

# The Scribe

April 2025

Oh, friends! Spring is here! Nature is amazing, isn't it? I cannot understand the magical ability of plants and animals to survive sub-freezing temperatures and then spring to life so beautifully. I've seen spotted fawns running through my yard, robins searching for food, crocuses popping up in places I never knew they would (Thank you to the previous homeowner!), and hints of warmer weather.



Often, Easter is in late March or early April, but this year, it's relatively late. It's hard to wait for that wonderful morning! It feels like we're so far beyond Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. Like nature, we're ready to burst forth in new life, and behind the scenes, we're ordering palms and Easter flowers. We're stuffing Easter eggs for the children to hunt on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We're making plans to see family. It's almost here.

I am so excited to spend my first Easter with you all. I hope you'll be here, if you can, for all of Holy Week—from the shouts of “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday (and the debut of the newest chapter of the Dunn's Corners Community Church Children's Choir!) to the incredibly special service on Maundy Thursday, and then three options on Easter Sunday.

We will have the sunrise service in the Memorial Garden, and an 8 o'clock service and 10 o'clock service in the sanctuary.



But before we get to Easter, we must patiently continue our Lenten journey to the cross. Let us not neglect the spiritual walk of self-reflection and devotion that will get us to that joyous morning!

*Pastor Gin Courtney*



# Session Notes

The Session meeting focused mainly on planning for several events in the coming season. On April 19 there will be a small sprucing-up of the grounds to prepare for Easter and a major clean-up day for April 26, volunteers needed.

DCCCP will host Presbytery on May 3, planning and preparation will be needed. Pastor Gin's installation will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The generational confirmation class began with five adults and five youth attending. The Mission Trip to North Carolina is filled, with 20 participating. The Easter offering will go to support the trip.

The Compliance Committee will be addressing several issues coming up. Our insurance inspection is due, which happens every four years. We will get a list of potential issues to be addressed beforehand. More work is needed to complete various policies dealing with child safety, sexual harassment, and racial discrimination for the church manual. Emergency evacuation signage will be installed in the buildings. Instructional videos for training are available to address fire drills, slip and fall incidents etc.

As mentioned last month, due to the extreme federal funding cuts our Mission Committee needed to prioritize our support. They have decided to prioritize support for our local missions – Jonnycake and WARM. The committee has donated gas credit cards to Jonnycake for support of homeless folks living in cars to stay warm.

Happy Spring

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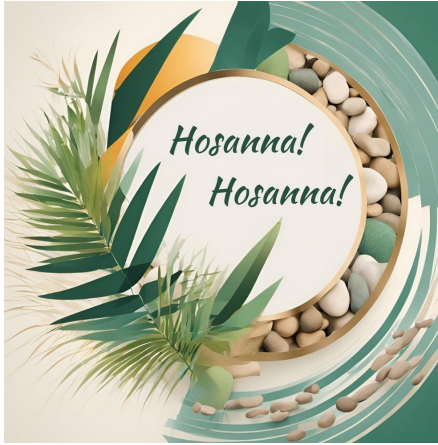
## Church Worship Attendance and Donations Summary

February, 2025

Date	Attendance				Donations		
	In-Person			Total	Pledged	Other	Total
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Single Service				
Feb-02	52	108		160	\$ 23,213	\$ 674	\$ 23,887
Feb-09	Canceled						\$ -
Feb-16			58	58	\$ 4,836	\$ 356	\$ 5,192
Feb-23	36	101		137	\$ 5,480	\$ 982	\$ 6,462
Average-2025	41	104	58	132			
Average-2024	39	81	145	120			
* percent of year completed				15.4%			
Pledged Donations Year-to-Date *			\$ 75,255	28%	Percent of annual budget collected		
Other Donations Year-to-Date *			\$ 5,572	6%	Percent of annual budget collected		
Per Capita Payments			\$ 4,896	93%	Percent of annual budget collected		
Please contact Charles Jones with any questions or comments.							



