



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

# April 2024 - Newsletter



## A Message from Pastor Joe

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

*As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

Hello Everyone,

Have you heard the phrase “April showers, brings May flowers”? I remember hearing that phrase in grade school as my teacher was talking about the different seasons. It’s a catchy little phrase to talk about rain and how it is helpful in producing the beauty of nature as seen in the flowers and other plants. As much as we may not like it when it rains, it is very necessary, not only for the plants but for everything on our planet including animals and humans.

It is said that the earth is 71 percent water and a portion of it cycles from the surface of the ground to the air and back again in the form of rain. It is needed for sustaining life. A plant cannot go very long without water or it will shrivel up and eventually die. So, it is with our human bodies, if we don’t get the necessary amount of fluid intake, we too will suffer many harmful effects and if fluids are withheld, we would ultimately die.

Jesus spoke of water, not physical water but a spiritual water. In the gospel of John 4:13-14 Jesus answered, *“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

Drinking natural, physical water will satisfy our thirst and help our bodies to be sustained. Similarly, for those who learn about Jesus and accept Him as their personal Savior will satisfy the spiritual thirst that we all have. And as Jesus said, it is like a spring of water that continues to well up to eternal life.

April showers may bring May flowers, but Jesus can give us a water that will bring eternal life, and that is offered to anyone who would call to Him and ask Him for it. If you’re thirsty for something more than what you’re experiencing in this life, call out to Jesus and drink from the water that He will give you. God bless you all. Amen

Pastor Joe



## Prayer Requests

### **Those who are mourning;**

Hoyle family / Bois family / Lenahan family /  
Saad family / Bunny's friend Jackie

**Those with 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  
Mike and Michelle  
John & Norma  
Bob & Carolyn  
Mary Frances, experiencing fainting spells,  
suffered another this week and referred to  
cardiologist  
Young David B., continued healing and praise for  
the amazing progress so far

### **Children with long-term health issues & their Caregivers:**

Aubrielle, Kayden, Bella, Baby Stein in NICU

Those with anxiety or addictions; Our **Unsaved**  
Loved Ones;

**Pray for our church**, that God may make us a  
lighthouse for those who need to know Him and  
to make us ready for the coming challenges.

**Pray for Pastor Joe** as he shepherds this  
community and Coleen as she supports him in  
his vocation.

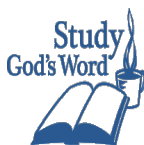
**Our Country;** Wisdom for our **Leaders;**  
**Revival** in this country.

### **Praise to God!**

Serenity Rose is home and doing well  
Julie's procedure this week went well  
Young David released from Rehab and is home.  
Still needs prayer but improving every day.

## Bible Study Tuesday Mornings @ 10am via Zoom.com

Come join us as we study the  
"The Jesus that Paul Knew,"  
by James W. Reapsome. There  
are ten chapters in this study and we are on  
chapter 6 this week.



### **All are welcomed**

Please contact Lynne @ [LynnePJ36@aol.com](mailto:LynnePJ36@aol.com)  
for a link to the Zoom Meeting.

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

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



John Myers – April 13  
Liam Hagan – April 14  
Adrianna – April 20  
Sandy Maclennan – April 21  
Madeleine Guilbeault – April 24

*Best Wishes to All!*



## Church Membership

Debbie Butero – April 16, 2017  
Jackie St. Jean – April 19, 1984

## Lenten Week



# Tenebrae

Grieving Over Darkness.  
Reflecting on Redemption.

Friday, April 6 - 7:00

**Thursday, March 28 at 7pm  
at the church**



# GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**We have been invited to join the  
New Hope Baptist Church of Millville  
63 Central St., Millville, MA  
Friday, March 29, 2024 @ 6:30 pm  
for a Good Friday service**



# Good Morning

HAPPY EASTER

***Easter Celebration  
- March 31<sup>st</sup> -  
at 9:30 am***

***Join us on Easter morning at 9:30 am at  
the church to celebrate the most  
important day on the Christian calendar!***

***The Resurrection of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ***



Friday evening, March 15, 2024, a group of 21 gathered together to observe a Seder Meal. Our Associate Pastor, Marc Greenwald, hosted this event with his wife Barbara and several other people from the church who helped with cooking and cleaning.

Pastor Marc began with prayer and then spoke on the history of Moses up to the Passover. He explained that the Passover Seder is a ritual meal held in celebration of the Jewish holiday that the Lord instituted nearly 3,500 years ago to remind His people of how much He loved them.

Pastor Marc eloquently explained how the Seder is meaningful to Christians because it is packed with symbolism and that there is the picture of Christ in the Passover lamb. The messianic symbolism is a powerful message of salvation in Christ and God's plan for everyone who believes.

