

The Builder

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Dear friends in Christ,

As disciples of Jesus Christ our desire is to live our lives in ways which are pleasing to God. This is not so that we can be saved but to show that we are saved. At its most basic we do this by loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and by loving our neighbor as we love ourselves (Mark 12:28-31). But what does this look like in actual practice?

God has told us what He requires of His people in Micah 6:8 - “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah is saying that a relationship with God will be demonstrated by the way we treat people on the social level, as shown in the verses which come next. Acting justly and loving mercy are more than just personal issues. In many areas it is impossible to separate the political from the moral. Am I acting justly if I know of someone being treated unjustly and do not speak up and try to change the situation? Do I love mercy if I allow others to be oppressed by doing nothing? Is it walking humbly to live as if I am somehow above such problems and not like ‘those people’?

Zechariah 7:9–10 tells us basically the same thing as Micah: “This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.’”

This is not only a concern of the Old Testament. God does not change, and the things that are important to Him have not changed either. Jesus criticized the religious leaders of His day for not practicing the things that were important to God – justice, mercy, and faithfulness.

Matthew 23:23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

In John 8:12 Jesus says, “I am the light of the world.” As His disciples we are to follow Him and reflect that light. Jesus tells us that we are to be the light of the world and are not to hide that light but to let it shine in public. Notice that it is our deeds, not just our words that will lead to people praising God.

Matthew 5:14–16 “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Leigh



Pastor Leigh & Laurie will be on vacation from October 5 ~ 9.

Sunday, October 11th is Laity Sunday where congregation members have an opportunity to participate in the worship service. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!

The Board of Deacons will meet in the church parlor on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.



“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for what he has done.”
Proverbs 19:17:

We received our request from Horgan Elementary School. Anything you can do will help.
Items need to be at church **by December 6th**. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex.

Games
Coloring books
Dry erase markers
Highlighters
Ziploc Bags – Gallon, freezer

Girls’ small, med, large sweatpants
Girls’ small, med, large leggings
Girls’ small, med, large underwear
Boy’s small, med, large sweatpants
Boy’s small, med, large underwear

Do you or someone you know have a special day coming up in October?
Please let me know.



A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for anyone who would like to offer praise to God through special music during the worship service.

All praise and honor belong to Him!



A huge **“THANK YOU!”** to Carolyn Lynch for providing the delicious breakfast and, along with Janice Cook and Lois Wilk, planned and presented a great Rally Day on Sunday, September 13th!!

Also, **thank you** to all who attended and participated!!

Due to road construction and a detour, even more speeding traffic is traveling down Fairview Avenue making it very dangerous to pull into and out of the church parking lot. Please be careful when doing so.





CANONICUS HOMECOMING REVIVAL

FAITH • COMMUNITY • LEGACY



SEPTEMBER

27th



TIME: 2 - 5 PM

📍 EVENT LOCATION: 54 Exeter Rd. Exeter, RI 02822



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FOOD FOR ALL



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& WORSHIP



GAMES
FUN GAMES
& ACTIVITIES



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EVERYONE!

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WANT TO LEND A HAND? VISIT WWW.CANONICUSMINISTRIES.ORG
Canonicus Camp and Conference Center

Sunday, September 27:

Praise and Thanksgivings

Lois Wilk is healing well

Thank you to Mark Reese who provided copies of “Never Alone” magazines (copies on railing in the Narthex)

Emma who does not need surgery but has 7 broken bones

It only took two tries for Laurie Johnson’s blood work to be done

Happy Birthday today to Steven Ozel

Prayer Requests

Family of Walter Lawrence – Walter went to be with our Lord on September 21

For family & friends of two of Laurie Johnson’s fellow Girl Scouts –

Janet Feyler & Pat (Peppermint Patty) McDevitt

Linda Marshall healing from a back injury

Steve Sacchetine’s neighbor – cancer has spread throughout her body;

also for his sister who will have surgery for lung cancer

Riverview Nursing Home which needs a new scheduler

Pauline Bonin who is hoping to join us again soon

Please continue to keep in prayer

Those dealing with marital difficulties – trying to work things out

Cheryl Greene’s daughter, Kelley – having seizures

Jim Plummer’s brother-in-law with prostate cancer

Maureen with continued treatment for her cancer.

