Central Baptist Church of Westerly, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891

## THE GOOD WORD



Carrying News of God's Work into the Community and World June 2021 Volume 14 Issue 6

Worship at Central Baptist



#### Sunday Services

Parking Lot (weather permitting) 8:30 AM 6/6, 6/13 & 6/27 No Parking Lot service on 6/20

<u>Sanctuary</u> 10:30 AM 6/6, 6/13 8:30 AM 6/20, 6/27

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#### **CHURCH MEETINGS**

June 8 9:30 AM Mission Board June 15 5:30 PM Board of Christian Ed. June 16 7:00 PM Board of Deacons June 21: 4:00 PM Board of Trustees June 28 7:00 PM Church Council

## **Looking Back at May**



Members of the Friendship Circle came together to sort and package non perishable items for the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Looking ahead, the group is planning more missional activities.





Over 80 people gathered on the front lawn for Neighbor Day this year. Our choir sang for the first time since March 2020. Agnes Trebisacci and Marty Champlin served up ice cream to make it a banner day as we begin the slow return to normalcy after the pandemic.



Some of our men got together to prepare and deliver a chicken parmesan dinner to go. This was their fourth dinner this year. They raised about \$450 for the Kitchen Committee. They are talking about a chicken barbecue in July as their next possible fundraiser. The previous dinners raised funds for the Memorial Garden, Central Nursery School and Operation Christmas Child.

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, Jr., Pastor Lynn Dowding, Music Director Dorothy McClure, Administrator Ray Deptulski, Jr., Custodian

Church Office Hours Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### NEWSLETTER TEAM

Suzanne Vanaman Dot Marra **Dorothy McClure** and A host of other contributors

#### Newsletter Deadline

Articles for The Good Word, are due the 15th of the month. Please submit articles as a WORD document if possible. e-mail all articles to: Suzanne Vanaman suzyv64@verizon.net

#### **NEEDLEWORKERS**

Meetings are scheduled for first and third Mondays of the month from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Location: Church Parlor



#### Men's Breakfast

There WILL be a men's breakfast June 5 8:00 AM Fellowship Hall





#### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:**

Adult Sunday School - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the third floor classroom The topic is - You want to use ME? This is a study in Judges. Come join us!



Small Group Bible Study - Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Study of 1st Peter. The class will be led by Steve Burnside. All are invited to attend.

#### Attention Women of the Church:

The Friendship Circle is going to meet on June 21st at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to see more women join us as we are looking for new idea's for the group. We are seeking more outreach projects in our community and beyond. Come join us and bring a sandwich or something you like to eat.

Corinthians 10:31 "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

#### **Avondale Chapel**

Avondale Chapel will reopen at 8:00 AM on June 20. Seating will be extremely limited. The committee is suggesting that if you are worried about being inside and in close contact with others, you might want to think of attending either the parking lot service or the sanctuary service at Central.



#### Worship Services

Our Sunday morning parking lot services will move to 8:30 AM beginning on June 6. There will be no parking lot service on June 20 due to the fact that Pastor Cal will be preaching at Avondale. On June 27 the parking lot service will begin at 8:30 AM and continue at that time through the summer.

Worship in the sanctuary will be at 10:30 AM on Sunday June 6 and 13. On June 20 our sanctuary services will begin at 9:30 AM and continue at that time through the summer. Reservations are no longer needed.

If you wish not to attend church during the pandemic, there are other means of enjoying the service:

- 1. Facebook Live at 10:30 AM Sunday morning.
- 2. YouTube After 1:00 PM. Search for Cal Lord
  - Access to either one can be reached by going to www.cbcwesterly.org

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## PASTOR CAL'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

I went into Stop & Shop this week and was struck by the number of people who weren't wearing masks. The announcement by both the Governor and the CDC has had dizzying effects. For the last year plus we have been wearing masks as part of our fight against the Coronavirus. Now all of a sudden we are told they are on longer needed for fully vaccinated people. What a shock!

At church, we are addressing the change with safety in mind. Even though the mandates have been dropped, we will be slowly rolling back our safety protocols over the next few weeks. Please bear with us. The safety and wellbeing of the whole congregation is our first concern. We have stopped taking temperatures at the door. Reservations are no longer needed to attend the sanctuary service. The ushers are once again handing out the weekly bulletins. For the next few weeks they will continue to usher you to your seats. We've added more seats to our seating grid to accommodate decreased social distancing. Finally, the Bibles and hymnals have been put back in the pews.

Within a few weeks you will be able to return to your old seats. At the end of the month, fully vaccinated individuals will be able to drop their masks. Hopefully if nothing changes in the region, July and August will look a lot more like it did before the pandemic. Praise God! Our prayers have been answered.

