



The Scribe

March 2020



The participants in *Disciple Bible Study* have made the move from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament Letters of Paul. Paul's letters are a treasure. As a pastor who writes letters often, especially newsletters, the title of one of the chapters in our study of Paul's letters caught my attention. It is a one-word title, and that one word is "Encourage." Although the word *Encourage* is used specifically for the first letter he wrote to the church in Thessalonica, Paul's letters are filled with encouragement.

From the study guide we learn, "Paul uses several strategies for undergirding the faith of the Thessalonians.

- Over and over he thanks God for them.
- He remembers their labors of love.
- He recalls how they received the Holy Spirit.
- He believes they were chosen by God.
- He is proud of their steadfastness.
- Paul uses the tenderest words of love and fellowship as an additional affirmation."

The words of Paul we have are words from a letter. But whether the words are written or spoken, using words of encouragement is of vital importance. Poor Richard (an alias used by Benjamin Franklin) wrote:

- Man's tongue is soft, and bone doth lack; yet a stroke therewith may break a man's back.
- A slip of the foot may soon recover, but a slip of the tongue you may never get over.
- Tart words make no friends: a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar.
- I love the insight of Poor Richard when he notes that not only our words, but our listening can serve to encourage others. "A pair of good ears will drain dry a hundred tongues."
- And of course, Poor Richard warns we must always guard against speaking words in anger. "Take this remark from Richard poor and lame, whatever is begun in anger ends in shame."

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The Proverbs in the Bible have much to say about how we use our words. The importance of our words stands out in that many of the wise words note the positive and the negative impact of our words.

- *“A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.”*
- *“The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.*
- *“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”*
- *“A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.” (Proverbs 25:11)*
- And here is the one of my favorites: *“Anxiety in the heart of a person weighs them down, but a kind word makes them glad.” (Proverbs 12:25)*

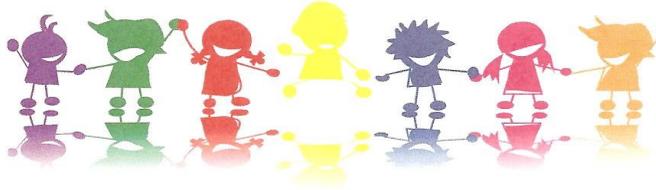
Life is a challenge. Hearing the prayer requests each week serves as a constant reminder that each one of you, and all of your loved ones, live with incredible challenges, stresses, struggles, and disappointments. Facing the challenges of life, may we work to be a community that offers encouragement to one another as we walk together in our journey of faith . And for the times we fall short, for the times I fall short, let us offer those simple words of apology, “I’m sorry.” Where there is anxiety and sadness, sorrow and despair, let us work together to share the kind words that can bring gladness to the worried heart.

Wayne

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY
Choir Room
Tuesdays at 9 a.m.
Wednesdays at 7:15 pm



March 3/4	Lesson 21	“Seeing the Good”
March 10/11	Lesson 22	“The Body of Christ”
March 17/18	Lesson 23	“Crisis in Confidence”
March 24/25	Lesson 24	“God’s Saving Righteousness”
March 31/April 1	Lesson 25	“Salvation for All”

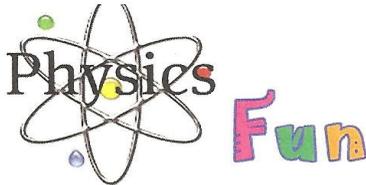


Christian Education Updates

Christian Education had our very first baking day in February. We had six children and youth together making bread. Each person got to bring home their own bread and the adults made the bread we used for communion on Sunday. It was a fun event!



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On **Saturday, March 14th**, join us for Fun with Physics from **10 to 11:30 AM**. Come have some Pancakes-for-a-Purpose and then join us for a fun physics activity led by our very own scientist, Roxanne Tish.

We want to say a **BIG** thank you to everyone who helps out by teaching our Sunday School classes on Sundays during the 10 AM service. We can always use more help, especially on the second Sunday of the month. If you want to help out and get to know the kids in our church better, let Nancy Fortin know. She would love to have you.



We have started planning for Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will be Monday through Friday, July 20th through the 24th! There are plenty of ways for you to be involved. Come join us at our planning meetings to see what you can do either working with the kids, working behind the scenes, helping to decorate, or helping us collect the supplies we need. Our first planning meeting was February 24th. This year's theme is Rocky Railway - All Aboard!

