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Phillips Memorial Baptist Church

Dear Church Family:

By the time you read these words I will be winding down my time at Phillips. So this is a goodbye note. I want to thank you for making me feel so welcome here. When I was first asked to come, I thought it would only be for six months. With three weeks to go, I come up just one week short of a full year. I will now gratefully hand over the reins to Pastor Amy. It has been a wonderful year. You are now a part of my story.

In light of recent events, I leave you with a scripture, Jeremiah 17:9,10, "The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse, who can understand it? I, the Lord, test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings." That thought, combined with the armory that is America, causes me to shudder.

Invite a friend to church. You might just change a life.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tim Chesser



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

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Worship Planning and Arrangements

All,

What an exciting and sad month June will be for our church. Exciting for the arrival of our new Pastor, Pastor Amy, and sad because we will be saying goodbye to Pastor Tim.

For the past year, we have had the great blessing of being under Pastor Tim's guidance and wisdom. He has led us through all the crazy Covid events we have been dealing with and has given us his unique perspective on them all. He has been great to work with and even better to just kick things around. He will be greatly missed and we wish him nothing but God's best as he continues his ministry at the next place God calls.

On June 26th we will officially welcome in Pastor Amy. This could be a very wonderful time of healing for our church body. Phillips has gone through some bumpy patches over the last few years, ones that have left us a bit fractured for sure. This could be a great time of coming back together, renewing the relationships people had in the past and trying to heal the wounds that might have festered.

We, as the deacon group, are asking and encouraging everyone who reads this newsletter, to come back to worship. Please, if you still have friends and family at Phillips we need you to return to us. We have missed you a lot and are hopeful everyone can make an effort to return. What we ask is this – give worship a try again with our new Pastor. Let this be a new beginning for us all. God is a God of healing, and nothing is outside of His possibility. We just really need you all to come back and try. Together we can make Phillips a really nice place to worship and commune together again. So again, please come back, come back with an open heart, come back excited to praise God as a group of Christians under Christ. The only way things will be different is if you get involved again and help.

Jeff Damrad

Mission Education and Projects

One Great Hour of Sharing is all about living out the way of love – the way of Christ. This offering has been "love in action" for over seventy years, showing up at disasters, feeding the hungry, supplying water, caring for the sick, building shelters, etc. OGHS shows how love is resilient, compassionate, this kind of love "goes deeper ... reaches higher and gives, and gives some more!" Now these funds are supporting Baptists in Ukraine and neighboring countries with food, showers, beds ... but also with reminders of God's presence and provision. And then there are the other weather and war related disasters ... but Love Remains and OGHS shows up!

Food insecurity in RI is about double what it was in 2019 (25% of households with children), so our food gifts each month are still very gratefully received – any Sunday!

And Saturday the 11th of June, as usual, Second Saturday donations will be collected.

Church World Service Father's Day cards will be available in the Parlor the next two Sundays (\$5 each.)

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little---do what you can." – *Sydney Smith*

Diana Litterick

Congregational Life and Fellowship

Four luncheons have been done, and I have gotten good reviews so I think we will continue. Any suggestions for future ones or improvements let me know.

July and August will be cook-in – hot dogs and hamburgers and an ice cream social.

Coffee and pastry will continue after services.

Coloring items have been placed in the sanctuary for our younger parishioners.

The garden is blooming and 500 tulip bulbs that were donated have been planted. Next Spring should be outstanding if the bunnies and squirrels don't steal them.

Every activity has brought us together in lively conversation and fellowship.

Let's keep the ball rolling.

Fran Shaw

Hope Circle

Rummage Sale Request

There will be a bake table at the Rummage Sale. Hope Circle is asking for bakers to make cookies, brownies, and loaf breads to sell at the table. Please drop off goodies by Friday, June 10th.

We are also in need of volunteers to help set up Wednesday (June 8), Thursday (June 9), Friday (June 10), and especially Saturday (June 11). We also need people to help sell merchandise and to pack up at the end. The more workers the easier the job. Again we would appreciate help! Call the Church Office or Diane Steele at 401-941-6729 if you are able to help.

Thank you very much,

Hope Circle Committee

Daniel Campbell

Daniel Campbell, son of church members Diana Campbell and the late Thomas Campbell passed away on May 22.

<https://www.thebutterfieldhome.com/obituary/Daniel-Campbell>

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Ginny Rasmussen's sister Dotty Price, Thomas Gasbarro neighbor of Belmain Family, Pat and Stan Davies and daughter Cheryl Onanian, Carolyn Belmain's sister Sheila McFarland, Madeline Millin, Victoreen Thompson, Jean Manocchia's son-in-law John Smith, daughter-in-law's mother, Linda, and friend Suzanne Souza; persons suffering from ALS;

Joyce Smith; Lisa Elliot; David Fresch's friend Evan, Bonnie DerManelian's daughter Heidi; Rev. Dr. Tom McKibbens; Sheldon Belmain's sister Judy Carver; Carolyn Belmain's friends The Family of Michael O'Conner; Linda Liebrich's parents; ABC missionaries around the world and in U.S. and Puerto Rico; our shut-in members.

CCAP Community Gardens Is Looking for Volunteers

The Cranston Community Action Program gardens, located at 211 Doric Avenue, provide more than 1,500 lbs. of fresh vegetables to persons in need in the Cranston community.

Beginning in June, we will be planting the garden and could use volunteers. Currently, the work is done on Tuesday and Thursday mornings but anyone interested can work any days or hours they want.



No skills are required. Weeding, planting, and harvesting vegetables are what's needed.

Alan Newton
URIMGP Volunteer Tech Support Co-Manager
401.340.0819



Daily Lectionary Bible Readings

This 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.

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Birthdays!



Sandy DeCarli	June 4
Stephen Johnson	June 5
Nancy Nelson	June 7
Elaine Plunkett	June 10
Fred Nelson	June 12
Keith Lindelow	June 21
Zachary McKinney	June 21
Jeff Damrad	June 26
Sheldon Belmain	June 27
Steve Brown	June 30

Wedding Anniversaries!



Brian & Sara Argiro	June 2	10 years
Andy & Daniele Mennillo	June 4	11 years
Kyle & Barbara Baker	June 7	8 years
Jeff & Anne Damrad	June 24	38 years
Robb & Megan Rasmussen	June 27	2 years

Registration is open!

Paths of Discovery

A retreat for individuals
in the third third of life

September 12-15, 2022

Join us for four days and three nights filled
with opportunities for self-discovery—
from exploring paths in the North Andover area
to walking a double labyrinth or canoeing/kayaking
to recalling, writing, and sharing life stories

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Kindness is more than
deeds. It is an attitude,
an expression, a look,
a touch. It is anything
that lifts another person.

-Plato

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