Speaking of prayer — If you haven't signed up to be a part of our prayer ministry you can still do so. We can add you to our prayer text line, email chain or phone chain. Just call the office (401) 596-4929. All we ask is that you take time to pray when you get a message. We believe that together, our prayers can make a tremendous difference to those we love and care for.

I'm also starting two new initiatives. The first is a "walking club" at church. Those interested will gather the beginning of June to talk about dates and times. These walks will be between one mile and two. I'm calling these adventures, "*Walking with Jesus.*" We will start by reading a short Bible verse that we can talk about (or not) as we walk in different places around Westerly.

The second initiative is <u>a summer Bible study</u> on either Sunday or Wednesday nights in July and August. The plan would be to meet for supper (the grill will be on) and take an hour to walk through the Gospel of John. Let me know if you are interested.

As we look ahead, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who went above and beyond to help us make it though the last year. It has been rough on so many people but you have made it a little easier just by being there and doing both, the big and little things, that have made all the difference in the world. Now let's look forward to what God has planned next.

Be blessed! Pastor Cal



Good News!

Here is what you <u>can look</u> forward to this summer!

The **Avondale Chapel** opens for worship on June 20th at 8:00 am.

The **Parking Lot Services** will continue all summer at 8:30 am.

Weekly **worship in the Sanctuary** at Central moves to 9:30 am from June 20th through September 5th.

**The Men's Breakfasts** are back! Men, come and join us for breakfast on Saturday June 5th at 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall!

**The Father's Day Car Show** returns on Sunday, June 20th from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Memorial /Graveside services have been planned for;

Lucille Richmond on June 19 Joseph Grillo on June 19 Norm Steadman on June 26 Gary Engler on August 7

**Rocky Railway VBS** is scheduled for the week of August 9th.

Weight Watchers Reopens at Central Baptist on July 3rd.

There will be WW sessions on Wednesday and Saturdays in the 3rd floor classroom.

Back to Church Barbecue in conjunction with Rally Day & the Opening of Sunday School

Set aside September 19th and make plans to come back to Sunday School. We will have classes for all ages and will be meeting in person again. (Yeah!) We will celebrate the day with a big back yard barbecue.

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#### **Central Baptist Church of Westerly**

#### **Board of Trustees**

As indicated in the Treasurer's Report, we have made steady progress toward keeping expenses under control to avoid deficit spending, revenue has kept pace with the spending plan, and we anticipate generous giving that will keep us on track with the spending plan.

We are looking to fill the position of custodian. The hours would be 5 PM to 9 PM, Monday thru Friday. If you know of anyone that would be interested, have them contact me at 401-742-3176.

The Parsonage first floor rear apartment has been rented; there were a couple of minor items that were taken care of before they moved in.

The steam boiler for the Parsonage second floor apartment has been acting up again. We had Ginger's correct the problem and clean the unit.

James B. Collins, Trustee Chairman

#### Treasurer's Report

	April 2021	April YTD Plan	Jan—Apr 2021	YTD Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	20,252.78	26,994.32	120,077.97	117,928.39	336,133.00
Total Expense	20,553.91	23,654.41	102,447.15	113,185.70	332,370.00
Net Income/Loss	(281.13)	3,339.91	17,630.82	4,742.69	3,763.00

We're looking forward to a wonderful spring season, as the pandemic restrictions continue to ease. Thank you for your generous giving. It is allowing us to plan for more activities and outreach projects as things open up. Thank you for your faithful and generous donations. This allows Central Baptist to continue serving our church members and community.

During this time when you may not be able to worship at church, we hope that you're watching the livestream services on YouTube. You can find the link to the video on the CBC website at <u>www.cbcwesterly.org</u>.

Here are some easy options for online giving.

1. Add CBC's address (16 Elm St, Westerly, RI 02891) to your bank's bill payment site and schedule the bank to mail your check to the church.

2. Text Giving is now available. Message the word "GIVE" to 401-414-4940 from your cell phone and easily send a donation.

3. Another option is to visit <u>cbcwesterly.org/donations</u> or scan this code on your phone to access CBC's online giving app.

If your phone can't scan the code, the URL for the app is: <u>https://app.easytithe.com/app/Giving/cbcw</u>. You can give directly either from your bank account or .... (for a higher fee) use a debit/credit card. The app uses the same security as bank websites, so your personal information is secure. Also, it allows you to schedule your donations in advance. 'Once and it's done'!

Please take a look and see how online giving can make giving easier for you!







#### **Board of Deacons**

#### **PERFECT LEADER**

What does a leader look like to you? How do you imagine yourself as a father, you look to your wife and your children? Men who are dating, how do you look as a potential husband and hopefully a father? Not sure? Thankfully we have a *Perfect Leader* to show us The Way.

