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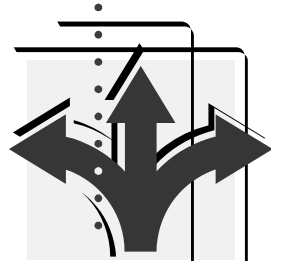


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Turning the Corner on Polarization

A nation or a church divided and polarized against itself will be ruined; a house divided cannot stand. —Matthew 12:25



Last Sunday, January 22nd, at Worship, our Scripture passage came from the Book of Jonah. Jonah was a bitter man who lacked the ability to forgive and resented God's compassion on the people of Nineveh. The Book of Jonah ends with Jonah sitting on a hill overlooking the City of Nineveh waiting for the people to mess up so that God would change His mind and destroy them.

Unfortunately, many in our society seem to be like Jonah. There are too many cynical, bitter, unforgiving people who look for, and rejoice in the failures of others. Such people polarize and divide families, churches, and nations.

For decades the Presbyterian Church, like many other denominations, has been divided against itself, and the result has been a steady decline of the Church. Big churches are going bankrupt, churches in our own community are closing their doors, and membership in all churches—fundamentalists, liberals, moderates, big, small, traditional, contemporary—are in steady decline.

A house divided and polarized cannot stand—nor should it.

It is time—past time—to heal the divisions in our families, in the Church, and in the nation. We will always disagree on certain subjects, but rudeness and threats to leave are never productive responses to disagreements. With God's Grace, let us heal our division.

How do we begin? As always, we begin with prayer. To pray as Jesus taught us to pray means that we ask God for His direction. We do not tell God how to solve the problems because obviously, our attempts to solve the problems **HAVE NOT WORKED**. When we pray, Jesus teaches us to open our hearts and our minds to God. Our honest prayers will often reflect our frustration (although He already knows our divisions even better than we know them ourselves). Jesus then cautions us to, "Listen." Be silent, and let God speak to our hearts.

During Lent, our theme will be "Teach Us How to Pray!," a request first made by the disciples long ago. For seven Wednesday evenings beginning February 22, we will look at the Lord's Prayer through the eyes and understanding of various writers, interpreted by various members and friends of our congregation. Turning the Corner on the polarization that seems to permeate our society can only occur when we let Jesus "teach us how to pray."

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012



Ash
Wednesday
Service

Worship
7:00 p.m.

Theme: *Teach Us How to Pray!*

Supper:

served from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Soup, bread,
and fruit
supper



Six Weeks of Lent: February 29 through April 4

- 6 p.m. Soup, bread, and fruit supper
- 6:30 p.m. Vespers—Petitions of the Lord's Prayer

People of the Book

at a glance . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible

Second Isaiah (February 7, 14, 21)
Jesus Fulfills the Prophecy begins February 28

Sunday Morning Bible

at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor with Sam Pierson

First and Third Mondays Bible

In the Beginning taught by Gretchen Young

Presbyterian Women (Second Monday of the Month)

Confessing the Beatitudes; teacher, Sue McCracken



Please consider attending a Bible Study in 2012. We are known as “The People of the Book” because we believe that we encounter God first and foremost through the revelation given by the Holy Spirit as we study the Scriptures. It is important that each of us read and study God’s Word so that we may personally, as well as collectively, receive His Truth.

No registration is needed for these studies—just attend when you can.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets each Tuesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room on the lower level.

Topic: Jesus Fulfills the Prophecies; February 28 through April 3; 6 weeks looks at 40 Old Testament prophecies and how Jesus fulfilled each one. Syllabus will be available in Fellowship Hall by mid February.

Teacher: Reverend Jim Glenn

Wednesday Evening Bible Study concludes I Peter on Wednesday evening, February 1 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Music Room on the lower level, and will resume studies on Wednesday, February 29.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at Gretchen Young’s home, 61 Narragansett Avenue, Westerly. Our topic is “In the Beginning,” the first eleven chapters of Genesis. All are welcome. Question, call Gretchen at (401) 315-0355.



Presbyterian Women meet on the second Monday of the Month (2/13/12) at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. *Confessing the Beatitudes* is this year’s study. On Monday, February 13, we will discuss the Beatitude, “Greatly Honored are the Pure in Heart!” (Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24; and Psalm 51:1-12). All women are welcome. Call Sue McCracken at (401) 364-0278 for more information.

