



*Christ Community Church of Blackstone*  
*Proclaiming Hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ*  
**October 2021 Newsletter**



"There's a time for everything, and the season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1



Tuesday morning study at 10 am on Zoom.com  
If you are interested, please talk to Lynne

You might be saying: this is the same scripture that you had in last month's newsletter, and you would be right. I could not think of a better scripture for this time in my life. There is a time for everything under the sun (Son.)

As I sat at my daughter's camp in New Hampshire recently and watched the color in the trees change daily, it reminded me of the seasons of God and how we need to heed those seasons as we follow God's leading.

On Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> I preached my parting sermon at Christ Community Church. Not without many tears for sure. We had a wonderful dinner and party at the Broaster House and were blessed by the wonderful turnout and encouragement from everyone.

It has been Pastor Warren and my pleasure and blessing to have been able to serve the Saints at Christ Community Church and to be part of the most amazing, loving and giving community. We truly are leaving a piece of our hearts with each of you.

Although I know that God has a plan for us, he also has one for you. During my last sermon I left out the ending because I was too choked up, so I am going to share it with you now.

During the last storm hundreds of acorns fell from our trees here at our new house. As I was sweeping them off the walk so no one would fall, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and reminded me that inside each acorn is the potential for a tree. All I could think of was the fact that you are all like those acorns. Inside each of you there is tremendous potential. I can see that potential and so can God. I believe that all of you are going to grow to great heights in Christ and that Pastor Warren and I will be hearing great things in the future.

We love all of you more than you will ever know but I also know Jesus loves you more. Thank you for allowing us to share your lives and your walk with Christ. We will be praying for all of you.

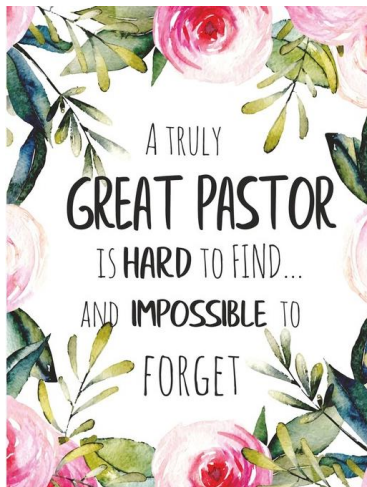
Forever your friends in Christ,  
Pastors Warren and Ruth Blais

The Blais' new address is 21 June Lane, East Sandwich, MA 02537

*Pastor Ruth and Warren -  
Julie & Bill - prayer for family  
Sandy, Nancy, Beth, Bunny--- pain  
Jeannie - ALS  
Dawn--Diabetic problems  
PJ-job and Jack healing*

*Please pray for...*  
*Elaine A. - heart transplant  
recuperation  
Joyce - leg  
Andrea - seizures  
Rene & Cheryl -*

*Mimi & Dennis  
Our Church Family  
The President, Our Country,  
World Leaders  
Pray that more people accept  
God's Calling to spread the Good  
News!*



### A FAREWELL PRAYER

Dear God, as we say good-bye to Ruth & Warren, we entrust them into your care. We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of them, for wisdom and guidance to be beside them, and for grace and truth to be behind them, pushing them onwards into your goodness. We know that you will always love and protect them, wherever they go.  
Amen



Dear Pastors Ruth and Warren,  
It has been a privilege having you around here at Christ Community Church. Your patience, kindness and services have helped strengthen us as people of Christ. As we bid farewell, we want you to know that we love and appreciate you. Thank you for spending the last eight years with us!



# *Holiday Craft & Vendor Show*

*Saturday, October 30, 2021*

*9:00 to 3:00*

*Elks Lodge*

*380 Social Street  
Woonsocket, RI*

*Over 25  
Crafters &  
Vendors!*

*Plenty of  
free Parking*

**Crocheted &  
Knitted Items**

**Wreaths**

**Do your  
Holiday  
Shopping**

**Paintings  
on glass**

**Hand-made  
Tree  
ornaments**

**Jewelry  
Quilts**

**Painted  
clothing**

**Lighted  
Items**

**Wooden  
items**

**And More!**



**We have  
Fall Items  
too!**

To benefit Christ Community Church of Blackstone Repair Fund  
Church Street, Blackstone, MA 01504  
Visit us at [cccob.org](http://cccob.org)





On September 12, 2021, we held our outdoor service and picnic. We didn't have one in 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic, so it was really great to welcome the new season in such a festive way.







Barbara Greenwald – October 8  
Bunny Roy – October 10  
June Hoague – October 13  
Deb Butero – October 15  
Nancy Mandeville – October 23

# ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 7 pm

**Committee Reports are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Please e-mail or give a hard copy to Jackie St. Jean.  
[jackie.stjean@outlook.com](mailto:jackie.stjean@outlook.com)

Meeting place will be announced.

## Report from the Pastoral Search Committee

The Pastor Selection Committee was formed in late June, 2021. The members are Lynne Cignarella, Bunny Roy, Joyce St. Jean, Mary Hoyle, Jess Lenahan, Nancy Mandeville and David Baisley. Pastor Ruth and Pastor Warren have been attending meetings as advisors when appropriate. The team has been meeting almost every week after the Sunday worship service.

We met with Terry Shanahan, the 4C's New England Regional Pastor, to seek advice on the process of finding a part-time interim pastor and then a part-time permanent pastor. Two candidates were interviewed for the interim position but they did not fit our needs. We have decided to go with pulpit supply and start searching for a part-time pastor.

This is the planned pulpit supply rotation with Pastor Denis Hardy, Pastor Gil Bourquin and Pastor Marc Greenwald.