Elisabeth Elliot wrote "He knew what it meant to be ignored, opposed, misunderstood and jeered at. He was at the last betrayed by a Disciple, forsaken by those closest to Him, captured by a mob insulted, lied about, imprisoned, beaten, slapped, stripped, and finally, classified as a common criminal and nailed to a wooden cross." "It was right and proper," says the writer to the Hebrews, "that in bringing many sons to glory, God... should make the leader of their salvation a *Perfect Leader* through the fact that He suffered." We are to be like Christ, men we have the ultimate guide in us to help and the Word to obey.

After all of His suffering we still have a *Perfect Leader* who loves us. He died for us. We should be willing to do the same. He never hurt, He never took advantage of, He never cheated, He was never prideful; all his suffering was in Love.Lead with humility, meekness, mercy, honesty and in Agape, a Greek word defined by Edward Nason West as" a profound concern for the welfare of another without any desire to control that other, to be thanked by that other, or to enjoy the process." It gives itself. It lays down its life for another.

## Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28:19-20)

Become a part of the CBC prayer network. Inside your weekly bulletins are the various ways to commit. "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." (James 5:16)

**Board of Missions** 

CBC supported International Ministries missionary, Jeni Pedzinski, will be returning to the United States this summer on vacation from her assignment at the New Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Tribal girls ages 11 to 22 have survived exploitation, abuse, and human trafficking as they live in the restorative environment of the Foundation. During her vacation time in the US, she plans to visit as many supporting churches and donors as possible. Hopefully, we will be able to see Jeni soon.

#### Meet the International Ministries global servants preparing to go out in 2021:

Faye Yarbrough, began serving in King William's Town, South Africa, in February Deliris & Moise Carrion-Joseph, appointed for Tijuana, Mexico Stacy & Timothy Reese, appointed for the Dominican Republic Jae Stockton, appointed for Baja California, Mexico Eliberto & Molly Juarez, endorsed for El Salvador ....at Eric & Yuree Lembke, endorsed for Thailand Aaron & AmyEstelle Trout, endorsed for the Phillipines Amy & Joseph Vo, endorsed for Vietnam



Please keep these missionaries in prayer as they use their gifts to advance God's kingdom.

God bless you all. Jean Smith WARM Shelter meal for June to be prepared by the Board of Christian Education

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#### The Persecuted Church

A Country many have not heard of and do not know where it is, but it has been called the North Korea of Africa. Many Christians are imprisoned for their faith in this country. There were believed to be around 500 imprisoned although since September at least 160 have been released. Some had

been held for a few months but others as long as 16 years. No pastors or leaders were released though. The reason for the releases was to mitigate the spread of the corona-virus in the overcrowded conditions. It is common for Christians to be jailed without any legal proceedings having occurred so they can be kept indefinitely.

Only Eritrean Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches are allowed to register with the state but even official status does not guarantee freedom as in 2019 alone 21 health centers and 7 schools run by these denominations were shut down.

Conditions are so harsh that death can occur. Infamously, the government was using shipping containers to incarcerate prisoners, and they would become like ovens in the hot African sun. One prisoner recounted that he and three others were held in a cell 10 feet underground with only a small opening at the top. They were only allowed out twice a day to relieve themselves and suffered infections from the unsanitary conditions and eyesight issues resulting from the lack of light.

We can give thanks that the current health crisis has been used by God to bring about the release of some of the imprisoned and continue in prayer for those still detained and for a change of heart for the leaders of the country.

**Board of Education** 

#### **Sunday School is Cool**

Can you believe it is almost summer? This has been a long and disappointing year, but I am hopeful that we will be able to gather this summer. Our area is perfect for summertime fun. I know many of us love going to the beach. Use these fun trips to talk

to your children about God and his great creations. His handiwork is all around you. I found this devotion from Ministry to Children; https://ministry-to-children.com/family-devotions-summer/. "Build a sandcastle near the tide, on the sand. Build another one on a rock on higher land. Discuss the wise man and the foolish man. How does that apply to us? Sing 'The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock.' Fill a small container with sand. How many granules would you estimate are in there? Talk about Psalm 139:17-18, 'How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.'

Go on a hunt for seashells. Challenge family members to find two that are exactly the same. Find a recipe for a 'sand dirt dessert' and make it when you get home." Wishing you many blessings this summer!

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** - Offering will be taken during the month of June

In this time when all of life has been touched by the effects of the pandemic, we are called to be the people of restoration, releasing love into the world in new and innovative ways. Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty is the hope of God in Isaiah 49:10. With the gifts of our hearts, you empower families and communities around the world to live healthier, safer, and more hope filled lives.





Plan to join us following worship on Sunday, June 20th for the return of our Father's Day Car Show. The event will run from 10:15 AM to 1:00 PM.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

If you know someone with an antique or classic car, please invite them to come.



Walk-ins are also welcome.