Dear Friends:

My family and I would like to thank you so much for the wonderful service you put on for our Uncle Donald’s Memorial. The Dunn’s Corners Church is so beautiful and you were so gracious to allow us to have the service and to have Reverend Rumpfelt speak also. That added a lot to our comfort also.

Sincerely,

Sally and Bruce Gray and the Hines Family

In the
Mailbag



Dunn’s Corners Church

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Shaking It Up: Consider joining our new **Drama Team** that will add a new dimension to Worship, Bible studies, and various venues in the Church. For more information, contact Sally Owen at (401) 348-9802 or e-mail at sally@sallyowen.com. All ages are welcome to join.

Audio/Video: Would you like to get involved? We would like to ask you to consider helping once a month with the sound system on Sunday mornings. You can do either the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. services. **Come February 5th at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m.** to the balcony, above the Narthex, where you will get an overview of the sound system and learn where and what it is. Then you can decide to make a commitment once you know what is involved.



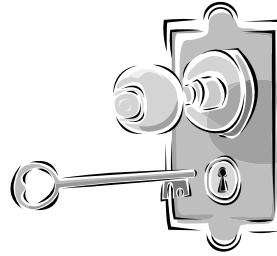
Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

- Weegie Walsh, who will celebrate her 81st birthday on February 3rd.
- Sam Gavitt, who will celebrate his 89th birthday on February 14.
- Bob MacDonald, who will celebrate his 85th birthday on February 18th.
- May (Mac) Graham, who will celebrate her 88th birthday on February 16.

Diamonds (75 and beyond), please contact the Church Office at (401) 322-0655 or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and add your name to our list.

Latch- Key Fundraiser



Did you know that every afternoon three buses come to the Church and drop off 12-20 school-age children? Did you know that every summer we have 12-20 school-age children at Church every day? Did you know that the Westerly YMCA hasn't had their after-school program for the past couple of years and one of the childcare centers in town eliminated school-age care? Did you know that out of the 20 children attending approximately half are from single parent households? Did you know that last year the school-age program at Church gave out \$500 in scholarships; the year before \$900? Without this help these children would be going home to an empty house after school till their parent(s) arrive from work. Did you know that we charge \$4.25 an hour, which is considerably less than any other programs in the area? Also, we charge only for time the children attend and no other center offers that flexibility for parents who don't get paid unless they work.

We, as a congregation, should be aware of these facts and proud that with your support our Church offers this help to working parent(s).

Two years ago we did a Latch-Key Fundraiser to help the Kid Kare program in our Church continue to serve those children. This February we are having the Latch-Key fundraiser again. There is a door in fellowship hall with keys, mailbox, and envelopes on it. Place your donation in an envelope and put in the mailbox and take a key as a symbol of your support to keeping children safe after school. Please make your check payable to DCCCP and put "latch key" on the memo line.

Thank you in advance for your support of this vital mission of the Church. Feel free to stop by any afternoon and see the kids and the wonderful work being done.

—Amanda Doescher, Director Kid Kare

The Mission Statement for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** is "Using the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need." The Vision Statement is as follows: "Transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving."

On February 5, 2012, our youth will again be participating in the **Souper Bowl of Caring**; joining with 123 other churches in Rhode Island! Please respond as generously as you have in the past to support this worthy event. Fill our soup pots and help us "Tackle Hunger!" All monies received will go to the Jonnycake Center to help those in our local area who are in need. Our total will be reported to the Souper Bowl of Caring through the website.



- Tried and True!
- Best Bible Study ever!
- Register on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall by February 15, we need at least 30 interested people in order to proceed.
- If not, we will not offer Bethel at this time.

Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

- ✓ Bethel—40 classes—taught over one year.
- ✓ One year commitment (February 29, 2012 to February 6, 2013)
- ✓ You will know the Bible when you finish.
- ✓ Bethel inspires. Take Bethel for the first time, or repeat Bethel.
- ✓ Material cost \$50 for Old Testament; \$50 for New Testament = \$100 (or if you already have Bethel materials, you may reuse them).
- ✓ Childcare provided upon request.

Schedule:

- 45 minutes Bethel lesson
- 5 minutes break
- 25 minutes dealing directly with the assigned Bible passage.

