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October 2024

## *Our Faith Connections*

Dear PMBC,

I waved the white flag of concession in worship on September 22nd - fall is here! Although the weather today feels like summer, the changing leaves and cool nights tell me otherwise. There are other signs of the season shift - such as the increased work by church members preparing for November's holiday bazaar and the Christmas music floating out of choir practice. I'm still holding onto the beach days and summer for as long as possible, but for every time there is a season. The Byrds and Ecclesiastes taught us that! As much as winter and I aren't on all the best of terms, I know that after winter comes spring, and with spring comes planting my garden!

I'm sure some of you are like me. When you think of change, you kind of tense up a bit - but change and new seasons aren't always bad things. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us of that. Sure, there are times of weeping, but there are also times of laughing. As we head into the cold seasons, PMBC actually finds itself a season ahead - moving from a season of dormancy into a season of new life and growth. We are dreaming new dreams about what it means to be this community of faith in the here and now.

At our leadership retreat two weeks ago, our leaders put together a "seating chart" of our PMBC members and friends. If y'all ever wonder whether change is hard for churches - just think about how hard it is to just change where you sit in the sanctuary. Putting together the "seating chart" was easy because folx are creatures of habit! ("Seating chart" is in quotes because we also included our home-bound folx and our zoom attenders.) It was energizing to see names added of new friends and newly returned friends, alongside our long-time attenders, and to dream together what this faith community can be with the presence of so many dynamic people.

Friends, YOU are the greatest resource at PMBC. Our building is lovely (even with its leaky roof), our investments are performing as investments perform, our banners are beautiful - but it is the people who dream the new dreams. It is the people the Spirit speaks to and leads into new seasons of life. YOU are the treasure.

Thanks be to God for God's indescribable grace in our community, as we open ourselves to the Spirit's leading, and seek to serve faithfully as a radically hospitable community in Cranston in 2024!

Blessings,

Pastor Amy

### **Adult Sunday School**

Our adult Sunday School class will meet once a month at 9 a.m., usually on the 2nd Sunday. *Our first meeting will be October 13th.* This year we will focus on different spiritual practices. If you are wanting to grow your spiritual life, plan to join us! On October 13th Pastor Amy will be teaching on prayer journaling. Journals and art supplies will be provided. Meet us in the Hope Circle room (top floor of the office wing - above the Trickett Parlor).

### **Dominican Republic Mission Trip**

We have the opportunity, on January 25th - February 1st, 2025, to join other ABC-USA churches from RI and around the country to serve at the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic. The Good Samaritan Hospital serves the DR's vulnerable Haitian population. On this trip we will serve in medical clinics in surrounding villages and construction work on the hospital. There is space for current and retired medical workers, skilled construction workers, and folks with willing hands and hearts to serve as needed.

We expect more detailed information regarding costs and travel details in the next few weeks. If you are interested in joining or supporting this trip, please plan to come to an **information meeting** following worship on Sunday, October 20th.

If you can't join us on the trip itself, there will be opportunities to support this team financially and to donate medical supplies. Additional information to follow.

### **Wanting to Expand Your Service?**

As a volunteer-run organization, we are incredibly thankful for all the many ways that our members and friends contribute their time, ideas, and finances. Volunteers have kept the church global alive for 2,000 years and PMBC for nearly 125 years! YOU are the pulse of this community and the hands and feet that serve in our wider community.

Sometimes it might feel like PMBC is always asking for volunteers. This is true, we are! As a growing and active church, it takes many hands to keep our ministries moving along. Perhaps you aren't sure how your passions, interests, and skills best fit into the ministry here. If so, you are most assuredly not alone. This next winter we will work together on understanding and identifying the *gifts of the Spirit* (the specific ways in which God's Spirit comes to life in us) and discerning how our own specific gifts best equip us to serve as Christ's hands and feet in this world.

In the meantime, please keep PMBC in your prayers as we go about the annual work of filling our leadership positions and growing our ministry teams. We are in an exciting season of growth and are heading into a year full of new opportunities as we celebrate our 125th anniversary! Pray as we discern together who will help lead us into and through this new season of life together. Cabinet liaisons in particular do vital work in setting direction for the congregation.

