



The Scribe

What an absolute joy it has been to be with you all for this past month! After much anticipation and a lot of effort to move a household a great distance, we've arrived and been so grateful for all the hospitality and love we've been shown.

As we settle into the routine of a new school year and work responsibilities, we, too, look forward to the slower pace of September and the beautiful weather that I've heard so much about; but don't think that September is a quiet time at church! On the contrary, we will soon celebrate Rally Day (September 8) with a combined worship service and the return of the choir and handbells from a well-deserved summer break. Then, after church, we'll have a delicious and laughter-filled brunch with fun activities.

We are excited to host the Barnstormers for a weekend and enjoy their leadership in song during worship (September 22), and finally, we will kick off Stewardship Season (September 29) and consider how we will recommit ourselves to the life and ministry of Dunn's Corners for another year.

I chose Dunn's Corners for many reasons. Certainly, among them is that Dunn's Corners was not waiting on a pastor to re-ignite programs and motivate people to get involved outside of Sunday morning worship. I'm proud to be a part of what's already happening here and excited to support you as we grow in faith together.

Peace,
Pastor Gin Courtney





Barnstormers Male Chorus in Concert

Saturday, September 21 7:30 pm

Dunn's Corners will host the popular Barnstormers men's chorus for a concert in September. Many will return on Sunday morning and sing during the 10am worship service. This is a perfect time to invite a friend, coworker, or neighbor to the church for a concert. Posters are available in Fellowship Hall and can be taken to work and community bulletin boards.

The 50+ voice ensemble, with members based throughout the northeast, sings a crowd pleasing variety of patriotic, oldies, show and sacred music in four part harmony. A freewill offering will be collected.

A warm invitation is extended to men that love to sing to join the wonderful group. Please see or contact Andy McCauley-Wallace for details.



Join the Choir - A Musical Passport to Joy
Are you ready to lift your voice in joy and fellowship? The Chancel Choir is looking for enthusiastic singers! Our DCCCP choir is a vibrant community where we enjoy making music, building lasting friendships, and experiencing a fun, low-pressure musical environment. Singing with us is a rewarding way to serve and enrich our worship experience.

Curious but not ready for a long-term commitment? Consider joining us for the Christmas Eve cantata. Rehearsals for this special event start in mid-October, and it's a great opportunity to be part of something festive and memorable.

Come make a joyful noise with us. For more details or to sign up, contact Andy McCauley-Wallace. We can't wait to welcome you to our choir family.

Handbell Workshop

Your Travel Pass to Fun



Have you ever dreamed of being the next handbell hero? Here's your chance to shine! Join us in the Music Room immediately following the 8 and 10am worship services on **Sunday, September 29**, for a 15 minute hands-on experience. It's open to all ages, so bring the whole family and discover the joy of ringing bells with a smile.

We promise it'll only take about 15 minutes – perfect for a post-worship adventure! No musical background needed—just a desire to have fun and make a little noise. We guarantee it'll be a hit and may even turn you into a bell-ringing superstar. Don't miss out on this jingle-filled opportunity!

Thank You Grace

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

After 14 years of dedicated service, we announce the retirement of our beloved organist and pianist, Grace, from Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian. Grace's music has been a source of inspiration and comfort, enriching our worship and community life in countless ways. Her talent and commitment have created a lasting impact on our congregation. We are deeply grateful for all she has shared with us over the years. Please check the weekly Wednesday email for an update on how we will honor Grace's service and retirement.

The Session met for the first time with Pastor Gin, who thanked the congregation for staying strong during the transition period. She was grateful for our lay preachers, Bob Rieger, Tina Chapman and Mary Slattery who did such a great job.

The Christmas Bazaar will be held November 23, volunteers are needed.

Our Building and Grounds Committee and the Tuesday Guys continue to do great work around the church; new floor in the ELC office, doors painted, and grounds up-keep. New security cameras are installed. Charles Jones is establishing a committee to plan for safety and access improvements to Chapel in the Pines.

