfort Wishlist - many of us take a drawer full of clean underwear and socks for granted. Underwear and socks are at the top of the wish list for many in need. We will be collecting new, packaged underwear, socks and “comfort” supplies to be shared through a couple of local nonprofits.

*Men’s – boxer briefs (all sizes)

*Men’s – t-shirts (all sizes)

*Woman’s – briefs (all sizes)

*Woman’s bras – all sizes

*Boys and Girls – underwear (size 4 – 18)

Boys and Girls – sweatpants (2T – 20)

Diapers (all sizes)
Socks, Hats, Gloves
Personal care items (deodorant, dry shampoo, feminine care)
** All Underwear must be new and packaged*

We will be giving the items to:
Help the Homeless RI (*they distribute food & supplies near the church on Sunday's at 1*)
Volunteers of RI (*trying to match needs of the homeless with donations on the Sundays at 1*)
Family Service of RI
Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket

We will schedule curbside delivery or curbside pickup in December for these items. Please contact any of the Deacons if you would like more information.

With love and gratitude to all. Please stay safe. God bless!
The Board of Deacons and Church Council

Happy Birthday!!

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



November:

2: Isaiah Ventura	4: Darryl Larrivee	6: Peter Palumbo
7: Cali Usher	10: Wayne Patenaude	15: Petra Palumbo
20: Malcolm Chrystie	25: Nancy Lepper	27: Autumn Cardillo
30: Nevaeha Ambers		

November Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers

Altar flowers will not be ordered until we are able to once again return to our beautiful church for worship. These are the people who gave the flowers during

November 2019:

November 1: Cathy Shute

November 8: Pastor Wayne and Glenn Marr

November 15: Ruth and Joe Davis by their children and grandchildren.

November 22: Pastor Wayne Patenaude and Glenn Marr

November 29: Open

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Valimont family – the father has recently been diagnosed with ALS; George Weavill; Muriel; a young man named Lucas; Pepper the hedgehog; Alan; Lisa and Greg; a young college student dealing with mental health issues; Jakob a young teen who was just diagnosed with cancer; Braydon Mobley an infant who will be having surgery soon; Micheal Palin; Steve; Michael Ruo; Raymond is in PT from his hand surgery; Marc who has been having increasing problems with his sight; Jim Hersey is in need for more surgery; Linda’s family; Gary Bowen who is in stage 4 bone cancer; Curtis; Denise Gehrke & her daughter; Dave Hartshorn; Micah; Ken Depot; Beverly Fountaine; Janet Theberge; Shelagh Lees; Debbie Ziegenhagen; Jocelyn; Laurie; Eva; Lauryn Maples; Janet Estes; Steven; Elaine; Bob, Carol; John; Karen B; Richard Deblois, Judy O; Kathy Morrissette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Stacia; Colin Walker; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; Jackie Gardikis; Josh Barber; Paul; Melanie; Gabriella; Karen; Beth Fournier; Kenny; 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 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: Sylvia Kaufmann; Rita Clough; Claudia Dunn; friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.



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GROWING THROUGH GRATITUDE

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn’t always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn’t grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).