

# The Spire



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Dear Park Place Friends and Family,

As we move forward this year, we invite you all on a beautiful journey of fellowship, friendship and Christian family. We always have a lot going on here at Park Place and hope you all take part in all that we do and offer. We strive to be God's people doing God's work but, also rejoicing and having fun together. If you are not here with us in person, we are happy that you are with us on line but, there is something extra special about being together as a group of people who love God and respect and love each other no matter where we are on life's journey. We come together to offer what we have and who we are, as God's family, to help make this world a better place. We strive to spread God's love in all that we do. Please note in our schedule all the goings on in-house as well as online and our work out in the community. Come and be a part of bringing love, kindness and compassion out into the world. We can each make a difference in the world and we would love it if you would come and be with us in worship and service.

Lent is beginning on Ash Wednesday which is February 14th, and we will be having a service at 7 p.m. Come and begin the journey with us. Hope to see you soon.

In Christ's Love and 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 it can be viewed anytime. YouTube viewing Mondays for later viewing!

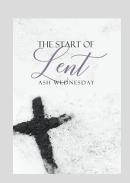
Nothing good on TV, binge watch us on Facebook or YouTube!!

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.

**February 4th, 2024 - Holy Communion Worship -10 a.m. -** Pastor Wayne, leading worship, with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Communion servers: TBD

<u>February 11<sup>th</sup>, - 10 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday Worship</u> - Pastor Wayne, leading worship, with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

<u>February 14<sup>th</sup>, - 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday</u> - Come join us as we begin our journey through the Lenten Season.



<u>February 18<sup>th</sup>, - 10 a.m. First Sunday in Lent</u> - Pastor Wayne, leading worship; with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

<u>February 25<sup>th</sup>, - 10 a.m. Second Sunday in Lent</u> - Pastor Wayne, leading worship; with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

# Sunday School Dates!!!!

We are working on something new for our children. We'll keep you updated with new information as it becomes available.



### **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.

### **Church News!**

• February 11th, is Transfiguration Sunday! Worship begins at 10 a.m.

- Join us for Ash Wednesday Service on February 14, 2024 @ 7 p.m. Come for our Lenten journey begins here!
- Our February Souper-bowl Fundraiser continues! See flyer/order form for delicious details. Soups & Sandwiches will be available for Super Bowl Sunday February 11!!!
- Our Chancel Choir will be joined with The Prism of Praise in a Music & Praise on February 25, 2024 at 6 p.m. Join us for an evening of song praising our Lord! A Free Will offering will be taken to benefit the repair our heating. Following the concert, please join us downstairs for a time of refreshments & fellowship! All are welcome!
- Lois Chrystie is our Sunshine lady and she is running out of birthday cards & get-well cards. If anyone has cards that they can give to Lois it would be greatly appreciated.



### 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 now happily accepting your clean clothing. Please come into the Thrift Shop during open hours with your donations. Thank you.

# Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is ongoing, group, please continue to knit and crochet at home or <u>come to our Prayer Shawl meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2-3:30 p.m.</u> 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 Missions

Our January/February Mission is collecting: hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks clean, gently used coats 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.





## **Nominating Committee 2024**

Here are your nominated committee members for 2024:

President Vice President(s) Treasurer

Collector Associate Collectors

Clerk

Kristine Gervais

Shirley Harris/Virginia Platt

**Christian Ed** 

Megan Palumbo
Carlene Neves
Sara Morrissette
Leslie Brouwer
Susan Deshpande

**Board of Deacons** 

2024 Cindy Boulay

Kristine Gervais Leslie Brouwer

2027 Michael Ruo

Koami Zobinou Anna Cote

Koomi 7ohi

Church Council - Lay Members

2025 \*Kenny Williams

\*Michael Padula

\*Michael Ruo

**Investment Committee** 

Leah Apaloo

2025 Megan Palumbo

2027 Judy Ouellette

Andrea Padula

Megan Palumbo Carlene Neves Sue Miranda

**Building Committee** 

2026 - Michael Ruo Michael Padula David Ouellette Chirag Deshpande

Respectfully Submitted by Nominating Committee Members:

Kristine Gervais, Michael Ruo, David Ouellette, Wayne Patenaude



### **Prayers & Concerns for Our Family**

The following names are current however, if you would like to 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!

<u>Please keep these people in your daily prayers:</u> Nikki - cancer; Judy; Carlene; Gregg in ICU with a brain bleed; Raymond; Steve – cancer; Gabi who's family & friends have been affected by the conflict. Rachel; Harry & Santa; Hope; Amy with mental health issues; Brenda; Laila 13 years old with leukemia & her parents George & Meagan.

### Please continue prayers for:

- ... The Maine shooting victims and their families; 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.
- ... 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 February 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.

4th: Judith Ouellette5th: Carla Dyer9th: Ryan Ventura10th: David Gervais12th: Robert Boulay12th: Marc Champeau16th: Mary Rose Abbott19th: Terry May Neves24th: Audrey Brouwer

26th: Noah McCue

## Bible Quiz

Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage: "Dear friends, let us \_\_\_\_\_ one another, for \_\_\_\_\_ comes from God. Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not \_\_\_\_\_ does not know God, because God is \_\_\_\_\_."

- A. believe
- B. help
- C. love
- D. forgive

Answer: C (See 1 John 4:7-8, MIV.)



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#### **Ground Rules For Love**

In Let Me Be a Woman, missionary Elisabeth Elliot writes about the "ground rules" for "how this thing called love really works — in a marriage, in the world." Her list reflects many of the principles found in 1 Corinthians 13, the Bible's love chapter.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience. It looks for a way of being constructive. Love is not possessive.

Love is not anxious to impress, nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own ideas.

Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage.

Love is not touchy.

Love does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad ... when truth prevails.

Love knows no limits to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that stands when all else has fallen.