



# The Spire



Dear Park Place Family & Friends,

The year 2023 has begun and I am hoping that you all had especially beautiful Christmas and holiday festivities with family and friends. I hope that you experienced once again the magic and blessing of the birth of our savior. It is one of my favorite times of the year as families and friends gather to be together to share all the beautiful messages of peace and love. It's hard to imagine that we are beginning another year of our God's work.



I am excited to be a part of this church's work and mission. We have many exciting things planned for this year, so please make sure you keep checking in. We have many social activities planned as well as plans for exciting things for our ministries for people of all ages. When God called us into being, God had plans for us all and we are going to continue working together to spread the good news of our faith. We also like to just be together so I hope that you will all join us for many of our exciting events, gatherings and ministry projects that we have planned of this coming year.

May God bless you all with love, joy, peace, hope and the light of the world in 2023 as we move forward as this family of God's planting. Come and be part of the journey!!!

In Christ's Love & Service

*Pastor Wayne*

## Worship Schedule

Please join us for Worship Service Sundays @ 10 a.m.!! All are welcome!

Can't make it to worship? Tune into Facebook for a live feed and recorded for later viewing!

If you would like to attend worship but are in need of a ride, please call the church office no later than Friday 3p.m. and we will be try to arrange transportation.



**January 1st: Happy New Year!** Holy Communion Worship Service 10 a.m. Join us for Holy Communion and Worship! Join Pastor Wayne and our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Come for you are welcome here! No Sunday School

**January: 8th:** Worship Service 10 a.m. Join us for Worship with Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Sunday School - 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**January 15th:** Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. Come for you are all welcome to worship with Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Sunday School - 10:15-10:45 a.m. The 140th Annual Congregational Meeting 11 a.m.

**Mission:** Prayer Shawl Ministry – 2-3:30 in the Guild Room

**January 22nd:** Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. Come for you are all welcome to worship with Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Sunday School - 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**January 29th:** Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. Come for you are all welcome to worship with Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Sunday School - 10:15-10:45 a.m.

## Church News!



For those of you who cannot attend worship in-person, please join us live on Facebook at 10 a.m. or YouTube later in the day. We continue offering weekly posts on Tuesdays: A Moment with Pastor Wayne, Thursdays: Words & Music with Pastor Wayne & Jane Bedia on keyboard; Saturdays: "Love Stories of Our Faith," with D & Andy and Andrea & Sophia Padula on rotating weeks.

### Church News & Events continued...

- Annual Reports are due January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Please send your reports to the office email. Thank you! If you need a copy of last years report, please let the office know ASAP.
- 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.
- February brings our Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser! Look for the flyer/order form in this Spire and your weekly bulletins.

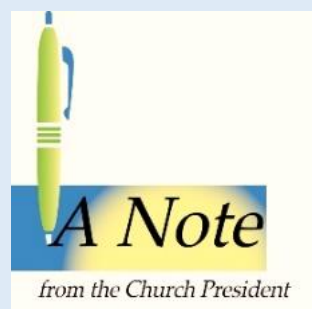
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Dear Park Place Family and Friends,

Happy 2023! This year is the sign of the rabbit according to the Chinese zodiac signs. The rabbit symbolizes longevity, peace and prosperity. An addition tidbit, 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope. Sounds good to me! We can always use some hope. Right off I can tell you what I personally hope for...bet many of you guessed correctly...improve my back issues. On a larger scale, I am very excited for Park Place Church and its family as we move forward. The Deacons and Council have been putting their collective heads together with Pastor Wayne for an exciting 2023! So tune in, either in person or on Facebook, as we are full of hope for the New Year.

Blessings,

*Shirley Harris*



## Park Place Congregational UCC Missions

Please remember All are welcome to join any activity or just drop in to see what is going on!



Stop by the Thrift Shop! Thrift Shop hours are Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please do not leave your donations in front of the store, please bring in while we are open. 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](mailto:office@ppucc.necoxmail.com). The Prayer Shawl meeting will be gathering Guild

Room from 2-3:30 p.m. on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your shawls that you are working on and join the fun.

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### December Mission: Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket

We adopted a family from the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket for our December Mission project. What a wonderful outpouring of gifts and love we received from you our Park Place

Church family! The gifts were wrapped, and delivered to the Boys & Girls Club on December 12<sup>th</sup>! Thank you all so very much!

