

# Phillips Memorial Baptist Church

August 2021



Dear Church Family,

Life has a way of sending us unexpected blessings. Few pastors get to have their first Sunday with a congregation coincide with the first public worship service in 16 months. I got to share the joy of coming back together as well as being welcomed as your latest interim pastor. To say that I have been welcomed would be a gross understatement. Thank you for your warm welcome. When we followed our son Sam to Rhode Island I never imagined that I might soon have an opportunity to serve a church so close to where we were living.

As we go forward I am trying to add a few names to my memory bank every week. Sometimes as an interim pastor about the time you know who everyone is it is time to move on.

Since I am not in the church office at regular times, please feel free to call or email me if you have special concerns. I try to check in one morning a week to chat with Martha about upcoming services. I also am close enough to the church that I can meet by appointment.

In closing, I share with you one of my favorite scripture passages. It informs my life and my work as a pastor. "Come unto me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Grace and Peace,

*Tim Chesser*  
Transition Minister

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## Join Us for On-line Worship Sundays at 10:00 am

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

Recordings of services are posted on YouTube.

[Click for Zoom Phone Info](#)

[Click for PMBC on YouTube](#)

[Click to Join the Meeting!](#)

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### Treasurer

Your continued financial support is important. You can use the offering plate by the door to the sanctuary on Sundays or mail your checks to the church. Thank you for your loyalty to the needs of Phillips.

*Dick Pierce*

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### Board of Deacons

As we look back upon July we again found how great it is to worship together. It has been 16 months of worshipping over Zoom and as everyone showed up on that first time back, we really missed each other.

The deacons are continuing to work through making sure we can worship in person as well as over Zoom. We are still hoping others who have an interest in helping with the video room can find us and jump in. We are trying to expand our team so it doesn't fall upon only a few individuals.

We'd also like to thank Pastor Tim for accepting the interim Pastorship with us. He has been such a welcomed helper for us as we move along this path. We continue to ask for your support as we make sure our worship is something that brings glory to God and strengthens all of us.

*Jeff Damrad*

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## Board of Mission

The **RI Food Bank continues to help local food pantries** with still-increased need for food; we are helping with our donations to Calvary Baptist each month (250 - 300 clients). ***Our next collection is on August 14, 11:00 am -12 noon.*** Our donations are very important!

In addition to food, men's underwear (medium or large) will be greatly appreciated by Harrington Hall (men's homeless shelter).

We have been asked to keep missionaries Tim Long and Ketly Pierre in prayers as they are in treatment for cancer.

*Diana Litterick*

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## Board of Trustees

At this time not having a custodian, **Phillips Church needs volunteers at least for the next two months to help:**

- **clean the men's and women's Restrooms in Fellowship Hall**
- **empty de-humidifiers**

This can be done on Sundays when attending worship. It does need to be done before Tuesdays, since an outside group uses Fellowship Hall every Tuesday night. We would appreciate one volunteer a week.

A **sign up sheet** is located **in the elevator lobby.**

Thank you for your time and energy.

*Diane Steele*

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## Hope Circle News

On August 1st, the Hope Circle ladies held a gathering for Joan Johnson after worship. It was a time to wish Joan good blessings on the next chapter in her life. *We will miss you, Joan.*

**August 21 at 9:00 am**, join the Hope Circle ladies to **clean the kitchen in Fellowship Hall and take inventory.**

Good News! Hope Circle is planning a **Christmas Bazaar for November 20, 2021.** More information will be coming.

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## Sharing Prayer Concerns

Victoreen Thompson, Jean Manocchia's nephew Ben McInnis, daughter-in-law's mother, Linda, and son-in-law Gary Pagel; persons suffering from ALS; Rev. Steve Guilmain; Jean Lieberman's daughter Susan Rich and brother Tony Howarth; Jeff Damrad; Dana Mennillo's friend Randy's mother, Eileen; Dick Pierce; Rev. John Houlker; Joyce Smith; Lisa Elliot; David Fresch's friend Evan; Bonnie DerManelian's daughter Heidi; Rev. Dr. Tom McKibbens; Sheldon Belmain's sister Judy Carver; Caroline Belmain's friend Michael O'Conner; Linda Liebrich's parents; David Barber's colleague's brother; ABC missionaries around the world and in U.S. and Puerto Rico; our shut-in members.

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## Volunteering at CCAP Gardens



Each week I spend a few hours at the Cranston Community Action Program (CCAP) gardens. A number of Phillips Memorial members and friends volunteered here last year.