#### Amy's "Rise & Shine" **Strengthening Class Returns**

Join Amy Williams on Tuesday mornings between 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM for a Christcentered low-impact, dancercise class in Fellowship Hall. The class will assist attendees in strengthening your mind, heart, body and spirit as you remember God's promises.

If you have questions or would like to sign-up, please reach out to Amy at shineworshipdance@mail.com.

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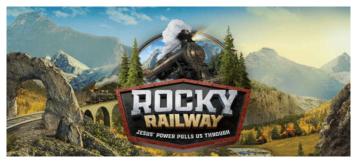
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#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2021 VBS is looking for volunteers!

Come aboard the Rocky Railway this summer. It's where we learn how Jesus' power pulls us through. Philippians 4:13 says "for I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." VBS will look a little different this year as we make changes for the health and safety of all. But Bible stories, music, games, and snacks are all part of the fun. We are looking for team leaders, snack preparers, games leader, etc. to help.

Please let Marie Bertsch (<u>vbertsch4@gmail.com</u>) know your availability this summer and what you would like to do.



#### A PRAYER TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father your glory is seen everywhere There's absolutely nothing to compare. Your majesty is awesome your grace so divine, You always make me feel you are truly mine. What can I say, what can I do To have my love be pure and true. I stand before you engulfed in your grace And it makes me want to fall down on my face To worship and adore you as you so deserve And whisper "I love you" in every word.

Geri Maloney

#### ~~Stewardship Moment~~

The work of our church can never be complete without your help as a member. Everyone must work together to form a beautiful picture of what God can do through the ministry of our church. Each of us is a steward called to find and fill our place in God's masterpiece.

#### **Library News**

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#### Library Corner & Library Room

The Library Corner bookcase is located in the back of Fellowship Hall. New additions and suggested readings are available. Please visit the complete Library Room down the Nursery School Hallway near Fellowship Hall. There are many more titles and topics to catch your interest. A sign-out sheet is available at both locations.

Children -

**Bible Stories - 18 Stories from the Old Testament -** This unique DVD features dramatized narrations with on screen displays of the text so your children, friends, and family can read along or simply listen. Many dynamic illustrations enhance the visual presentation. The video includes eighteen of the best known stories from the Old Testament.

Prayer -

**The Power of a Praying Church -** Stormie Omartian with Jack Hayford ~ We are promised God's powerful presence when we gather with others in prayer. As you read this book, you will spend time with the author and her longtime pastor as they look at the life-changing benefits and world-changing effects that are natural results of praying with others.

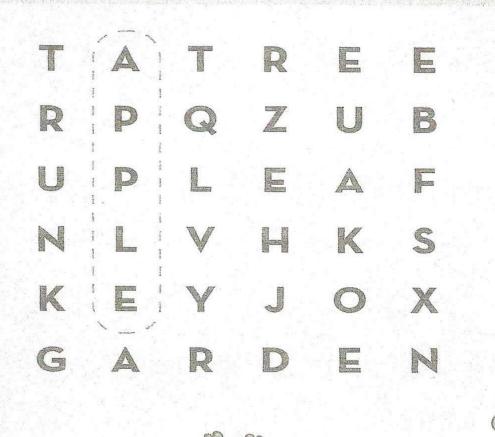
#### Christian Living -

**What's So Amazing About Grace?** - Philip Yancey ~ We speak of grace often. Do we really understand it or believe in it? This best-selling author takes a probing look at grace. What does it look like? Only Christians can and must reveal the grace that the world is searching for. This is an important book for all of us to read.

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### SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth By Dorothy Marra

#### True Story from a High School in Nova Scotia

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.



A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and

silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!

The student on the stage simply looked at the audience and said,

'GOD BLESS YOU' And he walked off the stage....

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

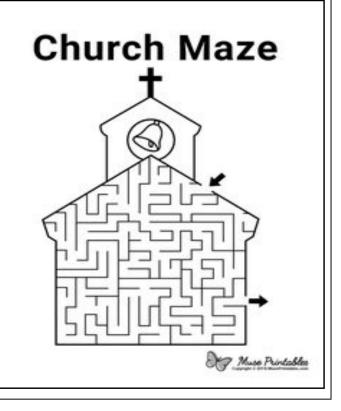
**Anything Breakable?** Theresa, living in Nebraska, USA, decides to post the old family Holy Bible to her brother in Maine. The postal worker inquires as to whether there is anything breakable in the parcel. 'Only the Ten Commandments,' Theresa replies with a smile.

#### FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 20

#### **Our Dad**

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew his masterpiece was complete, And so, he called it Dad

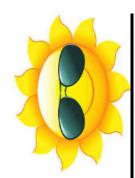








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Communion Sunday 8:30AM Parking Lot Service 10:30AM Worship	9:30AM Needleworkers	8:30AM Rise & Shine 9:30AM Mission Board			CNS Graduation	
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