I.	February 29—April 11	7 weeks
II.	April 25—June 6	7 weeks
III.	July 18—August 22	6 weeks
IV.	September 12—October 24	7 weeks
V.	November 7—December 19	7 weeks
VI.	January 2—February 6, 2013	6 weeks

- If you have had Bethel, let this be a refresher course.
- Will you give seventy-five minutes per week over one year in order to read and to know the Bible?

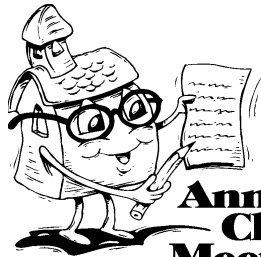
Samples of the Bethel curriculum are in Fellowship Hall.

"The Bethel Series is a simple overview of the Old and New Testaments that confronts people with Jesus of Nazareth. Anyone seriously confronted with Jesus of Nazareth is going to be transformed in the way he or she thinks about everything. You cannot be confronted with the Christ of the Scriptures without being changed."

"There are no shortcuts to understanding the Biblical message. The Bethel Series was written to enhance the student's understanding of the Christian faith."

—Dr. Harley Swiggum, author of The Bethel Series

Bethel has changed thousands of lives over the past 40 years. Will you let it change your life?



Annual Church Meeting

Note Change:

Sunday, February 26, 2012

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Childcare provided till noon.

The Annual Meeting is the one meeting during the year that any and all topics may be introduced from the floor and addressed by the congregation. Here is your opportunity to voice your praises and concerns. Please try to join us. The meeting is usually around one hour. All other congregational meetings must have a previously-stated agenda and only address those topics printed and announced on that stated agenda. At the Annual Meeting anything may be discussed. Friends of the Church are invited to attend and are given voice but not vote.



ANNUAL REPORT

Attention Board and Committee Chairs:

It is time to **prepare our Annual Reports for 2011**. Please **submit** your report to the Church Office by e-mail at clerk@dccc.necoxmail.com or leave the report in the Church Office **by Monday, February 13**.

Snow Policy: Worship Service Cancellations!

In the event we need to cancel Church services or programs during winter storms, you may watch for closing information on Channel 6, 10, or 12, or you may contact the Church at (401) 322-0655. The Church answering machine will have closing information or you can call Jim Glenn on his cell at (401) 322-9350. Remember: If you do not feel safe traveling to Church, please stay home and stay safe. Maybe God wants you to take a day off?



Do you have a donation for the Church Rummage Sale or the Christmas Bazaar, but have no place to store it? Call Sandy Haney at (401) 315-5810. I have room in my basement until it is time to bring the furniture or other items to the Church.

Session

by Art Ganz, Clerk of Session



The Session held its organizational meeting in January and discussed priorities for the various standing committees.

Bill Minor and Jon Chapman will continue to co-chair Buildings and Grounds. This partnership with the valuable assistance of the "Tuesday Work Team," has done an amazing amount of maintenance and repair to the facility. With the age of the buildings and very limited funds for repair, we are very fortunate to have these skilled volunteers. Please plan to volunteer during the week of April 16th to build the extension of Fellowship Hall. This project is possible thanks to a generous donation and our skilled volunteers.

Mark Doescher, Sr. (Grandpa) will chair the Membership and Evangelism committee. One priority of this committee will be to encourage inactive members to return to Church, and to focus on new members. This committee will become more visible with advertisements, up-to-date website news of Church events, Christian music concert in the fall, and more adult fellowship events. Outreach to new Church development will expand.

Dee Chapman and Jesse Johnson will co-chair the Mission committee. This year's focus will be to encourage youth to participate in mission trips, more efficient aid to Haiti, and Operation Stand-down for veteran housing.

Rachel Pierson will chair the Finance committee along with Hal Drurey as back up. Our new financial software is operational thanks to the hard work of these two! Along with Rachel's duties as Treasurer, she also coordinates assignments between Trustees and Session.

The Worship committee will be co-chaired by Sandy Haney and Sally Owen. The subcommittees on Wednesday Vespers and Saturday Contemporary service will continue to encourage increased attendance. This year they will be seeking ordained pastors to substitute when Jim is away. Sandy Haney will continue to coordinate delegates to Presbytery.