New members Nancy Mayne and Caroline Contrata were welcomed into membership this summer and three more folks have indicated an interest in joining the congregation.

The 2024 church directory is still in progress.

Stewardship season is before us. Stewardship drive will begin September 29 and run through October 20. Committees are submitting budget requests for the 2025 year.

The Nominating Committee has begun its search for candidates for church officers.

Pastor Gin has been meeting with various committees and groups to get acquainted. We are looking forward to her new leadership!





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 Dinners are back, sign up in Fellowship Hall. Remember we are the first Saturday of the month - **September 7th**- church will be open from 8 am - 2 pm to accept donations. Please use all disposable containers.

Jonnycake: We continue to greatly appreciate all the donations received! As we turn to fall our biggest need is for : **Soup**

We can also use: **crackers, tuna fish, coffee, and tea.**

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: Dianne Lowther, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith, Yvette Drurey, Susan Eldridge, Sharon Joiner, Susan Rieger, Bonnie Krauss, Jeanne Pietraallo, Cheryl Remsbecker, Susan Strouse, and Stephanie Cahoon.



There are no neat, orderly stages of grief, but GriefShare ministry offers helpful ways of coping through the loss of a loved one, and a safe space in which grieving individuals find a community of support. GriefShare is a 13-week program in which participants discover what

to expect in the face of losing a loved one.

Since DCCCP has started to host GriefShare at the church in the fall of 2022, we have served over 55 individuals, through no cost to any of these individuals. We would like to thank Dunns Corners church, the deacons and the leadership of the church in the support of the GriefShare ministry. When we brought this ministry to the church, we were met with both financial and spiritual support. We have offered daytime and evening groups and have found the need in the community to be great. Some individuals come for a few sessions, while others complete the 13-week GriefShare series multiple times.

As we continue to offer this ministry, we are now hoping to expand the program to run concurrent day and evening series and we have additional volunteer opportunities. We are looking for volunteers who might be interested in training to become a co-facilitator of a GriefShare group, specifically with daytime availability. We are also looking for volunteers who will assist with administrative tasks such as community outreach, communication with past and present participants, and helping to maintain a confidential database.

If you feel called to be a part of this ministry please contact Marilyn Brandyberry @ mebrandyberry@gmail.com, (401) 662-3926 or Mary Slattery @ mflattery03@gmail.com, (401) 569-9584.

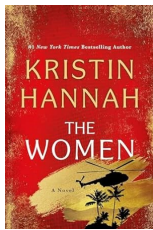


The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Group will take place on Monday, September 16th, at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. A special luncheon has been planned to kick off our year with tea sandwiches, salads, and dessert. More information will be forthcoming via email, along a sign-up sheet that will be placed in Fellowship Hall for food. A special invitation has been extended to our new Pastor Gin Courtney.

All women of the church are invited to attend, and we look forward to a time of socializing and fellowship. After the luncheon we will have a brief business meeting.

Coming attractions for the month of October include;

Our regularly scheduled meeting on October 21st,
(We hope to have a speaker from The Warm Shelter)
Ladies Night Out, date to be announced.



Presbyterian Women Book Club

Our in-person book club will meet at 7pm on Monday **September 23rd** in the Meeting House. We will discuss the book *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Anyone interested contact Sue Rieger at talltreesuel@gmail.com.

Men's Fellowship Time



Carl Kellers and Charles Jones would like to extend a personal invitation to all men of the church to attend a Men's Fellowship on **Friday October 4, at 6 P.M.** at Carl's house located at 164B Klondike Road in Charlestown.

This will be a great opportunity to connect with other men of our church community and have some fun! Something from the grill will be provided and please feel free to bring a side item and your favorite beverage.

To sign up for the get-together, please email Charles at MST3DOGS@GMAIL.COM.

We can't wait to see you there and have an amazing time together as a church family.



