

# The Scribe

February 2023

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## GOD IS NOT DUNN WITH US YET

This edition of the Scribe coincides with our final days serving with this wonderful community of faith at Dunn's Corners. What a blessing it has been to share these eight years with you as we have all grown together in faith.

From the very beginning of our time together, I have enjoyed exploring fun variations on the name Dunn's Corners. For instance...



Our first summer here, we were pleasantly surprised by the number of ice cream shops that popped up. Town Beach, State Beach, several other stops along Atlantic Avenue, Watch Hill, and seemingly every other nook and cranny was offering a wide variety of flavors that were both a temptation and a delicious delight. Our Wednesday Evening Vespers Service loved to spend time together, sharing stories of our lives, prayer, and hopes and dreams. One day it occurred to me that we could extend our Wednesday evenings. Rather than finishing at 7:00 and going home, we could explore and test out the many options available for ice cream. We formed a group based on a slight variation of our church name. You guessed it, we became the Dunn's Coners. Boy did we live it up as we licked those ice cream cones.

A phrase that has been heard often is "Been There. Done That." The idea is that if you have done something once, well, that is enough. Let's do something else. But what we discovered in this charming corner of New England is that the things available to us are so wonderful, they invite us to do them again and again. So I wrote a newsletter article playing on that phrase, but with a slight twist. **Been There. Dunn That.** What I proposed was that we share trips and adventures we had enjoyed and invite others to join in exploring these well-known treasures. Cathy Kellers took the idea and ran with it, forming a social group who met together and brainstormed ideas for the church family to do. That group has sponsored trips to the Cliff Walk in Newport, shown movies at church like "Come From Away", created cooking nights where someone like Mimi Yu could show us how to make Fried Rice, and a whole host of other ideas. The social group is still active, and they have events planned out through June. I hope you take advantage of all these opportunities to both explore the area around us, and to explore building friendships within the church family.

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One of my favorites was combining the name of our church with another word. I took Dunn's Corners and added the word **tone**. But **tone** did not stand separate from Corners. If you put those two words together, you get "Cornerstone". I wrote during those early days of COVID, during a time we needed to plant our faith firmly on the foundation of Christ, I wrote that Dunn's Cornerstone is none other than Jesus Christ. It is only through putting our faith and trust in him that we can weather every storm and endure every struggle.

Now in parting, I am drawn to one final variation on the name of this dear and wonderful church. It is the phrase, "God is not dunn with us yet." I take that statement personally, confident that God will continue working in my heart, shaping and changing my life, forming and reforming my spirit into His Spirit. I believe this is true of the church that bears the name "Dunn's Corners". God is not dunn with this amazing congregation. The hopes and dreams that have inspired such a wide variety of ministries, outreach efforts, acts of kindness and compassion, deep experiences of worship and profound moments of reverence, will not come to an end. God has so much in store for this church, just as God has so much in store for his church that exists as one Body throughout the whole entire world. God is not **Dunn** with this world. God is not **Dunn** with this church. God is not **Dunn** with us. As the prophet Jeremiah proclaimed with such hope and confidence, God is saying to us even now, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

I also hold firmly to the hope that God is not Dunn with **us** yet, in the sense that even though our lives will take different paths, the Eberly family making a home in Houston and you, the members and friends of the church continuing the ministry you have been given her at Dunn's Corners, even with these changes, God is not Dunn with **us** yet. Us! Our hearts will always be joined with yours. We look forward to the future, believing that God will keep our lives connected and our hearts united. We will never forget the rich relationship we have shared with you. We will always treasure in our hearts the impact you have made on our life. It is with firm hope in the God who is never finished working in our lives that I leave you then with these words of hope and expectation: "**God is not dunn with us yet.**"

With the love of Christ,

Wayne and Julie



## Session Notes: By Art Ganz, Clerk of Session



*from our*  
**Session**

With the Eberly's move, the Session will move ahead with all its efforts to maintain normal operations of DCCCP. In the coming weeks the Session will arrange for substitute preachers by March first. A list of potential interim ministers will be provided by Presbytery for a more formal transition and pastoral coverage. Many requirements must be fulfilled to proceed with a new pastor call. Several documents need to be presented to Presbytery to define us as a church and community. A Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) will be elected to take responsibility for the search. We hope to have PNC candidates available for election by the Annual Meeting.

In the meantime, the Elders of the church will be available to anyone with questions, concerns or in need of counselling. We plan to have one or more Elders at each coffee hour, and possibly certain times during the week. We will do our best to keep transparency throughout the search process, but much of the PNC work must be kept confidential during their search.

