

# The Scribe

January 2023

## NEW YEAR...NEW CALENDAR

This New Year's message is being written by the Dinosaur from Dunn's Corners. I call myself a dinosaur because I still use a paper calendar. You might remember this relic from the not so distant past. Every month of the year has its own page. Every day of the month has its own square. Every square representing a particular day has my trademark chicken scratch highlighting my appointments and commitments. Whether you keep a calendar made of paper or one that virtually tracks your schedule through some fine and fancy phone, you don't want to miss what each week holds for the church at Dunn's Corners.



### Monday:

The Presbyterian Women meet monthly.

Grief Share will offer a Monday gathering that will be held in the evenings.

Our Trustees meet monthly on Mondays.

### Tuesday:

Early in the morning the Work Crew shows up and starts moving things, fixing things, setting things up, tearing things down, but always improving everything they touch!

Bible Study meets at 9:30 am. In January we will be watching a series called The Chosen. The many episodes of this inspiring series will tell about the life of Christ in ways that are engaging and full of encouragement as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus.

Teen Fellowship welcomes all of our wonderful young people each Tuesday evening at 5 pm.

Session meets the second Tuesday.

Deacons meet on the fourth Tuesday.

### Wednesday: We open the doors of the church to the community.

Westerly Village comes into Fellowship Hall for a wonderful social time of games, physical activities, learning opportunities and more.

The fun in Fellowship Hall continues into the evening as the Scouts arrive with all their energy and enthusiasm.

We also have something for the church family, as our Enneagram Journey will begin again in January.

And...Diamond Lunches will be held on Wednesdays in the coming year. The Deacons have made the move to Wednesdays believing we might connect with our friends in Westerly Village. If December is any indication, they have hit upon a great idea. More than 40 people came together and had a very enjoyable time.

### Thursday: Do you hear what I hear?

The Bells ring and the Choir sings at their Thursday rehearsals

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Friday:

Bulletins are folded, last minute preparations take place in the office, and on just about a monthly basis, our Social Group invites us to experience a variety of activities, from making Mimi Yu’s Fried Rice to watching inspiring movies like Come From Away, games of bingo and on January 20 a good-old fashioned Chili Cook off!

Saturday:

First Saturday we work at Habitat and bring food for the Warm Dinner  
Sew Good Souls begins another year of preparing beautiful hand made blessings that are shared with many people in places far and near. Their first meeting is Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday: The highlight of our week as we gather to worship our Lord.

Worship at 8 and 10 am  
Coffee Fellowship after both services  
Grief Share at 11:30

Happy New Year DCCCP. Fellow dinosaurs, get out those old-fashioned paper calendars...techie and aficionadors of hand held devices you know what to do...however you keep track of your commitments, take a good look at all the opportunities for growing, serving, living, and loving. Be part of the community that is being built day by day at Dunn’s Corners.

With the love of Christ,

Wayne

PS. I might well have left something out...let us know. Every meeting matters.

With the love of Christ,

*Wayne*

## Community Mentoring Opportunity

Do you have some time on your hands? Are you interested in making a difference in the life of a child?



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island (BBBSRI) is partnering with Exeter West Greenwich Junior High School to develop a site based mentoring program. The program will take place at EWG Junior High School during the school day for an hour every other week. The mentoring will be facilitated by BBBSRI staff.

If you are interested in learning more, call or email Mary Slattery at [mary\\_slattery@ewg.k12.ri.us](mailto:mary_slattery@ewg.k12.ri.us) or 401-569-9584.

## from Session . . .

The newly elected Elders were welcomed and will be ordained/installed on January 8<sup>th</sup>, they are Cathy Kellers, Art Ganz and Bob Santy. At the same time retiring Elders, Mary Slattery, Ed Joiner and Susan Brand were thanked for their service.

The Session approved a youth rally and eight-part series on social and emotional leadership, much needed for youth returning from Covid social changes. The program is entitled “Arts of Living” and will be led by Michael Walton and his partner Britany. Adult volunteers will be needed.

Session and Trustees continue to wrestle with the 2023 budget. A \$38,900 deficit is anticipated. Pledges are down and without being able to project non-pledged giving, it is difficult to project income. Further negotiations will continue following the final income total from 2022. We ask that those not pledging, but giving, would pledge so that an accurate budget can be developed.

