

# *The Scribe*

January 2016

## ***LIVING NATIVITY***

It was certainly a fitting Sunday to have the children and youth of Dunn's Corners enact the Living Nativity on December 13<sup>th</sup>, which was the third Sunday in Advent. That morning we lit the candle of joy. The joy of our Lord was present in such visible form as shepherds, kings from afar, angels, and Joseph and Mary gathered around the newborn babe. Singing the songs, seeing the story unfold before us, guided always by the sacred story we find in the scriptures, the nativity was brought to life.



Immediately after 10 am Worship on that very special Sunday morning, a small group gathered and began tearing down the scene. Hay was hauled out, the manger removed, and soon the sanctuary was back to normal as the backdrops and risers were put into storage.

But in a very real way the Living Nativity is not meant to be put away. The whole reason we enact a living nativity is because we believe what happened when the Christ Child was born into this world is more than an event that is celebrated and then stored away. The One who was born and laid in a manger is the One who is alive and among us even now.

My prayer for each one of us as individuals and for all of us as a community of faith is that the Living Nativity would be a reality in our lives. The candles we light and hold high on Christmas Eve are a sign and symbol that the Light of Christ has come to this world. We hold that Light up with hope and confidence, knowing that the gospel story tells of a Babe who grew to be a Man who revealed to us the depths of God's love in His death and the power of God's might in His resurrection. May the nativity story come to life in each of our hearts as we live into the fullness of faith in Jesus Christ.

So to our children and youth and to Sally Owen and all the adults who worked behind the scenes, let us all join together to give our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Thank you all for reminding us once again of the great hope that is ours because of the Nativity that continues to be alive in and around us every single day.

*Wayne*



## I Wish to be an Usher

### USHER IN A NEW YEAR

**W**e have been blessed for many years to have **Sally Scholtz** as our head usher for the 10 a.m. Worship Service. Words cannot express our gratitude for Sally's commitment to our ushering ministry, whether Sunday morning, weddings, funerals, or other special services. Many of you experienced her warm welcome as you made your way into our Sanctuary, and you understand the important role that our ushers have whenever we gather to worship.

Because of her health, Sally is no longer able to fulfill her role as head usher for our 10 a.m. service, and we are now looking for a new head usher for our 10 a.m. service. We are also inviting any who are interested to consider being an usher at either 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your gifts in a very meaningful way, preparing the sanctuary, welcoming and greeting people as they gather for worship, helping folks find their way in the life of our church, and tidying up the sanctuary when our services are over. If you have an interest in ushering or being head usher at 10 a.m., please contact Worship Committee Chair, Judy Williams at (401) 348-0140 or the Church Office at (401) 322-0655.

Entering a new year gives us the chance to express our thanks to all who have served in the role of usher this year. We especially want to thank Sticker Caramiciu for his faithful work as head usher for our 8 a.m. service. Sticker and Martha do such a good job coming early in the morning and doing all the things that gets the sanctuary ready for our morning worship. We are blessed to have such great people serving in our usher ministry. Thanks to all.

# Mission

**Pancakes-with-a-Purpose** Family Housing Support to end homelessness has worked in collaboration with the WARM Center to provide families and their children with emergency housing to meet their most basic needs. Please join us on the following Sundays to enjoy a good breakfast for a great cause. Good-will donations for breakfast are accepted.



- **Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** at the Cross Mills Baptist Church, 4403 Old Post Road, Charlestown.
- **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** at Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian; Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> beginning from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** at Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 4150 Old Post Road, Charlestown.

**The Mitten Tree** in in the corner of the Sanctuary and will remain until the spring thaw. Please put new or gently used mittens, gloves, scarves, coats, hats, stocking caps, and work gloves for men, women, children—all sizes—on the tree. We distribute through the schools and charitable organizations. Thank you.



## **10th Annual Penguin Plunge!** *freezin' for a reason....*



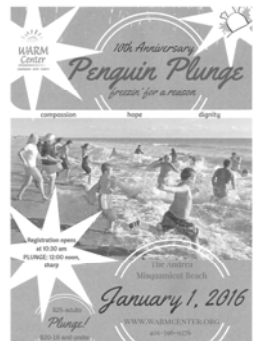
**Start the year off benefiting others!!** Join us on **January 1<sup>st</sup>** for the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Penguin Plunge** at the **Andrea on Misquamicut Beach!** Hundreds of people will line the beach to cheer on brave participants as they **Plunge** into the icy Atlantic! *YOU can be one of them!*

**Plunge** alone, or form a team. Your participation will help our neighbors in need. Registration is \$25 for adults; \$20 for 18 and under.

