

# The Spire

**F**rom Your Pastor

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March 2011

## Stewards of the Mysteries Celebrating God's Generosity

Join us each Sunday during Lent as we explore and celebrate God's generosity. A different theme will be explored each Sunday and they are listed below. Join us on Thursdays at noon time for Lunch and Bible Study of the texts for the coming Sunday.

March 13, 2011  
First Sunday in Lent  
**Creation**  
Genesis 11-24

March 20, 2011  
Second Sunday in Lent  
**Being Human**  
Genesis 1: 27-31

March 27, 2011  
Third Sunday in Lent  
**Possessions**  
Matthew 19:16-30

April 3, 2011  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
**Relationship and Community**  
Romans 14

April 10, 2011  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
**Sabbath Rest**  
Genesis 2:2-3  
Luke 6:1-11

April 17, 2011  
Palm Sunday  
Radical Love, Life Giving Peace  
Luke 19: 28-44

April 24, 2011  
Easter

Blessings to you as we enter the season of Lent.

Pastor Pat

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

*March's Deacon of the Month is Dottie Leduc.*

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### ***In Sympathy***

The congregation extends deepest condolences to:

The family of Phyllis Rodgers who died on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. A service was held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fagan-Quinn Funeral Home.

Camilla Wiener and family on the death of her husband, Frank Wiener who died on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Calling hours were held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Avery Storti Funeral Home and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family of Hazel Stafford who died on February 17<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on February 20<sup>th</sup> and a committal service will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Old Fernwood Cemetery.

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### **Hayes Memorial Mission Fund – Next steps**

Some of us from the Mission Board have been visiting local organizations to identify potential projects for this year. The focus could be on individual child/children or adults to provide skill training or support or environment upgrade or.....? We intend to send an RFP type request to several other local agencies that we know about. We would like to have your ideas also. So here are the criteria we are setting for a local project to happen this summer.

1. Local project in Kingston or South Kingstown area
2. Individual family or agency
3. Possible tasks could be many such as:
  - Interior or exterior: painting, carpentry, making a garden, creating a playground upgrade or backyard equipment,
  - OR support/assistance to a family or individual members of a family.
4. We hope for an intergenerational team so we are able to provide a wide range of skills.

**USE YOUR OWN CONNECTIONS AND IMAGINATION**

Send suggestions in writing to me (FBB) to the KCC Office - DEADLINE: March 25, 2011.

We hope to announce the project mid April, then to receive names of those interested in participating during late April and early May with training for the team in late May/early June. The first annual project would happen during the summer 2011.

Thanks as always for your thoughts and help.  
Freddie Bettinger

## Stewardship

### **An Interview with the artist: Sue Snow**

*Sue Snow created the logo for KCC's 2011 Stewardship Campaign.*

A familiar face at KCC church services, Sue (Klingensmith) grew up in Narragansett, graduated from South Kingstown High School, and earned her BS in botany from URI. Coincidentally, her husband, Cliff, also graduated from URI with a BS in botany, and also a Master's Degree in environmental botany.

Sue has lived in Rhode Island her entire life. She and husband Cliff have raised three daughters here. The oldest, Kristin Letterman, now lives in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, with her husband, Chris, and a son and daughter. Middle daughter Julie Snow is a professor at Slippery Rock Univ. in PA. She earned her MS and doctorate at URI's School of Oceanography. Her husband Scott Medeiros is a bike technician at Stedman's Bicycle Shop. Scott and daughter, Ella, keep the home fires burning in RI while Mom commutes to her teaching job. The Snows' youngest daughter, Laura Thakral, lives in Fairfax, VA. She's a stay-at-home Mom, with 19-month old son named Aiven. Her husband is an electrical engineer.

Now semi-retired, Sue has worked 37 years at Zero Wampum. The store is owned by her sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Gerry Richmond. Sue recalls when she and Amy had young children the moms took turns working in the store. Husband Cliff is a retired teacher from Chariho High School, where he also coached the girls' soccer team for 14 years.

Art is a passion for Sue. While she formal art instruction, Sue designed many of Zero Wampum's ads, developing her skills along the way.

Sue recalls sitting in church the Sunday the Stewardship Campaign theme was announced. She asked Cliff for a piece of paper from the pew rack, and she sketched the concept right away. She refined it later at home

Sue explains the logo this way, "The arms are the compassion and the certainty that we'll be there for each other. The walkway leading to the church is our future, and the church will be there for the future."