Bev with cancer.

Bethany Carpenter with cancer.

Cassie with cancer.

Those who are homeless.

The outreach community in Pakistan and all those in the Middle East.

Jim who is an alcoholic.

All those affected by the government decisions.

International Missionaries.

Churches around the world.

All those who live in violent areas around the world.

Those dealing with family issues.

Relationships to be repaired.

Those who lost their way in God.

Those with depression, anxiety, and mental health issues.

Our veterans and all who currently serve.

For our government leaders.

Prayers for the church and finances.

Sunday’s

9:00 a.m. Prayer Time

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Prayer & Quiet Service Preparation

11:00 a.m. Worship begins

Weekly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Bible Study – church parlor

BIBLE TRIVIA – Cherubim and Seraphim

- 1.) **Cherubim with a flaming sword guarded the way to..**
 - a. The garden of Eden
 - b. The Ark of the Covenant.
 - c. The tree of life.
 - d. New Jerusalem
- 2.) **In the vision of the Lord that Isaiah had, what did the seraphim say to each other?**
 - a. Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
 - b. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in Zion
 - c. Who will go for us? Whom shall we send?
 - d. All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Lord.
- 3.) **When the seraph touched Isaiah's lips with the live coal, what did he say to Isaiah?**
 - a. Nothing.
 - b. What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God.
 - c. Thou art surely a man of unclean lips and thou dwellest in the midst of a people of a people of unclean lips
 - d. Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged
- 4.) **Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged?**
 - a. One
 - b. Two
 - c. Three
 - d. Four
- 5.) **What were the cherubim on the mercy seat made of??**
 - a. gold
 - b. silver
 - c. wood
 - d. bronze
- 6.) **The cherubim stretched forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, but which way were their faces lo**
 - a. Toward the front of the mercy seat
 - b. Toward one another; toward the mercy seat.
 - c. Upward toward God.
 - d. Downward toward man
- 7.) **The psalmist describes the Lord as riding?**
 - a. the wings of heavenly beings.
 - b. the creature with the face of a man
 - c. a cherub
 - d. the seraphim.
- 8.) **When the Lord spoke to Moses from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, where was the Lord?**
 - a. above the cherubim
 - b. below the cherubim
 - c. between the cherubim
 - d. beside the cherubim
- 9.) **In the book of Ezekiel, when the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house, what**
 - a. The house was filled with the cloud
 - b. The court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory.
 - c. The sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court.
 - d. All of the above
- 10.) **In Solomon's temple, within the oracle, he made two cherubims of..**
 - a. olive tree
 - b. pure gold
 - c. cedars of Lebanon
 - d. polished silver

The answers from last month were 1) d. the 6th day 2) a. the serpent 3) d. 7 4) c. Reuben 5) d. It was to be cast to the dogs.
6) d. Goliath 7) c. Solomon 8) b. Lion 9) b. Nebuchadnezzar 10) C. 6

Bible Word Search: Daniel 2

contributed by Olivia

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Circle each word. After you have found all the words, arrange the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.



Abednego, Angel, Azariah,
Babylon, Brass, Captain, Carried,
Chaldeans, Clay, Commanded,
Decree, Delivered, Demanded,
Destroy, Dreamed, Dreams,
Dunghill, Dwelling, Fathers,
Furious, Gold, Heaven, Honour,
Iron, Kingdom, Magicians, Mercies,
Meshach, Mishaël, Mountain,
Potters, Presence, Servants,
Shadrach, Spirit, Syriack, Troubled

Answer: _____

Last month's answer: Like a Gazelle

Have I forgotten anything? Please let me know.

