



APRIL 2024 ON THE COMMON

Newsletter of Slatersville Congregational Church

Some Thoughts...

BY MICHELL ESKELI

Hello! Its me again.

With Holy week behind us and spring (hopefully) upon us, it is time for new growth and new hope.

Our Maundy Thursday and Easter services were well attended. We had over 20 people for the sunrise service and over 100 for the 10 o'clock.

As we look forward to the future as a church, and say goodbye to Reverend Karen, we have some new things coming.

We have scheduled a church clean-up day for Saturday, April 27th beginning at 10am. We are asking each committee to review their storage areas. We want to get rid of junk and protect things that need to stay.

We have a yard and plant sale on Saturday, May 11th. A CPR class May 25th. We also have another trivia night with a turkey dinner.

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Some Thoughts... (Cont).

Our church is alive and we are growing. We are learning more about ourselves and each other. Our church squad is still hard at work and hopes to have a suitable candidate to present to you. We ask for your continued patience and Prayers for our success. We thank you for the trust and faith you have in us.

We will be without a settled Minister a little while longer. Your church leaders are hard at work behind the scenes to continue to run services and keep the lights on.

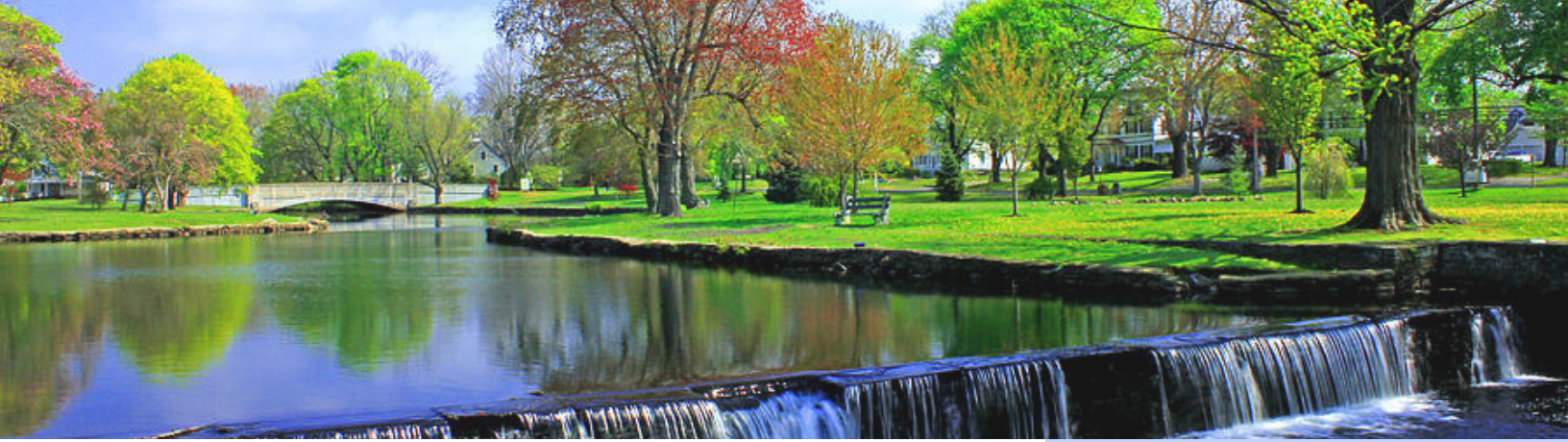
Please continue to attend services and activities. Continue to Pray for our success and for the right candidate to be called to us. Bring your thoughts and concerns to your church council. We are here for you. If you need Pastoral care, call me.

Let us continue this walk together, moving ever forward towards the goal of showing Gods love to each other and the world.

Let's walk together while remembering to smell the flowers, enjoy the sunshine and help each other through the struggles.