Holiday Bazaar & Raffle

Saturday, November 23rd, 2024
9 am to 2 pm

The Planning for the Christmas bazaar has begun. We are excited to start planning. To make this successful, we need everyone's help. We need folks to help with each of the Bazaar Favorites including the Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, Pastors pies, Jewelry, Raffles, Luncheon, Crafts, and other ideas. If you have any questions about the bazaar, please contact Christine Fish
dccelcdirector@yahoo.com

Jewelry

I am happy to receive any jewelry and jewelry box donations for the jewelry table at the bazaar.

They can be left at church
with my name or call me at
401-439-7176

Jane Larkin



If you have a new gift that just didn't settle into your home, please consider donating it to the church for our gift baskets. The following ideas include a beach themed basket, nautical items, decorative starfish, pretty shells, sunscreen etc., kitchen basket items include mugs, napkins, decorative plates, pretty bowls, utensils, kitchen towels etc., a bathroom basket might have accented candle, pretty hand towel, hand lotion, moisture creams etc. A child's basket covers many ideas, crayons, markers, books, small trucks, toy food, games, doll, stuffed animals, and many more ideas. A pretty cup for Grandma with a box of tea, note paper, hand lotion. Grandpa might like salted nuts, a small package of cookies, chocolate candy etc.

Teacher gifts are helpful. Gifts for Mom and Dad that would be appropriate for children to buy for their parents are all great ideas. Thank you for considering dropping off an item or two into the baskets that will be in fellowship hall and marked "Gift Baskets". For those of you who have assembled baskets before please consider doing so again. We hope to have some attractive and affordable baskets this year.

Thank you!!



Women's Retreat

October 4th—5th, 2024

Building a Community of Support

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

LEADERS: Mary Slattery and Marilyn Brandyberry will return again with their inspired leadership. They are members of our church and lead our Grief Share workshops and enneagram classes.

THEME: How do we deepen our connections with God? How do we deepen our connections with the people we do life with? How do we deepen our connections with people we come across in life?

We will look at the importance of walking in faith with a community, building a community, having good conversations, and building stronger relationships. Connected relationally, we grow spiritually. God wants to use other people to grow us, and He wants to use us to grow other people.

AND . . . in addition to our study sessions, we will have time for games, jigsaw puzzles and s'mores around the campfire. Learn, play, share, and get to know one another better!

WHERE	Camp Wightman, 207 Coal Pit Hill Rd., Griswold, Connecticut
ARRIVAL	Check in 4:00 pm, Friday, Oct. 4th. Dinner served at 6pm.
DEPARTURE	Check out 4:00 pm, Saturday, Oct. 5th
COST	\$115 for two days and staying overnight; \$60 for two days but not staying overnight; \$45 for Saturday only. Includes all meals.
REGISTRATION	Make checks payable to: DCCCP with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line. Final payment is due by September 15th. Place your registration in the offering plate or send to the church office. *Deposit of \$25.00 must accompany registration*
SCHOLARSHIPS	No woman left behind! Please call Cathy Kellers to discuss financial aid.
WHAT TO BRING	Comfortable clothes, flashlight, top sheet, your favorite pillow with pillow case, an extra blanket (one is provided), pajamas, toiletries, bath soap, and towels (hand, bath, face – or all). Rain gear, if rain is predicted.
CANCELLATIONS:	If a participant cancels her attendance by Sept. 20th, all monies will be refunded minus the non-refundable \$25.00 deposit.

All women of the church plus friends and family are invited to join us!

Women's Retreat

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First Name ----- _____	Last Name _____
Address 1 _____	Address 2 _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Cell Phone (_____) _____	Email ---- _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

I would like to room with _____

I would prefer to sleep on: Upper Bunk ___ Lower Bunk ___ No Preference - ___

Special Dietary Needs _____

Allergies of any kind _____

Please share something about yourself that most people don't know for a game we will play:

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_____ I would like to speak to someone about a scholarship (confidential)

By signing below, I acknowledge that Camp Wightman is an alcohol-free facility.

