

The Broadcaster

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Monthly Newsletter of the Warwick Central Baptist Church

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*Like the cold of snow
in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger
to those who send him.*

PROVERBS 25:13

Mission Statement:

To Grow in Christ

To Share His Love

To Serve His World

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

January 2021

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

Psalm 55:22

Please be in prayer for:

Louise Aldrich
Lisa Archer
Lisa B.
Jeanne Boffi
Michael Cavanaugh
Amanda Fanfara
Carol Gallucci
Lilia G.
Chris Lord
Deb M.

Kevin Myatt
Lucille Nelson
Stacey Newman
Keith Ryan
Susan Scott
Christina Shaw
Holly W.
Beth Wait
Bill
Chris

Gavin
Joanne
KJ
Kelsey & Ryan
Mary Jane
Melody
Miriam
Pat
Renee

Prayers for Spiritual Strength and Guidance

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

Our church family sympathy surrounds the family of Mark Macreading (Dot Macreading's son). Mark passed away unexpectedly December 11th after suffering a massive heart attack the previous day. We think especially of his wife, Patty, and his children, Sarah and Scott and all his family and friends at this time.

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

As we continue journeying through the COVID-19 situation, let us be in prayer for healthcare workers, front-line workers, the National Guard, first responders, and ALL people as we battle through these times together!

From Your Temporary Shepherd

Greetings, everyone! **Happy New Year!**

It was a great joy to be with you for this Advent and (continuing) Christmas season, and I want to thank all of you who helped make it so meaningful:

To the Worship Team and all who participated in worship services, who served as worship leaders, read the Advent skits and lit the candles; to the tech people who made the Zoom services go so well, with all the intricacies I don't begin to understand;

To Don and Natasha, for blessing us with beautiful music each week - and to Don for singing all our hymns;

To Amber, who has perfected the art of being "secretary-at-a-distance," retrieving my midnight messages, putting the pieces together so it all makes sense - all the while tutoring her children's online lessons and running her household. (At least she doesn't have to decipher my handwriting!)

To all those who faithfully served on boards and teams this year, who kept the finances in order, and the church ministries running smoothly during a most challenging time for us all;

To the members of the Search Team, for your faithfulness in fulfilling the enormous task of seeking out the pastor whom God has in mind for your church;

To all who donated to the various mission projects, reminding us all that there are many ways to be the church;

To all who have kept in touch with those who are ill or homebound, making calls and sending notes to remind them that they are loved;

To all who have worked so hard for the Lord this year, often without notice or thanks - and sometimes during difficult days;

To all of you who know that Warwick Central Baptist is special in your lives, and who bring your best selves and best gifts to it - in season and out.

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In 2021 we will continue to seek God's direction as we look to a new year and new day and prepare for the call of a new pastor.



I conclude with a Prayer for Epiphany from a favorite poet, Maren Tirabassi.

**"God, Epiphany gives us guidance for this season in our lives,
We look up so we can follow a star to the manger of new life,
a place to leave our gifts unwrapped,
and then we look up again, and follow it home by another way.**

**Or we fall asleep and let angels sleep in our dreams
of escape, of courage, of hope.**

And this is what I can do -

**I can help a friend look up who has been looking down so long;
the neck is bent and stiff and stars are known
only as glitter in a puddle.**

And this is what I can do -

**Ease a friend's burden long enough so sleep has a chance,
and with sleep, the possibility of the whispering of angels." Amen**

New Year's blessings to you all!

Pastor Jerré



Discipleship Corner- January

New at the Church Library for January

New Pamphlets from Our Daily Bread Ministries Discovery Series

1. Man of Sorrows: How Jesus Understands Our Pain and Offers Us Comfort
by Bill Crowder

These pamphlets are 32 pages each and easy to read. They are brief overviews of a book from the OT,NT or a topic of interest in Christian living.

New Books for the Library:

1. The Early Church Fathers- 13 volume set – Various Editors-Including works on Origen, Tertullian, Athanasius, Jerome, John Chrysostom and others. The Greek and Latin Fathers of the Church are central to the creation of Christian doctrine, yet often unapproachable because of the sheer volume of their writings and the lack of accessible translations. This series makes available translations of key selected texts by the major Fathers to all students of the early church.
2. Hope: Inspiration for Everyday Life by Max Lucado
3. The Cradle, Cross, and Crown by Billy Graham
A collection of scriptures, poems, short messages and hymns centering on the Christmas story.
4. Before Christmas: The Story of Jesus from the beginning of time to the Manger by Bill Crowder

Any items from the church library are available for checkout. Please call or email Dave Maine (398-8939) or DMaine@ric.edu to arrange a time to pick up or for a delivery.

