



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

July 2021 - Newsletter

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalms 33:12



A Message from Pastor Ruth

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim *freedom* for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, Isaiah 61:1



We are meeting virtually via zoom.com at 10 am. If interested, please contact Lynne Cignarella at LynnePJ36@aol.com
OPEN TO ALL

Freedom is a theme that is all through the scriptures. Mankind has been in bondage since Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. When we are disobedient to God or veer off from the lifestyle that He has called us to, we often find ourselves in bondage of one kind or another.

All through scripture we see God coming to the rescue of his people. They would get themselves in trouble and then cry out to God. He would save them, then they would repeat the same thing all over again. Human nature is always in play in our lives and in the lives of others in this world. Romans 3:23 tells us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

If that is the truth, then we also must face the truth that in order to be free, really free, we need Jesus. It is only through Him and the sacrifice He made on the cross, that we can be saved and released from our own human made prisons and captivities.

We fly the flag on the 4th of July and celebrate our independence and freedom from rule by another country, but are we really free? Are we free from the sin that binds us? Can we celebrate this month the good news that Isaiah proclaimed about Jesus? The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD was on Jesus, because the LORD had anointed Him to proclaim good news to the poor. God sent Jesus to release the prisoners from darkness, and to proclaim *freedom* to the captives.

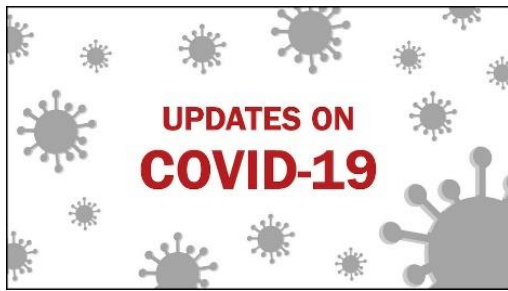
This year, as you celebrate America's freedom, pray and ask Jesus to set you free from all that holds you captive. Those whom Christ sets free are free indeed.

Happy 4th of July
Pastor Ruth

Please pray for

Dale – for a job
Lynne, Jack & PJ
Beth, Bunny, Ruth, Nancy –healing
Sheila, Helen, Dan, Kayden, John, Julie, Bill,
Pastor Warren , Leigh, Rene, Cheryl, Jeannie,
and Joyce - continued healing
Dick, Sandy – in hospice care
Dennis & Mimi - healing

Our Unsaved Loved Ones
Pray for Christians and Jews who
are being persecuted
Those in mourning
Our Country, our Leaders
Sale of the Parish Hall and
Funds to repair the church building
REVIVAL in this country!!



If you **have been vaccinated**, you will not need to wear your mask and you can sit anywhere you like.

If you have **not been vaccinated**, we ask that you please wear your mask and observe social distancing of 6 ft. until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

HAPPY 4th of JULY

A Soldier's Prayer

Lord, wrap Your arms around me
 In this hostile, brutal place;
 Let me draw peace and comfort
 From Your restful, sweet embrace.

Help me do my duty
 To uphold what is right;
 Give me strength and courage
 Each day and every night.

Lord, hear this soldier's prayer
 To You in heaven above;
 Protect me with Your power,
 And sustain me with Your love.



freedom
 in christ

Christian freedom is not about having the freedom to do whatever you want. It's about being free from the power of sin for the purpose of being a slave to righteousness (Romans 6:17 – 18.)

Christian freedom” enables us to live for Christ and it frees us to love others with the same love that we have so freely received from Him.

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

~Patrick Henry



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

Assistant Pastor: Marc Greenwald

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

BILLY GRAHAM REGARDING THE 4TH OF JULY

Although it is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for many Americans July 4th is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia (which proclaimed our independence) are these words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV). Our legal system reflects our Judeo-Christian roots.

