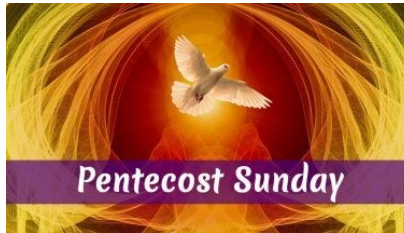


# The Scribe

May 2024

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It is May! Spring is in full bloom, the weather is warmer, celebrations are being planned and we have a lot going on around here on Sunday mornings. May 5 is Communion Sunday and special music, May 12 is Mother's Day, May 19 is Pentecost Sunday (see below), and May 26 is Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day weekend.



**Sunday, May 19, is Pentecost Sunday: PLEASE WEAR RED!** In the book of Acts we find the scared, lost disciples locked away in safety, when new life enters the room in the form of spirit, wind, and fire. This breath of God inspired those first believers to go out with confidence and the language necessary, to speak to all about the love of Christ. We too need the wings of the spirit to allow us to be filled with the Holy Spirit and bring others into this blessed community. Our worship service will be dedicated to celebrating the spirit of God which flows through us and all around us.

## **A Sonnet for Pentecost by Malcolm Guite**

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings  
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.  
This is the feast of fire, air, and water  
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.  
The earth herself awakens to her maker  
And is translated out of death to birth.  
The right words come today in their right order  
And every word spells freedom and release  
Today the gospel crosses every border  
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace  
Today the lost are found in His translation.  
Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

In Peace and Joy, Pastor Joan



## Happy Mother's Day

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### Mother's Day: Sunday, May 12, 2024

Most of us tend to think of Mother's Day as a "*Hallmark*" Holiday, a day to celebrate our moms with cards, flowers, and special meals out. But Mother's Day didn't start out as a day marked by gifts and greeting cards. In 1905 Anna Jarvis's mother passed away and three years later she organized a memorial ceremony in West Virginia to honor her mother and all mothers. She sent 500 white carnations to the service and held her own memorial in Philadelphia. Over the next few years, Jarvis campaigned to have Mother's Day recognized by the federal government and in 1914 President Wilson designed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

The word mother is a noun which is defined as "a multi-tasking person who loves unconditionally, leads by example, and puts others before themselves". Therefore, we consider most women to be "mother's", those who share the qualities of teaching, nurturing, and loving many others in their lives.

Please join us on Sunday, May 12 as we will be honoring all women of the church with flowers and in our time of prayer.



### Cell Tower Information Forum: Sunday, May 19, 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

The Trustees along with a representative from Airosmith Development Corporation will be available to explain the what, where, why, and how of this possible cell tower to be placed on our property. Come view the maps, hear the details, and bring your questions. The Session wants to hear from you as they move forward with a decision.



## From Session...



Session met on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The order of the day was the approval of the updated Church Bylaws and Manual.

Membership & Evangelism is working on the new church directory. In this process, they are collecting photos and updated contact information. This is important in keeping us all connected but this is especially important when we have a new pastor. Pictures may be emailed to [dunnschurch@gmail.com](mailto:dunnschurch@gmail.com).

Nominating committee is looking to fill the Elder Compliance position.

Stewardship is always looking for people willing to share their time and talent.

Session voted on camera coverage for the parking lots and ELC hallway. This is for the safety of our members and the Kid Kare. Signage will be posted when these are installed.

There was been further discussion on the potential installation of a cell tower. An informational forum of the congregation will be coming very soon.

Laurie Berry is looking for a co-chair for the church bazaar. This is a very big annual fundraiser for the church.

Respectfully submitted: by Cathy Kellers in Art Ganz, Clerk absence

## An Anthem of Reflection and Celebration

What do steel drums, shakers, a drum set, and a cowbell have in common? They will all accompany the choral anthem on **Sunday, May 5 at the 10am service**. The choir will offer *Kyrie from Saint Francis in the Americas A Caribbean Mass*. The Kyrie is part of the liturgy and is often the first movement of a concert mass. As we prepare for the Lord's Supper, the anthem draws us in with a slow melody in a minor key. A West African rhythm in a major key is introduced and the piece builds to a celebratory conclusion.

