

# *The Scribe*

July - August 2023

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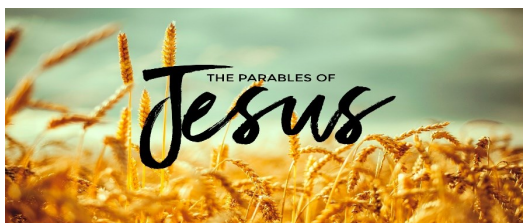
## *The Summer Day*

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean—  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down—  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?  
—Mary Oliver



What is your plan? How will you spend your summer? Will you take the time to notice the beautiful earth God has created, from the simple grasshopper to the vast ocean? Will you take time with one another and renew relationships with those whom you love? Will you take the time to worship your creator in new ways like in the Chapel in the Pines? Make a plan, I know I am, with others, with you and God alone, lie in the grass, walk the beach, create a picnic, sit in your garden, and enjoy the beauty of the sun and the stars. And don't forget the sunscreen.

Peace and joy,  
Pastor Joan



Over one-third of Jesus' words in scripture are the parables he taught. These seemingly simple and memorable stories, all teach important lessons for our daily lives. Beginning Sunday July 16, each Sunday throughout much of July and August will focus on a different parable: The Mustard Seed, the Sower and the Seed, the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin, and the Good Samaritan, and more. Join us Sundays in the Chapel in the Pines at 8 a.m. or in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. or watch during the week!

## **Elder and Deacons Retreat**

**June 11, 2023**



## **A Fathers' Day to Remember 2023**

In my 45+ years at DCCCP I was never so proud, impressed and inspired. The eight o'clock service began as usual (or not). Kathy Koziol and Linda Sardone entered the chancel. Grace played the prelude, announcements were made, opening sentences were read, hymns were sung, prayers made, offering taken, yet no preacher. Rachel Pierson read the Gospel from Luke and immediately extemporaneously presented the most wonderful and compelling message on the lesson of the father and prodigal son. How we love our children even when they made bad decisions, and God's love and forgiveness. How our church is the classroom and our "lab work" practicing in the community. How proud we are to have our community church congregation!

The eight o'clock service always has folks doing their part, whether it is as liturgist, ushers, doing coffee hour or whatever is needed, but this demonstrates how we, as a congregation stay strong and continue to let the Holy Spirit guide us. Rachel, you are a blessing!

A.G.



*from our*

## Session

The first order of business was to welcome Dan Charette to the congregation. Dan and Caitlin have been active in the church for a while. Last weekend the Deacons and Elders met at Pastor Joan's home for a retreat. We all learned a lot about how churches and ways of worship are changing and how we best address these changes to maintain a vital church congregation and community.

As we now have a Pastoral Nominating Committee in place, they will prepare a Church Information Form (CIF) to describe DCCCP as a congregation and community. This will be available to potential pastoral candidates to learn what

we are all about. The survey we took will help to describe our congregation. Progress reports will be made in the Scribe as the PNC goes along.

Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School. Volunteers (adults and teens) are needed. So far 10 students have signed up, however, in the past many more kids show up on the first day! A list of items needed are listed in the bulletin or ask Amanda how you can help. Teen trip to Montreat is being planned, but a lot of details need to be worked out. As we make the way for a new pastor, a lot of organizational things need to be defined both in terms of volunteers, programs and staff responsibilities. Things are going along well, but we need to do a better job defining programs and how they operate. Session will begin discussion on this at its July meeting.

Eleven people were CPR certified at the class sponsored by the Compliance Committee. The Compliance Committee is now exploring the purchase of a security system. Exiting the church during the summer months is very dangerous to say the least! Folks are urged to only turn right leaving the parking lot. We explored hiring a police detail, which would be prohibitively expensive.

Chapel in the Pines will begin July 2 with Bob Rieger preaching. Communion will be served July 9, when Pastor Joan returns. A big thanks to the Tuesday Guys for preparing the chapel.

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# Women's Retreat

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT!**



**GOOD NEWS!** Our annual Women's Retreat will meet once again at Camp Wightman on beautiful Billings Lake in Griswold, CT. We have reserved the entire camp and look forward to a spirit-filled time together.

