

Autumn edition 2020



Our theme verse for this year:

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

He has made everything beautiful in its time".

Ecclesiastes (chapter 3, vs 1&11)



Women's Ministries at First Baptist Narragansett

Late October greetings from our team:

Although today as I write, it's raw and rainy, we have had a beautiful autumn, full of all the color and majesty of His creation. I trust you have stopped to watch the leaves turn, take cool walks on the beach, bike path, or a favorite place. I know some of you have taken advantage of a road trip north to the mountains and others continued to jump in the ocean through October. We congratulate Hannah for her amazing pace during her 'bucket-list' marathon last weekend. She looked fresh at the end; like she could have run even further.

On the flip side, this fall has also meant many conflicts; whether the resurgence of the coronavirus, in election politics, or families struggling with balancing home schooling with work. There are many folks with personal and/or family crises that are hard to bear. It's been tough to escape the constant influx of information that can feel quite overwhelming.

I don't have easy answers, but I have been continuing to learn from our Bible studies. In fact, I admitted to someone yesterday that leading our Bible study has been my greatest joy in retirement; getting immersed in reading the OT books and cross-referencing around scripture to see what I can find, or hear from God Himself. Its' also been the best way to fight off the news and overwhelming input from the world around me.

The book of Ruth pointed us towards God's workplan of redemption for us. And as we work our way through Esther, I stand amazed at the sovereignty of God and its completeness. We've chuckled at the many 'coincidences' in these books, set up by our sovereign God to allow circumstances to accomplish what He desired. We have learned that God does work through flawed people to accomplish His will. Too many 'wows' and 'aha' moments to miss or explain away. Yes, my friends, the Bible is complete, His plan is perfect, and on that we can rest assured. Our 'yellow car' moments have only reinforced His work in each of our lives. We only have to look around to see them. They are everywhere!

NOTE: If you aren't sure what I am referring to (or if you think I've gone off the deep end)...give me a call and I'll explain.

A quote from a daily emailed devotional: "As inhabitants of a fallen world, we oftentimes face heartache, intimidation, and seemingly insurmountable obstacles. But as children of God, saved and secure in Jesus, we are never beyond the reach of the Lord's encouragement. Sometimes it comes through Scripture or the timely words of a fellow believer, but God can also use circumstances to raise our spirits and increase our trust in Him".

Through our Wednesday night study on Ruth/Esther (on Zoom), Tuesday morning study on Ephesians (in person), and Sunday morning's Sunday School class in the book of Mark (also in person), we have many opportunities for everyone to join in at least one class.

Thanks to those who joined in our season opener in September!! The 20 or so of you were a treat to have on the Zoom call. I was humbled to share my story with you as a kick-off to many more stories this year. We can learn so much from each other.

We are actively planning for an early December event with another story to be told...I wonder who's story it will be?? Stay tuned for final dates etc...to be sent in updated email and in the church bulletin.

Zoom Link to Wednesday evening Bible study:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88028724410>
Meeting ID: 880 2872 4410



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ANNOUNCING...

Our Women's Ministry Team is sponsoring a group project this year.

Remember our theme statement this year? *"Though it may seem that our threads are fraying, God is weaving a beautiful tapestry through His steadfast love"*.

Laurel is heading up the project to create individually-designed squares that she will assemble into one banner or quilt. The goal is to illustrate and display how God weaves all our uniqueness together in unity and sisterhood. Thus, our theme.

None of us are identical; all have different experiences, emotions, and lessons learned in life. Some of us write poems to represent our experiences, some paint or draw.

We NEED your help (yes, even you!) to create our banner(s). Laurel has graciously put together kits that include a blank muslin square that can be used to paint/draw, embroider, applique---your choice. The kit also contains instructions, hints, ideas, **and most importantly**, an offer to help you with your concept (even 1:1 if needed). No excuses please.

Yours could be a life event, a favorite verse, a family member/loved one that positively influenced your life, a cherished memory...endless possibilities!

Laurel's deadline for completed squares is April 1st (no foolin') so that she has time to assemble in advance of our year's closing event.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SHARING PART OF YOUR STORY IN THIS CREATIVE WAY!! See Laurel for a kit (or she can mail you one if you are not attending church in person). We cannot wait to see the finished product!!

"He makes everything beautiful in its time"

Walks with Hannah ---have resumed this fall.

They occur every/other Saturday morning at 9AM, leaving from the Curtis Corner Middle School in Wakefield. Next dates are November 7th and 21st.

This is a great time to get some exercise and chat with friends. All are welcome at any time.



C4C --- Laurel has things up and running with this ministry.

The next two dates are November 14th and December 5th, always from 9AM-noon at the church.

She is continuing to lead in the production of designer pillowcases for the Operation Shoebox ministry. And we have seen the team's handiwork in the quilts around the church this fall to support the CareNet ministry. Awesome work ladies!!

For those who do not know what this is all about: Laurel (our resident quilter and seamstress-extraordinaire leads a group with a goal of creating for Christ (thus the name C4C).

The church basement is already ideally setup with socially distant workstations.



Turn those clocks **BACK** this Saturday (like we need another hour of 2020) and enjoy the start of November and season of gratitude and thankfulness!!

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**His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.
All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.
He does as he pleases
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.
No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: “What have you done?”**

Daniel 4:34b-35



**His hand hovers over every detail,
moving the pieces into the place He has determined,
even through sin and compromise,
in order to achieve His own good purposes.**