Pat Rychlec and Tonya Smith will continue the leadership of Christian Education. These women have dedicated countless hours to develop a volunteer-based program. In addition to leadership, Tonya heads Middle School Fellowship with Ken Brasier and Pat handles the Senior Highs. This year's goal is to expand and develop leadership of Church School, G.P.S., Senior High and Middle Schoolers, as well as Adult Bible Study.

Hal Drurey chairs the Personnel committee. He continues to add, update and fine-tune job descriptions, policies and other employment issues like Workmen's Compensation, leave policy and employee insurance. This year he plans to work with a committee to update the Church Mission Statement.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee is not filled.

With all that is going on there is something for each member and friend of our Church community to do. Each committee needs volunteers. Please make it a priority in 2012 to be more involved. Let's put the "community" back into our Community Church!

Who to call . . .

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Trustees Representative:		
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Vice Moderator:	Sandi Dinwoodie	Angel Tree/Mitten Tree: Nancy Schmidt
Secretary:	Pam Ganz	Sunday Flowers: Vivian Johnson
Treasurer:	Bruce Loeckler	Bear Ministry: Dee Gillam
Vice Treasurer:	Sam Pierson/Sandi Dinwoodie	Jonnycake Center: Jeff Sorensen
Sunday Fellowship:	8 a.m. Sandi Dinwoodie 10 a.m. Dee Gillam	WARM Shelter Dinners: Larry Fortin Menu: Pam Ganz/Vivian Johnson
Sunshine:	Nancy Schmidt	Mission Representative: Bruce Loeckler
Stephen Ministry:	Linda Chaffee	Trustee Representative:
Senior People (visits):	Joyce Dionne	Nomination Committee Representative: Sam Pierson
Nursing Home Worship Services:	Sam Pierson/Linda Chaffee	
Transportation:	Chris Williams	
Communion Preparation:	Pam Ganz	

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 7 p.m. Worship



Lent is the time of penitence and fasting observed on the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter, at which time we as God's people look deeply into our personal lives and, with His Grace, commit ourselves to better reflect His Love and His forgiveness in our daily lives. Lent is a solemn season, which is reflected in the way we live our lives as well as in the way we worship.

Ash Wednesday:

- 6 p.m. Soup—Bread—Fruit Supper
- 7 pm. Service—Lenten Theme: “Teach Us How to Pray”—seven-weeks study on the Lord’s Prayer
Meditation: “Our Father, Who Art in Heaven”

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to provide soup for one of the suppers.

Lenten

Vespers

6:30 p.m.

“Teach us How to Pray” Six Wednesday Meditations of Lent

- February 29 Petition 1 “Hallowed be Thy Name”
- March 7 Petition 2 “Thy Kingdom come”
- March 14 Petition 3 “Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”
- March 21 Petition 4 “Give us this day our daily bread”
- March 28 Petition 5 “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”
- April 4 Petition 6 “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

This series will reflect the understandings and inspiration of many Christian writers as interpreted by a variety of members and friends of the congregation.

On February 29, we begin our six-week journey with reflections by Sam and Rachel Pierson on the first petition, “Hallowed be Thy Name.”

Please join us for any or all of our scheduled activities!!! Drop-ins are always welcome; however, if we are going on an outing (or retreat, etc.), signups are required to ensure we have transportation and can make reservations, etc. for all.



- **Saturday February 4:** Join us at 2:30pm in Fellowship Hall as we gather to prepare dinner for the WARM shelter. We will be taking dinner over around 4pm and serving at the WARM shelter. After dinner, we will be back at church and plan to stay over for fun and fellowship.
- **Sunday February 12:** Let's try the Providence Bruins Hockey Game again (due to AFC Championship Football, our January outing was postponed). Cost is \$15, signups are required, we will leave Church at 2:30 p.m. for the 4 o'clock game vs. the Albany Devils.
- **Sunday February 26:** We will be meeting after Worship and the Annual Meeting for music, Bible discussion, and a time for fellowship from 12:30 till 2:30 p.m.
- Based on your interest, we are tentatively planning a weekend retreat to Camp Monadnock's Encounter 2012 on **Friday March 23rd through Sunday March 25th**. Please let us know if you would be interested in going, and if the dates fit into your busy schedules. The cost for the retreat is \$128 per person. Camp Monadnock is a non-denominational Christian camp. The purpose of the retreat is to encounter Christ. There will be a speaker and special music leaders to help us develop and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. There will be time for fun (a number of winter activities along with indoor facilities including a pool) and fellowship (we will have a chance to meet fellow Christians from around the northeast).
- For planning purposes, we will be going to Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop, Maine from **July 28 through August 4**. This will be a repeat of a fun-filled mission trip. We may work on the camp itself or out in the community, and it is open not just to Senior High Youth but to the congregation and the community. Cost for this trip will be \$250 for Camp Mechuwana with an additional cost for our Wednesday off activity and for ice cream at Tubby's. More information to follow later.
- We can work on fundraising for the retreat/mission trip, etc. As always, scholarships are available so don't say no just because of the financial aspect!!

