

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

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

14 months. That is about how long it has been since the last time we were able to worship together in the sanctuary. 14 months. I don't know about you, but I often feel weird when I miss a single week of church, and we've missed around 60 some Sundays in the church. Have you ever felt frustrated by this absence? Have you grumbled to yourself or others about how ready you are to get back to the sanctuary?

Let me give you some numbers. According to the website historyofvaccines.org, the traditional exploratory phase for the development of a vaccine is 2-4 years. The traditional process from exploration to approval is 10-14 years. Just think about that for a moment- 10-14 years. Over a decade to figure this out and get a vaccine. Yet here we are, not even a year and a half into the COVID-19 epidemic, and we have hundreds of millions of people vaccinated.

It's easy to complain about how we haven't been in the sanctuary for over a year. But imagine how it would be if it took us 14 years to safely get back into the sanctuary safely! Instead, in just 14 months, we were able to ensure that a good number of our congregation have been vaccinated and that we can worship in the sanctuary with very little risk to any of the people who want to be there.

Who do we have to thank for this? There has been much debate over this. Do we thank Donald Trump or Joe Biden? Do we thank Pfizer or Moderna or Johnson & Johnson? Do we thank the clinics set up across the country, the doctors, the nurses, the National Guard? Sure, all of these groups deserve thanks for trying to find the solution to this pressing problem. But I just don't see how all this is possible without God. I know we and Christians all over the world prayed, and I truly believe that God heard us. For the process to go so quickly, for the distribution to go well, for everything to succeed despite prior evidence telling us it was unlikely, what else can we say other than that this is a miracle?

It's been very easy to grumble over the past year, and don't get me wrong, we've had plenty to complain about. Nothing like this has been seen in any of our lifetimes. But today I'd invite you to do something different. I'd invite you to think about how much worse the situation could have been, and thank God for all that He has done.

From the Fellowship:



- May 2nd- Patti Piscopio
- May 3rd- Brenton Sunderland Jr.
Richard Tutalo
- May 4th- Edward Diggle
- May 8th- Melanie Nelson
- May 9th- Tom Piscopio
Tim Chesser
- May 11th- Beverly Orzechowicz
- May 15th- Patty Houlker
- May 17th- Chelsea Titchenell
- May 18th- Joan Hooper
- May 19th- Elizabeth Card
- May 22nd- Karen Leite
- May 28th- Linda Crapulli
Anita LaBossiere
- May 29th- Rachel Walker
- May 30th- Aline Girourard
Gabriel Nera
Barbara McKinney



Thank you so much for being there for us in our time of need!
The Leonard and Winpenny families appreciate it so much.
We will forever be grateful to our Warwick Central community for their support.
Love and blessing to all,
Nancy Leonard

My Warwick Central Baptist Family:

We were blessed with a journey through Lent with weekly Zoom Worship and God's love.

God's Blessings,
Tony Caniglia and Sharon Sweeney

Dear Warwick Central family, thank you so much for all of your prayers and cards as I recover from my hip surgery. It is always amazing to see how wonderful this family is! Thank you!
In His love, Linda (Knutton) Jennison

"On May 23rd at 7PM, we will have a Zoom gathering for all middle school and high school students, to give them a chance to say hello to each other, meet Pastor Sam, and talk about the future in the church. Hope all can join us! If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Sam."



Is someone you know graduating next month who deserves recognition? Please submit the name and school of your graduated to be posted in the June Broadcaster! Please email Amber at wcbc01@verizon.net by May 15th with your grad's information!

Dear Members of the Warwick Central Baptist Church,

Daniel Petrin and I would like to offer you our profound gratitude for all that you have done for the baby shower celebrating Quentin Arthur Petrin. We are very far away from our families and the shower was a wonderful surprise from my church family. Your support during this transition is greatly appreciated. We cannot express enough the importance of your effort and the gratitude that you deserve. Thank you all so very much! Having a baby can be difficult and just a little scary and all the help and support you have provided means the world. Thank you, again, so very much. We are so very blessed to have you in our lives.