October 3 Pastor Denis  
October 10 Pastor Gil  
October 17 Pastor Denis  
October 24 Pastor Gil  
October 31 Pastor Marc  
November 7 Pastor Gil  
November 14 Pastor Denis  
November 21 Pastor Gil  
November 28 Pastor Denis  
December 5 Pastor Marc  
...etc

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Baisley

### 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:** Marc Greenwald

*Visit our website at [www.cccob.org](http://www.cccob.org) to listen to our sermons and to find out more about us.*

## PERFECT PEACE

*The love of God has been poured out in our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

Romans 5:5

Years ago, when I traveled to Europe to preach, I liked to travel by sea, to enjoy the five days of relative quiet on the ship.

On one of my voyages, Captain Anderson of the United States took me down to see the ship's gyroscope. He said, "When the sea is rough, the gyroscope helps to keep the ship on an even keel. Though the waves may reach tremendous proportions, the gyroscope helps to stabilize the vessel and maintain a high degree of equilibrium."

As I listened, I thought how like the gyroscope is the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Let the storms of life break over our heads. Let the enemy, Satan, come in like a flood. Let the waves of sorrow, suffering, temptation, and testing be unleashed upon us. Our souls will be kept on an even keel and in perfect peace when the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts. He comforts us with God's abiding presence, and assures us that God's promises are true.

### Hope for Today

The person who doubts is tossed about by every storm that comes (James 1:6.)  
The person of faith, come what may, simply carries on. The Holy Spirit makes all the difference in how we handle life's trials.

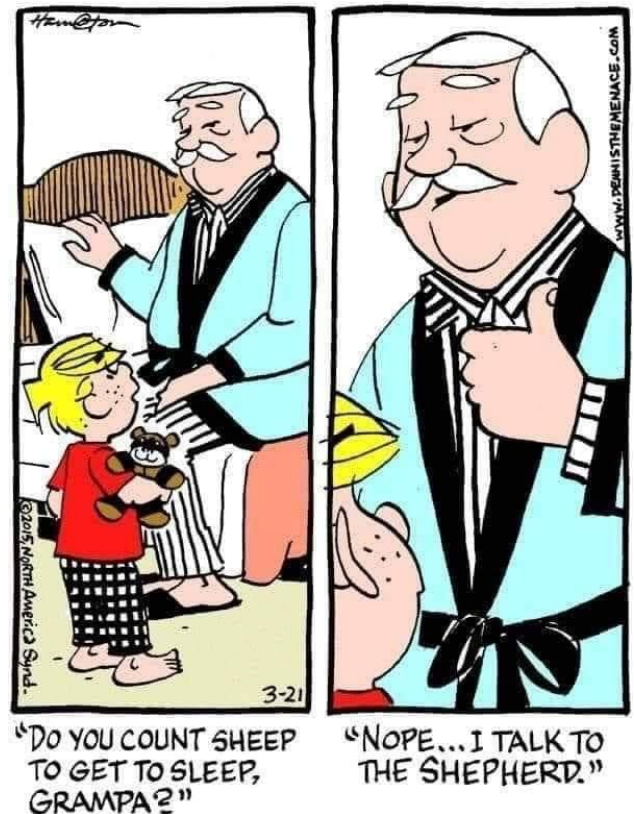
Billy Graham – Hope for Each Day page 252



### In Memory of Richard "Dick" Robeau

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, we lost a treasured member of our church. Richard was the beloved husband of Sheila. An active member of our church, he ran the projection system for many years.

He will always be remembered for his dry sense of humor and big heart. He was loving, kind and generous. We will truly miss him.



## 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. A basket for these items is located in the church Narthex.

***Due to allergies, no items with nuts or apples in the ingredients please!***

**Sweet Dreams** - providing a pillow, a blanket and a book for homeless children in shelters. Due to the Pandemic, they have not been accepting these items.

**Straight Ahead Ministry** -"To See Jesus Christ Transform the Lives of Juvenile Offenders."

We support this ministry with an annual donation. In addition, Christmas gifts of clothing, games and candy are given to teenage girls and boys who are in training facilities.

**Our "Christmas in August" program was very productive. We collected almost everything we need to donate for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.**

### **Homeless of Rhode Island**

Matthew 25:35.... I needed clothes and you clothed me...

Partnering with The Homeless of Rhode Island Organization in their constant pursuit of helping homeless people. We supply them with new and used clothing and give monetary support to Betty's Donuts Restaurant who donates lunches.

**Presently, they are in need of new or gently used winter coats, sweatshirts, warm hats, gloves, socks, blankets and sleeping bags. If you have any of these items to donate, just bring them in and we will be sure to get them to Homeless Rhode Island.**



## FUND RAISING



AmazonSmile.com donates a percentage of your purchase.

Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>

As you shop on line, please select Christ Community Church of Blackstone as the non-profit to support. Every time you make a purchase using this link, Amazon will donate a percentage to our church.

### Junk in the Trunk /



Marketplace

This is a flea market website that we use to sell gently used items that you donate to us. There is a basket in the Narthex for these items.

With these different options, we continue to raise funds at no additional cost to you!


We have raised \$2,568 in 2021 from these various means. This money has been used for community outreach and church renovations.

***Your donations are greatly appreciated!***



~ October 2021 ~  
*Christ Community Church of Blackstone*  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Proverbs 3:5-6</b> <i>Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.</i>					1	2
<b>3</b> Sunday Service 9:30 am @ church	4	<b>5</b> Virtual Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>6</b> Virtual Prayer Meeting 7pm 	7	8	9
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<b>24</b> Sunday Service 9:30 am @ church	25	<b>26</b> Virtual Bible Study 10:00 am	27	28	29	<b>30</b> CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW 9-3
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