

The Scribe

March 2019



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broken.*

The illustration shows a single cord that has been twisted into three distinct strands, forming a rope-like structure. The strands are intertwined, demonstrating how they are joined together.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

“Two is better than one.” With that simple phrase the writer of Ecclesiastes states one of the basic tenets of faith. Two is better than one affirms the words from the creation story that it is not good for human beings to be alone. It is something Jesus embeds in His disciples when He sends them out two by two. It is what Paul refers to over and over again with the image of us being knitted and joined together just as the members of our human body are intricately linked.

So it is that we read in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

Many a good children’s sermon has demonstrated this truth by holding up one small stick and asking a child to break it. It doesn’t take much effort to break the one single stick. Then a second is added. Then a third...and when several are finally clustered together it becomes very difficult to break the bundle.

In leading a recent worship service before our Diamond lunch I was preaching from Ruth. Ruth is a story that describes brokenness. A woman and her husband and two sons have to flee their home because of a severe famine. In their new land the two sons find wives and become married. But hard times come for the men in this family. The sons and the husband die. The widow, now childless, is left with just the wives of her sons, the two women also left as widows. One of the young widows, Ruth, returns to the homeland of the older widow, Naomi. Everything seems lost. Life seems bitter. But, “Two is better than one.” And a cord of three strands is not easily broken.

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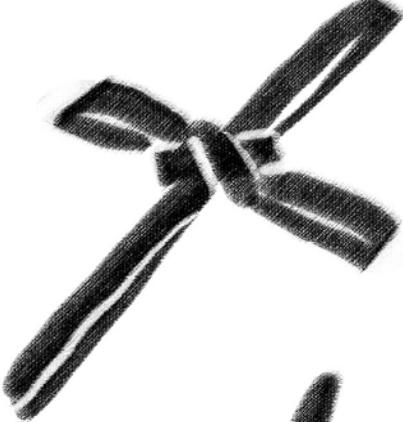
Ruth and Naomi are together, bonded forever by the words of Ruth, the young widow. “Where you go I will go...” Although they are two, they are more than two. Returning to Bethlehem, the home of Naomi, the older widow, they manage to scrape by as Ruth goes out into the fields and begins gleaning from some of the leftover grain. That basic act of concern for others, leaving some extra on the margins of the field, becomes another strand in this powerful story of survival. Then the owner of the field steps forward when called upon to be a redeemer of the family. Boaz, the owner of the field marries Ruth and even becomes the father of a child with Ruth. The happy story ends with the old widow, Naomi, holding up her grandchild and singing songs of praise to God.

Except, the story doesn’t end with this grandchild. A genealogy follows that reminds us this was the family tree of a rather important figure in the Bible...the shepherd boy who would become king. The last line in the book of Ruth, and the last line in the genealogy that completes this short book in the Bible, says “Obed was the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.” For Ruth, Ecclesiastes is proved true. Two was better than one and that cord of three strands was surely not broken.

When I finished telling the Diamonds about Ruth, I asked them to reflect on whether their life had been sustained by friendships and kindness that became a cord of three strands for them. One member pulled me aside after the service and told of a time she was coming home from a stay in the hospital. At home she would need some assistance, and wasn’t sure where that assistance would come from. She arrived home and was helped into the house. As she made her way toward the house, she noticed a car parked in front of the house. A dear friend got out of that car. She got out with a suitcase. She said, “I’m staying with you until you are better.”

These are the things of the kingdom of God. These are the things of a community of faith. These are the things that happen when we put into practice the wisdom that is found in Ecclesiastes, and indeed, all through the Bible. Two are better than one. And a cord of three strands is not easily broken.

Wayne



**Ash
Wednesday**

**Wednesday, March 6th
Worship—7 p.m.—Sanctuary**

**We will be joined by our friends from the
Babcock Presbyterian Church.**



Summer is quickly approaching and the Christian Education Committee is preparing some wonderful activities!

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars and get ready to ROAR! on Monday through Friday, July 22nd through 26th. If you are interested in helping us get ready or want to be involved during VBS in July, please email Roxanne (roxanne.tisch@gmail.com) or Nancy (nancyfortin@cox.net).

On **Saturday, March 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, we are hosting a workshop to prepare VBS leaders from the area. If you are interested in helping at VBS and want to come to the workshop, let Roxanne or Nancy know. There is a fee associated with attending the workshop; Christian Education will pay the fee, but we need to know at least two weeks before the event to get the early bird pricing.

The **Christian Education Committee** meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen 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, e-mail: Roxanne.tisch@gmail.com;
- Nancy Fortin at (401) 742-279; e-mail: nancyfortin@cox.net; or
- Michael Walton at (240) 491-1119, e-mail: michaelwaltongold@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to help provide food for those in need. \$722.35 was raised on Sunday, February 3rd.