Vegetables go directly from the garden into the food pantry serving persons needing supplemental food support.

CCAP Gardens could use volunteers once again this summer. The more help the better. This morning I harvested about 20 lbs. of vegetables. I also started pruning the tomato foliage to create more airflow.

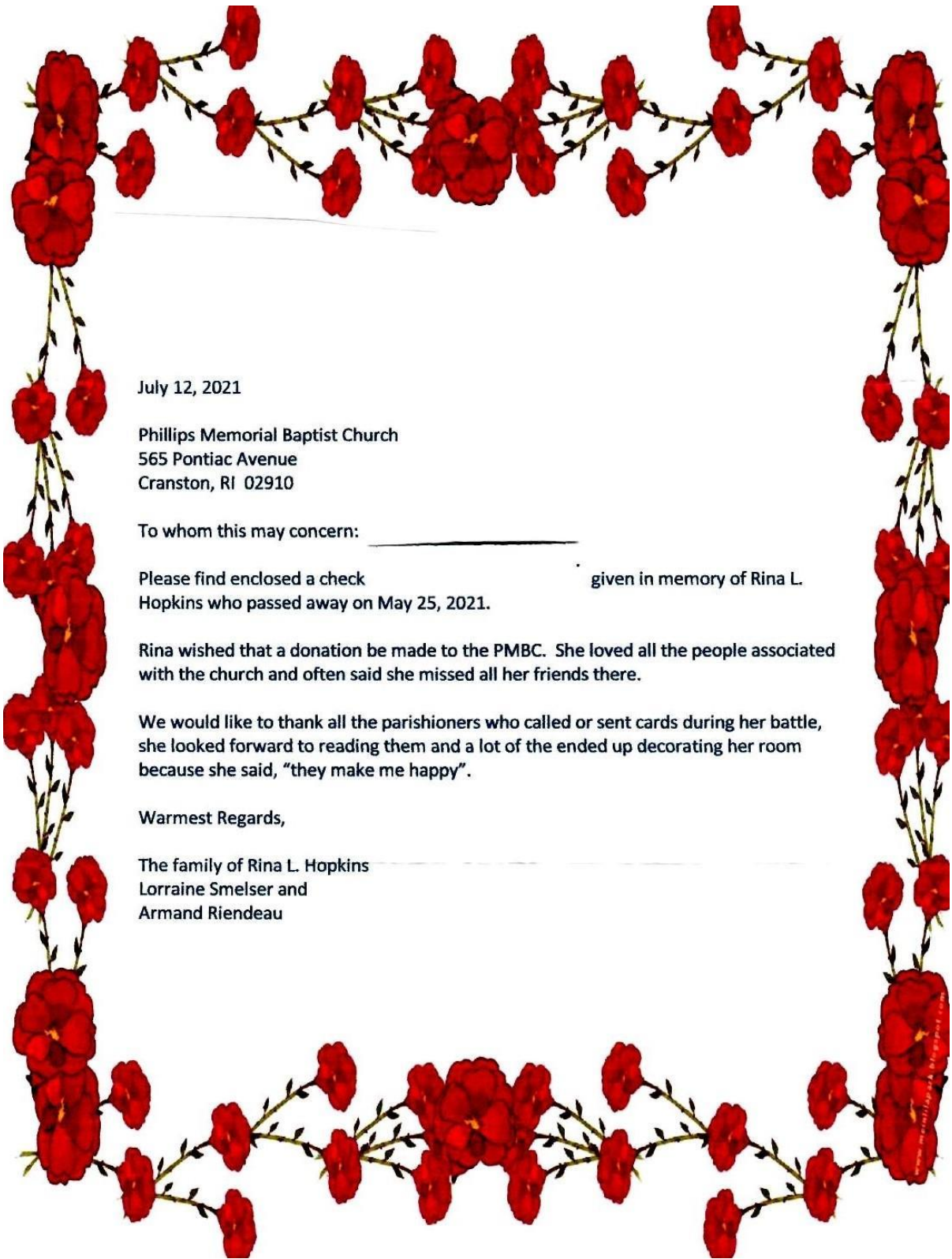
Last week I weeded the edible herbal walkway.

There is always something to do. If you are interested, you can stop by the garden Thursday mornings between 9 and noon when I will orient PMBC volunteers. If you are not free at this time you can text me at 401-340-0819 to arrange a time.