We are looking to fill the following positions for our 2025-2027 cycle:

- **Treasurer** - The treasurer works in conjunction with the bookkeeper to oversee the financial workings of the church.
- **Building and Grounds Liaison** - The B & G Liaison represents the B & G ministry group to the cabinet, attending a monthly cabinet meeting. B & G oversees building needs and projects, building use, the Sexton, and maintenance contracts. These are the folks responsible for keeping this building beautiful and welcoming!
- **Congregational Life and Fellowship Liaison** - The CLF Liaison represents the CLF ministry group to the cabinet, attending a monthly cabinet meeting. The CLF ministry group plans and oversees fellowship events, coffee hour, and special receptions and celebrations. These are the folks responsible for all things tasty!
- **Mission Education and Projects Liaison** - The MEP liaison represents the MEP ministry group to the cabinet, attending a monthly cabinet meeting. The MEP ministry group oversees mission education and projects, promotes social justice advocacy and education, oversees the four special denominational offers, and develops hands-on missions projects. These are the folks responsible for leading practical ways for us to serve as Christ's hands and feet around the nation and world!
- **Additionally, all of our groups are seeking new members** to do a variety of things! Our teams are Building and Grounds, Christian Education, Congregational Life and Fellowship, Mission Education and Projects, Visitation and Care, and Worship Planning and Arrangements.

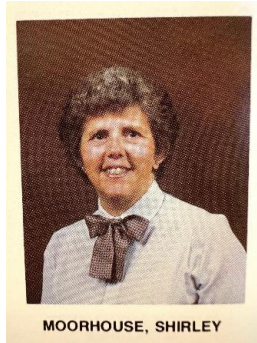
### **All-Saints Sunday, Ceremony of Remembrance**

During worship on Sunday, November 3rd, we will light candles in remembrance of those we have lost. There is no time limit on the remembrance of a person.

Your loss may have been this past year, or it may have been many years ago. Bring their names and join us in remembering them together.

### **Thanks for Gifts Given**

We have recently received word that longtime former member Shirley Moorhouse has passed. Shirley attended PMBC with her parents, Frederick and Bertha (Stanton) Moorhouse and passed away on April 6th, 2024, in Houlton, Maine. She was interred at Pawtuxet Cemetery in Warwick. Shirley gave a generous gift to PMBC upon her passing to be used to support our ongoing mission and ministry. You can [find Shirley's obituary here.](#)



### **Community Events**

#### **Holocaust Education Day at Temple Sinai**

Temple Sinai (30 Hagen Ave, Cranston) has invited us to join them on Monday, October 21st at 7 p.m. to hear Pastor Christ Edmonds speak about his father's bravery during WWII saving the lives of more than 200 Jewish POWs. See additional information on the flier below, including a link to RSVP.

#### **History Corner**

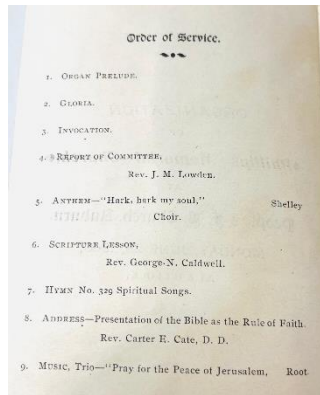
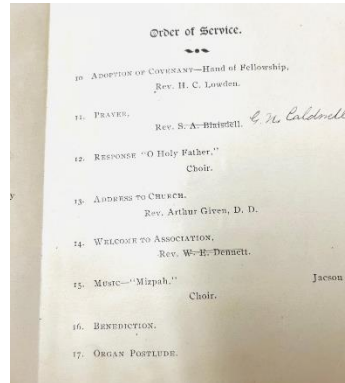
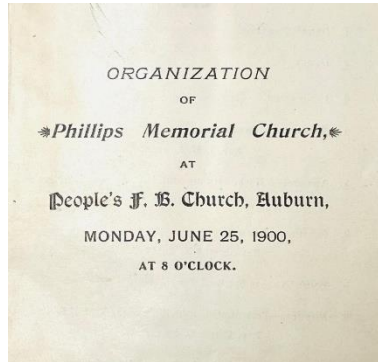
Notes from our earliest records:

"A meeting was called about the middle of May, nineteen hundred, by a special committee appointed by the R. I. Free Baptist Association consisting of the Rev. J. M. L—, Rev. H. C. Lowden, Rev. Arthur Given, Daniel D. W— and Thomas D—, to consider the advisability of organizing a Free Baptist Church at Eden Park.

