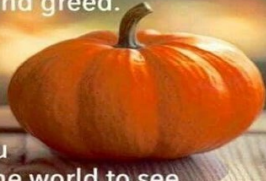


The Scribe

October 2023



Being a Christian is like being a *pumpkin*.
God *lifts you* up from the patch, takes
you in, and *washes off* all the dirt.
Then He cuts the top and *scoops out*
all the yucky stuff. He removes the *seeds*
of doubt, hate, and greed.
Last, He *carves*
you a new
smiling face
and *puts His*
light inside you
to shine for all the world to see.

Author Anne Lamont writes that there are really only three kinds of essential prayer: Help, Thanks, and Wow (the title of her book which I highly recommend) **Help**: asking for assistance from a higher power. **Thanks**: appreciating what we have been given that is good. **Wow**: feeling awe at the world around us.

Around here, along with our personal prayers, **Help** is one way we describe our mission opportunities, our offering of help to others in our community and around the world. Whether it's giving gift cards or a little financial help to someone in need, cooking for the Warm Shelter, helping with items for a Refugee Family, prayerfully consider how you may help another in need.

Around here, **Thanks** is one way we describe our Stewardship Campaign. As a congregation, we have many reasons to be thankful for the blessings in our lives. God has blessed each of us in different ways, but in one way God has blessed each of us similarly, through the life we have being part of the community here at Dunns Corner Community Church. Please prayerfully consider the role this congregation plays in the blessings you have received and make your pledge one way of saying, thanks.

Around here, **Wow** is one way we describe how we are stepping into a new future as a congregation. A future which is open to new leadership, a new pastor, and new ways of worshipping together. The very first day of October is Worldwide Communion Sunday, a day when Christians around the world celebrate Communion together. Be sure to invite a friend who has a pet to our Blessing of the Animals on October 8, or join our Bible Study on Tuesdays.

Join us as we share in our own prayer of Help, Thanks, and Wow.

Pastor Joan



Women's Retreat

October 27th – 28th, 2023

‘BIBLICAL WISDOM FOR THE MODERN WOMAN.’

Marilyn Brandyberry and Mary Slattery will lead us as we explore the big impact of those little words, “Yes, No and Why.” When women look at our schedules, we consider the impact of saying “Yes.” But when we say yes to one thing, we are also saying no to something else. It is important to determine why we say yes to some things. What is our best yes? Discern God’s plan for spending your time and talents wisely. Deepen your relationship with God and His Word while learning to say your best yes to Him.

AND . . . in addition to our study sessions, we will have time for games, jigsaw puzzles and s’mores around the campfire. Learn, play, share, and get to know one another better!

WHERE Camp Wightman, 207 Coal Pit Hill Rd., Griswold, Connecticut

ARRIVAL Check in 4:00 pm, Friday, Oct. 27th. Dinner served at 6pm.

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

COST \$115 per person - includes accommodations and three meals: Friday dinner plus Saturday breakfast and lunch. (*Rooms sleep two, three, or four. You may choose your roommate*)
Cost for attending on Saturday only is \$65.

STUDY BOOK **Included in the fee** is the book, “The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands,” by Lysa TerKerst, and the companion workbook.

BLESS OTHERS Scholarships – No woman left behind! Please call Cathy Kellers to discuss financial aid.

WHAT TO BRING Bible, journal or notebook, comfortable warm clothes and personal items, flashlight, sheets, your favorite pillow, 1-2 extra blankets (one is provided), pajamas, toiletries, bath soap, and towels (hand, bath or face – or all!).

REGISTRATION Send your completed registration form with a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit to the church office. We accept cash, or check payable to “DCCCP” with memo “Women’s Retreat.” Remaining payment of \$90 (\$40 for Saturday only) is due by Oct. 1, 2023. *Study guide and workbook included!*

\$25 Deposit must accompany registration form – Thank you!

CANCELLATIONS: If a participant cancels her attendance by Oct. 1, all monies will be refunded minus the non-refundable \$25.00 deposit.



Women's Retreat

October 27th - 28th, 2023

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address 1 _____ Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone(____) _____

I would like to room with _____

I would prefer to sleep on: Upper Bunk ____ Lower Bunk ____ No Preference ____

Special Dietary Needs* _____

Allergies _____

I will help with the following: *(We could use your help!)*

Activities ____ Music ____ Prayer ____ Hospitality ____

Total cost is \$115 for two-day, one night; or \$65 for Saturday only. Deposit of \$25.00 must accompany registration. Checks payable to: DCCCP with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line. Final payment of \$90 (\$40 for one day) is due by October 1st.

