



The Spire



Dear Park Place Friends and Family,

I hope that your Lenten journeys are moving along beautifully that the month of February was good to you all. Easter is early this year and I am hoping that you will be able to come and celebrate your faith with us during our Lenten offerings. We still have our worship each Sunday, my moments and words and music on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Love Stories of our Faith on Saturdays.

We will also be offering a Lenten pageant remembering Jesus' ministries and the events of Holy Week. That will take place Saturday evening, March 23rd at 7 p.m. Please come and join us for this beautiful and moving celebration and remembrance our Savior Jesus Christ. Then our Palm Sunday service will be remembering Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then our journey will continue on Holy Thursday as our Choir shares "The Shadow of the Cross," a beautiful service of music and narration walking with Jesus through his last days. On Good Friday, we will be offering a remembrance of Jesus last words through scripture and music. And, of course we will gather on Easter Sunday to celebrate Jesus Resurrection and experience the joy of that first Easter morning. I hope that you will come and remember and offer your hearts to our blessed and glorious faith in Jesus. Will look forward to seeing you all.

May God continue to bless your Lenten journeys and every day of your lives!

With Love and Gratitude in Christs' 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!

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.



Third Sunday in Lent

March 3rd, 2024 Holy Communion/Third Sunday in Lent -10 a.m. – Pastor Wayne, leading worship, Judy Ouellette - lay reader; our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Communion servers: Cindy Boulay & Anna Cote. Greeter & Ushers: Ginny Platt

March 10th, - 10 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent - Pastor Wayne, leading worship, Maria Tavarozzi – lay reading; with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

Greeter & Ushers: Anna Cote & Sandy Philips



Fourth Sunday in Lent



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17th, - 10 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent - Pastor Wayne, leading worship; Kristine Gervais – lay reader; with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Greeter & Ushers: Anna Cote & Nancy Van Nort



Saturday, March 23rd, - 7 p.m. Please join us for this beautiful and moving celebration and remembrance our Savior Jesus Christ.



March 24th, - Palm Sunday – 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne, leading worship; Sara Morrissette – lay reader; with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Greeter & Ushers: Jean Winnegge. Coffee & ... Bake Sale following worship!



Shadow of the Cross

March 28th, - Maundy Thursday - Shadow of the Cross - 7 p.m.

“Shadow of the Cross” A Sacred Cantata. Join us for an emotional musical portrayal of Jesus’ final days.

March 29th, - Good Friday - 7 p.m. Join us for a moving remembrance in scripture, music, prayer & mediation.



JOIN US FOR
EASTER
Sunday
Christ is Risen!

March 31st, - Easter Sunday! 9:45 a.m. Join Pastor Wayne - leading worship; Michael Ruo – lay reader; Greeter & Ushers: Terry May; our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. All are welcome! Let us all Rejoice and Celebrate Jesus’ Victory over Death! Let us Sing Songs of Celebration Together! Let us make some Joyful Noise! Look for us on Facebook if you cannot attend in person. Happy Easter Everyone!

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.



Sunday School Dates!!!!

Sunday school will meet on March 10th, March 24th, - Palm Sunday; April 14th, 28th, 10:15-11 a.m. Fun lessons activities to coincide with scripture.

A Chopstick Auction is in the ***planning stage***. If you are out shopping and would like to start looking for items to donate for the auction, we have a place to store them. (Regifting is allowed, if in the original packaging.) Value of items should be about \$5 -\$100 in value. More information will be coming as plans are approved and finalized.

Happy Birthday!!

Wishing you all a Happy March 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.



2nd: George Grenier	6th: Lynn Ventura	9th: Heather Shaw
14th: Isabella Patenaude-McCue		17th: Patrica Sroka
17th: Deborah Poland	25th: Barbara Langford	26th: Meghan Shay
27th: Maria Tavarozzi	29th: Susan Turner	31st: Kenny Williams

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!



Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Diane; Mike & Joann; Greg ICU; Mabel & Freddie's grandson; Maureen; Jean W.; Dororthy; Liz; Laurie – cancer; Rick-recovering kidney; Zachary; Joey & Kelly; Barbra; Nikki - cancer; Judy; 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.

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 come to our Prayer Shawl meeting on March 17th, from 2-3:30 p.m. 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.

March Missions

March Mission Our Mission for March is One Egg Haiti! There will be eggs in the pews on March 24, 31 and April 7, for you to put change, cash into it and place in the offering plate.





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Our Feeble Prayers, Our Father's Response

In *He Still Moves Stones*, Max Lucado recalls the story of Derek Redmond, a 1992 Olympic competitor in the 400-meter race. Halfway through Redmond's semifinal run, a torn hamstring sent him tumbling to the ground. His dad, Jim, immediately ran onto the track. He met up with Derek, who, though crying, had managed to stand and was hopping forward.

"You don't have to do this," Jim said. But Derek insisted. "Well, then, we're going to finish this together," said Jim, who supported his son as he hobbled to the finish line. The crowd cheered and wept as Derek, with Dad's assistance, finished the race.

Lucado writes: "What made the father do it? ... Was it the strength of his child? No, it was the pain of his child. ... God does the same. Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."