

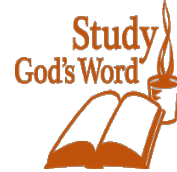


Christ Community Church of Blackstone
Proclaiming Hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ
September 2026 Newsletter



A Message from Pastor Marc

As we remember 9/11



*Tuesday morning
study at 10 am via
zoom.com
Opened to all!*

It is hard to believe that the nation is fast approaching the marking of 25 years since the attack on the United States remembering it as 9/11. Are you old enough to remember where you were when this happened? I rushed to the cafeteria at work to see the news on a large TV monitor and when I saw the second plane hit the world trade center tower, I commented to those close by that this was not an accident. In its aftermath, the country seemed united in purpose and spirit but like our history has shown us, we can unite after significant events such as 9/11 but the memories fade over time and we return to old habits of division.

Ecclesiastes 1 states, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens," with the next 5 verses elaborating the seasons of ours and our nation. We look toward the anniversary of 9/11 remembering that on that day 2,996 souls were lost and approximately 6,000 were wounded. Subsequently, approximately 4,000 people who worked on ground zero have also died with more souls being added to this total each year.

If we do not study our history as a nation, we will be prone to repeat it. Some recent reports though give me hope. Enlistments in the US Army are up significantly with recruitment goals having been reached already. The average age of a new recruit is 23 years old. I pray that patriotism will remain strong within the emerging generations. President Ronald Reagan once stated, "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." We are the envy of the world for our freedoms we enjoy, and each new generation must strive to preserve and protect what the nation has paid in blood and treasure for.

Our Declaration of Independence states that, "we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Our nation's Battle Hymn of the Republic is unabashed about the nation's relationship with Christ. Its final verse states: "In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me. As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, While God is marching on."

I'll leave you with this thought: As a nation we are founded on the belief in our Creator. We are the greatest experiment in government as a Republic that the world has ever seen. As we approach the 25th anniversary of 9/11, pray that as a nation we can fulfill the request of the Lord found in 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

God has given us a precious gift. The question remains; Can we preserve and protect it for the generations yet to come?

May God richly bless each and every one of you,

Pastor Marc

Prayer Requests

Call to me and I will answer you. Jeremiah 33:3

Those battling cancer: Dottie, Lisa
thank you God for being with them through their
treatments

Dennis- recuperating from quadruple by-pass

PW – COPD & Pastor Ruth – stress and pain relief

Lisa – pain issues

Lee-Alzheimer's & Andrea - kidney stones

Those who have had surgery and are recuperating,
Ken, Sharyn – especially Christy who has
developed an infection post-surgery.

Liane – guidance

Cheryl - anxiety

Robin – anxiety, pain

Enzo – Non-Hodgkins lymphoma

World Leaders; People in war-torn countries

Our church and Unsaved Loved Ones

Pastoral Search Committee

Praise God for Answered Prayer

Bill healed of Leukemia

Sheila's successful surgery



*Oh! I'm gonna sing of the Goodness of
God!*



Ages 12 and up
September 13, 2026



Sunday School for Teens

will begin on September 13th.

David Baisley will hold the class during the
morning service.

Come join us!



**There will be a Church Council
Meeting on
Saturday, September 26, 2026
@ 10am at the church.**



TUESDAY MORNINGS @10 AM

Joyce leads our Tuesday morning study via
Zoom.com. If you are interested in joining this study,
please contact Lynne at Lynnepj36@aol.com.

She will add your phone number
to the class.

TUESDAY EVENINGS @6:30 PM

The other is led by Pastor Marc on Tuesday evening
at the church. Just drop in if you are interested.
All are welcome.



Elementary Class
Ages 3 - 10

will begin sometime in October.

The actual date will be in our October
Newsletter.

Sheila Robeau is our Sunday School teacher
along with several volunteers.

Watch for the announcement!



Happy Birthday to

Jackie St. Jean Sept. 5th

Chi Salvatore Sept. 7th

Date Received as Members

Marc & Barbara
Greenwald - Sept. 1990

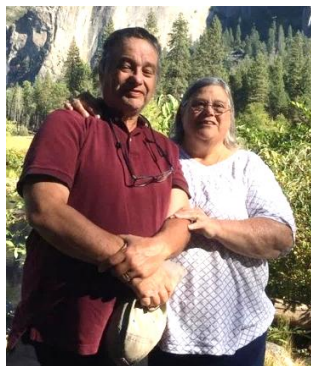
Baptism

Jackie St. Jean - Sept. 12, 1982



Paul & Nancy Mandeville Sept. 17th

Bill & Julie Wronski Sept. 28th



**CCCoB is hosting our
8th HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT SHOW
AND SILENT AUCTION
November 21, 2026 from 10am to 3pm**

Elks Lodge, 380 Social Street,
Woonsocket, RI 02895

**Over 25 Local Artisans
Large assortment of Arts & Crafts**

**Come do your Christmas Shopping and support
local people!**

Plenty of free parking - We serve lunch

Paul Mandeville has been a valued and faithful member of our church community for nearly 50 years. He and his wife, Nancy Dicks, were married on Sept. 17, 1977, and are blessed with three children: Sarah, Karen, and Paul Jr. He is known for his ability to repair many things and for his interest in history.