The Petrins



The annual reports are due on June 1st 2021 for the updated Annual Directory. Please email them to Amber at wcbc01@verizon.net.

"Plan to join us for a special "Taste of WCBC" on July 11th out on the front lawn of the church. We will be collecting to benefit our missionaries Tim and Patty Long. We will be having a picnic on the front lawn of the church. Signup sheets will go out soon!"

FINANCE TEAM NEWS

Warwick Central Baptist Church			
1ST Quarter Summary			
Mission Offerings			
United Missions		\$ 1,125.00	
Baptist Fund of RI		\$ 275.00	
RI State Council of Churches		\$ 150.00	
Retired Ministers Missions		\$ 50.00	
World Mission Offering		\$ 727.00	
Love Gift		\$ 100.00	
America For Christ		\$ 40.00	
Tim & Patti Long		\$ 85.00	
Dam Repairs		\$ 635.00	
Total for the Year		\$ 3,187.00	
Above please find a summary of our Mission Offerings for the 1st Qtr Ended 3/31/2021			
Any questions please see Ron Zangari			

Summary Income Statement			
As of : March 31, 2021			
<u>Income</u>	Current Yr.	Budget	Last Yr. 3/31/2020
Facility Donations	\$ 6,429	\$ 10,505	\$ 10,587
Pledges/Envelopes	41,191	36,450	42,576
Investment Income	7,034	10,750	9,000
All Other Income*	1,375	1,238	10,927 **
Total Income	\$ 56,029	\$ 58,943	\$ 73,090
Expenses	51,564	61,895	55,743
Income(Loss)	\$ 4,465	\$ (2,952)	\$ 17,347
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 \$600.00 of Memorial Money			
** Includes Memorial Money of \$2,260 and funds from Ethel Smith of \$5,665			

Discipleship Corner-May 2021

New at the Church Library for May

New Pamphlets from Our Daily Bread Ministries Discovery Series

1. An Intimate Union- Living Fully in your Relationship with Christ

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. Praying to Change Lives** by Jody Brotsma
- 2. Overcoming Fear and Worry** by James Watkins
- 3. Women of Strength:** Living the Best Life Possible for God in this Broken World by Alice Matthews
- 4. The Women of the Bible Speak:** The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today by Shannon Bream

In addition to these new items, we have received a very generous donation of two dozen books for the library from Paula Lynch. We thank Paula for this gift and hope that you will enjoy reading some of these books. I will list a few here for the next two months.

- 5. Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus:** A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity
By Nabeel Qureshi- Foreword by Lee Strobel
- 6. The Tabernacle:** Shadows of the Messiah by David M. Levy
- 7. The Return of The Prodigal Son:** A Story of Homecoming by Henri J.M. Nouwen
- 8. Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes:** Cultural Studies in the Gospels by Kenneth E. Bailey

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 thru 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).

Pre K- Elementary Sunday School Class

On Saturday, April 24th, Carol Myatt and Anita Labossiere led a socially distanced Sunday school class for three children. There was a lesson, craft time and some outside fun time! The plan is to have a weekly class on Saturday for the time being. If you have young children or grandchildren who might like to attend, please contact the church office or Carol Myatt (499-2506) for more information.

Late Spring Book Study ----- May 18 and 25, 2021

God and the Pandemic by N. T. Wright

Please join us on Zoom for a discussion of this important book. Discover a different way of seeing and responding to the Coronavirus pandemic, an approach drawing on scripture, Christian history and the way of living, thinking and praying revealed to us by Jesus. Pastor Sam will lead the discussion.

Tuesday May 18 and 25 @ 7pm

There will be a \$5.00 fee for this book. Please contact Dave Maine or the church office to sign up for this study and to reserve a book.

Summer Book Studies

Two book studies will be offered this summer, one in July and one in August.