*Former Pastor Alan Newton*

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July 12, 2021

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To whom this may concern: \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed a check \_\_\_\_\_ given in memory of Rina L. Hopkins who passed away on May 25, 2021.

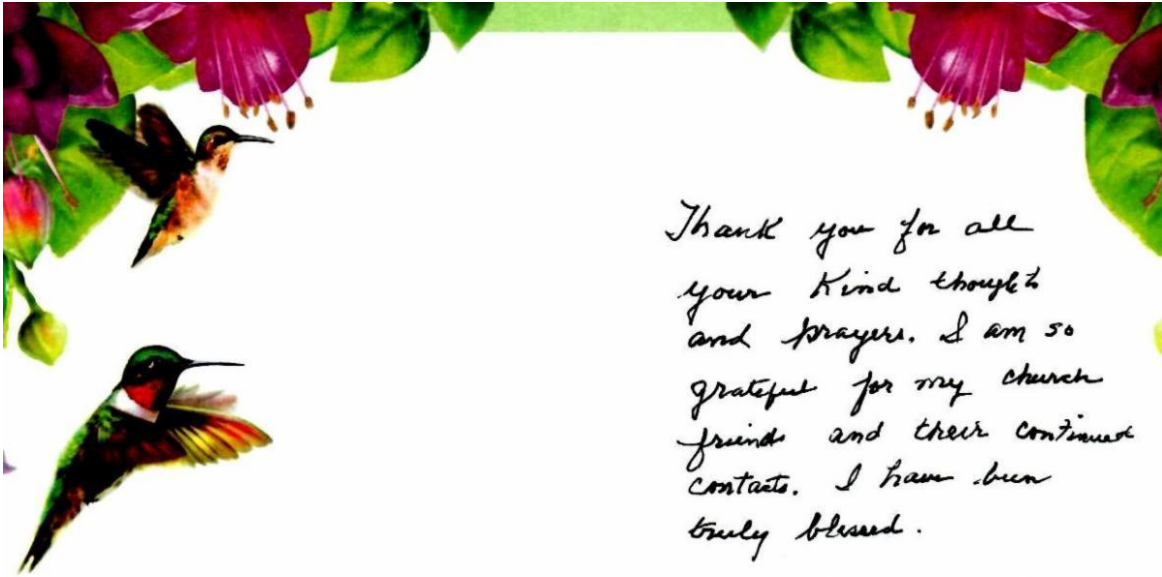
Rina wished that a donation be made to the PMBC. She loved all the people associated with the church and often said she missed all her friends there.

We would like to thank all the parishioners who called or sent cards during her battle, she looked forward to reading them and a lot of the ended up decorating her room because she said, "they make me happy".

Warmest Regards,

The family of Rina L. Hopkins  
Lorraine Smelser and  
Armand Riendeau





Thank you for all  
your kind thoughts  
and prayers. I am so  
grateful for my church  
friends and their continued  
contacts. I have been  
truly blessed.

Lovingly sent  
Madeline Millin

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## Daily Lectionary Bible Readings

You will note that starting June 3, 2021, the daily Bible reading list has two series, complementary and semi-continuous. There is no right or wrong way to use the readings. American Baptist Churches USA has used either series. Some people like to use both series, reading one in the morning and one in the evening. It is generally better to read one or the other consistently than try to do both and give up because of the time commitment. 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:

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

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## *Birthdays!*



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| Ed Angilly      | August 2  |
| Claire MacInnes | August 8  |
| Maydith Merz    | August 11 |
| Linda Liebrich  | August 14 |
| Nancy Seavor    | August 15 |
| Holly Maxwell   | August 19 |
| Andrew LaCroix  | August 21 |
| Roy LaCroix     | August 22 |
| Rodney Suennen  | August 22 |
| Craig Boudreau  | August 24 |
| Bob Midwood     | August 29 |
| Nancy Bordeleau | August 30 |
| Stan Davies     | August 31 |

## *Wedding Anniversaries!*



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| Dana & Kathy Mennillo | August 7 | 17 years |
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## 7 Days of **Inspiration**

Take one a day and  
feel great all week!



Day 1

**You are a blessing and a gift.**

Day 2

**There's always a path forward.**

Day 3

**You do so much more good than you realize!**

Day 4

**Happiness is something you're hardwired for. Go for it!**

Day 5

**A difference-maker - that's what you are!**

Day 6

**Someone is so grateful for you.  
Make some great ones!**

Day 7

**Every day comes with so many choices.**

*7/15/19 Woman's World*

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