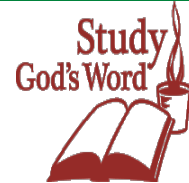


*Christ Community Church of Blackstone
Proclaiming Hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ
December 2024 Newsletter*



Pastor Joe's Message

...the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all the people." Today in the town of David a Savior is born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.



*Tuesday
morning study
at 10 am via
Zoom.com
Opened to all!*

Hello Everyone,

December is a month that holds significant importance for Christians around the world, primarily due to the celebration of Christmas, which commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. This event is central to our Christian faith, symbolizing hope, love, and redemption. In the Gospel of Luke 2:10-11, the angel announces to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." This proclamation highlights the joy and hope that the birth of Christ brings to humanity, emphasizing the Christian value of joy in the face of adversity.

In addition to joy, December is a time for reflection on the value of love, which is a cornerstone of Christian teachings. The Bible teaches that love is fundamental to the Christian life, as seen in 1 John 4:9-10, which states, "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." The act of giving during the Christmas season, whether through charitable donations or acts of kindness, embodies this value of love. Christians are encouraged to reflect on how they can express love to others, following the example set by Christ.

Moreover, December serves as a reminder of the importance of community and fellowship, values that are deeply rooted in our Christian teachings. Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages believers to "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." The holiday season often brings families and friends together, fostering a sense of belonging and support. This communal aspect of December aligns with the Christian call to build and nurture relationships within the body of Christ.

Finally, December invites Christians to embrace the value of hope, particularly as they anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. Romans 15:13 states, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." The season encourages believers to reflect on the hope that Christ brings into our lives and the world. As we celebrate Christmas, we believers are reminded to carry this hope into the new year, sharing it with others and embodying the values of joy, love, and community that December represents.

God Bless you all.
Pastor Joe



Christmas Eve Worship

**Tuesday,
December 24th at 7 pm**



**December 8, 2024
Following the church
service
Potluck brunch
Ornament swap**



*Paul Mandeville -
December 18*



Anniversary

*Paul Mandeville - 12/4/1977
Mary Hoyle - 12/19/1982*

Thanksgiving Dinners for Shut-Ins



We were privileged to provide a hot dinner with all the fixings to 10 people on Thanksgiving morning. Several volunteers came to Betty's Donuts to put the meals together. Food was cooked for the cause by the Congregation. Thank you to all who helped by providing & distributing the meals.

A special thanks to Amanda for letting us use the back of the restaurant to prep and distribute the meals.



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

In need of your prayers...

- Bill, Tim, Michelle – cancer
- Cheryl & her Mom
- Julie, Bill & family
- Barbara – continued healing
- Andrea – seizures
- Jeff – headaches
- Kayden – continued health issues
- Bruce, Matt – post surgery recovery
- Mary Frances – blocked carotid artery
- Jeanne – Type 1 diabetes & dialysis
- Ruth - insurance issues
- Warren – health issue
- Matt – deviated septum

*Our Church Family
Our unsaved loved ones
Missionaries
The President,
Our Country
World Leaders
Ukraine & Russia
Israel & Palestine*



COME JOIN US!

December 7 from 10 – 2

**We will have a table at the
BMR Holiday Craft Fair
AFM/JFK COMPLEX
200 Lincoln St.
Blackstone, MA**

COME SHOP WITH US!

**All proceeds to benefit
our Meeting House
Restoration Fund**

Thank You 

Just want to thank all of the people who made our Arts & Craft Show a success! Thank the Lord for the beautiful weather; to all church volunteers who donated their time to make this possible; to the Vendors and Shoppers, without them this event would not have taken place.

Please know you have helped Christ Community Church of Blackstone to raise \$\$ for the restoration of our historic Meeting House built in 1836 by the Blackstone Manufacturing Company. God bless all and enjoy your Christmas holidays!!.

What Is Christmas?

by Helen Steiner Rice



It's more than a day at the end of the year.

More than a season of **Joy** and good cheer

Christmas is really God's pattern for living.

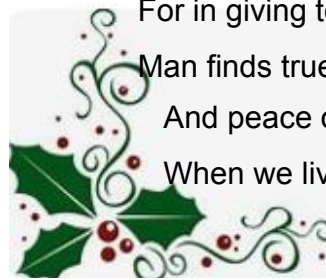
To be followed all year by unselfish **giving**,

For in giving to others and in being kind

Man finds true joy and **peace** of mind

And peace on earth will come to stay

When we live **Christmas** every day.



**Help us
decorate the
church on
Saturday,
November 30th
at 10 am**



GOD'S INTERVENTION

By Lyndsey Parent

Strolling in God's creation

A desperate plea, Divine Being intervenes

The breath of Spirit prevails

Tears stream, joy like a waterfall

The Supreme Being rescues

Lucidness, Clears the sky above

Breathe easy, like a resting babe.

I am aware, how to care for myself

About us:

We are a bible-based, Christ-centered Christian church, located at 31 Church Street in Blackstone, MA. We are affiliated with the 4Cs – Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Overly

Associate Pastor: Rev. Marc Greenwald

Visit our website at www.cccob.org to listen to the sermons and to find out more about us

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 30 @ 10 am: Decorating the Church

We need volunteers to help decorate the church for the Christmas season beginning December 1. Won't you please help?

The Worship Team will be rehearsing with Jonathan Steele for the first Sunday in Advent, December 1.

December 1: Pastor Gil Bourquin will deliver the sermon and Pastor Marc will lead the worship service. Jonathan Steele will be here to play the organ that Sunday.

Tuesday, December 3: Lunch at Cracker Barrel @ 12 noon

Anyone who would like to join us for lunch on Tuesday can do so by letting Joyce St. Jean know so she can get a count. We are meeting at Cracker Barrel in Wrentham, 1048 South Street, Ste 40, Wrentham, MA, 02093. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, December 7: BMR Craft Show @ AFM/JFK Elementary School, Summer St., Blackstone

Our church will have a table at this show. This is our last fund raiser of the year. Proceeds from this show will benefit the Restoration Fund.

Sunday, December 8: Church Christmas Party, Pot Luck & Yankee Swap

Our annual Christmas party will be held after the service. Julie will be contacting everyone regarding the Pot Luck meals. We will also have a Yankee Swap of Christmas ornaments. If you want to participate in the Swap, bring a new wrapped ornament to the exchange. All are welcome!!

Saturday, December 14: Hometown Christmas, Middle School, Federal St., Blackstone

We will participate with the Blackstone Parks & Rec at their annual event. We will have a table with crafts for the children to make.

Month of December: Selfie Elfie

We will participate in this event put on by the Parks & Rec Department.

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service

The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7 pm at the church.

Pastor Marc will lead the service and David Baisley will organize the readings and music.





~ December 2024 ~
 Christ Community Church of Blackstone
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Sunday Service Sunday School during service	2 Tres Días Group Meeting	3 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom Cracker Barrel Lunch 12pm	4 Prayer Meeting at 7pm via Zoom.com	5	6	7 BMR Craft Show 10 to 2
8 Service 9:30 am Christmas Party Potluck Brunch after service	9	10 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom	11	12	13	14 Home Town Christmas
15 9:30 am Service Sunday School during service	16	17 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Service & Sunday School Sunday School during service	23	24  Christmas Eve Worship 7 pm	25 	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Service & Sunday School Sunday School during service	30	31 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com				