

The Broadcaster

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Monthly Newsletter of the Warwick Central Baptist Church

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MARK 5:36

Mission Statement:

To Grow in Christ

To Share His Love

To Serve His World

Chesser Chat

As a pastor, I have always strongly believed that I was called by God to do the work that I am doing, and that I was called by God to be where I am now. I share this feeling with all of those who work in ministry, whether they serve as local church pastors like me, denominational workers, missionaries, or many other such jobs. The knowledge that God has called us is what enables us to do what we do.

However, being called by God does not make us unique or special. The reason for that is that God has called us all. Yes, even you! In his first letter to the church in Corinth, Paul wrote “Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches”

(1 Corinthians 7:17).

Let’s take a minute to break down what exactly this verse means. By each person, Paul is of course referring not just to “ministers,” but to all Christian believers. He says that God has assigned each person a place in life. Their job in life is to live life as a believer in the place that God has placed them.

First, this is referring to a person’s career. Paul is essentially saying that whatever you do, do not try and put a wall up in the different parts of your life. You are not a Christian on Sunday morning and a plumber Monday through Saturday. You are a Christian plumber seven days a week, 365 days a year. This doesn’t mean you have to force your faith down the throats of every person you meet; it simply means that you should not hide who you are under and circumstance.

This also reminds us that God has placed us each in the faith fellowship that He has intended for us. I said earlier that I believed that God had placed me as the pastor of the Warwick Central Baptist Church, which is true. However, I also believe that God placed each and every one of you in this church and gave you each a responsibility for benefitting the ministry of the church. Do I fully comprehend the reasons why each person has been placed in the church? No. But I’m betting for many of you, God had placed that call on your heart.

As we begin this month our process of reopening the church, it is a chance to renew our calling with God, or maybe even start a new one. For some, the last year has naturally led to us drifting away from our purpose, but now we can refresh ourselves and find new ways of being a part of the church family. I simply ask you to pray to God, asking Him why He has placed you in this church, and how you can best serve.

Dear Warwick Central Baptist Church Family,

We are writing today with the exciting news that we are officially reopening our doors for Sunday Morning Worship! We know that this has been a day that many of you have been looking forward to for a very long time, and our team has been working hard to make sure this happened as soon as possible while still maintaining necessary safety. Now, after months of work, we can announce that June 6th will be our official re-opening Sunday!

In the past year, there is no institution that has not had its practices changed, and the church is no exception to this rule. As we prepare for re-opening, there will be a number of modifications to the church worship service. Attached is a list of the changes you can expect from the worship service. Some of these changes include mask-wearing during singing, social distancing of three feet, and regulations on where we can and cannot go in the building. These conditions continue to evolve as more information comes out.

Recently, the CDC has loosened restrictions for indoor activities for those who have been vaccinated. We have tried to follow their lead whenever possible, but it is true that our recommendations may be a bit stricter than the CDC. The reason for that is out of an abundance of love. We take our own safety seriously, but as Christians we are also called to place the needs of others above ourselves. If doing small tasks like wearing a mask while singing or sanitizing our hands can help keep a person healthy, it's the least we can do for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We also want to reassure you that if you are not yet comfortable coming back in the sanctuary, you are still welcome to join us via Zoom. We know that some people will be there on day one, but others will still want to wait things out a little bit. We believe that every person should focus on their own safety and come back to church at your own pace. Also, while it is not a requirement, we do encourage everyone who is planning to come to in-person worship to get vaccinated, as that is our best way to prevent any spread of illness. If you are feeling any symptoms on a Sunday, we encourage you to worship via Zoom.

