



# The Spire



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### Events for July & August

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Communion -10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Shared Summer Schedule Begins - **Pastor Amy -10 a.m. @ Park Place**

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Worship with Pastor Amy - 10 a.m. @ Chapel Street

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Worship with Pastor Wayne - 10 a.m. @ Chapel Street



**August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Summer Worship /Holy Communion with Pastor Wayne -10 a.m. @ Lime Rock

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Worship with **Gene Dyszlewski – 10 a.m. @ Park Place**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Worship with Pastor Gene Dyszlewski – 10 a.m. @ Chapel Street

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**- Worship back at Home Churches.

**August 31<sup>st</sup>**- Worship 10 a.m.

Hello Park Place Family and Friends,

Summertime is here and I am sending greetings to you all for a joyful and memory filled summer. Please note our summer worship schedule in the calendar. We also have some fun fundraising opportunities happening. Please note them all in our Spire... our beacon of church news!! Summer is a time when we all step back a bit for some vacation time, cooling off by the pool or the beach, cookouts, reunions, trips to some of our beautiful parks, and many other kinds of celebrations. Hope they are all fulfilling and heartwarming.

I will be going to UCC General Synod in Kansas City Missouri in July and am looking forward to an exciting time in our denomination. I am sure that I will be able to share some beautiful and exciting stories and happenings in our UCC family. Please say a prayer for my journey as I will be praying for each and everyone of you.

I hope that you all have a beautiful and blessed summer and that I will see you in church. May God's blessings fill your hearts with love, joy and hope every day.

In Christ's love and Service,

*Pastor Wayne*





## Shared Summer Worship Schedule

Please join us for Worship Service each Sunday @ 10 a.m.!! All are welcome! During our Shared Summer Worship Schedule. We will NOT have an on line worship during the summer schedule. Please check our schedule and location below.

### **July & August**

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Communion -10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne, Leslie Brouwer & Darlene McMillan  
Communion Servers, Chancel Choir with Jane Bedia on keyboard.

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**August 17<sup>th</sup>** – **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** - Summer Worship with Pastor Gene Dyszlewski – 10 a.m. @ Chapel Street

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**- **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** - Worship Returns to Home Church! Worship with Pastor Wayne!

**August 31<sup>st</sup>** –**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost** - Worship with Pastor Wayne



**Worship Assisting for June were:** Thank you for all you for assisting with worship!

**Communion Servers:** Anna Cote & Kristine Gervais

**Greeters/Ushers:** Anna Cote, Jean Winnegge, Ginny Platt

**Readers:** Maria Tavarozzi, Judy Ouellette, Michael Ruio, Kristine Gervais

### **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 Morrisette, Carlene Neves with nieces Amiyah & Azelyn or  
Maria Tavarozzi. We hope you enjoy all of our online posts!

- Bible Study on the Book of Daniel, hosted by Bill McMillan, from July 15 to August 19, Tuesday nights for 6 weeks 6-7:30 p.m. You'll need a notebook and something to write with. All are welcome.



Hello Everyone,

I cannot thank all of you enough for such a wonderful year! We have done so many wonderful things in these ten months and each and every one of you is responsible for that! I love seeing all of you every Sunday as we worship together praying, praising and singing as we share our love and dedication

to Jesus and his teachings.

I am always amazed at the outpouring of giving through our mission work and know how exciting it feels to help one of our own, as Rhina works with her students in El Salvador. She is so thankful to all of you and feels Blessed to be part of our amazing church family, as am I. I want to wish you all a wonderful summer as we take time to worship at our sister churches, travel, spend time with family and friends and just take time to relax and rejuvenate. Please reach out if you need anything, take care of yourselves and stay well.

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.

## July/August Missions/Fundraiser

### 100 Envelope Building/Heating Challenge!!!

Have you ever heard of the 100 Day Savings Challenge? We would like to try this with a little bit of a twist. The church heating bill has always been high due to the size of our building and the New England weather. This year we are going to take the idea of a 100 day savings challenge and have our congregation help us to get our current heating bill lower and help to get a jump start on our upcoming year heating cost.

