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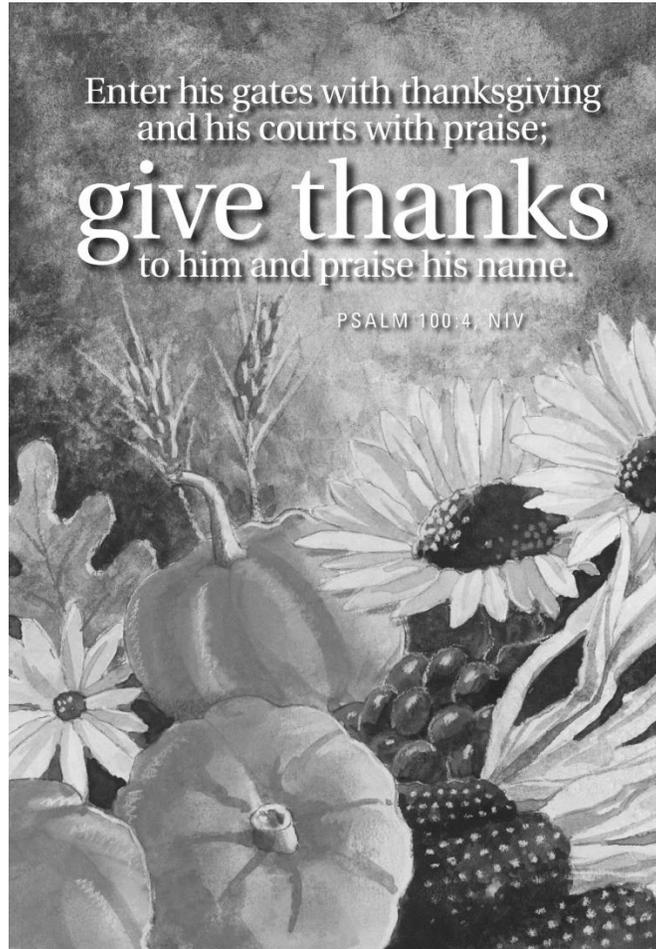
Monthly Newsletter of the Warwick Central Baptist Church

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Mission Statement:

To Grow in Christ

To Share His Love

To Serve His World

I want you to take a trip with me today. Where will we be going? The better question is “when” will we be going. We are travelling to the future. We don’t need to go far- let’s say we travel to the year 2031. Ten years from now, in the city of Warwick, Rhode Island. Actually, we are not just going to one future, we are going to two.

In the first of the two futures, Warwick Central Baptist Church has been steadily operating as usual for the past decade. In the second future, something has happened to the church. What happened is not overly important, just take it that at some point in the intervening ten years, the church has ceased to exist.

Now what we are going to do is go out and interview people throughout Warwick. We’ll start with the people who are members of the church, along with regular attendees. We can broaden the scope to look at our broader family members, relatives, etc. Then we will interview random people on the street. Finally, we will supplement all that we have learned from these interviews by looking at newspapers (if they’re still around in 2031!).

Now we come down to the purpose of this thought experiment: how do you think the two futures would be different? Some things we would take for granted as being different: the people who attend the church would be attending different churches, and organizations like Cornerstone and Building Blocks would either have to close or move somewhere else. These things are sort of bedrocks.

I’m not interested in the bedrocks though. What I want to know is this: what are we doing to improve the lives of our members and the people in our community? If the city of Warwick was virtually identical in either possible future, are we making a real impact on our community? Have we helped to face down any of the myriad problems our city, and indeed our world, are facing?

And what of our membership? We’ve already mentioned that they would be attending other churches, but what else would be different? They could still easily connect with their friends from WCBC, and they would still theoretically be a part of a spiritual family. So here is the question: is there something they are getting here that they are not getting at these other churches? Are we doing everything we can to improve their spiritual lives?

I am not going to give you the answers to these questions, in part because I don’t know them. It’s hard to gauge impact and future impact when you are in the middle of things. But I do believe that asking these questions is a great way to guide ourselves forward in the future. Our top priorities will always be to use the gospel to make a positive impact on our community. If we aren’t doing that, why are we even here?

From the Fellowship:



- November 1st- Lisa Maine
- November 3rd- Aidan Girouard
- November 4th- Jennifer Berthiaume
- November 6th- Chris David
- November 10th- Charlene Hanson, Peter Brown
- November 11th- Lynne Linden
- November 14th- Victoria Walker
- November 15th- Mark Randall
- November 17th- Barbara Rowell
- November 19th- Heather Lindsay, Donald St. Jean
- November 20th- Beverly Mason
- November 22nd- Claire Walker, Joanne Howe
- November 25th- Caleb David
- November 29th- Diane York



Resting On Scripture - Saturday November 6, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Come join us in making a special pillow to give to our special concern ladies of Rebekah circle. It has been a year of challenges especially for those that are not able to get out on their own. We would like to let them that they are loved and appreciated, and that God is ever present and cares for them. These pretty pillows will have a special scripture verse on them to lift them up and bring a smile to their face.

