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Our Faith Connections

Dear PMBC Family,

It is hard to believe that this month we turn our attention toward the holidays, with All-Saints Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Advent on our horizon. Hope Circle is hard at work planning the Bazaar (November 18th), Debbie Barber and Ruthie Moran are busy each Sunday morning sorting the Advent decorations, and I'm digging around the Sacristy, making sure I know where the All-Saints Day candles are. The cycle of the church year keeps on turning, each year bringing newness into things we have long held dear.

The life of faith is like that - cycling through ancient faith practices and guided by ancient texts, yet always moving through the newness of figuring out how to follow Christ in the now. PMBC has taken one of these ancient-new steps this past week when we updated our ministry statement to be purposefully inclusive of all "folx" (a fun "new" word!), as we are guided by the ancient stories of Jesus, who never met someone he didn't fully and wholly love - even the religious leaders he chastised for excluding people.

Friends, we are living into a brave new future, guided by the God who created this world and who continues to guide us through the Spirit!

Blessings,

Pastor Amy

Leadership Retreat

Pray for our ministry staff, cabinet, and ministry teams as they gather at Canonicus on October 7th for our annual leadership retreat, where we will worship, pray, dream, and plan for our work together for this next year!

Date/Time: Saturday, October 7th - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Shaub Dining Hall, Canonicus Camp and Conference Center, 54 Exeter Road, Exeter, RI

Includes: morning coffee and pastries, boxed lunch

Join Service for Baptists on the Journey of Radical Welcome

Join us as we worship together with the congregations of Berean Baptist Church, Lime Rock Baptist Church, First Baptist Church in America, and Tabernacle Baptist Church and find support in our own journey to be a radically welcoming and inclusive community. The service will include a joint choir, preaching by Rev. Dr. Donny Anderson, and opportunities for table discussions with folx from the other churches, on topics around what it means to be radically welcoming and affirming of all our siblings.

Date/Time: Sunday, October 15th @ 2 p.m.

Location: PMBC Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Please bring a snack to share!

All-Saints Sunday, Ceremony of Remembrance

During worship on Sunday, October 29th we will light candles in remembrance of those we have lost. There is no time limit on the remembrance of a person. Your loss may have been this past year or it may have been many years ago. Bring their names and join us in remembering them together.



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](#)

[Click for PMBC on YouTube](#)

[Click to Join the Meeting!](#)

Worship Planning and Arrangements

Phillips Family,

The church season of fall has again commenced, and it has been a really nice beginning. Families have returned from summer trips, people are again seeing old friends and the atmosphere around the building is lively with voices.

We, your deacons, are continuing to monitor our services looking for ways to improve on everything we do. Steve Marler and Dawn Lindelow are working hard to bring those, who can not make it to the building, the best experience possible. Steve Marler and Dave Fresch have tweaked the microphones and sound system to help people better hear what's being proclaimed.

Marilyn Marler has been gathering her flock of ushers and greeters to beautifully say hi to all those arriving for service. Nancy Carter along with Marilyn always makes sure our communion services run smoothly. Our lay helpers have been stepping up to help with the readings and we can't thank our members enough for always being willing to help. That is what makes a fellowship real.

As always, if there is anything someone thinks could aid in the service, please let us know. We also are hoping more people join our ministry group, as this function is so important to the church, and we need people to help.

Jeff Damrad

Christian Education

All are welcome to join a Christian Education Class before church each Sunday. We start at 9:00 a.m.

Children in pre-school and elementary grades meet in the half-circle room on the first floor. This room is on the same floor as the Sanctuary, down the hallway, across from The Little Shepherd Preschool rooms.

The Teen Bible Study meets upstairs in Room D across from the Hope Circle Room.

The Adult Bible Study meets upstairs in the Hope Circle Room.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in helping out with the Sunday School program, please let Pastor Amy or Kathy McKinney know. (Kathy's email: Kattt88@hotmail.com)

Kathy McKinney

Mission Education and Projects

Unfortunately, due to all the storms and disasters, and the SNAP benefits being discontinued for 85,000 households in RI, the need for food-help remains high in RI and world-wide. There are OGHS envelopes in the Narthex and Sanctuary. Food carts offer a convenient way to donate food for RI folk -- or make a check out to PMBC with notation: RI Food Bank.

