



The Spire



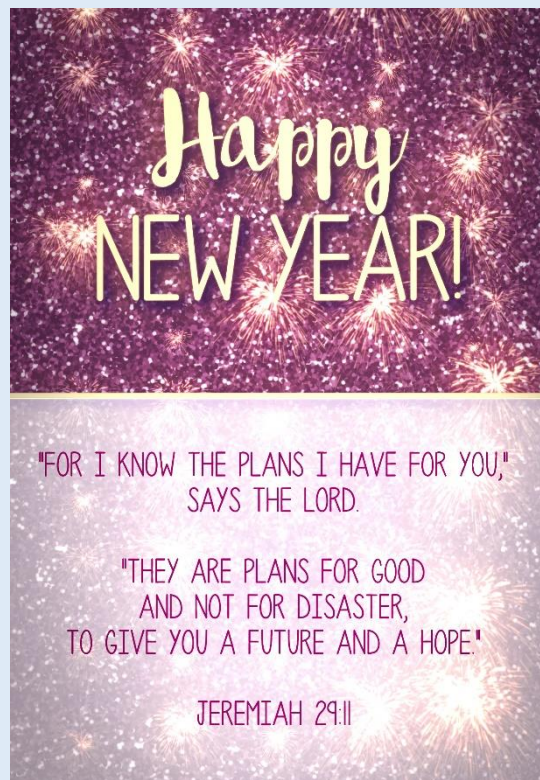
Dear Park Place Friends and Family,

I hope that your Holiday season has been filled with memories to treasure for years to come. Our season was filled with beautiful moments remembering and celebrating the birth of our Messiah and now as we move into the New Year, we move forward with joy in our hearts. We look forward to a new year filled with possibilities to continue doing God's work. Our local and worldwide missions have been blessed with generosity from so many of you. Thank you for helping others in our community and world through your love and gifts. I am very grateful and proud of this church family and community. You are all lights in this world and it fills my heart with hope for a world that so desperately needs it.

I am hoping that this new year brings fulfillment of purpose, filled with joy, hope, peace, love and light to our world in any way that we can, but also to each and every one of you. Thank you for being beautiful reflections of God's love in our world and if you haven't been by for a while, come by and worship and serve with us. May God Bless each and every one of you!

Happy New Year!
In Christ's Service,

Pastor Wayne





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 it can be viewed anytime.
YouTube viewing Mondays for later viewing!
Nothing good on TV, binge watch us on Facebook or
YouTube!!

*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.*

January 7th, 2024 Holy Communion -10 a.m. Epiphany Sunday – Pastor Wayne, leading worship, Cindy Boulay - lay reader, with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Communion servers: Cindy Boulay & Andrea Padula.

January 14th, - 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne, leading worship, & our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

January 21st, - 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne, leading worship & our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

January 28th, - 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne, leading worship & our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.



Sunday School Schedule

TBA

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.



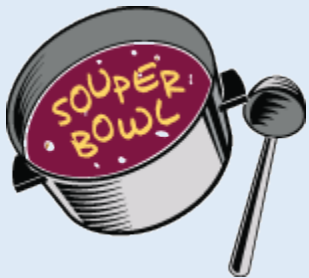
The Call

The 141st Annual Meeting of Park Place Congregational, United Church of Christ of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, will be held in the meeting house at 71 Park Place on the LORD'S Day, January 21st, of its 142nd year, 2024 C. E., for the purpose of acting upon the yearly reports (as printed herein) of Officers, Boards, Committees, and Organizations; to elect new Officers, approve the completed 2024 budget and to transact any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

*10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
Pastor Wayne Patenaude - Leading worship

*11:15 a.m. – 141st Annual Meeting

Shirley Harris
Park Place Congregational Church President



Our Annual Souper-bowl Sunday Soup & Sandwich Sale is beginning NOW! See flyer included in this Spire, order-forms are available for soups and sandwiches.



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. **NOTE:** We are temporarily NOT ACCEPTING any clothing. Please hold your items for January when we'll happily accept your clean clothing.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is ongoing group, 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.

January/ February 2024 Mission



Our January/February Mission is collecting: hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks for the homeless in our community. Please bring donations to church on Sundays and place in the Mission box until February 25. Thank you for your generosity.

*We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

December Missions -

Thank you!!

We collected enough food and gift cards for 6 families!! Thank you for your unwavering generosity!!!



We collected many gifts for a family at the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket. What a wonderful Church family we are blessed with here at Park Place Church! Thank you so much for your continued outpouring of love and hope!



Thanks to Hannah Gervais for the picture of the Christmas gifts & tree.

Thanks to Ginny Platt & Darlene McMillan for delivering the gifts.



Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

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: Gregg in ICU with a brain bleed; prayers of thanksgiving for Owen who is doing much better & John who is also doing better; Lois; Raymond; Steve – cancer; Gabi and her family who

live in Israel; Rachel; Santa; Hope; 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:

...Prayers for our brothers & sisters in Israel & Palestine, all the innocent people in the middle east and around the world that are affected by this conflict.

...victims of our recent natural disasters & violence within our communities all over our nation.

...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



PUZZLE

HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
new	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
be	again	through	earth	made	while	back
new	if	and	creation			

The second Monday _ _ _ _ _

The last Monday _ _

The 16th _ _ _ _ _

One day before the 20th _ _

The day before the first Friday _ _

The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _

The day after the 20th _ _

The day after 18th _ _

The first day of the second weekend _

The last Sunday _ _ _

The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _





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Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these "rocks" to show how God makes us new on the inside.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.



Bible Quiz



In the book of Judges, the warrior Barak would go to battle only if a certain female leader went with him. Who was she?

- A. Rebekah

C. Michal

B. Jael

D. Deborah

Happy Birthday!!

Wishing you all a Happy January 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 and would like to be, please email or call the church office to let us know. Thank you.



1st: Rodger Lawton
11th: Ginny Platt
12th: Susan Mobley
23rd: Normand Martel
29th: Bill McMillan

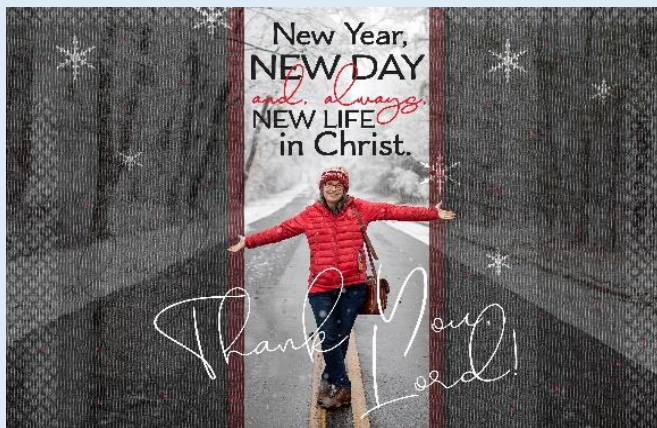
3rd: Donald Langford
11th: Michael Ruo
12th: Erika (Mobley) Mederios
27th: Carlene Neves

6th: John Brouwer
12th: Amanda Ruh
21st: Sophia Padula
27th: Jane Bedia

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See Judges 4:1-10.)



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Messages from the Bible

Luke 20: 46-47 "Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes and who love respectful greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Proverbs 26:12 Do you see people wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for fools than for them.
James 4:6 But God gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Matthew 23:12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.