The workshop will be at Joanne Brown's home. Please bring your sewing machine, white thread, and your sewing tools (scissors, pins, etc.). If you would like to help but don't sew, we will need someone to press and someone to stuff pillows. These pillows can be completed by anyone with intermediate sewing skills. Please contact Joanne Browne at 384-7307 for directions to her home.

Quiet Christmas

On Friday, December 17th at 7PM we will be holding a Quiet Christmas service at the church. As a part of the service, we are putting together a visual collage of people we are mourning. It does not have to be people that passed away this year, just anyone who you mourn at this time of year. If you have a loved one you would like added to the collage, please send a copy of a picture to the church office.



This year poinsettias from Char's Flowers in Warwick are priced as follows:

Single: \$25

Double: \$35

Please keep an eye out for order forms coming soon!



Copies of the Secret Place and Our Daily Bread devotionals can be picked up in the office.

December Broadcaster Deadline:

November 18, 2021

My family said, "No more Thanksgiving jokes." ...
... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.



From the Finance Team:

**Warwick Central Baptist Church
Summary Income Statement
As of : September 30, 2021**

<u>Income</u>	Current Yr.	Budget	Last Yr. 09/30/2020
Facility Donations	\$ 19,939	\$ 31,514	\$ 25,036
Pledges/Envelopes	110,500	109,350	106,354
Investment Income	23,220	32,250	13,570
All Other Income*	4,298	3,713	12,080
Total Income	\$ 157,957	\$176,827	\$ 157,040
Expenses	158,084	185,684	128,850
Income(Loss)	\$ (127)	\$ (8,857)	\$ 28,190

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 \$3,090.00 of Memorial Funds for 9/30/2020 & 1,090 for 9/30/2021

**Warwick Central Baptist Church
3rd Quarter Summary
Mission Offerings**

United Missions	\$ 3,375.00
Baptist Fund of RI	\$ 825.00
RI State Council of Churches	\$ 450.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,054.00
Retired Ministers Missions	\$ 100.00
World Mission Offering	\$ 727.00
Love Gift	\$ 100.00
America For Christ	\$ 975.00
Tim & Patti Long	\$ 936.00
Dam Repairs	\$ 635.00
Teen Challenge	\$ 250.00
Total for the Year	\$ 9,427.00

Above please find a summary of our Mission Offerings for the 3rd Qtr Ended 9/30/2021

Any questions please see Ron Zangari

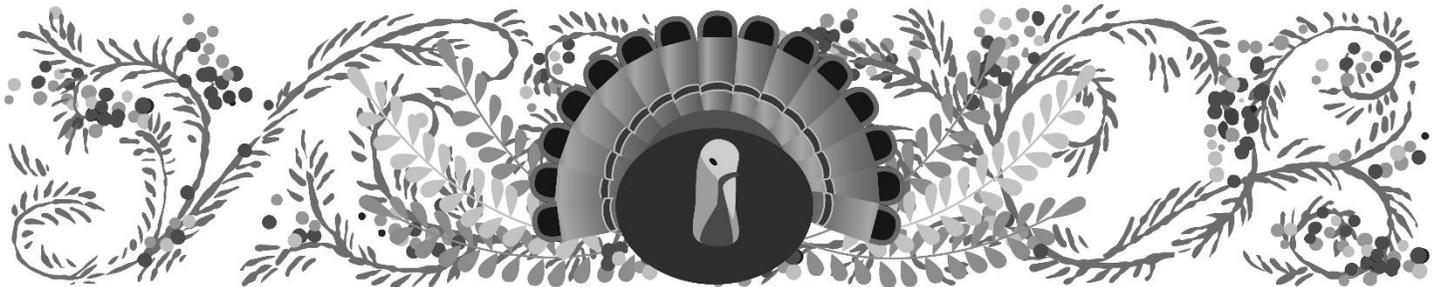
Women's Ministries

I am the Rock that is higher than you and your circumstances. I am your Rock in whom you can take refuge- any time, any place. Come to Me, beloved; rest in the Peace of My Presence. Take a break from trying to figure everything out. Admit that many, many things are beyond your understanding- and your control. My ways and thoughts are higher than yours, as the heavens are higher than the earth.

When the world around you looks confusing and evil appears to be winning, remember this: I am the Light that keeps on shining in all situations. And light always overcomes darkness whenever these two opposites meet face to face.

Since you are My follower, I want you to shine brightly in this troubled world. Whisper My Name; sing songs of praise. Tell others good tidings of great Joy- that I am the Savior, who is Christ the Lord! I am also the One who is with you continually. Keep looking to Me, and My Presence will illuminate your path.