Questions, contact Megan Sylvia at (401) 315-5118 or Pat Rychlec at (401) 954-2129.



Middle School News

Mt. Monadnock Teen Conference

Tonya Smith and Ken Brasier, leaders

This year we are planning a youth retreat of Monadnock Bible Conference Center, located in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. The cost per youth is \$128, and the dates are February 24-26, 2012.

We will join teens this winter for a weekend that students will not soon forget—with new and exciting activities such as a redesigned tubing hill, snow shoeing, and optional workshops designed to take students deeper in their relationship with Christ. This will be a weekend that will help students discover who they are in their relationship with Christ and how they can live out their faith in real and meaningful ways! Our goal is to bring students a Christ-centered program that will help students grow. Encounter is a great opportunity to propel students forward in their relationships with Christ and each other.



Adult Fellowship at Dunn's Corners Church



Our Middle Name: "Community"

Dunn's Corners "Community" Church, Presbyterian

Did you know that every month various groups from the community use the Church facilities?

When other churches say "No!," DCCCP says, "Yes!"

- ✓ Watercolor classes on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m.
- ✓ King's Daughters, an ecumenical Christian Women's Fellowship, meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.
- ✓ Tai Chi meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.
- ✓ Cub Scouts meet weekly with cub pack events monthly.
- ✓ Quilting class meets on Sunday afternoons from noon to 5 p.m.
- ✓ Westerly Garden Club — major events when requested.

We are also one of the only area churches that allow non-member weddings and funerals, and are open to people in the community who need a space to hold meetings, receptions, and gatherings. Two local condominium associations hold their annual meeting here at Dunn's Corners Church.

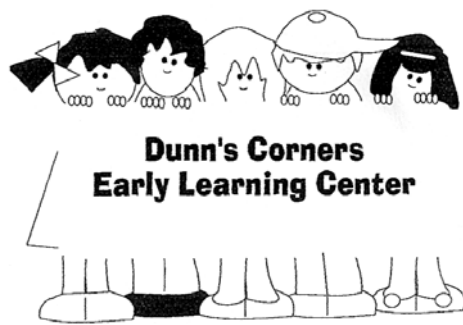
So, why do we make ourselves available to those outside our congregation? There are many answers, but the most important one is: How can we share who we are if we close our doors to the community?

We were founded as a Community church—that's who we are, and that's who we should be.



For everyone's convenience at the end of each month we post the coming month's *Scribe* and calendar on the Dunn's Corners Church web page at www.dunnscornerschurch.org.

Please let the Church Office know by e-mail at clerk@dcccp.necoxmail.com if you no longer wish to receive *The Scribe* by snail mail. This will save the Church postage.



in Rhode Island for early Education.

U pdate: We are having a great year! We are excited to have our new Head Teacher, Miss Denise, with us. Miss Denise won the Academic Excellence Award for Human Services at University of Rhode Island. She is certified

We were able to provide four families with financial aid this year.

We are currently enrolling students for fall 2012. We expect our classes to fill up fast, so please register early.

Our Happy Campers Summer Program will begin on Monday, June 25.

Please call (401) 322-0510 to schedule an appointment.



CPR/FIRST AID Class

March 1, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

\$50/person

(payable to the instructor day of class)

For more information, call Christine Fish at (401) 322-0510.

