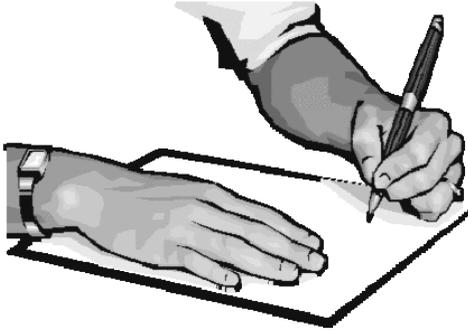


The Scribe

March 2017

A Good Letter



I used to have a mailbox in my office. It was in our church in Houston. Our youngest son, Alex, had stapled some papers together to make a mailbox that he taped up to the bookcase in my office. He was attending preschool at our church, and sometimes he would write me a little note during class. You can imagine the joy it brought to find a small letter, scratched out in the hand of a four year old, stuffed into my personal mailbox.

Henri Nouwen spent time at an Abbey on an extended retreat. His plan was to completely withdraw from his normal life. He writes, “My original idea was: no telephone, no letters, neither outgoing nor incoming, no visitors, no contact with guests—a real retreat, alone with God.” As he writes of his experience he said most of his plans were coming through except the letter writing. He found himself both writing and receiving letters. It turns out he was glad for the letters he received. Reflecting on the importance of letters he writes, “A good letter can change the day...”

One of my closest friends in high school was Rudy. We played basketball together and spent countless hours on the court, in the locker room, on the bus, and even in the classroom. When I moved away from my hometown at the age of 19, I lost touch with Rudy. Many times I would think of him and how much he meant to me, but I never acted on those feelings to reach out. Then last fall, living on the other side of the nation from my hometown in California, I found out Rudy was attending church with another friend of mine. He told this other friend to, “say hi to Wayne.” This other friend gave me Rudy’s address and so I wrote him a note.

And then it happened. On a crisp and cool fall day I was bringing in the mail. A simple white envelope had my name on it, written in pencil. The return address said, “Rudy.” Before I even opened the letter, I smiled. I did more than smile. I had tears in my eyes. I had tears in my eyes and joy in my heart. For the few minutes I read Rudy’s letter the years collapsed and there we were, two people sharing the gift of friendship. Henri Nouwen writes, “A good letter can change the day...” I know exactly what he means. My guess is that so do you.

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When Nouwen writes about a good letter changing the day, he is advocating for letter writing as a form of ministry....an important form of ministry. “A good letter can change the day for someone in pain, can chase away feelings of resentment, can create a smile and bring joy to the heart.” Knowing these things to be true, he continues, “After all, a good part of the New Testament consists of letters, and some of the most profound insights are written down in letters between people who are attracted to each other by a deep personal affection. Letter writing is a very important art, especially for those who want to bring the good news.”

I like that. If you are looking for a form of ministry that can change the day for someone and is an important art for those who want to bring the good news, the answer might literally be right at our fingertips. Write a letter. It might be the very thing someone else needs. It might be the thing that changes their day.

Wayne

¹Henri Nouwen, “The Genesee Diary”, pages 86-88.



Spiritual Health Workshop

Saturday, March 11th, 2017 and Saturday, April 8th, 2017
10 to 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Explore a more holistic view of health that includes spiritual health as part of individual wellness. Learn to use a life compass to guide you toward holistic wellness and discuss creative ways to improve your spiritual health as part of a personal care plan.

Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call Lisa Nelson at 401-219-1165 for more information about the workshop.

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

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



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**. This is a great night of fun, food, and raffles.

Tickets are \$20 before the show and \$25 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets will be on sale following each Sunday's 10 a.m. Worship Service or call Christine Fish at 401-714-7954 to arrange for ticket sales.