Following worship, pannist Gregg Charest will offer a demonstration of the instrument which has its roots in Trinidad and Tobago and then play a selection of songs he performs regularly as part of The Island Time Steel Band.

# DEACONS Corner

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** sign up in Fellowship Hall. Remember we are the first Saturday of the month - **May 4th** church will be open from 8 am - 2 pm to accept donations. Please use all **disposable** containers.

**Jonnycake:** has given us an update on food items they are currently in need of: **Soup, Cereal, Condiments, Pasta, and Baked Beans.** Cindy Shetler & Sandy Santy continue to deliver the items you leave at the church to the Jonnycake Center. Thank you for your support!

**We need your help!** 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. Hope you'll stop by the board regularly and find various ways to participate!

**Deacons who are faithfully serving the congregation are:** Yvette Drurey, Dianne Lowther, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith, Jeanne Pietraallo, Sue Rieger, Sharon Joiner, Sue Eldridge, Bonnie Krauss, Cheryl Remsbecker, Susan Strouse, and Stephanie Cahoon

## Deacon's Speaker Series

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 11:30 am in the Church Sanctuary

Did you realize that the most recent census showed that nearly 25 million Americans report not having enough to eat? Did you know that the Jonnycake Food Pantry in Westerly provides food for more than 3000 people yearly?

Come learn about Jonnycake Center's mission and its Food Pantry. This client-choice service model allows qualified residents (from Charlestown, Westerly, Hopkinton, and Richmond) to select nutritious food for themselves and their families.

You will enjoy meeting and hearing from Executive Director Lee Eastbourne, and Food Pantry Manager Sarah Shaw on, Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 11:30 am.

We hope to see you there!







## FELLOWSHIP AT THE DUNNS

**What is a Progressive Dinner?** A progressive dinner or, round-robin, is a dinner party with successive courses prepared and eaten at the residences of different hosts. This involves the consumption of one course at each location.

**When?** Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm

**Who?** This is open to all the Adults of the church, or friends of the church  
Sign up will be in the fellowship hall. Sign up to offer your home as a Host for a course of the meal. Or sign up to come along and eat.  
Contact Marilyn Brandyberry or Cathy Kellers with any questions.

## Sew Good Souls

We started our 2024 Quilts Beyond Borders (QBB) workshops on April 6 with great success. We had 12 participants who were so excited to be a part of this mission. They brought their sewing machines, their energy and excitement, and their interest in learning more about the quilting process. We have highly experienced quilters as well as sewists who want to expand their skills but have never done any quilting. They were so eager to start helping and working. Some took starter quilt projects we had put together, others hunted through fabric and selected what they wanted to create; people were busy cutting, ironing, laying out their fabric and trying to put a new creation together. It is a beehive of activity with a focus on sewing and the comfort of asking "how does this look?" "are these the right colors?" "what size should I make this?" "I need some help over here" and "can someone iron this for me?" Some participants came with completed quilts they had done at home and several were motivated to take some new projects home to complete. Of course we had lunch together giving us a little break and time to get to know each other better. We look forward to another rewarding time together on Saturday May 4 - stop by if you want to see this group in action. We love to have people pop in to see what we are doing.

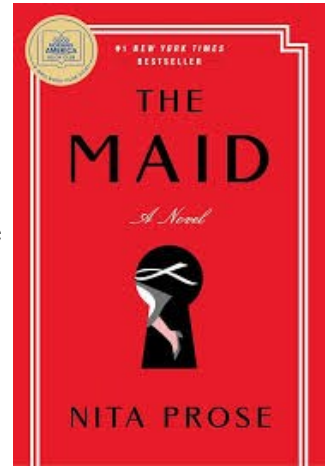


## Presbyterian Women's Book Club

Our in-person book club will meet at 7pm on Monday June 17th in the Meeting House at church. We will discuss the book *The Maid*, by Nita Prose

Email Sue Rieger at [talltreesue1@gmail.com](mailto:talltreesue1@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

**New Members are always welcome!**



If you have someone in your family graduating this May/ June, please e-mail the Church Office at [dunnschurch@gmail.com](mailto:dunnschurch@gmail.com) with their name, school (college, high school, middle school, grammar school, preschool) and their future plans ( job or name of school and grade attending in the fall).



