



The Spire

April

2023

Dear Park Place Family & Friends,

We are nearing the end of our Lenten journey as we approach Palm Sunday and begin the holiest of weeks.

We will celebrate and remember Jesus Last Supper and his final hours on earth on Maundy Thursday with the beautiful Cantata "Shadow of the Cross" and on Good Friday, we will reflect on Jesus last words through scripture and music. We will then wait patiently for the blessing of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.

I am hoping that you have all experienced a meaningful Lenten journey and that you will continue to share and witness with us as we move through Jesus last days and celebrate with us the joy of Easter morning. Spring is budding forth and it seems as though God grants us the beautiful signs of the world coming to new life as we celebrate and rejoice in Jesus' resurrection. It is a time of rebirth for all of us as we live to be the love and joy of God here on earth. Come and be part of this amazing faith. God Bless you all!!! Hope to see you in church!!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Wayne



All are Welcome to Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023 - 7 p.m.

Shadow of the Cross Cantata

Good Friday, April 7, 2023 - 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 - 9:45 a.m.

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.



April 2nd: Palm Sunday/ Holy Communion Worship Service 10 a.m. Join us for Holy Communion and Worship! Join Pastor Wayne, our Greeters & Ushers: Michael Ruo & Lay Reader: Michael Ruo, and our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Come for you are welcome here! Join us following worship for Coffee hour!!!

April 6th: Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.: Join us for a Spiritual Service of the Cantata "Shadow of the Cross" with Pastor Wayne & our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

April 7th: Good Friday Service 7 p.m.: All are welcome to this spiritually moving service of Jesus last moments on the cross. All are Welcome.



April 9th: Easter Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Join us for Worship with Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

April 16th: 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.

April 23rd: 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.

April 30th: 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 on Mondays. 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. Watch for daily posting of our Lenten Devotionals from Bill McMillan on Facebook.





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May Breakfast

April 29, 2023

7 - 11 a.m.

Breakfast is \$12. p.p.

\$7. Children 5-12 years

Breakfast Menu: cereal, oatmeal, muffins, quiche, scrambled eggs, home-fries, sausage, fruit cup, ham, baked beans, juice, coffee, tea and milk.

Also, May Baskets, fudge, baked goods and craft items will be available for your spring shopping pleasure!



BAKE SALE



Easter Flowers! If you'd like to donate Memorial or Honorary Altar flowers, for Easter Sunday, please fill out the enclosed order-form and send it or bring to church service this Palm Sunday!

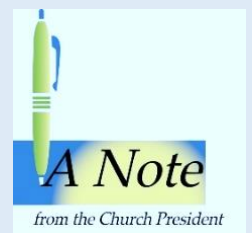
Dear Park Place Family and Friends

It's April...no fool's day...just flowers and springtime!

As most of you know Cathy Shute and myself have been dealing with some health issues and haven't been in the Thrift Shop. Thankfully Ginny Platt retired just in time to help out. However, she can't be alone. She is in need of assistance on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 10:00 - 1:00. If you could give her some time, maybe once a month even to help with displays, wrapping and bagging or any number of jobs, please see her, Pastor Wayne or leave a message on the church number 726-2800. It's a rewarding experience.

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.



The Thrift Shop has been in operation for many, many years! It has become an integral part of our Church and her missions. We reach out to many people both in Pawtucket and surrounding communities. That being said, we need some help running it to keep up with demand. We need someone or more than one person to help with open hours, Wednesdays & Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you can help, please reach out to Ginny Platt or call the church office to let us know you can help. You can volunteer weekly or monthly, whenever, you can help will be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your attention and your time! The Thrift Shop is very important to Park Place & the community!

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.



April Mission is 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 2 - 30 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: Ginny; Bob Casavant; Sara Morrissette continues working hard in PT & OT; 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 Fountaine; 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 our recent natural disasters. Including those still effected by earth quakes in Turkey & Syria.

... 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.

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!

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

3rd: Sue Lewis

8th: Peter Brouwer

10th: Karen McDonnell

13th: Ashley Ventura

14th: Jaye Brooks Jr.

17th: Brian Patenaude

20th: David Ouelette

20th: Holly Shaw

25th: Sylvia Kaufmann

26th: Gerrit Brouwer

26th: Linda Lagace

26th: Tyler Ventura

28th: Bob Nicholson

Kid's Page!

Good news flags

Use batik, a unique fabric-dyeing method, to create flags celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection.



What you need:

- Colored chalk
- White linen fabric
- Washable gel glue
- Acrylic craft paint
- Textile medium
- Paintbrushes

What you do:

1. Cut fabric to the desired size and shape. Set it on a flat, protected surface. With chalk, lightly sketch an Easter design or message.
2. Completely cover the chalk lines with gel glue. Let dry.
3. Mix equal parts paint and textile medium. Paint the flag with that mixture, which makes paint permanent. Let dry.
4. Soak the dried fabric in warm water a few minutes. Then gently peel away the glue to reveal the unpainted areas. Lay flat to dry.
5. Hang the flags and celebrate!



SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?



Directions:
Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete John 20:29, NIV.

"B _ c _ _ s _ _ y _ _ h _ v _ s _ _ n m _ ,
 y _ _ h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d ;
 bl _ ss _ d _ r _ th _ s _ wh _ h _ v _ n _ t
 s _ _ n _ nd y _ t h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d ."

JOHN 20:29, NIV

Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV

Bible Quiz



The night before Jesus' crucifixion, he demonstrates humble service by washing his disciples' _____.

- A. hands
- B. feet
- C. hair
- D. supper dishes



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Easter Errors

The Resurrection occurred without a hitch, but church services aren't always as fortunate. Pastors shared Easter goofs with Outreach magazine — and you can share them for Holy Humor Sunday on April 16.

- *During a prayer, one pastor said, “Jesus, we love you to death.” Though it was fitting, the slip-up led to chuckles.*
- *Actors in Passion Plays apparently tend to fall off crosses. After one did so and muttered a swear word, the pastor said, “At least he’s the unbelieving thief.” And when a man playing Jesus had to be reattached to his cross, a pastor said the real Jesus “would have climbed back on out of love.”*
- *Shocked by the early rehearsal time, a guitarist asked, “Whose idea was it for Easter to be in the morning?”*
- *Before leading a sunrise service, a pastor was informed of a member’s death. So he was briefly “thrown ... when she walked up in the early morning shadows.” Turns out there’d been a name mixup. “I believe in resurrection power,” says the pastor. “But I was more than a little surprised at what I was seeing!”*

Bible Quiz Answer: B (See John 13:1-17.)