#### Here's how it works!

100 envelopes will be placed on a few boards out in the Narthex (in front in the sanctuary). Each envelope will have a money value written on the outside \$1- \$100.



- You are able to pick whatever envelope that is available.
- Place the money value written on the envelope on the inside.
- Once the envelope is filled, please seal it and place it into an offering plate.
- We handle the rest!



There is a space for you to place your name and address so that this donation will be added to your personal giving account.

If we are at another church do not worry, the envelopes will make it back to Park Place as they are also labeled on the back. The envelope value you want or can afford is already taken, but you still want to help out?

That's ok, just bring your donation and a little note saying for Building/Heating, place it in the offering plate or hand it to any of Park Place collectors, we will make sure your donation gets to the correct place.



#### 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: Henry N. 6-year-old boy, who has an aggressive form of leukemia; Josephine & Mabel twins born prematurely – getting stronger; Kevin Sherry; Cindy & Bruce, Bob G; little William; Melvin -ill; Jerilyn; Andrew; Shannon – serious heart issues; Kathlene- ongoing health problems in a nursing home; Bradley, Michelle and Kristen all grieving from a loss. Mary on kidney dialysis and grieving the recent loss of her husband, Dennis; Terri – memory issues; Frank – complete healing of cancer; Donna – healing from serious depression; Norman Martel – is now in memory care; Kristen Martin; 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.




Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday!

4: Maureen Deloreto	5: Kathlene Gorman	8: Nicole Brouwer
8: John Vencenzi	10: Justin Cahoon	18: Iain Brouwer
18: Dorcy Walker	18: Natalie Ruh	21 <sup>st</sup> : Lois Grenier
22: Audrey Catalan	25: Dorothy Sherry	25: Veronica Brouwer



3: Marc Cardillo	4: Brian Shay	18: Glenn Marr
20: Eric Shay	22: Curtis Poland	23: Autumn Rose Brooks
25: Thomas Brouwer	25: Cindy Boulay	29: Stephen Larson
29: Margaret Shay		

If we missed your special day, please email your info to the office! Thank you!

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		1	2	3	4 Sinai Bible Study 6-9 p.m.	5 Thrift Shop 10a.m.-1p.m.
<b>6 Holy Communion Sunday 10 a.m. Pastor Wayne</b> Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	7	8	<b>9 Thrift Shop</b> 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	10	<b>11</b> Sinai Bible Study 6-9 p.m.	<b>12 Thrift Shop</b> 10 a.m.-1p.m.
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<b>20 Shared Summer Worship 10 a.m. Pastor Amy @ Chapel St, 185 Chapel St. Lincoln.</b> Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	21	<b>22</b> Bible Study 6-7:30 p.m.	<b>23 Thrift Shop</b> 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	24	<b>25</b> Sinai Bible Study 6-9 p.m.	<b>26 Thrift Shop</b> 10a.m.-1 p.m.
<b>27 Shared Summer Worship 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne @ Chapel St.</b> Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	28	<b>29</b> Bible Study 6-7:30 p.m.	<b>30</b> Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31		

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<b>24</b> Worship 10 a.m. with Pastor Wayne – Summer worship is over. Sinai Church 1-3 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Thrift Shop 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Sinai Bible Study 6-9 p.m.	<b>30</b>
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## **Fire Transforming Us For The Good**

For many people, relaxing by a campfire is a favorite summer activity. Nestling into the surrounding darkness while gazing into dancing flames, we sense God's love and let the day's chaos go. In contrast, Exodus 24:17 describes, "Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire."



Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes offers another take, writing about God using flames to change us. (The full poem is here: [unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire](http://unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire))

God, your presence is like a consuming fire —  
not destructive, but transformative,  
not the fire of anger but the flame of love,  
the fire of glassblowers and bakers  
the grace to make us more beautiful, strong and useful.  
Your glory is no tame campfire  
where we sit and make s'mores.  
It burns out of our control.  
The furnace of your love  
roars about our hearts, remaking us  
Teach us to be unafraid. ...

When you bask in firelight glow — and maybe eat some s'mores! — ponder how God is transforming you with love, and for the sake of love.