



April 2017

CBC Courier

Pastor's Pen

*Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning
~Desmond Tutu*

Dear Church Family,

April brings a close to Central Baptist Church's fiscal year. The month of April for all Christians can bring a close to old habits, guilt's, transgressions, and a horde of other gloomy behaviors that can impede our spiritual growth. Lent, Holy Week and Christ's gift of the Cross affords us a new beginning as Desmond Tutu so aptly declares. New beginnings also abound at CBC!

CBC has been quite active this past year and with God's grace we will continue to be a lively, robust and flourishing congregation. As we move from the past year to 2017 we will be enjoying our 150th Anniversary, continuing with many programs that begun in 2016 while enjoying special events to mark our celebratory time in the history of this church.

The Anniversary Committee has met several times and please read the minutes Wayne Robinson takes almost verbatim of our conversation. Marilyn Dennis has begun swimming among many historical pieces of our history with Diane Rugh's assistance and others are engaged in duties from looking at venues for a Gala affair to organizing other events that should appeal to young and old alike. We are inviting all to please participate sharing your ideas, time and energy to make this a year not to be forgotten.

CBC is not only alive with activities but there is a unmistakable energy and exciting spirit in the air. Our monthly calendar, located in Clark Hall, continues to have more and more filled spaces with daily activities than open or empty days. Please take the time to look it over and sign up for a book/seminar study, yoga, Bible study, sewing/mission gathering, caregiver support group and some new additions coming this month. The Dugout Committee has begun work in the downstairs hall and kitchen that will hopefully be one of our busiest spaces for the summer.

Is there anyone ready to help me get the upstairs patched and painted for the summer?? We can use the room and I find it to be one of our most sacred, quiet, and restful spaces other than our beautiful sanctuary!

There are too many people to thank individually for all this eager enthusiasm and labor of love as I witness a congregation uniting in one common effort. Yet a huge thank you and gift of gratitude is certainly suited for One in particular. Yea you know Who!

As you lift thanks for one another, for another Lenten season for self-reflection, most importantly please lift thanksgiving to the One who guides our way, forgives our faults, and loves us unconditionally.

Let's now remember to invite our family, friends, neighbors and all to show off (graciously) this transformation time at CBC.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Kurt

Holy Week Opportunities

Palm Sunday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Palms

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Service of Communion & Tenebrae

Good Friday, April 14

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Central Baptist Church

Easter Sunday, April 16

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Beavertail State Park

6:30 a.m. Pastries & Coffee at CBC in Clarke Hall

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

Communion Sunday Collection

For our communion collection, Sunday, April 2nd we will be collecting food items for our local area food bank.

Ladies' Breakfast

Ladies Breakfast will be held Thursday, April 6th and April 27th at 9 a.m. at Slice of Heaven. All CBC ladies welcome!

May Day Pot Luck

Enjoy the blessings of close fellowship. Please join us at our May Day Pot Luck. April 30, in Clark Hall, following coffee hour. Bring your favorite main dish, vegetable or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Any questions please call Patti Pereira 423-3685 or Wayne Robinson 847-6117.

Stewardship Campaign

We are still seeking pledges for our 2017-2018 fiscal year. (That fiscal year will run from May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018). Pledges represent the largest and most important part of CBC's budget. They, therefore, provide critical information for members of the Board of Trustees as they develop a proposed budget to present to the congregation. . If you have not yet made a pledge for 2017-2018, please consider how you are willing to support the ministries and programs of CBC.

Looking for Nominees

The Nominating Committee is preparing to begin its work for the 2017-2018 church year. If you are interested in serving on a church board or committee, please contact Patti Pereira, pattisp@cox.net, David Dolce d.dolce@cox.net or Greg Gamon, ggjtown@gmail.com. These are the positions that are needed:

Moderator (One position)

Pastoral Staff (One position)

Christian Ed (Three positions)

Deacons (Three positions)

Nominating Committee (Two positions)

Trustees (Three positions)

Hospitality Committee (Five positions)

CBC Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held in May 7th. Join us to hear reports about our congregation's work during the past year, elect leaders for the new year, and consider our annual church budget.

Stay tuned for the date and time!

June Festival

Save Saturday, June 17, on your calendar! That will be the date for our June Festival, CBC's largest annual fundraising activity. Watch for a June Festival poster in the next several weeks, and then sign up to help with this all-church event.

Financial Peace University

This class will answer many of your financial and money questions you have, help you develop a sound plan to a stress free life. FPU is offering a class from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at CBC, Every Wednesday through May 10th. Cost is \$89 per household (Assistance is available). Register on-line at daveramsey.com/findaclass or call Dave Dolce 401-374-2858.

CBC Walking Party

Please join us music in Clarke Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00a.m. to 8:45a.m. We do a warm-up, walk a couple miles, do a cool down, then a few floor exercises. Please join us! Questions? Contact MariBeth Traer.

Little Dresses for Africa

The mission of "Little Dresses for Africa" is to provide relief to children of Africa, by distributing home-made dresses to little girls, primarily in African villages, but also other countries in crisis. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in Clarke Hall from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the church parlor or contact Peggy Burse.

Living and Dying with Confidence

The class will be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at CBC from 1-2:30 pm. Join us as we gather to share our responses to daily reflections that will support us in living our lives with wisdom, integrity and compassionate hearts. Our reference will be " *Living and Dying with Confidence; a day by day guide* "by Anyen Rinpoche and Allison Choying Zangmo. For more information, there are flyers in the church parlor and for questions please contact Janet Larson.

Sunday School Teacher Sign-Up Continues

There is a sign-up list for Sunday School teachers on the table in the church parlor. We are in need of people to volunteer for the month of April. The Christian Ed. Board and Kurt are available to help with questions and coordination of the Sunday School curriculum, which is printed out and available for teachers well before their Sunday to teach. For questions, please see Pastor Kurt or a member of the Christian Ed. Board.

Thank You Sunday School Teachers

Thank you for all the volunteers for teaching our Sunday School kids during the month of March! We saw some awesome crafts and happy faces on our kids and trust they are learning important lessons to serve them well for all the days of their lives!

Easter Flower Orders

If you would like to order Easter flowers for the sanctuary, please complete the enclosed form and place it, along with payment, in the box in the parlor or mail both to the church office at P.O. Box 295, Jamestown, RI 02835-0295. The deadline for orders is April 9th. This year tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are \$13 each. Easter lilies & Stargazer lilies are \$15. The flowers will be provided by The Secret Garden.

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Given by _____

Flower choice:

Choose one:

In memory of _____

or

In honor of _____

Quantity

Tulip _____

Daffodil _____

Hyacinth _____

Easter Lily _____

Stargazer Lily _____

Please make checks payable to CBC.

Total amount attached _____

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