

# *The Spire*

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## *FROM THE PASTOR....*

Greetings, Church!

Our family is so happy to be in Rhode Island, at the beginning of our time together with your church family. You've already extended such a warm welcome to us; thank you. We are steadily settling into our new environs, and welcome your recommendations on local sights to see, items of interest, and your favorite bakeries. (We may not have our sea legs yet, but we are able to find the ocean.) Some have asked how to pronounce our son's name. Jideobi Vance Washam Unaka rhymes with Adobe Dance Squash-em Chewbacca.

As your pastor, I look forward to coming to know you as individuals, and as a church family. I would like to hear your history with and hopes for our community. I pray your patience in these early times, as we acclimate to one another. Your spirit of grace, sincerity, and hospitality were evident before we arrived; I trust we will progress in the same way. Once I figure out the initial rhythm of church life with you, I will post office hours. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact me or drop by the church.

I am so grateful for the time you shared with Tom McKibbens. He is a wise and measured pastor and person. It is a gift to follow his interim. It is a blessing to be called to a healthy and vital congregation, and a particular joy to be called as your 37<sup>th</sup> settled minister. I look forward to seeing what God will do with us together.

Peace,

Pastor Jamie



## *Christian Education*

### Sunday Morning Forum

We will be having Member Panels & continuing with our discussion on race .

October 4<sup>th</sup>&11<sup>th</sup> : An Epistle of Metanoia from the 2015 Mission Summit to the ABCUSA family from the 2015 Biennial Mission Summit.

### Sunday School

Lessons for October

#### **Big promises**

- October 4:  
Abraham and Sarah—Genesis 12:1-9  
15:1-6
- October 11:  
Abraham and Lot—Genesis 13:1-12
- October 18:  
The Birth of Isaac—Genesis 18:1-15  
21:1-7
- October 25:  
Isaac and Rebekah—Genesis 24:1-67

## *Church News*

▶ Holly will be out of the office through Tuesday, October 27th. 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](mailto:annmarie.fbc@gmail.com) . You can also call the church office and leave a message. Thank you!

▶ Reminder: October 18, Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk. Please prepare an alternate route to church on this day. There are quite a few streets that will be inaccessible. - See last Spire for suggestions

▶ We are in need of volunteers to bring in After Worship Treats. There is a sign up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall . Please sign up for a week or two if you able

THANK YOU!!!

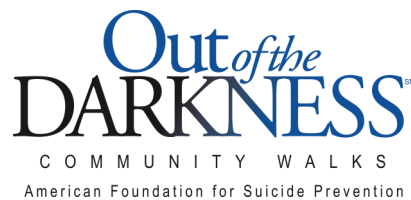
I want to thank everyone for your kind and generous gift on the occasion of my retirement. I have been wanting for some time to go on a retreat at Mercy Center so I am very grateful. I will plan to go in the spring. You are a generous group of people – with your money, your time and your support for one another. It has been a blessing to serve you.

Linda Bausserman

## Missions and Outreach



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 17<sup>th</sup> at Slater Park in Pawtucket. If you are interesting in participating, please talk to Lee McDaniel or Ann Marie Bausserman.



**PICA FOOD CENTER:** Remember to bring in your non-perishable food items in the month of October. Our goal is to contribute 25 more cans or jars of protein (peanut butter, canned tuna or canned chicken) for distribution to PICA clients.



## *Events In and Around First Baptist Church*

From Jason Shealy,

I'm doing a production of Sweeney Todd in the fall, could you forward it out to the church and anyone else you think might enjoy it? The theater company is in Wakefield, and all information is available through the website below.

<http://contemporarytheatercompany.com/>



◀ It was a Great Day for the church when it welcomed Jeffrey Caruso and Moira Finnegan into the membership of the church. Jeff is an entrepreneur and Moira works for the Federal Mediation Service.



## *Events In and Around First Baptist Church*



◀ Ray Rickman, president of the Black Heritage Society, was the guest speaker at the Adult Forum on Sunday, September 27. He gave a witty and impassioned talk about America's "original sin" of slavery and the continuing and present problems of race.

Below: Our church for the past several years has paid the way for a number of children of refugee families from Eritrea to go to Camp Canonicus. It proved to be a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Because the need exceeded what we could do alone, Susan Lepore contacted other ABCORI churches to see if they would contribute to the cause, and several did. As a result, we were able to send thirty different children for forty weeks of camping this summer. On Saturday, September 19, the children and their parents along with some of the staff at Camp Canonicus were the guests at a picnic.. Joining the FBCIA contingent were Jamie Washam and her son Jideobi.





◀ Susan Lepore kicked off the fall season for Friday Seekers by telling about their family trip to the Galapagos Islands this year. The Galapagos Islands with their unique animals, plants, and birds are a World Heritage Site.





◀ After the morning worship service on September 20, the church honored Linda Bausserman for her five years as Associate Pastor with a message from our past minister Dan Ivins, who said that Linda had earned the title of pastor #36 1/2; with praise and a gift whistle from our interim minister Tom McKibbens; and a gift from the congregation presented by Ruth Marris Macaulay, chair of the Board of Deacons. And, of course, a celebratory lemon cake baked by Betsy Shealy.

Below:: Sunday, September 27 was the final service for our interim minister, Tom McKibbens, and so the church had a luncheon and reception to honor him for his leadership. A love gift of money donated by the church people and a FBCIA souvenir plate were given to him. And, of course, there was another great cake by Betsy Shealy.





*Rob and Jessie Jarbadan hosted a BBQ and potluck feast at their home to welcome our new pastor, Jamie Washam and her husband N.J. and son Jideobi. Rob was the grill master who kept everyone supplied with a steady stream of good things to eat.*





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### ***Sunday Calendar***

Sun. October 04	-	11:00 AM	Worship:	Rev. Jamie Washam
			Sermon:	“Eating Together”
			Scripture:	Acts 2: 41-47
			Greeters:	Rob, Jessie and Olivia Jarbadan
			Ushers:	Richard Aubin and Lee McDaniel
		12:15 AM	Tour Guide:	Stan Lemons
Sun. October 11	-	11:00 AM	Worship:	Rev. Jamie Washam
			Sermon:	“Living Together”
			Scripture:	Romans 12: 4-8
			Greeters:	Sam and Deanna Beachen
			Ushers:	Donna and Henry Campopiano
		12:15 AM	Tour Guide:	Joanne Schneider

### **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. Protiens are always needed. (ie.Tuna, chicken, peanut butter& beans)