A special thanks to Amanda who let us use Betty's Restaurant.

**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. Joe Overly.

**Assistant Pastor:** Rev. Marc Greenwald

**Zoom.com Meetings:** contact Lynne Cignarella at [LynnePJ36@aol.com](mailto:LynnePJ36@aol.com) for a link.

**Be sure to visit our website at [www.cccob.org](http://www.cccob.org) to listen to our sermons and to find out more about us. You can also visit our Facebook page at Christ Community Church of Blackstone.**

**LIVING WATERS**  
a song by Keith & Kristyn Getty

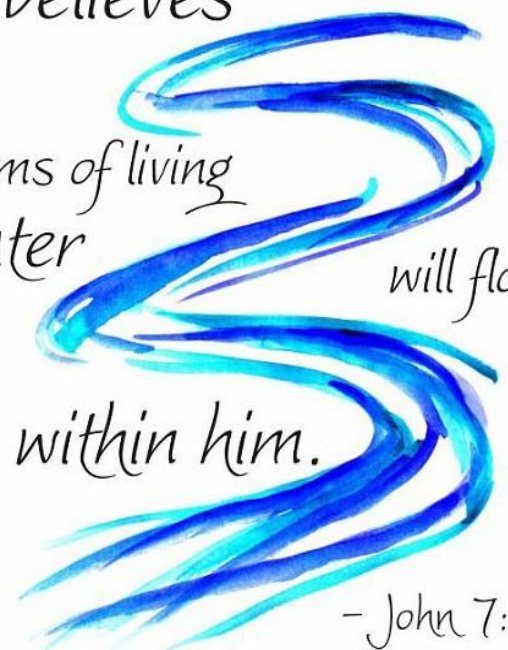
Are you thirsty? Are you empty?  
Come and drink these Living Waters  
Time unbroken, peace unspoken  
Rest beside these Living Waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing  
At the cross of Living Waters  
Lay your life down  
On Thee, all come  
Rise up in these Living Waters

Spirit moving, mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children to the shore line  
Life is in these Living Waters

There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure; do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of Living Waters

Whoever believes in me  
streams of living water  
will flow  
from within him.



- John 7:38

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER**

In our February Newsletter, we began a study on prayer based on an article, "Answers to Questions About Prayer" by David Jeremiah. Last month we answered the question, "What is the Correct Way to Pray to God?" This month we will look at

**Where Should We Pray to God?**

Prayer is not limited to a certain place. It goes wherever you go. You can whisper in your car, an elevator, a cathedral, or the wonders of creation. Wherever you go, the Holy Spirit is with you. Jesus is watching over you, and the Father is lovingly listening for your heartfelt supplication through prayer. If you feel convicted in your heart of unconfessed sin, stop and pray wherever you are right now and ask God to forgive you. Don't allow unconfessed sin to keep you from spending time with God in prayer.

*Fund Raisers & Outreach News*  
*Your giving makes it possible to help others !*



On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Marc O'Neil from Straight Ahead came to speak to us regarding this program that we support.

L to R: Ann & Marc and Pastor Joe and Coleen



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BLACKSTONE  
COME JOIN US FOR OUR

# 2024 SPRING ARTS & CRAFT SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024  
10 TO 3**

SPRING & SUMMER  
ITEMS

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paintings, macrame, knitted & crocheted items, dolls,  
3-D critters and more!**

PLENTY OF FREE  
PARKING

**So come and browse  
Grab a bite at Julie's Bakery  
Enter to win at our Silent Auction**

JULIE'S BAKERY ITEMS

LUNCH  
AVAILABLE

**ADMISSION IS FREE!!**

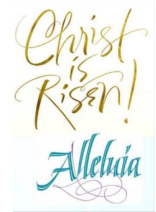
SUBLIMATION ITEMS

HENNA TATOOS

FREE COFFEE



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Tres Dias Mtg @ 7pm	<b>2</b> Bible Study @ 10 am Via Zoom	<b>3</b> Monthly Prayer Meeting via Zoom 7 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Sunday Service @ 9:30 am  Children's Sunday School during service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bible Study @ 10 am Via Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> Sunday Service @ 9:30 am  Children's Sunday School during service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bible Study @ 10 am Via Zoom  <b>All-Church Meeting Via Zoom</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Sunday Service @ 9:30 am  Children's Sunday School during service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bible Study @ 10 am Via Zoom	 <p align="center"><b>Sunday, April 21, at 3 pm</b>            Hymn Sing with Rev. Gil Bourquin            followed by a Soup &amp; Sandwich Soiree – Public is invited</p>			