



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
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Worship With Us At
Central Baptist



10:30 AM Sunday
Worship Service



Men's Kitchen Crew Serves Up Dinners "To Go" While Raising Money For Good Causes.

Members of the Kentucky Mission team greeted those who dropped in to pick up their meals. Over \$1,100 was raised for their mission trip to Madisonville, Kentucky in June.

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color, visit our website



APRIL

CHURCH MEETINGS

April 5

6:00 PM Mission Board

April 11

7:15 PM Board of Deacons

April 12

5:30 PM Board of Christian Ed

April 18

4:00 PM Board of Trustees

April 25

7:00 PM Church Council



In December 2021 a devastating tornado ripped through western Kentucky and destroyed homes and displaced hundreds of families. Our mission team will be heading down to help rebuild some homes in early June. We are accepting donations to help defray expenses.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, Jr., Pastor
Lynn Johnson, Music Director
Dorothy McClure, Administrator
Ray Deptulski, Jr., Custodian
Don West, 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
suzevan64@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School Class

This class is studying the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament) and the Biblical giant, Moses.

Class is led by Meredith Eckel, Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Chapel

**Youth Group**

Our Youth Group currently meets on Saturday mornings via Zoom at 9:00 AM. The Group is led by Ben Geer.

Call the church office (596-4929) to get the Zoom link.

ATTENTION WOMEN!

We will be having a six-week session study entitled "What the women saw." We will discover who Jesus was from the unique perspective of some important women in the Bible.

The video will point out some important landmarks, such as Jacob's well, Lazarus tomb, Jesus burial site, etc. and the women that He met at these places.

The study will start Tuesday, April 19 through May 24 in Fellowship Hall at 10 AM.

Any questions please call Geri Maloney at 203-763-9962 or email her at

NEEDLEWORKERS

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



Come join us

Men's Breakfast

April 2
8:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

**SMALL GROUP STUDYS****A Study of Christian Doctrines****Thursday mornings at 9:30 am**

Join us as we explore some of the most basic Christian Doctrines this winter on Thursday mornings at church. We will look at God's divine revelation and inspiration, the Bible, who God is and what we believe about Jesus. We will talk about the Holy Spirit, sin, salvation and more. All are welcome. Come join the discussion as we meet in Fellowship Hall. This study will also be available on Zoom. Call the office to get the code.

The Chosen**Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Let's come together to explore the life of Jesus and those who were called to follow him. We will begin each session by watching an episode of the television series, **The Chosen**. Then we will discuss the major themes brought out by the show. This will be an eight week study group.



ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

NOTE: If you are unable to attend our worship services in person, you can view our church services on Facebook Live or on YouTube. Access is always available through our church Website at www.cbcwesterlyri.org.

PASTOR CAL'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air! As we get ready to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, there is an excitement brewing at church. Plans are being made and things are looking up. As much as I have loved the parking lot services, I am glad that we will be welcoming everyone back inside the building before long. Easter is a great time to reconnect and reflect upon your walk with Christ. I have listed all of our Holy Week offerings to the right. I hope you will make one or more of them part of your Easter journey.

I am looking for some help to create our tomb and backdrop for the Easter service. Jodi and John Savage have offered to help. If you are able to lend a hand, please let me know. Many hands make light work.

Marie Bertsch has offered to help set up our Easter Egg Hunt for the kids following our worship service on Easter Sunday. We are accepting individually wrapped pieces of candy and plastic eggs from now through Palm Sunday.

Our Kentucky Mission Team is coming together, you will hear about their fundraisers. I hope you will support the team as they head to Kentucky on our behalf. If you wish you could go but cannot do it, you can be part of the mission team by supporting them with your prayers and your financial gifts. We will commission the team on May 22nd and celebrate their return with a special night in June.

The sign up sheet for the Mother Daughter Banquet will be up soon. It will be a great night to celebrate our moms, sisters, daughters and friends. Please mark your calendars. The date is Saturday, May 7 at 5:30 pm.

May and June are going to be busy months. The trip to Sight & Sound (there's still room if you haven't signed up!) our outdoor Baptist Heritage Sunday, the Church Annual Meeting and the commissioning of our Mission Team will fill the calendar in May. In June we have the Car Show, the opening of Avondale Chapel and the mission trip.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for the kind words following the birth of our first grandchild, Charlotte Jane Gomez, on January 28th. I was told what a great gift it would be and it has been that and more. Lori and I can't stop smiling every time we think of her. It is one more blessing that God has allowed us to enjoy while serving here in Westerly. So don't be surprised to see photos showing up here and there and everywhere. LOL.