**ARRIVAL:** Check in between 4pm to 5pm on Friday, Oct. 27th. Dinner served at 6pm.

**DEPARTURE:** Check out 4:00 pm, Saturday, Oct. 28th.

**COST:** \$110 PER PERSON. This includes a study book, a workbook, three meals, and accommodations for the Friday night sleepover. Scholarships are available for those in need of a little help. We want to include everyone!

**LEADERS:** Mary Slattery and Marilyn Brandyberry will lead. They are members of our church and recently led our grief workshops.

**THEME:** The theme for this year's women's retreat is **Biblical Wisdom for the Modern Woman**. We will be looking at the big impact of little words, specifically: yes, no and why. When women take a look at our schedules, we consider the impact of saying yes. When we say yes to something, we are inherently saying no to something else. So it is important to determine why we say yes to things, and what might be our best yes.

The schedule will include quiet individual prayer time, as well as puzzles, music, crafts, and s'mores around the camp fire.

Look for registration forms in early September in Fellowship Hall and the Scribe. *All women of the church plus friends and family are invited to join us!*





# Camp Wightman

## Smores by the campfire



## Outdoor Chapel Overlooking Billings Lake



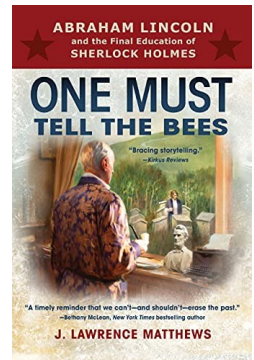
## Dining Hall

## Save The Date

Speaker Series: Sunday September 17, 2024

Jeff Matthews is a member of Dunn's Corner Community Church and a summer resident of Charlestown. A retired investment manager, he is the author of the non-fiction *Pilgrimage to Warren Buffett's Omaha* (McGraw-Hill, 2010) and has contributed fiction to the *New York Times* and NPR's *All Things Considered*

*One Must Tell the Bees: Abraham Lincoln and the Final Education of Sherlock Holmes* (East Dean Press, 2021) is his first novel, and the first work of historical fiction to place Sherlock Holmes in the manhunt for John Wilkes Booth.





Pentecost  
Sunday





SOCIAL EVENT  
OPEN TO ALL

## THE TEMPEST



# SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

*Thurs, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm*

Location [Wilcox Park](#)

The Colonial Theatre presents William Shakespeare's mystical tale of vengeance, betrayal, and magic on the outdoor stage in beautiful Wilcox Park, downtown Westerly.

ADMISSION IS FREE WITH REGISTRATION (contact Cathy Kellers at [cmek313@earthlink.net](mailto:cmek313@earthlink.net) or call the DCCCP office)

Attendees are encouraged to bring a portable chair or blanket to sit on, as well as food and beverages to enjoy during the show.



# ELC Graduation



## KidKare

End of the year  
splash and bash





## Teen Team Kicks Off the Summer in Style!



We had an amazing time at our Summer Kick Off Party and Lock-In! Youth group members and staff enjoyed music, a humongous inflatable obstacle course, food and great fellowship! We ended with a Bible Study the following morning before everyone went their separate ways! Thank you to youth group members, youth group alumni, parents and staff that helped out or attended! Our youth group will continue meeting throughout the Summer on Tuesday's from 5pm to 7:30pm! We would love to have you join us.





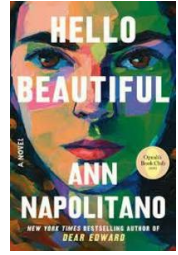


If you're looking for something fun for you children to do this summer, you could sign the up for Vacation Bible School. It's Stellar space themed and runs from July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. You can register at the link below or there are also registration forms in fellowship hall. There will also be a churchwide cookout Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall with different food and drink items for donation. Although Sunday school has ended for the summer the children in the church can still be involved. Greeting people, passing out bulletins, helping usher, and cleaning up fellowship hall, are just a few ways the children in the congregation help make our Sunday services run smoothly. The children hold a vital role in our church, and we are thankful for them.



## Presbyterian Women Book Club

We will not have any Presbyterian Woman's Book Group Meetings during the summer. Our first in person/zoom book club will be held at 7pm on Monday September 25th. We will discuss the book *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Anyone interested contact Sue Rieger at [talltreesue1@gmail.com](mailto:talltreesue1@gmail.com).