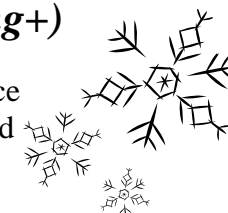


DCCCP pledge report as of Sunday, January 22:

General Operating Fund	135 pledges	Total received \$181,831 budget goal is \$190,000
Building/Mortgage Fund	53 pledges	Total received \$33,122 budget goal is \$38,000

Winter Gathering for our Diamonds (70 something+)

During the long dark days of winter, all of us need a cheerful place to gather where we can celebrate God's Good Gifts, enjoy good food and good company, and just kick back and relax.



The Winter, Tuesday, February 14, Valentine Gathering:

- 11:00 a.m. Worship led by Ken and Linda Chaffee—Grace Urrico, pianist.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch and music by the handbell quartet (Judy Nichipor, Beth Rickman, Virginia Stauble, and Ellen Truslow) in Fellowship Hall.

All of our Diamonds (70 something+) are invited. You do not have to be a member of Dunn's Corners Church to attend, and you can bring other Diamonds with you. Just let us know by Sunday, February 12, by calling the Church Office at (401) 322-0655 or signing up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Need a ride? We will come and get you!

We are having fun with the Classic Book Club—Come join us.

On **Monday, February 27, at 1 p.m.** we will look at the person and faith of Emily Bronte as we read Wuthering Heights at Judy Nichipor's home, 175 Ross Hill Road, Charlestown; (401) 322-7216; Judy Nichipor and Margaret Davis will review the book.

Future books include:

- Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers Reviewed by Ken Chaffee
- The Fall by Albert Camus Reviewed by Jim Glenn
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald Reviewed by Gretchen Young
- The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane Reviewed by Dennis Hemphill

These great authors reflect their understanding of God in their novels, and often they truly inspire us with their insights and courage.

For more information, contact Judy Nichipor at (401) 322-7216.

The Saturday Evening Book Club and Potluck:

- **Saturday, February 18, 2012**, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sticker and Martha Caramiciu, 4 Woodcock Trail, Charlestown; call Martha for dish assignment at (401) 364-0789. The book is "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.
- **Saturday, March 17**, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sylvia Rice, 57 Verdi Road, Westerly; call Sylvia for dish assignment at (401) 322-0614. The discussion will be Thomas Friedman's book "That Used to Be Us."

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G.P.S. (God's Path Seekers)

Lay leadership increases
as the congregation takes ownership of G.P.S.

Over 70 youth (many from the community) are now registered to attend G.P.S. on the first and third Friday evenings of the month. The program runs from 6 to 8 p.m. for pre-schoolers to grade 8.

Please volunteer to share your talents. You may serve just one time and for just one hour in the next four months. Your presence will be greatly appreciated and is greatly needed.

We need game leaders and music leaders.

Check out the themes below to see where you can give an hours of your time.

Here are some of your fellow members who have “stepped up to the plate.” Please volunteer to join them.

Dinner Crew:	MaryAnn Phillips, Sue McCracken, Virginia Staublely, and Judy Nichipor
Bible Discussion Coordinators:	Ken Brasier, Dodie Carr, Jim Glenn, Nancy Fortin, Bruce Loeckler, Jennifer McQuade, Pat Debigare
Setup:	Nancy Socha
Decorations:	Jennifer Cullen
Table Parents:	Nancy Fortin, Trish Helie, Lois Gardner
Dessert:	Anne Marie Donahue, Michelle Bergeron, Sally Scholtz, Kay Noonan
Store Manager:	Heather Gray
Drama Director:	Sally Owen
Crafts Director:	Loretta Nelson
Registration and Publicity:	Andrea Silvestri
Cleanup:	Anne Marie Donahue

**A BIG thank you to Pat Rychlec,
who is our ROCK!**

**For Friday, February 17, crafts we need
glass baby food jars. Please leave the jars in the
box marked “GPS Crafts” in Fellowship Hall.**

Themes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Bible Verse</u>
February 3	Love (Valentine)	<u>1 Corinthians 13:13</u> : “Faith, hope, and love—three gifts, but the greatest gift is love.”
February 17	Lent	<u>Mark 1:13</u> : “And Jesus went into the desert for forty days.”
March 2	Prayer	<u>1 Thessalonians 5:17</u> : “Pray continually.”
March 16	Easter	<u>Matthew 28:6</u> : “He is not here; He has risen.”
April 13*	Spring Festival	<u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u> : “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”
April 27*	Earth Day	<u>Psalms 24:1</u> : “The earth is the Lord’s and every thing in it.”
May 4	Friendship	<u>Proverbs 17:17</u> : “A friend loves at all times.”
May 18	Carnival	<u>Philippians 4:4</u> : “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, ‘Rejoice.’”