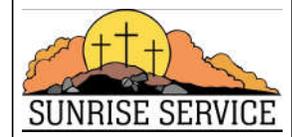
On a Serious Note:

Over the years I have known people who never got around to purchasing life insurance. Either they felt it was unnecessary because of their age or that there was plenty of time to get to it. I will never forget the day back in 2004 when a woman came into my office crying. Her 49 year old husband had died unexpectedly. She said, "We had talked about life insurance, and even gotten a policy, but he never signed it." Through the tears she said, "I saw it sitting on his nightstand and it made me so mad. What am I going to do now?"

The truth is that we never know when our time will come. If you haven't looked into purchasing life insurance, I hope you will seriously consider it for the sake of your loved ones. It won't lessen the pain of your death, but it will help lighten the load in a time of extreme stress.



- Palm Sunday - April 10
Worship service with the distribution of palms @ 10:30 am
- Maundy Thursday - April 14
Remembrance of the Last Supper with celebration of Communion @ 7:00 pm
- Good Friday - April 15
Remembrance of Christ's passion and death on the Cross @ 12:00 noon
- Prayer Vigil - April 15/16
Sign up for an hour or more to pray from your home.



- Easter Morning - April 17
Community Easter Service at Misquamicut State Beach @ 6:30 am
- Sonrise service at Avondale Chapel @ 8:00 am
- Easter Breakfast at Central @ 9:00 am



Easter Worship Celebration at Central @ 10:30 am

Central Baptist Church of Westerly

Board of Trustees



Scott Rahl and Richard DeBernardo have met with Lassell's Carpet Center. It was pointed out that it would be extremely expensive to remove the existing tiles that are asbestos. However, the existing tiles can be covered with carpet tiles. The trustees voted to go with carpet tiles and Don West also agreed.

During the annual elevator inspection by Atlantic Elevator, it was determined that the flooding of the elevator pit has caused rusting on elevator equipment. Atlantic Elevator recommends a company that they use for waterproofing pits and are arranging for them to inspect the pit and provide an estimate. To comply with state safety regulations, Atlantic Elevator has to oversee the project.

The new Conex storage container has been delivered and set in front of its permanent home while John Riley cleans out the area and Randy Sargent paints it.

James B. Collins, Trustee Chairman

Treasurer's Report

	February Actual	February Plan	Jan. Feb. Actuals	Jan. Feb. Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	65,067.93	61,441.26	116,065.64	96,172.52	375,875.00
Total Expense	44,346.04	35,213.44	74,135.12	69,976.85	375,487.00
Net Income/Loss	20,721.89	26,227.82	41,930.52	26,195.67	388.00

We are so thankful for your faithful giving. February's donations exceeded our monthly planned amount! We also have a large balance in the year-to-date giving because of one-time gifts received in January. Our expenses were somewhat higher than the planned amount, but we ended the month with a surplus of over 20,000. We have begun some new programs and are planning several exciting activities for this year. Your continued generous donations and faithful support allows Central Baptist to serve our members and community. Thank you!

If you are unable to come to church, we hope that you're watching the livestream services on Facebook. If you miss it, you can search Facebook for the Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI page and scroll down. It is also available on YouTube, just search for Cal Lord's page.



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 cellphone and easily send a donation.
- 3 Another option is to visit www.cbCWesterlyRI.org, then click on Donations link at the top, or scan this code on your phone to access CBC's online giving app. If your phone's camera can't scan the code, the URL for the app is: <https://app.easytithes.com/app/Giving/cbcw>.

You can give either directly from your bank account or ... (for a higher fee) use a debit/credit card.

The app uses the same security as bank web sites, so your personal information is secure.

Also, it allows you to schedule your donations in advance, so 'once and it's done'!

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

Board of Christian Education

March is the beginning of Lent, a time to reflect on the past year, to repent of the old and embrace the new as Jesus our Lord did for us on the cross.

With this new season we also resumed Sunday School classes at the beginning of March. Although the kids' attendance has been low, we believe as the days become warmer and longer it will surely increase. We hope your kids are being filled with the Word and enjoying the various craft activities during their classes.