The “Tuesday Guys” will be painting the Narthex and doing upgrades to the restrooms. They were thanked for the great Mission Committee bulletin board, which will highlight our great mission projects. A number of adult classes will start up in January, as will the grief share.

Save the date for **Shoreline Ringers concert January 7<sup>th</sup>!**



*from our*  
**Session**



### 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!

# 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 - **January 7th** - 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:** Julie Eberly, 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 Angel Tree in January.

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

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

Thank you for your generosity and caring.



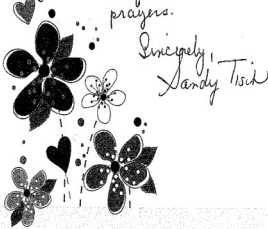
Angel Tree

# THANKS FROM THE HEART

Dec. 8, 2022

Thank-you for the beautiful floral arrangement. It brings me comfort everytime I look at it. Thank-you for thinking of me and for all the prayers.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Tisd



Thanks a bunch!

To the Congregation of Dunn's  
Corners Community Church -  
What an absolute wonderful  
surprise to come home from  
the hospital, only to find  
a very special bear waiting  
to comfort me!

Needless to say, he has  
gotter quite a work out  
providing me with lots of  
cuddles!

It has been a rough-go  
for the last few months, but  
knowing that I have your  
love and prayers means  
the world to me. Thank  
you so very much for  
your kindness.

Jennifer Fortin  
(SIL of Larry Fortin)



The  
SHORELINE  
RINGERS  
Present

## Christmas Traditions

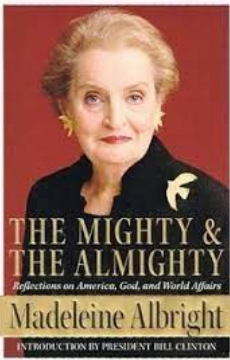
a holiday handbell concert

January 7, 2023 at 7:00PM  
Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian  
221 Post Road (Route 1), Westerly, RI 02891  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Save the date for a festive close to the holiday season. **Saturday, January 7** at 7:00pm. We will have the chance to host the Shoreline Ringers for their final **Christmas Traditions** concert full of familiar and artfully arranged Christmas carols and holiday song favorites. Come enjoy a concert of beautiful music after the hustle and bustle of December is behind you. Bring a friend!

## Presbyterian Women's Book Club



There will be a zoom book club meeting at 7pm on January 23rd.

We will discuss the book *The Mighty and The Almighty* by Madeleine Albright.

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



## Presbyterian Women's Group

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Presbyterian Women's Group held their Christmas Luncheon on December 19th at noon. The menu included a variety of quiche, salads, and yummy desserts. After lunch we enjoyed some stimulating fun activities, including a "Yankee Swap". We swapped all kinds of gifts! Everything from a live plant to slippers and kitchen utensils were exchanged amid laughter and "hoots and hollers". Sharon DeSarro was the MC for this activity. A very brief meeting followed and the main topic discussed was our soup sale. The sale will be held on January 15th and a variety of soups will be offered. We plan to have something for everyone! You don't want to miss it! Our next meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Jeanne Pietraallo will lead us in a Scrapbooking excursion. Jeanne has volunteered to bring necessary materials but you may want to bring pictures to personalize your page. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!!



# Tuesday Bible Study

## THE CHOSEN

Beginning after the first of the year, on Tuesday, January 10 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall, we will begin exploring the TV series THE CHOSEN. We will watch each episode together and discuss it. There will not be any homework. A time to relax and enjoy the series, share with one another and learn more about what it means to be chosen by Jesus.

THE CHOSEN is . . .

A multi-season television series.

Crowd funded, that is people like you and me have donated the money to produce it.

Based on scripture but with fictional backstories.

Carefully researched for historical accuracy.

Critiqued by a rabbi, a priest, and an Evangelical minister for theological integrity.

An opportunity to explore the Bible in greater depth

A tool to learn more about Jesus and what it means to be his follower.

An attempt to bring the gospel to 1 billion people many of whom have not heard it before.

An attempt to reach out to populations that are not churched.

Available at no cost. Download the app on your iPad or phone. Watch it on the small screen or cast it to your steaming device like Firestick, or watch the first seasons on Peacock, the free NBC streaming service.

