

From the pastor's desk ... 4 things for your consideration ...

Financial commitments/ pledges to the church - 2019 budget: If you are planning to make a pledge, please do so as soon as possible. This is important for 2 reasons. One, it helps with our planning for 2019. And two, it saves a few people a lot of work in making follow up calls. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Sermon series: October 28 through November 18, I am doing a sermon series on "healing." The premise is that we are all in need of healing - whether it be physical, relational, emotional, or spiritual. And that God is the source of all healing. Different scripture lessons will help us explore our need for healing and the healing power of God.

Sunday school coordinator position & hiring: We are looking for a Sunday school coordinator to work 6 hours/ week for \$20/ hour. The position begins as soon as we can hire someone and follows the school year (or approximately 44 weeks/ year). This person will work about 3 hours on Sunday morning arranging classrooms, supporting teachers, finding helpers, and meeting parents. The other hours will be flexible and used to prepare for Sunday mornings. Previous experience is not required but we are looking for someone who is comfortable with the Christian faith. We are open to both someone from the Woodridge community or someone not currently part of our community. **If you are interested or know someone who might be - email Pastor Scott @ revscottspencer@gmail.com or text @ 508 - 838 - 6035.**

Sunday, November 4: Dedication of the newly renovated sanctuary & recognition of those who have passed away in our community and in our lives - through our annual All Saints Day worship & communion. *Daylight Saving Time ends, so remember to "fall back" – if your smart device hasn't already told you.*

Worship highlights –

Nov 11: Commitment Sunday – we look forward to welcoming new members in worship

Nov 18: Cranston Interfaith Thanksgiving service – 3 pm, hosted by Holy Apostles Church, 800 Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston, on the corner of Scituate Ave (Route 12)

Attendees are asked to please bring new white socks, undergarments, winter gloves, hats and scarfs for men or women. There will also be a freewill offering to be presented to St. Charles Soup Kitchen Providence. All gifts go to support their work for those in need.

Dec 2: First Sunday of Advent

Christian Education & Youth News . . .

Youth group happenings ... Junior Youth Group (grades 3 - 7) and Senior Youth Group (grades 8 through High school)

Dec 2: Advent Adventures - UCC Conference @ Woodridge church - 1 - 4 pm - grades 3 - 7 (\$3 fee)

Bible Study:

Sundays at 11:30, Nov. 4 - Nov. 25 (details below)

For more information and/or to register,

contact Pastor Bob Nolan: nolan062400@gmail.com

or text 401-339-6134

From the Associate Pastor of Music & Healing Ministry

You are invited to connect with each other and our community!

Healing Ministry

- **PrayerConnect** –Do you need spiritual support or a reflective moment? Perhaps just some daily words of encouragement? You can receive this daily reflection...And it can come to you privately in your email-of-choice each day, Monday through Friday.

Why not sign up and see what can come? You can catch the three weekly editions on Facebook at this address:

<https://www.facebook.com/woodridgePrayerconnect>

Bible Study

- **When?** Sundays after worship, from October 28 through November 25!
- **What will we do?** Examine current day social concerns through reading of scriptures and study of our faith history. We explore how we might respond to God's call, carrying the Jesus way to others through justice, stewardship, and peace.
- **Our planned discussions** have been moved out one week, with these topics . . .
 - **October 28** **Pursuing Racial Justice**
 - **November 4** **Practicing Stewardship**
 - **November 11** **Providing for Human Rights**
 - **November 18** **Promoting the Stranger**
 - **November 25** **Partnering in Peacemaking**

Music Ministry

- **Choir & Chimes** *Thursday rehearsals are in motion ...Chimes 6:30 pm in the sanctuary...Choir 7:30 pm in the music room. **Will you try us out...please? No prior experience...just bring your spirit as we'll help with the rest!***
- **'Prime Time' Chimes group** – rehearsals Sundays, right after worship in our sanctuary until June 3rd!
- **Do you play an instrument?** We are looking to build up the "band". ***How about you?***

Please continue to pray for all our ministries, that they will grow and expand into many places, guided by the Spirit. Amen!

With you on the journey,

Rev. Bob

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Mission and Service opportunities

Our annual **Thanksgiving Basket Service Project** is starting.

Thanksgiving Baskets will be assembled on Sunday, November 11th. You may sign up for entire baskets, portions of baskets or financial donations towards baskets,

Contact: Bob Cole @ rcole2355@gmail.com

Volunteers are always appreciated at the **Interfaith Food Ministry's** pantry, where folks from Woodridge help out on the **second Saturday** morning of each month. Contact Bob Cole or any member of the Service Committee if you're interested. **Donations** of non-perishable foods may be placed in the large, wooden box, located in the sanctuary entry (narthex).

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Plant Sale Harvest

Thank you to all who participated in the Plant Sale at Stamp Farms in May.

The church has received a check for \$178.51. See you all next year!

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Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of the church through pledges and offerings. Keeping your support up-to-date even when circumstances keep you away from church on Sunday is very much appreciated.

2018 Holiday Bazaar

Saturday Nov. 10

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Plan attend our Holiday Bazaar and invite your friends and neighbors to visit the following:

Children's Elves Shop * Country Store & Pastry Shop

***** Hourly Raffles *****

Timeless Treasures Shop * Books & More

Lunch served from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Menu:

Homemade Soup, Pizza & Sandwiches

There are still lots of opportunities to help on the day of and in advance.

Donate items, prepare food, sell raffle tickets, bake, set-up, clean-up

See Deb Scipione

Please note:

All baked goods must be at the church on Friday November 9th any time after 9 am.

All items for the Timeless Treasures Shop must be at church before November 5th.

We need NEW ITEMS for the Elves Shop - for children to shop for their family or friends. Suggested items: hats, gloves, scarves, body lotions, etc. with a value of \$1-\$5.

See Deb Scipione

Sunday, November 4

FIGHTING THE ADDICTION CRISIS: INITIATING RECOVERY

What?

The causes and myths of the opioid epidemic
The intersection of social justice and recovery
The pathways to recovery and interfaith
Free naloxone training

When & Where?

Sunday, November 4, 4:00-5:30 pm
St. David's on the Hill, 200 Meshanticut Valley Pkwy, Cranston

Presented by Lifespan and Faith Infused Recovery Efforts (FIRE)

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Our next issue will be December; to be mailed/emailed late November.

Visit our website for the year-to-date financial report, latest board meeting minutes, birthdays & anniversaries and the prayer list:

www.woodridgechurchri.org

For the latest news, to be added to their email list, and most anything else about the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ, visit their website:

www.ricucc.org

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