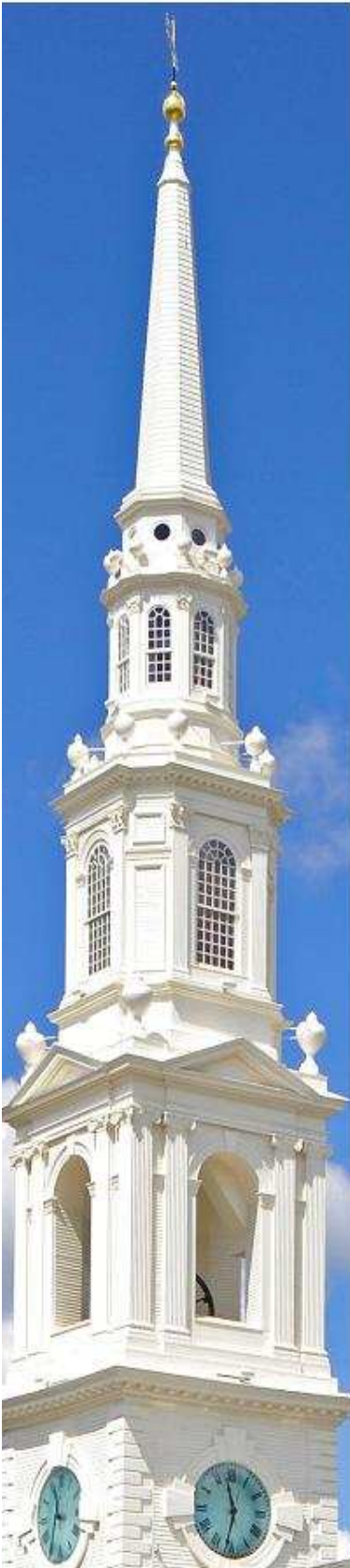


The Spire

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FROM THE PASTOR....

Maybe you have heard the old joke about the pastor who stood before his congregation at the end of a worship service and told them that the Lord had called him to another church. Then the congregation stood and sang, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus!”

Well, I am not leaving for another church. But I am leaving at the end of this month. I leave with great excitement about the future for this congregation. You have called a superb pastor who will be an asset to this church and the whole region. I will miss you, and I will cherish the friendships we have forged over the last year plus three months. What a gift you have been to me!

Thank you for making this interim time such a pleasure for me. I will always be grateful to you and cheer you on in the years ahead!

Thomas R. McKibbens

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Forum

September 20: Jim Vincent and Anthony Difilippo of the Providence NAACP will open our forum series on race.

September 27: Ray Rickman from the RI Black Heritage Society will speak on slavery.

Sunday School

Lessons for September

God's Creation is Good

September 6:
The Earth - Genesis 1:1-19

September 13:
Living Things - Genesis 1:20-25

September 18:
In God's Image - Genesis 1:26-2:4

September 23:
Adam and Eve - Genesis 2:10-3:24

Church News

▶ Holly will be out of the office starting Monday, September 21st through Tuesday, October 25th. Ann-Marie Bausserman will be in the office in her absence. If you need to send information for the Spire or need to contact the church office, please use annmarie.fbc@gmail.com. You can also call the church office and leave a message. Thank you!

▶ **Interspirituality and Social Action** **How do we live our faith in these times?**

You're invited, and your friends are too!
Saturday, October 3, from 9 to noon
Bryant College in Smithfield

Avi Smolen of Interfaith Youth Corp will be the speaker for the first portion, the rest of the time we will reflect together on how to live out of faith in the challenging times. It's free. It starts with a continental breakfast to help draw you into wakefulness. Brought to you by the RISCC's Advocacy and Justice Commission and Bryant College Interfaith Center - we hope the first of a series to support pastors and lay leaders as we try to figure out how best to be faithful in a changed and changing world. **You'll find a map, directions and pre-registration [here](#)** (which helps us make sure there is enough coffee).

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Road Races

On the following dates there will be road races in the City of Providence. the Police Department suggests the following routes to take to avoid the street closures:

*September 20th CVS 5K
September 27th Color Run
October 3rd Gloria Gemma
October 18th Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk*

The easiest route for them would be to get off prior to the downtown exit on 95 South. If they get off at Branch or the Corliss Street exits they can get over to Benefit and then down to North Main. It is a little out of the way but they won't get stuck anywhere.

The only other option is to continue on to 195 east to India Street exit, turn left on Wickenden and right on South Main. Again, out of way but will not have any blockages to get to your church.

Memorial Blvd is a mess on those days and there is no way to cross it. I'm sorry for the trouble but if you can put into a bulletin these other options at least people can be prepared and have a slightly longer yet less stressful ride to church.

Sgt. Martinous



Hello to all my fellow FBCIA members! I invite you to my **First Book-signing Event** for my **Novel, Savage Seven Eve!**

Where: Books On The Square (Bookstore)
471 Angell St
Providence, RI 02906

When: Saturday, October 3rd, 2015

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Please RSVP me before the 23rd of September at my mail:

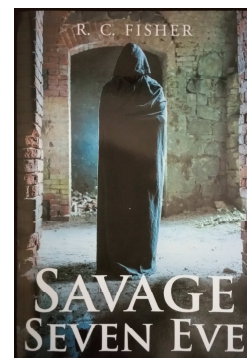
r.fisher55@yahoo.com

so I can get a "body count" for the bookstore.

I look forward to seeing you there!

(I **NEED** the support of my Church) 😊

R.C. Fisher



You are invited to...

