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MAY 2025 SPIRE

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Events for May:

- May 4th** – Guest Pastor Berry leading worship. 10 a.m.
- May 11th** – Holy Communion 10 a.m.
- May 18th** – Worship 10 a.m.
- May 25th** – Worship 10 a.m.
- May 26th** – Memorial Day
- May 31st** - Blessing of the Pets 10 a.m.

The Spire



Hello Park Place Friends and Family,

Spring has sprung! Everything in our midst is springing to a new day! Trees are budding and blooming flowers are all breaking through the earth to share their beauty.

The bitter cold days of winter are past us and the promise of new life is everywhere. We just celebrated Easter and we celebrated the joy of Jesus' Resurrection.

I want to thank the choir for all their hard work and dedication which added so much to all of our Lenten celebrations, I thank Jane, who is such a blessing to our Park Place family and music ministry. The flower committee, Terry May, Carlene and Glenn for helping to make our altar so beautiful. Thank you to the Deacons, all of our readers, greeters, ushers and our worship assistant, Ginny. Thanks to Linda for the tireless hours that she shares for so many administrative duties.

Thank you to all the people who help to make our "Love Stories of Our Faith" ministries so inspiring.

Thank you to all of you who worship with us, who serve in the Thrift Shop, printing bulletins, organizing and executing all of our mission projects and fund raising.

As Spring buds forth new life, I celebrate all of you who bring an exciting life of work, service and worship to our amazing Savior and our ministries.

May God Bless You all Each and Every Day!

In Christ's Love and Mine,

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.

May 4th, Third Sunday of Easter – Please join the Rev. Patricia Berry, Kristine Gervais – lay reader; our chancel choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard for worship.

May 11th, Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Holy Communion Worship 10 a.m. Please join Pastor Wayne, our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard. Holy Communion is open to all. Communion Servers: Kristine Gervais and Koami Zobinou.

May 18th, Fifth Sunday of Easter – Please join Pastor Wayne -leading worship; chancel choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

May 25th, Sixth Sunday of Easter – Please join Pastor Wayne -leading worship; our Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.



Worship Assisting for April: Thank you for all you for assisting with worship!
Greeters/Ushers: Anna Cote, Terry May Neves & Amiyha, Lois Grenier, Megan, Petra & Roman Palumbo
Readers: Michael Ruo, Maria Tavarozzi, Judy Ouellette, David Ouellette

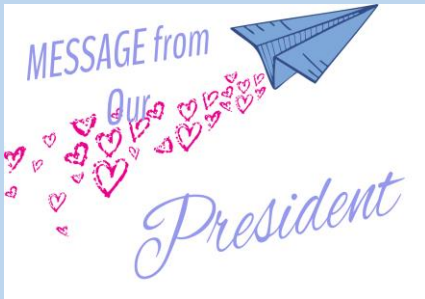
Church News & Upcoming Events!



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,” hosting duties are lovingly presented by D & Andy, Sara Morrissette, Carlene Neves with niece Amiyah, or Maria Tavarozzi. We hope you enjoy all of our online posts!

- May 5, Board of Deacon’s meeting 6 p.m./ Church Council meeting 7 p.m.
- Mother’s Day- May 11! Happy Mother’s Day – special gifts for all the mom’s in our worship that day!
- Blessing of the Pets – May 31, 2025 from 10-11 a.m.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Please check out UCC info available. Each May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month. In these stressful times, caring for our own mental health and tending to the mental health needs of our communities are more important than ever.

Meet Mental Health Pastoral Fellow Bekah Anderson as she talks about her work, and find resources for your congregation around mental health awareness.
<https://www.sneucc.org/postdetail/may-is-mental-health-awareness-month-19055147>



Hello Family & Friends,

I am so proud to be part of such a beautiful, Blessed family here at Park Place. I could not let an opportunity go by without thanking you all for providing me with an amazing Lenten journey this year. I was so excited when the deacons agreed to have Ash Wednesday be a healing service. Always loving our healing services, it was beautiful and moving and a prayerful way to begin our season of Lent. I enjoyed all the Love Stories, Music and Moments that continued each week bringing us back together each Sunday morning with beautiful bulletins filled with readings, music and prayers to worship either in person or with us from home.

April 5th we held our first Lenten Activities Day which included 17 of us enjoying hot pretzels made by Anna representing praying arms, making keychains with colored beads representing special items connected to Lent, Cindy making clay flowers, creating foam Easter eggs, egg shaped sugar cookie decorating signifying new life and ending the day with a few games of Lenten Bingo led by Carlene! What a fun day we had!

Each year, we ask Amanda Brooks to make her beautiful palm crosses for Palm Sunday. This year, she came to teach us how to make them and Cindy had learned how to make "wheat" from a friend and taught us how to make those as well. There were 10 of us around the table creating the palms as we laughed, shared stories and had a little lunch thanks to Rhina who shared some of her special dishes with us. Everyone had so much fun they decided they would like us to consider having a craft day once a month!

