



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

May 2024 - Newsletter



A Message from Pastor Joe

Ecclesiastes 3:1

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

Hello Everyone,

As we enter the month of May, we find ourselves amidst a season of renewal and growth. It's the time of the year that the earth seems to awaken from its winter slumber. The days are getting longer, the sun's warmth brings a feeling of energy and we see the plants beginning to bloom. The birds are returning from their winter homes and it's time to shake off those winter doldrums and get to planning our summer month's activities and things we like to do outside. We could think of the month of May as a month of blooming possibilities.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” It's so nice to know that we have these times and seasons throughout the year that help us to be active and doing things that are both necessary and also fun. As we watch God's beautiful creation during this month, let's think about how we too fit into God's plan.

God does not do anything by chance, nor does He do anything without a purpose. He has a purpose for the times and seasons of the year, and He also has a purpose for each of us. We can see form and function in the details of all of God's creation, which shows God's hand in it all. In the same way, God has his hand upon each and every one of us who believe. We have His promises that He will never leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”) and we are inscribed upon the palm of His hand (Isaiah 49:16 “See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands...”) and nothing shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39 “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”).

We could think of this month of May as a season of change, and as we do that, let us embrace this time of the year with open hearts, knowing that with each day we are given, we should take the opportunity to cultivate joy, love and purpose. Let's look for the reasons to be joyful, opportunities to express love, and grow closer to our Lord and savior Jesus Christ in experiencing purpose.

God bless you all.
Pastor Joe

THE WHITE LIGHT THAT SHINES BRIGHT

By Lindsey Parent

Spotting a sliver yellow star of hope shimmering as if the star is winking at you from above;
A reassuring nudge that all will be well.
This sparkle shines ever slight, it takes being aware to notice it from looking up. The sparkle radiates a light flicker of warmth from the soul.
Put things in perspective, reflect and pause to be grateful in the moment.

The sun descends, a glorious sunset lowers downward from the heavens above a perfect tapestry of a masterpiece.
The color is so eye popping that it brings forth beams of peace, bliss, hope and comfort from within.
Feeling safe, calm and relieved the day has come to an end as the curtains have been shut.

The show has ended at last! Time to let go of the past and lean into the present and the next steps ahead.
Let it all fall down as waves come and go; whether roaring, gliding, and gradually as clouds pass through all seasons.
A shining twinkle of light ignites my soul.

Two doves fly effortlessly, simultaneously together, to make a heart shape to represent hope, a new era, and a fresh chapter into a new year.



A clean slate, an honest effort to make small changes into true transformation into being a light in a dark world.

Breathe in peace and let go as a breeze descends outwardly to the universe to manifest peace and good will for mankind, and inwardly all to the heavens has to graciously offer, once you believe and trust the process as it is, no imagination of a preconceived outcome

Prayer Requests

Children with long-term health issues & their Caregivers:

Aubrielle, Kayden, Bella, Baby Stein in NICU, Serenity Rose

Those fighting cancer:

Barbara, Bob, Norma's sister Susan, Kit

Those in need of healing:

Jeff, headaches and ear infection

Andrea, seizures

Bunny's friend Jackie as she deals with health issues

Ray, eye infection

John & Norma

Bob & Carolyn

Mary Frances & Dennis, cardiology issues (Jackie's family)

Julie – fell and hurt her knees

Doug – ALS

Bev – afib

Woman suffering from insomnia, anxiety, night mares

Young David B., continued healing and praise for the amazing progress so far

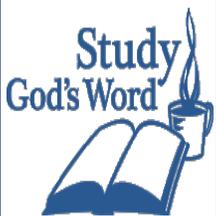
Michelle D. as she waits for insurance approval for her surgery

Tres Dias

Our Church, our pastors

Our Country - Revival

Wars in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine



Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning via zoom.com at 10 am.

If interested in joining the group, please contact Lynne Cignarella at LynnePJ36@aol.com.



*Happy Birthday to
Sharyn Weir - May 1st
Julie White Wronski - May 7th*

&

*Happy Anniversary to
Jackie St. Jean - May 29, 1965*

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. Joseph Overly

Assistant Pastor: Marc Greenwald

Be sure to visit our website at www.cccob.org to listen to our Sunday sermons and to find out more about us. You can also visit us on Facebook @Christ Community Church of Blackston

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!!**



**2024 SPRING ARTS & CRAFT SHOW
AND SILENT AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024
Elks Lodge, 380 Social St., Woonsocket, RI
10:00 to 3:00**

**ONLY
TWO
WEEKS
AWAY**

Over 25 Local Artisans. All Items Handmade

Quilts, Diamond Dot items, Coasters, Wreaths, Painted Shopping Bags, Greeting Cards, Candles, Soaps, Jewelry, Indian Festive Décor, Dog items, Scenic Paintings, Macrame, Knitted & Crocheted items, Dolls, 3-D Critters, Henna Tattoos and a Silent Auction!

All our proceeds to benefit the Restoration of Christ Community Church of Blackstone's Historic Meeting House built in 1836.

BLACKSTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY
20 YEARS OF CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY
CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY NIGHT!

April 18, 2024

Thursday night, our church participated in this event at the library that was also celebrating its 20th Anniversary.

Many Blackstone organizations were represented such as Divine Mercy Parish, Boy Scouts, Senior Center, Garden Club, Lions Club, Boys & Girls Club, just to name a few. There was a great turnout as many people stopped by each booth filling their bags with free give aways.

Joyce and Jackie St. Jean, along with Pastor Joe Overly, were handing out calendar clips and free raffle tickets for a Yankee Candle. Joyce was in charge of the craft area where the children made book marks.

It was a delightful time!



**Spring Hymn Sing
with Rev. Gil Bourquin
April 21 @ 3pm
at the church.**

**A Soup & Sandwich Soiree to follow.
Bring family or a friend**



Pastor Gil (our beloved singing pastor) led an inspired group in an old fashioned hymn sing yesterday. Sorry you missed a wonderful opportunity to praise the Lord in song! The fellowship following offered a host of delectable culinary delights! Maybe mark your calendars for the next time we offer an opportunity to praise the Lord in song!



~ May 2024 ~

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		1 " 7pm Prayer Mtg via Zoom.com	2	3	4	
5 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	6 Tres Dias Mtg 7pm via Zoom	7 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom	8	9	10	11 Arts & Craft Show 10 to 3 Elks Club 380 Social St Woonsocket, RI
12  Service@ 9:30	13	14 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom	15	16	17	18
19  Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	20	21 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom	22	23	24	25
26 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	27  Memorial Day	28 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom All Church Mtg @ 7pm via Zoom	29	30	31	