A BBQ to welcome Jamie, NJ, and Jideobi to Providence!!!

Sunday, September 27 from 4 to 7 PM

Hosted by Rob, Jessie, & Olivia
153 Wendell Rd; Warwick, RI 02888
(Directions will be posted)

Please bring a Side, Salad, or Dessert to share
Be advised: We have two very friendly poochi that will love on you like it's their job

We have some seating but those with camping chairs may want to bring them along

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall by the end of the night, Thursday, September 24.

Church News

“SCRIBBLES” from FRIDAY SEEKERS

For program of September 25, 2015

Are you in the mood for a trip to someplace new and different, then come along on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015 when Sue Lepore takes us to a wonderful vacation spot – the GALAPAGOS ISLANDS.



The Galapagos, a group of 19 islands approximately 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador were discovered accidentally in 1535 by Spaniard Fray Tomas de Berlanga, the Bishop of Panama. He spent most of three days searching for water on the islands. He wrote that the land there, inhabited only by birds, seals, and reptiles was “dross, worthless, because it has not the power of raising a little grass, but only some thistles.**” Charles Darwin sailed there aboard the HMS Beagle in 1835. He spent 5 weeks exploring the islands at the end of a 3-year journey charting the coasts of South America. He was impressed with the ability of the animals to adapt to the harsh and different conditions on each island.**

Join us at First Baptist, FRIDAY SEEKERS on Friday, September 25 and learn more about this exotic location when Sue Lepore shares the stories of her family’s trip to the Galapagos.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – 6 PM AT THE CHURCH; 6:30 P.M. FOR POT LUCK SUPPER AND 7:00 PM FOR PROGRAM. SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD .



From Sea to Shining Sea

Dr. Jeannine and David Jordan

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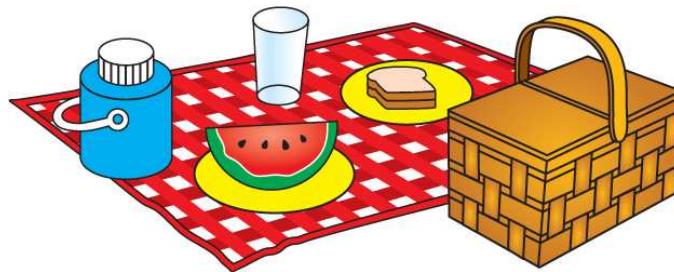
Friday, September 18, 201 7:30 P.M.

Free Admission

Sponsored by The Rhode Island Chapter American Guild of Organists



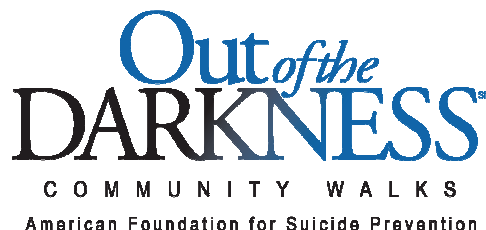
From Missions and Outreach



This Saturday, September 19th, join us at **Camp Canonicus** for a **picnic** to meet the families of the immigrant children who attended camp this summer and to thank other churches that supported this effort. We will meet at 3 o'clock and supper will be at 5. We will supply hot dogs. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. If you need directions, go to www.canonicus.org and click on About Us (directions).



Join us on Sundays in October at 9 a.m. in the church kitchen to make **sandwiches for Crossroads Rhode Island**, the primary service agency for homeless people in our state. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



The annual **Out Of Darkness walk for suicide prevention** will take place Saturday, October 17th at Slater Park in Pawtucket. If you are interesting in participating, please talk to Lee McDaniel Or Ann Marie Bausserman.



During the month of September, we are collecting funds for the annual International Ministries offering. Donating to this offering will support global servants who work in one or more of the following areas.

Evangelism

Inviting people to faith in Jesus and helping them form churches to work together in God's mission of transforming all creation.

Health and Healing

Helping people experience abundant life, including physical and mental wholeness.

Human Trafficking

Combating modern-day slavery through ministries of rescue and after-care, addressing physical, mental, spiritual, educational, relational and vocational needs.

Economic Development

Mentoring local leaders and helping communities build and strengthen their economies using expertise in agriculture, finance and technology.

Education

Providing education that reduces child labor, improves health, empowers local economies and enables people to read.

Peace and Refuge

Training individuals in skills of conflict transformation and assisting local workers to provide refuge to those displaced by violence, persecution or natural disaster.

Thank you for supporting this important global work of ABCUSA.

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Sunday Calendar

Sun. September 20 - 10:00 AM	Worship:	Rev. Dr. Thomas McKibbens
	Sermon:	“The Revolutionary ABC’s of Home”
	Scripture:	Proverbs 31: 10-31
	Greeters:	Jessica and Carl Guiney
	Ushers:	David Paul and Mark Hall
11:15 AM	Tour Guide:	Elsa Grieder
Sun. September 27 - 11:00 AM	Worship:	Rev. Dr. Thomas McKibbens
	Sermon:	“No Bouncers!”
	Scripture:	Mark 9:38-50
	Greeters:	Deb Jensen-Brown and Al Brown, Jr
	Ushers:	Emily and Zack Martin
12:15 AM	Tour Guide:	Richard Aubin

Mission Calendar

- ▶ Monthly Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall 2nd Saturday of the Month 9:30 AM.
- ▶ PICA Sunday is the 4th Sunday of the Month, Please bring non-perishable food for the food pantry.