The meeting was held at the Mr. Thomas D—'s on Pontiac Ave and about a dozen families on the plot were represented.

It was decided to organize and the committee were instructed to make arrangements for the recognition of a church body to be called the Phillips Memorial Church by the Association.

The committee perfected the arrangements for the service to be held June 25th for which the People's Free Baptist Church at Auburn kindly offered the use of their sanctuary. It was afterwards found to be the fact that the organization took place on the fifth anniversary of the death of Rev. James L. Phillips, DD, for whom the church was named."



**Join Us in Person or for On-line Worship  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

**Remember services are held every week on  
Zoom too. Click "Join the Meeting!" below.**

Recordings of services are posted on YouTube.

[Click for Zoom Phone  
Info](#)

[Click for PMBC on  
YouTube](#)

[Click to Join the  
Meeting!](#)

## Ministry Group Reports

### Worship Planning and Arrangements

Phillips Family,

Welcome to October. Fall is rolling along and we hope you all are doing well too. Church is moving through our fall season heading toward the holidays, though still a few months off.

Kids are back, families back, and worship is happening. We are always looking at our service and seeing if anything needs to be tweaked to make it more meaningful. Zoom is in the capable hands of Dawn Lindelow and looking grand.

As always, if anyone would like to help in the service in any way, please see one of us. We could always use more members to get involved.

Jeff Damrad

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### Christian Education

We had a great start on Launch Sunday to our Christian Education programs. Grades K-5 have been learning that God is always with us through the stories of Joseph in the book of Genesis. This month children will be learning about the life of Moses in the book of Exodus. Our teen group's focus has been relating God's message in the bible to their lives and studying baptism. They will soon be working on sharing the word of God through dramatizations.

Kathy McKinney

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### Mission Education and Projects

World Mission Offering time is here! We will be accepting your gift in the next two weeks! This offering provides an opportunity for us to participate in "God's life-changing mission around the world." Many special stories have been written about events our missionaries have made possible. Some requests from missionaries: Pray for Thousands of migrants and refugees, and pray for the women and children at Deborah's House. Corenne and Phil Smith (missionaries we help and support) request prayers for the physical and emotional safety of the children, for the house parents, and for former street kids, who are getting used to baths, brushing their teeth, and following rules.





"The only people you should ever want to get  
"even" with are those who have helped you."

- John Honeyfeld

There are OGHS envelopes at church for emergency donations for the flooding in southern states. Look for them in the Narthex, the Trickett Parlor, and on the table near the exit at the front of our sanctuary.

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**We did it! We reached our goal of one ton of food donated!**

**Pounds of food collected at our monthly food drive** to benefit the food pantry at Cranston Community Action Program (CCAP):

**Phillips Memorial Baptist Church  
Food Donations in Pounds  
September 2023 through September 2024**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
9/9/2023	94.0
10/14/2023	90.0
11/11/2023	145.0
11/19/2023	162.2
12/10/2023	212.4
1/21/2024	108.8
2/11/2024	57.0
3/10/2024	135.4
4/14/2024	234.0
5/12/2024	211.4
6/9/2024	139.6
7/14/2024	93.8
8/11/2024	163.4
9/8/2024	159.6
Total	<u><u>2,006.6</u></u>

Thank you!!

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## Music Ministry

### **PMBC Fun *Music* Fact:**

Since the Chime Choir reconvened two years ago, we have been blessed to have Gabby Lindelow serve as assistant director of this group.



Gabby is a former member of the Chime Choir. Below, is a photo of the Chime Choir taken in 2013. See if you can spot Gabby in the group.





Gabby is a 2020 graduate of Chariho High School. She is a seasonal member of the Chancel Singers during the Christmas Season. She loves animals, and her services are available as a dog walker.

**OCTOBER REHEARSALS:**

**JOY Praise Team, Chancel Singers, and Sanctuary Ringers** rehearse at their regular time on Thursday evenings.

**Chime Choir** will rehearse immediately following worship on 10/6. The rehearsal previously scheduled for 10/20 is cancelled.