# Holy Week



Palm Sunday

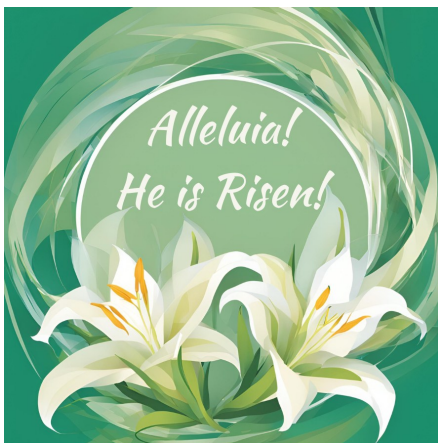
April 13, 2025

Worship Service  
8 am and 10 am

Maundy Thursday

April 17th, 2025

7 pm  
Worship Service



Easter Sunday

6 am Sunrise Service

Worship Service  
8 am and 10 am

## Enneagram Workshop

Have you heard about the Enneagram? Are you curious about what the Enneagram is? Have you heard people talking about their number? 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 offering a one day crash course in getting to know the Enneagram, learn your Enneagram number, and get some next steps on what to do once you know your number.

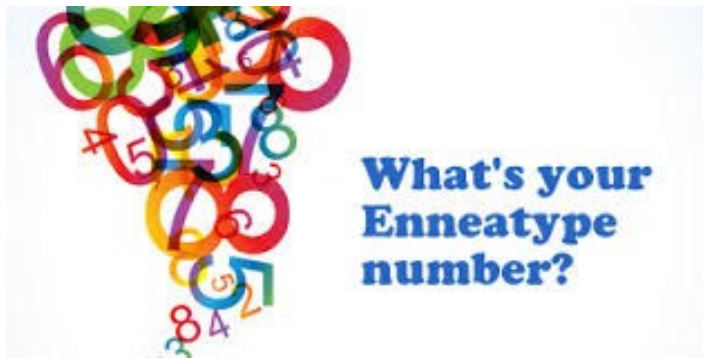
The workshop will be on May 17, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.  
Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this workshop.

If you are interested in signing up or have questions about the workshop 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



# Diamond Luncheon



# Pancake Supper





We are having our Annual Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 1pm. Come for crafts, cookie decorating, egg dying, and an egg hunt. In preparation for the Easter egg hunt, we are asking for volunteers and donations. We are asking for peanut free candy, and prizes to fill the eggs with. We will be meeting on Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the fellowship hall to prepare and are looking for helpers to fill the eggs. There are sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall if you're interested in helping.

Our Children's choir will also be performing their first hymn during the Palm Sunday Service and 10:00am.



Thank you to everyone that attended, volunteered or supported the pancake dinner in March! It was great seeing you all, we had a blast!



### **Confirmation Classes on Tuesday Evenings**

Our Confirmation Classes for both youth and adults will continue on Tuesday's  
Time: 5:30 - 6:15 PM (Dinner to Follow)

### **Sign Ups for Montreat Summer Youth Conference**

Attention all DCCCP youth in grades 8th thru 12! If you are interested in attending this year's Montreat Summer Youth Conference in North Carolina, we are making plans for Session 5, taking place July 16 - 20.

To sign up or learn more about registration details, please contact us at [dumnscceteam@gmail.com](mailto:dumnscceteam@gmail.com) or call 240-491-1119. We would love to have you join us!

## DEACONS

### Corner

**Deacons who are faithfully serving the congregation are:**  
Sue Eldridge, Stephanie Cahoon, Karen Ingalls,  
Bonnie Krauss, Sam Pierson, Jeanne Pietraallo, Stacey Pride,  
Cheryl Remsbecker, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith,  
Cheryl Spino, and Susan Strouse.

The Deacons of DCCCP are busy helping people and groups in the congregation and the larger community. Our Deacons are currently involved in many activities, and we invite you to join us in our endeavors. Deacons continue to seek ways to grow as a community where God's love and kindness are available for all. A few ongoing activities are highlighted below.

**Warm Shelter Dinner:** We provide our delicious Swiss Chicken Dinners once a month. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to contribute food, either green beans, ice cream/brownies, or Swiss chicken. Remember this happens the first Saturday of each month. The church will be open from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm to accept donations in the kitchen on that day. Please use all disposable containers.