Gathering—Dinner—Theme Presentation—Bible—Crafts—Games



Connections is for everyone . . .



High Society Dixieland Band
and
Potluck
Friday, February 10
6:00 p.m.

High Society plays traditional jazz, sometimes called Dixieland. Members have day jobs, or are retired from one; none of the members make a living from music, but all members seriously enjoy playing music, particularly Dixieland. Some members have formal musical training, some have played in military bands, and all members have been playing since they were kids. Most of the members are also members of the Westerly Band.



Washington D.C. Trip from **Thursday, April 12** through **Sunday, April 15** that includes three breakfasts and two dinners. The cost is:

- double occupancy for \$449/person
- triple occupancy for \$439/person
- single occupancy for \$599/person
- \$339/child with two adults.

A \$50 deposit is requested with your reservation, and the balance is due before the end of March. Questions? Call Sally Scholtz at (401) 596-6055 or e-mail: salmbs2@yahoo.com.



Men of the Church

On Tuesday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m. Men of the Church will gather for supper and fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be General Rick Baccus, Retired US Army. All men are welcome.

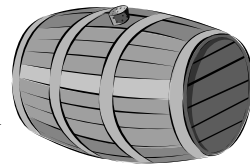


Mission Committee Is Gathering Facts

- Pastor Alonson and his family visited with us on Sunday, January 22, and discussed their vision for a worshipping community of reform-minded people in Hyannis, Massachusetts. The Mission Committee is working with the Membership and Evangelism Committee on this possible ministry.
- The Committee voted to move forward with a Youth Mission Trip to Winthrop, Maine from July 28 through August 4.
- Operation Stand Down Rhode Island: Jesse Johnson is exploring the possibilities of working on housing in the Westerly area for returning veterans.
- Dr. Lowney of the Haitian Health Foundation in Norwich, Connection, will be visiting us again to attend a fact-finding committee meeting, which will lead us to even more productive accomplishments in our two adopted villages in Haiti.
- The Committee voted to supply a meal for the Set the Supper Table for Westerly Children ministry that feeds over 100 people each Monday evening at the Calabrese Club.



Deacons Ministries



The Deacons Fund Jar is in the Narthex for our loose change. Donations support those in the community who need help with their fuel bills.

The “Mitten Tree” is now in the Sanctuary. With these cold temperatures, there is a need for lightly used, warm, clean blankets and new or gently used mittens, gloves, scarves, and stocking caps and coats for all ages. Bring your items to the entrance of the Sanctuary and put them on the “Mitten Tree.”



FEBRUARY 2012 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 5

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Ross Johnathan Doescher Baptism

Sermon: *Why Do We Seek Him?*

Text: And the disciples found Jesus and said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” —Mark 1:37

Prophecy: Isaiah 40:21-31

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 12

The Reverend Julia A. Fuller, guest preacher

Sermon: *Leprosy*

Text: A Leper came to Jesus begging Him, and kneeling he said to Him, “If you choose, you can make me clean.” —Mark 1:40

