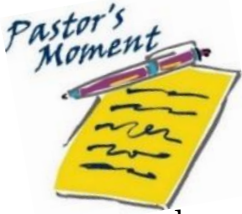




# The Spire



Hello Park Place Family and Friends,

We will officially be in the season of Lent as of Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. As we travel the journey with Jesus, my hope is that with reflective and penitent hearts and spirits, we will be reawakened to the amazing story of our faith and the roads that Jesus traveled during this Lenten season. It is an opportunity for all of us to spend time remembering all the wonderful insight that Jesus brought to the world through God's word and will for us. Let's spend time together and on our own, reading the scriptures, spending time in worship together, praying and following the inspiring messages from Bill McMillan, our retired Co-Pastor. His devotions will surely be an inspiration for our journey. This time that will ultimately lead up to Jesus death and Resurrection can be an amazing time of renewal and dedication for our faith journeys. May this Lenten journey be one of beauty and thanksgiving for all that Jesus gave to the world.

May we not be distracted by the everyday things that can cloud our vision, but may we remain focused on the ministry and teachings of our savior Jesus Christ. Come, join us on our journey and hope to see you in church...

In Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Wayne*

## Worship With Us



## 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 Thursdays Words & Music with Pastor Wayne & Jane Bedia on keyboard, Saturdays "Love Stories of Our Faith," as well as Sunday Worship which can be viewed "Live" on Facebook (Park Place Church) or anytime after 12 noon. Lenten Devotionals will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>, with Retired Pastor Bill.

**March 2: Ash Wednesday Worship 7 p.m.** Please join us as we begin our Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday Service with Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir and Jane Bedia on keyboard.

**March 6: Holy Communion Worship Service 10 a.m.**– Please join Pastor Wayne 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). Please follow along as instructed. Service will be "Live" on Facebook and after 12 p.m. available anytime. You Are Always Welcome!

**March 13: Sunday Worship 10 a.m.**: Please join Pastor Wayne, with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Let Us Worship the Lord! Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today - 10 a.m. on Facebook.

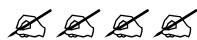
**March 20: Sunday Worship 10 a.m.**: Please join Pastor Wayne with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Let Us Worship the Lord! Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today - 10 a.m. on Facebook.

**March 27: Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.** Please join us for LAITY SUNDAY with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Let Us Worship the Lord! Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today - 10 a.m. on Facebook.

### Church News!

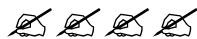
Look for our Laity Sunday on March 27<sup>th</sup>! Join us while members of our congregation will lead worship for the day!

We'll be having a Gospel Sunday on April 3<sup>rd</sup>! Join us for worship where there will be so much beautiful music to praise the Lord with! You'll never be seated; you'll be on your feet singing along! Be sure to Mark your calendars for these two special dates!



Dear Family and Friends of Park Place Church,

We're starting the Irish month of March, the month for boiled dinners, Irish soda bread, brogues and green shamrocks. I'd like to share an Irish blessing:  
May good luck be with you wherever you go  
And your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow.  
May your days be many and your troubles be few.  
May all God's blessings descend upon you.  
May peace be within you.  
May your heart be strong.  
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.  
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 MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>! **Please do not leave your donations in front of the store, please bring in while we are open. Thank you for your attention.**

**A BOOK & MEDIA SALE** will be held from March 16- April 9. Wednesday & Saturday's 10 - 1. All Books, CD's, DVD's records etc. will be discounted! (We will not be accepting any new books or media during this sale, thank you for your attention)

We have a Free Items Rack with Clothing, and a box of accessories! The rack is located in front of the Bowling Alley. Only the clothes and accessories on this rack are Free. If you know anyone who would benefit from the free items, please let them know of this new area.



**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).

**The Prayer Shawl meeting will be in the Guild Room from 2-3:30 p.m. on March 20.** 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.