I would like to speak to someone about a scholarship (confidential) _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that Camp Wightman is an alcohol-free facility.

Signature: _____

Please place in the offering plate, mail to the Church office, or give to retreat volunteer on Sunday.

TOTAL PAID WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM:	
Deposit \$25 (required)	_____
Full cost \$115 for two-day	_____
\$65 for Saturday only	_____
I'd like to help with scholarships	_____
TOTAL PAID	_____

The Session meeting was good news and bad news.



Good news!

The PNC reports good progress being made. Presbytery is reviewing our Ministry Discernment Profile, and has made suggestions for improvement. When Presbytery's Commission on Ministry approves it, we are authorized to post the position. Rally Day was a success, and Tuesday night dinners will return on alternating weeks which will include a children's activity and a prayer service .

Bad news...

On a serious note, our pledge income and giving is down, much lower than the usual summer slump. Finances are running a deficit currently at \$27,000 which may project to \$65,000, by year's end. This becomes more serious as we consider potential salary, moving and living expenses for a new pastor in the new year.

Other news:

Worldwide Communion Sunday will be October 1

The Stewardship campaign will begin October 8

The Nominating Committee will be developing slate of Elders and Deacons for election

We continue to look for adult volunteers to help Amanda with child programs at 10 am worship.

Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing of Animals, witnesses to God's and our Church's love, care, and concern for all of creation. We bless all the creatures we love for they make our lives richer because of their presence.

All Animals welcome
Invite your neighbors and friends
Sunday, October 8
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Outside

We gather outside in the parking lot for a brief litany and prayer at 1:00 p.m. and will be available to bless all animals until 2:30 p.m.

You're
INVITED



Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 8 1 PM
Dunn's Corners Community Church



As always, October is Stewardship month. People will receive a letter and brochure in the mail as well as two pledge cards, one is for money (treasure) to pledge and the other is for ways for people to express their stewardship through their time and talents.

October 8th will launch the stewardship drive, Bill Heap from the Tuesday morning work crew discuss how they contribute their time and talents to the church. On Oct. 15th, Sally Owen will talk about the PNC and finally on Oct. 29th, Joan will lead worship when we bring all our pledges forward.

CAMPAIGN

This year's pledge goal is \$272,000, representing a 3% increase from last year. The primary reason for the increase is calling a new pastor and potential expenses involved. While I have faith in the PNC and know that God's hand is guiding their search and this church, I don't have faith that living expenses in this area are going to decrease anytime soon. We, as a church, want to provide the best possible financial package in order to attract the best candidate. And yes, housing costs will figure greatly into this package. What this figure will be will depend on many factors: where they are moving from, if they have a family or a spouse, if that spouse can continue working in the same job.

We have a great staff, Andy and Grace do a wonderful job leading us in music every Sunday, Amanda works with the children of the church, Michael keeps the youth active and engaged, Nancy keeps the office running smoothly and Joan keeps everything together.

You, the congregation, also provide a great deal of support in terms of time and talent. The brochure lists all the hours that members put on various committees and activities for the church and the community. As we gathered the information, we, the stewardship committee, were impressed by how active our church is and how many hours church members contribute to the various missions of the church. And I am sure that the list is missing some activities, so it is a low estimate.

So, as you consider your 2024 pledge, please think about how much treasure you can pledge and what you can pledge/contribute in terms of time and talent.

Stewardship Committee,
Bruce Yarnall, Bob and Susan Strouse





Our Trunk -or-Treat event will be Saturday October 28th from 5-7 pm with a rain date of Oct. 29th. We will have games, music, crafts and more. We would love for you to join us. There are sign-up sheets in fellowship hall if you would like to volunteer, donate candy or decorate your trunk. If you have any questions or are interested in helping in any way, please contact Amanda McLintock at (401)644-7496 or at AmandaMcLintock@gmail.com



Come hang out with our crew! Every Tuesday, 5pm - 7:30pm for fun times, meaningful discussions, games and activities. Food and beverage is provided!