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.
If you want to be happy, practice compassion."
-Dalai Lama

Diana Litterick

Congregational Life & Fellowship Ministry

What a great month – gorgeous days between the rain. We need rainy days to appreciate the rainbows that are a gift from God.

The Ice Cream Social was a wonderful time. Last Sunday, we had ice cream soup since the freezer door was left ajar. The kiddos loved the soup!

I'm looking forward to the chili taste off. I hope there will be lots of choices, from mild to hot, to taste. I'm a fan of medium – my family leans toward hot.

There will also be mac & cheese for those who don't dare taste the chili. We call them a tenderfoot.

Fran Shaw

Hope Circle

Holiday Bazaar

Accepting donations - Please label boxes/bags "Bazaar"

List of Acceptable Items

- monetary gifts towards luncheon
- jewelry
- vintage glassware
- small yard sale/household items
- used (but in good condition) puzzles, games, and toys
- baked goods - pies, bread, fudge, homemade candy (bring a few days before the bazaar)

(All items can be stored in the closet across from the music room)

Not Accepting

big items

furniture/lamps

baby furniture/walkers/strollers

electronics - computers, printers, televisions, etc,

clothing

bicycles

Please volunteer - help is needed.

Diane Steele



Music Ministry

October Rehearsal Schedule for Children and Youth:

10/1 Ring & Sing

10/8 Chime Choir

10/15 Ring & Sing

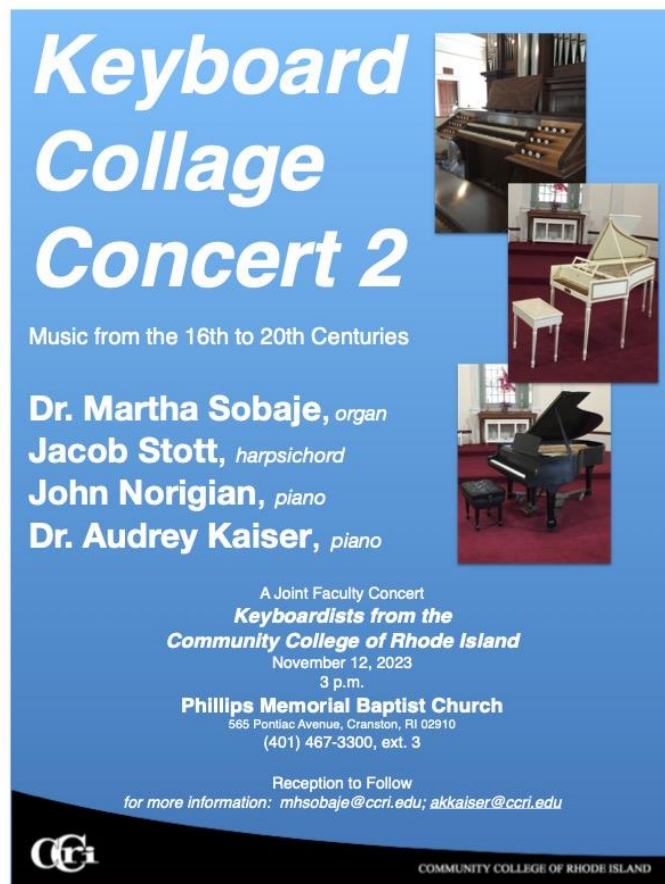
10/22 No Rehearsals

10/29 Ring & Sing

Organist Assistant for October is Antonia Souza on October 29th

Attention Music Lovers!

- Everyone is invited to attend the **Keyboard Collage Concert 2** on Sunday, November 12th, at 3:00 pm, in our Phillips sanctuary. This concert will feature CCRI keyboard faculty members Martha Sobaje, Jacob Stott, John Norigian, and Audrey Kaiser. They will perform a variety of selections on the organ, harpsichord, and piano. There will be a reception in the Trickett Parlor immediately following the concert, with goodies baked by Ruthie Moran. This concert is free and open to the public.