For those who are not familiar with our Session: (contact information is found in our Scribe calendar page).

- Linda Griffin is Chair of the Personnel Committee
- Bruce Yarnall & Keisha Straughan co-chair the Nominating Committee
- Judy Williams chairs the Worship and Music Committee
- Bob Santy is chair of Christian Education, (along with staff)
- Dr. Sarah Longolucco is chair of the Compliance Committee
- Larry Fortin is chair of Building and Grounds
- Bill McLintock & Linda Griffin co-chair Membership and Evangelism Committee
- Keisha Straughan is chair of the Mission Committee
- Dr. Laurie Berry is the liaison with the ELC/Kid Kare programs
- Bruce Yarnall is chair of Stewardship
- Ivan Owen
- Cathy Kellers is the Church Treasurer and Trustee representative
- David Capaldi is Chair of the Board of Trustees
- Art Ganz is Clerk of Session
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Our plan is to keep the operations moving ahead as well as some social and fellowship activities for all ages. Please feel free to contact our Elders and Deacons and we'll do our best!

## 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: Swiss Chicken**, sign up in Fellowship Hall. Remember we are the first Saturday of the month - **February 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: **Macaroni and Cheese; Crackers and Cookies both kid and adult; Sugar; Coffee, Tea Cereal; Juice Boxes for kids.** 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:** Pam Ganz, Yvette Drurey, Dianne Lowther, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith, Jeanne Pietraallo, Sue Rieger, Marilyn Brandyberry, Janet Loffredo, Sue Eldredge and Bonnie Krauss

To help our neighbors stay warm this winter, we'll be collecting winter weather clothing on our Mitten Tree.

We need new scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, coats, and jackets, for children and adults.

Please help by placing new items on the MittenTree in the Sanctuary. We will distribute the items through Jonnycake Center in Westerly.



Thank you for your generosity and caring.



Although summer is months away, we are preparing for our options for Vacation Bible School and/or other summer program alternatives. VBS has been a lot of fun, and a great way to strengthen and build our congregational family. To be able to host a VBS we need plenty of volunteers. We are trying to get an early estimation of the number of volunteers so we can plan accordingly. If you would be willing to help with VBS/other programs this summer, please reach out to Amanda McLintock @amandamclintock@gmail.com

Pictures are from past VBS fun!!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN

At our 10:00am service we offer Sunday School for children and families to participate in. Some examples of our recent fun activities include; Bible Trivia, tissue paper snowflakes, and making popcorn sheep while we learn about the Lamb of God. We welcome volunteers to sign up in Fellowship Hall if you would like to host a craft for the children.

### Ice Skating Party



We will also be hosting an open skate event at the Washington Trust skate rink on February 20th from 1-2pm. **All are welcome to attend.**

Questions? Email Amanda McLintock at [amandamclintock@gmail.com](mailto:amandamclintock@gmail.com)

# February 2023 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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

*February  
Worship  
Schedule*

<b>Sunday, February 5</b> Guest Preacher:	<b>Celebration of Holy Communion</b> Reverend Joan Priest
<b>Sunday, February 12</b> Guest Preacher:	Reverend Mark Porizky
<b>Sunday, February 19</b> Guest Preacher:	Reverend Dale Green
<b>Sunday, February 26</b> Guest Preacher:	Reverend Dale Green

## Update from the Nominating committee:



The Nominating committee is tasked with nominating members of the congregation to serve of the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) Anyone who is interested in being considered to be a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee, please let either Bruce Yarnall or Kie-sha Straughan know. Bruce can be reached at [byarnall@juno.com](mailto:byarnall@juno.com) and Keisha can be reached at [kittenbriscoe@gmail.com](mailto:kittenbriscoe@gmail.com).

The nominating committee has already met several times to discuss the possible make up of the committee. We will move forward smoothly with deliberate speed in order to create a PNC that accurately reflects our congregation.

Thank you and please keep everyone in each other's prayers as we start our search for a new pastor.

Bruce Yarnall and Keisha Straughan, Nominating Committee Co-Chairs



The Mission committee is grateful to the congregation for their **generous support of the Christmas Offering**. We were able to donate \$3500 to Dorcas International to help them resettle many Ukrainian families that have arrived in Rhode Island. The money will be used to assist in food, housing, transportation, and many other needs.

Please read the thank you letter that Dorcas sent expressing their gratitude.

