



The Spire

October 2021



Dear Park Place Family and Friends,

We are back worshipping in house and it feels awesome to be together in person but it is also awesome that so many others who couldn't be with us still tuned in to our first Sundays back. We have missed you all and it is very special to be back with you all. We continue to offer our Tuesday chats with Pastor Bill, Words and Music with Pastor Wayne, Jane and friends, Love Stories of Our Faith for our young and young at heart on Saturdays, and of course our Sunday morning Worship online. I would also like to offer a big welcome to our new friends and family, some who have been away for a while

and some who are brand new to our church family.

As I write this message, I realize that fall is upon us and we are moving into another change of season. As the fall colors begin peeping through, we are reminded of how our lives are ever changing. Yet in the heart of our faith journeys the one thing that remains constant is God's love for all of us. God grants us the beauty of an amazing array of color as we change from summer into fall and we see the uniqueness of each leaf and that each has its own shades of color that is not exactly like any other. It is how God made each of us, each our own beautiful shade of color, inside and out, yet all are special in God's eyes.

Thank you for being a reflection of God's love at work here. So many people here at Park Place bring their own unique abilities to the Ministries that we share and all are beautiful in God's eyes.

Pastor Bill and I appreciate each and everyone of you for all you do to help the work of God move forward in our church and in our community. Even though we have been worshipping and ministering on line or outside of our church doors, we realize that whether in or out of our beautiful building, that God's work is alive and well. Thank you all and may we always do whatever we can to do God's work in our communities and in our world.

May God Bless you all!!!

Pastor Wayne



Worship Schedule

Please join us for "In-Person Worship Service Sundays @ 10 a.m.!! All are welcome! Please keep in mind we will be following CDC guidelines for mask wearing.

You'll also be able to continue to join us as we continue to use Social Media to worship and praise God! We will offer on Tuesdays Pastor Bill's Chat, Thursday's Words & Music with Pastor Wayne, Saturday's Love Stories of Our Faith as well as Sunday Worship which can be viewed "Live" on Facebook (Park Place Church) or after 12 noon on YouTube: search Park Place Congregational Church.

October 3: Holy Communion In-Person Worship Service 10 a.m. – Please join Pastor Bill with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard for worship! If you are unable to join us in person for Communion worship, please join us online by getting these things ready prior to your virtual worship; you'll need bread (crackers are fine as well) and juice (or beverage). The rite of Communion will be led by Pastor Bill, please follow along as instructed. Service will be "Live" on Facebook and after 12 p.m. on YouTube. You Are Always Welcome!

October 10: Sunday In-person Worship Service 10 a.m.: Please join Pastor Bill & Pastor Wayne's worship service for prayer, spiritual words and singing praises to our Lord! Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today - 10 a.m. on Facebook. A recording of worship will be available on YouTube after 12 p.m.

October 17: Sunday In-person Worship Service 10 a.m.: Please join Pastor Wayne & Pastor Bill for worship service of prayer, spiritual words and singing praises to our Lord. Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today - 10 a.m. on Facebook. A recording of worship will be available on YouTube after 12 p.m.

October 24: Sunday In-person Worship Service 10 a.m.: Please join Pastor Bill & Pastor Wayne for prayer, spiritual words and singing praises to our Lord. Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today - 10 a.m. on Facebook. A recording of worship will be available on YouTube after 12 p.m.

October 31: Sunday In-person Worship Service 10 a.m.: Please join Pastor Wayne & Pastor Bill for worship along with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

Bible Study Returns!!!

Our Bible Study began on Monday, September 27 @ 7:00 PM. We'll be studying the book of Philippians in the New Testament. It is a five-week study. However, there will be no class on October 4 or November 1 because Deacons and Church Councils will be meeting on those days. Therefore, the last day of the Bible Study will be November 8. Philippians is a book full of positive encouragement for anyone facing challenges or going through difficult times. We look forward to reading and learning from this beautiful letter from Paul to the church at Philippi. We will adhere to all CDC guidelines regarding mask wearing and social distancing. We are also offering on-line Zoom if you cannot attend in person. Please reach out to Darlene McMillan if you are interested.

