

# *The Scribe*

February 2025

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I have to admit, I was a bit concerned about moving to Southern New England because as nice as the summer and fall of 2024 were, I have never lived anywhere above the Mason-Dixon line. I have only visited Northern places in the winters for a few days at a time. I knew nothing about driving in snow and ice, playing outdoors in sub-freezing temperatures, or looking outside and seeing last week's snow still sitting in the yard. To tell you the truth, I've been dreading the month of February.

But the joy I get on Sunday mornings fills me with energy and a warm feeling that lasts for days. You all are the internal fire that keeps me motivated and moving, and I'm adapting and learning to layer up and got lots of warm clothes and an electric shawl for Christmas! I've heard you all say that you've adapted to me, and my sometimes-fiery sermons, too. It's been a wonderful six months and we're just getting started!

It all began one year ago. In February of last year, I logged on to a Zoom meeting with nine people from DCCCP – Tina Chapman, Catherine Ogilvie, Sally Owen, Rachel Pierson, Gordon Priess, Bob Reiger, Bob Santy, Mary Slattery, and Jerry Wolstencroft, your PNC. We had a great conversation, and I walked away from it thinking that Dunn's Corners was exactly the kind of church that I wanted to serve. You chose a great PNC, and I'm forever grateful for their confidence in me to be the person the church was ready for.

Honestly, though, I assumed that if we kept looking, we'd find a church like DCCCP but in a warmer and more familiar climate, closer to my Texas family; but there is no other church quite like you. So, bring on the snow and bring on the days when the high temperature is still below freezing. We'll get through them as you always have, and together we'll tease my Texas friends and family when it's 100 in June and too hot to even swim in August. My family and I have said over and over that saying yes to Dunn's Corners Community Church was the best decision we could have made.

Our dog Mady may  
have adjusted the  
best of all!



# Session Report



*from our*  
**Session**

Session had a very busy and productive meeting in January. The church is thriving.

We had six new members approved who were introduced to the congregation on Jan 19.

A congregational meeting was approved for Sun, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> which will follow a joint service of 9am followed by a special Chili Cookoff.

Also, on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> the youth of the church will be collecting money for food insecurity (Souper Bowl of Caring)

The baptism of Caroline Longolucco was approved.

Sat, May 3<sup>rd</sup> our church has been selected to host the Presbytery meeting from 10am to 4pm. There is the potential of 75-125 people.

Session Officer of Clerk, Art Ganz and Treasurer, Cathy Kellers, were approved.

Standing Committee heads were approved as follows:

Buildings & Grounds: Larry Fortin

Membership/Evangelism: Bruce Yarnell

Mission: Rachel Pierson as co-chair, with Bob Rieger as chair

Nomination: Staci Heep as chair and Cathy Kellers as co-chair

Stewardship: Bruce Yarnell

Finance: Cathy Kellers

Worship & Music: Charles Jones as lead with Staci Heep as assist

Christian Education: Dan Charette

Compliance: Grant Showacre

Personnel: Bob Santy

Early Learning Center/Kidcare: Caroline Contrata, as chair with Staci Heep as co-chair

Please feel free to reach out to any of the Session leads if you have interest in attending any of the committees.

With blessings and cheer,  
Cathy Kellers (filling in for Art Ganz)

The Mission committee has voted to send a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to help with their work after the tragic California fires. Our hearts are with all who have been affected by the devastating wildfires, including the staff and members of the Palisades Presbyterian Church, which was destroyed.



Presbyterian Disaster Relief (PDA) helps victims of the fire with immediate needs, as well as helping rebuild when the fires are finally extinguished. Members of the congregation may also wish to send a gift. Go to [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org) and click on the link to support the church's response to the fires. Or mail a donation to:

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P. O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700**

Please note on the memo line "**PDA: California Fires.**"

The Mission Committee is grateful to have the resources to send a donation. We are praying for the victims of these devastating fires.



