



We are God's Community
Growing Love . . .
Serving Others

THE CHIMES

October 2025

Thoughts for the Journey:

I love this time of year! Everything about it! The rain showers, the multitude of color, the crisp air, that feeling of change, yes every part of it. There seems to be a sense of urgency to accomplish things left undone because the New Year and new accomplishments are just around the corner. Now that I have completed my M.Div and driving to Boston multiple times a week, I am reclaiming some of my "go-to" habits that help me slow down this sense of urgency and allows me to focus on the tasks before me without mind scattering to what is on the horizon. I love to walk in the forest, along the beach, through the neighborhoods of Newport. Anywhere. Walking allows for observation in a slow appreciative manner. I see details that driving does not allow. I am back to these explorations and look forward to the show that fall puts on.

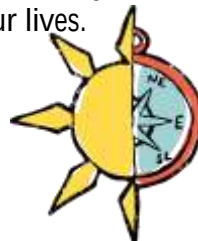
One of the places I look forward to walking again is Weetamoo Woods in Tiverton, a series of paths, gentle to challenging along the Colonial 8 Rod Road. It is part of the 450 mile Pardon Gray preserve. I recommend it. There are ruins of homes built by emancipated slaves and an old mill. The sunlight dapples the ground, the birds sing, the area holds peace which is critical for all of us today.

One of the last adventures with my granddaughter, Irelyn, and student ministry intern, Aurora, as September began was venturing into these woods. We ended up doing most of the five miles of trails (there are short circuits!). At one point, a bit tired and with 17 year old exasperation, my granddaughter whirled around and said, "Ima, do you have any idea where you are going!?" Granted, we were all ready to get back to the car. Legitimate question. My answer was "I think so. So long as we go south, we will end up back at the parking area." This statement was met with a look of incomprehension as if I was speaking a different language. The short conversation that ensued revolved around how to tell where you are going by knowing the time of day and the position of the sun. (Yes, we stuck to this hemisphere in this discussion). Since it was about 4:00pm, they both learned that you keep the sun to your right and this will head you south. We eventually made it back to the parking area with a bit of reminder as to the position of the sun. Both girls learned, what I hope, is a valuable lesson in navigation in its simplest form. And it gave me pause to think...

If I were to apply this to my faith journey, the question is, "what is my position in relation to the 'Son'?" Am I navigating through life with this Son directing me? Through sacred text the writings about Jesus talk about following his life directives, standing beside our brothers and sisters, and leading others through the ups and downs with intent, trust and hope. No matter the direction we find ourselves going, God's directives embodied in Jesus guides us with a light that does not set. With a light that does not pause. With a light that can never be extinguished. As the orb of the sun moves through our skies in the turning of the earth, the ordinance of the Son moves through the turning of our lives.

Let's set our eyes to the light of day and light of life so that we will always know where we are.

Pastor Laurie



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Worship Schedule

Sanctuary Worship
10:30 a.m.

Children's Church for
children 3 years - 3rd grade
following Children's Time
in Worship.

Children in grades 4th-6th
2nd and 4th Sundays

Our Mission:

We are called to
Produce disciples of Jesus Christ
 for God's transformation
 of the world;
Praise God through worship,
Provide for one another in
 God's name,
Proclaim God's Good News,
 and
Promote growth in the Spirit.



October Birthday

Wishes go to ...

- 7 Kayla Amaral
- 8 Vicki Santerre
- 9 Logan Amaral
Eric Mazonson
- 15 Pastor Laurie
- 16 Kathy Pitzer
- 25 Ben Currey

If you would like to add your name or a family member's name to our Birthday List, please contact the office at calvarylife@necoxmail.com.

October Altar Flowers

October 5
Chuck Beltz & Holly Johnson

October 12
Kathy Bronson

October 19
Marilyn Young

October 26
Available

2025 Altar Flowers

If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, the Flower Sign Up Sheets are located on the bulletin board outside of Crocker Hall. The cost is \$45.00. If you have ??, contact Betty.



WORSHIP
WITH US

SUNDAY MORNING W o r s h i p

We invite you to join us for **Worship on Sunday Mornings** in the Sanctuary beginning at **10:30 a.m.** If you are unable to attend in person, please join us on Zoom. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2821697807?pwd=aldEN09mTFZ4VIN5Q3lWQl90cmRGQT09>

Mission News

Community Meal Update



Calvary hosted the Community Meal on Thursday, September 18th. We served 67 meals of hot dogs, beans, coleslaw, fruit, applesauce, chips, water and cookies to our guests. Along with their meal, they were also offered a variety of toiletries. Thank you to everyone who helped with last month's meal. We will serve the Community Meal again on Thursday, October 16th. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chuck Beltz, Mission Chair.