**Bass Clef Carolers** will rehearse at 9:00 AM on 10/20.

**Organist Assistant for October 20th is Antonia Souza.**

**CONCERT IN NOVEMBER**

The CCRI keyboard faculty will present **Keyboard Collage Concert 3** on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00 pm in our Phillips sanctuary. Featured performers are Martha Sobaje, organist, and Audrey Kaiser & John Norigian, pianists. Admission is free. Reception (with baked goodies by Ruthie Moran) to follow.

# Keyboard Collage Concert 3

Timeless Classics as well as  
Original Compositions

**Dr. Martha Sobaje**, *organ*  
**John Norigian**, *piano*  
**Dr. Audrey Kaiser**, *piano*



A Joint Faculty Concert  
**Keyboardists from the  
Community College of Rhode Island**

November 3, 2024  
3 p.m.

*Admission is Free*

**Phillips Memorial Baptist Church**  
565 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910

Reception to Follow

for more information: [mhsobaje@ccri.edu](mailto:mhsobaje@ccri.edu); [akkaiser@ccri.edu](mailto:akkaiser@ccri.edu)



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## Hope Circle

### Rada Knife Orders

**Knife orders are due back by November 3rd** to Sarah Fresh or Linda Liebrich. If you haven't received a catalog yet and would like one, please see either Sarah or Linda in church on Sundays.



## Holiday Bazaar: Now Accepting Donations!

**Please Volunteer!** Your time is the greatest donation. Sign up in the Parlor or contact Sarah Fresch or Linda Liebrich.

### List of **Accepted** Items:

- Monetary gifts for expenses
- Jewelry
- Dishes/glassware
- Gently used yard sale items
- Gently used toys and children's books
- Baked goods (& cookie dough)
- Homemade canned jellies/pickles/jams

Please mark donations as "Bazaar" and place them in the closet across from the choir room. Cookie dough can be brought Sunday, November 17th and baked goods can be dropped off the day before the bazaar or the morning of.

### List of **Not Accepted** Items:

- Electronics – computers, TVs, printers, music players, etc.
- Large items
- Baby furniture, walkers, strollers, etc.
- Clothing
- Bicycles
- Furniture, lamps
- Books, videos, DVDs

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## Pantry Restocking Help Needed at CCAP

There is a need of a few volunteers on Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays with restocking shelves at the CCAP Food Pantry located at 311 Doric Avenue in Cranston. It is best to park behind the building on South Clarendon Street, which is the first block off Park Avenue. When coming to the building enter the building using the accessibility entrance and take the elevator to the basement.



Volunteers can come any time on these days.

Come with a church friend or family member and make a outing of it.

Contact Alan Newton (401)340-0819 to let him know when you would like to volunteer and he will let the pantry staff know.



## Daily Lectionary Bible Readings

(11/30/23 - 11/28/24)

This daily Bible reading list has two series, complementary and semi-continuous. American Baptist Churches USA has used either series. If you are not sure which to use, follow the complementary series.

If anyone wishes to have a printed copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Here is the internet address/link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=B>

(Click the link above for readings)



**Sunday, October 6, 9:00 a.m.**  
Parent/Guardian Meeting  
in Hope Circle Room (top floor of the center wing)

**Monday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.**  
Bazaar Planning Meeting on Zoom

**Sunday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.**  
Adult Sunday School Begins

**Sunday, October 13**  
2nd Sunday Food Donations

Monday, October 14  
Church Office Closed for Columbus Day

Sunday, October 20, 11:15 a.m.  
Mission Trip Information Meeting

Monday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Holocaust Education Day at Temple Sinai

Sunday, November 3  
Keyboard Collage Concert 3

Monday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.  
Bazaar Planning Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, November 23  
2024 Holiday Bazaar

Chime Choir will rehearse immediately  
following worship on the following dates:  
10/6, 10/20, 11/10, 11/24, 12/1, 12/15

Thursdays – Music Rehearsals

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. JOY Praise Team

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Singers

8:00 – 8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers

Sundays (following worship)  
Coffee Hour in the Trickett Parlor

2nd Sunday - Each Month (following worship)  
Building & Grounds Group Mtg.

