

Central Baptist Church

March 2016



CBC Courier

Pastor's Pen

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” Psalm 100:4



“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God . . . shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6,7

Dear CBC Family,

As I look at the photo above and survey all of God's creation, I realize how much I cannot fathom God's greatness. I pray we all take the time to offer our gratitude and thanksgiving for all we have and for all we know God has in store for us.

When we lift our hearts to God for guidance, strength, peace, love or any other request through prayer, may we first begin with our own sense of gratitude and thankfulness at God's prominence in our lives and in the world. Let us to continue our celebration that our Savior born into this world, fully human and fully divine, who has blessed us in our terrestrial bodies offers us the **promise** of eternal life in as we enter His heavenly realm.

We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties. ~Oswald Chambers

Peace,
Pastor Kurt

Communion Sunday Collection

For our communion collection, Sunday, March 6 we will be collecting supplies for Jamestown School. Items needed are: colored pencils, notebooks, pencils, pens, etc...

Bible Study

Bible study will have a new day and time!! The group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Beginning Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Clarke Hall. There will be a sign up sheet in the church parlor for anyone who would like to attend.

Lenten Folders

Make a special donation to CBC is by using a Lenten folder. The folders have spaces for inserting quarters throughout the Lenten season, as well as a pocket for currency or checks. They are available in the church parlor or by calling the church office.

Lenten Soup & Sanctuary

CBC's Lenten series continues. It will be open to the public and will include a light lunch of soup and bread and a time for quiet meditation, music and short readings are offered on specific days. The church will be open this Wednesday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and lunch will be available from 11:30 to 12:30. Please bring art work, poetry, music or readings or something that is meaningful to you to share. On March 2, Sharon Key will bring soup and bread. She also will sing at the time of meditation in the Sanctuary. Emma Brown & Lynda King will be bringing soup on March 9. We still need volunteers to make soup on March 16 & 23. There is a sign-up sheet in the church parlor. Those who have attended have found the time well spent. Look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday!

Holy Week Opportunities

Palm Sunday, March 20

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Palms

Maundy Thursday, March 24

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

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

Good Friday, March 25

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at St Matthew's

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, March 27

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Beavertail State Park

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

10:30 a.m. Easter Reception

Ladies' Breakfast

Ladies Breakfast will be held on Thursday, March 10th at 9 a.m. at Slice of Heaven. All CBC ladies welcome!

Central Baptist Church Book Club

The CBCBC will meet March 30th at 7:00 p.m. The book that we will be discussing is “*The Shack*” by William Young. Please make sure you reserve a copy at the Jamestown Library. There will be a sign up sheet in the parlor for those who would like to attend. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kurt.

CBC Walking Party

CBC Walking Party meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. in Clarke Hall. The group is led by Kathy Merrill, Maribeth Traer, and Todd Merrill. The Party is open to members and non-members, so please come try it out and bring a friend! Please use the Narragansett Ave entrance. For questions, please contact Maribeth Traer, 423-9199.

Guys Group

Our men’s breakfast and book discussion group will continue to discuss Nathaniel Philbrick's *In the Heart of the Sea*, a nonfiction account of the whaling voyage that inspired *Moby Dick*. The group meets Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in Clarke Hall.

Looking for Nominees

The Nominating Committee is preparing to begin its work for the 2016-2017 church year. If you are interested in serving on a church board or committee, please contact Matt Bolles at 423-0472 or mbolles@cox.net. Please share the type of work/ministry you most enjoy (i.e., visiting people in nursing homes, planning social events or small-group opportunities, managing financial matters, coordinating service projects or fundraising efforts, helping maintain facilities, assisting with worship).

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 March 13. This year tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are \$13 each. Easter lilies & Stargazer lilies are \$15. The flowers will be provided by The Secret Garden.

We Noticed Some Nice Things Happening at CBC

Many thanks to:

Arlene LaBua, Alma Davenport, Jean Britton, Sharon Key, Lynda King & Emma Brown for signing up to make soup for our Lenten Program.

Thank you to Norman and Elizabeth for providing music for our Lenten Program and to Matt Bolles, Cynthia Flagg, and Sharon Keys for signing up to provide music over the next five weeks.

Big thanks to Greg and Liam Gamon. For clearing the walk- ways during the snow storms while the maintenance men were out of town. Hurry up spring!!....

To everyone who has taken care of making coffee and bringing food for the coffee hour for January and February, including Pam and John Bush, Maribeth and Jim Traer.

Also thanks to Christian Ed and the Shepherds for their covering of coffee hour for the months of January and February. So far so good with this new system!!!

If you see someone “doing something nice for CBC”. Please call Arlene at 401-423-1002 or by e-mail to arlenelabua123@yahoo.com. Your input is always appreciated...Thanks!!

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Given by _____

Flower choice:

Choose one:

Quantity

In memory of _____

Tulip _____

or

Daffodil _____

In honor of _____

Hyacinth _____

Easter Lily _____

Stargazer Lily _____

Please make checks payable to CBC. Total amount attached _____

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