

The Spire

September

2023



Dear Park Place Family and Friends,

I hope that your summer has been one of special memories and moments to treasure. I am hoping that you have all had some time to spend with

family and friends. We are approaching the end of summer and the early days of Autumn will be upon us soon. We have celebrated Shared Summer Worship with our brothers and sisters at Chapel St UCC and Lime Rock Baptist Church as well as being joined by some of our friends from Smithfield Ave UCC. It has been a beautiful way to support one another in our common desire to worship and serve God as brothers and sisters in Christ. It gave each of our Pastors' a little break and to be able to be together in community in each other's church settings. As we return to our regular churches, we will continue to offer prayers for each of our church families as well as so many others in the world.

On September 17th, we will be honoring the anniversaries of those who have been members for 25 years and up. We have many over 50 yrs. of membership as well as a few that have been members for more than 75 yrs. We rejoice in their love and dedication to Park Place and are thrilled to be able to offer this service of recognition and thanksgiving as we honor many people from our church family. We are hoping that you will all be able to be there to celebrate with us as we will have a special reception downstairs after worship. This will also be our Homecoming Sunday as we celebrate the beginning of another exciting year of Ministry here at Park Place.

We hope to see you all. Our young people's Sunday School/Christian Ed. series will begin very soon as well as we celebrate all the children of our church family. Come and join us in our excitement to continue living out our faith in love service and praise of our Faith!!! May you all feel the love of God in your hearts and spirits.

With Joy and Thanksgiving in Christ's 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 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.

September 3, 2023 10 a.m. Holy Communion – Pastor Wayne, leading worship with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Communion setup & serve: Cindy Boulay & Leslie Brouwer.

September 10th, -10 a.m. Pastor Wayne, leading worship with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

September 17th, -10 a.m. Homecoming Worship & *Distinguished Longtime members celebration!* Pastor Wayne, leading worship with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Welcome Home Collation to follow! All Are Welcome!

September 24th, - 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne, leading worship with our Chancel Choir.

Church News & Events!

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.



• **September 17, 2023 – 10 a.m.** Welcome Home Worship & Distinguished Longtime Membership Anniversary Celebration! All Members of 25 – 50 years, 50-75 years 75 and up have been invited to attend worship and celebration!

• Pasta Supper – September 30, 2023 - 6 p.m. Price: \$10 for adults \$5 children 5-10, free for children under 5. Menu: ALL YOU CAN EAT Pasta, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert! Please call the church at (401)726-2800 or email us at office@ppucc.necoxmail.com



- Calendar Raffle – Tickets on sale all of September. A calendar with ticket are included in this Spire. If you'd like to purchase a ticket, please return it to church with your donation before September 30th. Tickets are available following worship. Please see either Sara Morrissette or Carlene Neves to purchase these HOT TICKETS! Good Luck! A Winner Daily!!
- Christmas on the Hill & Vender Faire – November 11th, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. More info to come!

Bible Study Coming!



Our next Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:00 PM. This time we'll walk through 1 John. It is a very small book near the end of the New Testament, only five chapters; but it is packed with so much richness, that you'll probably be surprised at how many treasures we can find in these five chapters. The first week will be an introduction. If you've never been to a Bible Study and you're considering attending, please, at least come to our first session, to try it out. Then if you find it interesting come back for the rest of the study. The first week we'll discuss the following:

- Who wrote 1 John
- When was it written
- Who was the intended audience

If you enjoy the first week, hopefully you'll want to hear the "rest of the story" as Paul Harvey said. Our sessions will be on the following Tuesdays at 6:00 PM; October 3, 10, 17, 24, and November 7 & 14. We won't have a session on Halloween, October 31. All you need is a Bible and a pen or pencil. A workbook will be provided, which will give you background information and pages to take notes on. I look forward to our journey together through this exciting and encouraging book of 1 John.