The Presbyterian Women's Group met on Wednesday, June 21, to plan for our fall schedule, which follows:

September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 Glen Berwick is our scheduled speaker. He is an estate planner and will provide priceless information concerning "how to get rid of your stuff". Coffee and dessert will be provided.

October 18<sup>th</sup> Prepare boxes for the "Cookie Walk" at the Christmas Bazaar.

November 19<sup>th</sup>. Coordinate gift boxes for graduated seniors, volunteers will deliver them.



December programs: We plan to once again display crèches in the windows of the sanctuary. They were very well received last year. For more information please call Judy Nichipor or Diana Clark. On the 19<sup>th</sup> we will gather at 12:00 for our Christmas get-together and all are welcome. The menu will include quiches, salads, and desserts. We also plan to have a "Yankee Swap" coordinated by Sharon DeSarro.

Other programs of interest include our **book sale** sponsored by Judy Nichipor with Sharon DeSarro and Cathy Kellers. Books will be collected by July 30<sup>th</sup> and set-up will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Prices for the books are \$3.00 for hardcovers, \$2.00 for paper backs and \$1.00 for puzzles. Since it's true that many hands make light work, we're asking for lots of hands and thank-you.

A new feature of our Scribe article is a highlight of one of our Presbyterian Women. Today we begin with Calista Morris. Calista was born in Connecticut in 1914, she was one of four. She met her husband Henry at a Grange Dance where the Westerly boys went to meet the Connecticut girls. Later, she and Henry were married and raised three beautiful daughters, Joyce Dionne, Judy Algieri Crandall, and Nancy Schilke. Calista was one of the founding members of our church. She was also a founding member of the Women's Group and served as president for several years. She was always welcoming to new people in the community and made everyone feel at home.. Calista was a capable business woman and she and Henry owned and operated the Pine Lodge Motel on Old Post Road. After Henry passed she decided to sell the motel. Judy and Norman Lagerstrom became the new owners and Calista retired with "Cupcake" her little dog to the Opie Homestead located just across the street. She was happy there and with nine *grandchildren visiting often, she was the center of the family and maintained her life long dedication to Dunns Corners Church.*

## Teddy Bear Ministry



DCCCP Bears - Whenever you're in the sanctuary, the bears are there too. The Deacons and other generous folks keep the pews well stocked with furry friends along with a note of prayerful encouragement. They're yours for the taking - for yourself or to give to someone who needs their spirits lifted. You can also have the church send one to a special family member or friend to let them know they're neither forgotten nor alone.

BEARS WORK!! They've literally been all around the world. DCCCP has sent out hundreds and hundreds of them over the last 10 - 15 years. We'd be happy to have one sent for you. Just email the church or Ivan Owen ([ivangowen@gmail.com](mailto:ivangowen@gmail.com)) with your request - include the name of the person the bear is for as well as their mailing address - if it's for an infant or child, please include the parents' name or names. That's all there is to it. A bear will be on its way pronto and they'll know DCCCP is in their corner with prayers, love and hugs.

## **Summer Traffic Safety Tip: TURN RIGHT**

In the summer months, traffic picks up considerably along Post Road in front of the church. This is a particular challenge for our Sunday morning traffic. For the sake of safety we are encouraging you to turn right as you exit the church parking lot on Sunday mornings. This prevents you from having to cross the two lanes of oncoming traffic if you try to make a left turn. There have been some close calls recently, and we want everyone to have a safe experience as you attend church.



Chapel in the Pines

## Chapel-in-the-Pines

We are glad to return to our Chapel in the Pines, beginning on July 2nd at the 8 am service Sunday mornings. We look forward to worshipping in the beautiful setting of the chapel surrounded by signs of God's good creation. We invite you to join us at the chapel.



The Deacons of the church are busy reaching out to meet needs in the congregation and the community. Board of Deacons is actively involved in many endeavors, some current activities are highlighted below. Deacons continue to seek and grow as a community where God's love and kindness are available for all.

**Warm Shelter Dinner:** **Swiss Chicken Dinners** are back, sign up in Fellowship Hall. Remember we are the first Saturday of the month - **July 1st. and August 5th** the church will be open from 8 am - 2 pm to accept donations. Please use all **disposable** containers.