Looking forward to what the rest of the season has in store as we look towards Easter and the Easter Egg Hunt at church in April. We are asking for wrapped Easter candy donations by Monday April 11th.

If you would like an opportunity to serve at the church, we are accepting members to join the Board of Christian Ed. Mary Anne Rezendes is a part of the nominating committee. Please contact Mary Anne at (860)495-2030.

Hillery Stanton
The Board of Christian Ed



Church Library



Library News

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. Don't miss the following books!

Classic

The Atonement by Albert Barnes - The book title says it all. It is a book that deals with the nature of Christ's atonement and the blood that He shed for our salvation. This book was originally published in 1860. Albert Barnes was an American theologian. He graduated from Hamilton College in Clinton, New York in 1823 and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823. He completed this manuscript hoping to answer every conceivable question on the topic of the atonement.

Bible Study

Jesus Christ - Holy Week and Crucifixion by Thomas A. Langford and C. Clinton Black, II - This book contains six chapters that concentrates on the death of Jesus. A short prologue for each chapter is followed by a study of selected New Testament texts. The chapters explore the meaning of the texts and lead readers to face the question, "What do you think of this Jesus who is called Christ?"

Fiction

The Promise of Dawn by Lauraine Snelling - When Signe, her husband, Rune, and their three boys arrive in Minnesota from Norway to help a relative clear his land of lumber, they dream of owning their own farm and building a life in the New World. They are worked to the bone by the aunt and uncle in order to repay the cost of their voyage. Signe tries to trust God throughout their ordeal. Can she still believe in the promise of a bright future?

Central Baptist Church of Westerly

Board of Missions

The American Baptist Women's Ministries of Rhode Island will be hosting a Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the Calvary Baptist Church, Providence. They will focus on Matthew 17:20 the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

There will be information and registration forms in Fellowship Hall that must be received by April 15th. Lunch will be included and they are requesting you bring a non-perishable food donation for Calvary's Emergency Food Bank.

Blessings,
Noreen Gerrish, Mission Chair

Easter Offering

Each year the Mission Board selects who is in need of the annual offering taken at Easter time. This year it will be split evenly between:

The Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, the Jonnycake Center and Neighbors Helping Neighbors which provides home repairs at no cost to low income qualifying homeowners in South County Enabling families to remain in their homes.

Please use your Easter envelope or you can send a check made out to Central Baptist Church, with Easter offering in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

Sharon Arruda
Mission Board

WARM Shelter meal for
April to be prepared by
the Mission Board

HE HAS RISEN

The tomb is empty, the cross it's bear.
Jesus can't be found anywhere.
What can we do, how can we cope?
What do we have to give us hope?
He promised his spirit to walk by our side
To comfort and support us and be our guide.
Oh how I loved Him and wanted Him to stay
Why did He have to die and go away?

Don't fret my child I will help you to see.
For I have risen and I have not gone away
And I will be with you every day.
Look for me and all the others
The brothers, sisters, friends, fathers and mothers.
Give it to them the love you would give to me
And help them to know and truly see.
For my plan is that you are never alone
And I will be with you all until I call you home.

Geri Maloney

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH EASTER 2022 MEMORIALS

The Flower Committee will not be ordering Easter Flowers this year.
If you would like to have someone remembered in the Easter Memorial Bulletin please list it below.
We also will not be taking donations.

Please return your form to the office no later than Monday, April 11, 2022.

Please print your name and telephone number:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Please print the name(s) of those you want to be remembered and shown in our Easter Memorial Bulletin:

Any questions, please call Jean Smith, 401-315-5358. Thank you.

The Persecuted Church



China

It is two years since we printed a report about persecution in China so we will see some of the things that have happened in those two years.

The Chinese government continues to ramp up the persecution of churches and individuals in their drive to rid China of "foreign" religious influence.

The demolition of churches continues throughout China and house churches are being forced to close. The harassment of clergy is spreading to the laity and many more arrests and imprisonments are occurring. Trials are usually closed and often trumped up charges are cited. In an effort to intimidate, cameras were installed on poles positioned outside the homes of deacons of the well known Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, Sichuan. After raiding a small group meeting of Early Rain members on a Sunday morning in August 2021, brothers Dai Zhichao and He Shan were sentenced to 14 days in jail and fined 1000RMB (about \$160). Some provinces are issuing rewards of up to \$300 to citizens who report house church meetings.