Marissa's Senior Project



Ronald McDonald House Charities
New England

Keeping families close*

WISH LIST DRIVE

WHEN: OCTOBER 15TH- OCTOBER 20TH

ITEM DROP-OFF LOCATION: DUNNS CORNERS COMMUNITY CHURCH

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Large Aluminum disposable pans
- Dish Soap
- Disposable non-latex gloves
- Dish Towels
- Pasta
- Trash Bags (4 & 13 gallon)
- Ziplock Bags - all sizes
- Shower Curtain Liners
- Mattress Pads (Full & Twin Size)
- Sheet Sets (dbl size) any color except white or beige
- Twin Size Blankets (blue)
- Dbl Size Blankets (tan)
- Pillows (standard size)
- Protective Pillow Case Covers
- AA Batteries
- Copy Paper
- Office Supplies
- Dishwasher Detergent (Cascade)
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Paper towels/Napkins
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Cereal/Cereal Bars
- Coffee (Regular & Decaf)/K-cups

Gift Cards:

- Stop & Shop
- Target
- Home Depot
- Walmart
- Staples
- Gas Cards
- CVS

RMH Providence provides a warm and caring home for families of hospitalized children 365 days a year. Any donation is valuable! All donations need to be new/unopened/no damage.

Thanks to all who created beautiful, colorful, informative tri-panel boards for Rally Day. Fellowship Hall looked amazing, and it was fun to see many of us gathered around signing up for various committees or projects or activities. Kudos to new members, **Susan and Bob Strouse**, who told us, with big smiles, all we need to know about Stewardship for this year. **Yvette** plied us with tags telling us precisely how we could help her create her popular soups and coolies in a jar. **Sharon** recruited many helpers for the Christmas Bazaar. **Keisha** showed off the latest Mission project with photos of the new family settling in, a job to see.

If you missed an opportunity to sign up for any of the many worthwhile projects, just talk with any of us or give us a call, and we'll find a place for you.

We are a church that looks both inward and outward, and our work helps us to be a stronger church and helps others in the wider community. It's a blessing to be involved.

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Membership and Evangelism Committee

Buildings and Grounds

The Building & Grounds and Compliance Committees are seeking bids from contractors to replace our main entry doors. The companies we have spoken with so far do not seem to show much interest or have high pricing. If anyone knows of a contractor or company that may be suitable for this, please contact Larry Fortin 401 752-9521 or larryfortin55@gmail.com. Thank you!



ELC

We have had a great start to the beginning of the school year. We have a great group of 17 students. Each child makes our classroom a happier and brighter place. We are learning about each other and establishing classroom rules and expectations. The first week we enjoyed reading books about school and now we are moving into our "name" unit and soon to be the "apple" unit. We read the book, "Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom" and engaged in activities all about our names. This is a musical bunch of kids, so we have thoroughly enjoyed singing and dancing using scarves, musical instruments, rhythm sticks.

We would like to give a big shout out to the "Tuesday Men". They worked so hard over the summer to give our classroom a beautiful makeover. Our classroom got painted, a new cabinet and quartz countertop installed, 25 cubbies were built, painted, and installed too. We are also excited to have our new bookshelf built and put up in the coming weeks. We cannot thank these men enough and so appreciate their hard work and constant support and dedication to our program.

Reformation Sunday

October 29th

The Kirkin' O' the Tartans



In the 1500's, after studying with John Calvin in Geneva, John Knox returned to Scotland and continued to urge the reforms that led to the creation of Presbyterianism. Local Presbyterian churches became known as kirks.

Tartans are an internationally recognized symbol of Scotland. Highlanders wore clothes with distinctive striped or checked patterns, and the growth of clan and family tartans became popular in the mid-18th Century. As part of the effort to bring Scottish Highlanders under control in the 1700's, the Act of Proscription was passed and the wearing of the tartan was banned. From that period came the legend of Highlanders secretly bringing pieces of tartan cloth into their kirks to be blessed. In the mid-1900's, Presbyterian Minister Reverend Peter Marshall gave a sermon at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church entitled "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" and the celebration was born out of subsequent services.

The people of God have celebrated their faith and heritage across time. Today churches of many denominations celebrate the Kirkin' O' the Tartan service. Our Church has deep roots in the community and those roots reach wide across cultures and traditions. Our practice has been to bring items important to our spiritual life to church on Reformation Sunday.

On Sunday, October 29th we are invited to bring items important to our journey of faith; a bible, prayer shawl, etc. Certainly, those of **Scottish heritage** are encouraged to wear a **piece of their family tartan to worship** .

These symbols of who we are and how we worship will remind us of the great diversity among us and the unity and oneness that our faith in Jesus Christ brings.

Oktoberfest



Most of our bell choir will will participate in this ringing and social event on the weekend of October 20-22. The event will be directed by David Harris of the Raleigh Ringers, one of the premier handbell ensembles in the world.

