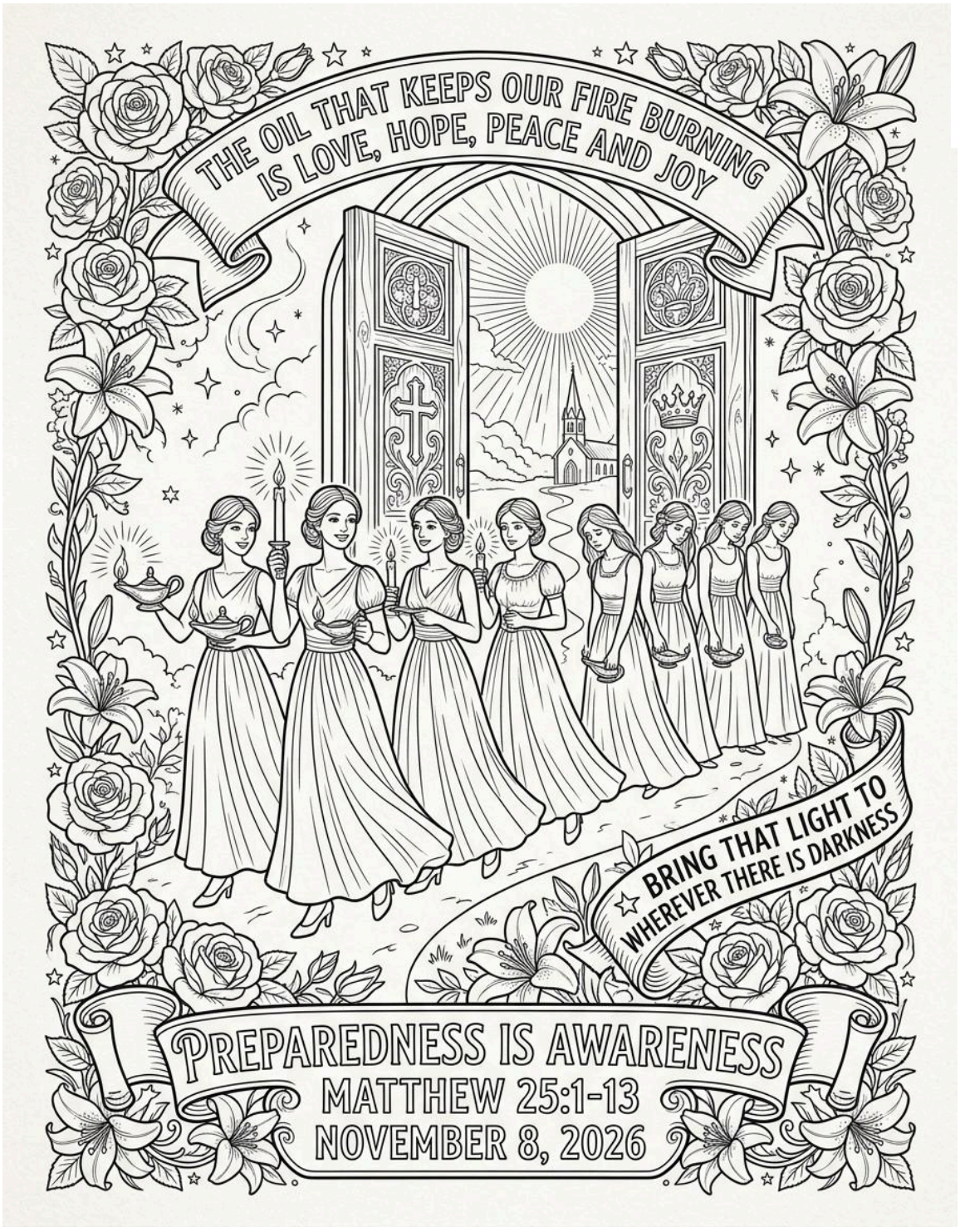
Welcome to First Congregational Church of Warwick, UCC

"We are committed to serving our community and sharing the love of Christ. We believe that everyone is welcome in our church, and we strive to create a safe and inclusive space for all people."



