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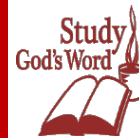
February 2024 Newsletter



A Message from Pastor Joe



Philippians 2:1-4 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.



*Virtual Bible
Study Tuesday
morning
at 10 am via
zoom.com. Contact
Lynne for a link.*

Hello everyone,

February is the month that most people celebrate Valentine's Day. It's the day we think about our relationships. Gifts are given to one another in appreciation for who they are and what they mean to the gift giver. Gifts are usually flowers and chocolates, which is a favorite in most relationships. Regardless of what the gift is, it is the intention of the gift giver to show appreciation to the other person through the gift. Giving a gift is a way of expressing feelings toward others, especially those that we appreciate the most.

Relationships are important. We were programed to be relational people, whether it's just a friendship with others and coworkers or a deep relationship of love for family and affection with a spouse. We need others to complement who we are and what life is all about.

Relationships are not always easy. They take time and effort. Relationships are about compromising and giving in different ways. True relationships deserve 100% of our effort.

Expressing our feelings through words and actions help to make a relationship healthy and strong. Being open and honest, along with sincere communication is important to growing in any relationship. Verbal affirmation, compliments, and doing things for others are great ways of keeping a relationship moving forward.

This month as we think about and celebrate our relationships, may we remember that our heavenly Father is also wanting us to grow in our relationship with Him. He showed the whole world how much He loves us and wants to have a relationship with us by sending His Son Jesus to die on a cross for our sins, and He rose from the dead to show that He is life and He wants to share that life with us. Let's remember to do those things that will help our relationship grow with our Heavenly Father and make the effort to have a strong and healthy relationship toward others through Him

God bless you all,
Pastor Joe

WELCOME PASTOR JOE OVERLY

Our Congregation was so excited and grateful to start the new year with Pastor Joe at the pulpit. It's been two years since we've had our own pastor. We praise God for sending you to us.

We thank Rev. Gil Bourquin, Rev. Denis Hardy and Rev. Marc Greenwald who were our interim speakers between 2021 and the present.



After our church service, we joined in the Fellowship Room to share a scrumptious brunch served by the Fellowship Committee. Julie White-Wronski baked a cake to commemorate this special event.



Lent begins February 14, 2024



February Birthdays

Lynne Cignarella – February 18
Maribeth Hagan – February 26, 1972

Church Member Anniversary

Sheila Robeau – February 1, 2014
Bill Wronski – February 1, 2014

Marriage Anniversary

Bob & Joyce St. Jean – February 13, 1971

INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION



There are times when our church service will be moved to zoom.com, cancelled or delayed due to the weather.

If moved to Zoom, a link will be sent out via email and text to all.

If Delayed, the service will be moved to 10:30 am. Jackie will send emails and texts to all. Phone calls will be made to those who do not have technology.

If Cancelled

Jackie will send emails and texts to all. Phone calls will be made to those who do not have technology

You can also check our website at www.cccob.org or **Facebook**



Seder Meal March 16, 2024

Pastor Marc and Barbara have offered to serve a Seder Meal on Friday March 16, 2024. If you would like to attend the meal, please give him your name as soon as possible. More information to come.

The Seder is the traditional Passover meal and is celebrated by Jews all over the world to commemorate the anniversary of their exodus from Egyptian slavery more than 3,000 years ago.



Please pray for:

Kit Meyers – bladder surgery
Pastor Ruth – Afib issues,
Pastor Warren – COPD
Bunny – healing,
Susan Donahue – lung surgery 2/23,
Barbara – Cancer treatment,
David (son) – continual healing,
David (father) – strength, comfort, peace
Beth – healing
Josette – hip surgery,
Leslie – aneurysms, surgery,
Jess – Mom’s Caregiver – peace, strength, comfort
Pat – cancer – healing, comfort,
Unsaved loved ones – That they will open themselves to let the Holy Spirit in.
Those who are **mourning** the loss of loved ones
Our Country – wisdom for our leaders and our **Voters**
Our **Church**, The **Homeless**
Wars in Gaza and Israel and in Ukraine and Russia

VALENTINE’S DAY – FEBRUARY 14

Psalm 91: 1-2; 14-16

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a]
²I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust
¹⁴ “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

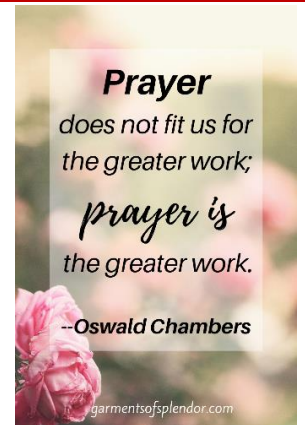


“To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees.”
~ Billy Graham



Prayer
is the rope that pulls God and man together. But, it doesn’t pull God down to us: it pulls us up to Him.
- Bill Graham -

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Prayer
does not fit us for the greater work;
prayer is
the greater work.
--Oswald Chambers

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Prayer – it is easy to do and yet so often, we fail to pray to God unless we are in a place of despair or trouble. When we neglect to pray, we miss the tremendous blessing that comes from daily conversations with our Creator. Unlike other relationships, God not only loves you with an incomprehensible love, but He is also always available, always listening, and always ready to hear from you. Most of us recognize the importance of prayer, but many have questions about how to pray.

What is the Correct Way to Pray to God? Where Should We Pray to God? Does God Always Answer Prayers? Who Should Pray to God?

Prayer is a powerful tool that provides an immediate connection to our heavenly Father. However, it is often misused or misunderstood. If you have questions about how to pray, we will answer the following questions over the next four issues of our Newsletter as we study “Prayer”.

Excerpts taken from “Answers to Questions About Prayer” by David Jeremiah

THANK YOU PASTORS

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way



Pastor Appreciation Dinner January 28, 2024

Today we celebrated the ministers who “filled in” while we were in search of a permanent senior pastor and to welcome our new pastor, Joe Overly. We are thankful to God for sending them to us.

Thank you to Rev. Marc Greenwald, Rev. Denis Hardy and Rev. Gil Bourquin, for having the heart of a servant and desire to share your calling with us. We pray that God will continue to be your constant companion.



L-R: Rev. Denis Hardy, Rev. Marc Greenwald, Joyce St. Jean, Rev. Joe Overly and Rev. Gil Bourquin.



Samantha & Madeleine Guilbeault and the children



Jess Lenahan, Lynne & P.J. Cignarella, Mary Hoyle Sandy Maclennan



John Myers, Jim & MaryBeth Hagan, Chi Salvatore and Norma Myers



Adrianna, Nova Lee, Hope and Sheila Robeau, Pastor Gil and Christina Bourquin



Pastor Joe Overly, Bill & Julie Wronski, David Baisley, Pastor Denis and Pat Hardy



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am Sunday School during the service	5 Tres Dias 7pm	6 Virtual Bible Study @ 10 am	7 Prayer Meeting 7 pm via Zoom	8	9	10
11 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am Sunday School during the service	12	13 Virtual Bible Study @ 10 am	14 	15	16	17
18 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am Sunday School during the service	19	20 Virtual Bible Study @ 10 am	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am Sunday School during the service	26	27 Virtual Bible Study @ 10 am All-Church Meeting @ 7pm	28	29		

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.

Senior Pastor: Rev. Joseph Overly **Associate Pastor:** Marc Greenwald

Church Service: Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. **Sunday School:** During the morning service

Live Streaming on our website at www.cccob.org to listen to the sermons and to find out more about us or visit us on Facebook