Finally, we want to thank you for your patience over the last year, and your continued patience. These have been unprecedented times, and we have seen them through the best we could. We give thanks to God that we will be able to fellowship once more in the sanctuary, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christian Fellowship,

The Warwick Central Baptist Church Reopening Team

Warwick Central Baptist Church

Resuming Worship in Our Sanctuary – what to expect

Our worship services will be a bit different than when we last gathered in the sanctuary. The differences will include:

- **Zoom Worship:** We will continue with Zoom Worship even as we return to the Sanctuary. Through the past year, we have been blessed to stay connected via Zoom Worship and found Zoom Worship to be as meaningful as in-person Worship. We encourage those who are unable to be in church, not comfortable returning to the Sanctuary, or not fully vaccinated to be on Zoom with us!
- **Screening tool:** Each person will be required to complete a health screening form before leaving home. We will collect the completed forms at the door. (Anyone feeling ill or displaying any of the symptoms on the screening form will need to remain home to keep everyone as safe as possible.)
- **Entering and Exiting the Church Building:** We will enter the church building by the parking lot doors near the church office. We will not be entering the church from the Post Road doors. However, we will exit the church building from the Post Road doors as well as the parking lot doors near the church office.
- **Masks:** Each of us is encouraged to wear masks, though we are not requiring them EXCEPT when singing. Masks MUST be worn when singing.
- **Social distancing:** We will need to begin appropriate social distancing as soon as we arrive at WCBC and exit our cars. We will need to maintain that three-foot distancing until we depart.
- **Hand washing:** Each of us will be asked to wash/sanitize our hands as we enter the building and the sanctuary.
- **Greeting one another:** We will be able to greet one another from a distance, but we will not be able to shake hands, share hugs, or come in close contact.
- **Congregational singing:** We will be able to join in congregational singing in the Sanctuary but only while wearing our masks.
- **Children:** Children will need to remain with their families. Discipleship Time will be offered for those who wish to take part. Children two and above must wear masks.
- **Restrooms:** Only designated restrooms will be available for our use. We will be asked to use Lysol spray or disinfectant wipes on anything we might have touched before leaving a restroom.
- **Other areas of building:** We will not have access to other areas of our church building.
- **No food or beverages:** We will not be able to bring food or beverages into the church facilities.
- **Communion:** We will utilize individual pre-packaged communion elements, which will be placed in the pews at designated seating.
- **Collecting Tithes & Offerings:** We will ask you to place your tithes and offerings in plates left at the exits as you depart the Sanctuary after Worship.

Discipleship Corner- June 2021

New at the Church Library for June

New Pamphlets from Our Daily Bread Ministries Discovery Series

1. **God Is Love-** Reflections on the Character of God by Oswald Chambers
2. **This Far By Faith-** Legacies of the Black Church-Reflections/Devotional from Our Daily Bread
3. **Oh, Freedom!-** Celebrating Legacies of the Black Church-Reflections/Devotional from Our Daily Bread

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 Promises of Jesus:** Bible Verses of Hope and Strength by Our Daily Bread Publishing
2. **Witness to Mystery:** Investigations into Christ's Relics by Grzegorz Gorny and Janusz Rosikon (Included in this volume is one of the most complete explorations into the Shroud of Turin that I have seen!)
3. **The Ante-Nicene Fathers, V. 8-** Edited by Rev. Alexander Roberts, Sir James Donaldson and Arthur Cleveland Coxe. This volume includes the Complete Apocrypha of the New Testament under one cover along with other writings and documents of the early church.
4. **2 Peter and Jude- Anchor Bible Series- Volume 37C**

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. Here are a few more of her generous gift.

5. **Portraits of Christ in Genesis-** by M. R. DeHaan
6. **The Passion of Christ-** by John Piper
7. **Breakfast with Jesus:** Discover His Presence Every Day by Greg Laurie
8. **A Rabbi Looks at Jesus of Nazareth** by Jonathan Bernis

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. This study will be switching from Zoom to in person study at the Church for June 6th and 13th.

Adult Sunday School will take a break for the summer and start back up in September

All are welcome!! Please join us on Sunday AM for study before Worship!!

Pre K- Elementary Discipleship Time-Sunday AM

Discipleship time for the pre-K through elementary age group will happen on Sunday mornings during worship on June 6th, 13th and 20th before breaking for the summer

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.

