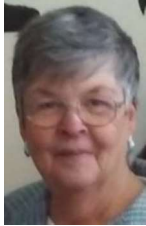




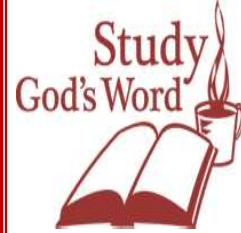
*Christ Community Church of Blackstone  
Proclaiming Hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ*

*July 2019 - Newsletter*



*A Message from Pastor Ruth*

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”  
“Galatians 5:1



Tuesday morning study  
at  
9:30 am at the church.  
We are studying  
“*Finding God in Broken Places.*”  
All are welcomed.

It's that time of year again that we hear fire crackers going off in the distance and people are planning their backyard picnics. Some will venture out to go and see the fireworks and go to the local parade. All of that is great and we have a lot of fun but are we remembering what this celebration is all about.

In Galatians Paul is writing to the church to remind them that “it is for freedom that Christ set us free.” Christ paid the price for us so that we could be free in every way. We are no longer bound to sin and evil. He has come to destroy the work of the enemy of our souls. He has fought the good fight and won.

Our forefathers also fought a fight for us. They fought for freedom in this country. They fought and died so that we could be free and out from under the hand of tyranny and oppression.

As Christians in this country we not only need to remember what our forefathers fought and died for; we also need to *continue* to keep fighting to keep our country free.

Paul goes on to warn the Galatians in verse 7-8; “You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.”<sup>9</sup> “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”

Let us not be swayed by the latest fads or emotions. Let us keep our eyes fixed on the author of our faith, Jesus. As we set off the fireworks and light up the grill and stand before the parade; let us remember all those who made it possible for us to go to church on Sunday mornings and worship freely and to have our picnics and parades. Let us not stop running that good race and keep our eyes on the truth that will keep us free: *Christ.*

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Ruth



*Anyone interested in joining the church, please call Pastor Ruth at 508.883.7885*

*Please pray for...*

*Helen - healing in her eyes*

*Julie & Bill - healing*

*John - healing*

*Nancy - shoulder pain*

*Beth - shoulder & hearing*

*Sheila - leg pain*

*Alex - final exams & travel mercies*

*Kayden - recovering from surgery*

*Our unsaved loved ones*

*Those who are mourning*

*Those who do not live in a free country*

*Our Church Family*

*Our Leaders*

*Our Country*

*World Leaders*

*Thank God for Our Freedom*

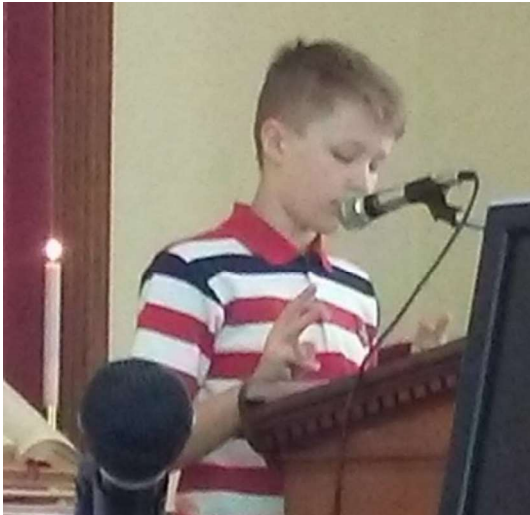




## June 9, 2019

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Children's Day at the church. Several children participated in the service: Kayden Watson, son of Dan & Jen Watson, welcomed everyone at the front door and handed out the bulletins; Liam Hagan, son of Jim & Maribeth Hagan, read 1 Corinthians 13, the chapter on love; and Jessica Holbrook, daughter of Celeste Marcoux, and Kayden Watson took the collection.

Music selections were fit for the occasion with *O How I Love Jesus*, *Jesus Loves the Little Children* and *Rock-A-My Soul* for Praise & Worship. The Closing song was *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy*. Following the service, a picnic was held in the church yard.



Liam Hagan reads 1 Corinthians 13



Lilly Guilbeault receives a certificate from Dale Goulden, Sunday School Teacher



Joyce St. Jean, Marc Greenwald, Mary Hoyle, Sheila Robeau (S.S. Supt.), Julie Wronski, Dale Goulden  
Teachers who were absent from the pictures:

Lynne Cignarella, Leigh Gardner, Maribeth Hagan, Bill Wronski & Warren Blais

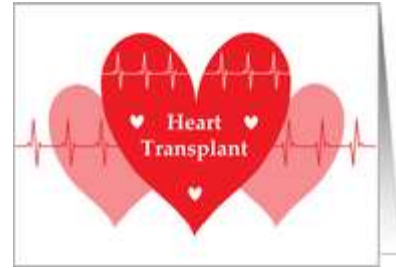


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*America*  
**LAND THAT I LOVE**



*Happy Birthday to*

*Bob St. Jean - July 2*  
*Abby Lenahan - July 3*  
*Marc Greenwald - July 16*  
*Sara Hagan - July 29*



*Happy Anniversary to*  
*Maddy Guilbeault*  
*July 6, 2013*



***Mary's Closet*** -We continue to provide teens at a local charter high school in need of clothing, personal items and food snacks. Please leave items in the church Narthex. *Due to allergies, no nuts please!*

***Sweet Dreams*** - providing a pillow and a blanket for homeless children in shelters. If you would like to donate and/or participate in the packaging and delivery, contact Kathy at 401- 651-9737.

***St. Paul's Food Pantry*** - We continue to collect canned goods and packaged foods for the Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the shopping basket in the Narthex.



Marketplace



**Thank you**

to all who continue to donate items for our fund raisers using these various methods...

- your donations of electronic, small appliances, household products for Marketplace,
- AmazonSmile.com as you shop on line, a percentage of your purchase is donated to our church
- Plastic bottle recycling

We continue to raise funds at no additional cost to you.

*Praise God as he helps us  
 meet our expenses!*

<b>Fund Raising Report</b>	<b>Balance on hand</b>
Donations by Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group to Betty's Donuts toward her feeding of Homeless of Rhode Island (as of June 23 <sup>rd</sup> .)	\$ 274.00+
AmazonSmile.com	\$ 19.24
Bottles/Cans Recycling-	\$ 51.70
Facebook Marketplace On-Line Sales – as of June 23, 2019	\$ 1,204.00
Building Repair Fund Webpage Rec'd in February, 2019	\$ 4,950.00
<b>Total funds raised</b>	<b>\$ 6,224.94</b>

**About us:**

We are a bible-based, Christ-centered Christian church, located on the corner of Church and School Streets in Blackstone, MA. We are affiliated with the 4Cs – Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Ruth Blais

**Assistant Pastor:** Marc Greenwald

**Visit our website at [www.cccob.org](http://www.cccob.org) to listen to Pastor Ruth's sermons and to find out more about us.**



~ July 2019 ~

Christ Community Church of Blackstone

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*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalms 33:*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2 Bible Study 9:30 am at the Church	3 "My House will be called a house of prayer"  7pm Prayer Mtg @ the Church	4 <i>happy</i> <b>Fourth</b> <i>of July!</i>	5
7 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	8	9 Bible Study 9:30 am at the Church	10	11	12
14 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	15	16 Bible Study 9:30 am at the Church	17	18	19
21 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	22  All Church Mtg 7 pm	23 Bible Study 9:30 am at the Church	24	25	26
28 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	29	30 Bible Study 9:30 am at the Church	31		