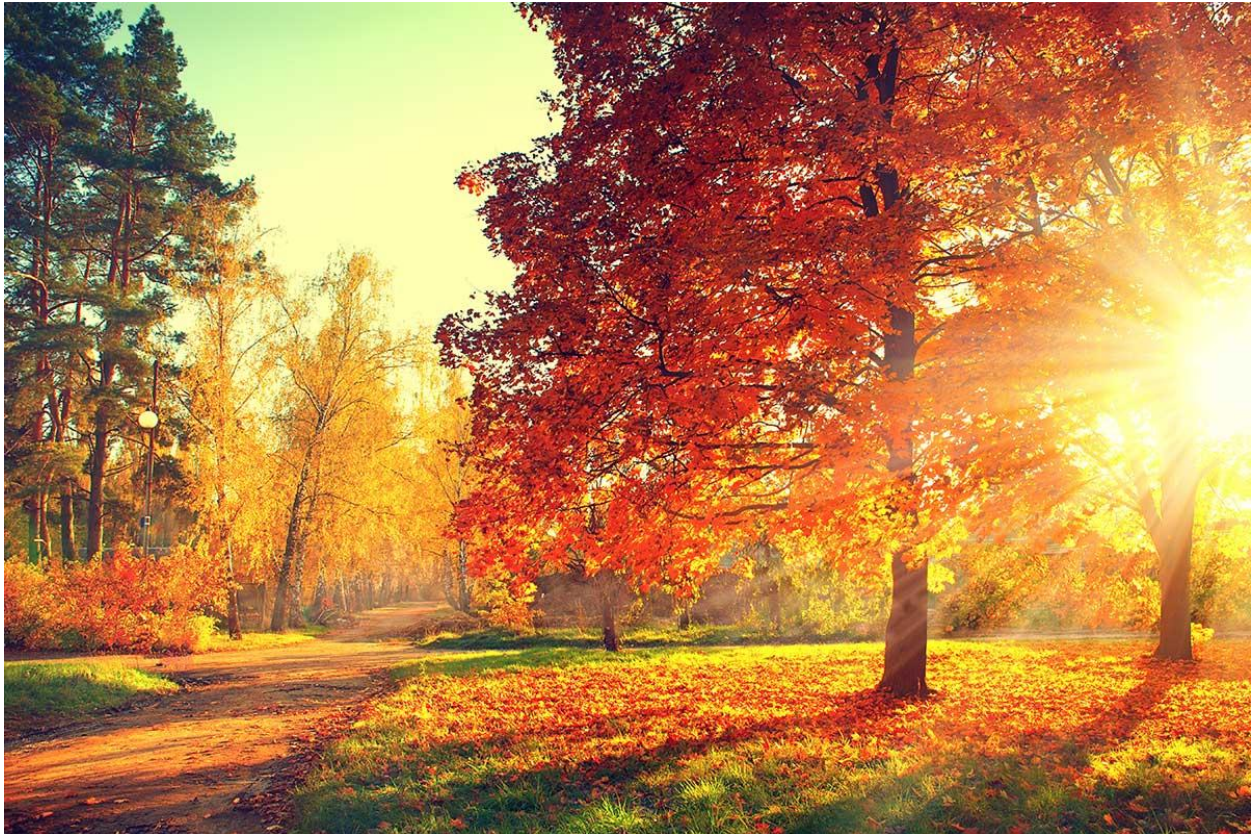
YOUR ARTICLE HERE

Do you have an article, upcoming event, recipe, etc. you would like to share? Please email to the church office phenixbc@verizon.net.

Has your Address, Phone Number, and/or Email changed? Please share. Thank you!

Statement of Purpose

*We are called by God to tell everyone about Jesus.
We invite you into a personal relationship with Him,
and into our community of changed lives where we
support each other, praise God together,
and share our gifts in love.*



*“Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”*