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

Billy Graham
July 2, 2019



Christ Community Church of Blackstone
is



To join us for our

2021 HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

9:00 to 3:00

ELK'S LODGE 380 Social St., Woonsocket, RI

For more details and reserving a table just
contact Jackie St. Jean at
Jackie.stjean@outlook.com
or call her at 401.651.0252

**\$35 for each 8 ft. table /payable upon reservation
(supplied by the lodge)
RESERVE EARLY!**



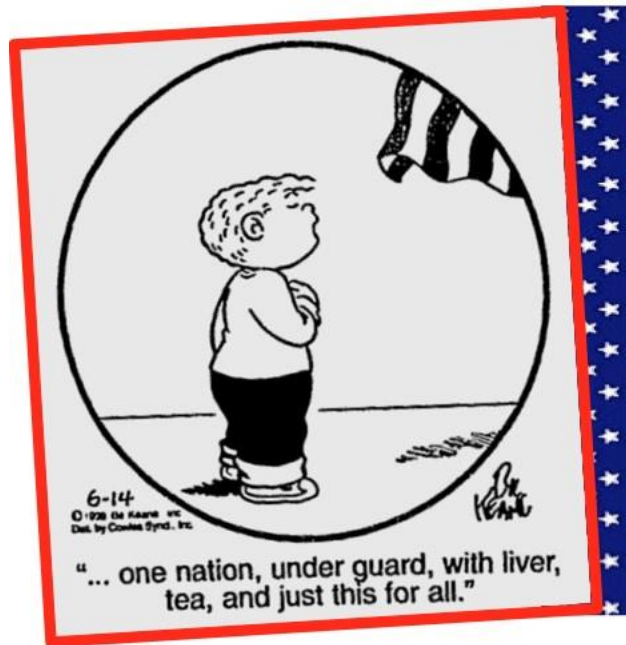
As we've done in the past, a Christmas tree will be set up in the church during the month of August with tags on it. Each tag represents a gift.

For those who would like to participate, please take as many tags as you wish, purchase the item listed on the tag and place it in the bin marked for this Ministry.

These items will be given to the teens in the Straight-Ahead Ministries. Thank you to all who participate.

NOTE: If you would like to be involved but are unable to shop, just let Joyce know and someone will shop for you.

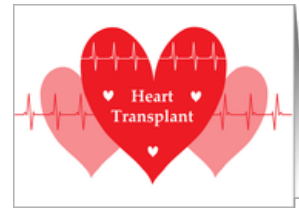




Happy Birthday to



Bob St. Jean - July 2
 Abby Lenahan - July 3
 David Baisley - July 4
 Marc Greenwald - July 16
 Sara Hagan - July 29
 Mary Hoyle - July 31



Happy Anniversary to
 Maddy Guilbeault - July 6, 2013



Straight Ahead Ministry – Offering kids a way out! See our Christmas in August Event on page 3.

Sweet Dreams - providing a pillow and a blanket for homeless children in shelters. If you would like to donate and/or participate in the packaging and delivery, contact Kathy at 401- 651-9737.

We have several pillows & blankets to donate. We are unable to deliver due to the pandemic.

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.

St. Paul's Food Pantry - We can start to collect canned goods and packaged foods for the Food Pantry again. Please leave your donations in the shopping basket in the Narthex.



Thank you

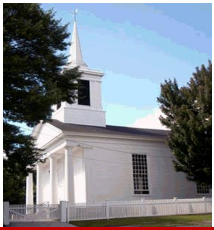
to all who continue to donate items for our fund raisers using these various methods...

- your donations of electronics, small appliances, household products for Marketplace,
- AmazonSmile.com as you shop on line, a percentage of your purchase is donated to our church

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

Praise God as he helps us meet our expenses!

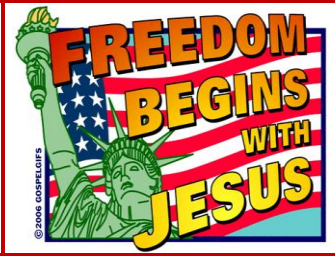
Fund Raising Report – June 30, 2021	Balance on hand
Thank you for your donations to Betty's Donuts to help her feed the Homeless of Rhode Island. The amount given is not available at this time.	Unknown
AmazonSmile.com	\$ 81.39
Bottles/Cans Recycling–	\$ 00.00
Facebook Marketplace On-Line Sales – as of June 23, 2019	\$ 1,298.27
Total funds raised as of 06/30/2021	\$ 1,379.66+



~ July 2021 ~

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am <i>Happy Fourth of July!</i>	5 Tres Dias Reunion Group 7 pm	6 Bible Study 9:30 am via Zoom	7 Prayer Meeting 7 pm Via Zoom.com	8	9	10
11 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	12	13 Bible Study 9:30 am via Zoom	14	15	16	17
18 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	19	20 Bible Study 9:30 am via Zoom	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday Service @ 9:30 am	26	27 Bible Study 9:30 am via Zoom	28	29	30	31