THE CHOSEN IS . . .

**NOT** a replacement for scripture.

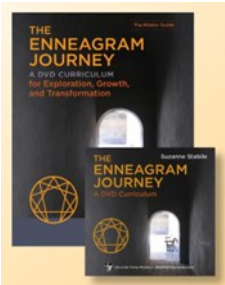
**NOT** exactly the way things happened.

**NOT** just entertainment.

**NOT** what we have experienced before in Hollywood Biblical dramas.



If you have already watched the series, come and see it again with the group and add your insights to the discussion time. If you have never seen the series, come and watch. Be prepared to learn more about those he chose and what it means to be chosen by Jesus



## Enneagram Journey cohort starting in the New Year

Have you been hearing about the Enneagram? Are you curious about what the Enneagram is? Do you want to know your own number? Have you ever considered how important **knowing yourself** is?

Much of what keeps us from the joy, peace, and the purpose of following Christ are the habits of our personality. Have you ever felt the frustration of reacting in the same way to stressful situations or in relationships and wondered how you can respond in more life-giving ways? Do you want some tools for how to be less judgmental with yourself, relate better with others, and be more compassionate in the world? The knowledge of yourself you get from the enneagram can help in all of these.

We will be starting a new beginners Enneagram Journey course on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Each week will consist of a brief introduction, watching a video together, and then a discussion about the content. We will start on January 11 and go through to April 5, with no class on Ash Wednesday. Class may be canceled if not enough people sign up.

If you are interested in signing up or have questions about the class please contact any one of the leaders:

Mary Slattery - [mflattery03@gmail.com](mailto:mflattery03@gmail.com) - 401-569-9584

Marilyn Brandyberry - [mebrandyberry@gmail.com](mailto:mebrandyberry@gmail.com) - 401-662-3926

Cathy Kellers - [cmek313@gmail.com](mailto:cmek313@gmail.com) - 401-742-4592

GriefShare is a 13 week Christ centered seminar and support group where you can find help and healing for the loss of a loved one. We will meet weekly in the Meeting House on Sundays at 11:30 AM starting on January 8, 2023. We will also be offering weekly sessions on Monday nights from 5:30 - 7:00 PM starting on January 9, 2023



If you are interested in signing up or have questions, please contact Marilyn Brandyberry at [mebrandyberry@gmail.com](mailto:mebrandyberry@gmail.com) or (401) 662-3926. Be sure to indicate which session you would like to sign up for.



## Compliance Committee

In light of recent, and very unfortunate, acts of violence committed across the country, a few procedural changes will be implemented to increase the safety and security of our congregation. Beginning in 2023, all members of the congregation are asked to enter Sunday services from the main doors by the upper parking lot. During the service, the fire doors between the narthex and sanctuary will be closed. If you arrive late or if you need to leave and return to the service for any reason, an usher will kindly open the door for you. We expect this change to cause very minimal disruption to our standard operations, and we hope that it goes largely unnoticed by most! If you have any feedback, questions, or concerns, please direct them to the Compliance Committee.

## Sew Good Souls



During Q1 2023 we will be holding 3 Dress A Girl Around the World workshops. We meet in Fellowship Hall on Saturday Jan. 14, Feb. 4 and March 4 from 9:00 - 3:00. If you can sew a straight stitch and have a portable machine we would love for you to join us. Even if you can't sew but can iron or help us as a runner, please sign up on the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall, and don't be shy, bring a friend who enjoys sewing. We can assure you that you will enjoy your time with us as it is rewarding to see dresses come to life.

# JANUARY 2023 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

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

*January  
Worship  
Schedule*

## Sunday, January 1 *Celebration of Holy Communion*

Sermon: *"The beautiful shore"*

Text: "I will tell of the many good things He has done for Israel, according to His compassion and many kindnesses."

Isaiah 63:7

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9

## Sunday, January 8

Sermon: *"My Son"*

Text: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."  
Matthew 3:17

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

## Sunday, January 15

Sermon: *"The Lamb of God"*

Text: "Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"  
John 1:29

Scripture: John 1:29-42

## Sunday, January 22

Sermon: *"A light has dawned"*

Text: "The people living in darkness have seen a great light."  
Matthew 3:16

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

## Sunday, January 29

Sermon: *"The blessing of Jesus"*

Text: "Jesus began to teach them, saying "Blessed are the poor in spirit..."  
Matthew 5:2,3

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12



The church was located in Westerly, a short 30 minute ride from campus! The dinner was held in the basement of the church, and was joined by many parish members!