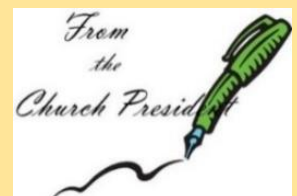
Dear Family and Friends of Park Place Church,

It was with a full heart on Sunday, September 12 when I entered the Sanctuary for our first in-person service in over a year! The readings, sermon and music filled my soul! It was so good to see so many people back to worship together and to socialize a bit downstairs afterward. To those who weren't there, I can assure you, you were missed.

There are a lot of activities being planned, such as Blessing of the Pets, Christmas on the Hill, a pie sale and, hopefully, the list will go on. We may have to tweak some activities due to Covid, but we can cope with that. We are together again in person!

Peace, health and happiness,

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. We adhere to CDC guidelines.



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. NOTE: THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO DONATE ITEMS TO OUR THRIFT SHOP. AT THIS TIME, I REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT DONATE ANY CLOTHES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE REQUEST IS THAT AT THIS TIME WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS AND SPACE TO HANDLE THE CURRENT INFLUX. THERE IS A DROP BOX IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH IN THE SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT FOR BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS IF YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR SPRING CLEANING AND HAVE TO GET THOSE UNWANTED CLOTHES OUT RIGHT AWAY. THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE. CATHY SHUTE

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.

We have received some yarn from some generous people and are making it available to our group to make prayer shawls. If you'd like to look over the yarn for your next shawl, please call Ginny to arrange a time to come take a look.

The Prayer Shawl meeting will be in the Guild Room from 2-3:30 p.m. on October 17.

Please bring your shawls that you are working on and your facemask. We will adhere to all CDC guidelines regarding mask wearing and social distancing.



Prayer is like wireless access to God-with no roaming fees!

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers:



Ginny; Cathy Schora and her family; (Bali, Linda's dog); Dawn; Dottie awaiting surgery; Ethel; Kim in the hospital with covid; Rev. Lois Bryant from Smithfield Ave. church. Vicki & Brian; Marilyn Tucker; Janice Jones; Lillian as she struggles with health and personal issues, her daughter Alicia who has been diagnosed with cancer; Louisa; Sister Mary Pendergast of Sisters of Mercy; Jim going through chemo for stomach cancer; Denise Gehrke; Jakob going through chemo, prayers for his family as well; 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 Morrisette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; Josh Barber; Paul; Melanie; Gabriella; Karen; Beth Fournier; Kenny; 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; Grace; Tom; Gregg; Peter; Nancy; Eric Green; Cathleen; Claudia Berube; Trevor Bynoe; 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 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 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; friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.



Happy Birthday!!

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

3: Andrea Padula

4: David Walker

4: Laurie Phillips Olson

6: Sara Morrisette

17: Taylor Poland

21: Michael Padula

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Pets

October 9, 2021

10 a.m.



Please leash your dogs and cats should be in a safe travel crate as we will be outside with all kinds of God's creatures. Water and treats will be available All Are Welcome!

Thanksgiving Dessert Fundraiser!



Pie Extravaganza

Apple Pie, Blueberry Pie, Mixed Berry Pie

Pumpkin Pie & Pecan Pie

Also Available:

Apple Crisp tray & Individual Chocolate Cream

Prices: \$12 Pies / 2 for \$20 \$10 Apple Crisp
\$5 Chocolate Cream

Orders Taken: October 3 - Nov 14

Order forms are available at the Church and by emailing your to
office@ppucc.necoxmail.com, please mark pie choice and quantity on your order form.

CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL

2nd Oldest Christmas Fair in the State!

When: Saturday, November 13TH, 2021

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Featuring: Mimi's Attic, Gift Table, Fudge Table, Bake Table,
Jewelry Table, An Array of Holiday Raffles, Silent Auction and Snack Table





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APPRECIATING YOUR PASTOR

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.