A blue poster for the 'Keyboard Collage Concert 2'. The title is in large white serif font. Below it, in smaller white sans-serif font, is 'Music from the 16th to 20th Centuries'. The names of the performers are listed in white sans-serif font: 'Dr. Martha Sobaje, organ', 'Jacob Stott, harpsichord', 'John Norigian, piano', and 'Dr. Audrey Kaiser, piano'. To the right of the text are three small photographs: an organ, a harpsichord, and a grand piano. At the bottom, in white sans-serif font, is the text: 'A Joint Faculty Concert', 'Keyboardists from the', 'Community College of Rhode Island', 'November 12, 2023', '3 p.m.', 'Phillips Memorial Baptist Church', '565 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910', '(401) 467-3300, ext. 3', 'Reception to Follow', and 'for more information: mhsobaje@ccri.edu; akkaiser@ccri.edu'. At the very bottom is the CCRI logo and the text 'COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND'.

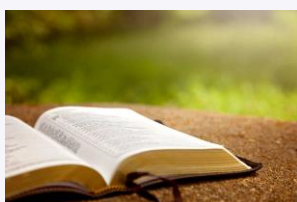
One of the most beloved choral compositions of all time, is Handel's **Messiah**. This oratorio, composed in 24 days, continues to be enjoyed throughout the world today. It is a work in three parts, including Christmas and Easter sections. Phillips has connections to two of the many performances that will take place during this coming Christmas Season. They are very different, but unfortunately will occur at the same time on the same day, so if you wish to take advantage of one of these opportunities, you will need to select the type of performance most relevant to you. Whichever option you choose, your Christmas season will be enhanced by the music of George Frederick Handel, one of the greatest Baroque composers.

1. The Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra will host a **Messiah Sing** on Sunday, December 3rd, at 3:00 pm at the Church of St. Sebastian in Providence, RI. If you are a singer and would like to participate, you may borrow a score from the music room, and join with the chorale, soloists and instruments, as you sing selections from this favorite work. Ruthie Moran and Debbie Barber are members of this Chorale, and will be singing in this event.
2. For those who would rather attend a performance, Part 1 of **Messiah** (Christmas section), will be performed by the combined CCRI Choirs in collaboration with L'Esperance (mandolin ensemble of approximately 20 assorted mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, mandobass and guitar), with Martha Sobaje at the harpsichord. This performance will take place in the Phillips Memorial Baptist Church sanctuary on Sunday, December 3rd, at 3:00 pm. In addition to **Messiah**, L'Esperance will perform a few selections on their own. Ticket information will be available at a later date.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS TRADITION!

All of our Phillips Ensembles; Children's Chime Choir, Ring & Sing Choir, JOY Praise Team, Chancel Singers, Bass Clef Carolers, and Sanctuary Ringers, will present this year's annual **Candlelight Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 10th, at 6:30 pm. This year marks the 30th of these concerts. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the concert.

Freewill offering ~ open to the public



Daily Lectionary Bible Readings

(11/24/22 - 11/29/23)

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=A#id1>

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Please update your information on the sheets that are in the Narthex.



October 1, Sunday (following service)
Ring & Sing

October 7, Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Retreat at
Canonicus Camp & Conference Center

October 8, Sunday (following service)
Chime Choir

October 15, Sunday
Ring & Sing (following service)

October 15, Sunday - 2:00 p.m.
Joint Service of Baptists on the
Journey of Radical Welcome

October 22
No Rehearsals

October 22
Chili Tasting (following service)

October 17, Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.
Cabinet Meeting

October 29, Sunday (following service)
Ring & Sing

October 29, Sunday
All-Saints Sunday,
Ceremony of Remembrance

November 12, Sunday - 3:00 p.m.
Keyboard Collage Concert 2

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

Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study on Zoom

Thursdays – Music Rehearsals
6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. JOY Praise Team
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Singers
8:00 p.m. – 8:30 pm Sanctuary Ringers



embracing change

a third third of life retreat

Saturday, October 28 | 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Led by ABCORI Executive Minister Courtney Davis Olds
Meadowwood Conference Center

Just when I think I have learned the way to live, life changes. – Hugh Prather

In this retreat, we will explore the way to live as life changes in its third third. Through presentation, small-group discussion, fellowship, and worship, we will consider types of change in this season of life; the invitation that life's changes may be extending; and the resources we might draw upon as we navigate change.

The registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$25 per person. To register, contact eldercare@abcori.org or (401) 522-9731 no later than October 16.

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