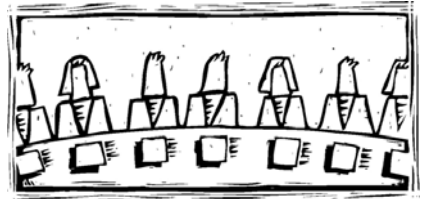
- Participants receive an event t-shirt, a hot lunch, and bragging rights for life!
- Prizes for top fundraisers.

Registration opens at 10:30. **Plunge! 12:00 noon sharp!**

Are you interested in becoming a Sponsor of the 10th Annual Penguin Plunge? Contact Jeanie Herzog at 401-596-9276 ext. 109. For registration information call Joy at 401-596-9276 ext. 113.



To all who are beginning a new leadership role in the Class of 2018, WELCOME!



**New Board Members:**

<u>Class of</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Trustees</u>
2016	Tina Chapman	Yvette Drurey	Laurie Chipperfield
	Bill McCauley	Nancy Fortin	Dutch Greene
	Lorraine Michaud	Lois Gardner	
	Pat Rychlec	Lani Kelley	
	Johnathan Shay		
	Mike Turco		
2017	Joe Carr	Jason DuBrule	Glenn Berwick
	Christine Fish	Ben Hall	Dave Capaldi
	Sally Owen	Holly Karnes	
	Judy Williams	Emily Thomsen	
		Johnny Yu	
2018	Art Ganz	Bob Bonafede	Laurie Berry
	Staci Heep	Dee Chapman	Martha Hosp
		Jeanne Pietraallo	

**Big Thank You!**

To these who are retiring, we are grateful and appreciate your time and talents given in service to God and His Church.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Trustees</u>
Sandy Haney	Dode Carr	Joyce Stahl
Trish Helie	Sam Pierson	

Presbyterian Women met on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The meeting was led by MaryAnn Phillips and Jeanine Jorian led our devotions. Jeanine presented a touching testimonial of how her life was changed by faith. A delicious luncheon with sandwiches, fruit, and desserts was enjoyed by all. We also had time to decorate the Christmas tree, which will be presented to a Family Housing Support family. Our meeting ended with a rousing game of untraditional Bingo.



Presbyterian Women will **not meet in January**, however a **soup sale** has been scheduled for **January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>** and that means homemade soup to warm us up. Dry soup ingredients along with the recipe will also be available, so buy one to have for lunch along with a dry mix to save for a snowy day. The proceeds will be used to further our mission projects.

# JANUARY 2016 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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

## Sunday, January 3

### *Celebration of Holy Communion*

Sermon: *God Will Devise a Way*

Text: “But God does not take away life; instead, He devises a way so that a banished person may not remain estranged from Him.”

—2 Samuel 14:14

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 14:14; Isaiah 53

## Sunday, January 10

Sermon: *God Is with Us*

Text: “You are my Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.”

—Luke 3:22

Gospel: Luke 3:14-22

## Sunday, January 17

Sermon: *Beulah Land*

Text: “You will be called Haphzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married.”

—Isaiah 62:4

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5

## Sunday, January 24

Andrew Wallace, guest preacher

Sermon: *We're Here to Pump You Up*

Text: “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” —1 Corinthians 12:27

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

## Sunday, January 31

The Reverend Julia A. Fuller, guest preacher

Sermon: *Looking in the Mirror*

Text: “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we shall see face to face.” —1 Corinthians 13:12

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-8

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13



**Welcome to 2016!!** Church School continues throughout the school year each Sunday at the 10 a.m. service. We will be wrapping up in June which will be here before you know it.

**God's Path Seekers (GPS)** will be on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 pm once a month. Our schedule for December through May is provided. Please mark your calendars with the dates and join us for dinner, craft, fellowship and fun!!!

January 15, 2016	New Beginnings!!!!
February 12, 2016	Love Is All You Need!
March 11, 2016	Easter Is Almost Here!
April 1, 2016	Don't Be Fooled!
May 13, 2016	It's a Wrap!



**Teen Team/Time Tuesdays** will be held on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. On January 5<sup>th</sup>, our 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend Teen Time. There are some very exciting events being planned for February...stay tuned!

**The sock drive container will be back in Fellowship Hall!** We appreciate all your donations to help those in need.



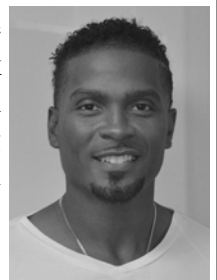
Before you know it there will be signups for the Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, summer trips to Massanetta and beyond, etc. Please know we will be looking for a little help with a lot of different activities. If you would be interested in planning some of the events or picking the VBS curriculum, please see Pat Rychlec, Jonathan Shay or Michael Walton.

**Adult Education:** Perhaps as part of our new beginnings our New Year's resolution can include a Bible Study—would you be interested? We welcome your ideas so that we can help you along your journey of faith. Opportunities exist for clergy led classes, but we would like to expand on those if you are interested; contact Jonathan Shay or Pat Rychlec to share your thoughts/ideas.