Signature _____



Fall Schedule

Our regular youth group meetings will continue into the school year from 5pm - 7:30pm with a special "**Back to School Party**" on Tuesday, **September 10th** during normal youth group hours.



Introducing the Little Disciples Club!

We are excited to launch our new youth program, Little Disciples Club, designed to engage and inspire our young members. Starting this September, join us on the last Sunday of the month for a fun and meaningful time together!

Program Details

Dates: September 29 and October 27 (Sunday)

Time: 11:15am to 12:15pm

Location: DCCCP Teen Room (Downstairs from the sanctuary)

Activities: Bible lessons, food, games, and crafts

****All children are welcome****

The program will be led by the DCCCP Youth Group under the guidance of our Youth Director and Children's Ministry Coordinator. Each month, we will focus on a theme that connects with the current experiences of our youth, helping them apply biblical teachings to their everyday lives. The games will include a mix of fun, active play, and modern video/virtual reality experiences.

We look forward to seeing how this program will enrich our community. If you have any suggestions or wish to volunteer, please let us know. Come ready for a great time of learning and fellowship!

FELLOWSHIP AT THE DUNN

Downtown Westerly Ghost Tour



Friday, October 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm

On this tour, you'll hear tales of the Devil's visit to Westerly, the spectral light formed by one of New England's worst shipwrecks, tales of two souls trapped in one body and paranormal activity at Westerly's known establishments. The 19th century industrial community roots run strong through a town whose importance was forged in the colonial era.

Walk through the bustling landscape of downtown Westerly and the banks of the Pawcatuck River as we uncover the supernatural tales and legends of the notable southern Rhode Island community

TOURS OPERATE RAIN OR SHINE!

Meeting Location

In front of Town Hall - 45 Broad Street Westerly

Tickets are \$30

Contact Cathy Kellers cmek313@earthlink.net if you are interested –
ticket supply is limited

Rally Day: Our Passport to Purpose

Sunday, September 8 One Worship Service 9:00am



Join us for Rally Day as we come together to kick off an exciting new church program year. After a refreshing summer, it's time to reconnect with our church and continue the journey together.

Everyone is invited to explore the various programs and committees that make our church community a vibrant place of worship and service.

Following the 9:00am worship service, we will enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast, providing a perfect opportunity to gather, share stories, and enjoy fellowship with those who attend both 8 and 10 am worship. Committees and programs will be stationed throughout the church campus, ready to share information and answer questions about their mission and activities. You may eat first to prepare for the journey or work up an appetite before enjoying breakfast. Take your passport and have it stamped at each station and return to Fellowship Hall when it is complete to claim your DCCCP swag prize.

Mark your calendars and bring your family. Rally Day is not just about learning; it's a celebration of our community, our faith, and our shared purpose. Let's embark on this journey together, discovering all the ways we can grow and support one another. We can't wait to see you there!



Chapel in the Pines

Chapel-In-The-Pines Project

The Session has approved the formation of a project committee to update the Chapel. The committee will be led by Charles and Michele Jones. They are requesting volunteers to be on the committee who have a passion for the Chapel. In mid-September committee members will meet with a contractor to review and discuss plans.

The goal is to complete the project by Thanksgiving. If you have the desire, they would really love for you to join them on the committee. Please let them know by contacting them at mst3dogs@gmail.com or 401-637-7827.