Building Blocks News

To the Warwick Central Baptist Church Congregation -- THANK YOU!!!! How surprised I was to receive a beautiful poinsettia and chocolates which are always the way to my heart. 2020 has certainly been a year in the books for each one of us. When I graduated from Salve Regina I certainly didn't come out with any knowledge on how to run a Child Care Center during a Pandemic ... the members of this congregation have offered nothing but continued support in this journey and adventure to provide daily child care to those who need it!

A major change that took place during this year for us was stability amongst children and staff; to make this happen we have been allowed the opportunity to turn Judson Hall into one of our classrooms; with the ability to flip it right around to a hall for functions. With that being said Building Blocks has received a grant which will allow for a new HVAC and Heating system as well as NEW windows to be installed in this space!!! We are so excited as I personally remember sweating while preparing for our yearly Cabaret -- the work will begin the week after Christmas and continue through to the spring.

Continue to have strength, hope and love in 2021 --

Ashley Lucier



From the Fellowship:



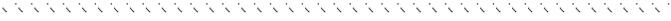
- January 3rd- Danielle D. Chase
- January 8th- Bruce Bergman
- January 11th- Robert LaFrance
- January 13th- Kristen Osberg
Amanda Chase
- January 14th- Catrina Ritchie
- January 17th- Patricia Aldrich
- January 18th- Sheryl Gauvin
- January 19th- Marc Titchenell



Thank you all for the most gorgeous poinsettia that I have ever seen as well as the basket full of goodies! What a wonderful surprise! The flowers add a very festive touch to our home and the kids sure did enjoy the treats! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year!
~Amber and family



To my family at WCBC:
I can't possibly thank you enough for all the warm get-well wishes you've sent during my illness over the last year. Your cards and prayers have cheered me through some difficult days. It means the world to me to be remembered, inspired, and loved by the wonderful people whom I hold so dear as the spiritual foundation of my life. My heart will always call WCBC my home!
With gratitude,
Chris Lord



I wish to thank everyone who sent cards and made telephone calls to me while sick with pneumonia. I

am very grateful to have a wonderful, caring church family!!
~Pat Adams

WCBC Members & Friends:
Thank you for the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers for me on my 96th birthday. I first attended WCBC 90 years ago. It is always a pleasure to receive the Broadcaster and stay connected to my many friends. Happy Holidays and blessings to all!
~With Love,
Barbara Rowell

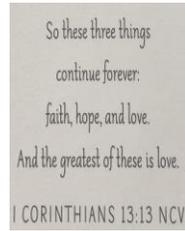
Worship in January

- Jan. 3 - EPIPHANY, COMMUNION
Matthew 2:1-12
- Jan. 10 - "Holding the Promise"
Luke 2:22-40
- Jan. 17 - "When the Dreamer Dies"
Micah 6:6-8
- Jan. 24 - "When God Builds A Church"
Matthew 16:13-20
- Jan. 31 – TBA

Women's Council News:

Happy New Year wishes to all the women of Rebekah Circle. As of right now I do not know if we are going to be able to meet in January. Let's all continue to pray that the vaccinations will be given out on schedule and will help control the virus. May God bless us all in 2021 so we may be able to continue His work.

God Bless you all,
Carol Myatt - President Women's Ministries



Mission Team News:

We will collect the RMM Offering on Sunday January 10th, 2021. We would also like to thank everyone for the out pouring of love and support for our fall initiatives, the hat and glove drive to benefit McCauley House, the ongoing food drive and the Christmas Eve collection to benefit Teen Challenge. It's heartwarming to see that the

pandemic hasn't stopped the generosity the WCBC
family. May God bless you all!

Yours in Christian love,

Patti Piscopio
Cathi Johnson
Joanne Brown

WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED

Poem by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

IT IS NOT OVER

**It is not over, this birthing.
There are always newer skies into which
God can throw stars**

**When we begin to think
that we can predict the Advent of God,
that we can box the Christ
in a stable in Bethlehem,
that's just the time
that God will be born
in a place we can't imagine
and won't believe.**

**Those who wait for God
watch with their hearts
and not their eyes,
listening
always listening
for angel words.**

Ann Weems