**Results of Our Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser**

The soup and sandwich fundraiser was a huge success! I'd like to especially thank Kathy Morrissette, Terry May Neves, Amanda Brooks, David & Cal Ouellette for all their hard work and dedication. The fundraiser wouldn't have been successful without all of you! Our soup and sandwich makers also donated all of their ingredients so 100% of the money goes to our church. Also, thank you to everyone who supported the church by placing orders, we raised over \$500. because of you!

Sincerely,  
Sara Morrissette

## A MISSION FOR MARCH

### Heifer International 2022



The Deacons of Park Place Church have decided to hold a Heifer International Living Gift Market, as our Global Mission Project, from March 6 - April 3rd. We have served this mission for many years and have really enjoyed being a part of “the gift that keeps on giving” to families in need. 75 years ago, the founder, farmer and church leader, Dan West’s vision was to “help the poor families around the world in a sustainable way - with gifts of livestock and seeds so they could care for themselves and their children, and each generation could improve upon the next.” Park Place has given the gifts of sheep, goats, chickens,

bees, seeds and even an alpaca. <https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/index.html>

Materials will be available soon for those interested in making a donation and you can specify which living gift you would like it to go toward and if you would like it to be in Honor or Memory of a loved one(s). We are excited to come together as a faith community to serve God as we serve our brothers and sisters in need. Please see Kristine Gervais if you have any questions.

### **One Egg Haiti**

The United Church of Christ Haiti Task Force provides ONE EGG a day as a source of animal protein to children in 7 child centers that serve impoverished children in HAITI. With the support of Chancel, a US based social enterprise, eggs are purchased from Haiti Broilers, a local company that operates a state of the art model poultry farm outside Port au Prince. Approximately 500 children are receiving one egg a day. The long term goal is for more children to be fed, more poultry farms built where eggs can be purchased or sold at the marketplace providing economic growth and sustainability for the people of Haiti. If you are interested in helping with this mission, empty plastic eggs will be available each Sunday from April 10 - May 1 where you can donate your spare change to continue this wonderful and important project. Thank you.



## Indulge for Lent?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent – especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate – Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God’s presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God’s magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus’ promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- Pray for the “little things,” coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God’s answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you “sacrifice” the tendency to wallow in worry.

## Here are our Officers and Board Members for 2022!

We wish to say Thank you to all our officers and Board members for stepping forward into a new year of missions, worship and giving praise to our Lord. We now have Chairpeople in place for 2022! You are all amazing people who have great plans for Park Place Church's future. We have an exciting year ahead and the congregation looks forward to supporting you as you lead us with reverence in the Lord's Word and Mission. Thank you all so much!

President	Shirley Harris
Vice President	Virginia Platt
Treasurer	Megan Palumbo
Collector	Carlene Neves
Associate collectors	Leslie Brouwer
	Sara Morrissette
Clerk	Andrea Padula

### Board of Deacons

2023	Cindy Boulay (Deacons clerk)
	Kristine Gervais (Co-chair)
	Shirley Harris
	Andrea Padula
2024	Leslie Brouwer
	Darlene McMillan
	Virginia Platt (Co-chair)

### Church Council

2023	Mike Padula*
2024	Leslie Brouwer
	Shirley Harris
	Sara Morrissette
	Carlene Neves
	Andrea Padula
	Virginia Platt
	Ken Williams*

### Christian Education

2022	Amanda Brooks
	Andrea Padula
2024	Sara Morrissette
	(Chair person TBD)

### Pastoral Relations Committee

2023	Lois Grenier
	Sara Morrissette
	Judy Ouellette
	Mike Padula

### Investment Committee

	Leslie Brouwer
	Carlene Neves
	Megan Palumbo
	Suzanne Miranda, MBA

\*Lay Member

## Thank you so Much for your Stepping UP!

A Huge Thank you to Deborah Poland for working as our Treasurer for over 4 years. Deborah has moved us into a newer era of banking using online bill pay, and check writing. You worked tirelessly to set all of that up! Thank you for all you did for Park Place Church! Stepping into the Treasurer position is Megan Palumbo! Thank you Megan for helping make the transition so smoothly! Megan has worked tirelessly with immersing herself into this treasurer position. Thank you Megan!

