

The Broadcaster

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Monthly Newsletter of the Warwick Central Baptist Church

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Mission Statement:

To Grow in Christ

To Share His Love

To Serve His World

Pastor's Page:

When your congregation's Transition Team asked if I might be available to serve as a sort of bridge transitional pastor for the summer, I don't think any of us knew exactly what to expect.

How might I help the congregation travel through a time of pastoral transition and the uncertainty of a global pandemic? Would we be able to return to the sanctuary for worship at some point during the summer? Could the congregation and I get to know one another virtually? Would we need to imagine a way to introduce a candidate for settled pastor that would differ from how that had been done in the past?

Transitions, by nature, are filled with the unexpected. We can make plans and try to anticipate what might come, but ultimately a certain amount of openness needs to be involved. Openness to both obstacles and opportunities, to both doubts and discoveries, to both strategy and spontaneity.

I am so grateful for the openness I have experienced during my time with you. As I mentioned in a recent sermon, no one would have blamed you for simply wanting to cling to how things have always been. Instead, you have been open to worshipping via Zoom, open to caring for one another in new ways, open to expanding how you might learn together, and open to how to witness to the world in unique ways.

Thank you also for being open to me. I could not have asked for a warmer welcome or more authentic acceptance. You have opened your hearts and minds as we have reflected on our faith during these challenging times and imagined who God might calling us to be and become.

While my time with you is coming to an end, please know that I will continue to hold you close. I will be eager to discover how God guides you along the next portion of your journey together as a congregation. I also will anticipate observing the new ways you find to be the church in our world.

Many blessings,

Kathryn



Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who completed and returned surveys about the reopening of our church building! The Reopening Planning Team has reviewed all the surveys and found some themes we want to share with you:

- Responses regarding the return to in-person worship in the sanctuary:
 - 70% prefer to wait to return to in-person worship in the sanctuary
 - 30% would like to return to in-person worship in the sanctuary now

- Themes found in the hopes people have:
 - Worshiping safely together in-person
 - Not rushing to in-person worship
 - Returning when safe to do so
 - Continuing Zoom worship

- Themes found in the concerns people have:
 - Severity of COVID
 - Being able to return safely to in-person worship in the sanctuary
 - Sanitizing/cleaning of facility
 - Moving too quickly to reopen the building

- Themes found in what people miss:
 - Fellowship
 - Gathering with family and friends
 - Singing together
 - Praying in the sanctuary
 - Shaking hands, hugging, being with people

Keeping in mind what you shared in your surveys, the Reopening Planning Team discussed ways we might safely be able to gather in-person. We are working on a variety of plans and possibilities for WCBC family and friends, including:

- A September 20 outdoor hymn sing at Canonicus Camp and Conference Center
- A prayer vigil or other opportunities for people to pray in our sanctuary
- Small vesper services in our sanctuary

We will continue with Zoom worship on Sunday mornings for the foreseeable future. We will look for ways to incorporate what we learned from your surveys into those services, as well as for other virtual opportunities that might help us connect with one another.

The team will keep you updated along the way and welcomes receiving your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

Your Reopening Planning Team,
Heather Lindsay, Dave Maine, Beverly Mason, Bill Place,
Don St. Jean, Dan Walker, and Rev. Kathryn Palen

From the Fellowship:



- September 4th- Tom Archer
- September 15th- Harriet Brown, Dan Walker
Alexia Ritchie, Joyce Lord
- September 16th- Robert Carlow
- September 19th- Cheryl Diggle
- September 23rd- Gabriel Normandin
- September 24th- Monique Gauvin
- September 25th- Kala Normandin
- September 27th- Jake T. Randall, Judy Sunderland
- September 28th- Clara Motter, Amber Normandin
- September 29th- Deborah A. Chase

Thanks to everyone who called, sent cards, brought meals and most of all said prayers for my healing after my knee surgery. God had been with me on my journey of healing and I am walking without a cane most of the time now! I'm blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Gail Sheedy