Kid Care



COMEDY FUNDRAISER

*Featuring New England's Best Comedians
to benefit*

DUNN'S CORNERS EARLY LEARNING CENTER / KID KARE

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Westerly Yacht Club

1 Watch Hill Road | Westerly, RI 02891

Doors open at 6:00pm | Show starts at 7:00pm

**LIGHT FARE PROVIDED
CASH BAR AVAILABLE
RAFFLES & 50/50 DRAWING**

Tickets \$20.00 each | \$25.00 at the door

For tickets, please contact

Christine Fish

401-714-7954

19th Annual Pawcatuck River Duck Race

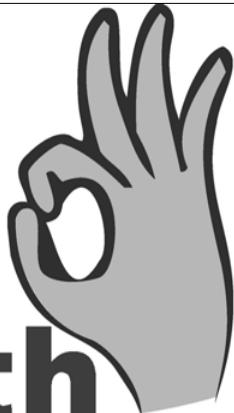
Saturday, April 29th; 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



What's the Duck Race all about? 20,000 rubber ducks are dumped into the Pawcatuck River on the Westerly, Rhode Island and Pawcatuck, Connecticut border for a race that benefits 40+ local charities. Children's games, rides, food booths, and other activities make this a wonderful family event.



Duck Race certificates to benefit the Early Learning Center and Kid Kare will be offered in Fellowship Hall for \$5 each every Sunday following the 10 a.m. Worship Service. Please call (401) 322-0514 for other times to buy tickets.



50th ANNIVERSARY



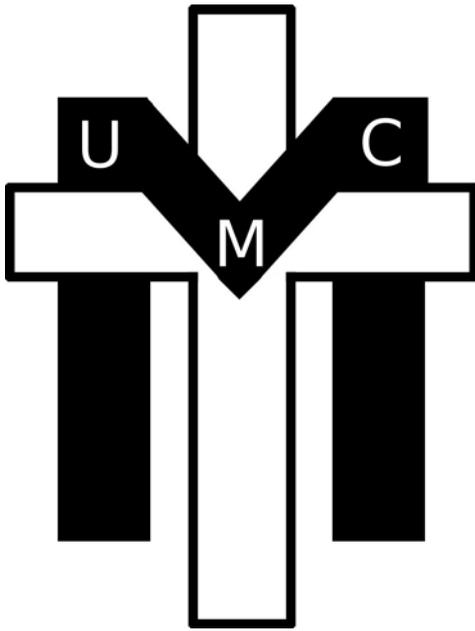
Dunn's Corners
Early Learning Center



Celebrates...

Save the Date...

Sunday, May 21st, 2017
11 a.m.



An Unusual Vacation—

When: August 6 to 12, 2017
Where: Camp Mechuwana,
Winthrop, Maine

We will either work at the camp or go into the community, painting, landscaping, working at food pantries, etc. After work, we can go swimming, or just relax.

There is usually a side trip on Wednesday offering more adventure if we choose to go white water rafting, or we could just go sightseeing and out to dinner that evening. Our day off is just that—a day we don't have to work!

Last year we had 12 ambitious adults and young people on the team. Youth must be going into the 7th grade this fall or older. Skills needed? Willing hands and hearts are the biggest assets!!

Call Bruce or Sheri Loeckler at (401) 364-2088 with any questions or to let us know you'd like to join us!

Camp Mechuwana - Home
<http://www.mechuwana.org/>

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PROGRAMS OFFERED

Soccer Basketball Grandparent/Grandchild Week Music Theatre Creative Arts Baxter Hike
First Timers Young Adventurers Mom and Child Outpost Camp Girls Sewing
Aroostook County Camp Photography Night Camps Native American Studies Camp I Am
Mission Camps Rally Camp Special Needs Moose River Canoe Aquatics You and Me Week
Acadia Hike Theatre Workshop Earth and I Camp Golden Oldies Week Day Camp

PROGRAMS RANGE IN AGE FROM 8-18 YEARS + MULTI-GENERATION OPTIONS

MARCH 2017 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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

Sunday, March 5

1st Sunday in Lent
Celebration of Holy Communion
The Reverend Joan Priest, guest minister

Sermon: *And Lead Us Not into Temptation*

Text: “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” —Matthew 4:1

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Sunday, March 12

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *Abraham*

Text: “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”
—Genesis 12:2

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4

Sunday, March 19

3rd Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *Moses*

Text: “So they quarreled with Moses and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’” —Exodus 17:2

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

Sunday, March 26

4th Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *David*

Text: “The Lord looks at the heart.” —1 Samuel 16:7

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Presbyterian Women sponsored an evening with Pastor Wayne and Julie Eberly on Friday, February 3rd to learn more about their mission trip to Guatemala. It was enlightening as well as entertaining and we were amazed at the number of people who were touched by this outreach program both surgically and spiritually. The congregation was also invited to enjoy a light supper consisting of soups, various breads, and desserts. The evening was a huge success and we can't wait for the next Mission trip.



