

# CBC Courier

## **Pastor's Pen**

***Proverbs 13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but longing fulfilled is the tree of life."***

***Dear Parishioners,***

***If "April showers bring May flowers," can we be hopeful that winter is finally over? We all hope so, yet we know there are other reasons to be hopeful this month. The things we hope for are often future events. Easter is coming! Christ has risen from the dead and there is reason to rejoice. It is the things we hope "in" that will sustain us along the way. Hope in God can uphold us. Come and know hope! Come and worship throughout Holy Week. Each opportunity, each experience will enhance the other. A full schedule of all of our "Journey to the Cross" activities can be found later in this newsletter.***

***Let us gather together and be Hope-filled!***  
***Pastor Bruce***

## **April Communion Collection**

The April communion offering will be the America For Christ Offering (AFC), one of our 4 quarterly offerings taken by American Baptist Churches of USA. This particular offering benefits American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

The money collected is used to help fund grants to American Baptist mission partners.

AFC funds are used in the following way:

- Creating, new innovative ministries**
- Developing church leaders**
- Aiding children who are impoverished**
- Supporting the work of chaplains and spiritual caregivers**
- Promoting Discipleship**
- Preserving critical Baptist spaces**
- Making higher education more affordable through scholarships.**

**100% of your donation is utilized. American Baptist Home Mission Societies does not retain any of this offering for its own purposes. When you support the America for Christ offering, you support your community and communities across the US and Puerto Rico.**

**Journey to the Cross...**  
**“Marking the Days to Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection”**  
**Central Baptist Church, Jamestown, RI**

**-Night Vigil, “Listening at the Cross”**

Join us for an evening repast and prayer service for Lent.  
Thursday, April 10, 2025 6:00-7:00 PM at Central Baptist Church

**-Palm Sunday, “The Pilgrimage Begins”**

Join with us as Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem is celebrated.

“Hosannah in the highest!”

Sunday, April 13, 2025 9:30-10:30 at Central Baptist Church

**-Maundy Thursday Service, “Light into Darkness,”**

Join us for a traditional Tenebrae Service.

Thursday April 17, 7:00 PM at Central Baptist Church.

**-Easter Sunrise Service, “Discover the Empty Tomb”**

Sunday, April 20, 6:00 AM at Beavertail State Park, Jamestown, RI

**-Easter Sunday Service, “He Is Not Here; He Has Risen.”**

Sunday, April 20, 9:30 AM at Central Baptist Church

Join with us for each step of the journey.

What you seek is seeking you...

**From the Pastoral Relations Committee:**

The Pastoral Search Committee is delighted to announce that at the worship service on Sunday, April 27, our congregation will have the opportunity to hear from and welcome Rev. Bob Nolan. Like Kurt, Pastor Bob is a latecomer to the ministry, having been ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2016, after a long career in financial management. He has served several churches in varying positions, from associate pastor and music minister to pastor. Music has been an important part of his life. He is a classically trained pianist and organist--and we hear that he might want to sing in the choir! Pastor Bob lives in Warwick with his wife, Sandy, and together, they have seven children and eight grandchildren, with another on the way. After the April 27 service and the congregation's vote of support, we will share via email Pastor Bob's letter of introduction but until then, please plan on joining us on April 27, after Easter.

The church is well-prepared for this next step, thanks to the guidance of Pastor Bruce, who has led us in developing strategies to grow and strengthen as we transition from a full to part-time pastor. We have been blessed to benefit from his time with us and look forward to his continuing leadership during the Easter season. Thank you, Pastor Bruce.

We will have a special coffee hour on Palm Sunday, April 20, to thank Pastor Bruce for his time with us. We hope you will join us. Please look for a sign-up sheet for dessert, snacks, etc. for this special coffee hour.

Pastoral Search committee  
Julie, Cathy, Cheryl & Jill

### **Exercise With Us!**

Fun group meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30 to 9:30 at Clarke Hall. We use various exercise videos appropriate for all levels. We start with a gentle warm-up, walk about two miles, then cool down, followed by gentle stretches. Sometimes we use light weights and floor mats (provided). Questions? Contact Ellen Greene at 932-8288.

### **Community Chair Yoga (free)**

Classes are In Person Mondays | 1:00 - 2:00 pm with Susan.

- \*\* Free for all Jamestown Pantry Participants and to the CBC congregation
- \*\* open to all Jamestown residents for free too
- \*\* Pre-registration appreciated at [shriyoga.org](http://shriyoga.org)

### **CBC Nursery**

We now have a nursery! Please sign up to take a turn. The sign-up sheet is in the parlor.

#### **April Birthdays**

Whit Royster	Apr. 13
Morna Bucklin.. 95th!!	Apr. 24
Trey Posey	Apr. 26
Teresa Murray	Apr. 27
Anne Yole	Apr. 29

#### **April Anniversaries**

Rob & MaryLou Taylor	Apr. 11
John & Laurel Champlin	Apr. 25

If you would like your birthday or anniversary recognized, please contact Ellen Green by phone 401-932-8288 or email [en707@cox.net](mailto:en707@cox.net)

## We Noticed Some Nice Things Happening at CBC

If you see someone “doing something nice for CBC or to Thank someone”. Please call the church office 423-1651 or by e-mail to [tanya@cbcjamestown.com](mailto:tanya@cbcjamestown.com) your input is always appreciated...Thanks!

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A congregation with open minds  
A community with open hearts*

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