

The Scribe

February 2017

The Book that Forms, Transforms, and Reforms



There is a story in the Old Testament I have always found to be compelling. The history of the kings of Israel and Judah are recounted in First and Second Kings, and far too often we hear that the kings did not follow the ways of the Lord. They turned to idols and gave their worship to false gods. These patterns of idolatry and false worship led to a downward spiral that eventually resulted in the fall of both the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. In the midst of this downward spiral there is a king named Josiah, who takes office at the young age of eight. When he reached his mid-twenties, there was some repair work going on in the temple in Jerusalem. During the repair work, an event happened that transformed the life of the king and the life of the whole community.

What type of event would it take to transform the life of a community from the palace and the courtyards to the marketplace and homes? According to II Kings 22 the event that made such a dramatic impact was finding the word of God. Apparently the word of God, God's holy word, had been set aside, neglected, ignored, and finally lost somewhere in a hidden corner of the temple. While conducting repairs in the temple, the word of God was found. It was brought to young King Josiah. When he heard the words of the Book of the Law, the king tore his robes. He was overcome with a deep awareness that he and the people had turned away from God's Holy Word and were living their lives in ways that did not honor God nor bring glory to God.

This realization cut to the heart of the king, and the people, and it led to dramatic changes. The king called all the people together, from the least to the greatest. In the presence of all the people the king read the words of the Book of the Covenant. There in the temple the king and all the people renewed their covenant with the Lord. They pledged to fulfill the words of the covenant with God.

The Word of God has power, because it is the Word of God. The Word of God forms community, as we see when Moses receives the covenant on Mount Sinai. The people are given clear directions on how to love God and how to love their neighbor. The Word of God transforms communities, as we see with King Josiah and the people of Judah, bringing wholesale change to their practices of worship and daily living. And the Word of God constantly reforms communities as God's people gather in search of guidance, wisdom, mercy, forgiveness, justice, peace, and love.

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Here at Dunn's Corners we have an opportunity to discover this Word of God that forms, reforms, and transforms individual lives and the lives of communities. The weekend of February 24th through 26th we are hosting a Bible Conference with Dr. Andy Dearman. Andy is an ordained Presbyterian Minister who has spent his career as a seminary professor, training up countless women and men to preach, teach, and pastor in the name of Jesus Christ. For 27 years he was the Old Testament professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. The author of numerous books and articles, Andy has been privileged to preach and teach as a visiting professor in South Africa, Zambia, Hungary, and has given lectures in Africa, North America, Europe, the Middle East, and China.

Andy is also a close personal friend who was actively involved at our church in Houston, where his wife Kathy served on our Session. The theme Andy has selected captures the dramatic scope of God's Word. His title for his time with us is, "The Greatest Story Ever Told." In three presentations he will give an overview of the Old Testament, with messages focusing on, "Beginnings", "Forming a People", and "Prophets and Poets".

We should never underestimate how God is at work in our midst, be it through formation, transformation, or reformation. Following our Bible Conference February 24th through 26th we will immediately come to Ash Wednesday on March 1. With Ash Wednesday comes the Season of Lent. During Lent, we will provide daily readings in the Gospel of Matthew, so that through the 40 days of Lent you can follow along and read the whole Gospel of Matthew. Lent leads in to Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the glorious celebration of resurrection on Easter Sunday. Friends, I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with you. As we prepare for our Bible Conference with Dr. Andy Dearman and the opportunities to grow in our relationship with God during the Season of Lent and in the celebration of Easter, let us pray with hope and expectation for how God wants to work in our individual lives and in our life together as a church. Let us pray for formation...for transformation...and for reformation.

Wayne

NEEDED: KID KARE STAFF PERSON

Hours: 2 to 4 hours per week

Tuesday and Thursday in the afternoon; occasionally early AM shift.

Do you know of anyone who loves school-aged children and likes to play and have fun? Candidates should be able to lift up to 40 pounds and preferably have a CPR certification.

Please contact Christine Fish at dccelcdirector@yahoo.com.

DUNN'S CORNERS CHURCH HOSTING **A BIBLE CONFERENCE**

Friday through Sunday, February 24th through 26th, 2017

We are pleased to announce that the weekend of Friday through Sunday, February 24th through 26th Dunn's Corners Church will host a Bible Conference with guest speaker Dr. Andy Dearman. The theme for the weekend is *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, an overview of the Old Testament.

