

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

Chesser Chat

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”- Matthew 11:28

Let me ask you something: how many of you are feeling heavy-laden right now? This being a written column I cannot see a show of hands, but if I had to guess, I'd estimate that at least 80% of you read that and placed yourself in that category. After all, it's been eleven hard months of quarantines and sickness. Eleven months of not seeing peoples' faces. Eleven months of not being able to give hugs. Eleven months of not being able to come to church.

Maybe I'm biased, but I think that last one has just as large an effect, if not even moreso, than some of the others. After all, think of where we meet in the church. The definition of sanctuary is “a place of refuge or safety.” Church is meant to be our refuge from the outside world. When Monday through Saturday drags us down, it is Sunday morning that renews us. When everything around us feels unstable or unsafe, it is church we turn to as a source of stability and peace. Yet right now, we do not have that place.

One of my first goals as pastor here is to make sure that even though we cannot be back together in person, you still have that safe place. I seek to provide a refuge for you, a place where we are still aware of the existence of COVID-19 but where we do not allow it to bring us down.

One of my favorite praise songs is “Sanctuary.” You may know it by its starting line: “Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary.” I'm praying that very prayer to God. If we cannot be in our physical sanctuary, I pray that I can be a sanctuary for you. I pray that our morning worship be a sanctuary where you can be immersed in praise and fellowship. I also pray that our conversations together could be a sanctuary. I pray that we could speak together and I could help you carry whatever may be burdening your heart at any given moment.

We all deserve a place where we can be free. A place where we can drop our burdens, or if not drop then at least allow someone else to help us shoulder the load. A place where the world can just stop, a place where the stresses of the last year cannot get to us. That place may not be a physical location right now, but the Lord is preparing one nonetheless.

Pastor Sam

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

March 2021

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

Psalm 55:22

Please be in prayer for:

Louise Aldrich	Chris Lord	Gannon
Lisa Archer	Bill & Paula Lynch	Gavin
Lisa B.	Deb M.	Joanne
Lori B.	Carolyn Mellen	KJ
Rimma Bezus	Marilyn Neary	Kelsey & Ryen
Joanne Boffi	Walter Neary	Linda
Peter Diol	Lucille Nelson	Lindsay
Amanda Fanfara	Keith Ryan	Mandy
Bobby Fanfara	Susan Scott	Melody
Lilia G.	Eve Schwanke	Miriam
Natasha G.	Paul Sherman	Rene
Chuck & Barbie Haines	Kellie Terrell	Ruby
Cathi Johnson	Marilyn Thompson	Sandy
Fred Lewchik	Marilyn Timperley	Tom
Jack Lindsay	Holly W.	
Joan Lindsay	Chris	

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 Chuck Haines and family at the passing of his sister, Peg, who passed away February 12, 2021.

Our church family sympathy surrounds the family of our friend Beth Wait (her sister, Susan Scott, and brother, A. Dallas Wait) as Beth passed away Monday, January 28, 2021.

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!

We pray for our Country, for peace, and for unity.

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

Discipleship Corner- March

New at the Church Library for March

New Pamphlets from Our Daily Bread Ministries Discovery Series

1. What Every Christian Needs to Know About Reading the Bible

By: Kevin J. Vanhoozer

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. And He Walks with Me: 365 Daily Reminders of Jesus's Love

By: Our Daily Bread Publishing (multiple contributors)

2. The Ante-Nicene Fathers: Rev. Alexander Roberts, Sir James Donaldson, and Arthur Cleveland Coxe- Editors

Historic writings of some of the Apostolic Fathers who lived closer to the time of Christ.

3. Along the Road: How Jesus Used Geography to Tell God's Story

By: John A. Beck (DVD and companion book)

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.

Adult Study- Sunday Mornings - 8:45- 9:45AM

Join us on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 AM as we study scripture and other topics in the Christian life. We have great fellowship and discussion is often lively, interesting, and helpful to your daily walk in the Christian life.

Currently, we are conducting the study by Zoom and will be until at least the springtime of 2021. We generally study the scripture being preached on that morning in worship. Joe Orzechowicz, Dave Maine and Dave Parenteau are leader/facilitators for this group.

All are welcome!! Please join us on Sunday AM for study before Worship!! If you would like to be included in the Zoom invite for class, please call Dave Maine (398-8939) or Joe O. (714-4048).

From The Fellowship:



- March 5th- Landon Girouard
- March 7th- Eric Linden
- March 9th- Paula Lynch
- March 10th- Leona Drew,
Pauline Petterson,
Densie Sunderland
- March 13th- Robert Aldrich, Jr.
Brielle Marie Piscopio
- March 15th- Ruth Adams
- March 21st- Joan Lindsay
Kathy Mancosh
- March 26th- David Maine
- March 31st- Angela Myatt
Lindsey Nelson



Dear Members of WCBC,

Thank you so much for the cards and calls I have received following my recent fall and visit to the hospital. I appreciate the prayers and am fortunate to be part of a caring and loving congregation.