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Sunday, February 19

Transfiguration of the Lord

Sermon: *Listen*

Text: And a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him.” —Mark 9:7

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

Theme: *Teach Us How to Pray!*

Gospel: Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Sunday, February 26



***First Sunday In Lent
Annual Meeting (11 a.m.)***

Sermon: *We Are Blessed*

Text: When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” —Mark 2:5

Prophecy: Isaiah 61:1-3

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 9 am Breakfast Group 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) 7 pm Cub Scouts Leaders (KK) 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)	2 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 4 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6 pm Handbells (C) 7:30 pm Choir (C)	3 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 1-3 pm Watercolor Group (FH) 6-8 pm GPS— <i>Valentine's Day</i> Celebration (FH)	4 2:30 pm Senior High prepare dinner for the WARM Shelter (Kitchen) 3-8 Blue & Gold Banquet (FH) 5 pm Contemporary Worship Mark Doescher, Sr., leader (S) 5 pm Deacons Dinner at the WARM Shelter
5 Sacrament of Holy Communion <i>Super Bowl of Caring</i> 8 am Worship 9 am Audio/Visual Training (balcony) 10 am Worship/Baptism of Ross Johnathan Doescher 11 am Audio/Visual Training (balcony) 11:10 Bible (P) 12-5 pm Quilting	6 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 1 pm <i>In the Beginning</i> at Gretchen Young's home 3:30 pm Worship Committee 7 pm Finance (C)	7 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 8:30 am Work Team 8:30 am Bible Study (C) 4 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm CE (C)	8 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 9 am Breakfast Group 6 pm Cub Den (M) 6:30 pm Taizé (S) 7 pm Trustees (KK)	9 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 11 am King's Daughters (FH) 4 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6 pm Handbells (C) 7:30 pm Choir (C)	10 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 1-3 pm Watercolor Group (FH) 6 pm Connections (FH) <i>High Society</i> Articles for the March, 2012 Scribe newsletter due in the Church Office	11 3 pm Middle Schoolers 5 pm Contemporary Worship Joy Cordio, leader
12 8 and 10 am Worship 11:10 Bible (P) 12-5 pm Quilting 2:30 pm Senior High attend Providence Bruins game 2:45 pm Worship at The Elms	13 Final Drafts Annual Reports due in Church Office 10:30 pm Watch Hill Manor Worship Service 1 pm Presbyterian Women <i>Calista Circle</i> (FH) 7 pm Trustees (C)	14 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 8:30 am Work Team 8:30 am Bible Study (C) 11 am Winter Gathering Worship (S); Lunch (FH) 4 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:45 pm AA (FH)	15 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 9 am Breakfast Group 6 pm Cub Den (M) 6:30 pm Evening Prayer/Communion (S)	16 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 4 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6 pm Handbells (C) 7:30 pm Choir (C)	17 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 1-3 pm Watercolor Group (FH) 6-8 pm GPS Theme: Lent	18 5 pm Contemporary Worship/Communion Amanda Doescher, leader 6 pm Book Club; <u>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</u> by Skloot at Caramiciu's home
19 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 8 and 10 am Worship 11:05 am Membership and Evangelism (P) 11:05 am Mission (KK) 11:10 Bible (P) 12-5 pm Quilting	20 Presidents' Day  Legal Holiday Church Office Closed No ELC/KK 1 pm <i>In the Beginning</i> at Gretchen Young's home	21 8:30 am Work Team 8:30 am Bible Study (C) 4 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6 pm Building & Grounds (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm Session (C)	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>  Schools Closed	23 4 pm Tai Chi (FH) 6 pm Handbells (C) 7:30 pm Choir (C)	24 The Scribe newsletter assembled. Middle School Retreat	25 5 pm Contemporary Worship Mark Doescher, Sr., leader 6 pm Ham and Bean Supper
26 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> Middle School Retreat Returns 8 and 10 am Worship 11 am Annual Meeting (S)  Annual Meeting 12-5 pm Quilting 12:30 pm Senior High Fellowship	27 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 1 pm Classic Book Club <u>Wuthering Heights</u> at Judy Nichipor's home	28 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 8:30 am Work Team 8:30 am Bible Study © 4 pm Tai Chi (FH) 5:30 pm Men of the Church Gen. Rick Baccus, speaker (FH) 6:45 pm AA (KK)	29 7 am-5 pm ELC 7-8 am/3-6 pm Kid Kare 9 am Breakfast Group 6 pm Soup Supper (FH) 6:30 pm Lenten Vespers (S) Petition 1—"Hallowed By Thy Name." 7:15 pm Bethel Bible Study begins (C)	 February 2012		
10 The Scribe is ready for pickup in FH.						

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February 2012 Church Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
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- LOCATIONS**
- (C) Choir/Adult Meeting (U) Infant Room (U)
 - (CH) Community House (M) Meeting House
 - (CP) Church Parlor (S) Pastor's Office (U)
 - (F) Front Office (U) (P) Sanctuary
 - (FH) Fellowship Hall (U) Undercroft
 - (KK) Kid Kare Room (U)