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

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Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

	school	--○----
	paper	--○--
	wisdom	--○--
	read	----○
	play	-----
	learn	○-----
	grow	--○-----
	pencils	-----
	pray	--○--
	art	-----
	student	----○--
	kids	--○-----
	apple	--○----

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

September 2020

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Psalm 55:22

Please be in prayer for:

Lisa Archer	Deb M.	Ally
Mike Ashwood	Dave Maine	Amanda
Jeanne Boffi	Ellyn Maine	Aura
Philip Cate	Peter Marshall	Bill
Chase Family	Fred	Brian
Linda Crapulli	Jessica	Gannon
Melissa Crapulli	James Myatt	Jerry
Jan Derouin	Lucille Nelson	Jesse
Cheryl Diggle	Andrea Niederberger	KJ
Selina Figueroa	Bob O.	Lindsay
Elaine	Donna Quattrini	Michelle
Barbie & Chuck Haines	Gail Sheedy	Renee
Helen Harrop	Donna Sherman	Ronnie
George Hawksley	Frederick Taylor	Rose
Millie Hoffman	James & Jane Walker	Sarah Grace
Joanne Howe	Holly W.	Sue
Dan Ivins	Tom Wiles	Theresa
Kathy Johnson	Gwen Zangari	Titus
Claire Lopez	Nancy & Tom	Wesley

Prayers for Spiritual Strength and Guidance

Our covenant churches: St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and St. Catherine's Catholic Church.
For Tim and Patti Long, our missionaries to Mexico and for our national, state, and local leaders.

Please be in prayer for our Pastoral Search Committee: Ed Diggle, Joe Orzechowicz, Elaine Thorpe, Sue Place, and Lynne Linden.

Please be in prayer for our Veterans, especially those experiencing PTSD and other life-long affects from their time in service.

AND, as we continue journeying through the current COVID-19 situation, let us be in prayer for the Healthcare Workers, EMTs, First Responders, National Guard, all hospital/medical offices/clinics, etc. personnel (as there is no such thing as non-essential workers at such Institutions), all those on the frontlines, and ALL people, as we are all in this battle together!

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matt 6:33)

Women's Ministries:

Lay down your problems long enough to gaze at Me. Picture yourself standing at the edge of an ocean, on a beach covered with pebbles. The pebbles represent problems-yours, your family's, the world's. As you pick up these small stones and hold them close to your eyes-examining their details-they obscure your view of the grandeur all around you. Usually, as soon as you put down the pebble-problem, you pick up another. Thus, you fail to enjoy the beauty of My Presence and to receive My help.

The ocean represents *Me*-endlessly glorious and continually present with you. I am calling you to put down all the pebbles for a time so that you can experience My Presence and receive *My unfailing Love*. Draw near Me by praying, "I choose *You*, Jesus. I choose to see *You*-to find *You*-in this moment." Practice doing this until it becomes a habit: a delightful habit that will keep you close to Me on *the path of Life*.



Welcome Ladies,

September is here and a new year of Rebekah Circle and ABWM will be starting. Things will be a little different for at least the next few months due to the Coronavirus. This will be the new normal with "masks" on safeguarding yourself and others from the virus. The Church building is not available to us at this time to hold a meeting. I am suggesting that we hold our September Rebekah Circle and Women's Executive Board meeting together in person at Rocky Point Park on September 13, 2020 at 1p. Each woman would bring their own folding chair 🪑 and mask 😷. We will sit 6 ft apart and I will provide disinfectant wipes and sanitizer. You would go in the Main Entrance of the Park where there is plenty of parking spaces and plenty of green area for us to sit and enjoy the outdoors and fresh air. I will provide drinks and snacks. Gail Sheedy and I will be calling all of you the week before to answer any questions or concerns you may have. The Governor says the safest place to be is outside in the fresh air. Our agenda is to vote on the New Officers for 2020-2021. We need some new ideas on how we will continue to meet until the Church reopens for us to use. Please think about how we can work on our projects for the fall under these circumstances. I have invited Carla O'Neil from ABWM to join us so she can update us on what is happening in ABWMRI. Rain date: September 14 at 1 pm at Rocky Point Park.

