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## *Our Faith Connections*

Dear PMBC Family,

A few weeks back I asked our Cabinet to start thinking and praying about where God might be leading us in the next 30 years. Some of them joked that they won't even be here in 30 years, so maybe we should think about 10 instead. Friends, when we put a new roof on this building it had better last longer than 10 years - and so should our dreams! Unlike the life of roof shingles, God's presence in this world is a guarantee. The question is, where will we find God at work and how will we join in that work?

PMBC is nearly 124 years old, which is a lot of time to join in God's work in this world! God willing, we will have many more years as a community gathered to serve as Christ's hands and feet in the Eden Park neighborhood and beyond.

Sometimes dreaming ahead means all new categories of thinking. When Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples had no idea what to think of this. Mary thought he was the gardener. Peter and the beloved disciple ran home in silence. Besides Lazarus, resurrection was a new way that God was at work. Those disciples, and the church they helped form, had to learn to see God in new ways and to proclaim something they had never proclaimed before.

Let's take a page from their book and ask ourselves: what new thing does God want to do here? What new thing is God already doing that we need to figure out how to join into? And, are we open to seeing and experiencing God in unfamiliar and exciting new ways?

Blessings,

Pastor Amy

**Neighborhood Prayer Walk** - Who are our neighbors? Let's find out! Join Pastor Amy after service on April 14th to walk the neighborhood around the church building, pray for our neighbors, and start to dream together about how we might better love our neighbors. The walk will last about half an hour and will include a short debriefing time.

**Youth Pizza and Drama** - All youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited stay after worship on April 7th for pizza and some drama work for Children and Youth Sunday. Bring yourself! Bring a friend!

**A Grand Adventure** - Are you interested in a few days at camp with your grandkids? ABCORI's elder care ministries is holding a camp for grandparents and grandkids (K-6th grade) at Canonicus on July 8th - 12th.

**Save the Dates!**

**Pride Fest** - Join us Saturday, June 15th at a joint booth with First Baptist Church in America, Berean Baptist Church, Lime Rock Baptist Church, and Community Church of Providence, as we share God's radical love and welcome! More information to come!

**Children's and Youth Sunday** - Join us in worship on May 19th as our children and youth lead us! Recognition luncheon to follow.

**Madeline Millin's Memorial Service and Collation** - Saturday, May 4th



**Join Us in Person or for On-line Worship  
Sundays at 10:00 am**

**Remember services are held every week on  
Zoom too.** Click "Join the Meeting!" below.

Recordings of services are posted on YouTube.

[Click for Zoom Phone  
Info](#)

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YouTube](#)

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Meeting!](#)

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief meeting after church on Sunday, April 14 for the purpose of electing a liaison to the Cabinet for the Visitation and Care Team.

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## Worship Planning and Arrangements

Hello and happy April to all members of Phillips.

Spring season is upon us and our church continues to blossom as the world around us does.

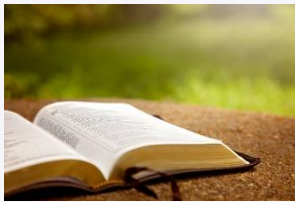
The deacons are prayerful that Lent and Easter season were ones of spiritual growth and replenishment. It's a truly incredible period of time as we celebrate all Our Savior provided for us. We pray you have strengthened your walk with the Father and His Son. We also want you to let us know if we are able to help in any way we can.

We continue to try to improve our Zoom opportunities, encourage more members to get involved in our services, and try to expand participation with our church teams. Phillips will only be able to accomplish what the members' involvement lets us do. Each and every person is a vital cog in our wheel.

If there is anything we can pray for or help you understand about God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit, please let us know.

Jeff Damrad

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## Daily Lectionary Bible Readings

(11/30/23 - 11/28/24)

This daily Bible reading list has two series, complementary and semi-continuous. American Baptist Churches USA has used either series. If you are not sure which to use, follow the complementary series.

If anyone wishes to have a printed copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Here is the internet address/link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=B>

(Click the link above for readings)

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*Saturday, April 6 - 10 a.m. to noon*

Saturday Arts and Crafts  
Hope Circle

*Tuesday, April 9*

*Cabinet Meeting*

*Sunday, April 14*

2nd Sunday Food Collection

*Sundays (following worship)*

Coffee Hour in the Trickett Parlor

*2nd Sunday - Each Month (following worship)*

Building & Grounds Group Mtg.

*Tuesdays - 1:00 p.m.*

Knitter's Group meets in the Trickett Parlor

You don't have to knit - just join us for a lively exchange of ideas

*Tuesdays & Fridays - 7:00 p.m.*

AA Group Meeting – Fellowship Hall

*Thursdays – Music Rehearsals*

6:15 p.m. – 7:00 pm JOY Praise Team

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm Chancel Singers

8:00 p.m. – 8:30 pm Sanctuary Ringers



**Zoom Coffee Chats**  
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

# Cultivating Awe

Awe is the feeling of being in the presence of something vast that transcends our current understanding of the world.

Join us as we chat about ways to cultivate awe in our lives through:

April 3	Moral Beauty	April 24	Visual Design
April 10	Nature	May 1	Spirituality
April 17	Music	May 8	Collective Effervescence

For Zoom link, email [eldercare@abcori.org](mailto:eldercare@abcori.org)

**Elder Care Ministries**  
American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island

# This I Believe

An Invitation to Think Theologically  
in the Third Third of Life



*Note the revised date for the next Third Third of Life retreat.*

**Saturday, May 11 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**ABCORI's Meadowwood Conference Center**

When was the last time someone invited you to pause and think about what you believe? Maybe how you imagine God? Or what you believe about prayer? Or how to approach tough questions, such as why bad things happen in the world?

Consider this retreat an invitation to do just that. Join us as we explore how to think theologically and what difference it can make in the third third of life.

- Leading the retreat will be Rev. Kathryn Palen, ABCORI's associate executive minister for elder care ministries.
- The registration fee for the retreat, including lunch, is \$25. To register, contact [eldercare@abcori.org](mailto:eldercare@abcori.org) by May 1.

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