



# The Spire

May 2021

Greetings Park Place Family & Friend,

May is upon us and the time for singing is here. Jesus has risen, the flowers and trees are blooming, the green grass is filling in and the springtime season is here. It is another of God's beautiful seasons. We, here in New England, are blessed with the changing seasons and I love them all. Each has its own beautiful story of evolving changes for us to be witnesses of and we should all be grateful to God for them.



Spring is one of my favorites as it is a beautiful reminder of Resurrection joy. Each day brings about changes and each is as beautiful as the previous. Those of us who love to garden have a hands-on experience of watching and cherishing each new blossom. I even love taking pictures along my way and sometimes I even see breathtaking beauty. Cherish these earthly treasures that God offers to us.

As we move forward into the later spring and ultimately, the warmth of summer, may we continue to notice the beauty of life everywhere. May we share God's love and recognize the beauty in everyone around us as we are all a part of the beauty of God's plan. God's light and love is in each of us and I pray that we all use our unique gifts to glorify God in our lives. As we walk down the street, share the warmth of a smile. Offer a hand to someone in need, maybe an elderly neighbor, or someone that you see struggling with any task. Be an open heart to someone who needs a touch of compassion. Help to make someone else's day a bit brighter. I promise you that it will make your days a bit brighter and can also make an incredible mark on someone else's.

May we all help to make this world a better place to live in and may you each experience the light of goodness, kindness and joy every day.

With Love in Christ,  
*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

**May 2: Holy Communion Worship Service** – Please join Pastor Wayne & Jane Bedia on keyboard for worship! 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. Please join us for our virtual worship service at 10 a.m.

**May 9: Sunday Worship Service:** Please join Pastor Bill & Pastor Wayne for this virtual worship service for prayer, song and singing praises to our Lord after 10 a.m. on Facebook or YouTube. ***Happy Mother's Day!***

**May 16: Sunday Worship Service:** Please join Pastor Wayne & Pastor Bill for this virtual for service of prayer, song and singing praises to our Lord after 10 a.m. on Facebook or YouTube.

**May 23: Sunday Worship Service:** Please join Pastor Bill & Pastor Wayne for this ***Pentecost Sunday*** virtual service for prayer, song and singing praises to our Lord after 10 a.m. on Facebook or YouTube.

**May 30: Sunday Worship Service:** Please join Pastors Wayne & Bill virtually for prayer, song and singing praises to our Lord, after 10 a.m. on Facebook or YouTube. ***Happy Memorial Day Weekend!***



Happy May Everyone,  
Wishing you a joyful May filled with sunshine,  
and spring flowers. Blessings and prayers one  
and all.  
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 has reopened with hours Wednesday, Friday & Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please remember to wear your masks and keep social distance while you are shopping. We are also still selling items on Facebook Marketplace. If you would like to purchase an item, please call the church and we'll set a time for you to pick up the item. 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)

**Special Note:** Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is planning on holding a gathering at Slater Park for this month's meeting in May 16 from 2-3:30 p.m. **Weather permitting**, social distancing and MASKS ARE REQUIRED covering your mouth and nose! Social Distancing is also to be observed.

To All Our Park Place Family and Friends,

We are planning a small but most necessary restoration project in our Sanctuary and are hoping that you all may prayerfully consider donating to this project. Our balcony within the Sanctuary needs to be repaired and repainted and the estimated cost will be \$3500-\$4000. The cost for labor is approximately \$2500 which will also include touching up and repairing several small areas in the Sanctuary proper that need some scraping and repainting as well. The materials, primer and paint will be approximately \$400-\$500 and then the cost for having staging erected. The Church Council and Deacons that were present at our last meeting authorized the project as it is a necessary repair. As a part of the project the flashing around the base of the steeple will be resealed and the roof checked for any possible leaks. We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration in donating to this most important repair. Thank You.



Yours in Christ's Service,  
Your Board of Deacons & Church Council

# Memorial Day

Is it enough to think today  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne



## Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

*Please keep these people in your daily prayers:*

Ginny is recovering in rehab and asking for continued prayers; Brian & Father Malloy; Janice Jones who is rehab recovering. Prayers for Lillian as she struggles with health and personal issues, her daughter Alicia who was just diagnosed with cancer; Brian Patenaude; Louisa; Sister Mary Pendergast who has Parkinson's disease; Jim going through chemo for stomach cancer; Denise Gehrke; Jakob going through chemo, prayers for his family as well; Tom W.; Eileen - stage 4 cancer; Denise Ouellette, battling stage four ovarian cancer; Sharon Parker, fighting cancer; 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

... 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.

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

## Happy Birthday!!

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



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| 1: Kaitlyn Usher  | 3: Cal (Sarah) Ouellette | 11: Jameson Medeiros |
| 21: Megan Palumbo | 24: Darlene McMillan     | 28: Ethel Martel     |
| 30: Nancy Fox     |                          |                      |

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### *May 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.

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### Worth celebrating!

While going through the so-called "daily grind," it's fun to anticipate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and holiday meals — especially when other people cook and clean up! Although every day is full of countless reasons to rejoice, we may not always feel like celebrating. Life's concerns pile high, distracting us from gratitude, joy and intentional acknowledgment of our blessings.

When you need a reason to smile and celebrate, head to [www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com). Almost every food item and hobby now has its own day, and you'll even find gems such as National Be Late for Something Day (September 5, if you want to plan ahead!).

These fun "occasions" can help you embrace small joys and may even inspire you to celebrate them with family or friends. As you do, consider what it is about today and each gift from God that makes this day special.

## Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach.” What “former book” did the author write to Theophilus?



- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)



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### A SHARED EXPERIENCE

What comes to mind when you hear the word Pentecost? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that’s just as key: Jesus’ disciples “were all together in one place.” Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn’t miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus’ first followers hadn’t been assembled on Pentecost, they would’ve missed the outpouring of God’s power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God’s blessings, promises and joy?