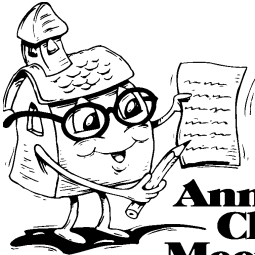
**Invitation:** We hope you will be able join us for at least some of our activities!!

If you have questions/comments/suggestions, please contact Pat Rychlec at (401) 954-2129; e-mail: pcrich@aol.com; Jonathan Shay at (401) 322-1997; e-mail: jonathan.shay@mysticseaport.org; or Michael Walton at (240) 491-1119; e-mail: michaelwalton-gold@gmail.com. The only requirement is a desire to share your love of God with others!

**Coach Mike's Corner:** In December our youth participated in the Living Nativity, our annual Christmas play. We would like to thank Sally Owen for putting this together as well everyone who worked on seeing the performance through! Our youth group seems to be growing by the day and we are excited for what 2016 holds! We are working on a special community event that will be hosted by the teens and look forward to sharing details with you in the February Scribe!



Happy New Year and God Bless!



## Annual Church Meeting

**Sunday, February 21, 2016**

**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.

**Attention Board and Committee Chairs:** It is time to **prepare our Annual Reports for 2015**. Please **submit** your report to the Church Office by e-mail at [clerk@dcccpc.necoxmail.com](mailto:clerk@dcccpc.necoxmail.com) or leave the report in the Church Office **by Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**.



## Per Capita

The Per Capita payment for 2016 will be \$41.68 per Church member, or \$83.36 per couple.

Per capita pays for the expenses of the national and regional governing bodies of the Church. Local churches are charged a fee for each of their members every year. If individual members do not donate this fee, the money comes out of the Church's General Fund budget.

Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund—part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.

Each Church member is kindly asked to pay this \$41.68 fee. If you use offering envelopes, you will find an envelope marked "per capita." If not, you may place your payment in the offering plate. Please make your checks payable to DCCCP and write "per capita" on the memo line.

The Session and Trustees thank you for helping to support our Church.



# *Diamonds (70+) Celebrate the New Year*



## **Worship and Luncheon Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

11:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

12 p.m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

The menu will be prepared by our Deacons.

Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office at (401) 322-0655; let us know if you need a ride.

## **Diamonds Among Us!**

### **We extend our birthday wishes to:**

- Kay Noonan on January 2<sup>nd</sup>;
- Susan McCracken on January 4<sup>th</sup>;
- Nancy Cole on January 5<sup>th</sup>;
- Dale Hurst on January 10<sup>th</sup>;
- Arnie Cole on January 20<sup>th</sup>;
- Peggy O'Brien on January 25<sup>th</sup>.



Diamonds (70 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.



**Save the date . . .**

## ***Choir Festival***

**Union Baptist Church, Mystic, CT**

- ✓ **Friday, February 26th from 5:15-7:30 pm Rehearsal**
- ✓ **Sunday, February 28th:**
  - 1:30 pm Rehearsal
  - 4 pm Festival Worship and Concert

**All are invited to attend the Festival Worship and Concert.**



On Sunday, November 29th, 2015, the congregation extended their hand in fellowship to the following new members:



**Edgar Joiner**



**Sharon Joiner**



**Matt Tiernan**



**Erica Tiernan**

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## **Piano Recital**




**Sara Boyd**

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

**2 p.m.; Sanctuary**



Sara Boyd began her piano study at the age of nine in Westerly. She was taught and prepared for college study under Grace Urrico (DCCCP pianist/organist). Sara now holds a Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. Her recital program represents the culmination of her undergraduate work, and will contain works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Ravel. Sara is looking forward to sharing this great music with you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <span style="font-size: 48pt; font-weight: bold; margin-left: 20px;">2016</span>					 <b>HAPPY 1</b> <i>New Year!</i> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 10:30 am Penguin Plunge at Andrea on Misquamicut Beach	<b>2</b> 8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to support the homeless Cross Mills Baptist Church 4403 Old Post Road Charlestown  5 pm Deacons Dinner at the WARM Center
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Celebration of Holy Communion</b>  8 and 10 am Worship/Communion (S); no choirs 8 and 10 am Church School 9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U)	3:30 pm Worship (C)	8:30 am Work Team  6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>  6 pm Officer Training (P) 6:45 pm Scouts (M)	6:pm Handbells (C) 7:30 pm Choir (C)	1-3 pm Watercolor Group (FH)	8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to support the homeless at DCCCP
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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<b>31</b>	<b>Call Director, Christine Fish at (401) 322-0510 for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early Learning Center: Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b></li> <li>• <b>Kid Kare: Monday through Friday; 7 to 8 a.m. and 2:30 to 6 p.m.</b></li> </ul>					