Looking for a small volunteer job? We could use one person, or a two-person team, to refill the pew racks with offering envelopes, and blue prayer requests. There are also occasional holiday special offering envelopes as well. This needs to be done once or twice a month and takes about an hour. If you are interested, please email Rachel Pierson at [rachelpiers@gmail.com](mailto:rachelpiers@gmail.com)

**Lace up your skates!  
Dunn's Corners Community Church  
Is hosting an open skate  
February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm  
At  
Washington Trust Community Ice  
Rink  
61 Main Street, Westerly RI**



**Friends and Family  
Welcome!**

**Adults \$10 including  
Skate Rental  
Children skate free**



**Tickets on sale in Fellowship Hall**



## DCCCP Youth Lock-In Announcement

Attention DCCCP Youth (Grades 6-12) and Friends! You're invited to an epic overnight event!

When: Wednesday, February 19th

Where: Dunns Corners Community Church Presbyterian

Join us for a Youth Lock-In filled with fun, games, snacks, and amazing activities!

Details:

- Who: Open to DCCCP youth in grades 6-12 and their friends
- Doors open at 7:00 PM
- Pick-up at 9:00 AM the next morning
- Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, and anything else you'll need for a fun night!
- Adult chaperones will be present to supervise and ensure a safe, fun experience.

Permission slips are required and can be found in the Teen Room.

For more information, contact Michael at :

Email: [dunnsccteenteam@gmail.com](mailto:dunnsccteenteam@gmail.com)

Phone: 240-491-1119

Don't miss out! Grab your friends, mark your calendars, and join us for an unforgettable night!

## Souper Bowl of Caring



“Anderson Chapman is leading the youth of Dunn’s Corners Community Church in the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser this year. On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 9th, we will hear from Anderson about this nationwide food insecurity drive and have an opportunity to support our community regardless of whether we’re Eagles fans or Chiefs fans. Bring cash or check on the 9th for a good cause!”

Tuesday Night Lenten Soup Supper

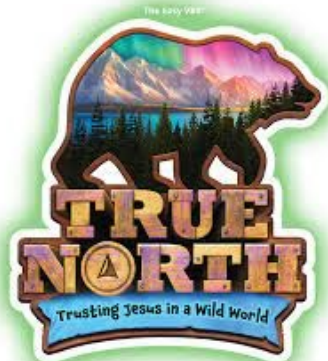
Beginning Tuesday March 11th

6 pm Supper



Families are invited to Join us for open skate event at the Washington Trust Skate rink on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm. All are welcome. The tickets are \$10 for adults, and children skate free.

Although summer is months away, we are preparing for our Vacation Bible Camp. This year's theme is True North, trusting Jesus in a Wild World. VBS has been a lot of fun, and a great way to strengthen and build our congregational family. If you are interested in Volunteering please reach out to Amanda McLintock at [AmandaMcLintock@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaMcLintock@gmail.com)



# Cribbage Night



## Sew Good Souls

We have had a request to make school backpacks for the children at the Chikumbuso Project in Africa. These bags cannot be made from cotton fabric that we use for sundresses and quilts. The fabric needs to be sturdier like drapery or duck type fabrics. We have been collecting what we can find in our personal stashes but will need to purchase some fabric. We will be seeking donations during the spring as our backpacks will be shown as part of our annual quilt show in July when all our projects leave for new places. For every donation of \$6.00 we can purchase enough fabric to make 3 backpacks. We will set up a donation jar every Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

We thank you for supporting Sew Good Souls. Lois, Jane and Yvette



## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The men of the Church and friends got together on January 25, for fellowship, food, and learning. About a dozen men stood and held hands in prayer before having the best blueberry pancakes in Westerly. Thank you, Carl Kellers!



We shared a little something about us and one thing we all have in common is that we love our Church!

We ended fellowship with Bob Rieger sharing his hobby of astrophotography – photos of the universe. Using his at-home optical telescope to take the photos which revealed features of objects that are not visible to the human eye. The photos helped us understand the scale of the universe and our place in it. An upward glance to the sky, and suddenly our small lives are held up against the scale of the universe, making us feel both insignificant and awed.

Next Men's Fellowship will take place in the Spring!

Installation of Officers  
8:00am worship



Installation of Officers  
10:00 am worship





The January meeting of The Women's Group took place on January 19th with nine members in attendance. The meeting began with Devotions led by Judy Nichipor. The devotional was written by Rabbi Steve Leder and published in the "Women's Day Magazine". Judy also led us in prayer for all who are not well or are struggling with finances. Then we moved on to our business meeting with the Soup Sale being our first item. A net profit of \$543 was realized and it was decided to contribute this amount to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

### Future Events:

**Reading in the Early Learning Center** will take place on Mondays and Thursdays from the beginning of March to the middle of April. Volunteers may sign up at the February meeting.