Psalm 61:2; Psalm 18:2;
Isaiah 55:9; Luke 2:10-11 NKJV



Thank you, ladies, for all the items that were provided at our October Rebekah Circle Meeting as we filled 8 Christmas Children's Boxes. Wonderful job.

Dates to Remember

November 4 - Women's Council Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm at Church conference room.

November 6– 1-3 pm Sewing Day at Joanne Brown's. Please let Joanne Brown know if you can help with sewing and making the scripture pillows.

November 15- Rebekah Circle Meeting at Church at 7 pm. Resting on Scripture Pillows for our women of special concerns. Spiritual leader Joanne Brown
Refreshments Fran Pepin and Joanne Howe. Also bring your Thanksgiving food item for the Thanksgiving Basket for Elizabeth Buffin Chase House.

November 21 - Sunday after church service Women's Bake Sale and Hot Apple Cider for sale. Proceeds will go to Elizabeth Buffin Chase House.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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

Psalm 55:22

Please be in prayer for:

Sue Able	Sue Jackson	Paul Sherman
Michael Adams	Malia Jusczyk	Holly Spencer
Louise Aldrich	Ben & Elaine Keene	Flo St. Jean
Sue Alden	Keith LeRoy	Kellie Terrell
Don Benson	Jack Lindsay	Marilyn Timperley
Jeanne & Richard Boffi	Tim Long	Marilyn Thompson
Ellen Brown	Chris Lord	Richard Tutalo
Ron Butera	Deb M.	Meghan Waldron
Michael Camilleri	Karrie Mc.	John Worthington
Barbara Carlow	Tom Morgan	Diane York
Marge Dale	Clara Motter	Allie
Brittany DeRouin	James Myatt	Doreen & Lou
Peter Diol	Marilyn Neary	Hunter
Roger Elman	Lucille Nelson	Jesse
Russ Flanagan	Bill Place	Miriam
Lilia G.	Peter P.	Nathan and Angie
Ruth Grandy	J. Robinson	Wendy
Jeff & Dawn Hall	Keith Ryan	
John Houlker	Patti S.	

Prayers for Spiritual Strength and Guidance

Our covenant church: St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Tim and Patti Long, our missionaries to Mexico; and our national, state, and local leaders.

Our church family sympathy surrounds the family of Millie Hoffman who passed away Sunday, October 17, 2021. May we especially lift up in prayer Carol Tanner, Millie Hoffman's daughter, and all Millie's family during this difficult time.

We continue to be in prayer for all those throughout the world experiencing the myriad of symptoms and effects of COVID-19.

Discipleship Corner- November 2021

New at the Church Library for November

New Pamphlets from Our Daily Bread Ministries Discovery Series

- 1. Guided By The Spirit-** Pursuing God's Holiness Every Day
- 2. We Are His-** Belonging to the Family of God
- 3. What is Worship-** Living in Response to God

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. Anticipating Heaven** by Michael E. Wittmer
- 2. Closer to God** by Bob Hostetler
- 3. The Lands of the Bible Today** by Dave Branon

This is a great book which links 44 places in scripture with stunning photographs, maps, travel tips and personal reflections of author Branon.

- 4. What the Gospels Meant** by Garry Wills

From the author of What Jesus Meant and What Paul Meant. Wills brings years of scholarship and reflection to his analysis of the Gospels, illuminating these sacred texts for believers and nonbelievers alike.



Also New: We have the current issue of Christianity Today magazine available for checkout as well as many back issues. This magazine features many fine articles for reflection in current Christianity.

Any items from the church library are available for checkout. The Church Library is open on Sunday mornings before and after worship or when the Church Office is open. Please contact Dave Maine if you need help locating an item or would like tips on exploring the library.

Adult Study- Sunday Mornings – 9:00-9:50AM

Please join us on Sunday mornings before worship for a time of fellowship, prayer and study. We are currently studying the NT book of Colossians. Future plans include an advent study and Old Testament DVD study starting in January. All are welcome! Please see Joe O, Dave Maine or Dave Parenteau for more details.



Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study and Prayer

Pastor Sam is offering a Wednesday evening time of Prayer and Bible Study. Just having finished exploring the NT book of James, we will be spending some time in the Psalms leading up to Advent time. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship, prayer and study.

Discipleship Time for K-6

Youth in the K-6 age range start out in church and leave for Discipleship time during morning worship where they participate in a short lesson, often with crafts.

Advent Program -Sunday November 28, 2021

Please join us for the start of Advent on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28, Time to be announced for Christmas Tree lighting on the front lawn of St. Barnabas Church across the street followed by our traditional program of Advent Wreath making. This is a family event including a light supper. Come enjoy fellowship together with church friends and family as well as some of our neighbors from St. Barnabas.



*First Sunday
of Advent*