

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

June 2019 Newsletter





A Message from Pastor Ruth

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So, they began to celebrate." Luke 15:22-24

In the Gospel of Luke, we see three stories of lost things: lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. Jesus is the master at finding lost things and bringing them back.

In the story of the Lost Sheep the shepherd leaves the 99 and goes after the one that is lost. In the Parable of the Lost Coin the woman sweeps her house until she finds it, but in the parable of the Lost Son, the son, after experiencing much adversity because of his decisions to leave his father's house, comes to his senses and turns toward home. When he does his father runs to meet him and a celebration ensues.

No one celebrates more than our Heavenly Father when we wander away or one of his sheep is returned safely, and all of heaven celebrates whenever someone gives their heart to Jesus.

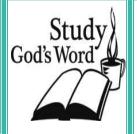
As Christians we also love to celebrate. This month we will be celebrating Children's Sunday on the 9th. Please come and join us for Worship with a picnic following the service. Help us to celebrate our children and the wonderful teachers that have given their time to teach our children about Jesus.

June 9th is also Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. We are reminded that the Holy Spirit is with us today to bring us the power of God to walk with Christ.

The following week we will be celebrating Father's Day and remembering our fathers and all they do for us.

So, you can see that we have a lot to celebrate this month. We invite you to come and help us celebrate. I'm looking forward to seeing you!

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Ruth Blais



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



Become Part of Our Church Family

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

Prayer Requests & Praise

Please keep the following in prayer -

Dale & Lynne - for a job
Laurie B - healing and home
Leigh - Job & home
Dawn & Morgan -cancer
Beth - shoulder
Ed B.- chemotherapy
Sheila - chronic pain
Helen - continued eye healing
John M.- physical healing
Ruth - back
Warren - Toothache
Our Unsaved Loved Ones
United States - Wisdom
for our Leaders

Praise God for Answered Prayer

Melissa Harkin's baby girl was born. Both Mom & baby are doing well.



CHILDREN'S DAY JUNE 9, 2019

The end of the Sunday School year will be celebrated on Sunday, June 9th and the children will receive attendance certificates.

They will participate in the service and are preparing a special program. Please feel free to invite family members to this event.

There will be a picnic following the worship service.

Come join us for this special day!



JUNE 9, 2019 After the service

There will be a picnic following the worship service. The church will provide the burgers and hot dogs, rolls, condiments and soda & water.

Volunteers are needed to provide salads, fruit, dessert and any other "special" dish you would like to bring and share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Invite your friends – All are welcomed!



July 20 & 27, 2019

We are planning a Vacation Bible School this summer for children ages 3 to 10. Again, this year we will hold the event on two consecutive Saturday mornings from 9 to 12.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in helping out in the following areas...Crafts, games, food, teaching, singing, acting, decorating and clean-up.

Please speak to Joyce St. Jean or Pastor Ruth

Our first meeting will be held Monday evening, June 3rd at 7pm.



Líam Watson June 5th Norma Myers June 11th Samantha Guílbeault June 18th



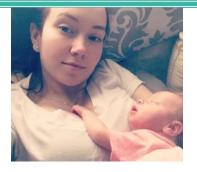
Marc & Barbara Greenwald

June 1st

and

John & Norma Myers

June 5th



Melissa & Nate are the parents of a girl and they named her Isabella. The name is a a variation of Elizabeth, meaning "devoted to God." Both Mom and daughter are doing well.

God bless the new baby!

Church Mice







What is a Dad?

A Dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall, but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A Dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes; but instead lets you find your way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A Dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

Author Unknown



June 16th

Our Outreach/Missions and Fund Raisers



<u>Mary's Closet</u> -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. <u>Due to allergies</u>, no nuts please!

<u>Sweet Dreams</u> - 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.





m 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.

Praíse God as he helps us meet our expenses!

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 <u>www.cccob.org</u> to listen to Pastor Ruth's sermons and to find out more about us.



~ June, 2019 ~ Christ Community Church of Blackstone (508) 883-7885

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	F
2	3	4 Bible Study @ 9:30 am	5 My House will be called a house of prayer" 7pm Prayer Mtg @ the Church	6	7
9 Children's Day Church Picnic after service	10	11 Bible Study @ 9:30 am	12	13	14
FATHER'S DAY Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	17	18 Bible Study @ 9:30 am	19	22	20
22 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	23	24 Bible Study @ 9:30 am All-Church Meeting 7 pm @ the Church	25	26	27
29	30				