Candy Cane Bazaar

Saturday, November 8th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

It's not too late to be a part of the
Candy Cane Bazaar Team!

There are lots of **volunteer opportunities!**
Join us on Sunday, October 5th
at 12 noon for a
Candy Cane Bazaar Planning Meeting.

For more info, contact the Office at
calvaryadmin@necoxmail.com

Immediate Openings for Liturgists, Greeters & Coffee Hour Hosts

A sign up sheet is located on the table outside of Crocker Hall. Please feel free to speak to Pastor Laurie or Betty if you have any questions regarding these "job openings".



We Need Your Empty Ink Cartridges!!

We turn your empty ink cartridges in to Staples for savings on office supplies! There is an orange Collection bin outside the office. Thank you for helping us save!



Something New for Children's Church



All **children ages 3 years through 3rd grade** are invited to join us for Children's Church in Dunfey Hall following the Children's Time in Worship. The children will enjoy a small snack *(usually cookies & water), hear a Bible story (or other Christian value story), maybe play a game or do an activity page. Children should be picked up immediately following the end of the Worship Service.

*Please indicate on the Sign In sheet if your child has any allergies.

The Sign In sheet is located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Please sign your child(ren) in as you enter for worship. You will be asked to sign them out when you pick them up. Any ??? Talk to Betty or Ashley!

So. . . What is New???

This Fall we have added a **Children's Church Program for our 4th-6th graders.**



On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, our older Elementary/young Middle School students are welcome to join us for **Bible 101** following the Children's Time in Worship. On these weeks, we will offer our tweens an opportunity to learn and discover "What's in the Bible?" Please encourage your child to bring their own Bible with them each week to church, to use it on the weeks they stay in church and to use it for our lessons and activities in class as well.

Prayers in Pajamas . . . or Dressed for the Day

I would like to invite you, and anyone you care to invite, to join me either Mondays or Thursdays at 7:00am on Zoom for 15 minutes of *Thoughts for the Day* and a prayer to energize our lives and weave hope into the fabric of the world.

Beginning Monday, October 6, 2025, wherever you might be - rising from bed, preparing for the day, eating breakfast, driving to work - let us come together for various thoughts, scripture and prayer to begin the day. My prayer is that out of this time together, we might be inspired in new and creative ways to meet the challenges of daily life and live into our faith more genuinely.

As we initiate this experience, the *Thoughts and Prayers* offered will be the same both days.



Rise Up & Pray

Our tentative schedule is:

- 7:00am Greeting
- 7:02am Prayer Concerns
- 7:07am Thought for the Day
- 7:12am Prayer
- 7:15am Blessing and Goodbye

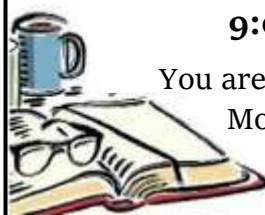
Any questions, contact me at 315.269.3724.

Praying that we make a difference for each other, Pastor Laurie

Saint Paul's United Methodist Church
invites the community to attend a
World Peace Circle
Sunday, October 12, 2025
beginning at 12 noon
at Washington Square, Newport, R.I.
All are invited and encouraged
to take 15 minutes
out of our busy schedules to stand
side-by-side in meditation and silent prayer.

Adult Spiritual Conversation

Sunday Mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. "ish"



You are invited to join us Sunday Mornings in Crocker Hall for "Adult Sunday School".

"Feed A Friend" Food Donations NEEDED!



Our Feed A Friend program is a year-round mission. Please help us help those in need by picking up a few extra food items at the grocery store each week and dropping them off at church. "Family-friendly" foods and complete dinner kits, as well as lunch & breakfast items and boxed milk are always needed.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Morning Worship Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Children's Church for children 3 - 3 rd grade every Sunday following Children's Message 4 th - 6 th graders—2 nd & 4 th Sundays Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.			1	2	3	4
5  WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Candy Cane Bazaar Mtg. 12 noon 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 World Peace Circle 12 noon Washington Square, Newport	13 Office Closed Columbus Day	14	15 Trustees/Finance 6:00 p.m. Church Council 6:15 p.m.	16 Community Meal 5 p.m. 	17	18
19 Laity Sunday Praise & Creative Worship Mtg. & Kids' Craft Day following Worship	20	21	22	23 Chimes Deadline <i>Newsletter</i> 	24	25
26 Reformation Sunday	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween 	Nov. 1 Set your clock back before you go to bed! 
2 All Saints' Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	8 Candy Cane Bazaar 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 