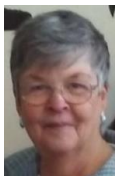




*Christ Community Church of Blackstone
Proclaiming Hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ*

August 2021 Newsletter



"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above. Praise him all his
angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts."
Psalm 148:1-2

Here we are entering the second half of summer. The purple loosestrife is blooming and the trees and flowers are lush from all of the rain. God's creation praises Him and so should we. Psalms tells us that the Lord inhabits the praises of His people so as we praise Him, He draws near to us. James tells us to draw close to God and He will draw close to you. Resist the devil and he will flee.

Summer is a great time to take a look at the wonders of God's creation in all their splendor. It may be the majestic mountains or the roaring of the seaside. It may be walking through a garden or just sitting on the lawn and looking up at the stars at night. As you enjoy the glory of it all remember the glory of the Creator, our Creator, that fashioned it all.

Psalm 150 tells us to; "Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with the timbre and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe, praise Him with the clash of symbols, praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

We can praise God no matter where we are and no matter what the circumstances are that are happening in our lives.

Take some time to smell the roses and breath in that wonderful breath of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Summer and many blessings,
Pastor Ruth

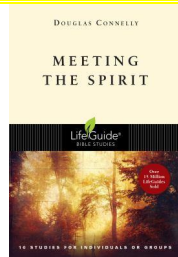
Please pray for...

Pastor Ruth, moving
Pastor Warren, health & moving
Dale & PJ – jobs
Nancy- A-fib issues
Julie & Bill – prayer for family
Sandy, Beth, Bunny---pain
Dan – heart issues
Dick – hospice care
Dennis – Parkinson's & Jeannie – ALS
Rene – recouping from a series
of surgeries
Lynne's Dad, Jack
For All Caregivers – that God will grant
wisdom, stamina, comfort and peace as
they minister to their loved ones
Others who are suffering from cancer,
depression, recuperating from
surgery or in rehab

Pastoral Search Committee
The Sale of our Parish Hall
Our unsaved loved ones
Our Church Family

The President, our Leaders
Our Country & World Leaders
Fires & drought on the West Coast

**Pray that more people accept
God's Calling to spread the
Good News!**



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

at 10 am via Zoom.com

Come join us as we begin a new book called **"Meeting the Spirit."**
Who is the Holy Spirit? How does He change our lives? How does He work in the world?
In ten sessions Douglas Connelly helps you examine these and other critical questions.
You will see that the Spirit of God is eager to work in your life to draw you closer to God.

If you are interested in joining, please talk to Lynne Cignarella

Books are available at the church.



Amanda Guilbeault - August 10

Leigh Gardner - August 12

"Tubby" Faneuf - August 31



CHRISTMAS *in* AUGUST

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

A small tree will be placed in front of the church. Each ornament tag will have the name of gifts that can be purchased.

It's a good time to pick up these items since "Back to School" sales will be in full swing during the month of August.

Christmas in August will be introduced at our Sunday morning service, August 1st.

If you are interested in purchasing any item, just take one or more ornaments, buy the item and return them on any Sunday morning during August. We will have a basket or box to receive these gifts.

If you are interested in participating and unable to shop, just contact Joyce St. Jean and we'll get someone to shop for you.



GOD IS IN CONTROL

We know that God is in control. That truth is best illustrated by who God is and what God does.

And who is He? When it comes to knowing who is in control, remember that God:

- **Is eternal.** The Psalms say that God is "from everlasting to everlasting." God is surprised by nothing; He sees all of eternity at once (Psalm 90:2, 93:2; 102:27)
- **Is sovereign.** Using the language of poetry, Isaiah notes that humanity is like grass when compared to the awesome reality of God (Isaiah 40:6-8)
Every human decision is subject to the sovereign will of God (James 4:13-14)
- **Is mindful & merciful.** God does not turn away from the problems of His creation. He is mindful of them all and merciful (Psalm 103:13-17) working all things for His purposes (Romans 8:28-29.)
- **Has a plan.** God's relation to humanity is like a potter to his clay. He lovingly and righteously shapes human history for His glory (Jeremiah 18:1-10; Romans 9:21.)
- **Is everywhere present.** There is no crisis, eruption, calamity, or need that occurs outside of God's awareness. He is intimately present to them all (Psalm 139:7-16.)
- **Is unchanging.** God has one never-changing story: the story of redemption. The world is not "on track" one day and "out of control" the next. Because God never changes (Malachi 3:6; James 1:17) the story never changes.
- **Is wise.** God never labors to decide how to solve a world crisis because "His understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:4-6.)

**JESUS IS
THE ANSWER.**

"If you have some questions in the corners of your mind... There's one thing I know for sure... **Jesus is the answer** for the world today." Andrae Crouch

(excerpts from David Jeremiah's Turning Point)



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

September 12 at 9:30 am

We are resuming our Annual Outdoor Service followed by a picnic. Burgers, hot dogs, soda, water and condiments provided.

Bring a side dish if you like! Bring a friend too.

All are welcome!



Our Outreach/Missions and Fund Raisers



Mary's Closet - 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.
Due to allergies, no nuts please!

Sweet Dreams - providing a pillow, a blanket and a book for homeless children in shelters.
Due to Covid, the shelters are not accepting anything at this time.

St. Paul's Food Pantry - We are resuming the collection of canned goods and packaged foods for the Food Pantry. **Please leave your donations in the shopping basket in the Narthex.**

Help the Homeless R.I. Collects and distributes items to the homeless and provides meals to homeless in Woonsocket & Pawtucket. **There is a box in the front of the church that helps provide meals.**

Straight Ahead Ministry – Serves incarcerated youths, helping them to move from lock-up to leadership. As a church we give an annual donation and at Christmas, we provide them with a gift of clothing, hygiene products and games. **(See article on Christmas in August.)**



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.
\$1,335.62 has been raised so far this year.
- AmazonSmile.com as you shop on line, a percentage of your purchase is donated to our church.
We have raised \$81.39 since January 1 this year.

We continue to raise funds at no additional cost to you.

***Praise 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

Associate Pastor: Marc Greenwald

Visit our website at www.cccob.org to listen to Pastor Ruth's sermons and to find out more about us



~ *August 2021* ~
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	2 Tres Dias Reunion Group Meeting 7pm	3 Virtual Bible Study 10 am Zoom Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	9	10 Virtual Bible Study 10 am Zoom Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	16	17 Virtual Bible Study 10 am Zoom Meeting	18	19	20	21
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