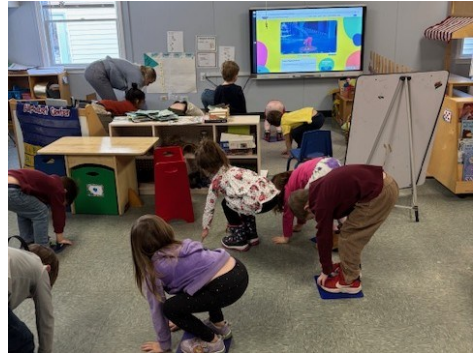
**Jonnycake Center of Westerly:** We appreciate the ongoing contributions that church members make, in both food and clothing, every week of the year. When Jonnycake Center requests certain items, we can count on you to help out in many ways. You are really making a difference!

#### **Items needed in April:**

- \* Cannellini Beans, Chick Peas, Pinto Beans
- \* Beets
- \* Coffee
- \* Tea
- \* Salt/Pepper shakers

We are grateful for all your help. Please be sure to visit the bulletin board inside Fellowship Hall. There you'll find information and sign-ups for upcoming events and activities to weekly Coffee Fellowship, monthly Communion servers, Sunday morning flowers, WARM dinners and more. Please stop by the board often and read about various ways to participate! Thank you.

We are so excited to welcome spring. It is a great time to reflect on the winter. We enjoyed all of our hands on, creative, and fun units we learned. Some being: snowmen, penguins, The Mitten & The hat, Friendship, Hot chocolate, celebrating our 100th day of school, Dr Seuss week, and we are just getting involved in an insect unit. We braved the cold temperatures and enjoyed outside time almost daily. We loved it when there was snow on the ground to cook with and play in. We used the ice as skating rinks and got creative when a lot of the toys and ground were frozen. We have loved our visits from the Presbyterian Women. They have read some fun and engaging stories, brought in some book related snacks, and created crafts with us. We look forward to the upcoming visits. As we welcome spring, we will be looking for all the "signs" of spring outside. Our garden bed looks beautiful as it has been weeded, and mulch has been spread. Our spring flowers have started growing - each day we look to see how tall they have grown. We look forward to the warmer days where our learning can be taken outside.





During February the Mission Committee worked on a number of projects. One new initiative is to support the homeless in Westerly. While perhaps largely out of sight, it is a major problem, with homeless people routinely camping out behind Stop N Shop and Walmart among

other locations. This is a social problem that goes hand in hand with hunger. Inflation, current social problems and inadequate mental health treatment all contribute to the issue. The mission committee has decided to spend \$6000 in 2025 helping to alleviate the pain of homelessness, \$1500 per quarter or \$500 per month. This effort will be ramped up experimentally, trying different methods and recipients in order to find out what is most effective. For March, the committee decided to approve the purchase of ten \$50 gas gift certificates at Gingers. These cards were given to Jonnycake to hand out to homeless people who are living in their cars and run the engine for warmth. This will be evaluated and repeated if deemed to be effective.

The Mission Committee is also sponsoring the upcoming Mission Trip to Burnsville NC, September 28-October 4th. The trip is being conducted under the auspices of the Fuller Center for Rebuilding with whom we worked in the past. The trip has slots for 20 volunteers, which is already filled. However, we are still soliciting interested people to sign our waiting list as there is a possibility of a few extra slots opening. More information can be obtained from Bob Rieger.

It was decided the Easter Offering this year would be used for the cost of travel by participants on the Mission Trip.

The mission committee was also asked by session to develop guidelines for donations since the current federal cuts would probably greatly increase the organizations that could use our help. We agreed that we want to keep the money local, and keep helping the organizations that we have historically supported. We can be flexible, though.



## APRIL LADIES NIGHT OUT!

We are kicking off spring with our first Ladies Night Out, returning to a familiar venue. Our evening has been planned for **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 pm at The Cove, 3963 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI.**

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 manager a final count by April 21st. 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!

Sharon DeSarro



Dear Friends,

It was such a treat to receive the flowers from the Sunday, March 9th services! Your caring thoughts and prayers, as I recover from surgery, bring me comfort and joy!