On Saturday, January 21, 6 members of Dunn's Corner church traveled to Central Falls, RI. Their mission??? To set up a 2-bedroom apartment for 2 new refugees. Dorcas asked if we could provide household goods for 2 young women who would be arriving from the Congo at the end of January. It was decided we would purchase the goods from our mission budget. We were able to clean the apartment and set up everything that we brought to make it a beautiful new home. We are blessed to have the ability to do so much for others.



Our church has been very active for years helping support Habitat for Humanity. Once again, we have the opportunity to spread the news. On Saturday, February 18, from 12-4, we will be outside of Stop and Shop, Westerly raising money through the 2 X4 For Hope project.

We will have a table by the entrance to the store with 2X4 pieces of lumber. For a donation, people can sign the board and send their best wishes to the homeowner of a Habitat house. The signed 2X4's will be used in the construction of another new home.

We will also have a table set up after both Sunday services on February 19 where everyone is encouraged to sign a 2X4 and donate to help a family get decent housing.

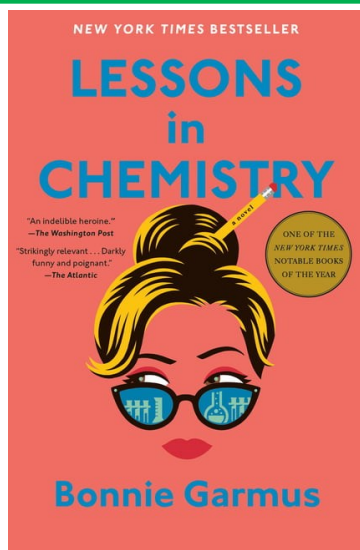
Jean Scialabba

## Presbyterian Women's Book Club

There will be a zoom book club meeting at 7pm on March 26th

We will discuss the book *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Another delightful, wry, vibrant and compulsively readable book.

Anyone interested should contact Sue Rieger at [talltreesuel@gmail.com](mailto:talltreesuel@gmail.com) to receive a zoom link.



## Presbyterian Women's Group

The Presbyterian Women's Group held a planning meeting on Monday, January 16th. The most pressing issue was the Soup Sale which was held on Sunday, January 22nd. The sale was a great success raising approximately \$500 for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you!

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 20th. Our guest speaker will be Jeanne Pietraallo. She has invited us to bring any Christmas photos that we would like to use in making a Scrapbook page. Jeanne will provide all other necessary materials and will "Show and Tell" all about the process so please plan to join us " You'll be glad you did!!"

Looking ahead we are planning a fieldtrip to The Palmer House in Stonington for a tour guided by Bob Reiger.



We Need  
Your



**Keeping the church building clean and organized:** Thank you to Martha Geehan and the Tuesday crew for cleaning and organizing the storage area in Fellowship Hall after the Christmas Bazaar. We are asking for your help to keep it this way.

The church applauds your generosity but, please do not drop off any donations unless they are specifically requested in the Scribe or weekly bulletin. Make sure any donations are labeled with who it is for and that you have contacted the committee chairperson to let them know what you are dropping off.

Most donations can be dropped off at the Johnnycake Center. (Westerly or Wakefield), the Blue Mitten, or the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Big Brothers and Big Sisters will pick up clothing and household goods. The Johnnycake Center will pick up furniture.

Thank you for your help in keeping our church neat and tidy!

## Sew Good Souls



### Dress A Girl Around the World

We had a great start with our first workshop, we had 12 participants who were ironing, cutting, making pockets, sewing seams and hems, and putting the bias tape on for the final steps in making the sundresses. We meet again on February 4 and March 4, hope you can join in our fun!



## **A Cappella Concert Fundraiser**

**Concert by The Narragansett Bay chorus. The performing unit of the Providence Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, the largest male singing organization in the world.**

**Along with the Trade Secret Quartet. This highly accomplished four-some brings more than 150 years of musical experience to the stage.**

**Performance to be held at DCCCP on Sun, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm  
Freewill offering with portion of proceeds going toward Mission Fun**

# Threshold Choir

The **Westerly Threshold Singers** at the **Chorus of Westerly** is part of Threshold Choir International, a national volunteer organization that was born out of the HIV/AIDS crisis of the early 1990's. Founder, Kate Munger, developed a body of song to be sung at bedside for those on the 'threshold of life.'

This repertoire aims to support clients and caregivers at the threshold of living, such as those coping with terminal illness, and those nearing the end of their journey of life and transitioning to death.