Fall Rally Day

Rally Day is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 12 at the church. More details to come!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

June 2021

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

Psalm 55:22

Please be in prayer for:

Louise Aldrich	Fred Lewchik	Richard Tutalo
Lisa Archer	Jack Lindsay	Marilyn Thompson
Don Benson	Chris Lord	Diane York
Jeanne & Richard Boffi	Deb M.	Jane Walker
Peter Diol	Karrie Mc.	Adele D.
Russ Flanagan	Carolyn Mellen	Audrey
Bob & Pat Foor	Clara Motter	Bernadette
Lilia G.	Marilyn Neary	Brenda & daughter, Rebecca
Chuck Haines	Walter Neary	Miriam
Millie Hoffman	Lucille Nelson	Rennes
John Houlker	Keith Ryan	Ryen
Sue Jackson	Ariel Samayoa	Stephanie
Sofiah John	Paul Sherman	Tracy
Tom Jenison	Cliff Tanner	The Parker Family
Malia Jusczyk	Marilyn Timperley	

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:

Cathi Johnson at the passing of her mother on May 10, 2021

Tom & Patti Piscopio at the passing of Tom's aunt Laura who passed away May 15, 2021

Our church family sympathy also surrounds family and friends of:

Kelsey Mullen who passed away May 1, 2021

Mike Batalon who passed away May 9, 2021

Sally Church who passed away May 12, 2021

We lift up in prayer all those throughout the world experiencing the myriad of symptoms and effects of COVID-19 amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

REOPENING RI

COVID-19 Screening Tool

Date

Name

Phone Number:

Use this tool to screen employees, clients, and/or visitors for symptoms of COVID-19.

SYMPTOMS

HAVE YOU HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS IN THE PAST THREE DAYS?	YES	NO
COUGH		
SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING		
FEVER OR CHILLS		
MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES		
SORE THROAT		
HEADACHE		
NAUSEA OR VOMITING		
DIARRHEA		
RUNNY NOSE OR STUFFY NOSE		
FATIGUE		
RECENT LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL		

RISK FACTORS

	YES	NO
Have you been in close contact (less than six feet) with anyone with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days? ¹		
Have you traveled anywhere outside the 50 United States in the past 14 days?		
Have you traveled to Rhode Island for a non-work-related purpose from another city, town, county, or state that currently has a stay-at-home restriction, a shelter-in-place restriction, or a similar restriction, declaration, or announcement due to a COVID-19 outbreak? ²		
Have you been directed to quarantine or isolate by the Rhode Island Department of Health or a healthcare provider in the past 14 days? If so, when does/did your quarantine or isolation period end?		
<p>IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE BUILDING.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees: Please contact your supervisor and your Human Resources representative. • Visitors: Please call to discuss when you can return to this facility. 		

¹ Does not apply to people who come into contact with people with symptoms of COVID-19 during the course of their daily work while wearing full and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assessment-hcp.html> for more information.

² Public health, public safety, and healthcare workers are exempt. Does not apply to anyone traveling for medical treatment, to attend funeral or memorial services, to obtain necessities like groceries, gas, or medication, to drop off or pick up children from day care, or to anyone who must work on their boats.

05/29/2020



**WCBC Annual Church Meeting
Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 7:00pm
via ZOOM**

Warwick Central Baptist Church's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Zoom will be open beginning at 6:45pm, so please join in a little early in order that we can begin our Annual Meeting at 7:00pm. Thank you!

The Zoom link information is as follows:

Topic: WCBC Council Meeting
Time: May 27, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://ministrelife.zoom.us/j/91715389249>

Meeting ID: 917 1538 9249

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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Mission Team Announcements:

On Sunday, July 11th, we will have a church picnic to benefit our missionaries Tim and Patti Long. Once we reopen for worship, we will have signup sheets available.



Women's Ministries

Unshakeable Hope

God uses common people for uncommon works. Gideon, for example, was a simple sodbuster. He displayed no political ambitions, demonstrated no military interests, and yet God turned to this farmer into a leader and used him to protect Israel. With only three hundred men, Gideon defeated the mighty Midianite army (Judges 7:1-25).

In this victory, Gideon learned what God wants us to learn: all we need is the presence of God. He is enough. We don't need a large army. We don't need abundant resources. His presence tilts the scales in our favor.

