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JANUARY 2025 SPIRE

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Events for January:

- January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Happy New Year
- January 5<sup>th</sup>** – Communion/ Epiphany Sunday 10 a.m.
- January 6<sup>th</sup>** – Epiphany
  - Deacons Meeting 6 p.m.
  - Church Council 7 p.m.
- January 12<sup>th</sup>** – Worship 10 a.m.
- January 19<sup>th</sup>** - Worship 10 a.m.
- Following Worship: 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting – All member’s please plan to attend.
- Januarv 26<sup>th</sup>** – Worshio 10 a.m.

# The Spire



Hello Park Place Friends and Family,

I’m hoping that you’ve all had a beautiful Christmas season and some meaningful gatherings around the family table and in church. It is such a special time of year. I am hoping that you all had some special time celebrating the true gifts of the season. Winter is fully upon us but the blessings of our faith will continue to shine through and I pray that everyone’s New Year is filled with hope for a beautiful tomorrow; peace of mind, body and spirit; joy from the blessings that life has to offer; love from all those near and dear to you as well as new friends that we may meet; and the light of Christ to light your way.

Our church is continuing to grow, little by little and we are excited to be looking toward a bright future of ministry and serving our community and the world with an excitement and expectancy that fill our hearts and souls. Come and be part of the journey.

Hope to see you in church!

With Love in Christ’s Service,

*Pastor Wayne*



## Worship Schedule

Please join us for Worship Service each Sunday @ 10 a.m.!! All are welcome! Can't make it to worship? Tune in to 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.*

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**, Holy Communion - Epiphany Sunday Worship 10 a.m. - Come join us for worship, praising God with beautiful music and participate in Holy Communion. Please join Pastor Wayne, Communion Servers: Kristine Gervais & Anna Cote; our choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**, - Worship Service - 10 a.m. Baptism of the Lord - please join Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**, Worship Service - 10 a.m. Second Sunday after the Epiphany - please join Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**, Worship Service - 10 a.m. Third Sunday after Epiphany - please join Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

## Church News & Upcoming Events!



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 for the moment Carlene Neves with niece Amiyah. Look for others to join in our rotation.

A BIG Thank you to Andrea & Sophia Padula! We appreciate all of their dedication, time and love they gave to producing videos for "Love Stories of Our Faith" our Saturday children's program for many years. They will be stepping down this month.



### 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!** Our Thrift Shop has been going through some big changes! Shop hours Wednesdays & Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1p.m. When making a donation, 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, please continue to knit and crochet at home. Our Prayer Shawl meetings are on hold for the time being, we'll keep you posted as to when we'll return our meetings. 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.



## The End Is The Beginning

What a wonderful time for our church! I am writing this on the evening of the third Sunday of Advent where today we celebrated Joy waiting for the beautiful birth of Jesus, we welcomed eight of our family members as official members of Park Place, honored the memory of two important family members and celebrated together where we could catch up on all the happenings in our lives. We all

look forward to hearing the Christmas story through beautiful music shared by our choir at our Christmas services next week.

What a beautiful way to end our year!

“In our end is our beginning” to a new and Blessed year. I am so excited to begin the new calendar year with all of you and all the new happenings in our church and our family. I want to thank all of you for the love, patience and support you have shown me in my first year as president. Words cannot express how much I appreciate each and every one of you. I look forward to continuing to walk with you on your faith journey as we pray, grow, serve and love our Lord, each other, our community and our church. May you all have a happy, healthy and Blessed New Year!

Kristine

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## 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:

Susan; Bonnie for healing; JoLyn (Glenn's sister); Diane; Mike & Joann;

Maureen; Jean W.; Dororthy; Liz; Laurie – cancer; Zachary; Joey & Kelly; Barbara; Nikki - cancer; Judy; Raymond; Steve – cancer; Rachel; Harry & Santa; 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 & Ukraine, all the innocent people in the middle east and around the world that are affected by this war.

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

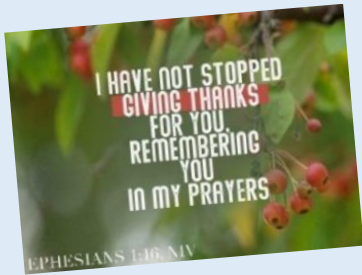
...For peace in our nation, pray for our elected officials. We pray for unity as we show respect for each other, and adherence to the rule of law.