Come to the free public concert on **Sunday, October 22 1:30pm** at the **Westerly Armory, 41 Railroad Road.**

Tuesday Night Dinners are Coming BACK!



There will be something for everyone. Some weeks will have: a Children's activity, or a Prayer service, or Crafts, or other surprises.

5:30pm with dinner at 6:00

Tues, Oct 10th

Tues, Oct 24th

Tues, Nov 7th

All are welcome

OCTOBER LADIES NIGHT OUT!

We are kicking off fall with our first Ladies Night Out. Our evening has been planned for Wednesday, October 11th, 6 pm at Wood River Inn, 1139 Main Street, Wyoming, RI. The food is good, they have a great staff and their dining room has been reserved for our group. There is a signup sheet in FH on the bulletin board designated for social events. Please take a minute to sign up, as I have to give the owner a final head count the week before. Hold this date and time on your calendar, and join us for a time of fun, fellowship and to enjoy a good meal.

Hope to see you all there!
Sharon DeSarro



COME HIKING



HIKE AT GRILLS PRESERVE,

Bowling Lane Rd, Bradford

SAT, OCT 21st, 9AM

meet at the preserve parking lot

Sign up Sheet in Fellowship Hall

(please sign up)

This is open to all and feel free to bring a friend

Hike is being led by Westerly Land Trust

OCTOBER 2023 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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



Sunday, October 1 *World Communion Sunday*

Sermon: *Who gives us the Authority?*

Text: "Who gave you this authority?"

Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, October 8

Sermon: *Parable of the Wicked Tenants*

Text: Jesus said, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom."

Sermon: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 15

Sermon: *Excuses, Excuses*

Text: Jesus, "Many are called but few are chosen."

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 22 *Guest Preacher Moby Larson*

Sermon: *Paying taxes to Caesar*

Text: Jesus said, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 29

Sermon: *A Grateful Heart*

Text: "God loves a cheerful giver."

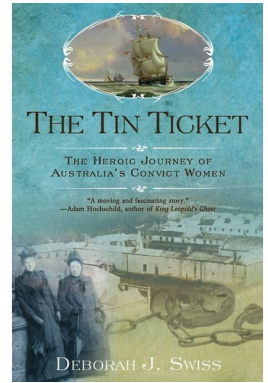
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Presbyterian Women's Book Club

There will be a zoom book club meeting at 7pm on Monday November 27th.

We will discuss the book *The Tin Ticket* by Deborah J Swiss.

Anyone interested should contact Sue Rieger at talltreesue1@gmail.com to receive the zoom link.



We're back; with lots of opportunities to serve our church and congregation! Our first fall meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th. Our guest speakers will be Joan and Glen Berwick, who will provide lots of information about "How to get rid of your stuff" in an entertaining and humorous way.



The October 16th meeting will be dedicated in support of the Christmas Bazaar "Cookie Walk". We will be decorating boxes, exchanging recipes, and signing up to help on the day of the sale, November 18th. We hoped that you will join us and make this the most successful sale ever.

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 18th with quiches, salads, and desserts on the menu. A "Yankee Swap" will follow the luncheon and Sharon De Sarro will be the moderator. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of fun!

Other dates to remember:

Wednesday, October 11, "Ladies Nite Out" (Contact Sharon De Sarro for details.)

Friday-Saturday October 27-28th Women's Retreat

Saturday November 18th Christmas Bazaar



AFRICAN DRUMMING LESSONS

Have you ever wanted to try drumming on a djembe? Come join the fun. This is a very low key, no pressure, and lots of laughs event.

Fri, Nov 3rd 6:30-8:00pm in fellowship hall

Cost \$25

Class is limited to 25 people

Sign up sheet in fellowship hall

Any questions contact Cathy Kellers



Christmas Bazaar & Raffle Saturday, November 18th, 2023 9 am to 2 pm



Our Team is busy working on the Christmas Bazaar, but we need your help. Please see the signup sheets in Fellowship Hall. A new change to the Bazaar will be a Café, that will serve donuts, chili, cornbread, and soup as well as hot cider and coffee. **ITEMS NEEDED:** Christmas Card stock paper, Pictures of sunsets, the beaches, sticker tape, wreath wire, wreath rings, wreath decorations, holiday ribbon, Christmas or red or green mugs, Jewelry, items for Nana's Attic, Baked goods, cookies, homemade dog/cat treats, cardboard cake boxes, Holiday themed baggies, new or gently used holiday platters, plates, mini loaf pans etc. Gift cards from local businesses/restaurants.

