



*Christ Community Church of Blackstone  
Proclaiming Hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ  
Celebrating 200 Years 1822 - 2022  
August 2022 - Newsletter*



*A Message from Pastor Marc*

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." - Jeremiah 29:11-13, NIV*

Here we are in the dog days of Summer. We have already experienced our first heat wave of the Summer in July with a number of consecutive days over 90 degrees. August promises to bring us even more. Intense sunshine, heat and rain are all part of God's plan for his creation and yet like the bitter cold of Winter we will at times grumble and complain about the weather. I think that God must chuckle at the response of His creation at times. Sometimes we just never seem to be satisfied with what we have been given.

Our recent day of planning made me think of the above Scripture in Jeremiah. It was one of the more rewarding planning experiences I have attended at Christ Community Church in some time. Why might you ask? Because it's been a long time since I felt the palpable energy and enthusiasm to try something new and novel for us as a Congregation. It would be hard not to have felt a sense that God was doing something new here and the Events Committee brought their A game to the meeting. They not only had well thought out plans of action for our upcoming Christian concerts but also for our on-line E-Store paired with outstanding publicity that will reach far beyond Blackstone. Not only that, but the Committee has the skills and talents to execute upon these plans. Couple this with plans to reinstitute Sunday School and Rally Day, I felt an energy and Spirit that I have not felt as community in sometime. While many of us may feel tired, for me it was awesome to be reinvigorated with a plan and a purpose to further God's Kingdom in our local community.

This brings me back to Jeremiah. God prepared a remnant to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and the city walls. It was a relatively small group but with small beginnings great things happened. Not by their will but by God's will and providential plan. We are starting with a small but dedicated Congregation to reach out and impact our community for Jesus. And I believe that God has great things in store for us as we follow His leading.

Believe all things are possible. God has never left this community.

God bless,  
Pastor Marc







# CHRISTMAS *in* AUGUST

We will be collecting items for Straight Ahead Christmas gifts during the month of August.

It's a good time to pick up these items since so many things are on sale for Back to School.

Christmas in August will be introduced at our Sunday morning service, August 7<sup>th</sup>. A list of items needed will be provided then.

If you are interested in purchasing any item, just check the list and sign up.



## Rally Day

September 18 @ 9 am

After two years of being closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will resume Sunday School for our children.

Registration will take place at 9 am before our 9:30 service. Classes will be held during the service and include pre-school to high school.

**Come join us!**

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Christ Community Church of Blackstone Presents

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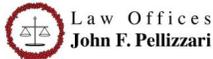
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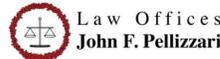
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### About us:

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.

**Associate Pastor:** Marc Greenwald

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**CHURCH HISTORY PART 7 – Article from March 2, 1887 – Woonsocket Evening Reporter**  
(Spelling and punctuation has not been changed to preserve the integrity of the writer)

**Historical Sketch of the  
Free Baptist Church, Blackstone,**  
by Rev. Lewis Dexter

The following are some of the points of interest in Rev. Mr. Dexter's discourse of last Sabbath:

We ended our last historical sketch with the close of Rev. M.W. Burlingame's long and eventful pastorate. He was immediately followed by Rev. Benjamin D. Peck, from Saundersville, who commenced his pastorate of two and one-fourth years about the first of July, 1846, and closed about September, 1848. He went to Portland, ME., where he served as pastor ten years. While here he represented in the legislature the town of Mendon, of which this town was then a part. Rev. Mowry Phillips was granted a letter of dismissal to join the Free Baptist church in Georgiaville, RI, Nov. 1846, from which church he had accepted a call to his first pastorate, which continued eighteen years. A society for carrying on the finance of the church was organized upon a plan drawn up by the pastor February, 1847. During his pastorate, two were added by letter, two excluded and eleven dismissed. He was followed in 1855 by Rev. Thomas C. Brown who remained with the church only about one year. He died in Foster, RI, Feb. 5, 1884. About July, 1850, Rev. Martin J. Steere, who died a few years since, commenced his pastoral labors here. That year a new book of records was commenced and it was voted that the name of no resident member should be entered upon the roll who did not give an active support to the church. All resident members were to be notified of this action. All who should not have complied with these requirements within three months should be dropped from the roll.