The July book will be The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully by Joan Chittister. Dates TBD. Cost will be \$5.00. Please sign up by notifying Dave Maine or by calling the church office.

A decision on the book for August will be made by early June.

Fall Adult Bible Study

Pastor Sam will be offering a mid-week bible study, most likely on Wednesday evening, starting sometime in the fall. Please stay tuned for more details.

Our parents Barbie and Chuck Haines, as you all know, were fiercely independent. We have tried through the years to convince them to move in with one of us or to try an assisted living facility. Their granddaughter Caitlin wrote them a beautiful letter to persuade them to move to Pennsylvania where our father grew up. She wanted them to be near her and their great grandson Charlie. However, they both wanted to remain in RI and did not want to leave their home. Most importantly they did not want to leave their church family. So, we respected their wishes.

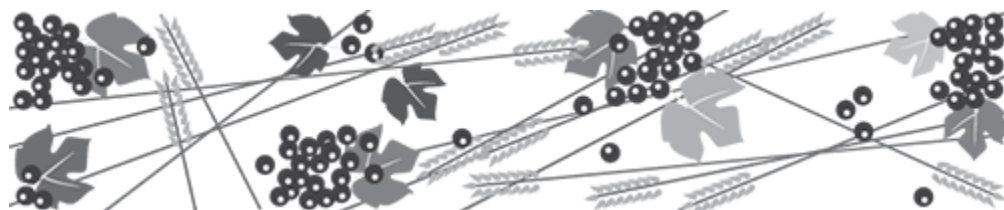
Barbie Haines was a gentle soul with an iron will. She continually amazed us with her strength and resilience in times of great illness and pain. Up until 2 years ago she was using her treadmill 4 days a week. Our parents had a very hard time parting with their 15-foot Sprite caravan and were still taking short camping trips into their late 70's. Many of them to visit their children and grandchildren. Our parents loved to travel, and Barbie loved a good campfire.

Her greatest sorrow was the death of her older sister Janice when she was 11 and Janice just 12. We know her deep faith helped her through this terrible grief. Another sorrow was that her children were spread apart. Becky and Mark in NJ, Chris and Karen Anine in NH and Karen Beth and Steve in CT. This was always on her mind and in her heart.

Growing up our mother was a pastors's wife, but also worked as a church secretary, as a nursery schoolteacher and in the Providence ABCORI offices. She loved to bake, and I am truly sorry that not all of you were able to sample her Christmas plates and coffee hour bars, cookies and muffins. As a mother she was patient, creative, a marvelous storyteller and a stickler for chores. We all loved her deeply and will miss her every minute of every day now that she is gone.

As a grandmother she was engaged in all of her grandchildren's lives. She helped out when they were newborns. Took walks with all of them. Camped with them. Read endless storybooks. As they got older, she contributed to their college funds on every birthday, watched them play softball, baseball, soccer and lacrosse. More recently was worried for the younger ones having to attend remote school and her college age granddaughter losing out on the college experience because of Covid. Barbie had 4 granddaughters Caitlin (McCabe) Vanden Boom, Kylie McCabe, Matteson and Sydney Haines. A grandson Shane McCabe and a great grandson Charlie Vanden Boom, aged three.

Her will was iron, but sadly her body started to let her down. We want everyone in her church family to know her spirit never wavered, nor did her deep faith. Barbie's sense of humor was sharp even a few days before her death. Her granddaughter Kylie was able to visit with her new puppy and Barbie had so much fun playing with her and laughing at her antics. Our father kept her on her toes, they were a great team. His loss is the greatest of all.