In Christian Love,

Marilyn Timperley

Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers

Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)



COVID-19 vaccinations:

If you are interested in receiving the vaccination here is some information that, while accurate at the time of this publications, is subject to change: As of Monday, February 22, people 65+ are eligible to receive a vaccination if they wish. Sign up at vaccinateri.org or call (844)-930-1799. State run clinics are open in Providence and Cranston and vaccines will soon be available at CVS and Walgreens pharmacies.

The Secret Place & Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available in the church office. If you'd like to pick one up or have one mailed to you, please contact Amber in the office.

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Bev & Joe Orzechowicz
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Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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3,4 8 9,10 4	1 11,12 3	13 8 11

EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

"...to bring good news to the poor... proclaim release to the captives..."

let the oppressed go free..." (Luke 4:18-19)

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

-- Matthew 14:24-32, NIV

Dear Friends,

I love this text because it shows the possibilities when we rely on Jesus and not ourselves. When we trust Jesus, we can experience the unexpected, and that can be awesome. Peter got out of the boat and has an experience that the rest of the disciples missed, he walked on water! Yes, he may have lost his footing when the reality of the experience surpassed the possibilities in his mind... but that is Jesus.



We simply cannot conceive or comprehend all that Jesus can do because Jesus "can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine." Peter's limitations may have produced a short walk but... wow, what a walk! One or two steps, 10 or 15 seconds walking on water must have been a feeling he would never forget. It was a faith-building experience, and even in his unbelief, Jesus did not forsake him but kept him safe.

In 2021, let us get out of the boat! Build your testimony. Let God lead and believe that the possibilities are infinite. Let us take the lessons of 2020 and allow 2021 to be a year of discovery and growth. Be ready for the Holy Spirit's revelation to you and move forward, expecting God's strength and love to guide you. Next week we enter into the Lenten Season, a sacred time in our liturgical calendar. Christians all over the world draw close to God for a time of introspection. Many will fast from meals, favorite foods, activities, and even hobbies to dedicate that time to prayer. As we approach Lent, let us have the hope and expectation of Peter, ask God to bring us closer, hold our hand and guide us in our unbelief.

Reach up God's hand is waiting and the possibilities are infinite,

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

COVID-19:
Addressing Needs and Teaching Resilience
Webinar Series

Thursday, February 18, 2021
9PMEST/6PMPST



Pamela Bridgeforth, Care Coordinator
Senior Connections

Reducing Tunnel Vision: Helping Seniors during COVID-19

Whether you are a senior yourself or a caregiver, receiving and providing support can be challenging. Along the way we may have developed 'tunnel vision'. This webinar will explore the breadth of that challenge, as well as some specific needs encountered by seniors during the pandemic, as indicated from one Area Agency on Aging. This webinar will discuss the challenges that existed before and will share some impacts of the pandemic. This webinar will provide a framework for considering individuals and their needs, resources, and practical approaches.

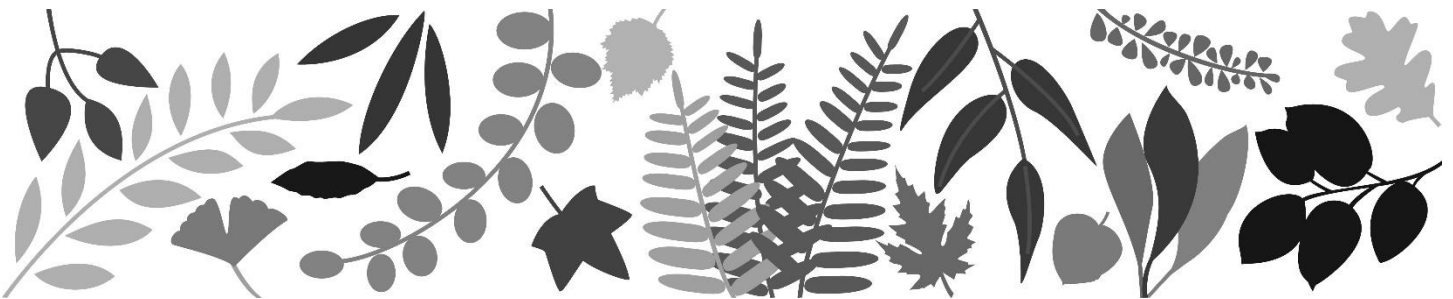
Women's Council

Don't think of prayer as a chore. Instead, view it as a communicating with the One you adore. Delight yourself in Me; this will draw you irresistibly into communion with Me. Remember all that I am to you, all I have done for you. I love you with perfect, everlasting Love, and I take great delight in you. Let my tenderness embrace you, convincing you that you are indeed My beloved. Rejoice in the One who will never let you go!