In Christ's love and mine,

Bill McMillan

Update on our Kid's

Here are what our young people have been up to and what's happening as they move into their next year's journey. The October Spire will have another opportunity anyone who would like to be included on this page but did not make the deadline. Please feel free to reach out to the office to let me know! (Linda)

- Hannah Gervais graduated from Johnston High School on June 15th. Along with her high school diploma, she earned a certificate for completing the Three-Dimensional Art Academy program. She is now working for Lifetouch Studios where she will be traveling to many schools in RI and MA taking individual student photos as well as photos for their sports teams and extra-curricular activities.
- Sophia Padula is going into her last year of elementary school she is going to be a safety patrol, she is still doing cheer, as well as Hp Hop Dance class and Acro. She will also be racing in the Bandolero Racing Series at Seekonk Speedway with her best friend starting next week and them full time next season!!
- Hayden Padula is going into his junior year at WPI. He just came back from 7 weeks in Italy where he was working on a podcast highlighting the anniversary of the Italy International qualifying Project and what he's been accomplished over the years. He has been promoted to supervisor of the Barnes & Noble Campus bookstore and will be living in Worcester again this year!



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, group Will Be Meeting September 24th, if you cannot make this date, 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL MISSION!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Back to School donations were delivered to the Pawtucket Boys & Girls Club by Kristine & Hannah Gervais & Ginny Platt! Our sister church, Chapel Street Cong also donated many items and we are so grateful to them as well! You are all a blessing! Our summer mission became an outreach for two churches!!!



6 Backpacks	7 pair scissors
3 notepads	30 Notebooks
20 glue sticks	2 pencil sharpeners
17 Folders	8 bottles of glue
2 Composition NB	10 erasers
2 Pkgs of lined paper	2 paints
244 pencils	9 rulers
64 pens	4 packs of Post-its
23 boxes of crayons	2 pkgs index cards
8 boxes of markers	1 pkg pencil erasers
5 boxes of colored pencils	3 permanent markers
1 full pencil case	1 set of Expo Markers



Happy Birthday!!

Wishing you all a Happy September Birthday! 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.

4: Timothy Shaw
14: Jocelyn Neves
29: Hannah Gervais

5: Sandy Phillips
20: Ron Barber
29: Tina Champeau

6: Dawn Shaw
23: Doug Taylor Wright



Celebrating You
on Your
Special Day

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

NOTE: We are reconstructing our prayer list. We have kept the most current names on our list, if you would like to re-add your loved one's name to this prayer list, please contact the office via phone (401) 726-2800 or email office@ppucc.necoxmail.com. Thank you for your attention!



Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Rachel has begun new cancer meds; Santa; Hope; Jeanne Winnega; Amy with mental health issues; Brenda; Wendy N; Liz; Laila 13 years old, just diagnosed with leukemia & her parents George & Meagan; Susan; John McLean Sr. & Nora McLean; Pasty.

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.

Bible Quiz

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread
- D. salt



Bible Quiz Answer: D (See 2 Kings 2:19-)



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Who, me? Yes, you!

The Bible is filled with people who don't feel up to the challenge of serving God, speaking for God or leading his people. But God always knows what he's doing. Pastor Haviland Houston issues this challenge: "When you are hesitant to act, or feel a failure of nerve coming on, when courage lags, or even if laziness and the 'I don't care' blues get you down, may the words of Mordecai to Esther burn in your hearts and minds: 'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'" (See Esther 4:14.)

Max Lucado offers a similar reminder in *You Were Made for This Moment*. "God always has his person," he writes, also citing the book of Esther. "When we feel as though everything is falling apart, God is working in our midst, causing everything to fall into place. He is the King of quiet providence, and he invites you and me to partner with him in his work."

Lucado continues: "[God] has a Joseph for every famine and a David for every Goliath. When his people need rescuing, God calls a Rahab into service. When a baby Moses needs a mama, God prompts an Egyptian princess to have compassion. He always has his person. He had someone in the story of Esther. And in your story he has you."