**Jonnycake** our Power Pack program provides a week's worth of Breakfast/Lunches for school aged children. Ages range from those just going into kindergarten to seniors in high school. Our goal is to provide breakfast and lunch options as well as a few treats/snacks/drinks..

We could use your help with the following items:

Breakfast - Pop Tarts, Syrup, Kid's Cereal

Lunch - Snacks

Salty: Chips, Popcorn, Crackers, Goldfish, Pringles

Sweet: Ice pops (not frozen), Cookies, Rice Crispy Treats, Gummy fruit snacks, Granola bars, Applesauce, Pudding, and Cereal Bars.

Other: Fluffernutter, Nutella, Gatorade.

Thanks so much for your support! It is greatly appreciated!

**Flowers:** Donations for flowers to be displayed at our Sunday Worship Services are gratefully accepted. Sign up for a Sunday on the chart in Fellowship Hall and indicate if you'd like the flowers donated to someone (mark with a D) or if you would like to keep them (mark with a K) after the 10 am service. You can also call or email the church office. Flowers are \$40. Deacons, Sue Rieger, Sue Eldredge, and Dianne Lowther will deliver the donated flowers after services Sunday.

**Deacons who are faithfully serving the congregation are:** Pam Ganz, Yvette Drurey, Dianne Lowther, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith, Jeanne Pietraallo, Sue Rieger, Marilyn Brandyberry, Sharon Joiner, Sue Eldredge, Bonnie Krauss, and Cheryl Remsbecker.

## Sundays in July

### July 2: Bob Rieger

**Sermon:** Guest Preacher Bob Rieger

**Text:** Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

**New Testament:** Matthew 10:40-42

### July 9: Joan Priest : Communion Sunday

**Sermon:** Things are all Abuzz

**Text:** "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone."

**Epistle Lesson:** I Corinthians 12:4-13

### July 16: Joan Priest: Parable of the Sower and the Seed

**Sermon:** God, the Foolish Farmer

**Text:** "Listen! A Sower went out to sow some seed."

**New Testament:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 23: Joan Priest: Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

**Sermon:** The Joy in Being Found

**Text:** Jesus said, "Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**New Testament:** Luke 15:1-10

### July 30: Guest Preacher: Parable of the Mustard Seed

**Sermon:** Burkhard Weber

## Sundays in August

### August 6: Communion Sunday – Joan Priest

**Sermon:** Welcome to Hotel Compassion

**Text:** Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

**New Testament:** Luke 10:25-37

### August 13: Mary Slattery

**Sermon:** Peter Walks on Water

**Text:** Jesus said, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

**New Testament:** Matthew 14:22-33

### August 20: Joan Priest

**Sermon:** Bound and Determined

**Text:** Jesus said, "Is it not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs?"

**New Testament:** Matthew 15:21-28

### August 27: Joan Priest

**Sermon:** Who's Laughing Now?

**Text:** The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Is anything too wonderful for the LORD?"



# ELC Graduation



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Saturday July 29, 2023

Quilt show

**SEW GOOD SOULS IS OUR MISSION  
&**

**We support the following organizations:**

**Dress A Girl Around the World - DAG**

Dedicated volunteers in the US and around the world gather to sew and distribute dresses to girls in need because DAG believes **every girl deserves at least one dress. Dresses have been sent to 94 countries around the world.**

**Quilts Beyond Borders - QBB**

Over 140 million children in the world today have lost one or both parents. Quilts Beyond Borders began in March 2007 with a desire to reach out to these children. QBB has expanded to send quilts to those in need in more than 25 countries, including the US and our Navaho Nation.

*The "we" are volunteers from our church, our community, and nearby friends from Connecticut and Massachusetts.*

**One Day  
Once a YEAR!**

**Annual Quilt Show**

Dunn's Corners Community Church  
Route 1 Westerly, RI

**9:00—3:00**

Free Admission

Donations of 100% Cotton Fabric,  
Flannel, Thread and Rickrack/ ribbon  
is appreciated.

**IF YOU ENJOY SEWING OR  
QUILTING OR WOULD LIKE TO  
HELP OUT, WE WOULD WEL-  
COME YOUR PARTICIPATION.  
WE MEET ONE SATURDAY A  
MONTH JANUARY THROUGH  
JUNE**

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