

The Scribe

April 2024

The Apostle Paul tells the church in Corinth, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything has passed away; see, everything has become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Welcome to the season of Easter, the season of Resurrection, the season of spring, the season of rebirth.



Rebirth can be a difficult concept to understand, but the lovely little butterfly offers a picture of what takes place when Christ comes into a human heart. The caterpillar’s metamorphosis provides a wonderful illustration of a believer’s spiritual transformation: The caterpillar is in the feeding phase. It eats the leaves in its world, just as we feed on the ideas of the world around us, sometimes too focused on the world and not enough on Christ’s teachings. Especially Christ’s teaching to love God, love all those around you, and love yourself. At the chrysalis stage, the caterpillar appears lifeless, similar to Jesus in the tomb after being on the cross, and at certain times in our own lives, feeling isolated and alone, separated from God and one another, sometimes trapped in our own sinful behavior. But the caterpillar emerges from its cocoon, transformed into a completely new creature, a new creation, a beautiful butterfly. The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that we too are a new creation, we too are being transformed each and every day. And only when we embrace this transformation, this new creation we are all a part of, can we learn how to fly.

(Based on Mariam Drennan’s “Butterflies: A Story of Rebirth”)

Blessings upon you, people of the Resurrection,
Pastor Joan



National President Lisa Williamson
PRESENTING ON



Reducing the stigma on Mental Illness and preventing Veteran Suicide.

Open to ALL Legion Family members and Public
When: Saturday **April 6, 2024 at 11AM**
Where: American Legion Downey-Weaver post 34
22 Whipple Drive Charlestown RI

Light lunch to follow, Please RSVP number of attendees for luncheon.
RSVP to lk_dog1@verizon.net



Teddy Bear Ministry

Our Teddy Bears have been especially busy spreading comfort and joy to many and our supply is low. Please consider donating only new bears or giving a monetary donation to purchase. You may leave them at church or arrange pick up with me.

Thank you for your generosity.

Dianne Lowther 401-742-8994

From Building and Grounds...

Spring grounds clean up: A reminder that all are invited to come and participate in our spring clean up on April 20th from 9am till noon. *Thank you, all help is greatly appreciated!*



We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the contributions received of roughly **\$2,500** towards our new narthex doors. The donations show that you truly care about our cause and the work we do. We are so blessed to have loving supporters. Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our Church.

Sincerely,
The Building and Grounds Committee



American Cancer Society
Relay For Life[®]
Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

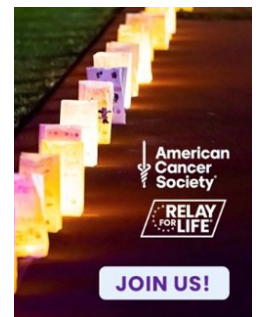
Relay For Life (RFL) has always been an important event that has been well supported by DCCCP. All you have to do is open the weekly bulletin and look at our prayer concerns and you can see how cancer has impacted all of our lives. Having lost both of my parents to cancer, this is a cause that is very close to my heart.

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. On the website you can also purchase **luminaria** for \$10 a bag. Luminaria are a special part of the RFL event. After dark, the luminaria are lit in remembrance of a life touched by cancer. There is a moment of silence to remember the loved ones the luminarias are dedicated to.

We know that cancer has touched many of our lives and hope you will find a way to support the Dunns Corners Super Steppers at this year's Relay For Life Event.

Thank you!
Mary Slattery



DCCCP KidKare

Dunn's Corners Church Kidkare afterschool program is a multi-age program which provides afterschool care for elementary aged children coming from the Dunn's Corners Elementary school. This program is the only one in the immediate area which offers afterschool programming and care every day for about 20 children in grades K through 4 for the local elementary school. Children engage in both structured and unstructured outside play as well as having a variety of fun and engaging toys to play with inside to help support development and social skills. We offer age-appropriate, movies and snacks once each month during early release days when they arrive at the center at 2:30 pm.

From a parent.....

Words cannot express the gratitude that my family has for every person who works at KidKare. My son absolutely loves going there every day after school and often asks to be the last one picked up because he never wants to leave. We figured that would change after the first year, but 3 years later, his request has not swayed. Being a teacher myself, I do not *need* after-school care for my son, but his love for KidKare has kept us there all this time. The staff works hard to foster teamwork, imaginative play and guide the kids to work out any problems in a respectful manner. What my son has learned from KidKare, as well as the warmth and respect he is shown, has enabled him to be outgoing, independent, and thoughtful with others. We love everyone at KidKare and will be sad when our son has outgrown his time there.



DCCCP ELC



We have LOVED the weather March has brought us. Our calendar pattern this month isn't a pattern, but rather going along the lines of the saying, "In like a lion and out like a lamb". That being said, each day we look out the window to determine if it is a wild lion day or a calm lamb day. So far, we have had more lamb days. We enjoyed our 2 visits from the Presbyterian Women's group so far.

The book we enjoyed was called "The Circus Ship". It was a beautifully illustrated book about freeing the circus animals. We then enjoyed a tasty animal cracker snack. The second book was a wonderful story about friendship. The book was called, "Friends in a box". We then got to pick a friend to make a friendship bracelet for. The kids absolutely loved this activity.