... 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

## A HUGE CATCH

Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

### What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue

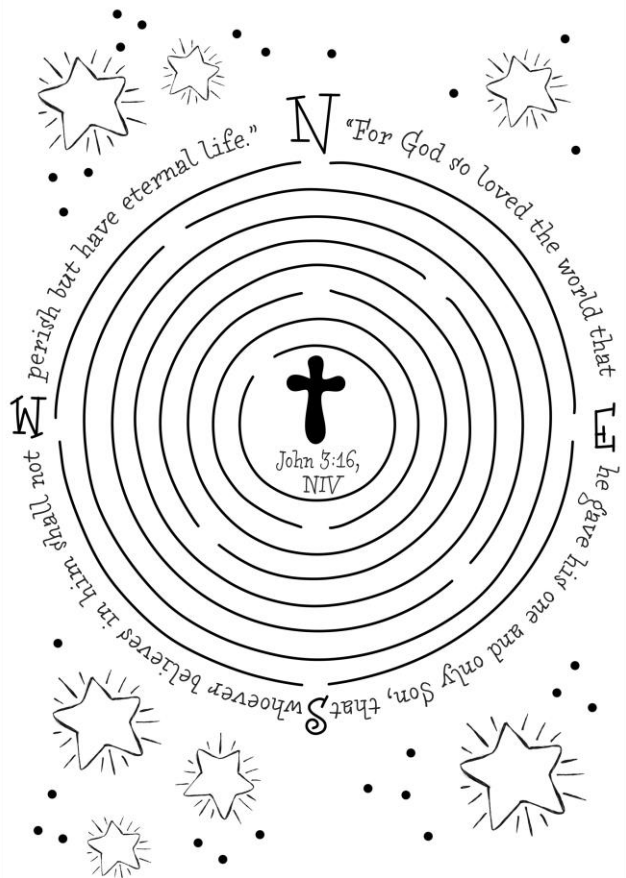


### What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

## Puzzle!

Complete the maze to help people from all directions hear the good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read John 3:16, NIV.



## Bible Quiz

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days



Answer: C (See Luke 2:46)

# Food For Thought...

## MLK on what really matters



Exactly two months before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. preached his final sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. On February 4, 1968, the civil-rights icon spoke about how he wanted to be remembered at his funeral. He preferred that people recall not his education or achievements but that he “tried to give his life serving others” and “tried to love somebody.”

Adapting a 1952 homily by J. Wallace Hamilton, King decried the “drum major instinct — a desire to be out front, a desire to lead the parade.” Humans often want to be great and first, as evidenced by the disciples James and John requesting prime seats in paradise. But King urged listeners to focus on the “reordered priorities” of Jesus, who wants us to “be first in love.”

As Jesus showed, “everybody can serve,” King said. Your background or status doesn’t matter, as long as you have “a heart full of grace” and “a soul generated by love.”

## When Life Gets Out of Control

In September 2024, a North Dakota teen’s car malfunctioned, becoming unstoppable and reaching 113 miles per hour. For 40 minutes, 18-year-old Sam navigated a bridge into Minnesota, intersections with train tracks and highways, small towns and — almost — the road’s dead end.

But after Sam called his mom and 911, multiple first responders gathered. Police drove near him, staying on the phone and calmly asking about the accelerator, emergency brake and remaining gas. Ambulance crews were ready. The highway patrol laid speed sticks to puncture the tires (it didn’t work) and cleared intersections ahead of the runaway vehicle. All the while, Sam’s mom prayed. Finally, an officer sped ahead so Sam could run into his squad car, bringing his own to a halt.

Not making light of what could have turned tragic, sometimes our lives get out of control too. We speed through work, school, relationships, parenting — trying to accomplish, achieve and gain faster than others. We cram as much in each day as possible, seemingly unable to slow down. The harried pace can endanger our physical, mental and spiritual health.

Often, we’re “saved” only as people who care come alongside us to help. Perhaps family members express concern, professionals suggest remedies, loved ones pray for us. Finally, when all we can do is crash into the loving care of God, we come to rest. It may take time to recover emotionally, to dare get back “behind the wheel,” to trust life to carry us at a safe speed again. But thanks be to God for placing support systems around us when we need them most.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



Christmas 2024

Our Pastoral Legacy

- Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Judah Woolley 1882-1906*
- Dr. Mary E. Woolley-Missionary*
- Rev. & Mrs. John J. Brokenshire, D. D. 1907-1917*
- Rev. & Mrs. Henry Burnham Kirkland 1919-1923*
- Rev. David Nelson Beach 1924-1927*
- Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Orin Harpole 1928-1945*
- Rev. & Mrs. Carl Archibald Glover 1943-1957*
- Rev. John Roland Palangio 1958-1963*
- Rev. & Mrs. Whitmore Beardsley 1963-1972*
- Rev. Maxwell L. Clough 1974-1980*
- Rev. Gary A. Bouchard 1998-2006*
- Rev. Robert Mitchell 1972-1984*

*\*The large White Poinsettia on the Altar is given to the Glory of God by the Larson Family in loving memory of Stephan's Aunt, Pricilla Taylor.*