Blessings to you all,  
Ellen Truslow



The Presbyterian Women's Group met on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. The meeting began with Devotions led by Doreen Smith. The title of the Devotion was "Spring is coming" and we are reminded that you can't always judge a flower by the bulb you plant. Refreshments were provided by Nancy Fortin and Jeanne Pietraallo. The food was delicious, and a request was made that recipes be included.

Our first item of business was a review of our reading program in the Early Learning Center. Thank you to Sandy, Doreen, Bob and Sue who have read this month. Others to read are Sharon, Ann, Nancy, MaryAnn, Pastor Gin, Michelle and Judy. We plan to present a "Winnie the Pooh" skit on April 28<sup>th</sup>, our last day with the children. Book Club met on Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the book "Forest of Vanishing Stars" by Kristin Harmel.

Other dates to remember are:

- ◆ **Ladies Night Out** on Wednesday, April 23rd, 6:00 pm at The Cove in Charlestown.
- ◆ **Bible Study will meet on May 22nd at 10:00 am** Doreen Smith will lead us in the discussion of "climate change".
- ◆ **Westerly Library Tour is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>** at noon, followed by lunch at the Brazen Hen.
- ◆ **Summer Book Sale** to begin on August 3<sup>rd</sup> with clean-up after Labor Day.

Our next meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

## CRIBBAGE AT DUNNS IS COMING BACK

Our last time until the fall



Join us Fri, Apr 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for: Cribbage and Pot Luck  
All levels are welcome. Even if you have never played and want to learn  
Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall

OPEN TO EVERYONE AT THE CHURCH AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH  
Any questions please contact Cathy Kellers: [cmek313@earthlink.net](mailto:cmek313@earthlink.net)

## SAVE THE DATE



May 12th:  
Cooking Class



Jun 14th: Gilette Castle  
tour, hike and picnic lunch

REMEMBER ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE AT THE  
CHURCH  
AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH



## *From Building and Grounds*

We are pleased to announce a break from the winter blues and that we are planning for warmer weather! Please consider joining us on **Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM till 12 noon for our annual spring clean-up.** We will be raking leaves and debris, pruning and weeding gardens, renewing mulch and using blowers to maintain our grounds. Bring your rakes, shovels, blowers, work gloves and energy. All help is greatly appreciated! Rain date is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

We will also do a grounds spruce-up on Saturday, April 19th in preparation for Easter Sunday. This will be an abbreviated version of our annual clean-up and take place from 9 – 10 AM. All are welcome!

## *Save the date:*

*Women's retreat at Camp Wightman*

*October 17-18 2025*



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## *Diamonds Among Us!*

**We extend our birthday wishes to:**

-  Barbara Ritchie April 3
-  Beth Rickman April 4
-  Hope Benn April 6
-  Jane Frink April 10
-  Bob Lohmann April 10
-  Sheri Loeckler April 11
-  Linda Chaffee April 15
-  Andrea Barrus April 19
-  David Maine April 19
-  Ted Truslow April 26



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	
		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>4pm Worship Committee (Z)</p> <p>5 pm Christian Education</p> <p>5:30-6:15 pm Presbyterianism 101 (T)</p> <p>6 pm Lenten Soup Supper (FH)</p> <p>6 pm Buildings and Grounds (M)</p> <p>6 pm GriefShare (M)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8-10 am Coffice Hours</p> <p>1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village</p> <p>6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:45-6:50 pm Glory Ringers</p> <p>7-8:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Habitat work day</b></p> <p>8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH)</p> <p>9 am-3pm Sew Good Souls (FH)</p> <p>10 am PW Bible Study</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8 am &amp; 10 am Worship</p> <p>9 am &amp; 11 am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>10 am Sunday School</p> <p><b>Communion Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6 pm Trustees (M)</p> <p>6 pm Xmas Bazaar (FH)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>5:30-6:15 pm Presbyterianism 101 (T)</p> <p>6 pm Lenten Soup Supper (FH)</p> <p>6 pm GriefShare (M)</p> <p>7 pm Session (M)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village</p> <p>6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>5:45-6:50 pm Glory Ringers</p> <p>7-8:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:30pm Christian Ed. Filling easter eggs (FH)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	
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