I wish you all Peace and Joy,

Michell



Missions Moment

BY ALISON PEIRCE

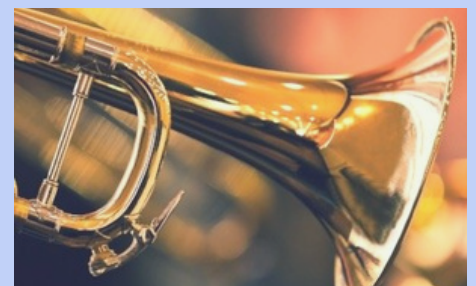
In celebration of National Reading Month, our March Missions donation of \$500 was directed to the nonprofit Reach Out and Read Rhode Island. This organization was developed by pediatricians and early childhood educators who recognized that early exposure to books and reading greatly increased a child's chance for healthy development and lifelong success. To encourage families to incorporate book reading into their evening routine, a new developmentally- and age-appropriate book is provided at each checkup. Today, there are 70 hospitals, clinics, practices, and community health centers statewide reaching 40,000 children and providing 80,000 new books at no cost to families each year so that they can start their own personal library at home. Close to home, these books are available at Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket and Blackstone Valley Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine in North Smithfield.

Once again, our Missions dollars were able to support the Men's Shelter in March by providing 25 meals from the Broaster House, along with desserts baked by Sandy Gamache. We thank all of you for your generosity in keeping this important mission going. We will provide one more meal in April before the shelter closes for the season, reopening in October of 2024.

Our congregation continues to help support the unhoused population in Providence by donating coats to Mathewson Street Church in Providence for distribution to those in need.

A Sincere Thank You!

A Big Thank You to all the Musicians, Senior Choir, Bell Choir, Our Brass Instrumentalists and Soloists who made our Holy Week services beautiful and meaningful. Their dedication and faithfulness to Slatersville Congregational Church brings so much to our worship services and we sincerely thank them!





NS Food Pantry - April

The NS Food Pantry hours for April are:

Saturday Apr 20th @ 10:00am
Tuesday Apr 23rd @ 5:30pm
Saturday Apr 27th @ 10:00am
Tuesday Apr 30th @ 5:30pm

In April the Food Pantry is asking for Pasta, Beans and Canned Soup.



Save the Date!

BY JILL BODAY

The SCC Handbell Choir will be hosting a concert in our sanctuary by the Merrimack Valley Ringers on Saturday, June 1st at 7pm!! MVR is a wonderfully talented Handbell Choir with members from eastern MA and southern NH, including our own Cathy (Cormier) Seiler! The group's motto is "Always Different, Always Fun!" This is a concert you won't want to miss! More details to come!!

Handbell Workshop

BY JILL BODAY

Some of our handbell choir members will be attending a 1/2 day ringing workshop on April 13 in Westerly, RI. We will participate in FUNDamental handbell activities. If you are curious about ringing handbells and want to check out this free workshop with us, talk to any choir member! It will be a fun morning of ringing and fellowship!



Fundraising News!

BY JEAN MEO

Trivia Pub Night will be taking place on Saturday, April 27th at 6 PM. There will be a Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, competition and lots of fun! Good Will Offering! There is already a Sign-up sheet in Globe Hall!

Spring Yard and Flower Sale will be May 11th, in time for Mother's Day.

Please start saving your Attic and Spring Cleaning treasures!

Details to follow as to when items can be brought to the church.

FOOD and FUN as we raise FUNDS! Join Us!



Our Thoughts and Prayers

...are with Mary, a step-mother, as she begins cancer treatments.

...are with a young, homeless man who almost died of an overdose recently.

...are with Marsha, who we love as she rests and recharges

...are with those who are traveling, including Kleo's co-worker who is going to Guam.

...are with all those we know who are recovering from surgery.

...are with everyone around the world dealing with natural disasters.

...with gratitude to all our musicians this Easter Season, including brass players, bell ringers, and the choir.

...with joy for all those who attended this year's Holy Week Services.