Our Dr. Seuss week was filled with lots of rhyming and a different theme each day. We wore green, hats, pockets, crazy socks, and stripes to represent the different Dr. Seuss books we read. Each day we engaged in a craft and worked on our rhyming skills. We also enjoyed our St. Patrick's Day week filled with gold coins, green, shamrocks, leprechauns, and rainbows. Miss Lisa created a really fun game for us to play incorporating numbers, letters, and sounds. Our next unit is our Easter Unit which includes our own Easter Egg Hunt and lots of other fun activities. We are so impressed by the continuous growth the kids make each month. So much learning is taking place. We are constantly learning from each other. March is a month where we see the kids blossom and all the skills and knowledge taught since September start to click.

April is always a fun month with our butterfly unit and plant unit. We look forward to watching for more signs of spring as the temperatures keep getting warmer.



Sew Good Souls



We are getting ready for our Quilts Beyond Borders workshops: April 6, May 4 and June 1 from 9:00 to 3:00 in Fellowship Hall. We welcome all those who can sew a straight seam or iron to participate. You don't need to make an entire quilt, you can help us make quilt tops, and we will be putting "kits" together that you can even sew at home. Please join us for some fun time together - we even have lunch together!

Lois, Jane and Yvette



It's been an exciting time for the DCCCP Teen Team! We recently honored youth group members who successfully completed The Art to Living workshop series. Andrew Plumpton, Katie Charette, and Natalie Gray were awarded certificates and showcased their 'My Silver Lining' projects during a heartfelt private ceremony, guided by founder and

director Brittany Ann Dimyan.

Additionally, our high school youth took charge of leading a worship service, showcasing their leadership and ongoing growth.

We're happy to share that Katie Charette experienced a profound moment in her spiritual journey as she was baptized in front of our congregation. It was a deeply meaningful occasion, with support pouring in from fellow youth group members, family, friends, and our church community."





Thank you for all the donations and volunteers at the Easter Egg hunt. It's because of your help that the children's events can be a success. Its also the time of the year when the Christian ed committee begins planning the summer programs such as Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping, we will be discussing our summer programs at the next Christian Ed meeting held on the first Tuesday of every month at 5pm.



Membership Committee



During the month of April, the Membership Committee continues to focus on gathering updated Contact information and photographs for our new directory. Please send any Photos of you and your family you would like to use in the new directory, as well as your updated contact information to the church office email at Dunnschurch@gmail.com.

There will be a new membership information class coming soon. We ask anyone who is interested in learning more about becoming a part of our congregation, its rich history, and the work we do within the community, to please contact Pastor Joan by calling the church office at 401-322-0655 or William McLintock at 401-644-7501. We would love to hear from you and speak to you more about the upcoming information class.

Thank you,
DCCCP Membership Committee

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 - **April 6** the 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: **Pasta, Coffee/Tea, Soup, Cookies, Salt, and Sugar.** 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, Susan Strouse, Stephanie Cahoon, and Cheryl Remsbecker

Speaker Series Save the Date!

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 1130 am. We hope to see you there!



HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JOHNNYCAKE SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Volunteers

TOTAL HOURS VOLUNTEERED: 13,658

Holidays

Last year we distributed 1096 meals, feeding 3004 people between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we provided gifts to 602 children.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Jonnycake Center of Westery is to provide a continuum of services in cooperation with other agencies in our service area to assist people through crisis situations and work with each individual to find a path out of dependency toward self-sufficiency.

Jonnycake Center of Westery

A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization

401.377.8069
23 Industrial Drive
Westery, RI 02891
www.jonnycake.org



The Mission committee is excited to partner once again with Habitat for Humanity, on their 2 X 4 sponsorship program. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry with a mission to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Building Hope 2 X 4 sponsorship program uplifts and inspires Habitat homeowners. On the 27th of April members of the mission committee will be at Stop and Shop from 10am to 3pm with 2 X 4's. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Keisha Briscoe kittenbriscoe@gmail.com.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to exercise their creativity with artwork or a wonderful message of hope and support.



APRIL LADIES NIGHT OUT!



We are kicking off spring with our first Ladies Night Out on Wednesday April 24th, 6 pm at Wood River Inn, 1139 Main Street, Wyoming, RI. Their dining room has been reserved once again for our group. The owner and staff are looking forward to serving our group once again. Please consider carpooling to eliminate a problem with parking.

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!



The Presbyterian Women's Group is planning a "Celebration of Crafts" which will take place on April 25th at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. There will be a variety of crafts displayed by our very talented crafters with time to enjoy each one. Some of the crafts to be presented are; quilts and knitting, creative sewing projects, handmade pocketbooks, and demonstrations of work on a loom. We hope that you will come and join us and take part in the fun and fellowship of our time together.

Taken from "Reading Magic" by Mem Fox.

"Reading aloud to children before they start school is a win/win situation. From birth children learn the language -- -- the sounds, the accents, the sound of a sentence being put together well. By having these laughing, loving, deep and meaningful conversations with our children, all of their language skills will explode."