*You are invited  
to*

***the 2011 Stewardship  
Campaign Brunch***

***Sunday, March 27  
Fellowship Hall  
following the Church Service***

***rsvp before March 17  
Jane Skogley 294-2845***

**Scrip - - - it just takes a little planning  
so**

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN  
APRIL?**

**VACATIONING ?  
HOME IMPROVEMENT ?  
SPRING CLEANING ?  
COME TO THE SCRIP TABLE  
SUPPORT KCC MINISTRIES  
WE'LL FIND THE CARD FOR YOU!!!!**

## **Community Interfaith Peace Service**

The Peace and Justice Task Force would like to invite everyone to the annual Community Interfaith Peace Service to be held on March 27th at 3:30 p.m. at Kingston Congregational Church. It is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of peace work and pray for continued efforts in this arena. This year, we are excited to have young people from various faith communities sharing their talents to participate in the event. Please come, and bring friends and family. There will be refreshments and fellowship after the event.

## **BALLROOM FUN-Raiser!**

Come dance with me! KCC Dance classes starting soon! The class is designed for beginners who are interested in social partner dancing. This is a FUNDRAISER for the church. NO PARTNER NECESSARY, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. 2 left feet welcome along with those rhythmically challenged! YOU are welcome! (And bring a friend or two. This is open to all church members and friends in the community.)

Instructor: Sue Davis  
6 week dance class series  
Sundays March 6 – April 10  
4:00-5:30 pm  
\$35 per person for the 6 weeks  
Kingston Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

Dances to be taught have not yet been determined. Possibilities are: swing, foxtrot, waltz, cha cha, salsa, merengue, bachata, rumba. I will likely cover 3 dances. If everyone wants Argentine Tango, then I'll do a 6 week series just on that. Contact Sue if you have questions or requests: [ridancer@aol.com](mailto:ridancer@aol.com) or 789-5295.



**9th Annual  
SPNM  
BENEFIT  
CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13  
3:00 PM**

Phillips Memorial Baptist Church  
585 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston

**A Musical  
Extravaganza by  
Children and  
Adult Groups**

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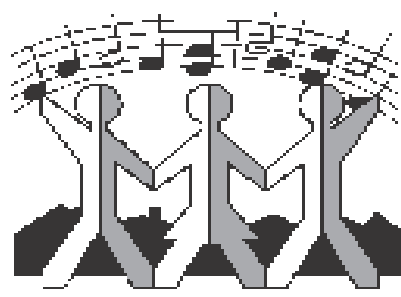
**SPONSORS NEEDED**  
If you would like to help sponsor  
this concert, please call Executive  
Director SPNM, Yvette Kenner  
at 401-461-7509 ext.106.  
Sponsorships start at \$100.

*Listen to  
wonderful  
performances  
while supporting  
this vital  
community  
outreach  
organization.*

*Please bring canned goods  
for the SPNM Food Pantry.*

*Free-will offering to benefit  
South Providence  
Neighborhood Ministries*

*Refreshments will follow concert.*



South Providence Neighborhood Ministries  
747 Broad St., Providence 401-461-7509

## World Day of Prayer 2011

Please join the women of South County Church Women United for the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 4, 2011. The women of Chile have written the service around the theme *How many loaves have you?* They ask us to enter the process that draws us into the Bible, into the context of Chile and into the real situations of our lives and communities. Together, we are asked to respond to what we have and how we can share it with others. In this past year, Chile has been challenged by a devastating earthquake and the collapse of a mine in which many miners were trapped. Again, we are reminded to share our bread and to receive the bread that is shared with us. On March 4, 2011, let us reach out our hands and hearts to touch the lives of sisters and brothers in Chile and around the world.

This year's service will be held at Peace Dale Congregational Church, 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale at 2:00 pm.

Friends, family and communities of faith are invited to join with us and those around the world in prayer and song to support the ecumenical ministries toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness.

For additional information contact Diane Miller at 792-8965 or [dmiller581@cox.net](mailto:dmiller581@cox.net).

## March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month. SAVE the DATES

1. Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> is National Dress in Blue Day. Watch NBC Channel 10 at 5:45 AM. Coffee Club Salute. If you would like flyers or posters for your place of work, contact me.
2. Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> P-Bruins at 4pm, tickets are \$14. That's 50% off.
3. Saturday 12 March 11 AM at the Greenville Public Library for Monthly Public meeting.
4. TBA Dates and Locations of our monthly meetings.
5. Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Colon Cancer Awareness 5K Walk, Run. More information to follow. The fee is still \$10 for advanced sales and \$15 after July 19<sup>th</sup>

For more information for any of these events contact Doug Kraus 401-783-1447 or [dkraus@ccalliance.org](mailto:dkraus@ccalliance.org).

Thank you to all of you for your support last year and making last year such a great success.

Doug Kraus

## Updating Information

Please inform the church office of any changes in address, phone number, e-mail address, etc. by emailing [office@kingconchurch.org](mailto:office@kingconchurch.org) or calling 783-5330. Thank you.