*In Loving Memory of...*

- Devon Abbott
- Mary Beck & Lynn Dieterich
- Agnes Bonar & Normand & Wilhelmina Robbie
- Richard & Jean Byers
- Isabel Carter
- Malcolm Chrystie
- Malcolm Chrystie
- Elena Carbone
- Raushni & Ramesh & Deepan Deshpande
- CC Drolet & Omer Pontbriand
- Isabelle & Leo Fregeolle, David Fregeolle, Daniel Fregeolle, Diane Carpenter, Maurice,  
Dorothy & Alan Dauray
- Sally Foss
- George T. Grenier
- Joseph A. Goudreau
- Joseph J. Goudreau
- Jack Hamel
- Cam Horton
- Edward Kenney
- Marion Kenney
- Rachel Lepage
- Richard & Dorothy Leonard
- Robert & Ruth Lewis
- William & Grace Lewis
- Evelyn Malchowski (*Mom*) & Gramma
- Kathy Morrissette

*Given by...*

- Wayne Patenaude & Glenn Marr
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- Debra Wall
- Wayne Patenaude & Glenn Marr
- Lois Chrystie
- Wayne Patenaude & Glenn Marr
- Maria Tavarozzi
- Susan & Chirag Deshpande
- Wayne Patenaude & Glenn Marr
- Dennis Fregeolle
- Peter Foss
- Lois Grenier
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- Robert Kenney
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- Phil Gagnon & Sara Morrissette
- the Ouellette Family*
- the Ouellette Family*
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- Glenn Marr & Wayne Patenaude
- Sara Morrissette & Philip Gagnon

Catherine Morrone  
Paul Neves  
Paul Neves (*loving husband*)  
All of Our Loved Ones  
All our Loved Ones  
Clarence Ouellette  
Bill Pacelt  
Ralph & Eileen Patenaude  
Carolyn Profughi  
Maggie Platt  
Stacia Rossi  
Gene & Gloria Sasnett  
Dr. George J. Sepe  
Frances Sinapi  
Betty Sides  
Paul J. Sroka  
Dorothy & John Trunk  
Vicky

Jean & David Winnegge  
Carlene Neves  
Terry May Neves  
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*the Ouellette Family*  
Wayne Patenaude & Glenn Marr  
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Robert Kenney  
Ginny Platt  
Sara Morrisette & Philip Gagnon  
Wayne Patenaude & Glenn Marr  
Maria Tavarozzi  
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Glenn Marr & Wayne Patenaude  
Pat Sroka  
Susan & Chirag Deshpande  
Ginny Platt



*In Honor of...*

Park Place Family  
Norm Lepage

*Giving by...*

Maria Tavarozzi  
Phil Gagnon & Sara Morrisette

A Christmas Prayer

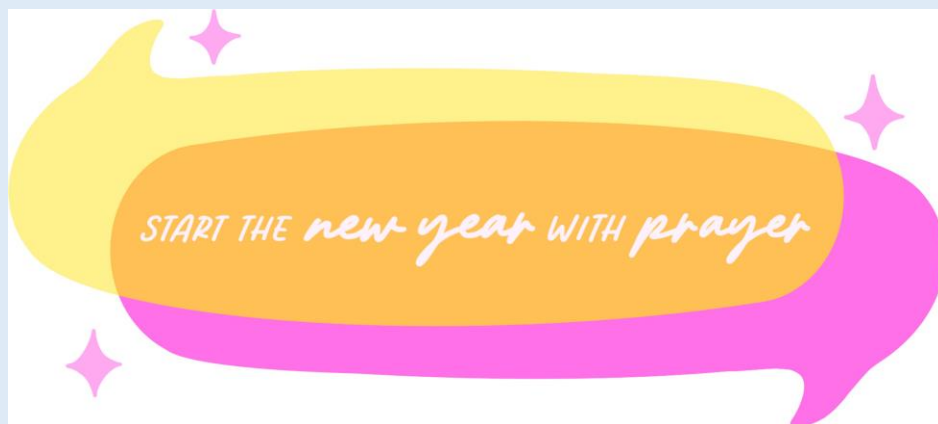
The internet reveals little about Wilda English — only that she lived from 1916 to 1997 and once resided in California. No details exist about her family, work or interests. Just this prayer, widely shared online. And it is no small thing. Indeed, the prayer tells much about her faith.

God bless Wilda English for sharing these words with the world. May they continue to inspire many!

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas, which is love;  
the radiance of Christmas, which is purity;  
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;  
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;  
the all of Christmas, which is Christ. Amen.



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### New Year's blessing

The eighth day of Christmas, the eighth day of Creation, the Next New Day,  
New Year's Day.

May every day be a new year's day for you: a chance to forgive and be forgiven, to start again.  
May you take courage to begin anew. ...

As you let go of the year past, may you ... in your free fall find yourself held by an eternal love  
that has come ages to be with you, and will carry you all the way to the end. ...

Every day may you trust your belovedness, your freedom from having to prove yourself,  
and receive the grace that is given to you.

May this year be a year of grace and hope.

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes, [unfoldinglight.net](http://unfoldinglight.net)