The **February meeting** is scheduled for the 17th and will include a Valentines Day Luncheon. We will meet at noon and the menu will include hors d oeuvres and desserts. please see sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

**April Ladies Night Out** was discussed, and more information will follow in the Bulletin.

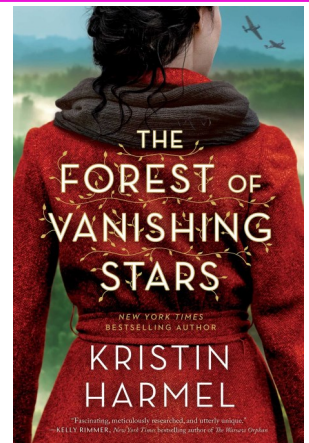
A tour of the **Westerly Public Library** is confirmed for May 19th at noon and will be followed by lunch.

**Bible Study**, the first meeting was a success and the next meeting will be held on Saturday January 25th at 10:00am in The Meeting House.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Judy Nichipor.

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will hold its next meeting on March 24th at 7pm in the Meeting House. We will discuss *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmell.

Contact Sue Rieger 401-575-0272 if you are new to our group.





Session has approved combining services on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have one service at 9 am with the annual meeting immediately following.

**Sunday, February 9, 2025, immediately following the 9am service.**



The Annual Meeting is the one meeting during the year that any and all topics may be introduced from the floor and addressed by the congregation. Here is your opportunity to voice your praises and concerns. This meeting is usually around one hour. All other congregational meetings must have a previously stated agenda and only address those topics printed and announced on that stated agenda. At the Annual Meeting anything may be discussed.



*Chili Cookoff following congregation meeting*

Sun, Feb 9th

Bring you best chili to compete  
or just come and eat and vote

# DEACONS

## Corner

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### **Jonnycake**

We continue to be so appreciative of all the contributions both food and clothing to keep our clients warm. The coats in particular! One of our clients walked in and was so proud of her new coat. She had never had one before! You are really making a difference!

Items we can use in February:

**Black pepper and salt shakers,  
Crackers, Box Cereal - Adult or Kids,  
Box Cookie/Cake mixes for Valentines Day!  
Valentines Day sweets  
Canned Meat - Beef Stew, Spam, Ham, etc.  
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## **Experience an Afternoon of Music with the Narragansett Bay Chorus and Trade Secret!**

Mark your calendars for a delightful afternoon of music and harmony! On Sunday, February 23, at 3:00 PM, our church will host a special concert featuring the renowned Narragansett Bay Chorus, joined by the accomplished quartet, Trade Secret. Known for their exquisite barbershop harmonies, the Narragansett Bay Chorus has captivated audiences across North America and beyond since 1949, earning numerous accolades, including 15 Northeastern District Championships. Their mission to bring a cappella music to all ages is matched by their dedication to raising funds for local charities and nonprofits. This inspiring event promises an unforgettable musical experience right here in our sanctuary.

Adding to the afternoon's magic, Trade Secret, an internationally recognized a cappella quartet, will grace us with their world-class performance. With over 150 years of combined musical experience, this talented group has shared the stage with iconic names like The Oak Ridge Boys and The Kingston Trio. Trade Secret's harmonious blend has earned them accolades as one of the premier barbershop groups in the Northeast and consistent recognition on the global stage. While admission is free, a freewill offering will be taken to support the ministries of our church. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy exceptional music while making a meaningful impact. Bring your friends and family to share in this extraordinary celebration of song!

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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> 8 am-2 pm Warm dinner drop off (FH) 9 am -3pm Dress a Girl workshop (FH)
<b>2</b> 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School  GROUNDHOG DAY	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 am Work Team  4 pm Worship Committee (Z) 5 pm Christian Ed 5-7 pm Teen Time (T) 6 pm Buildings & Grounds (M) 6-7:30 pm GriefShare (M)	<b>5</b> 8-10 am Coffice Hours  1:30-3:30pm Westerly Village  6-8 pm Cub Scouts	<b>6</b>   5:45-6:50 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  10am Presbyterian Women Bible Study (M)
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