Often the easiest way to start talking with Me is to thank Me for being your Savior, Redeemer, and Friend. You can also give thanks for things that are happening in your life, your family, your church, and beyond. These grateful prayers connect you with Me and ease the way into other prayers.

You can talk feely with Me since I know everything about you and your circumstances. I never reject you because the penalty for your sins has been paid in full-with My blood. Trust Me enough to pour out your heart to Me, for I am your Refuge.

PSALM 37:4; ZEPHANIAH 3:17;
PSALM 118:28-29 NKJV; PSALM 62:8



The Women of Rebekah Circle are having a zoom meeting with Paster Sam and his wife Lindley on Feb 21 at 2 pm. We hope to have about 30 women on the zoom meeting that day. We are excited to meet Lindley and the children.

I am hoping that the restrictions for gathering will be removed so we can meet in March in person. Gail and I will let you know if we are able to do that.

God Bless

Carol Myatt - President Women's Council



Eastern Section: What's up with ABWM?

Saturday, February 20, 2021
10:00 AM EST

Join other American Baptist Women as we hear from our national board, national staff, association leaders, and AB Women on what's happening in American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM). Each participant will have the opportunity to share what's happening in American Baptist Women's Ministries in their church, area/association, or region.



[Click here to register.](#)

Upcoming Events:

- [Reducing Tunnel Vision: Helping Seniors during COVID-19 Webinar](#) – February 18, 2021
- [Eastern Section Event](#) – February 20, 2021
- Women's History Month Celebration – Mondays in March
- [Leading \(yourself and others\) in times of crisis and change Webinar](#) – March 4, 2021
- [Move and Soothe Your Soul](#) – March 12, 2021
- [The Value of a Breath: Vaping and Our Youth- What it is, What it Does, and What Should Concern Us Webinar](#) – March 18, 2021
- [Midwestern Section Event](#) – March 20, 2021
- [COVID-19's Impact on Women: An Emphasis on Addiction, Treatment, & Recovery Webinar](#) – April 1, 2021
- [Sisters in Prayer](#) – April 8, 2021
- Domestic Violence Training and Certification – April 23-24, 2021
- Women's Day – June 12, 2021

Support our ministry with women and girls!

Give now at www.abwomensministries.org/give.

From the Finance Team:

		Mission Offerings	
United Missions		\$	4,500.00
Baptist Fund of RI		\$	1,100.00
RI State Council of Churches		\$	600.00
Retired Ministers Missions		\$	690.00
World Mission Offering		\$	600.00
Love Gift		\$	300.00
America For Christ		\$	250.00
Houlker Scholarship		\$	205.00
Church of the Master	*	\$	1,586.00
O.G.H.S		\$	415.00
Tim & Patti Long		\$	55.00
Total for the Year		\$	<u>10,301.00</u>
Above please find a YTD summary of our Mission Offerings as of 12/31/2020			
Any questions please see Ron Zangari			
* Includes donations from Dec. and Jan.			

Summary Income Statement				
As of: December 31, 2020				
<u>Income</u>	Current Yr.	Budget	Last Yr. 12/31/2019	
Facility Donations	\$ 32,982	\$ 42,900	\$ 38,848	
Pledges/Envelopes	147,457	140,850	151,788	
Investment Income	13,684	38,000	21,192	
All Other Income*	13,672	10,800	16,845	
Total Income	\$ 207,795	\$ 232,550	\$ 228,673	
Expenses	178,652	240,393	214,334	
Income(Loss)	\$ 29,143	\$ (7,843)	\$ 14,339	
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				
These are the unaudited results for the year ended 12/31/2020				
*Includes \$3,115.00 of Memorial Funds and \$5,732.40 from Ethel Smith estate				

share the good news!

American Baptist Women's Ministries of Rhode Island is launching a new and occasional publication called, *"share the good news!"*.

This is a publication that is going to be all about YOU and your submissions.

In these hard times, we are all craving some good news!

- **Share** (short) stories or notes about how you have been coping, with the intent that your ideas might help other faith sisters in this journey!
- **Share** any good books you have read!
- **Share** how your congregation has been worshipping and keeping connected during these "socially-distanced" times!
- **Share** any practical advice on navigating the next few months!
- **Share** a nature photo that you have taken that has captured something inspiring!
- **Share** a talent or offer a service that might be helpful to someone in need!
- And, by all means, please **share** a photo of your favorite pet, because who doesn't like pet photos!

Please send your info to Carol Myron
at cmyron2005@yahoo.com
and let's see how much good news
we can share!