- **Friday night, February 24th**
 - 6:00 Soup Supper
 - 7:00 Opening Session with a presentation by Dr. Dearman on “Beginnings”
- **Saturday morning, February 25th**
 - 8:30 Light Breakfast
 - 9:00 Second Session with presentation by Dr. Dearman on “Forming a People”
 - 10:30 Third Session with presentation by Dr. Dearman on “Prophets and Poets”
- **Sunday morning, February 26th** Dr. Dearman will preach at both worship services

This event is open not only to our church family but to the whole community.

Save this weekend and watch for further details about this great opportunity to grow in faith

The Reverend Dr. J. Andrew Dearman



Dr. Dearman, a minister in the Presbyterian Church USA, is Associate Dean of Fuller Theological Seminary's regional campus in Houston, where he is also a professor of the Old Testament. He has been on the Fuller faculty for seven years. Prior to that he served 27 years on the faculty of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He received degrees from University of North Carolina (BA), Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv), and Emory University (PhD). In November 2008 he was awarded a ThD (h.c.) from Debrecen Reformed University in Hungary.

Dr. Dearman is the author or editor of several books, including *Religion and Culture in Ancient Israel* (Hendrickson), *Studies in the Mesha Inscription and Moab* (SBL/ASOR), and commentaries on *Jeremiah and Lamentations* (NIVAC, Zondervan), and *Hosea* (NICOT, Eerdmans). In addition to numerous articles, he has also contributed entries to well-used resources like *Harper's Bible Dictionary*, *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, and the *New Interpreter's Bible Dictionary*. He has served on the editorial boards of NIV Application Commentary Series published by Zondervan, the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Horizons in Biblical Theology*, and the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, as well as the governing board of the American Center of Oriental research in Amman, Jordan.

Dr. Dearman has been privileged to serve as a visiting professor at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, Justo Mwale Theological University College in Zambia, and Debrecen Reformed University in Hungary, and has lectured at institutions in Africa, North America, Europe, the Middle East, and China. An interest in ancient history and cultures has led to participation in archaeological projects in Israel and Jordan, and widespread travel in the Mediterranean region.

Dr. Dearman has served on translation teams for the Ecclesia Bible Project (*The Voice*, published by Thomas Nelson) and the *Common English Version* published by Abingdon Press and contributed introductory material for the *Harper Collins Study Bible* and the *CEB Study Bible* (Abingdon).

Dr. Dearman is married to Kathy Dearman. They have three sons and seven grandchildren.

'Speak Out, To Reach Out!



January 11, 2017

by Anna Maria Della Costa Sun staff writer

WESTERLY — Hundreds of high school students were told to “persevere until success happens” on Tuesday morning — a rallying cry for youth in the area to help boost self-esteem.

Former NFL and Boston College running back William Green and world-class sprinter and philanthropist Michael Walton, the founder and CEO of the Michael Walton Foundation, spoke to students at Westerly High School as part of the foundation’s “Speak Out to Reach Out” tour, an entertaining, educational and motivational assembly.

“Their message is that no matter what you’re up against, you can work to get past it,” Westerly High junior Richard Boylan said. “We’re all in a critical time in our lives, and we need to hear that if we work hard we can achieve our dreams.”

Boylan is a member of the Teen Team at Dunn’s Corners Community Church Presbyterian — a youth group that Walton leads every Tuesday and a sponsor of the program and tour stop in Westerly.

Green, Walton, former Los Angeles Lakers guard Laron Profit and Miss America 2017 Savvy Shields also were among the participants who hosted a youth rally Tuesday evening at the church that was open to the public.

“This positive message really inspires our students,” Westerly High principal Todd Grimes said. “Students really listen, especially when it comes to celebrity role models.”

The Teen Team is in its second year of existence, and includes more than 15 middle and high school students from Westerly and Chariho middle and high school, along with students from Stonington.

“If we support each other, we can achieve something small and turn it into something bigger,” Chariho High sophomore Matthew Dickerman, who was at Tuesday morning’s rally. “You just have to put in the work.”

