



The Spire



Dear Park Place Family & Friends,

Hoping that February is shaping up to be a great month for everyone. February is the month when we celebrate love because of Valentine's Day. It is a time when we remember and give thanks with love, for our families, mates, husbands, wives, friends, pets, children and all those people in our lives whom we love.

It is a time for rejoicing for all the different kinds of love that surround us every day. It also brings us to the beginning of our Lenten journey which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. It reminds us about the love of a savior who loved us so much that he was willing to give his life for us. Our savior, Jesus Christ, who brought and taught of God's love for us is the beautiful testament of God's love. It will be a time for reflection and redemption. It will bring us through the joys of Christ's presence here on earth, reminding us of all that he was and is still today in our lives.

I wish you the beauty of all the kinds of love in this world but especially to be reminded of the love that we celebrate in our faith. Come and travel the Lenten journey with us. Hope to see you in church.

In Christ's Love and Mine,

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 anytime.

YouTube viewing Mondays for later viewing!

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



February 5th: 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! Sunday School -10:15-10:45

February 12th: 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.

February 19th: 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.

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m. All are welcome! Come let us begin this Lenten Journey together!

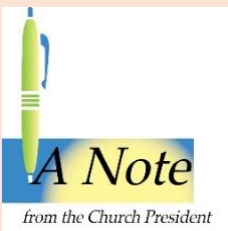
February 26th: Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. Come for you are all welcome to worship with Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Sunday School - 10:15-10:45 a.m.

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.

- We have signup sheets for Lay Reading and Greeters & Ushering! Please consider signing up for one or both of these tasks. Signups are on the table in the Narthex.
- February brings our Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser! Look for the flyer/order form in your weekly bulletins and in this Spire. Deadline for soup & sandwich orders – February 5, 2023.
- A Wayne & Friends Cabaret on March 11th, 2023, doors open 6:15p.m./dinner 6:30 with show beginning at 7:15 p.m. Dinner menu: Shrimp Macaroni & Cheese, salad with dessert. A vegetarian dish TBD. Adults: \$20. Children 5-12 \$10. Under 5 free.
- Music & Praise has returned!!!! We will have a Music & Praise on Monday, March 20th. Come join us! All are welcome!
- Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023! Worship information to come!



Dear Park Place Family and Friends,
Happy Valentine’s Day! It’s the month of love! Love yourself,
love one another.

Love & 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, this month our group will not be meeting, 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.

February Mission info will be coming soon! We'll keep you informed!

Happy Birthday!!



Wishing you all a Happy February 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.

4th: Judith Ouellette
10th: David Gervais
16th: Mary Rose Abbott
26th: Noah McCue

5th: Carla Dyer
12th: Robert Boulay
19th: Terry May Neves

9th: Ryan Ventura
12th: Marc Champeau
24th: Audrey Brouwer

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family



Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Al who is in rehab following surgery; Bob Casavant; Sara Morrissette; Scott McQueen; Bruce Toney - cancer; Elizabeth Galante; Tommy; Barbara H; 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; a young college student dealing with mental health issues; Steve; Curtis; Micah; Ken Depot; Beverly Fontaine; Laurie; Eva; Steven; 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 the recent shootings in California.

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

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

...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.



Bible Quiz

Fill in the blanks for three qualities Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13, attributes to love:

"Love is _____; love is _____. ... it keeps no record of _____."

A. challenging, important, the past

B. childlike, innocent, injustice

C. self-sacrificing, generous, finances

D. patient, kind, wrongs

Texting Etiquette

- Don't text to inform someone of sad news or to end a relationship. Deliver the news in person or by phone.
- Be aware—not everyone has unlimited texting as part of their service plan.
- Keep your message brief. If it runs on and on, make a phone call instead.
- Be careful when choosing a recipient from your phone book; a slip of the finger could send the text to a wrong recipient.
- When you text someone who doesn't have your number, start by stating who you are. "Hi, it's Kate (from yoga)."
- Respond to a text by texting back or with a phone call.
- If you receive a text by mistake, respond to the sender with "Sorry, wrong number."
- Don't text at the movies, a play, or a concert—the screen light is annoying to others.
- Don't text anything confidential, private, or potentially embarrassing.

- Don't be upset if your text doesn't get an immediate response—you can't know for sure when the recipient will read the message.
- Think of texting as a conversation: If you would respond in the conversation, then respond in the text. A short "TNX" to acknowledge that the message was received is a simple way to end the conversation.
- Just as you shouldn't answer your phone during a conversation, you shouldn't text when you're engaged with someone else. If you are with someone who won't stop texting during your conversation, feel free to excuse yourself until they have concluded their messaging.
- Don't text and drive.

Kid's Page

Children of the LIGHT

This craft celebrates that now we are light in the Lord (see Ephesians 5:8).

What you need:

- A gallon zip-top plastic bag
- Permanent markers (dark colors)
- Black construction paper
- White cardstock
- Scissors

What you do:

1. Draw a self-portrait on the outside of the bag. Add details.
2. Insert the black paper and set the bag flat on a table. It should be tough to see your picture now.
3. On the white cardstock, draw a picture of a flashlight with a long beam of light coming out. Color the flashlight but leave the beam white.
4. Cut out the flashlight and light beam. Place them in the bag, over the black paper. When the white beam covers the black background under your picture, you can see your self-portrait clearly.

Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.



Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV.

Quiz Answer: D (See 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV.)



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LENTEN SIGNALS



Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest awhile – and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN – to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.



“SOUPERBOWL” SUNDAY SOUP & SANDWICH FUNDRAISER



ORDER-FORM BELOW





“SOUPERBOWL” SUNDAY SOUP & SANDWICH FUNDRAISER!!!



WHEN: February 12th, 2023

TIME: Pick up orders after worship!

WHAT IS IT???

Park Place is holding a Soup & Sandwiches fundraiser! There will be chicken soup, broccoli and cheese soup, Venus Di Milo soup, potato & corn chowder, and a variety of sandwiches available for order!

Orders will be taken from January 1st through February 5th 2023. There will be some extra soup available for purchase that day but we strongly encourage pre-orders.

Souper Prices:

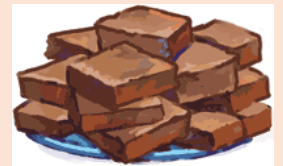
Bowl of soup: \$5 Quart of soup: \$8 Brownies: \$1

Sandwiches: \$7

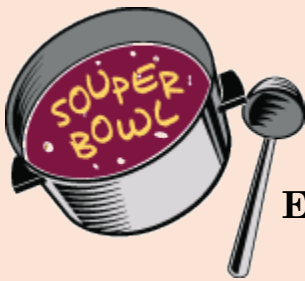
Turkey, Ham, Italian (bologna, salami, mortadella), Chicken Salad

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion

Cheese- American, Provolone, Swiss



Please fill out an order form or call (401)726-2800 or email the church at office@ppucc.necoxmail.com to place your order! Thank you!



Superbowl Soup & Sandwich

Order-form 2023

Enjoy a great meal while watching the game!

Name: _____

Soup order: Bowl (B - \$5 ea.) – Quart (Q -\$8 ea.) – Brownies (\$1 ea.)

Chicken soup _____ Broccoli & Cheese soup _____

Venus Di Milo soup _____ Potato & Corn chowder _____

Brownies: _____

Total: \$ _____



Name: _____

Sandwich order: (\$7)

Turkey: _____

Ham: _____

Italian: _____

Chicken Salad: _____

(bologna, salami, mortadella):



Condiments: _____

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cheese- American,

Provolone, Swiss

Mustard, Mayo, Pickles, onions

Total: \$ _____