Our Mission group will be taking January off! They've worked hard this past year! Thank you all for your time and effort, your mission to our community has helped so many! Missions will resume in February!

### AARP ANDRUS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, our very own Park Place Church President, Shirley Harris was celebrated for her commitment to community service by the AARP! A well-deserved celebration was given to honor Shirley, she also received an award and a lovely dinner in her honor. Many were in attendance! Congratulations Shirley!



Each year, AARP selects *one volunteer from each state* as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U. S. Virgin Island to honor the legacy of Dr. Andrus with the Andrus Award for Community Service, our most prestigious and visible volunteer award. It recognized individuals who are sharing their experience, talent and skills to enrich their communities in ways that are consistent with AARP's mission, vision and commitment to volunteer service, and the inspire others to volunteer.



### Happy Birthday!!

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

**NOTE:** If you are not listed in our birthday list please email or call the church office to let us know. Thank you.



1<sup>st</sup>: Rodger Lawton  
11<sup>th</sup>: Ginny Platt  
12<sup>th</sup>: Susan Mobley  
21<sup>st</sup>: Sophia Padula  
27<sup>th</sup>: Jane Bedia

3<sup>rd</sup>: Donald Langford  
11<sup>th</sup>: Michael Ruo  
12<sup>th</sup>: Erika (Mobley) Mederios  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Normand Martel  
29<sup>th</sup>: Bill McMillan

6<sup>th</sup>: John Brouwer  
12<sup>th</sup>: Amanda Ruh  
18<sup>th</sup>: Chystle Mathers  
27<sup>th</sup>: Carlene Neves

### Bible Quiz

How old was Abram when he followed God's call to leave Haran and travel to a new land?

- A. 25
- B. 50
- C. 75
- D. 100



## Prayers & Concerns for Our Family



Please keep these people in your daily prayers: For the Galante Family, on the passing of the matriarch of the family, Elizabeth Galante; Tommy; Peter Foss; Maureen; Shirley; Tori, Lori fighting cancer; Dorothy Sherry - cancer; Cathy G; Zachery; Rachel; Carol; Mike & Sharon; Vicki & Brian; Janice Jones; Lillian as she struggles with health and personal issues, her daughter Alice- cancer; Louisa; Sister Mary Pendergast; Denise Gehrke; Sharon Parker, fighting cancer; Alan; Lisa; Greg; Baby Penny; a young college student dealing with mental health issues; Steve; 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:

...victims of our recent natural disasters. Including those effected by Hurricane Ian.

... Our Ukraine brothers & sisters along with our world leaders.

... Those who are recovering from Covid virus and all the variants, 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.

... for the victims and families of domestic abuse, may the Lord give them strength to ask and receive help.

Comfort them during their turmoil.

... 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.


### Kid's Page

### TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.


**What you need:**

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



**What you do:**

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
  - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
  - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
  - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
  - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
  - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
  - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story — and the snack — with a friend!



## Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

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*Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.*

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	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
God made wild animals and livestock.						○ _ _ _ _
God said, "Let there be light."						_ _ _ _ ○
God gathered the waters under the sky into one place.						_ ○ _ _ _
God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky."						_ _ _ _ _ ○
God created plants and trees.						_ _ _ _ _ ○
God separated the light from the darkness.						_ ○ _ _ _
God made the water teem with living creatures.						_ _ _ _ _
God made the sun and moon.						_ _ _ _ _ ○
God made birds fly above the earth.						_ _ _ _ _
God made stars.						_ ○ _ _ _
God created mankind in his own image.						_ _ _ _ _

**God \_aw all tha\_ he \_ad ma\_e, an\_ \_t was ve\_y g\_od.**

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.  
Answer sixth, first, third, second, fourth, fifth, first, fourth, fourth, fifth, first, fourth, sixth;



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### ANOTHER YEAR FOR GOD

*Another year is dawning; dear Father, let it be,  
in working or in waiting, another year with thee.*

*Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
another year of proving thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of service, of witness for thy love;  
another year of training for holier work above.*

*Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,  
on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.*

Bible Quiz Answer: C (See Genesis 12:4.)