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Michael Walton, a former USA track and field star and founder of the program, uses role models from various segments of society to share their life stories in an effort to inspire students towards greater academic and social achievement.



William Green, a former running back for the Cleveland Browns, speaks about his life to a gym full of WHS students as part of the 'Speak Out, To Reach Out!,' motivational program that visited Westerly High School on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. William Green holds up his Boston College jersey. | Harold Hanka, The Westerly Sun

February 2017 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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

Sunday, February 5

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sermon: *He Taught with Authority: "Salt and Light"*

Text: "You are the salt of the earth . . ." —Matthew 5:13

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 12

Sermon: *He Taught with Authority: "The Law and the Prophets"*

Text: "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'" —Matthew 5:21

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, February 19

Annual Church Meeting

Sermon: *He Taught with Authority: "Love Your Enemies"*

Text: "I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." —Matthew 5:44

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday, February 26

The Reverend Dr. Andrew Dearman, guest preacher

Old Testament: Exodus 24:12-18

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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Walton said it's "his calling" to give back to communities through his foundation, which provides positive outlets for youth and young adults via creative programs and services. To date, the tour has reached more than 165,000 students worldwide.

"I was sitting in your seat at one point, listening to speakers motivate me," Walton told students at Westerly High. "I wanted to do the same."

His "Speak Out to Reach Out" tour is aimed to decrease school drop-out rates, raise test scores and boost self-esteem. Its theme "United We Stand, Together We Achieve" is meant to promote "the power and importance of togetherness, as it relates to personal achievement."

"I want to share my scars," said Green, who played for the Cleveland Browns for four seasons after the team drafted him in the first round of the 2002 NFL draft. Green, whose parents both died of AIDS when he was young, had a tough NFL career highlighted by addictions to drugs and alcohol.

He's now a motivational speaker.

"I know some of you woke up today and said, 'I want to give up. I can't do this,'" Green said. "I used to come to school with holes in my shoes and jeans and all the kids laughed at me. Look up — tomorrow is a better day. Work hard and you can achieve it."

The "Speak Out to Reach Out" tour also will make stops today at a middle school and high school in Providence.

On behalf of the Michael Walton Foundation and DCCCP Teen Team I would like to thank everyone that supported our second Rhode Island 'Speak Out to Reach Out' tour and Youth Rally.

This year's experience was truly amazing and the impact was palpable each place we visited. A special thank you to our talented group of panelist; Laron Profit, William Green, Derek Greenfield and Savvy Shields! We also thank the students and staff at Westerly High School, Juanita Sanchez Educational Complex, Jorge Alvarez High School and Nathaniel Greene Middle School for opening their doors to us. And of course, the great congregation of Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian.



Your continued backing of our efforts means the world to us!

Sincerely,
Michael Walton
Youth Worker

For children in preschool through sixth grade, church school continues throughout the school year each Sunday at the 10 a.m. Worship service.

For those in 7th through 12th grade, there will be Church School on the second and third Sundays of the month (also on the fifth Sunday if there happens to be one).



On the first Sunday of each month the youth will be in Worship for Communion, and on the fourth Sunday of each month, two of our youth will be serving as Worship Assistants.

God's Path Seekers (GPS) will not be held in February. Stay tuned for details about events in March, April, and May!

Teen Team Tuesdays is held on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. The meetings are open to all youth in sixth through 12th grade.

Adult Education: 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. See Jonathan Shay or Roxanne Tisch to share your thoughts/ideas.

Volunteer Opportunities: Spring and summer is a busy time for the youth of our church. Soon we will be planning an Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, trips to youth conferences, and more! If you would be interested in planning, participating in or attending some of the events, please see Roxanne, Jonathan or Michael.

If you have questions/comments/suggestions, please contact Jonathan Shay at (401) 322-1997, e-mail: jonathan.shay@mysticseaport.org; Roxanne Tisch at (401) 559-3149, email: roxanne.tisch@gmail.com; or Michael Walton at (240) 491-1119, e-mail: michaelwaltongold@gmail.com.

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 Saturdays to enjoy a good breakfast for a great cause. Good-will donations for breakfast are accepted.

