



# *The Weathervane*

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## **MORE "FIRSTS" IN OUR HISTORY!**

- 1785: Lemuel Hayes is the first African American ordained by a Protestant body. He becomes a world renowned preacher and writer.
- 1810: America's first Foreign Mission Society is formed by Congregationalists in Massachusetts.
- 1812: The Foreign Mission Society sends missionaries (including Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice) to India.
- 1839: Enslaved Africans mutiny aboard the ship Amistad. They are imprisoned in CT and Congregationalist lawyers and others work for their release. The Supreme Court rules that they are NOT property and their freedom is returned.
- 1846: Spurred by the Amistad event, Lewis Tappan forms the American Missionary Society. It is the first anti-slavery society in the US with multi-racial leadership.
- 1853: Antoinette Brown is the first woman (since Biblical times) to be ordained to the Christian ministry and perhaps the first woman in history called to serve a congregation as pastor.
- 1897: Washington Gladden is one of the first leaders of the Social Gospel movement, which denounced economic oppression and exploitation of the poor.

## *DID YOU KNOW?*

**\*\*WE WILL CELEBRATE AN  
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE WITH  
OUR FRIENDS FROM PEACE  
DALE CHURCH\*\***

**7:00  
TUCKER TOWN PARK  
SOUTH KINGSTOWN**

**THE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS  
FROM BOTH CHURCHES  
WILL LEAD THE SERVICE!**

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELE-  
BRATE EASTER  
IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS  
JUST AS THE FIRST  
DISCIPLES DID.**

*Thanks to our  
friends from AA  
for over sixty  
hours spent  
cleaning and  
painting the  
kitchen.*