The temperature is rising, and so is the excitement! We invite all youth in grades 5 and up to join us for Teen Time every Tuesday from 5pm-7:30pm in the DCCCP Teen Room. Come for fun, family, and refreshments.

Thinking about the Montreat Youth Conference this summer? Reach out to us at [Dunnscteenteam@gmail.com](mailto:Dunnscteenteam@gmail.com) for more information on registration and dates for both middle and high school students.



## Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will be held June 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. This Year VBS will have a Scuba theme. We will also be having a few special guests joining us including Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and some of their animals! We are looking for volunteers and donations as VBS approaches. Here are some of the Volunteer opportunities available.

**Crew Leaders**-you will be leading a small group of children to different stations throughout the church. You do not need to prepare activities. While the station leaders will run the activities you will interact with the kids.

**Station leaders/assistants**- you will be running the various activity stations for the kids to travel to.

**Set up/Clean up Crew**- Help decorate the church Sunday afternoon before VBS, and clean up on Friday afternoon.

We will be Having a VBS meeting **May 9th at 5 pm** in Fellowship Hall If you are interested in Volunteering, we would love to have you join us!

Amanda



**Save The Date**  
**Saturday June 8, 2024**  
**2:00-9:00 PM**  
**Westerly High School**

Robyn Loeckler continues to serve as our team captain for the Dunns Corners Super Steppers. We hope you will consider signing up to support the team as well. You can register to walk at the RFL on **Saturday June 8, 2024 from 2:00 - 9:00 PM** on the Westerly High School Quad. They have changed the format of the Relay making it more kid and family friendly. Whether you can stop by for an hour or for the whole day, your support would be much appreciated.

You can also support the team with a monetary **donation** of any amount, on the Relay for Life / American Cancer Society website.



Shoreline Ringers celebrates our shared passion through a musical journey inspired by film scores and music we love. From cinematic masterpieces to timeless pop anthems, each piece resonates with memory and emotion.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of musical love and artistry.

**Saturday, June 15 7:00pm**  
**Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian**  
**221 Post Road Westerly, RI**  
**Free will offering.**

"Feel the Love" with Shoreline Ringers, one of Connecticut's premier community handbell ensembles! This dynamic group is composed of musicians from across the state and delivers an exciting performance of secular and popular music.

Shoreline Ringers has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar in 2021.

In addition, they have been a special guest performer at the Boston Handbell Festival and with the US Coast Guard Band.

[www.shorelineringers.org](http://www.shorelineringers.org)





There will be a new Membership Class being held soon. Anyone interested in attending please reach out to Pastor Joan through the church office at (401)-322-0655, or William McLintock at (401)-644-7501. There will be discussion on what it means to be a member, the history of our church and community, as well as a chance to ask any questions you may have. Date and time will be posted as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

Work continues on our new Church Directory. Again if you have a special photo of you and your loved ones you would like to have used in the Directory, please email them to the Church office at [Dunnschurch@gmail.com](mailto:Dunnschurch@gmail.com).



Remember also to stop by the board in Fellowship Hall. Whether it be signing up to serve Communion, helping with the upcoming VBS, or cooking for the Warm shelter, there are new opportunities to serve our community and enjoy each other's fellowship being posted there all the time.

In Service,  
William McLintock – Membership  
[Billmc1886@gmail.com](mailto:Billmc1886@gmail.com)

## May 2024 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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

*May  
Worship  
Schedule*

### **May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday**

**Sermon: Abide in Love**

**Old Testament: Psalm 98**

**New Testament: John 15:9-17**

### **May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

**Guest Bob Rieger**

**Old Testament: Psalm 1**

**New Testament: John 17:6-19**

### **May 19: Pentecost Sunday**

**Sermon: Assembling in the Spirit**

**Old Testament: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

**New Testament: Acts 2:1-21**

### **May 26: Trinity Sunday**

**Sermon: We Know Who You Are**

**Old Testament: Romans 8:12-17**

**New Testament: John 3:1-17**

Dear Friends:

Pastor Joan had called me on Maundy Thursday to ask if she could have a visit with me. I wasn't going to be available, so we said we would have a visit after Easter. When I came home later in the day, as I drove into my driveway, I noticed that there was a pot of miniature Daffodils on my front steps. Pastor Joan had come over my house to drop off the flowers, together with a card and chocolate from you, the congregation. What a lovely surprise and your love and kind wishes are much appreciated. Thank you for thinking of me.

