

The Scribe

June 2025

“Will you marry me?” are such sweet and loaded words. June is the beginning of wedding season, and many anniversaries will be celebrated in June, too. I have the honor of officiating my first wedding at the church this month, and on June 8, the church and I will have our own ceremony!

If you’re curious about what I’m referring to . . . I am going to be installed as your pastor on June 8 at 3 p.m.! Some of you who are from other denominations may not be familiar with this ceremony, but if you think of it as a wedding, it actually makes sense.

The conversations I had with the search committee early on in my relationship with Dunn’s Corners Community Church were like dates. The visit I had with them last spring was when we got really serious. Last June, when I came and met all of you and you voted on me, that was like your proposal. “Will you marry me?” sounded more like, “Will you agree to be our pastor?” and I answered with a resounding “Yes!”

We’ve been engaged for a year now, and it’s time to make it official. Installation is a ceremony in which our relationship is formally bound together. We make promises to each other. I make promises to serve and lead you, and you - the church – make promises to support me and encourage me to grow. We also recognize at the service that we are a part of a larger body of Jesus followers, so representatives from other churches will be there. They will ask you and me to take vows. It’s a beautiful and serious moment.

I want to invite you to the installation ceremony. That morning, we will worship all together at 9 a.m. and celebrate the choir and Glory Ringers on their last Sunday before a well-deserved summer break. Then, I encourage you to return at 3 p.m. for a meaningful moment. I have felt such love and support during our engagement. I cannot imagine what more is to come!

Pastor Gin Courtney



MISSIONS HEADLINES

The Mission Committee met in April and continued our congregational support of a number of initiatives. One of our major projects is the outreach to address local homelessness. We had originally purchased ten \$25 gas cards to be distributed by the Jonnycake Center to people living in their cars. This was a much-appreciated success, and as a result we have purchased an additional 5 cards. We also purchased 20 laundry cards for \$25 each. As a final action we purchased 5 sleeping bags at Walmart, to be given to homeless people who now will be sleeping outdoors as the weather becomes warmer. Our budget is \$500 per month, which represents a significant part of our support of community needs. As an ancillary effort, our committee member Mary Goodman led a successful toiletry collection at the Weekapaug Chapel. Over 100 toiletry items will be delivered to Jonnycake.

Another major effort of the committee is the financial support of the mission trip expenses. A preliminary budget estimates our cost, not including the individual participant fees paid by each person attending, is about \$6000. The Easter collection for the mission trip was about \$1800. A special fundraiser is planned for this summer, and the mission committee budget is able to fill in any significant shortfalls.

Keisha Straughn of our committee delivered used clothes to Dorcas International in Providence, a refugee assistance group which the Church has supported for several years. Dorcas is helping refugees understand what the new rules are, as they continue to change. Our former contact at Dorcas, Sarah Antaya, has been laid off due to federal support cuts.

The Mission committee thanks the congregation for its generous support.

Thanks

for your
Generosity

From Session...

Our congregation continues to grow! New members Olympia & Lou Grave and Heather Yarnall have joined and were greeted by the congregation May 18th.



DCCCP is “a place to call home” and continues to be a welcoming and all-inclusive church for the whole community. To this end, the session voted to reinstall the pride flag on our sign for the month of June as we did last year. We also voted to become a member of the non-profit organization called More Light Presbyterians which is an “organization dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.”

We are also forming a task force to determine if we qualify to become an Earth Care Congregation, a Presbyterian church that is committed to practicing good stewardship of our environment.

In addition to these decisions, we celebrated the successful day the church had when we hosted the Presbytery meeting. The Presbytery was quite impressed. One takeaway from the Presbytery meeting was information from their Safety Task Force regarding recommendations to increase the safety of those worshipping at our churches and protect individuals from investigations and arrest on church grounds without proper legal warrants. The session is considering their recommendations.

The session also continued to encourage the plans that are underway for the North Carolina mission trip in the fall and approved financially supporting the youth trip to Montreat this summer.

It’s an honor to serve the church and hear how it is impacting Westerly and the whole region!

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: Thank you for all your food donations to those in need at the Jonnycake Food Pantry.

In June 2025, we would greatly appreciate the following items:

- Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Relish
- Salad Dressings
- Barbeque Sauce
- Salt and Pepper

Coffee Fellowship: Please help us provide simple refreshments for the congregation following the 10:00 am service. Fruit, or coffee cake, or cookies, or cheese and crackers, etc. are much appreciated. See Doreen Smith or Sandy Santy for more info. It's easy and a fun way to help out!

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.



