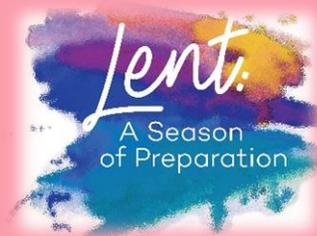


Worship  
with us  
from  
**HOME**

# The Spire



February 2021

Hey Friends and Family of Park Place,

Hoping that this message finds you all well. I have been thinking a lot about you all and praying that God is watching over each and every one of you. I hope that your days are being filled with feelings of joy and peace. Life continues to move forward in ways that are still not quite like we're used to. We, at Park Place, continue to love and serve God in ways that are a little different, but we still strive to serve. We gather, united by the one blessing that is always constant, that which is God. God lives and moves through each of us if we only look inside ourselves to find the Gifts that God has given us. From the time of our first revelation as we welcomed God into our hearts, we have been apart of God's ministry here on earth. I pray that, even though we are still worshipping together remotely, that we are still together as one people. Please know that each of you continue to inspire and lift my heart and spirit.



The season of Lent will officially begin with our online service on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey together.

May each day bring you love, peace and joy and know that my thoughts and prayers are always with you. Also, for our family members that have flown or driven south, know that we miss you and wish you warmth not only of sunny days but of God's Love always,

See you on-line and in my heart,

In Christ's Love and Mine,

Pastor Wayne

## 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



Online  
Worship

**February 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 (or beverage). The rite of Communion will be led by Pastor Wayne, please follow along as instructed. 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. We are now offering/posting a Children's Faith time, titled, "Love Stories of Our Faith" each Saturday. We hope you will share them with your children, grandchildren and special little ones!

**February 14: Transfiguration Sunday Worship Service - 10 a.m.** Available on Facebook or YouTube.



**February 17: Ash Wednesday Worship - 7 p.m.**

**February 21: First Sunday in Lent - Worship Service - 10 a.m.**

**February 28: Second Sunday in Lent - Worship Service - 10 a.m.**



## Expression of Sympathy

It is with great sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Pierce. Michael passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021 after a long illness. Michael was a U.S. Army veteran, Michael served overseas during the Vietnam War. He also spent many long hours in the Park Place Thrift Shop helping Cathy with everything from decorating to pricing items for sale. Michael will always be remembered for his kindness and humor. Memorial donations in his memory to RI ASPCA, 186 Amaral St., Riverside, RI 02915 would be appreciated.



Our sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Carolyn Chirnside, who passed away on Saturday January 23. Carolyn was a longtime member of Park Place Church; she served in many capacities and became

*the first woman to serve as President of the Church. May the Lord welcome Carolyn into His loving arms and comfort her family and friends during this difficult time.*

*Sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Ben Marrero who passed away a few days ago from Covid-19. He will be greatly missed. May the Lord welcome Ben into His loving arms and comfort his family and friends during this difficult time.*



**Update on Fire Code!**

All the electrical work needed at the church is now completed! It has passed the Fire Code compliance inspection and is now paid for! What fantastic news!



**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 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. **We are in need of puzzles!** There is a big need for them at this time. Everyone is Puzzling! So, if you have any puzzles you are not using any more, please bring them down to Cathy.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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](mailto:office@ppucc.necoxmail.com)



**Prayers & Concerns for Our Family**

**Please keep these people in your daily prayers:** Deborah; Denise Gehrke having tests done; Jakob is now having chemo, prayers for his family as well; Tom W.; Eileen – stage 4 cancer; Steve Fields-Covid-19 & pneumonia; Denise Ouellette, battling stage four ovarian cancer; Sharon Parker, fighting cancer; Maria Tavarozzi, Alan; Lisa; Greg; Baby Penny; Valimont family – the father has ALS; George Weavill; a young college student dealing with mental health issues; Steve; Marc problems with his sight: Curtis; Micah; Ken Depot; Beverly Fountaine; Janet Theberge; Shelagh Lees; Debbie Ziegenhagen; Jocelyn; Laurie; Eva; Janet Estes; Steven; Elaine; Bob, Carol; John; Karen B; Richard Deblois, Kathy Morrissette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Stacia; Colin Walker; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; 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  
 ... People who lost their jobs during this pandemic.



...Teachers and students as they return to in-person learning  
... Those who are recovering from Corona-virus, those who are working in hospitals, First Responders and all who are working with the public.  
...For peace in our nation, pray for our elected officials to come together and work as true servants of the people who sent them to Washington. We pray for unity as we show respect for each other, and adherence to the rule of law.  
...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.



## Happy Birthday!!

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

4 <sup>th</sup> : Judy Ouellette	5 <sup>th</sup> : Carla Dyer	9 <sup>th</sup> : Ryan Ventura
10 <sup>th</sup> : David Gervais	12 <sup>th</sup> : Robert Boulay	12 <sup>th</sup> : Marc Champeau
16 <sup>th</sup> : Mary Rose Abbott	19 <sup>th</sup> : Terry May Neves	24 <sup>th</sup> : Audrey Brouwer
26 <sup>th</sup> : Noah McCue		

### *February Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers*

**Altar flowers will NOT be ordered until we are able to once again return to our beautiful church for worship.**

If you have given Altar flowers in the past, we will be keeping your names and donation info and will contact you when we are back doing in-house worship service.

We will keep you informed when that will be happening. Thank you.

# Bible Quiz

What was the name of Moses' wife?

- A. Miriam  
C. Zipporah
- B. Jochebed  
D. Leah



## A Pastor's Proverb

"Some days you wake up thinking, Good morning, Lord! On others, it's more like, Good Lord, it's morning!"

*Chaplain Mark Sperling*

Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Exodus 2:21.)



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## CELEBRATING LOVE

For 80 years, a couple in Ecuador was an exceptional example of marital love. Julio Cesar Mora Tapia, 110, and Waldramina Maclovia Quinteros Reyes, 104, were wed on February 7, 1941. Until Julio's death last October, they were reportedly the world's oldest married couple. Their large family includes nine great-great-grandchildren!

Good News Network recounts: "Julio Cesar fell in love with Waldramina's beauty, her conversation, and her big heart." Meanwhile, she found in him "a poet with a young spirit." The couple says the formula for a lasting marriage is "love + maturity + mutual respect," as well as patience, compassion and hard work.

That calls to mind Paul's words, often read at weddings: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4-6, ESV).