

FOR CHRIST ALSO
SUFFERED ONCE
FOR SINS, THE
RIGHTEOUS FOR
THE UNRIGHTEOUS,
THAT HE MIGHT
BRING US TO GOD.
1 PETER 3:18

The Spire

May

2023

Hey Everybody,

Spring has arrived just as we had all hoped. The world here in Little Rhody is blooming back to its beauty and as, always, it is during the time of Eastertide as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior Jesus, I love this time of year on so many levels. I love witnessing the beauty of buds on trees, The perennials begin popping up through the ground, The grass turns green again and the days get longer. The birds and critters are all busy exploring and greeting in the days with an effervescent joy. The warmth of the sun flows in to our spirits and we give thanks for the many changes in our world.



Savor these moments and rejoice as beauty continues to surround us. Take a moment to smell the air and all the scents that spring brings about, take some time to revel in God's gifts to us and share them with a friend, family member or even strangers as they too are a beautiful part of God's family.

May your spirits be filled with all things bright and beautiful

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Wayne

Christian Symbol

TONGUES OF FIRE – Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background – other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.



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.



May 7th: Holy Communion Worship Service 10 a.m. Join us for Holy Communion and Worship! Join Pastor Wayne, Lay Reader: David Ouellette and our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Come for you are welcome here!

Welcome our New Members: Chirag & Susan Deshpande, Anna Cote, David Ouellette! Sunday School -10:15-10:45

May 14th: Worship Service 10 a.m. Join us for Worship with Pastor Wayne, Lay Reader: Michael Ruo; our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Sunday School - 10:15-10:45 a.m.



May 21st: Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. Come for you are all welcome to worship with Pastor Wayne, Lay Reader: Maria Tavarozzi our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Sunday School - 10:15-10:45 a.m.



May 28th: Pentecost Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. Come for you are all welcome to worship with Pastor Wayne, our Lay Reader: Cindy Boulay, 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.

- 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.
- May 7th, New Members Day! Come join us as we welcome our New Members: Chirag & Susan Deshpande, Anna Cote, David Ouellette!
- May 14th, Happy Mother's Day!!!!
- May 18th, Ascension Day – Readings for the day: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53.
- May 28th. Pentecost Sunday Worship Celebration – 10 a.m.



Dear Park Place Family and Friends,

I hope you enjoyed our recent heat wave...fortunately only one day; a taste of days to come. I prefer easing into each new season, especially when it involves searching for some off-season clothes. That "easing" may apply to other areas of life. I'm sure many of you are resistant to change, so maybe easing into whatever change you are facing is the answer. I am easing into my new life living with chronic back pain. I want to thank you for your concern and prayers. I hope to be back in my favorite pew soon. In the meantime, I appreciate that I can participate virtually.

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.





Thank you to all who have Donated to Heifer International. We will be sending: 3 Flocks of Chicks, 3 Food Baskets, 6 Beehives, 2 Crops of Seeds and Seedlings, 1 Goat and 1 Alpaca. How wonderful to give gifts that keep on giving!

Anna Cote has donated a Food Basket and a Beehive in Memory of Kristen Cote.

Kristine Gervais has donated a Food Basket in Memory of her grandparents.

Shirley Harris has donated a Flock of Chicks and a Beehive in Memory of Kim Harris.

Sara Morrisette has donated a Flock of Chicks and a Beehive in Memory of Kathy Morrisette.

Judy and David Ouellette donated an Alpaca in honor of their daughter.

Megan Palumbo has donated a Flock of Chicks and a Beehive in Honor of Roman and Petra.

Patricia Sroka donated a beehive in memory of her husband, Paul Sroka.

Maria Tavarozzi has donated a Crop of Seeds and Seedlings in memory of Elena Carbone.

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family



Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Ginny; Patsy cancer; Carol cancer; Sara M. is doing very well in PT and OT; Scott McQueen; Bruce Toney – cancer; Barbara; Tommy; Shirley; Tori, Lori fighting cancer; Elizabeth Galante; 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 Alicia-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 & violence within our communities all over our nation.

... 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.



Wishing you all a Happy May 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: Kaitlyn Usher

2: Cal Ouellette

2: Jon Mitchell

11: Jameson Medeiors

21: Megan Palumbo

24: Darlene McMillan

28: Ethel Martel

30: Nancy Fox



Kid's Page


Jokes Only A Mother Could Love

Why is a computer so smart?
It listens to its motherboard.

Why did you chop the joke book in half?
Mom said to cut the comedy.

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their kids have to play inside!

What did the mother rope say to her child?
"Don't be knotty."




WIND, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV	6. OGETHE
2. ABLE	7. ES
3. AY OF PENTECOS	8. ONGUE
4. ONGUE	9. A
5. PIRI	10. IND



"When the _____ came, they were all _____ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from _____ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____ what seemed to be _____ of fire that separated and came to _____ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____ and began to speak in other _____ as the Spirit _____ them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answers: 1. Heaven, 2. wind, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongue, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. sound, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. fire



Bible Quiz

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.

Bible Quiz Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)



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Come As You Are

As a young pastor, Stan Purdum de-husked black walnuts one Saturday, not realizing his hands would be badly stained. They looked filthy, he recalls, and the marks would not wash off; they'd have to wear off. Then Purdum realized he'd be serving Holy Communion the next day.

Before distributing the elements, the pastor apologized to congregants, explaining that his hands were washed but just stained. Years later, Purdum reflected: "Now that I have a fuller grasp of theology under my belt, I think a better thing for me to say would have been, 'Nobody comes to Communion with clean hands.'"

We're all unworthy to receive Jesus' body and blood, but that's exactly why he offers it. Thanks be to God for redeeming and forgiving us — wiping away the stain of our sins!

—adapted from The Wired Word