



# The Spire



Hello Park Place Family & Friends,

Happy Eastertide!!! It doesn't seem possible that we've come through the season of Lent and rejoiced at the Resurrection of Jesus and here we are in the season of Eastertide. This time of year is awesome and I love the changing seasons that we are able to witness. I love Spring, the season of rebirth of the earth and of our spirits.



Our church is growing, and the love of God is ever so present in the work and ministries that God is inspiring our family and friends to do in God's name. The work of our faith is such a rewarding process and I thank each and every one of you for all you do to help these ministries move forward. Each of us are equally important and needed to help keep God's work and ministries alive. We work to give what we can to glorify God through our church and our community. The love of God is shining through all that we do. God is smiling down on us and all of those whose lives are being blessed by our work and by God's love. We have lots of amazing and fun things going on in our calendar of events. Please make sure to mark your calendar so you won't miss anything.

You are all blessings and important, beautiful creations of God. Let us continue our call to work and love in the name of Jesus. For all who are here in person worshiping God and for all of you who tune in online, may you have a blessed Spring and thank you for sharing your love of God by supporting our ministries. Hope to see you in church!

God Bless You All!

*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.*

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, - Holy Communion/Second Sunday after Easter -10 a.m. -** Pastor Wayne, leading worship, our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard. Communion servers: Kristine Gervais & Koami Zobinou

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, - 10 a.m. Third Sunday after Easter** - Pastor Wayne, leading worship, with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, - 10 a.m. Fourth Sunday after Easter** - Pastor Wayne, leading worship; with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, - 10 a.m. Fifth Sunday after Easter** - Pastor Wayne, leading worship; with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard.



## **Sunday School Dates!!!!**

Sunday school will meet on April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15-11 a.m. Fun lessons, and activities to coincide with scripture.

## Church News & Upcoming 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.

## May Breakfast

2<sup>nd</sup> Oldest in the Area!

April 27, 2024, from 7 - 11 a.m.

Breakfast is \$10 per adult, \$5 children 5-12 years / Under 5 - Free

Breakfast Menu: cereal, oatmeal, muffins, quiche, scrambled eggs, home-fries, sausage, fruit cup, ham, baked beans, juice, coffee, tea, and milk.

Also, May Baskets, fudge, baked goods, and craft items will be available for your spring shopping pleasure!



BAKE SALE





- **May 7, 2024 - Family Fun Night!!!** All are welcome!! Info to come.
- May 19, 2024 - Church Potluck Luncheon! All Are Welcome!!!!
- Bill McMillan will be conducting a 6-week Bible study on the Book of James - TBA.
- July 6, 2024 - Sinai Church Hall use.
- Calendar Fundraiser in July- Donation requests will be coming soon.
- Pride Day Parade – activity to be planned – Sara is our LGBTQ leader.
- Pasta Supper 9/28/24.
- Chop Stick Auction in October.
- Thanksgiving Pie Sale – November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Order forms are available in November.



### 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](mailto:office@ppucc.necoxmail.com). Thank you for your attention!*

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: The victims of the Francis Scott Key Bridge disaster. Bonnie- heart failure; Diane; Mike & Joann; Greg is in rehab; Maureen; Jean W.; Dororthy; Liz; Laurie – cancer; Zachary; Joey & Kelly; Barbra; Nikki - cancer; Judy; Raymond; Steve – cancer; Gabi, whose family & friends have been affected by the conflict. Harry & Santa; Hope; Amy with mental health issues; Brenda; Laila, 13 years old with leukemia & her parents, George & Meagan.

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.

... 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 work on your pieces at home, or come to our Prayer Shawl meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### April Missions & Events

Our April Mission is One Egg Haiti! There will be eggs in the pews on March 24, 31 and April 7. Please place your change or cash into the eggs, then place in the offering plate.



## Happy Birthday!!

Wishing you all a Happy April 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.



3rd: Sue Lewis

13th: Ashley Ventura

17th: Brian Patenaude

25th: Sylvia Kaufmann

26th: Tyler Ventura

8th: Peter Brouwer

14th: Jaye Brooks Jr.

20th: David Ouelette

26th: Gerrit Brouwer

28th: Bob Nicholson

10th: Karen McDonnell

16th: Barbara Howard

20th: Holly Shaw

26th: Linda Lagace



### Bible Quiz

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples — twice — when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"

Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)

### Keep on Shining

Charles W. Naylor (1874-1950) was a traveling evangelist until misfortune struck. First a tentpole fell on him as he prepared for a meeting. A year later, a bus accident left him partially paralyzed.

Despite experiencing chronic pain, Naylor became a prolific author and hymnist, dictating almost 150 songs. He often wrote about God's loving care amid adversity. One of his hymns begins:

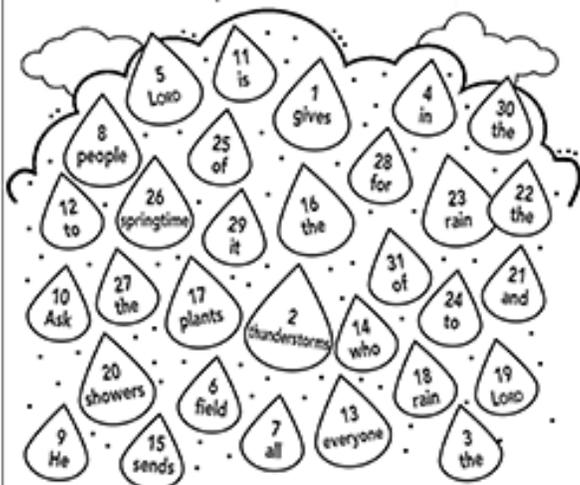
When the winds of persecution blow,  
When the streams of hatred tow'rd you flow,  
When your foes in number seem to grow,  
Just keep on shining.

"God's comfort in our times of sorrow is not an imaginary thing," Naylor wrote. "It can be so real that it is a balm for our wounded spirits. Having passed through the experience more than once, [I know] how real and vital and sustaining the comfort of God can be."

# Kid's Page

## Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



\_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 28 \_\_\_\_\_ 18  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 22 \_\_\_\_\_ 26 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 29 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ 15  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 27 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 31 \_\_\_\_\_ 23  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 25  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 30 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 24 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Zedariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime. It is the Lord who sends the thunderstones. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zedariah 10:1, NIV



## PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY



I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, Apollos \_\_\_\_\_ it,  
 but \_\_\_\_\_ has been making it \_\_\_\_\_  
 So neither the \_\_\_\_\_ who plants nor the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ who waters is \_\_\_\_\_  
 but \_\_\_\_\_ who makes things \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, seed, planted, God, grow, one, one, anything, only, God, grow



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