There is a particular focus on keeping religious teaching away from children and the reading of Christian books to children in their own homes is now illegal. Just last month all non indigenous religious internet postings were banned along with all online sales of Christian material. The social media sites of known churches and house churches have all been suspended. Any use of search engines using keywords including "Christ," "gospel," and "fellowship" now fail to get any Christianity-related public accounts.

So the crackdown on Christianity is fast approaching the intensity we saw during the time of Mao Zedong in the 1960's-70's. As always though, as evil men persecute the church, so the church experiences steady growth; but, we can pray fervently for our Chinese brothers and sisters as we know the challenges they face today.

Experience the story of David at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA



A three day trip to Lancaster is planned for May 19 - 21. The cost per person will be \$500.00 which includes tickets to the show, hotel, transportation, most meals and gratuities. If you plan to join us, please make reservations now. There will be two persons in each hotel room so when you make your reservations, please include the name of your roommate. A \$100.00 deposit is requested for each reservation.

We request that you be fully vaccinated to travel with us for everyone's safety. If you have questions, please call Dorothy at the church 401 596-4929.

Short term Mission Trip to Kentucky



We are called to be the hands and feet of our Lord. We will be living out that call in June as we send a team to Dawson Springs, Barnsley and Bremen, Kentucky to help rebuild and restore homes devastated by the deadly tornados that came through last December. We will fly down to Kentucky on June 4th and return on June 11th. Please keep the team in prayer.

The team includes Hope & Bob Burnside, Kathy Caval, Lucy Davis, Laura Fargo, Brian & Janet Gerbutavich, Noreen Gerrish, Judy Grady, Michelle Hallamore, Pam Harvey, Rick Mann, Vickie Van Horn and the Pastor. You can make donations to support the team or an individual by making out a check to Central Baptist and putting "Mission Kentucky" in the memo line. Fundraisers include a "Soup Sale" on April 3, a car wash and bake sale on May 1, and a Chowder Dinner on May 14.

Please support the fundraisers for this mission.