I can't wait to see everyone!

Stay well and God Bless,
Carol Myatt

American Baptist Women's Ministries:

Standing on the promises, I cannot fall
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my all in all
Standing on the promises of God
(writer, Alan Jackson)

Dear Friends,

It seems like we just celebrated our graduating teens and moving up ceremonies. Like so many, my town had congratulation signs in yards and school lawns affirming the accomplishments of elementary, middle, and high school students. Happy faces beaming with pride and joy were on flags in some New Jersey towns where Main Street was lined with high school students in their cap and gowns. Wow, it is already time for a new school year and in some states, students are already in class. This season we begin in the uncertainty of a pandemic that is still surrounding us while storms and fires ravish the United States and Puerto Rico. There are few bright spots in the nightly news, and yet we, the Body of Christ, stand on the promises of God, "listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all."

For nearly 70 years, American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) has created opportunities and spaces for all women to be valued, addressed inequity and injustice, and discerned critical issues affecting women's spiritual, physical, and financial wellness. We have prayerfully affirmed each other and cheered each other on in the good times and difficult days. Our ministry focus on education and prevention of domestic violence and sex trafficking, our efforts to address COVID-19 issues that are disproportionately impacting women, and our recent Hi-eSTEAM virtual camp for girls are just a few of the ways that we stand on the promises of God and continue to live our mission and core values. Our individual and collective experiences have shown us that God is always with us.

This year we are especially grateful that in a season filled with so much uncertainty, we have been able to rely on our Vital Partners. Their consistent support enabled us to provide scholarships for the [Hi-eSTEAM virtual camp](#) and share the [upcoming domestic violence awareness training](#) on September 12, 2020.

We appreciate and thank you for your faithfulness and for keeping your promise to support ABWM's ministries so that ABWM can journey with all women as they discover and share their giftedness. In addition, we deeply desire to facilitate and inspire healthy women's ministries in all of our churches. We can make this a reality!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

You can learn more about being a Vital Partner at www.abwomensministries.org/VitalPartners.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain
Executive Director

Upcoming Events:

- **Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop** on September 12, 2020. Please register by September 9, 2020, at www.abwomensministries.org/DMV.
- **Young Adult Women's Paint and Soothe Your Soul** on Friday, September 18, 2020. Please register by September 14, 2020 at www.abwomensministries.org/events.
- **Addiction Webinar Series** starting September 24, 2020. Visit www.abwomensministries.org/webinars to register.

Summary Income Statement			
As of : June 30, 2020			
Income	Current Yr.	Budget	Last Yr. 6/30/2019
Facility Donations	\$ 20,241	\$ 21,450	\$ 19,424
Pledges/Envelopes	79,915	70,250	71,342
Investment Income	13,534	19,000	9,066
All Other Income*	11,126	3,025	6,245
Total Income	\$ 124,816	\$113,725	\$ 106,077
Expenses	96,616	120,197	98,688
Income(Loss)	\$ 28,200	\$ (6,472)	\$ 7,389

Above please find a summary Financial Statement for the period indicated. If you have any questions please see a member of the Finance Team: Bev Orzechowicz, John Thorpe, Keith Nelson or Ron Zangari

*Includes \$2,715.00 of Memorial Funds and \$5,665 from Ethel Smith estate

Warwick Central Baptist Church	
2nd Quarter Summary	
Mission Offerings	
United Missions	\$ 2,250.00
Baptist Fund of RI	\$ 550.00
RI State Council of Churches	\$ 300.00
Retired Ministers Missions	\$ 690.00
Love Gift	\$ 250.00
America For Christ	\$ 100.00
Houlker Scholarship	\$ 205.00
Church of the Master *	\$ 1,586.00
O.G.H.S	\$ 370.00
Tim & Patti Long	\$ 25.00
America for Christ	\$ 125.00
Total for the Year	\$ 6,451.00

Above please find a YTD summary of our Mission Offerings as of 6/30/2020

Any questions please see Ron Zangari

* Includes donations from Dec. and Jan.