The Christian Education Committee meets on the first Monday of the Month at 6 p.m. in the Teen room. Our next meeting is March 2nd. We always welcome new members! If you have questions/comments/suggestions please contact:

- Mary Slattery (401) 569-9584 or email mfslattery03@gmail.com
- Susan Brand (401) 392-1262 or email susant@uri.edu
- Nancy Fortin (401) 742-2679 or email nancyfortin0921@gmail.com
- Michael Walton (240) 491-1119 or email michaelwaltongold@gmail.com



COMEDY FUNDRAISER

Featuring Top Local Comedians to Benefit

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Saturday, March 7, 2020

Hope Valley Grange Community Center
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funny4funds.com/events

For more information, please contact
Laurie Berry: 860-501-7801

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Please join us for a night out in support of our service trip to Ghana on Saturday, March 7th starting at 6:00 PM at the Hope Valley Grange. All adults are welcome. Tickets can be purchased online at: www.funny4funds.com/events/ghana-youth-mission/615.

Funny-4-Fund\$ Comedy fundraiser featuring top local comedians to benefit: Dunn's Corners Community Church Presbyterian - Ghana Trip

Ghana update

The youth, and the adults traveling with them, continue to work and plan for their summer trip to Ghana.

Here are two more testimonials from youth traveling to Ghana this summer:



Izadora, age 18

I would like to travel to Ghana to experience a wholly different culture, and broaden my personal and educational horizons. As a result of our conversations with the students in Ghana, there has been an excitement instilled in me to meet these individuals and spend time with them. Through creating these connections, it will enable me as an individual to expand my cross-cultural understanding. Additionally, it will enable DCCCP to have a direct positive impact on the global community.

Sarah, age 18

Despite being in college, I want to be a part of this incredible opportunity to travel to Ghana, Africa. I'm not sure if many of you know that I attend Springfield College. Part of our mission at Springfield College is service; dedicating our time to the benefit of others and our community. This opportunity allows me to benefit the lives of others in Ghana in a positive manner, while also learning about their culture, customs and expanding my social and cultural awareness.

I've grown up loving to travel, and I believe that this is the perfect opportunity to experience a third world country in a safe, monitored way. Star Service is a knowledgeable organization and everything will be planned out ahead of time. I also think that the price estimate of \$3000 per person is very reasonable for an almost two-week trip.

So why do we want to go to Ghana? Well, the simple answer is that it's where we've established a connection between our youth group and a group over there. And why do we want to go this coming summer? Summer is the only time we have off from school, and if we were to wait, we might lose the opportunity as our college course work becomes more specialized. All in all, I think that this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our youth group, and it will make an immense difference in all of our lives.

Ways You can Support Our Service Project to Ghana!

1. **Envelope Fundraiser:** There is a wall of donation envelopes available in Fellowship Hall. They are labeled with donation amounts from \$1-\$200. We encourage you to choose an envelope with an amount you are comfortable collecting over the next 10 weeks. (Please be sure to sign the list next to it, so we can ensure all envelopes are accounted for.) **On Easter Sunday, please return the envelope with the donation inside.** If all of the dollar values are met and returned, we will raise \$20,100! Our team members are available to answer any questions, or contact Heather Gray at 401-230-0769.
2. **Enjoy an evening of laughter!** We are hosting a **Funny for Funds** comedy night on **Saturday, March 7th**. Tickets are \$25 each, adults only please. Contact Laurie Berry for more information. 860-501-7801 If you own a local business, we're looking for \$100 sponsors to defray event costs. Your business will be featured during the show.
3. **Need your attic, garage, or basement cleaned out?** You can still Rent the Ghana Team! A crew of 4-6 teens and adults will tackle any job! Call Heather Gray at 401-230-0769 to schedule your job (please allow a week for us to gather a team). Recommended donation is \$125 for two hours.
4. **Buy food, gas, or clothing gift cards from 750+ brands using Scrip.** There are many local businesses such as Walmart and Stop & Shop available. The Ghana Team gets a percentage of each gift card purchased. Go to shopwithscrip.com. Our enrollment code is B52L817666585. For more information, contact Crystal Panciera at 401-480-1351.

If you have any questions about the mission trip or any of the fundraisers, please email us at ghanayouthmission@gmail.com or call Heather Gray at 401-230-0769.



Join the Dunn's Corners Community Church Teen Team as we meet every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the DCCCP Teen Center. Some of our activities for the upcoming month include bowling, a night at the movies, and Bible study. The DCCCP Teen Team is a youth

group geared towards acceptance, inspiration and fun through serving God, our community, and each other. For more information contact Michael Walton at dunnsccteenteam@gmail.com.