While we rehearse as a large group, when serving clients bedside, singers go in small groups of 4 or less so as not to overwhelm the room. Using a soft lullaby voice, the songs focus on secular themes of breathing, nature, and being present in the moment. The repertoire is made up of simple lyrics with positive affirmations designed to bring comfort and peace to clients and their families. Silence in between pieces is maintained to help promote a calm, nurturing atmosphere focused on the client's well being. A bedside sing typically last 15-25 minutes.

Our local chapter was launched in early 2022 as part of a desire to expand outreach to fulfill the larger mission of the Chorus of Westerly which aims to harness the power of music to transform lives and nourish the soul of the community. The pastoral aspect of the music is inherently non-performative and the goal is always to serve the client and their caregivers. Led by Kathryn Aaron, the vocalists involved with the Westerly Threshold Singers are volunteers and our gift of song is given gratis. We also offer musical meditations for essential workers, communities coping with grief and in celebration of lives who have fully transitioned. To learn more about Threshold Choirs or The Chorus of Westerly please visit: [thresholdchoir.org](http://thresholdchoir.org) & [chorusofwesterly.org](http://chorusofwesterly.org).

"If you would like to have the Threshold Singers sing for a loved one, please call the Chorus of Westerly office at 401-596-8663."



**JOIN US FRI, FEB 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM  
FOR A COOKING DEMONSTRATION  
BY MIMI YU**



Mimi will be cooking Scallion Pancakes and dipping sauce  
SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Per Capita**

The Per Capita payment for 2023 will be \$51 per church member, or \$102 per couple. This is what our Presbytery will charge our Church for each member, as a fee for membership in the Presbyterian Church.

We appreciate any payments the members are able to pay. Blue per capita envelopes are available for payments. Historically, approximately one-half of the congregation pays their per capita. The remainder is paid from our church budget.

Per capita pays for the expenses and missions of the regional and national governing bodies of the Church. Local churches receive many benefits from our Presbytery and the national General Assembly, including pastor education and support, mortgages for new churches, missions in our region and nationally, and new pastor search assistance. Our Presbytery has worked hard to control their costs, raising the per capita by only a few cents each year.

We hope our members are able to pay the per capita fee. Thank you for your help!

## From the Membership and Evangelism Committee

Even during times of transition, people join our church, believing that DCCCP is a community of faithful worshippers and a group of welcoming individuals no matter who is leading us. We met with prospective members during January. They are an engaging and outgoing couple who credit all of us members with inspiring their interest. We hope to introduce them to you in February.

In the meantime, if you are a visitor who wants to learn more about DCCCP, please let me know. It would be a pleasure to talk with you.

Linda Griffin  
401 322 7880



## From the Personnel Committee

The Church is fortunate to have enthusiastic and experienced staff members in place in all positions. And they have planned programs for all ages to keep us involved with the Church and engaged with one another. Look for opportunities that appeal to you. We want to be with you.

Linda Griffin and Bob Santy, co-chairs



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*Diamonds Among Us!*




We extend our birthday wishes to:

- 🕯 Phyllis Thomas February 1;
- 🕯 Mary Rebeiro February 23



*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
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			8:30 am Work Team 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village  6-8 pm Cub Scouts 6-7:15 pm Enneagram (M)	 <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b> 5:45-7 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30 pm Chancel Choir		Habitat Work Day 8 am-2 pm Warm dinner drop off (FH)  9 am -4 pm Dress a Girl workshop (FH)
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School 11:30 am GriefShare (M)	4 pm Worship Committee (Z)  5:30-7 pm GriefShare (M) 7 pm Trustees (M)	8:30 am Work Team  4:30 pm Christian Ed Committee (M) 5-7 pm Teen Time (T)	8:30 am Work Team 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village  6-8 pm Cub Scouts 6-7:15 pm Enneagram (M)	5:45-7pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir		
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8 am & 10 am Worship ordination and installation of officers(10 am) 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School 11:30 am GriefShare (M)	5:30 -7 pm Griefshare (M)	8:30 am Work Team   5 - 7pm Teen Time (T) 6 pm Buildings & Grounds (M) 7 pm Session (M)	8:30 am Work Team 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village  6-8 pm Cub Scouts 6-7:15 pm Enneagram (M)	5:45-7pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	6 pm Cooking with Mimi (FH)	
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School 11:00 am Annual Meeting 11:30 am GriefShare (M)	 <b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b> Ice Skating Party 1 pm Presbyterian Women (FH) 5:30-7 pm GriefShare (M)	8:30 am Work Team  3-4:30 pm Westerly Village (M) 5-7pm Teen Time (T)	8:30 am Work Team 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village  6-8 pm Cub Scouts 6-7:15 pm Enneagram (M)	5:45-7 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir		
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