In addition, if you have a craft that you would like to share at the Bazaar, please let us know. We would love to share your craft. Knitting, sewing, art, no craft is too small.

All donations needed by **OCT 16th**.

Drop off greenery by **OCT 30** outdoors next to the shed.

Decorating the wreaths will be **Saturday, NOV 11th from 9-2.**

Craft Nights: OCT 10 & OCT 24th: 6-7:30ish after the Church dinners

Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall and signup for the many ways you can help and check our weekly Bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Berry @ lsberry12@gmail.com

Thanks- the Bazaar Committee

DEACONS Corner

The Deacons of the church are busy reaching out to meet needs in the congregation and the community. Although our 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: Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Remember we are the first Saturday of the month - **October 1st**- church will be open from 8 am - 2 pm to accept donations. Please use all **disposable** containers.

Jonnycake: As we turn to fall, we could use the following items:
Condiments - Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Pickles, Olives, Relish, etc.
Adult Cereal - Cold and Oatmeal; Soup; Black Beans; Spaghetti Sauce
Thanks so much for your support! It is greatly appreciated!

Please be sure to visit the bulletin board just inside Fellowship Hall. There you'll find information and sign ups for everything from upcoming events and activities to Coffee Fellowship, Communion servers, Sunday morning flowers, WARM dinners and more. **WE NEED YOU!** Hope you'll stop by the board regularly and find various ways to participate!

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, Bonnie Krauss, Sue Eldridge, and Cheryl Remsbecker.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1 we will celebrate World Communion. It is a Sunday when Christians around the world celebrate Communion together.

On World Communion Sunday we will unveil a new pottery communion set to replace the one we used that was Reverend Eberly's. The set of a chalice, pitcher, and paten is being crafted by Lyndsay Meiklem Dean of Glaze Handmade in Stonington, CT. This gift is generously donated by Nancy Lewis to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the success of her heart surgery.



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The Scribe

October 2023

Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

- 🕯 Judy Nichipor on October 3rd
- 🕯 Florence (Flossie) Mayne on October 17th
- 🕯 Judi Hurst on October 19th
- 🕯 Bob Rieger on October 26th



Young at Heart
Happy Birthday

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="right">1</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p> <p>8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Worship & Storytime 11 am Fellowship Hour Communion Sunday 11:30-1 pm Griefshare</p>	2	3 <p>8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH)</p> <p>4 pm Worship Committee (Z) 5 pm Christian Ed Committee (M) 5-7pm Teen Time (T) 7 pm Trustees (M)</p>	4 <p>1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village</p> <p>6-8 pm Cub Scouts</p>	5	6	7 <p>8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH)</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity— Work Day</p>
8 <p>8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Worship & Storytime 11 am Fellowship Hour 11:30-1 pm Griefshare 1 pm Blessing of the Animals</p>	9	10 <p>8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH)</p> <p>5-7pm Teen Time (T) 5:30 pm Tuesday activity 6 pm Tuesday Dinner (FH) 6 pm Buildings and Grounds (M) 7 pm Session (M)</p>	11 <p>1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village</p> <p>6-8 pm Cub Scouts</p>	12	13	14
15 <p>8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Worship & Sunday School 11 am Fellowship Hour 11:30-1 pm Griefshare</p>	16 <p>1 pm Presbyterian Women (FH)</p>	17 <p>8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH)</p> <p>5 pm Compliance (M) 5 - 7pm Teen Time (T)</p>	18 <p>1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village</p> <p>6-8 pm Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	19	20	21 <p>9 am Hike Grills Preserve</p>
22 <p>8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Worship & Sunday School 11 am Fellowship Hour 11:30-1 pm Griefshare</p> <p>November Scribe Deadline</p>	23	24 <p>8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH)</p> <p>5-7 pm Teen Time (T) 5:30 pm Tuesday activity 6 pm Tuesday Dinner (FH) 7 pm Deacons (M)</p>	25 <p>1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village</p> <p>6-8 pm Cub Scouts</p>	26	27 <p>Women's Retreat</p>	28 <p>Women's Retreat</p>  <p>5-7 pm Trunk or Treat (Rain Date Sunday night)</p>
29 <p>Kirkin' O the Tartans Pledge Sunday</p> <p>8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School 11 am Fellowship Hour 11:30-1 pm Griefshare</p>	30	31 <p>8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH)</p>  <p>5-7 pm Teen Time (T)</p>				