MARCH 2020 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday in Lent *Celebration of Holy Communion*

Sermon: *It Is Written...*

Text: “Jesus answered the devil, ‘It is written you shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” —Matthew 4:4

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday in Lent *Daylight saving time begins*

Sermon: *God So Loved This World...*

Text: “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

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *From Testing to Trusting*

Text: “Moses called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’” —Exodus 17:7

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *The Lord Looks at the Heart*

Text: “The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” —1 Samuel 16:7

Gospel: John 11:17-26

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: *The Resurrection and the Life*

Text: “Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though he die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’” —John 11:25, 26

Gospel: John 11:17-26

**DUNN'S CORNERS COMMUNITY CHURCH
& EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

EASTER EGG HUNT



**AND
OPEN HOUSE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
2:00 TO 4:00p.m.**

**Come celebrate Easter and visit our Early Learning
Center!**

Presbyterian Women thank everyone who participated in our January Soup Sale either by donating a favorite soup or purchasing one. A profit of over \$400 was realized and was divided evenly between the Youth Ghana Trip and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



Our February meeting was delicious! A pot-luck luncheon, which included a variety of delectable delights, was followed by a discussion of "A Fall of Marigolds", by Susan Meissner. The discussion was led by Judy Nichipor, who brought out several new ideas and themes that were presented in the book. It is a tale of romance, but also includes historical events, and the plot has several twists and turns that capture the reader's interest.

Our **March meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, March 30th at 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall and Cathy Kellers will be our guest speaker. She has a wealth of knowledge about becoming "vegetarian" and promises to share background information as well as yummy recipes. We hope you will join us!

Please mark your calendars for our **Craft Festival;KISSS**, which stands for Knit, Inspire, Sew, Scrap, and Stamp. It will be held on **Monday, May 11th at 11 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This is a time to enjoy the crafts of others and to display your own talents as well. A luncheon "Tea" will be provided by the Women's Group.

News from the Session



Several discussions took place at the February Session meeting. One topic was church security. The committee will address this in three sections:

- 1) The anti-harassment policy has been approved.
- 2) Background checks for all officers and volunteers working with youth and elderly will be required.
- 3) Safe church plans are underway.

Another topic was identifying and prioritizing—church facilities improvements. A list of suggestions was distributed. The committee can prioritize their importance and whether improvements can be addressed in-house or require major capital investment.

The Session approved the purchase of eleven new choir robes for our growing choir! Also on a “musical note”, the Shoreline Ringers will perform Sunday, June 14th at 4 pm. This will be their kick-off towards their championship concert in Florida.

The dedication of new pew Bibles will be Sunday, March 29th. Deadline for those wishing to donate a Bible is Sunday, March 1st.

Progress is being made to solve and improve the speaker system and to replace our equipment for the hearing impaired.

The Christian Ed committee has listed several activities for our young people starting with “Phun with Physics” on Saturday, March 14th, Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th and family game night Friday, May 8th. Vacation Bible School will be Monday through Friday, July 20th through 24th.

Think spring!

—Art Ganz, clerk

Mission—Serving the Community

Help Us Fight Homelessness
in Charlestown, Hopkinton, Richmond, and Westerly

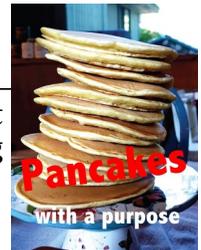


A Community Partnership to help homeless families stay together in the Westerly-Charlino area

Family Housing Support



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



First Saturday

Cross Mills Baptist Church
4403 Old Post Road
Charlestown

Second Saturday

Dunn’s Corners Church
221 Post Road
Westerly

Third Saturday

Babcock Presbyterian Church
25 Maxson Street
Ashaway

EXPERIENCE OLD NEW ENGLAND WITH A TRIP TO STURBRIDGE VILLAGE

Dunn's Corners Church is offering a trip to Sturbridge Village on **Saturday, March 28th**. We will depart from church at 8 am and return by 4 pm.

Cost: \$40 per person, which will include admission to the Village and transportation (either bus or van).

Sign up in Fellowship Hall and turn in your \$40 check to save a spot for what promises to be a great day for our church family.



Bible Dedication

The new pew Bibles will be dedicated as part of the 8 and 10 a.m. worship services on Sunday, March 29th. During the worship service, the congregation will come forward to take a Bible and place it in their pew. During

this special time of worship, we will hold the Bibles in our hands as they are dedicated.