And, also, thank you to the Presbyterian women for thinking of me for Easter. Janet Loffredo came for a visit and presented me with goodies from all of you.

May God continue to bless DCCCP, and the missions of the church.

Affectionately,  
Luba Preble







The Presbyterian Women's Group sponsored a "Celebration of Crafts" at our April meeting. The meeting was started by Sandy Santy sharing a wonderful story about the beginnings of the "American Girl" dolls. She then led us in devotions. Judy Nichipor led the meeting and introduced our panel of eight presenters who were; Sue Rieger, Diana Clark, Joyce Stahl, Joan Berwick, Betsy Megna, Linda Chaffee, and Yvette Drurey. It was a fantastic presentation, enjoyed by all!

Thank you to our presenters who set-up all their beautiful, amazing crafts! Judy closed with a prayer and a time to remember those who are no longer with us but will be forever in our hearts. Thank you to everyone who made this event so successful.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 20th. We will meet at the church at 10 am to carpool to Wilcox Park in downtown Westerly. Our tour will begin at 10:30 and will be followed by lunch.

On June 17th, we will meet to firm up plans for our summer book sale in July. Also, if you are available the last week of June to help with Vacation Bible School please contact Amanda McLintock.



## “April showers bring May flowers...”

The title of our 2024 Spring clean-up reads; “*April rain brings the clean-up train!*” On Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual event. The rain was persistent, and so were we!

A few hours were dedicated to weeding the flower beds surrounding our church and laying mulch. Pruning work was performed on our plants and bushes on the right side of the lower entrance and leaf removal in the area behind the ELC playground which was recently renovated with a surface of new wood chips by our dedicated Tuesday Crew – *Thank you, guys!*)

Our work continues toward what we didn’t get to; there is always more to do, something requiring attention. Thank you to all our hardy volunteers every day, but on *this* occasion to those who came to help beautify our grounds...*in the rain!* Our church is blessed with such a generous congregation.

The Building and Grounds Committee





The Mission Committee thanks everyone who donated to the Easter offering. Over \$3,600 was collected to help homeless veterans in the Providence area.

Through a partnership between the federal Housing & Urban Development and the Veteran's Administration, there is a big push right now to find apartments for homeless veterans. However, the apartments are empty except for a bed which the VA provides. Furnishings, linens, and various supplies will be purchased with your gifts to make these apartments liveable.

Thank you and bless you for your kindness.

## **Hello Dunn's Corners Family**

**The Mission Committee** has decided to partner with Dorcas International once again to support another family. In the past 3 years, our church has worked with Dorcas to help resettle 5 households: 4 families from Syria and 2 women from the Congo. On the 17th of February, mission committee members drove up to Pawtucket with household goods to set up an apartment for the incoming family of 4 from Syria: Mother, Father, and two sons ages 6 and 8.

We are currently gathering items for a new family that is arriving from the Congo in May, and we welcome anyone who would like to help. A registry with all the household items we need will be posted on the Walmart website from the 22nd of April to the 11th of May. To find it and purchase an item, look under "Any Occasion Registries" on the Walmart.com list of registries, and choose "Refugee Family #6."

The items will be delivered to our committee chairman, so there's no need to pick anything up.

In May, members from our committee will take the household items to the apartment in the Providence area. We will clean it and get it set up. If you'd like to help, talk to any mission committee member.

The Mission Committee Chairperson: Keisha Straughan  
Members: Louisa Bradford, Mary Goodman, Rachel Pierson, Bob Rieger, Sandy Santy, and Cindy Shetler.

We thank you for your support.

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*Diamonds Among Us!*

We extend our birthday wishes to:

-  Bob Santy May 13
-  Diana Clark May 18
-  Janet Loffredo May 19



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
						
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