Presbyterian Women's Group

The Women's Group met on May 19th at the Westerly Library. We enjoyed a guided tour of the facilities and found that the library truly has something for everyone, from board books for toddlers to electronic equipment and beyond. So the next time you are feeling the need for excitement, adventure, or intrigue head down to our local library and enjoy! Our tour was followed by a delicious lunch at the

Brazen Hen
restaurant.

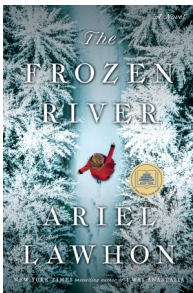
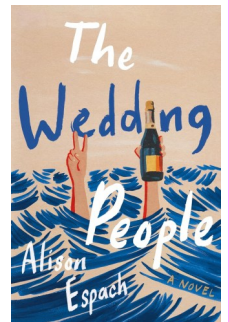
Looking ahead to June, there will be a planning meeting on June 16th at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. We welcome any and all ideas for new programs for the fall.

The Summer Book Sale is scheduled to begin on July 30th. Books and puzzles will be sold, so please start collecting soon and watch for more information in the weekly bulletin.

Also, our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 18th-22nd and Amanda McIntock is always ready to welcome volunteers so if you're looking for some fun and want to add a little excitement to your summer, you know where it can be found!

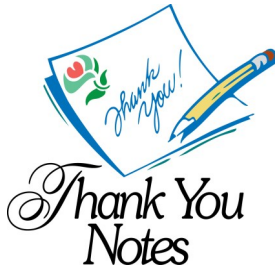
Have a happy, healthy summer!!

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet at 7pm on Monday June 2nd in the Meeting House to discuss the book *The Wedding People*, by Alison Espach.



Summer reading is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

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



I will always be grateful for the wonderful spiritual community you were to Barbara.

Blessings to all of you as you continue being a beacon of love, light and hope in the world.

Ranay Vilard

March 15, 2025

To Dunn's Corner Community Church
Presbyterian,

This small donation is in honor of my recently deceased sister, Barbara Sullivan.

Barbara loved her church community and spoke so often of how good you all were to her.

Thank you for the many times people picked her up and took her home so she could enjoy the service and her friends during fellowship. Her wish was that we send a donation to be used for Children's Ministry.

May 17, 2025

Thank-you for the beautiful flowers. They are so happy looking, I smile everytime I look at them.

Thank-you for the prayers and kind thoughts. I'm doing much better & hope to see you soon.
Thanks, Sandy Tiscot



Congratulations, Graduates!

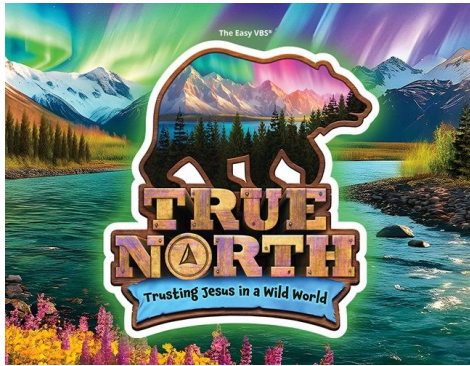
We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our high school and college graduates! We are so proud of your accomplishments and look forward to the blessings you will bring to the world. Remember, your church family is here to support you every step of the way.

Montreat Youth Conference Fundraisers

Keep an eye out for upcoming car washes and other fundraising events to help support our youth group trip to the Montreat Youth Conference this July. Your participation and generosity make these experiences possible!

Summer Kick-Off Party

Our Summer Kick-Off Party is happening Tuesday, June 24th from 5PM - 7 PM. All teens and their friends are welcome to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.



Vacation Bible Camp will be held August 18th—22nd, from 9-12. Get ready for an Alaskan adventure where children learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. All children are welcome. Invite your friends! You can register early at the link or QR code below.

https://vbspro.events/p_early/f9f26d



We are also looking for many volunteers to help us make this Bible Camp a success. Here are some of the volunteer opportunities available.

Crew Leaders-you will be leading a small group of children to different stations throughout the church. You do not need to prepare activities. While the station leaders will run the activities you will interact with the kids.

Station Leaders/Assistants- you will be running one activity station for the kids as they rotate through the day.

Setup/Cleanup Crew- Help decorate the church Sunday afternoon before VBS and clean up on Friday afternoon.

Prop design-Help make props and decorations.

If you have any questions on how you can help, please reach out to AmandaMcLintock@gmail.com



Join us **Sat, JUNE 21st** for a QiGong class taught by Nancy Mayne in Fellowship Hall at **9:30am**.

Open to all levels and ages.

What Is QiGong?

Qigong combines gentle movement with breath and focused intention to optimize the energy in the body, mind and spirit. It can help enhance mobility, improve balance and reduce anxiety....

AND IT'S FUN.

Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall

Gillette Castle Picnic and Tour Saturday, June 14th at 11am

Come join your friends for a picnic and tour at Gillette Castle in East Haddam, Connecticut. It will be held on Saturday, June 14th. Plan to arrive at 11am and bring your lunch, portable chairs and blankets. There will be signs at the park entrance as to where to meet.



Following lunch there are a number of different activities that are available. A self-guided tour of the castle is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children. The tour generally takes about 1/2 hour. There is also a visitors center with a museum and snack bar. Plenty of well curated hiking trails are also open throughout the property.

Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship hall. If the weather looks to be inclement a decision will be made that morning as to whether the picnic is still on. For further information, please contact either Cathy Kellers or Sue Rieger.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 GRADUATES

College:

Taylor Hurrell St. Joseph's University. She will be attending graduate school for her PA in 2026.

Avery Fazio (granddaughter of Vincent and Shirley Bartucca) Savannah College of Art and Design with a degree in Textile Design. She will be starting a 6-month residency at Farmington Valley Art Center in Ct.

High School:

Angelique Simmons The Prout School. She will be attending Roger Williams University majoring in Visual Arts.

Nolan Nanson Ella Grasso Technical High School. He will be begin working at Veolia where he has been doing in internship for the Biology and Environmental Technology trade.

Emma L. Linton (granddaughter of John and Brenda Linton) Souhegan High School in Amherst New Hampshire. She will be attending The Darla School of Business at the University of South Carolina.

Lauren E. DeRita (granddaughter of Larry and Nancy Fortin) Chariho High School. She will be starting the welding program at Electric Boat in Quonset.

Annabelle Edgell (granddaughter of Deborah Anderson-Clubb) Greenwich High School. She will be attending Amherst College in Amherst MA.

Fiona Smith Chariho High School. She will be attending URI.

Middle School:

Brian Duerr (grandson of Sharon DeSarro) Sacred Heart School in Groton Ct. He will be attending Ledyard High School.

Anderson Chapman Chariho Middle School. He will be attending Chariho High School.

Elementary School:

Phoebe Edgell (granddaughter of Deborah Anderson-Clubb) Cos Cob Elementary School. She will be attending Central Middle School in Greenwich, CT.

DCCCP Early Learning Preschool Graduates

Elliot Bass
Everett Brideau
Emery Champlin
Meelo Presioso

Riley Laudone
Dylan Rogue
Ace Bliven
Zuri Sebastian

John Connell
Noelle Corbin
Tanner Sullivan

Oh, Gratitude

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the celebration we enjoyed together on May 4. The efforts and expressions of love and thoughtfulness flowed freely and are greatly appreciated. Thank you for including my family in the celebration as they have been supportive and encouraging in my call to serve God's people in this place. When the idea of recognizing my 30 year anniversary was floated, I incorrectly concluded we would have the usual DCCCP recognition cake. The celebration that took place was a surprise full of meaning and delight, laughter and tears, stories of serving together and loving God and one another.

Thank you to David, Pam, Kathy, Seth, Elizabeth, Mary, and Judy for speaking during worship. Your words were heartfelt and meaningful, causing me to reflect on our shared experiences. What a joy it was to listen to our friends Barbara, Judy, Marilyn, Mary, Kathy, and Nancy play It Is Well With My Soul/To God Be the Glory on handbells; the instrument that first brought me to DCCCP.

Our congregation can surely put on a spread in the Fellowship Hall and this day you pulled out all the stops. I can't imagine all of the planning, efforts, and love that went into such a wonderful reception. Thank you to each one who cooked, baked, shopped, arranged, decorated, and enjoyed. Just when I thought the celebration was wrapping up there were two more surprises. Nancy Lewis presented me with a beautiful hand-made quilt, which is already finding use and a special place in our home.

The final surprise left me stunned and delighted. Thank you for commissioning an original handbell composition in my honor. The handbell piece Radiant Spirit is by my favorite composer, Sandra Eithun. I am touched by the thought and love expressed in having this piece of music written and the Glory Ringers will be offering it in worship on June 1 at the 10am service.

Thank you for all of the beautifully written cards, notes, and emails. These have been compiled into a book and I am reading two notes each day, which allows me to reflect on the sentiments and those who wrote them.

Thank you to Pastor Gin who coordinated each part of the morning's celebration. Her sermon title for the day was 'Peter's Power' and based on Acts 9:32-43. Even though this was a diversion, the story resonated with me during the celebration. Peter was traveling through the region and stopped in Lydda and Joppa where he healed Aeneas and raised Tabatha. He used his gifts of the Spirit to show God's power and to spread the good news of Jesus' love for the world. We have each been given gifts of the Spirit and we use these gifts in a shared mission to show the love of God as we worship and serve the people of our congregation and community.