Removal of Old Bibles

A team is needed to remove the old pew Bibles on Monday, March 23rd at 5:00 pm. Please contact Andy Wallace (wallaceas4@gmail.com) if you can help remove the copies of the Bibles that have been with us in worship for all these many years.

Old Pew Bibles

The old pew Bibles will be available to the congregation beginning on Sunday, March 29th and will continue through the month of April. There will be a table in Fellowship Hall with the Bibles alphabetized by the dedicator's last name or donator's name if given to the glory of God. Any Bible not taken will be sent to a new church or ministry home. No Bibles will be sent to a trash or recycling facility.

Your candid photos needed: There are lots of wonderful activities coming up, so please take photos while you are having fun, and send them to Linda Griffin at brown-inga@aol.com. We'll include as many as we can in the new photo directory.



Also, Please look at photos that you may have taken of church activities and email them to the Linda Griffin or the Church Office at dunnschurch@gmail.com.

We plan to create a new Pictorial Directory during the summer of 2020, and as in the past, we want to include candid photos of all aspects of our ministry.

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 Miner 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.

Dear Friends:



Thank you for your donation of kitchen supplies, pillows, and paper goods that we received recently. We are so grateful to have many kind-hearted supporters within the community helping us continue our mission. Please know that you are counted among them.

Sincerely,

Providence Ronald McDonald House Staff and Volunteers

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**Diamonds (70+)
Celebrate . . .**



St.
Patrick's
Day

Tuesday, March 10th

11:30 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. Luncheon (prepared by Dunn's Corners Market)

Menu: Corned beef dinner, ambrosia salad, rolls, and dessert (prepared by the Deacons)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent Celebration of Hoy Communion</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship 10 am Church School Preschool-grade 8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH)</p> <p>3:30 pm Worship/Music Committee Meeting (C)</p> <p>6 pm Christian Education meeting (T)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (C)</p> <p>6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am Breakfast Group</p> <p>6-8 pm Cub Scouts (F, M, T) 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) _____, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30 pm DCCCP Membership Inquiry Class at Linda Griffin's Home</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>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 am Habit for Humanity (meet in parking lot) 8-10 am Pancakes with a Purpose Breakfast (FH)S at Cross Mills Baptist Church, 4403 Old Post Road Charlestown</p> <p>9 am-3 pm Sew Good Souls Workshop (FH)</p> <p>5 pm Deacons at WARM Shelter 7 pm Funny for Funds at Hope Valley Grange Com. Center, 1119 Main St. Hope Valley</p>
<p>8</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship 10 am Church School Preschool-grade 8</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study © 11:30 am Worship (S) 12 pm Diamonds Luncheon (FH)</p> <p>3 pm Staff Meeting (P) 6 pm Buildings & Grounds (C) 6:15 pm Membership & Evangelism (P) 6 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm Session (C)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 am Breakfast Group</p> <p>6-8 pm Cub Scouts (F, M, T) 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (S) _____, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Choirs: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers (S) 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers (S) 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir ©</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8-10 am Pancake Breakfast to Support the homeless at DCCCP (FH)</p> <p>10-11:30 am Fun with Physics (FH)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am Worship/Fellowship 10 am Church School Preschool-grade 8</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (C)</p> <p>6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9 am Breakfast Group</p> <p>6-8 pm Cub Scouts (F, M, T) 6:30 pm Evening Prayer/ Communion _____, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choirs: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers (S) 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers (S) 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir (C)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8-10 am <i>Pancakes with a Purpose</i> Breakfast—Family Housing Sup- port (FHS) at Babcock Presbyterian Church 25 Maxson Street, Ashaway</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship 10 am Church School Preschool-grade 8</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (C)</p> <p>6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm Deacons (C)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 am Breakfast Group</p> <p>6-8 pm Cub Scouts (F, M, T) 6:30 pm Evening Prayer/ _____, leader 7:15 pm Bible Study (C)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Choirs: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers (S) 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers (S) 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir (C)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8 am leave church parking lot for Sturbridge Village Trip</p>
<p>29</p> <p>5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8 am and 10 am Worship/Fellowship 10 am Church School Preschool-grade 8</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 am AA (FH)</p> <p>6:30 pm Presbyteri- an Women— Cathy Kellers, speaker (FH)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team 9 am Bible Study (C)</p> <p>6-8 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)</p>	 <p>March</p> <p>2020</p>			