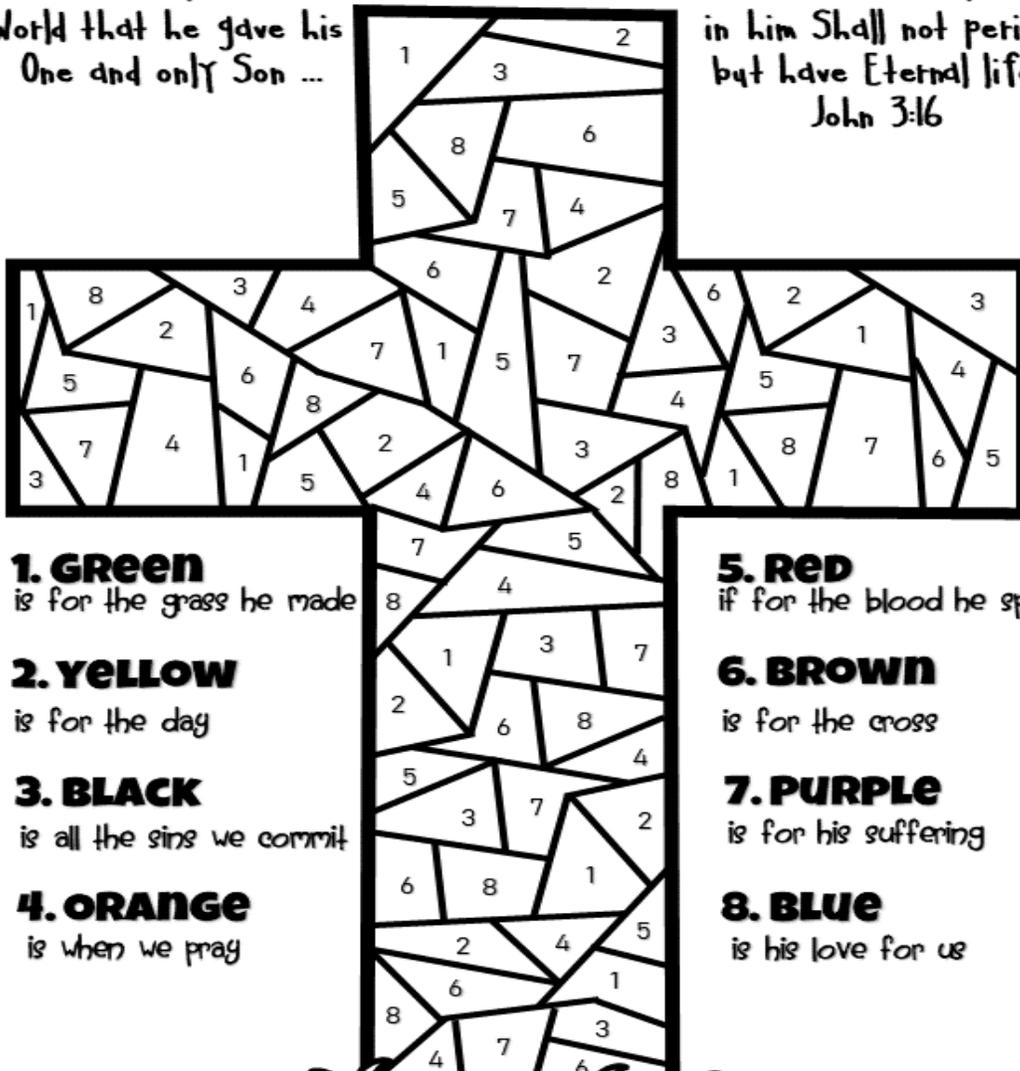
Just For Kids By Marcia Erskine



JESUS ADDS COLOR TO OUR LIVES

For God so loved the
World that he gave his
One and only Son ...

That Whoever believes
in him Shall not perish
but have Eternal life.
John 3:16



1. GREEN
is for the grass he made

2. YELLOW
is for the day

3. BLACK
is all the sins we commit

4. ORANGE
is when we pray

5. RED
is for the blood he spilt

6. BROWN
is for the cross

7. PURPLE
is for his suffering

8. BLUE
is his love for us



SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

By Dorothy Marra

THE WINDS OF FATE

One ship drives east and another drives west
 With the selfsame winds that blow.
 'Tis the set of the sails
 And not the gales
 Which tells us the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
 As we voyage along through life:
 'Tis the set of a soul
 That decides its goal,
 And not the calm or the strife.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

MOSES

George W. Bush, in an airport lobby, noticed a man in a long flowing white robe with a long white beard and flowing white hair. The man had a staff in one hand and some stone tablets under the other arm.

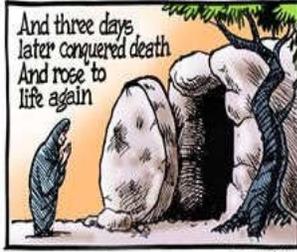
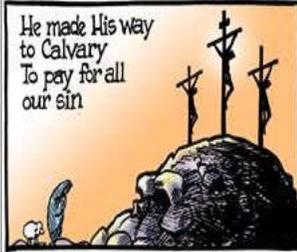


George W. approached the man and inquired, "Aren't you Moses?" The man ignored George W. and stared at the ceiling.

George W. positioned himself more directly in the man's view and asked again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man continued to pursue the ceiling.

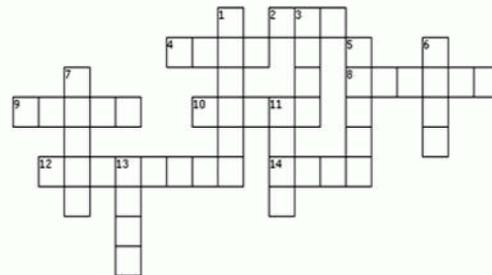
George W. tugged at the man's sleeve and asked once again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man finally responded in an irritated voice, "Yes I am."

George W. asked him why he was so uppity, and the man replied, "The last time I spoke to a Bush I had to spend forty years in the desert."



He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To shed tears
- 4. The opposite of alive
- 8. A heavenly being
- 9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
- 10. The color that is the opposite of black
- 12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
- 14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

- 1. The male parent
- 3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
- 5. The opposite of late
- 6. A period of seven days
- 7. An adult female person
- 11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
- 13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

MAY YOU HAVE

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
 Enough trials to keep you strong,
 Enough sorrow to keep you human,
 Enough hope to keep you happy;

Enough failure to keep you humble,
 Enough success to keep you eager,
 Enough friends to give you comfort,
 Enough wealth to meet your needs,

Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
 Enough faith to banish depression
 Enough determination to make each day better
 than yesterday.

