



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NARRAGANSETT



The CHRISTmas Edition: December -- 2018



Welcome to the wonderful CHRISTmas season! As I've been reflecting on my 'word-for-the-year', I have realized that, although it's just one simple word (*nothing*), it has served to teach and encourage me in so many ways and has been my repeated reminder that **nothing** can separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (check-out Romans 8:38-39).

Now as I think about Christmas, I am reminded that its meaning is also summed up in one word, Emmanuel. It's used in Isaiah (7:14) to as a sign to King Ahaz, predicting the future virgin birth of the Messiah. Those words are quoted by Matthew (1:23) in his gospel account of Christ's birth. Immanuel (or Emmanuel) means "God with us". What can be more simple than that? It does not solely mean God was with us once, or God will be with us in the future, but He is simply with us always. His elaborate and loving plan to send His Son to take our place is explained in that one word, Emmanuel. With all we add to it...Christmas really that simple. Don't miss that in your rituals and the frenzy that the season can bring.

Thanks for all that were able to attend our fall kickoff. Ricki Kraines did a wonderful job of looking back to remember the gospel (we are more loved and accepted in Jesus than we ever dared hope), the Word of God (that transforms, empowers, and delights), and the testimony of His work in our lives (He has been faithful in the past and will be faithful once more).

If you missed this wonderful speaker, here's a link to the recorded message:

<http://www.fbcnarr.com/recording-of-guest-speakers/>

WHICH BRINGS US TO THE PERENNIAL FAVORITE ---

SOUP NIGHT !!

The 2019 version of Soup Night will be on **Monday, January 21st at 6PM**

It will be just as warm and wonderful as always, and I know you do not want to miss it.

With so many soup choices and lots of great friends, how could you even think about missing it??

Our speaker this year will be carrying the year's *Hope* theme forward. Lori Roeleveld will be speaking on:

"Finding Hope in the Present Days"

C4C (creating for Christ) Update

This amazing group of women, led by Laurel Niemi, created a record number of pillowcases (172!) which were used in the Samaritan's purse ministry. We sent off about 130 shoeboxes this year that will reach children around the world.

Watch your church bulletins for the next dates and projects.



Need a few hours to yourself, your spouse, Christmas shopping... without the "help" of your children??

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Looking for a fun, short-term mission project?

You can find both in our **Annual Saturday Babysitting event** coming up on **Saturday, December 8th from 9-1** at the church.

You can drop off your 4-11-year olds at the church (please pack them a lunch so we get it right). They will have lots of fun activities to keep them busy....

OR.... if you'd like to help lead the fun, please sign up through the church office at 783-2792.

Women's Bible Studies

- Sunday ABF 11-12
- Monday evenings 7-830pm
- Tuesday mornings 930-11am



Current reads:

A Gentleman in Moscow

Author: Amor Towles

Discussion date: January 12th

Mudbound

Author: Hillary Jordan

Discussion date: March 2nd

Caleb's Crossing

Author: Geraldine Brooks

Discussion date: April 27th

New members ALWAYS welcome
131 Southwinds Dr, Wakefield
Karen Smith for info: 932-2936

Recipe by popular demand --- Broccoli Slaw

- 1 pkg slaw mix
- ½ Cup sliced almonds
- 1/3 cup toasted sesame seeds

Combine and pour over above ingredients:

- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ¾ cup white vinegar
- 1 packet from ramen noodles

Add crumbled ramen noodles on top before serving

Women's Ministry Team

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