I am humbled by and joy-filled at the generosity of spirit you all expressed and am grateful for our continued service and fellowship together.

Blessings,

Andy



*Celebrating
Andy*



The end of year is in sight for our preschoolers. We have been practicing for graduation which is on Friday, June 13th. We are graduating 11 out of 20 students this year. Most of them will be attending kindergarten in Westerly in the Fall. We are going to miss them, but know they are going to be successful in kindergarten. In addition to our returning students, we will be welcoming new families into our school in the fall.

We ended our flower/plant unit with a trip to Broadview where we got to see and smell all the beautiful flowers and plants there. Broadview is always very welcoming to us and we appreciate their hosting us. After our plant unit, we kicked started our butterfly unit with our caterpillars. As of May 20th, we have 3 hanging chrysalides and 2 chrysalides at the bottom of the container. We are hoping the 2 on the ground will still make it. We are looking forward to observing the transformation over the coming days.

We are hosting a teddy bear picnic bike-a-thon at the end of the month. We have decorated baskets that will be attached to our bikes. We will place a stuffed animal of our choice inside the basket and ride around the parking lot a few times before stopping for an ice cream treat. We love all these fun units and events to close out our busy academic year.

We cannot thank the Tuesday Workmen enough for everything they have done for us this past month. To name a few of their projects they have completed for us: spread new mulch on our playground, fixed up our mud kitchen, built up and filled our sandbox, built a new sandbox for KidKare and filled it, and prepped the building for the states inspection. Thank you for your selfless hard work.



If you haven't noticed, please check out our new sign hanging underneath the large church sign out on Route 1. Our preschool is full for 2025-2026 school year, but we do have spots open for the KidKare program.

Thank you for your continued support in our program. We are looking forward to another fun filled year starting in September.



YOUR PHOTO IS NEEDED!

We are planning to publish a new church directory this summer. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Your photo will be taken in fellowship hall. You will double-check your contact information at the same time.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall for a time that's convenient. Or email Bruce Yarnall at spedbo68@gmail.com, or Rachel Pierson at rachelpiers@gmail.com to sign up. We will offer "appointments" during the week and on weekends.

We hope that the entire congregation will participate. All members, friends, and summer visitors are included. If you aren't able to attend in person, please email your photo and your contact information to the emails above. Contact information includes cell phone and land line numbers, email addresses, and street address. Include summer and winter mailing addresses with starting and ending dates, as applicable.

We hope to see you in the directory.

Thank you for a successful spring clean-up!

On Saturday May 10th, we held our annual spring clean-up day. The event timing was a little suspenseful, as this was the **rain date** of the originally scheduled clean up on April 26th (which was washed out), and the forecast for the 10th called for potentially **more rain!** Blessed with fair weather, good turnout and your dedication, our crew accomplished quite a lot of work. We raked and weeded flower beds, planted flowers and cleaned up the "dead wood" surrounding our grounds. It is wonderful to be part of such a giving church family. Thanks to all, our church could not do it without you!



With much appreciation,
The Building &
Grounds Committee



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>1</p> <p>Celebrating our Graduates</p> <p>8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School 3-4:30pm Songs of Faith Concert Wakefield Baptist Church</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm Presbyterian Women Book Club (M)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>4 pm Worship Committee (Z) 5 pm Christian Education 5-7 pm Teen Time (T) 6 pm Building and Grounds (M)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:45-7 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH) 9am-3pm Sew Good Souls (FH) 1 pm Wedding (S) 7pm Shoreline Ringers (S)</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Music Sunday</i></p> <p>9am Worship Service 10am Fellowship Hour</p> <p>3pm Gin's Instillation (S) Reception following (FH)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm Trustees (M)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>5-7 pm Teen Time (T) 7 pm Session (M)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8-10 am Coffice Hours</p> <p>1:30-3:30 Westerly Village</p> <p>6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4 pm ELC graduation</p>	 <p>14</p> <p>11 am Gillette Castle</p>
 <p>15</p> <p>Happy Father's Day!</p> <p>8 am Chapel in the Pines 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1 pm Presbyterian Women (FH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>5-7 pm Teen Time (T)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:30-3:30 Westerly Village</p> <p>6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	 <p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Qi Gong (FH)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8 am Chapel in the Pines 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 am Work Team</p> <p>5-7pm Teen Time (T) Summer Kick-off Party</p> <p>7 pm Deacons (M)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8-10 am Coffice Hours</p> <p>1:30-3:30 Westerly Village</p> <p>6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10 am Westwood Condo Association meeting</p>
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Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

-  Joyce Stahl June 12
-  Nancy Lewis June 30

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.



Young at Heart
Happy Birthday