### Service learning project 2022

By: Via, Mikaela, Hannah, Enrique, Dani, Halle



Social Time



Mikaela, Via and Mr. Sircan, with the Syrian family's daughter Lehan



Syrian family that the dinner was in support of! They fled Syria, then lived in Egypt for about 10 years, until they finally made it to America!



### Setting up





# Syrian Dinner 2022

Via and Mikaela trying Syrian food (Shawarma and lamb kabob)



Serving time!



Enjoying the food!





WHAT IS YOUR SILVER LINING?



HOPE. FORGIVENESS. LOVE.  
RESILIENCE. PERSEVERANCE. SELF WORTH.



A DOCUSERIES ON THE  
- POWER OF THE HUMAN MIND -

A FILM BY  
**BRITTANY ANN DIMYAN**

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## THE ART TO LIVING PRODUCTIONS

in partnership with  
Dunn's Corners Community Church Presbyterian  
**Co-hosted by the DCCCP Teen Team**

Presents  
a Special Screening of  
THE ART TO LIVING DOCUSERIES

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**  
**6-8pm**

Dunn's Corners Community Church Presbyterian  
221 Post Road  
Westerly, RI



Featuring  
CREATOR & DIRECTOR

**BRITTANY ANN DIMYAN**

and Special Guest Host

Movie showing begins promptly  
Followed by discussion  
and Q&A with the Creator & Director and featured storytellers  
Reception with refreshments

**This is a FREE community event!**  
**All ages are welcome.**

Brittany Ann Dimyan's inspirational docuseries, The Art to Living, features a variety of stories that come together on screen in a mosaic style offering of real-life trials and triumphs, creating a universal pattern of Silver Linings. You will begin to believe, as she did, that through life's toughest challenges anything is possible, and that if you truly believe, anything is possible, even your wildest dreams!

[www.dunnscornerschurch.org](http://www.dunnscornerschurch.org)  
[www.thearttoliving.com](http://www.thearttoliving.com)

Contact [kellie@thearttoliving.com](mailto:kellie@thearttoliving.com)  
with any questions





Join us for an Activity such as a Craft and a story at Sunday School held during the 10am services. We are also looking for volunteers to host Sunday School. We have a great group of kids that are a blast to spend time with. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign up sheet in fellowship hall or you can reach out to Amanda McLintock at [AmandaMcLintock@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaMcLintock@gmail.com) or (401)644-7496



## Chili Cookoff and Game Night

Fri, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

While the weather is chilly out, let's have a chili cookoff....

Come and bring your best chili or just come and eat and vote

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January 2022

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*Diamonds Among Us!*

**We extend our birthday wishes to:**

- 🕯 Susan McCracken on January 4;
- 🕯 Ellen Truslow on January 7;
- 🕯 Anne Fletcher on January 16;
- 🕯 Peter Stephanishen on January 20;



*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 & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School <b>Communion Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Work Team  5-7 pm Teen Time (T)	<b>4</b> 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village (FH)  6-8 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH)
<b>8</b> 8 am & 10 am Worship Ordination and installation of Officers (10 am) 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School	<b>9</b> 3:30 pm Worship Committee (Z)  7 pm Trustees (M)	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH)  5 pm Christian Ed Committee (M) 5-7 pm Teen Time (T) 7 pm Session (M)	<b>11</b> 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village (FH)  6-8 pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7 pm Enneagram (M)	<b>12</b> 5:45-7pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9 am-3 pm Sew Good Souls Dress A Girl (FH)
<b>15</b> 8 am & 10 am Worship ordination and installation of officers(10 am) 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School <b>February Scribe Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH)  3-4:30 pm Westerly Village (M) 5 pm Compliance (M) 5 - 7pm Teen Time (T)	<b>18</b> 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village (FH)  6-8 pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7 pm Enneagram (M)	<b>19</b> 5:45-7pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 6 pm Chili Cook-off/game night (FH)	<b>21</b>
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