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:15 Sunday Mornings
Minster: *Pastor Michael Ashe and All Members of our Church*

Fellowship and Coffee 11:15 All are invited!
Minister of Music: *Tom Jones*
Handbell Director: *Stefani Caupuano*

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Please Note: This service is subject to change by the guidance of the Holy Spirit
** Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit. Words in **bold** are spoken aloud together*

~ Invocational Prayer:**(*) All: Holy One, we come before you with praise and thanksgiving. We invite you to inhabit our praise as we honor your precious name. Bind us together and refresh us as a community with justice and righteousness overflowing like a stream. Open our minds and hearts to be receptive to your still speaking voice. Make yourself known among us. You are our God, and we are your people. Amen.**

~ Welcome and Announcements:

*~ Opening Hymn: **(*)** #40 For The Beauty Of The Earth*

~ Call To Worship:

One: Set your hope in God, who is worthy of our trust.
Many: We remember the glorious deeds of the Holy One.
One: Set your hope in God, who orders our days and redeems our lives.
Many: We rejoice in the wonders the Holy One has done.
One: Set your hope in God, who leads us.
Many: We recommit to the ways of the Holy One. Our hope is in God!

*~ Prayer of Confession and Assurance: **(All) Wise and just God, we do not want to come before you with empty words and meaningless acts. We know that your love has the power to transform us with compassion. We declare that your truth can liberate us and renew us as liberators in the world. In the midst of a world too often guided by the pursuit of power, privilege, and prestige, soften our hearts. Help us reject the othering of our neighbors and your beloved. Help us reflect your goodness and good news through our lives, in word and deed. Amen.***

~ Words of Grace

~ First Scripture Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

~ Testimony and Prayer of Joy:

*~ Hymn of Joy: **(*)** # **473 What A Friend We Have In Jesus***

~ Psalm Reading: Psalm 70

*~ Share our Concerns and Prayers: (At this time you are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation. When you are finished you may say "**This is my Prayer**" The congregation will then reply "**Lord in your mercy hear our prayer**")*

Pastoral Prayer / Moment for reflection and meditation / Lord's Prayer
(Please use the wording that is the most meaningful to you)

Gloria Patri: Hymn# 734 (Laminated Sheet)

*"**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen!"***

~ Focus Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-3 "Preparedness is Awaredness"

~ Morning Offering Dedication and Blessing:

~ Hymn of Gratitude (*) 688 We Give Thee but Thine Own
*"**We Give Thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be : All that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee."***
We ask that you leave your generous donations in the collection plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary we do not pass a collection plate but do rise in the spirit of prayer as we dedicate these gifts together (*)
*~Prayer of Dedication: **(All) Loving God, accept our offerings as a testament to our love, faith, and hope. Magnify them for your glory and to meet the needs of the community. Expand our reach and glorify your name through our giving, O God. Amen.***
~Hymn of Dedication:147: .Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Laminated Sheet)

*~Closing Hymn: * **# 724 Sing To The Lord Of Harvest***

~Benediction and invitation to fellowship:

Please Join Us Downstairs after Worship for Coffee and Fellowship!

Service closes in song to the tune of Amazing Grace

"Through Christ you are a child of God, who dearly loves us all. Go forth in peace to share God's love. Rise up to heed that call, Amen! "

We are delighted to Worship with you today!



