

The Spire

February 2020

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

February's Deacon of the Month is Carolyn Eldridge (grauntiec@yahoo.com)

In Sympathy

The congregation expresses deepest condolences to Sharon and Luther Davis on the death of their son, Jason, who died on January 1st. A service was held at KCC on January 25th.

Soup Sunday

The Board of Fellowship invites you to our next Soup Sunday this coming Sunday, February 2nd.

Even though our beloved Patriots will not be playing, we will still celebrate the Super Bowl with our own Chili Bowl!

There will be 3 types of Chili, including vegetarian and gluten free options as well as a green salad.

Desserts are welcomed.

We hope everyone can attend.

Valentine's Day Fellowship

It's a HEARTFELT "GO"! We will have some great fun on February 14th - Valentine's Day at 6:30! Bring yourself, your honey, your children, your friends for a night of sharing Valentines, sharing stories and having some fun with games and snacks and Valentine goodies. All ages are welcome... If you would like to bring along some Valentine treats to share, they would be MOST welcome!

Progressive Dinner

I know you are not yet thinking of summer, but the Fellowship Board has decided to try something new this year. We are going to have our Progressive Dinner in the summer. Since the days are longer in June, maybe cooking or eating outside could be an option. Save the date with more information to come later in the spring. The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2020.

Minute for Missions

Once again, the Board of Missions extends an enormous THANK YOU to the generous members of KCC for their support of our annual Christmas offering. **\$4158** was collected and will be distributed equally to the UCC Refugee Emergency USA Fund, the Nonviolence Institute in Providence, and the Rhody-Outpost.

We are also grateful for your donations of personal care items during the month of January for the Jonnycake Center. In February we are asking for **cooking spices**. Cooking from staple ingredients helps people spread their food dollars further and generally provides a more nutritious meal than pre-packaged dishes. Anyone who cooks knows that spices are an essential, but often overlooked, ingredient! As always, any contribution is welcome and can be placed in the baskets in the sanctuary to be delivered to The Jonnycake Center by members of the Board of Missions.

Speaking of The Jonnycake Center, when asked what the community says about KCC, Kate Brewster, Executive Director of the Center, replied *"Kingston Congregational Church is among a small handful of congregations that is extremely community minded and generous when it comes to serving the poor, not just in terms of donations, but on staying informed of needs and responding to those needs."*

Thank you to all who continue to support this important mission work!

Note from Jonnycake Center

On behalf of us all here at the Jonnycake Center, thank you.

Your generous gift of \$1350 in gift cards was critical to providing more than 500 local children – from toddlers to teenagers – with books, toys, clothes, and warm weather gear. We also provided local seniors with gift cards and special treats for the holidays.

Our families are so grateful for generous community members, like you, who care enough to bring hope and help ease the stresses that come along with this time of year. It means so much.

(Handwritten addition: “Wow – this is so outstanding. Thanks to our friends at Kingston Congregational. Happy New Year.”)

In February KCC will be requesting spices and cooking needs for Jonnycake.

Women's Fellowship News

We had a very interesting and successful meeting on Monday, January 13 with 30 women attending and learning about the four types of people – drivers, cheerleaders, helpers, and the analytical ones! It was a dynamic presentation. Thank you to Alinda Nelson with assistance and set up by Michelle Girasole. Thanks, too, to Helen Rowe Drake for hosting and Elizabeth McNab for devotions.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 16 at 7 pm and is open to the Congregation.** Our speaker is Holly Gray from Edesia Nutrition which is a North Kingstown company which produces Plumpy'Nut, a food to help undernourished children globally. Come learn more about their program! *(Please note that this date is different than in the booklet or flyer)*

Flower Committee News

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias this year, so that our altar was beautiful. Special thanks to Dave Remington and Jenn Deluise for helping put up the decorations in the sanctuary and to Jenn and Lori Remington for help arranging the poinsettias and to Rem and Lori and Jenn and Pam Lyons for helping take them down! Plus Rem's many trips to the attic. Quality help if so important!

With thanks, Helen

Thank You

A Note from Nancy Ross:

My Beloved Church Community,

Thank you so very much for all you have done for me these last few months.

The meals, the cards, the flowers, the prayers, the visits, the calls... everything has meant so much to me.

You are much, much loved.

Nancy Ross



(historical) **RIC UCC Youth Event**

Sliding with FAITH! (6th-12th grade)
Sunday Feb 9, 2020

Please Gather First at
Kingston Congregational Church at 12:45 PM
(for snack & youth program)
2610 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI

Then SNOW TUBING (one hour)
at **Yawgoo Valley, Exeter, RI**
Fee \$15

MUST PRE-REGISTER BY Feb 3 limited tickets!
call or text Kristin Putney 774-991-1555

Event ends at 4:00 pm at Yawgoo Tubing Center