



The Spire



Hello Park Place Family and Friends,

It seems hard to believe that we are here and it is almost Easter. Our Lenten journeys have taken us to places where Jesus ministered, taught, healed, experienced 40 days of temptation in the desert and had foretold of what was to come in his betrayal, crucifixion, death and ultimately his Resurrection. We have been journeying together whether you've been able to join us in person worship or online. It has been a time of reflection, growth, meditation and thanksgiving. Through our time in worship, devotions from our retired Pastor Bill, Love Stories of our Faith and Words and Music, we have continued on our journey of preparation.

The journey is not over. I am hoping that you continue to join us as the first Sunday of April, April 3rd, we will be having an all-Gospel Music Sunday. It will be a celebration of gospel music through the years and the amazing impact it has had on faith communities for many generations. April 10th we will be celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the waving of Palm branches and singing loud Hosannas. On Maundy Thursday we will be remembering Jesus' supper with his disciples and the process of his betrayal, arrest, crucifixion and death on the cross. We will be offering the story told with a live pageant and the Cantata "Shadow of the Cross". Then on Good Friday, we will remember Jesus' last hours on the cross through scripture and music and meditation. These moving remembrances will be a beautiful way to end our Lenten journey together and then give us a few days to breathe, reflect and prepare for our celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. That day when the world rejoices in awe and wonder at the miracle of new life!!

Come and continue on the journey with us!!

With Love in Christ's Service,
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.

April 3: Holy Communion / Gospel Music Sunday Service 10 a.m. Please join Pastor Wayne with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard as they celebrate the Love of Jesus with lots of Gospel music during worship! If you are unable to join us in person for our Gospel Music & Communion worship, please join us online by getting Communion elements ready prior to your virtual worship. You'll need bread (crackers are fine as well) and juice (or beverage) to participate in Communion. Please follow along as instructed. Service will be "Live" on Facebook and after 12 p.m. available anytime. You Are Always Welcome!

Holy Week

April 10: Sixth Sunday in Lent/ Palm Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.- Please join us for Palm Sunday Worship, as we tell the story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem! Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today on Facebook.

April 13: Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.: "Shadow of the Cross" A Sacred Cantata & Pageant. Join us for an emotional musical portrayal of Jesus' final days. Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today on Facebook.

April 14: Good Friday - 7 p.m.: Join us for a moving remembrance in scripture, music, prayer & mediation. Also look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today on Facebook.

April 17: Easter Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m. All are welcome! Let us all Rejoice and Celebrate Jesus' Victory over Death! Let us Sing Song's of Celebration Together! Let us make some Joyful Noise! Look for us on-line for a "LIVE WORSHIP" today - 9:45 a.m. on Facebook.

April 24: Second Sunday after Easter - Worship 10 a.m. Please join us for Worship 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!

- ❖ You'll also be able to continue to join us as we continue to use Social Media to worship and praise God! We continue to 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 later in the day. Retired Pastor Bill continues Lenten Devotionals until April 16.
- ❖ We'll be having a Gospel Sunday on April 3rd! 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! (That is allowed and encouraged! LOL) Get the Music in You!!!!
- ❖ Easter Plants will be available this year! Please see order forms in this Spire and in your bulletins.
- ❖ **Inquires Day** - TBA - Anyone who would like information regarding becoming a member of Park Place Church is welcome to attend this meeting. Questions answered: What does it mean to become a member, what is a member's job, responsibility, and enjoy the love of a family of God. All are welcome. Please speak to Pastor Wayne if you are interested in attending a meeting.
- ❖ Gospel Sunday is April 3, 2022
- ❖ New Members Day - April 24.
- ❖ May Breakfast - April 30, 7-11 a.m.
- ❖ Pop Music Sunday to be Announced for May



Dear Family and Friends of Park Place Church,

I hope to see everyone in April. We will have palms on Palm Sunday and Pastor Wayne has some special plans for us all this month with music and services.

Spring is officially here so we can rejoice in warmer weather. The daffodils on the side of the church are up and budding. It's a wonderful time of renewal.

Have a Blessed Easter,

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! 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 is being held until 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)



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.

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

A Mission for March/ April

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.

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.

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Taylor Poland; A young family who's suffered a house fire and lost everything; 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 Coury; 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.



Happy Birthday!!

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

3rd: Sue Lewis

13th: Ashley Ventura

20th: David Ouellette

26th: Gerrit Brouwer

28th: Bob Nicholson

8th: Peter Brouwer

14th: Jaye Brooks Jr.

20th: Holly Shaw

26th: Linda Lagace

10th: Karen McDonnell

17th: Brian Patenaude

25th: Sylvia Kaufmann

26th: Tyler Ventura

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BIBLE QUIZ

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



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Held in God's Love

We would like to think that once we turn our lives over to Christ, everything will run smoothly. When such is not the case, we might question whether our faith is strong enough or what we are doing wrong. The fact is, we live in a broken world, and sufferings come upon all people.

In the words of 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich: "If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love."

We might take comfort in the fact that our struggles are not so different from those experienced seven centuries ago. We are "normal," after all! But the greatest assurance is that no matter what we face in life, Jesus walks with us, the Holy Spirit strengthens us, and "we are always kept in [God's] precious love."

Bible Quiz Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)