What's Happening at the FCCOW This Week and Beyond

Handbell Practice: Monday evenings 6: pm
Brown Bag Bible Group: Meets after Sunday Worship (11:30) bring a snack or brown bag lunch.
Island Getaway Group: Thank you for all your continued work on our adopted island. 24 bags of garbage have been removed to date!
Quilting / Crafting Circle: Thursdays at 6pm
(Please See the church office if you would like your event or group meeting added to this calendar at least 2 Sundays before the event)

Do you need a visit? A meal?
Someone to pray with?
Contact Pastor Michael, a Deacon,
or a member of our Care&Prayer Team!
Pastor Michael Ashe – Call or Text (401)391-8647
Clerk: Sandra Ashe – OliveOil61761@Gmail.com
Treasurer: Leslie Zanella – FCCWRITreasurer@gmail.com
Deaconess Sue Lapinski











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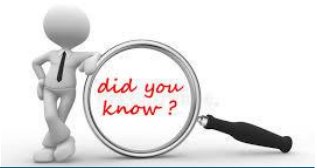
Hear from Our UCC President on topics that surround us as a church, nation, and as an INDIVIDUAL beloved in Christ!



Did You Know? When Moses asks God to show him His glory, God doesn't just hide Moses in the rock—God also says He will proclaim His Name while passing by. In ancient Hebrew thought, a name wasn't just a label; it was the essence of a person. So in this moment, Moses isn't simply seeing a glimpse of God's "back"—he's being given a revelation of who God is at the deepest level: God's goodness, mercy, and grace are the first things God chooses to reveal about Himself.



Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom makes herself known

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me

Reader: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me! Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

All: Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

Reader: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

All: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Matthew 25:1-13

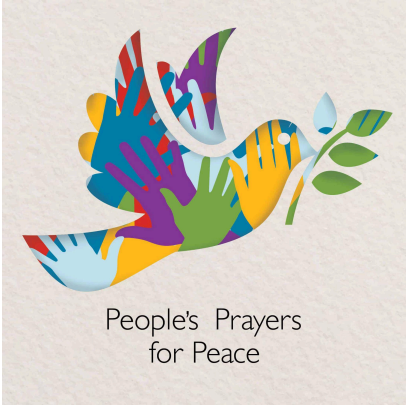
Wise and foolish bridesmaids

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you. Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Prayer List of the People For the week of 11/08/26

Please note: Prayer requests can also be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (401)738-3377 or by e-mail to: OliveOil61761@gmail.com

Sue, Brian, Chad, Lisa, Joseph, Pastor Mike, Joan, Myranda, Paul,Sandy, Pastor Michael, Brian and Marty C., Lynn, Emily's dad and his family, Deana's mom and family, Christine, Rick, Sue, Brian, Chris, Kyle, Kenzie, Kim, Kylie, Ken, Pat, Charlie, Sean, Myself, Church family,Pastor Michael, Brian, Prentiss family, Sue, Sandy, Leslie, Sandy, Gary, Craig, Pastor Michael, Sue, Joe, Lillian, My physical and mental health, DeRosa family, Pat, Lynn, Danny Boast's and family , Brian, Gary, Mike and Kara, Gary L., Raquel and family, Sam, Stacy, Carol, Harry, Julie, Gail, Ann, Cortney, Peace in Gaza and other places. Continued prayers for all veterans and those serving on active duty in the military both in the United States and abroad.



Please note: We, the church, are in constant prayer for our church family, our community, our nation, and our world. We are in need of prayer, all of us. It is what brings us together! If you have requested an addition to the prayer list, it is helpful for you to provide updates to the church office, whenever possible, or request that the prayer concern be removed as it is no longer a concern or the issue has passed. If we have removed a prayer concern and you would like it added back to the list because there is a great need to keep the prayer in the forefront of our hearts and minds, please go ahead and make this known to the church office. Thank you!