Souper Bowl of Caring



MARCH 2019 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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

Sunday, March 3

Transfiguration of the Lord **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Sermon: *Getting Up*

Text: “Levi got up, left everything and followed Jesus.” —Luke 5:28

Gospel: Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 10

First Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *He Set His Face toward Jerusalem*

Text: “As the time approached for Him to be taken to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.” —Luke 9:51

Gospel: Luke 9:51-56

Sunday, March 17

Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *The Harvest Is Plentiful*

Text: “The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of Him so every town and place where He was about to go.”

—Luke 10:1

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

Sunday, March 24

Third Sunday in Lent **Dale Green, guest preacher**

Sunday, March 31

Fourth Sunday in Lent **Report from North Carolina Mission Team**

Sermon: *They Returned with Joy*

Text: “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.” —Luke 10:23

Gospel: Luke 10:17-24

Disciple Bible Study continue in the New Testament as the group studies the Gospel of Luke

Classes meet Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m., following the Vespers worship.



Mission—Serving the Community

Family Housing Support of SW RI meets one time a month and invites new members.

In so many ways, helping other people is another way of helping yourself to a new life of gratuity. Helping people less fortunate to find their way again after falling in “a pit of life” is the right thing to do as human beings and there are many ways of helping. Right now the group is establishing new footing to solidify the improvements in process that needed to be made to be more cost effective. We continue working toward our goal of helping our local homeless families with children and have one family in one apartment.

The goal is to locate the family into their new home as soon as possible so they may start to put down roots that will work toward a stable living environment. This is known as “rapid re-housing.” The purpose of the apartment is to facilitate this process and its goal is to limit each stay to 90 days.

If you are led to help with this mission and would like to join us, come to our monthly meetings. For more information, date, and time, please contact Family Housing Support at (401) 486-9892 or FHSWesterly@gmail.com.



Come, enjoy a free pancake breakfast with all the trimmings at the following churches. Thank you for your donations!

Second Saturday

Dunn's Corners Church
221 Post Road
Westerly

Third Saturday

Babcock Presbyterian Church
25 Maxson Street
Ashaway

Sew Good Souls - Dress A Girl Around the World
Saturday, March 2nd
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

This is our last workshop for 2019. Come join us for a day of ironing, cutting and sewing. If you wish, you may also make some small kennel quilts that are only 12" X 18." Join us for lunch and enjoy time together for a good cause. All are welcome!



Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

- 🕯 Dot Bayer on March 2nd;
- 🕯 Nancy Penhallow on March 7th;
- 🕯 Carol Spargo on March 9th;
- 🕯 Peter Minor on March 11th;
- 🕯 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.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13th, 2019

1 p.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

Lots of candy (no peanuts)

Cookie decorating

Crafts

Music

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

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Diamonds (70+) Celebrate . . .



St.
Patrick's
Day

Tuesday, March 12th

11:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12 p.m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Menu: Corned beef dinner prepared by Dunn's Corners Market; dessert by Deacons

Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.
If you need a ride, please call the Church Office at (401) 322-0655.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Call Director, Christine Fish at: (401) 322-0510 (ELC) or (401) 322-8600 (KK).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Learning Center: Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm Kid Kare: Monday through Friday 7 to 8 am/3:30 to 6 pm 						<p>1</p> <p>9 am-3pm <i>Sew Good Souls</i> Mission (FH) 10 am High Society Jazz Rehearsal (C) 5 pm Deacons Dinner at WARM Center</p>
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<p>3</p> <p>Transfiguration of the Lord Celebration of Holy Communion</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Communion (S) 10 am Church School Preschool—8th grade</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH) 3:30 pm Worship/ Music Committee Meeting (C) 6:30 pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting (KK) 7 pm Trustees (C)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (S) 6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 am Breakfast Group 11 am-2 pm Westerly College Club (FH) 6-8 pm Cub Scouts (FH, M) <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7 pm Worship (S)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Meet in Choir Room: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to support the homeless at DCCCP (FH)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship (S) 10 am Church School Preschool—8th grade</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 11:30 am Worship (S) 12 pm Diamonds Luncheon (FH) 3 pm Staff meeting (P) 6 pm Membership/Evangelism (P) 6 pm Building /Grounds (C) 6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm Session (C)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Scouts (FH, M) 6:30 pm Vespers/Communion Pastor Eberly, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Meet in Choir Room: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8-10 am <i>Pancakes with a Purpose</i> Break- fast—Family Housing Support (FHS) at Babcock Presbyterian Church 25 Maxson Street, Ashaway 8:30 am-12:30 pm VBS Workshop (FH) 10 am High Society Jazz Rehearsal (C)</p>
<p>17</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship (S) 10 am Church School Preschool—8th grade</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (S) 6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Scouts (FH, M) 6:30 pm Vespers Rachel Pierson, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Meet in Choir Room: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent Dale Green, guest preacher</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship (S) 10 am Church School Preschool—8th grade</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (S) 6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm Deacons (C)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Scouts (FH, M) 6:30 pm Vespers Andrea Nilson, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Meet in Choir Room: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship (S) 10 am Church School Preschool—8th grade</p>						