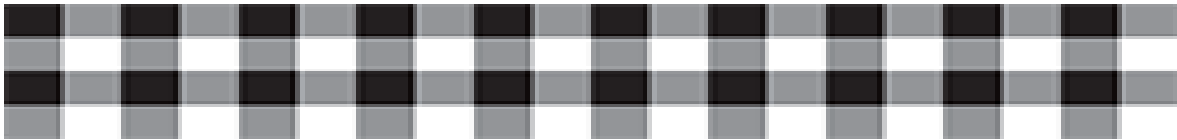
The same God who was with Gideon is right beside you. As David said, "Where can I go from Your Spirit?...If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me" (Psalm 139:7-10).

The two-dollar theological term for this is omnipresence. Omni is the Latin prefix for "all". God's presence is all-encompassing. Don't apply earthly physics to him. He does not have size or spatial limitation. He is present in every point of space with his whole being.

Which means, he is with you as you face your armies. With you as you a wheeled into surgery. With you as you enter the cemetery. With you, always.

Let this promise fin a permanent place in your heart. God is with you.

*Taken from Praying the Promises by Max and Andrea Lucado



On May 12th, the Rebekah Circle ladies met for dinner at the Crow's Nest Restaurant for our end of the year celebration. Nineteen of us had a wonderful time and dinner. We were able to visit in person with Wanda Hopper before she returned to Nashville. We miss her dearly. I asked the women to think about new ideas 💡 for next year. We will start up again in September and do we want to go back to Monday evenings or continue on Sunday afternoons? I will be in touch with everyone in August.

Have a safe wonderful summer ladies and Be the Church.

Blessings,
Carol Myatt - President

From the Fellowship:



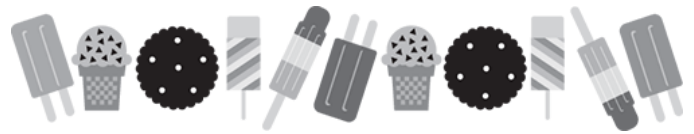
- June 4th- Courtney Nelson
- June 7th- Douglas Mancosh, Marge Dale
- June 9th- Ethan Randall
- June 11th- Barbara Carlow
- June 14th- Bobette Chase
- June 16th- Albert Normandin
- June 17th- Bob Fanfara
- June 18th- Lisa Normandin
- June 19th- Russell Brailsford
- June 20th- Louise Aldrich, Allison Chasse,
Irene Fanfara, John Worthington
- June 23rd- Ronny Girouard
- June 26th- Pam Carroll, Diana LaFrance
- June 29th- Karina A. Rivera

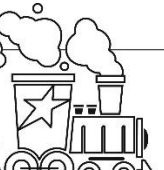


On Wednesday, June 16th at 7PM we are going to have a special service on Zoom. This service will be a memorial for all that we have lost in the past year to COVID-19. We are not only remembering here the loss of life, but also the other losses which we have endured over the past 18 months. We will also be focusing on the process of finding healing after all these losses. The service will be put on by the Worship Team and the Grief Ministry Team.



Copies of the Our Daily Bread and Secret Place devotionals are available in the church office. They will also be available in the sanctuary again beginning on June 6th.

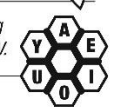


PUZZLE 

As sweet as honey

Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.
How can our words be used in the same ways?


Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.




Grocooos words

or o honooocomb,

swoot to tho soo

ond hooolong 

to tho bonos.

 PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV.

When God Is In It, There Is No Limit



Matthew 19:26, John 14:8

Humility - Hunger - Hope

American Baptist Women's Ministries of Rhode Island

Spring Conference

Saturday, June 5, 2021
10:00 am - Noon

Central Baptist Church
16 Elm Street, Westerly, Rhode Island

Guest Speaker and Bible Study Leader
Reverend Cindy Maybeck, Spirit Story Ministry

Worship and fellowship

A time for Tai Chi with Karen Psimer

To register, email emma jones at emmalj@verizon.net.
(please indicate if you will be attending "in person" or via "Zoom")