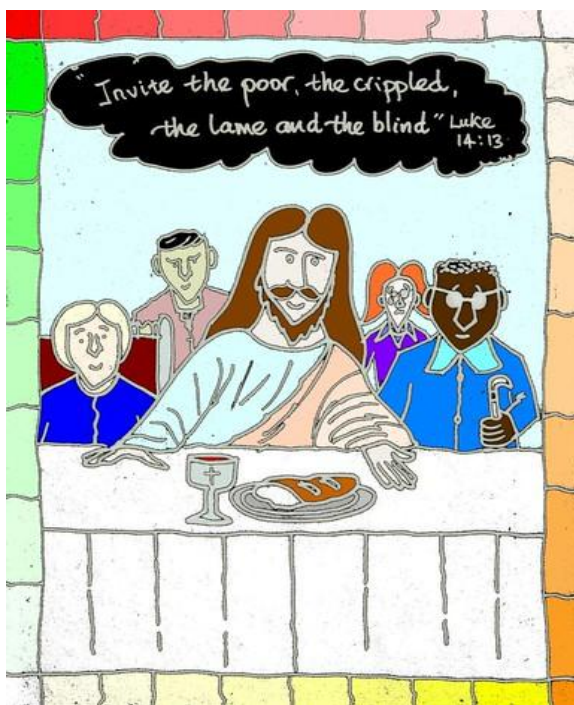




**August 31, 2025**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Rev. Sharon Hope, Guest Preacher**  
**Walter Sage, Organist & Choir Director**  
**Tanya Crowley, Office Administrator**

**Prelude**

Walter Sage

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: As we gather to worship you, O God, be the focus of all that we are.

**Many: In the singing of the hymns, the prayers that we shall make, the reading of your word and the preaching of the same.**

One Speak to us, encourage and renew us.

**Many: In the meeting of our lives, O God, be the focus of all that we are.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*"Ye Servants of God"*

No. 17

**Invocation (unison)**

**We gather this morning to offer our gratitude for your mercy and steadfast love. Open our hearts, minds and spirits so that we leave this place with the blessings of renewal, strength and with faith in your presence to meet the challenges of our own lives, in the lives of those we meet and to be sources of hope in our struggling and weary world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 623

**Children's Message**

Marilyn Rodriguez

**Scripture****Luke 14:1, 7-14****(NRSVUE)**

**14** On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor; he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**Sermon***“Excuse Me....Do You Have a Reservation?”****Rev. Sharon Hope*****Anthem***“Consider the Lilies”****CBC Choir***

(music by James NM. Stevens,  
words by J. Paul Williams, 1997)

*A peaceful three-part piece, adapted from a verse from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, to remind us to appreciate nature and the simple things in life.*

## **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**You call us to leave all things, you who owned nothing. You call us to be servants, you who came to serve. You call us to speak your word, you who lived it daily. You called us to be followers, and we pray that we mirror your love and mercy in our lives. Open our hearts in compassion and receive the petitions we offer now on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.**

## **Sharing our Joys & Concerns**

Words of Grace

Rev. Sharon Hope

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

## **Offering & Offertory**

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Sharon Hope

Offertory Meditation

Walter Sage

**\*Doxology**

**No. 625**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, these offerings but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen..**

**\*Closing Hymn**    *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*  
No. 97

## Benediction

Rev. Sharon Hope

**Benediction Response**    *“Spirit of the Living God”*    No. 247

## Postlude

Walter Sage

***Today's Guest Preacher:***

Sharon Hope, has served thirty nine years as an ordained minister. She began her ministry in Sing Sing Prison, ministering to prisoners and their families. She was then a Chaplain of high security men and also to women in the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Facility. She has served eight churches in Rhode Island, as both Settled and Interim Pastor and served with you in 2014 as Pulpit Supply for nine months (her name was Sharon Key then)! Sharon is also a vocalist and amateur cellist.

## WELCOME TO CBC

Welcome to Central Baptist Church. Please join us following the service for coffee hour in Clarke Hall.

If you have questions about our congregation, please speak with our deacons.

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

We now will have 5 handicap parking spots on the church side next to the walkway.

**Pastor Bob will be on study leave this week.  
Aug.31-Sept. 6.**

## THIS WEEK AT CBC

### **Exercise with us!**

This 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 or en707@cox.net

### **Little Dresses**

The mission of "Little Dresses for Africa" is to provide relief to African children, by distributing home-made dresses to little girls, primarily in African villages, but also other countries in crisis. These meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Clarke Hall.

