



*Christ Community Church of Blackstone
Proclaiming Hope through the
Good News of Jesus Christ since 1822*

October 2024 Newsletter



A Message from Pastor Joe

1Thessalonians 5:18
*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

At 10 am via Zoom.com
For a link, contact Lynne @
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All are welcome

Hello Everyone,

October, often associated with the changing of seasons and the celebration of harvest, provides a unique opportunity to reflect on Christian values such as gratitude, stewardship, and community. As the leaves change color and the days grow shorter, let's think about the biblical principle of thankfulness. In 1Thessalonians 5:18 it says, *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* This verse encourages believers to cultivate a spirit of gratitude, recognizing the blessings in their lives, especially during the harvest season when the fruits of labor are evident.

The theme of stewardship is also prominent in October, particularly as many communities engage in harvest festivals and charitable activities. The Bible teaches the importance of managing the resources entrusted to us by God. In 1Peter 4:10 it states, *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* This October, may we reflect on how we can use our gifts and resources to serve the Blackstone and surrounding communities through practical ways such as volunteering, donating to food drives, supporting our missions' efforts, visiting someone that cannot get out or whatever ways God may speak to our hearts to use us.

Moreover, October is a time when many churches and communities come together to celebrate their faith and foster a sense of belonging. 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."* This call to community is especially relevant during this month, as we want to promote fellowship and support toward each other, reinforcing the importance of unity in the body of Christ.

In conclusion, October serves as a reminder of key Christian values such as gratitude, stewardship, and community. As the season transitions, I want to encourage each of us to reflect on the blessings that we've received from the Lord and actively serve others, as we investigate ways that we can share the gospel message to our communities. By embodying these values, we can make a meaningful impact in our own lives and the lives of those around us, fulfilling the teachings of the Bible and living out our faith in practical ways.

God Bless you all
Pastor Joe



Happy Birthday

Barbara Greenwald - Oct. 8
Bunny Roy - Oct. 10
Deb Butero - Oct. 15
Nancy Mandeville - Oct. 23



Members' Anniversary

Sandy MacLennan - 10/02/1994

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

We have prayer meeting on the first
Wednesday of the month at
7 pm via Zoom.com

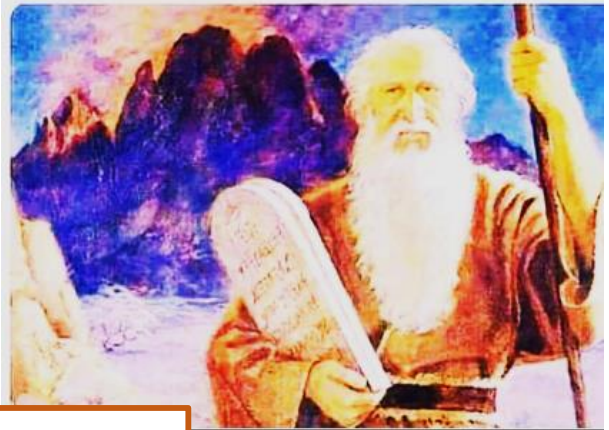
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GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU! Genesis 45:5

It is often difficult to understand that God is fulfilling His plan in your life, especially when times are tough. When Joseph was sold into slavery, he probably struggled to discern God's will. Nevertheless, many years later, he recognized that God had been with him through it all.

God determines the pattern of your life. In your present circumstances, difficult as they might be, hold on to the assurance that God is busy working out His perfect plan for your life. Life's darkest moments can become a testimony of God's perfect purpose for your life.

So technically, Moses is the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



PRAYER REQUEST

Battling cancer - Paulette, Bill, Tim, Michelle,
Norma and Suzie
Those recuperating from cancer: Barbara
Those in pain: Jeff, Ruth, Nancy, Collette
Those in mourning
Those fighting depression, indecision
Pray that Bunny can sell her house

Please pray for our country and Countries at war
Lift up our church, that we may see God's plan
for our congregation; how we can become the
light house on the hill for the community and
those in need; and that He may give us a vision
for the restoration of this historical building.

About us:

We are a bible-based, Christ-centered Christian church, located on the corner of Church and School Streets in Blackstone, MA. We are affiliated with the 4Cs – Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.
Senior Pastor: Rev. Joseph Overly
Associate Pastor: Rev. Marc Greenwald
Visit our Facebook page @cccblackstone to find out more about us. Go to YouTube to hear our weekly sermons.

If you would like to add pictures or place an article in our newsletter, please contact Jackie St. Jean at Jackie.stjean@outlook.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! COME SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISANS

Christ Community Church of Blackstone
Is hosting our
**2024 HOLIDAY
ARTS & CRAFT SHOW**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH – 10 am TO 3 pm
Elks Lodge, 380 Social St., Woonsocket, RI

Over 25 Local Artisans. All Items Handmade

Quilts, Diamond Dot items, Coasters, Wreaths, Painted Shopping Bags, Greeting Cards, Candles, Soaps, Jewelry, Children's aprons, Dog items, Cat Toys, Scenic Paintings, Macrame, Knitted & Crocheted items, Dolls, Ornaments, Wood Items, Cross stitch, Henna Tattoos, Home Décor, 3-D Critters and a Silent Auction!

All our proceeds to benefit the Restoration of Blackstone's Historic Meeting House built by the Blackstone Manufacturing Co. in 1836.

DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH US

STRAIGHT AHEAD MINISTRY

Joyce will be shopping to fill the Christmas gift bags for the boys at Straight Ahead Ministry.

For the last 30+ years, we have supported this ministry with quarterly monetary gifts and Christmas gift bags for a dozen boys who are recipients of this ministry.

Straight Ahead is a faith-based organization offering a community of care for justice involved youth. If you would like more information, go to straightahead.org.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS FOR SHUT-INS

Once again, we will be cooking to provide our Senior Shut-Ins with a meal on Thanksgiving morning.

Jackie will contact the Senior Center in late October and they will provide the list. This is an effort that we have been involved with for over 40 years. It is such a privilege for us to work directly with the Blackstone Senior Center.

Jackie will set up the sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards in early November.

OTHER PLANNED EVENTS

WHS Holiday Spotlight:

We plan on having a table on November 9 @ Woonsocket High School's Craft Show, Cass Ave, Woonsocket. All proceeds to benefit the restoration of the 1836 Meeting House.


BMR Craft Show

Plans to have a table at the BMR Craft Show being held at the JFK Elementary School on Saturday, December 7 is underway. Jackie is in touch with Maribeth for details.



~ October 2024 ~
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	2 Prayer Meeting via Zoom.com 7pm	3	4	5
6 Sunday Service 9:30 am	7	8 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday Service 9:30 am	14	15 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday Service 9:30 am	21	22 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	23 All-Church Meeting 7pm Via zoom.com	24	25	26
27 Sunday Service 9:30 am	28	29 Bible Study 10 am via Zoom.com	30			