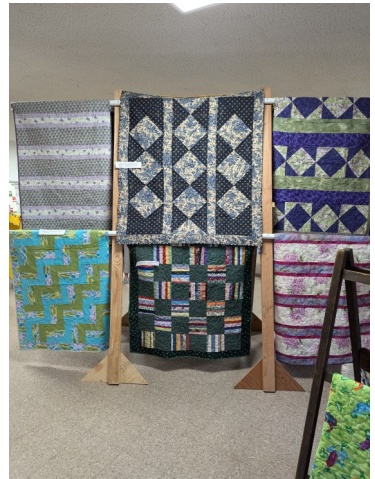
2024 Sew Good Souls Initiative

We had an amazing year in 2024. We have had a consistent crew of sewing enthusiasts come each month to help us create sundresses and quilts. They even bring their own sewing machine and often bring their projects home to work on them. As a result of our combined efforts we had an extremely successful show this year; we were able to display 106 sundresses and 78 quilts. The sundresses (dressagirlaroundtheworld.com) all go to the Chikumbuso Project in Zambia Africa (chikumbuso.com). We make dresses from baby size to size 14/16. We learned that the older girls and women use these dresses as night gowns so they are happy to receive the larger sizes. This year 28 quilts went along with the sundresses. The remaining quilts went to Quilts Beyond Borders (quiltsbeyondborders.com) where our quilts may go overseas to where the needs are or go to places in the US such as the Comfort Project in Maryland (comfortcaes.org), refugees, and Native American Indians. We encourage you to check out these websites as we believe you will find interesting information on all these organizations.

We had 76 visitors come to our quilt show on the last Saturday of July and we received a total of \$1,374.00 in donations! How did we do that? For the first time ever we posted a sign next to Linda Chaffee's quilts that read..."if you donate 100\$ you may take one of her quilts home". On Saturday five quilts went to new homes and on Sunday three members of our congregation took home a quilt! We put \$924 in the general budget for the church and \$450 we into the Mission budget. What a lesson learned - we will be doing more of that next year.

Speaking of doing more, this fall we will be making drawstring backpacks for the children at the Chikumbuso Project so they will have a place to carry their school supplies. We are very excited to add this additional support in a place that so appreciates.

Sew Good Souls began in 2018 and by 2027 this mission will be 10 years old. That also means we as coordinators of this initiative will be 10 years older than when we began. Sew Good Souls will be needing some new blood and new coordinators as time goes by so we are hoping there will be interested members who will step forward to learn what really goes on to be a successful mission. It is work yes, but it is also very creative, fun and rewarding. If anyone is interested please join us in 2025. We meet the first Saturday of each month. January - March we sew dresses and April - June we work on quilts.
Lois Gardner, Jane Larkin and Yvette Drurey





As we (the Stewardship Committee) started our fall Stewardship campaign, we reflected on the blessings God has bestowed on our church. We survived the challenges of COVID, kept together after Pastor Wayne left, stayed strong during Pastor Joan's interim ministry and through multiple supply pulpit preachers (many thanks to the members of the congregation who stepped in to provide wonderful sermons!) and now are truly blessed with a new pastor and her family as we continue to do the Lord's work - serving Christ and serving others. Our church is Christ centered with a strong community focused mission and I have always been impressed by the faith and commitment of our members towards Christ and His flock. Whether it is making dinners for the Warm Shelter, donating to the Johnnycake Center, building homes for Habitat for Humanity, helping to house refugee families with Dorcas International or making dresses for girls around the world, our congregation works to serve Christ through worship and serving others.

As we prayerfully begin our financial pledge campaign for 2025, we will be asking our congregation for a 5% increase over their generous 2024 pledges. On average, this is about a \$3.00 increase per week per family or roughly the cost of a medium cup of coffee.

We also understand that not everyone has the financial ability to increase their pledges. However, you can also be a good steward of the church by volunteering in the many groups we have and the organizations we support. Even helping with tasks around the church -cleaning out the fridge in the kitchen, supporting the Tuesday crew, working with the Sunday School and youth programs or simply regularly attending worship. We need you! I assure each of you that the leadership here are faithful stewards of the resources we generously receive.

Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute as we begin our pledge season this fall.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday 8 am Worship 9 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Worship & Sunday School 11 am Fellowship Hour	2 	3 8:30 am Work Team 5 pm Christian Ed Committee 5-7 pm Teen Time 6 pm Building and grounds (M) 7 pm Trustees (Z)	4	5	6	7 8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH)
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