- **Saturday, February 4th** from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Cross Mills Baptist Church, 4403 Old Post Road, Charlestown.
- **Saturday, February 11th** from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Thank you to all who participated in the November 2016 **Christmas Bazaar.**

Our first meeting to begin planning the Saturday, November 18th, 2017 Christmas Bazaar is **Monday, February 27th at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.**



We need your help . . . gift baskets needs a new chairperson and some of our chairpersons would appreciate your help with their particular gifts and crafts.



The **Second Annual Comedy Night** **Fundraiser** in support of the Dunn's Corners Early Learning Center and Kid Kare will be **Thursday, March 23rd** at the **Westerly Yacht Club.** Tickets

will be \$20 before the show and \$25 at the door. There will be lots of food and fun. Tickets will go on sale soon in Fellowship Hall.





Recently received . . .

Dear Members of Dunn’s Corners Church:

Thank you all for your very generous contribution of \$1,500 to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center on November 29, 2016 for your annual contribution. This significant donation will go a long way to make a difference in people’s lives. We appreciate your support.

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Vicki Anderson



December 11, 2016

Dunn’s Corners Community Church Presbyterian
221 Post Road
Westerly, RI 02891

Dear Dunn’s Corners Community Church Presbyterian,

Thank you for responding to our appeal with your generous donation of \$1,500.00. We are so grateful for your support and for your continued commitment to the mission of the Jonnycake Center of Westerly.

Contributions like yours enable us to respond to requests for assistance from members of the Westerly, Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton communities. With help from neighbors like you, we are able to provide assistance to those most in need in our local service area.

We are grateful for every contribution, and thank you, once again, for your support of the Jonnycake Center. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Lee Eastbourne
Development Director

Please consider this letter an official receipt of your tax deductible contribution. No goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift. Jonnycake Center of Westerly is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization, IRS Section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) for both federal and state tax purposes.



Per Capita

The Per Capita payment for 2017 will be \$44.60 per Church member, or \$89.20 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.

Each Church member is kindly asked to pay this \$44.60 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.



New Members

On Thursday, December 29th, 2016 we extended our hand in fellowship to Joy and Mark Storm.



In Memoriam

Joy L Storm

January 3, 1960—January 11, 2017

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that gifts be sent to the Dunn's Corners Church Memorial Garden in loving memory of Joy. A Memorial Service in Celebration of Joy's Life will be held in the spring.



Presbyterian Women host . . . **Guatemala, a Presentation by the Eberlys**

Join us on **Friday, February 3rd at 6 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall for a supper of soup and bread followed by a presentation by Pastor Wayne and Julie Eberly as they tell us about their mission trip to Guatemala in mid January.

Diamonds (70+) Celebrate



Worship and Luncheon **Tuesday, February 14th, 2017**

**11:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12 p.m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
Menu to be announced.**

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:

- Weegie Walsh on February 3rd;
- Mary Ribeiro on February 23rd;
- Bert Sullivan on February 25th.



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.

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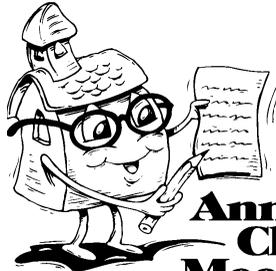
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**Annual
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Meeting**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary**

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. Childcare provided till noon.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) The Rev. Dr. Wayne Eberly, leader 6:45 pm Cub Scouts (M)	2 6:pm Handbells (C) 7:30 pm Choir (C)	3 1:30 pm Watercolor Group (FH) 6 pm Soup/Bread supper followed by a presenta- tion on Guatemala by the Eberlys	4 8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to Support the homeless Cross Mills Baptist Church 4403 Old Post Road Charlestown 10 am-noon High Society Jazz Band (C) 5 pm Deacons Dinner at the WARM Center
5 8 am and 10 am Worship/Communion/ Fellowship 9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U) 10 am Church School for Pre-school-8 th grade	6 3:30 pm Worship/Music Committee Mtg. (C)	7 8:30 am Work Team 6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)	8 6 pm Cub Scouts (M)(FH) 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) The Rev. Dr. Wayne Eberly, leader	9 6:pm Handbells (C) 7:30 pm Choir (C)	10 1:30 pm Watercolor Group (FH)	11 8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to Support the homeless at DCCCP (FH)
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