INTERCESSORY PRAYER

May 2021

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

Psalm 55:22

Please be in prayer for:

Louise Aldrich	Linda Jenison	Richard Tutalo
Lisa Archer	Fred Lewchik	Marilyn Thompson
Mike Batalon	Jack Lindsay	Diane York
Don Benson	Chris Lord	Alan
Jeanne & Richard Boffi	Deb M.	Audrey
Sally C.	Carolyn Mellen	Bernadette
Peter Diol	Clara Motter	Chris
Brittany DeRouin	Marilyn Neary	Jesse
Amanda Fanfara	Walter Neary	Kelsey & Ryen
Russ Flanagan	Lucille Nelson	Mandy
Bob & Pat Foor	Betty Percevil	Miriam
Lilia G.	Keith Ryan	Rene
Chuck & Barbie Haines	Ariel Samayoa	Robin
Millie Hoffman	Eve Schwanke	Sandy
John Houlker	Paul Sherman	Tracy
Sue Jackson	Kellie Terrell	The Parker Family

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 our national, state, and local leaders.

Our church family sympathy surrounds those who have experienced the loss of loved ones recently:

- ~ Chuck Haines and family as Barbie Haines passed away Thursday, April 22, 2021.
- ~ Donny & Catrina Ritchie and family as Donny's grandfather, Gorman Ritchie, passed away April 9, 2021.

As we continue walking through the COVID-19 Pandemic together may we be in prayer for our healthcare workers, front-line workers, the National Guard, first responders, researchers, and ALL people.

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

An Update from the Reopening Planning Team

As we move forward with the June 6, 2021, date for reopening to in-person Worship, we wanted to let you know of a few things that will be different going forward:

- ~ We will have a registration process in place for in-person Worship services, with assigned seating for each worship service.
- ~ We will need to wear masks while on the church grounds and throughout the worship service.
- ~ We will need to maintain appropriate distance from each other and greet one another from a distance.
- ~ We will need to provide a completed health screening form when we arrive and check-in for each worship service.

Please continue to stay tuned for more details to come your way before June 6, 2021. We thank you for your continued prayers.

Your Reopening Planning Team,

Heather Lindsay, Dave Maine, Beverly Mason, Bill Place, Don St. Jean, Dan Walker, and Pastor Sam.



Women's Ministries

Unshakable Hope

Before sending the Flood that would cover the earth, God promised safety for Noah and his family. All of humanity at the time was wicked, “but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8). This is the first time we see the word *grace* in Scripture. We might expect *grace* to debut in David’s psalm or Jesus’ sermon or Paul’s epistle. But it doesn’t. Grace comes when the Flood does.

Noah found a God who would stoop down and help him. Indeed, “stoop” is the Hebrew meaning of the word *grace*. God stooped and entered Noah’s world. *Grace* is the God who stoops, who descends, who condescends and reaches.

The Noah story is our story. The world is corrupt. The judgement is sure. But the salvation is certain. God has provided us a way of escape: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his *grace* through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:23-24 NIV).

God promised to stoop down to our level in the form of Jesus to save us from our sin. We were in trouble, but he came near.

We are saved, not by a boat, but by Jesus Christ. He is our Ark. We enter into him. We trust him. His gangplank is made of Calvary’s cross. The skylight is formed from an empty tomb. He seals it shut from the outside. He, and he alone, keeps us safe from the evil that floods about us. When we trust the promises of God, we enjoy the unspeakable benefit of his Son.

Reading taken from “Praying The Promises” by Max & Andrea Lucado



The ladies of Rebekah Circle will be gathering on May 12 at 6:30 pm for dinner at the Crow’s Nest Restaurant in Warwick. If you haven’t already given Gail or myself a yes or no on dinner, please contact me a week before May 12. As of right now the restaurant can allow a maximum of 8 people at a table so I have reserved two tables of eight. So, if there are more than sixteen, I can reserve a third table. We will be ordering off the regular menu and Individual checks. FYI The restaurant advised me that face masks 🤒 are required entering the restaurant and walking around and restrooms. I know we will all enjoy being together.

Blessings,
Carol Myatt

Troubles Come, but So Does God

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

-Hebrews 11:7 NIV