Author Unknown

Opportunities to Serve at Central

We are looking for people to help with:
 Weeding the flower beds around the church.
 Provide rides for others to church.
 Small painting jobs at church.
 Teaching Sunday School.
 Working with the tech team.
 Singing in choir or praise band.

Remembrance or Memorial gift opportunities:

A new electronic piano for choir.
 A Carillion bell system.
 Avondale Chapel Windows.
 Choir mics in the sanctuary.
 A projection system for Fellowship Hall.



Speak to the Pastor or Trustee Chair Jim Collins if you would like more information on one of these giving opportunities to remember a loved one at Central.

April Anniversaries to Celebrate



Carlo & Donna Antonino
 Jim & Pat Collins
 Geri & James Maloney
 Anita & Edwin Greene
 Robin & Joseph Lombardo

Prayer List

Dr. Carlo & Donna Antonino
 Paul Arnold
 Allison Balentine
 Serena Bate's Mother
 Frank Becker
 Beverly
 Cathy
 Michelle Chaffee
 Kenneth Chase
 David Collings
 Brenda Cornell
 Deni
 Adele DiBiagio
 Joanne Faiola
 Arline Fitzhugh
 Carol Frasier
 Fred
 Jonathan Gibson
 Judy Grady
 Esther Nacci-Grillo
 LuFern Hudson
 Rev. John Houliker
 Joyce Ingram
 Keyonia (11 yr old)
 Valerie LaPointe
 Clayton Lord Sr.
 Tim Lynn
 John Macomber
 Marissa (12 yr old)
 Sheila Martel
 Jayde May
 Rev. Joshua McClure
 John Millett
 Alice Murphy
 Heidi Murray
 Isaac Payne
 Tony Perrone
 George Rezendes Sr.
 Jani Kay Smith
 Joyce Smith
 Skip Terwilliger
 David Trebisacci
 David Whipple Sr.
 Lori Willems



God understands our prayers even when we cant find the words to say them.

Our hearts go out to Agnes Trebisacci and her family on the sudden and unexpected loss of her husband, and our friend, Gary. He will be missed by many.
 Agnes' address is
 199 Diamond Hill Rd,
 Ashaway, RI 02804

Our Shut in Members

Gertrude Smith, at home
 Paul Arnold, at home



Remembering Our Shut-ins

Royal Nursing Home

Alice Bliven
 Dick Chipperfield,
 John Macomber
 79 Beach Street, Westerly RI 02891

Benchmark Plymouth Crossing

Winnie Hamilton
 157 South Street - Apt 218,
 Plymouth, MA 02360



Those in the Military:

Lance Corporal Jordan Payne
 Cpt. Evan Caval, Ft. Campbell, KY
 Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gavitt
 Lance Corporal Christian Smith
 Greydon Aldrich, US Army
 David Aiello, US Marines



And all those to serve in our armed forces.

April Birthdays

- 2 Olivia Flanagan
- 2 Katy Burnside
- 8 Janet Gerbutavich
- 10 Sarah Giorno
- 11 Marissa Lombardo
- 15 Susan Cozzolino
- 15 Casey Payne Jr
- 16 Gertrude Smith
- 17 Marjorie Duerr
- 20 Jared Lombardo
- 21 William Zembruski
- 21 Kerri Dobson
- 22 Dorothy McClure
- 24 Dale Frey
- 28 Dale Peck
- 29 Marilyn Taylor
- 30 Lufern Hudson

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ellen Rodehorst
- 1 James Stewart
- 1 Zack Stanton
- 3 Judy Lathrop
- 4 Rachael Pennington
- 7 David Collings
- 8 Sara Champlin
- 8 Scott Rahl
- 9 Hannah Gibson
- 11 Gwendoline Woods
- 12 Michael Grillo
- 13 Linda Engler
- 13 Debra Peterson
- 13 Carol Zwick
- 14 Ron Rodehorst



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*We join together to nurture
Christ-centered faith, foster
Christ-like maturity, and share
Christ's ministry within our
family, community and world.*

Monthly Newsletter



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