Seeds of Hope
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Praise Becomes You

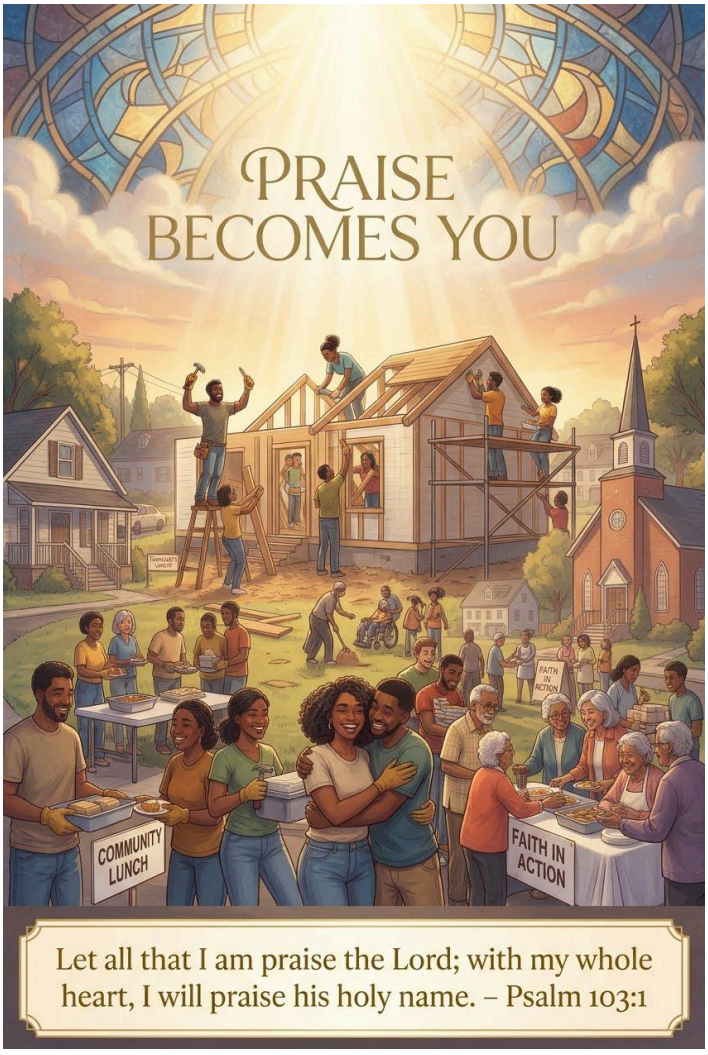
by Kenneth L. Samuel | published on Nov 1, 2026

Worship is about who God is. And worship is also about who we are, and who we are becoming through worship.

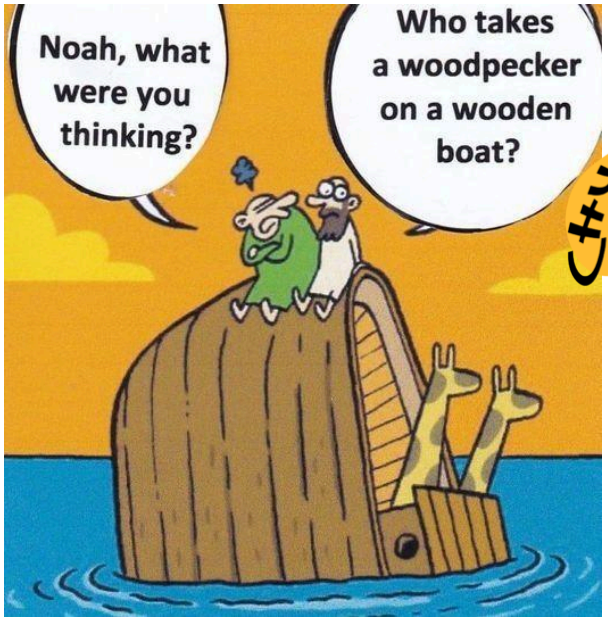
The brazen gap between religious creeds and religious deeds is increasingly evident in our society: We praise the Prince of Peace while committing human lives and precious resources to unjust wars. We bow before the One who brought good news to the poor while enacting policies that deny health care for the disadvantaged and to fund tax breaks for billionaires. We celebrate the God who loved the whole world, yet welcome into our own communities only those who conform to our culture.