This was doubtless an easy way to effect discipline, but the wisdom of such a course may be seriously questioned. During Rev. Mr. Steere's pastorate of about two and one-fourth years, eight joined by baptism and thirteen by letter. As nearly as can be ascertained, he left

September 1852. In the spring of 1853, Rev. E.M. Tappan began pastorate labors. Up to this time, the church had been a member of the western Rhode Island quarterly meeting. It then asked dismissal from that body to be united with the Rhode Island quarterly meeting, now Rhode Island association. John B. White, now of Uxbridge, and Reuben Thayer, Jr., now of Slatersville, were elected deacons Dec. 1853. On Feb. 12, 1854, Alexander Ballou, chairman of our present ministerial committee, was chosen treasurer of the parish society. About this time, Deacon J.B. White was authorized to buy as many pews as possible to be owned by the church. In the spring of 1854, Deacon Gunn was authorized to rent the vestry for a public school. How long it was used for that purpose we cannot state. July 6, 1856, gave George B. Allen, a license to preach. During the thirteen years following the great revival of 1842 and 1843, 129 were admitted to this church by baptism and seventy or more joined the Congregational church upon profession of faith. This covered two and one-half years of Rev. Mr. Burlingame's pastorate, the entire time of Rev. Mr. Brown's and Rev. Mr. Steere's and nearly four years of Rev. Mr. Tappan's.

A quite extensive revival followed. Within the brief space of sixty-four days, from May 2 to July 5, 1857, Rev. Mr. Tappan, still in feeble health from recent illness, baptized and welcomed to membership thirty-six persons. A few months later, Mr. Tappan closed his pastorate of four and one-fourth years and went to Lawrence, where he remained until his death, which occurred not long after. In the four

and one-fourth years of his pastorate he received forty-one by baptism and sixteen by letter. Dec. 1 of the same year, Rev. J. Erskine of Pawtucket commenced his pastorate on a salary of \$600 and continued until June 5, 1859, when he left on account of his wife's illness. He says in a communication dated Feb. 23: "Alexander Ballou was treasurer; I never had to ask for my money at the end of the quarter; it was paid. I never knew where it came from. It was the best church for that I ever saw, tell the old friends that I do not forget them, though years and distance intervene." During his stay of two-and-one-half years, he received twenty-nine by baptism and fifteen by letter. Among those baptized were George French and wife of Woonsocket, and among those joined by letter was Rev. Joseph Thayer. He preached his farewell sermon June, 1859. Deacons Reuben Thayer and Daniel Gunn and Alexander Ballou were appointed ministerial committee. Rev. W.H. Bowen of Olneyville began that month in June 1880. During the three and one-half years, he received three by baptism and two by letter, among them Addie S. Cole and Mrs. Charlotte Adams. Rev. Lewis Dexter commenced his pastorate of six and one-half years Sept. 1880, on a salary of \$1,000. He has received twenty-seven by letter. Two deacons, Albert H. Millman and Thomas Johnson, have been elected. May 19, 1885, Levi H. Brown was granted license to preach. Dec. 1 of the following year, he entered upon his labors as a preacher in Wisconsin. In the sixty-four and one half years since the organization of this church, there have been sixteen pastors, 739 persons have been received to membership, about 570 by baptism. The present membership is fifty-nine resident, forty-six non-resident; total 105.

***Please Pray for:***

Dawn – Emotional and physical healing  
Sheila – relief from back pain and healing in her knee  
Doug – concussion, eye socket injury, surgery behind eye  
Nancy – post surgery issues, in hospital  
Robin – cancer on side of face, had surgery  
Sherrie – may have had stroke or seizures  
Sarah – blood clot behind knee

***Also, Pray for***

That God will send us children as we reopen our Sunday School  
The upcoming concert on September 11  
For our country, our leaders

Thank you Lord  
for all of our blessings





~ *August 2022* ~  
*Christ Community Church of Blackstone*  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tres Dias Reunion Group	2 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	3 7pm Prayer Mtg @ the Church	4	5	6
7 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	8	9 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	15	16 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	17	18	19	20
21 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	22	23 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	24	25	26	27
28 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	29	30 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com  All Church Mtg 7 pm	31	<i>Celebrating 200 Years</i> <b>1822 - 2022</b>		