Tuesdays - 1:00 p.m.  
Knitter's Group meets in the Trickett Parlor  
You don't have to knit - just join us for a lively exchange of ideas

Tuesdays & Fridays - 7:00 p.m.  
AA Group Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study on Zoom



**ZOOM COFFEE CHATS**  
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.


*It is into this deeply tired world of ours that God sends Jesus to speak the voice of love. Jesus says, "Follow me. Don't keep running around. Follow me. Don't just sit there. Follow me." The voice of love is the voice that can completely reshape our life from a wandering or just-sitting-there life to one that is focused and has a point to go to. —Henri Nouwen*

## NAVIGATING A WEARY WORLD

October 2	Finding Rest
October 9	Embracing Possibility
October 16	Recovering Purpose
October 23	Taking Risks
October 30	Making Connections
November 13	Reflecting Light
November 20	Practicing Gratitude

For Zoom link, contact  
eldercare@abcori.org

Elder Care Ministries  
American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island  
eldercare.abcori.org



## Passport to the Psalms

*special experiences for grandparents & grandchildren*

Grandparents and grandchildren of all ages are invited to join us for the second stop on our journey through the Book of Psalms. Each stop will allow us to experience something special from the psalms.

Our second stop will be on Saturday, October 26, to experience how the gifts of harvest invite us to give joyful thanks. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. at the Confreda's Fall Festival.

Elder Care Ministries will cover the cost of general admission, which includes hayrides, a corn maze, an animal barnyard, and acres of farmland to explore. Families will be responsible for the cost of pick-your-own pumpkins; carnival rides and games; and food and beverages.

Each family will receive a book that captures the power and poetry of a psalm about harvest and thanksgiving. Grandparents and grandchildren alike also will receive a passport that includes related activities to share afterwards.

### Stop 2: Harvest & Thanksgiving

*You give the year a good harvest.  
You load the wagons with many crops.  
The desert is covered with grass.  
The hills are covered with happiness.  
The pastures are full of sheep.  
The valleys are covered with grain.  
Everything shouts and sings for joy. (Psalm 65:11-13)*

**Saturday, October 26 10:00 a.m.**  
**Confreda's Fall Festival**  
(Confreda Farm is located at 2150 Scituate Avenue, Hope, RI.)

Please contact [eldercare@abcori.org](mailto:eldercare@abcori.org) or (401) 522-9731 by October 23 to let us know you plan to join us and to receive additional information.

**Elder Care Ministries**  
American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island  
[eldercare.abcori.org](http://eldercare.abcori.org)



You...

## Yes, You Are a Missionary

### Mission Day

Presented by American Baptist Women's Ministries of Rhode Island

October 19, 2024

Ebenezer Church | 475 Cranston St., Providence

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*The ruler will answer them, "The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40*

8:30am Registration and Fellowship

9:00am The program begins with Worship and Breakout Sessions featuring

- \* Nora Kalkman, daughter of IM Global Servants and seminary student at Yale
- \* Clarice Gothberg, lay minister at Open Table of Christ Church
- \* Highlights of a mission trip to Murrow Indian Children's Home
- \* Table Displays

2:30pm The program ends

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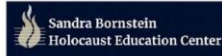
Cost for day \$20.00, lunch included

**Registration Deadline: October 14**

Donations of clothing, pet supplies, personal toiletries, soda can pull tabs, and food items including packets of flavored individual instant oatmeal will be accepted and given to the appropriate presenter.

Link to American Baptist Women's Ministries Mission Day registration form [here](#).

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## Speaker Visit with Pastor Chris Edmonds

Pastor Chris Edmonds is the son of WWII hero, Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds, whose fearless bravery saved the lives of more than 200 Jewish American soldiers in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. Today, Pastor Edmonds travels around the world to share the story of his father's moral courage while inspiring others to take a stand for what is right.

Pastor Chris's message to students: ***Your ordinary life lived well is extraordinary – even heroic. One life can make a difference and that difference is you.***

Don't miss this opportunity to witness the enduring power of human goodness through visual testimony in a short film featuring those who witnessed the bravery of Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds, followed by a candid conversation with Pastor Chris.

**Monday, OCTOBER 21, 2024**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Temple Sinai**  
**30 Hagan Avenue**  
**Cranston, RI**



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