Palm Sunday was a beautiful service followed by Maundy Thursday, which happens to be my favorite because I love the music of The Shadow of the Cross and Good Friday. Many attended the two evenings allowing us to be in His presence and spend some quiet time with Him reflecting on the events that took place before our day of rejoicing on Easter Sunday. What a glorious celebration we had Easter Sunday with the altar adorned with beautiful flowers thanks to the work of Terry May, Carlene and Glenn. The wooden cross filled with flowers that lay on the steps was shared by members of Smithfield Ave Congregational Church adding to the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord as our family came together in worship. Thank you to our Chancel Choir and Jane Bedia for all their hard work and dedication. I would like to thank Pastor Wayne for being our Shepherd and always knowing how to keep us uplifted and sharing God's word and sharing the words that He has laid on his heart. Thank you all for being such a special part of my life and continuously filling me with Hope and Love.

Peace, Love and Blessings,

Kristine

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.



May Mission

Supporting the Pawtucket Animal Shelter -
Here it is:

- Large Kong Wobblers for dogs
- Greenie pill pockets for dogs
- Pork chops for medium and large dogs (these are non-rawhide bones for dogs to chew on)
- Purina cat chow
- Purina kitten chow
- Rabbit food
- Timothy hay for rabbits
- Rabbit toys
- Cat or dog toys, playground balls
- KMR kitten milk replacer



Renee Massie from the shelter express's her sincere gratitude for any donations to help the beautiful animals they care for while waiting for their forever home.

Blessing of the Pets – May 31st @ 10-11 a.m.

All pets are welcome. Please make sure your pets are leashed or in a crate for safety of both your pet and their humans! All kinds of pets are welcome! Treats and water will be offered as well as a personal blessing.

Reminder!!!! PRIDE MONTH IS IN JUNE!!!! Be on the look out for great PRIDE OPPORTUNITIES.



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!

Celebration of Life for Sylvia Kaufmann is scheduled for May 24th – 11a.m. Sylvia was our wonderful organist/pianist for many, many years, until retiring about 20 years ago. The family will be having a collation following the service. If you would like to make a dessert for the collation please see sign up following Sunday worship.

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Matt & Steph who are having twins, prayers for the pregnancy that both babies and mom are safe, healthy and happy; Norman Martel – is now in a memory care unit; Kristen Martin is in rehab to help with some healing; California fire victims and firefighters/first responders; Susan; Bonnie for healing; Diane; Mike & Joann; Maureen; Jean W.; Dororthy; Liz; Laurie – cancer; Zachary; Joey & Kelly; Barbara; Nikki - cancer; Judy; Raymond; Steve – cancer; Amy with mental health issues.

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.

...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.

Our Kids are Graduating and Growing so FAST!

- Hunter Gervais graduated from Clark University with a Master of Business Administration degree. CONGRATULATIONS HUNTER!!!!
- Amanda Brooks graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a degree of Master of Science Healthcare Administration! CONGRATULATIONS!
- Hayden Padula is GRADUATING from Worcester Polytechnic Institute on May 16!!!

CONGRATULATIONS HAYDEN! He will receive a degree in Interactive Media and Game Development. Following graduation he will be moving to Portland, Maine! We wish him well and God's blessings in this new journey.

○ Sophia Padula is heading to 7th grade! She has been on the honor roll the last 2 quarters in Riverside! Great work Sophia!!! She is also finishing her third year of dance and is now entering her 1st Competition Season! Lot's of hard work ahead!

○ School year is coming to an end for Petra & Roman Palumbo. Petra will complete 1st grade! Roman will be finishing up PreK!!! Summer fun will be summer camp, travel to California to visit family & friends.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	2	3 Thrift Shop 10a.m.-1p.m.
4 Third Sunday of Easter 10 a.m. Guest Pastor Rev. Patricia Berry Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	5 Board of Deacons meeting 6 p.m. Church Council meeting 7 p.m.	6	7 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sinai Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	8 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	9	10 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1p.m.
11 Fourth Sunday of Easter / Holy Communion 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	12 	13	14 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sinai Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	15	16	17 Thrift Shop 10a.m.-1p.m.
18 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	19	20	21 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sinai Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	22	23	24 Thrift Shop 10a.m.-1 p.m. <i>Celebration of life: Sylvia Kaufmann 11 a.m.</i>
25 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	26 	27	28 Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sinai Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	29 	30	31 Thrift Shop 10a.m.-1 p.m. <i>Blessing of the Pets 10 a.m.</i>



Wishing you all a very
Happy Birthday!

- 1: Kaitlyn Usher
- 2: Jon Mitchell
- 2: Cal (Sarah) Ouellette
- 11: Jameson Medeiros
- 16: Kevin Sherry
- 21: Megan Palumbo
- 24: Darlene McMillan
- 28: Ethel Martel
- 30: Nancy Fox



Please welcome guest pastor: Rev. Patricia Berry on May 4. Rev. Berry will be leading worship while Pastor Wayne will be away.

Also available for purchase Mother's Day goodies Susan has made for purchase.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.



Happy May! Please welcome Rev. Patricia Berry as our guest pastor on May 4.

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessing of the Pets!



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Seizing Holy Opportunities

In *Holy Moments*, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as “a single moment in which you open yourself to God. ... You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do.”

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. “If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God,” Kelly suggests.

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with “the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you.” When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.