Judy Nichipor and Diana Clark were instrumental in promoting reading for young children in our church. This exposure to language and reading form a firm foundation for literacy and the children responded warmly to the experience of being held and read to. Aside from supporting parents in their efforts, The Presbyterian Women's Group provided each child with a book of their own on the occasion of their baptism, and furnished baskets of books to the Christmas Sale.

Another program to promote literacy involved volunteers who visited The Early Learning Center on a scheduled basis and brought their favorite book to share with the children. This is the third year we have supported this reading program, and the children certainly seem to enjoy it.

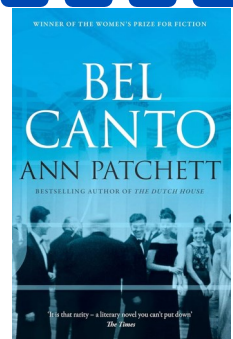


Presbyterian Women's Book Club

Our in-person book club will meet at 7pm on Monday April 22nd in the Meeting House at church. We will discuss the book *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett.

Email Sue Rieger at talltreesue1@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

New Members are always welcome!

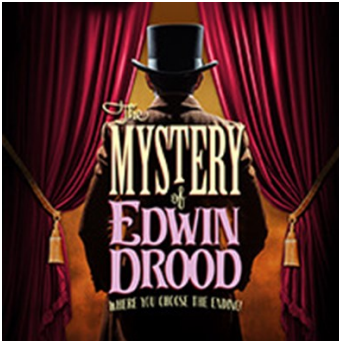


*Come join us at the
Goodspeed Opera House
on May 19 @ 2:00 PM
To see The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

We have a limited group of tickets reserved for DCCCP and friends of our church. This is a great way to reach out to your friends and family and invite them to join our church for some of the fun activities we do outside of church.

Hope to see you there.

*Tickets are \$83.00
See Mary Slattery or Cathy Kellers
to reserve and pay for your tickets.*



THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

Who killed Edwin Drood? You decide! A troupe of Victorian performers invites you to play detective in this musical comedy whodunit packed with surprise. Your vote picks the guilty party from a lineup of suspicious Charles Dickens characters who leap off the page and into a gas-lit, gilded, giddy spectacle. No one is who they appear to be among the corrupt suspects in this cunning and clever show-within-a-show. You'll be guessing motives, masks and murder 'til the final curtain!

A Musical by Rupert Holmes

Fellowship at The Dunn's



Saturday, **April 27th** Starting with a pancake breakfast at 8am in Fellowship Hall.

Followed by a hike at Grill's Preserve in Bradford.
198 Bowling Lane, Bradford RI. Led by Charles Jones with the Westerly Land Trust.



Coming Soon!

June: **New London Boat Tour**



Cell Tower

Mr. Michael Elsier, of Airosmith Development Corporation wrote to Dunn's Corner Community Church with a proposal to erect a cell tower on the northwest corner of the church property for Verizon. This proposal contained an offer of a monthly financial contribution to the church. This information was given to the Trustees who decided to do some research. After the research was done, a number of back and forth communications occurred. The company accepted our final request which represented a 41% increase in the company's first offer, as well as our requirement for additional money for other carriers when and if placed on the tower.



The Trustees voted to accept this increase and to inform the Presbytery of Southern New England's Trustees of the Development Company's offer. They are the owner of the church property and will guide us through this process. Most of this information has been submitted to Session for their approval. After the PSNE's Trustees look over this proposal the Session will organize a church forum to discuss this in detail. If these approvals occur, then Airosmith will proceed with obtaining all required permits.

It is the belief of the Trustees that the financial remuneration to the church is worth the proposal to erect a cell tower on the church property.

Building a Community of Support

Save the date:

Women's retreat October 4 - 5 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm PNC (T)	2 8:30 am Work Team 4pm Worship Committee (Z) 5 pm Christian Education 5-7 pm Teen Time (T) 7 pm Trustees (M)	3	4 5:45-6:50 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	5	6 Habitat work day 8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH) 9 am-4pm Sew Good Souls (FH)
7 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School Communion Sunday	8 6:30 pm PNC (T)	9 8:30 am Work Team 5-7 pm Teen Time (T) 6 pm Building & Grounds (M) 7 pm Session (M)	10 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village 6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	11 5:45-6:50 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	12	13 9 am Ring-a-Palooza (C)
14 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School	15 1 pm Presbyterian Women (FH) 6:30 pm PNC (T)	16 8:30 am Work Team 5 pm Compliance (M) 5 - 7pm Teen Time (T)	17 Scribe Deadline 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village 6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	18 5:45-6:50 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	19	20 9 am—12 pm Spring Clean-up
21 6:30 am Sunrise Service 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School	22 6:30 pm PNC (T) 7 pm Presbyterian Women Book Club (M)	23 8:30 am Work Team 5-7pm Teen Time (T) 7 pm Deacons (M)	24 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village 6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	25 1 pm Presbyterian Women Celebration of Crafts (FH) 5:45-6:50 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	26	27 8 am Breakfast (FH) 9 am Hike at Grills Preserve
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