Thank you to Cindy Boulay for her many, many years as assistant collector! Cindy is stepping down this year and stepping into the Board of Deacons as the new clerk. Cindy is also our Sun-

Shine Lady, who sends our birthday cards, get well cards and just about any other card we need!  
Thank you so much Cindy!

Sara Morrissette joins the collector's team as assistant collector with Leslie Brouwer. Thank you Sara for stepping up and helping with this important task. Sara is also our ever-present videographer! Sara makes sure the videos are recorded and uploaded so Linda can post them in a timely fashion. Thank you so much Sara, it can be a very daunting job! If Sara is unable to record our worship services, she makes sure to have someone to do this task! We thank you also, Andrea Padula & David Ouellette who have stepped in to do the recordings.

Thank you to our retired Co-Pastor Bill McMillan, for offering to write the annual Lenten Devotionals again this year.

Special Thank you to Susan Deshpande, Robin Hill and Ann Johnson for all their help with reorganizing, cleaning and resetting the Thrift Shop! It looks amazing and we so appreciate your help with this mission.

Thank you from Pastor Wayne and your Park Place Church Family!

### Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: A young family who's suffered a house fire and lost everything; Paul who is in UUC; Mike & Sharon; Carol; Chuck who is in home hospice; Rachael; Medusa; 3 year old Benjamin diagnosed with cancer; George G; Dave in hospital; the Harrison family; Ginny; Judy; John from GA; Cathy Schora and her family; Dottie; Vicki & Brian; Janice Jones; Lillian as she struggles with health and personal issues, her daughter Alicia who has cancer; Louisa; Sister Mary Pendergast; 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; 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; Jocelyn; Laurie; Eva; Janet Estes; Steven; Elaine; Bob, Carol; John; Karen B; Richard Deblois, Kathy Morrissette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; Josh Barber; Paul; Melanie; Gabriella; Karen; Beth Fournier; Kenny; Virginia; Steve; Alice; Deb C; Emily; Debbie Cury; Ann-Marie; Terry; Irene Marteno-cancer; Phyllis; Joyce – (cancer); Lauren & Heather; Frank; Joanne; Katherine; Irene; Bev; Jim; Grace; Tom; Gregg; Peter; Eric Green; Cathleen; Claudia Berube; Trevor Bynoe; Bob; Sherry; Terry; All people fighting cancer.



Please continue prayers for

... Those living in the Ukraine may they be safe.

... 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. 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.

... 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.

## Our Kid's Page!

# Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



See! The winter is \_\_\_\_\_; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

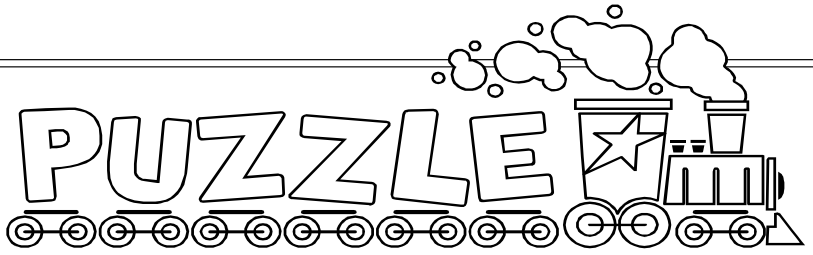
"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it \_\_\_\_\_, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the \_\_\_\_\_, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone \_\_\_\_\_; each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the \_\_\_\_\_ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answers: Winter, flowers, singing, light, part, moon, stars, mankind, sheep, turned, LORD, citizens, members



## *A wondrous washing*

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

*Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.*

ETRC AE _____	_____ out my transgressions (v. 1)
HS AW _____	_____ away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEER OT _____	_____ me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNER E _____	_____ me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _____	_____ your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _____	_____ out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _____	_____ in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _____	_____ a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTO _____	_____ to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
W HSA _____	_____ me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant



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