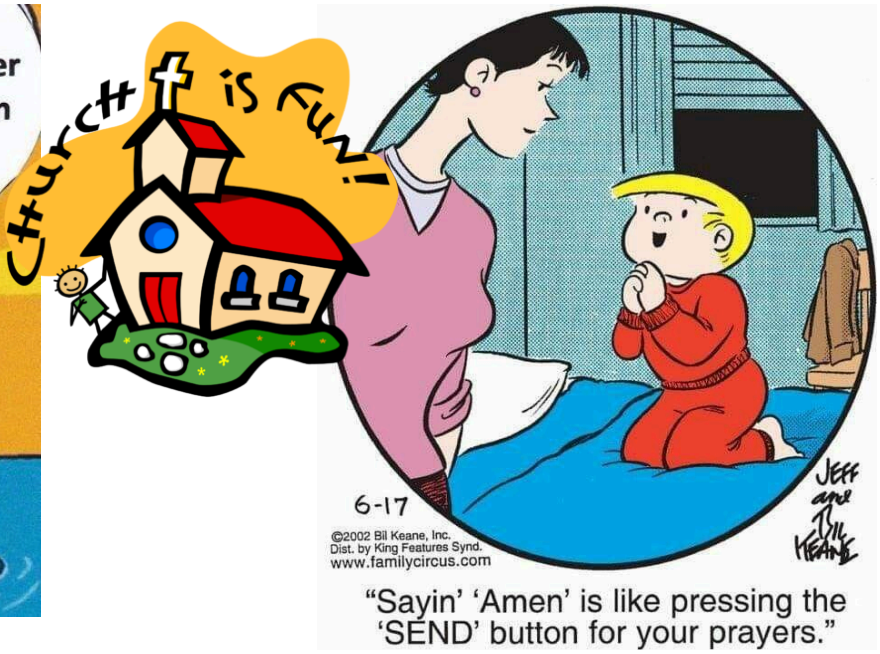
True praise is not just an expression of belief; it is an expression of being. Individual and institutional renewal will not take place until the words of our worship become incarnate in the everyday lives we lead. While testing all the limits as a rambunctious teen, a friend of mine remembers his grandmother telling him, "You ain't gonna Do Right til Do Right gets in you."

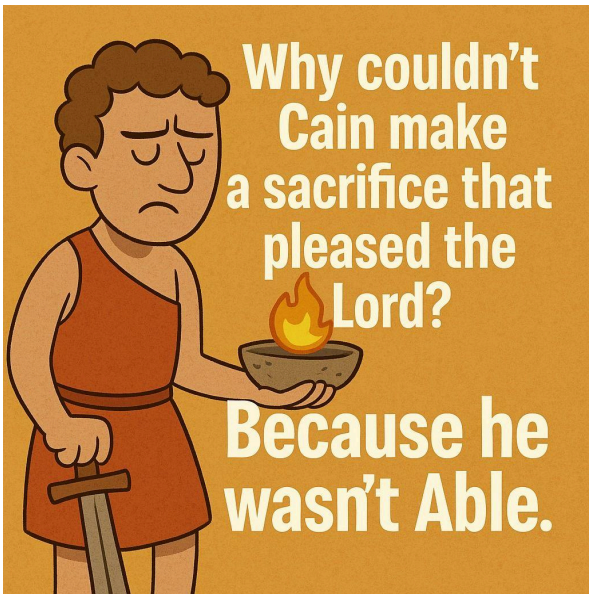
Faith without works is dead. Words from the Bible without the Word Made Flesh are impotent and empty. Mahatma Gandhi challenged us to be the change we wish to see in the world. Too many of us pray for changes we never commit to enacting and praise God for visions we never work to realize. According to Christian apologist, G.K. Chesterton, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult, and left untried."



Prayer: Lord, may my praise extend beyond worship. Let my daily attitude and actions bless your name and strengthen your people. Amen.







Matthew 25:1-13

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Wanna Hear Something Funny?

~ What do they call pastors in Germany? A. German Shepherds.

~ Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

~ What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden? A.Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Give your Smile a workout and PASS THIS ON !!