We continue to support Family Housing Support as part of our mission and are asking for contributions of any household products that a family may need such as; soaps and cleaners, paper towels, sheets, canned goods, and personal items such as toothpaste and shampoo. Items may be left in the basket in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women will meet on **Monday, March 13th at 1 PM.** All women are invited to attend. We ask that you bring any ideas you may have concerning future projects or programs for our discussion. We look forward to serving with you.

Diamonds (70+) Celebrate St. Patty's Day

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

**11:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12 p.m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
Menu includes corn beef.**



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:

- Nancy Penhallow on March 7th;
- Carol Spargo on March 9th;
- Betsy Jewell on March 26th.



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.

Invitation to Lenten Bible Study

During the Season of Lent, we will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. You are invited to follow the daily readings the church will provide which will allow you to read the entire Gospel during the 40 Days of Lent. In addition to the daily readings, Pastor Eberly will be leading a Lenten Bible Study in the Gospel of Matthew.

Lenten Bible Study in Matthew Wednesdays, March 8 through April 5 7:15 PM—Choir Room

- March 8th Birth and Beginnings: Matthew 1-3
- March 15th Prayer: Matthew 6:5-15
- March 22nd The mission and the ministry of disciples: Matthew 10
- March 29th Community in the Kingdom: Matthew 18
- April 5th Parables of the Kingdom: Matthew 25



God's Path Seekers (GPS) will meet on Friday evenings once a month through May. Our schedule is provided; please mark your calendars with the dates and join us for dinner, craft, fellowship and fun!!!



- March 17, 2017 (6–8 pm): Vacation Bible School (VBS) Theme Reveal
This GPS event is open to anyone who is interested in attending and/or helping at VBS this summer. All events for the evening will center around the VBS theme for this summer. You will have to wait for the 17th for more details, but we are really excited about this! Hope to see you here and ready for fun!
- April 21, 2017 (6:00 – 8:00): Transformations
- May 19, 2017 (5:30 – 7:30): It's a Wrap!

Massanetta: For our youth currently in grades 6 through 8 (and their parents), please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in attending the Massanetta Youth Conference this summer. Our first choice of dates is July 6 through 9 (Thursday through Sunday) and the sooner we get registered the better our chances to get in our first choice. If we do not get our choice, we will go the following week from Tuesday through Friday (July 11 through 14). Adults interested in chaperoning, please sign up too.

Montreat: Our high school students have the opportunity to attend the Montreat Youth Conference this summer; we are hoping to attend Session 5 which runs from July 22th through the 27th (second choice Session 6 which runs July 29 through August 3rd). Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in attending.

The **Christian Education Committee** meets on the first Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m. in the KidKare room. We welcome new members!

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.



The Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian 'TEEN TEAM'



VOLUNTEERS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

Youth Assistants – assist with weekly meetings (up to five adults to rotate being in attendance).

Travel/transport – needed to assist in transporting youth to and from events and or outings.

Meals – help in soliciting weekly volunteers to provide light dinner for Tuesday's youth meetings.

PLEASE SEE MICHAEL WALTON TO SIGN UP OR CALL/EMAIL (401) 322-0655.
DUNNSCCTEENTEAM@GMAIL.COM.

MANY THANKS FROM ALL OF US FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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25th

Annual Bowlathon

*25 Years Striking Out
Hunger and Homelessness*

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IT'S A FUNKY SILVER AFFAIR
FEAST! BOWL! DANCE!



Form a Team—Bring Your Fans—Don
Your Silver—And Get Ready to Roll!
Raffles, Games, and Prizes for the Best
Dressed Team! Sign up at warmcenter.org
or call 401-596-9276 to reserve your lane,



Saturday **March 25, 2017**
at Alley Katz, Westerly
6:00 pm - ?
\$25 Per Person



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Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1st, 2017

10 a.m.

(rain or shine or snow)

Pre-school to Youth through Grade 5

- ✓ Bring your Easter basket.
- ✓ Bring your family and friends.
- ✓ Everyone is welcome.
- ✓ No registration needed
- ✓ Free to all!



Come and enjoy . . .

The Easter Story

Egg Hunt

Egg coloring

Family Easter Picture

Cookie decorating

Crafts

Music

Lots of candy (no peanuts)

If you would like to help plan this fun event,
sign up on the bulletin board in fellowship Hall.

EASTER GIFTS

Please print.

Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

An Easter Flower Gift:

_____ I wish to give the following Easter flowers:

- _____ Pink Azaleas (\$29)
- _____ Easter Lily (\$12)
- _____ Daffodils (\$11)
- _____ Red Tulips (\$11)
- _____ 4-inch Hyacinths (\$4)



- _____ I wish to pick up my Easter Flower after Worship.
- _____ I wish for my Easter Flower to be delivered to a Nursing Home or shut in.
- _____ I wish for my Easter Flower to be planted in the Church Gardens.

A Gift to the Music Fund:

_____ I would like to make a contribution to the Music Fund (donation \$ _____).

I wish my gift to be:

in Memory of:

in Honor of:

in Celebration of:

Given by: _____

Please make checks payable to
Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian.

Deadline is Friday, March 31st.

Donation: \$ _____ **Check #:** _____ **Cash:** \$ _____

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Ash Wednesday

March 1st, 2017

7 p.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">March</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">2017</h2>			 <p>1</p> <p>12—2pm Westerly College Club (FH)</p> <p>7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (S)</p> <p>6:45 pm Cub Scouts (M)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:45:pm Handbells (C)</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir (C)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:30 pm Watercolor Group (FH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to Support the homeless Cross Mills Baptist Church 4403 Old Post Road Charlestown</p> <p>10 am-noon High Society Jazz Band (C)</p> <p>5 pm Deacons Dinner at the WARM Center</p>
<p>5</p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent Celebration of Holy Communion</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Communion/Fellowship</p> <p>9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U)</p> <p>10 am Church School for Pre-school-6th grade</p> <p>11:15 am Christian Ed Committee Meeting (KK)</p> <p>2-6 pm Murdock Eagle Scout Dinner (FH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:30 pm Worship/Music Committee Mtg. (C)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study (C)</p> <p>6-8 pm Teen Time (KK)</p> <p>6:45 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6 pm Cub Scouts (M)(FH)</p> <p>6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) Mary Slattery, leader</p> <p>7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:45:pm Handbells (C)</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir (C)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:30 pm Watercolor Group (FH)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to Support the homeless at DCCCP (FH)</p> <p>10-11 am Spiritual Health Workshop (FH)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent</p>  <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship</p> <p>9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U)</p> <p>10 am Church School for Pre-school-6th grade</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1 pm Presbyterian Women (FH)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study (C)</p> <p>11:30 am Worship</p> <p>12 pm Diamonds Luncheon (FH)</p> <p>3 pm Staff Meeting (P)</p> <p>6 pm Building and Grounds (C)</p> <p>6-8 pm Teen Time (KK)</p> <p>6:45 pm AA (FH)</p> <p>7 pm Session (C)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6 pm Cub Scouts (M)(FH)</p> <p>6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) Andrea Nilson, leader</p> <p>7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:45:pm Handbells (C)</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir (C)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:30 pm Watercolor Group (FH)</p> <p>6-8 pm GPS (FH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am-noon High Society Jazz Band (C)</p> <p>12-4 pm Scouts Pine Wood Derby (FH)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship</p> <p>9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U)</p> <p>10 am Church School for Pre-school-6th grade</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study (C)</p> <p>6-8 pm Teen Time (KK)</p> <p>6:45 pm AA (C)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6 pm Cub Scouts (M)(FH)</p> <p>6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) Tina Chapman, leader</p> <p>7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:45:pm Handbells (C)</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir (C)</p>  <p>6 pm ELC/KK Fundraiser at Westerly Yacht Club</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:30 pm Watercolor Group (FH)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6 pm WARM Center Bowlathon at Alley Katz</p>
<p>26</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship</p> <p>9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U)</p> <p>10 am Church School for Pre-school-6th grade</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>9:15 am Bible Study (C)</p> <p>6-8 pm Teen Time (KK)</p> <p>6:45 pm AA (FH)</p> <p>7 pm Deacons (C)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) Bob Bonafede, leader</p> <p>6:45 pm Cub Scouts (FH)</p> <p>7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:45:pm Handbells (C)</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir (C)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1:30 pm Watercolor Group (FH)</p>	<p>Call Director, Christine Fish at (401) 322-0510.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Learning Center: Monday through Friday 8 am-5 pm • Kid Kare: Monday through Friday 7-8 am and 3:30-5:30 pm