### **CBC Ladies' Brown Bag Lunch**

Please join us on September 4<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Lunch will be at Duana's house at **620 East Shore Road.**

Please contact **Duana- 401-932-0767** or **Ellen-401-932-8288** if you plan on attending. Thank You!

## **CBC OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

### **Sunday, Aug. 31—Guest Pastor, Sharon Hope**

9:30 a.m.      Worship Service

10:30 a.m.    Coffee Hour

### **Monday, Sept. 1—Labor day**

Church Office closed

### **Tuesday, Sept. 2**

8:30 a.m.      Exercise with us!

### **Thursday, Sept. 4**

8:30 a.m.      Exercise with us!

### **Sunday, Sept. 7**

9:30 a.m.      Worship Service

10:30 a.m.    Coffee Hour

### **Monday, Sept. 8**

1:00 p.m.      Chair Yoga

### **Tuesday, Sept. 9**

8:30 a.m.      Exercise with us!

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### **Attendance on Sunday, August 24**

Worship Service: 40

## **ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DEACON'S**

The Deacons will be giving gift cards to nine identified students, who could use the help to purchase back to school supplies. We would appreciate monetary donations to cover the cost. In the past we have given out backpacks with school supplies to Melrose and Lawn Ave Schools.

The schools do not need more backpacks at this time.

You may give money to any of the Deacons or put it in the designated box in the parlor. Thank you!

## **The Jamestown Community Food Pantry**

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting food insecure Jamestown residents. Central Baptist Church supports the mission of the JCFP by providing the space for the food pantry's operations. Additionally, CBC has an ongoing nonperishable food collection that is donated to the JCFP monthly. During **August**, the food pantry needs **Boxed cereal, oatmeal, canned baked beans and fruit cups**. Donations can be placed in the basket in the church parlor.

## **CBC PRAYERS**

Marsha Brome had prayers of joy that her son and his family are fine, and they had no damage from Hurricane Erin. Marsha also asked for prayers for Rory, who is 3 months old and is having open heart surgery on August 26.

Pastor Bob asked for continued prayers for Cynthia Leonard's Aunt Phyllis in Arizona.

Also, continued prayers for Linc's Mom, Terry.

Continued prayers for Cheryl, Butch and Lauren.

## **CBC COFFEE HOUR**

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday Coffee hour following the worship service. There are instructions for setting up & clean up are near the back of the sink. You have the choice to provide snacks or not. If anyone is interested, please sign up, the sign-up sheet in Clarke Hall kitchen

**We no longer have a P.O. Box.**

Please send mail to our street address:  
**99 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835**

Thank you!



*Please join us for*  
**Welcome Sunday**  
**Sunday, Sept. 14**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**The Church at 4 Corners**  
**Jamestown's**  
**Central Baptist Church**  
**Home to a congregation of**  
**diverse religious backgrounds**



### **CBC Courier**

We will begin our monthly newsletter starting in October. The deadline for the October issue of our church newsletter is Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please submit materials them to [cbctanya1@gmail.com](mailto:cbctanya1@gmail.com).

# August Birthdays



Pastor Bob

Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

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 HAVE A NEW WEBSITE

We have a fabulous new  
**CBC Website**

We encourage everyone to take a  
look at the new website and at the  
amazing church family that  
we are, great photos, active  
calendar and a new uplifting profile.

Please go to:  
**CBCHURCHJTN.ORG**



Central Baptist Church  
The Church at 4 Corners

## Bulletin Announcements

Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on the preceding Wednesday.

## Joys & Concerns

If you have a need or a celebration you would like to share, please speak with the pastor, one of our deacons or forward the information to the church office.

## Flowers

All Are welcome to purchase flowers if they would like to honor someone, or as a memorial. We will have the flower request forms on the table in the parlor and will be placed on the altar on the week of their choosing. The flowers will be ordered through The Secret Garden; but you may choose to purchase your own flowers. We just ask you to please fill out the form so we can add it to the bulletin. Any questions, please contact the church office.

## CHURCH OFFICE

Our church office hours: **Monday – Thursday 10a.m.-1p.m.**

For administrative needs please call the church office.

You may reach Tanya Crowley, administrative assistant, by calling the office at **423-1651**; email **[cbctanya1@gmail.com](mailto:cbctanya1@gmail.com)**

For pastoral and emergency needs contact the pastor,

**Rev. Bob Nolan**

Email: **[nolan062400@gmail.com](mailto:nolan062400@gmail.com)**

Cell: **(401) 339-6134**

***Note: Pastor Bob will be on study leave this coming week.***

And put his contact info in your cell phone by scanning  
Pastor Bob's QR Code:

***<https://blinq.me/rBEICDP63vo4km28A7De?bs=db>***





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