He joined our church by Confession of Faith and was received by Rev. William Miller on November 6, 1977. He was baptized as an adult by Rev. Denis Hardy on March 28, 1997.

Who's Who at CCCoB?



PAUL MANDEVILLE

Over the years, he has served as Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, President, and Treasurer.

During the past five years, he has contributed his time and skill as the church's IT lead, managing the projection system that supports live-streamed services.

He continues to reflect a sincere commitment to God and to the life of the church.

**WANTED
Live Streaming
TECHNICAL PERSON**

POSITION:

We are seeking an IT student who would be...

- looking to earn extra school credits,
- technology knowledgeable
- Experienced with OBS Live Streaming software.
- Responsible for broadcasting our church service and music on Sunday mornings

REQUIREMENTS:

- The candidate must be generally computer accomplished, and specifically so with windows 10.
(We have no one to teach the idiosyncrasies of a computer, of which there are many here)
- IT experience is a plus.
- The person will present music, and has to convert the music into useable mp4s and process them into the song show plus program. This requires special software that is resident on the church system.
- One would have to arrive before Sunday and make preparations.
- Punctuality on Sunday morning is a key factor

If you are interested in this position, please e-mail your resume to Jackie.stjean@outlook.com

Christ Community Church of Blackstone,
Blackstone, MA

**CHRISTIANS CAN STILL
LEARN FROM 9/11**

by Dustin Bengé

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

The shadow of 9/11 still stretches across our country. But for the Christian, that shadow serves not to diminish our hope, but to clarify it. It reminds us that our security is not found in what man builds, but in what God has already secured through His Son. What can we do decades later?

- **Live ready:** Don't delay repentance and spiritual priorities. Eternity is only a breath away.
- **Proclaim the gospel.** Speak the truth of Christ's death and resurrection often.
- **Shepherd the grieving.** Many still carry the wounds from that day—survivors, children who grew up without parents, military families. Be a comforter.
- **Remember with purpose.** Use anniversaries like 9/11 to share with your children the truth about evil, about courage, and most importantly, about Christ.
- **Thank God for common grace.** Acts of heroism, compassion for others, and national resilience are all glimpses of God's mercy—even in a fallen world.

**The towers fell.
But the tomb is still empty.
That is our hope!**

About us:

We are a bible-based, Christ-centered Christian church, located at 31 Church Street, Blackstone, MA. We are affiliated with the 4Cs – Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

Associate Pastor: Rev. Marc Greenwald

Visit our website at www.cccob.org to listen to our sermons and to find out more about us.

We also "live stream" our Sunday services at 9:30 am on You Tube. Type in Christ Community Church of Blackstone or visit our Facebook page.

Our Outreach/Missions Your Donations at Work!

Care Bears – Placed among our pews are teddy bears who are waiting to cheer and comfort anyone needing a little support. They are free for the taking. If you or someone you know needs a little support, is feeling down, discouraged, or needs a hug, take one and share it with them!

Christmas Gift Cards – We give Gift Certificates from local supermarkets to those in need.

First Concern Pregnancy Resource Ctr – Offering life-affirming care to Mothers and their babies in the community. We support them through quarterly donations.

Gideon's International – The Gideon's exist as advocates for the lost, to bring them the saving knowledge of the Word through placing and distributing Scriptures, and through personal witnessing. We support them through quarterly donations.

Helping the Homeless/Dollars for Deb – Donations help defray the cost of feeding the homeless. Amanda, at Betty's Restaurant, provides meals for the homeless on Wednesdays and the weekends.

Mary's Closet – we support Mary, a local school nurse, in providing teens in need of clothing, personal items and food snacks weekly. A quarterly donation is given to purchase unexpected needs.

This outreach has been feeding 5 to 10 families/week with groceries throughout the year. A cart is in the back of the church for items.

New Beginnings – This is a Soup Kitchen in Woonsocket that provides meals 4 days/week to anyone in need. We support them through a quarterly gift

Operation Christmas Child – gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Part of Samaritan's Purse.

St. Paul's Food Pantry – the Food Pantry supports Blackstone and North Smithfield needs. We support them through a quarterly gift.

Straight Ahead Ministry – is a faith-based organization offering a community of care for justice-involved youth. We give a quarterly donation and provide Christmas gift bags of clothing, hygiene items, games and snacks for 15 boys.

Tres Dias – This is a Christian ministry that works to strengthen Christians in their walk with Christ. Many of our members are very involved in this ministry, giving their time to help others to know Christ more.

We support them with a quarterly donation and set money aside to help anyone who would like to attend a weekend.

Thanksgiving Dinners: Nov 26, 2026

A hot home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner, cooked by our members, is given to shut-ins within the community. These are delivered on Thanksgiving morning.

Thanksgiving Gift Cards – Gift Certificates from local supermarkets are given to those in need.

Hometown Christmas – Blackstone

Every year, during December, the Blackstone Parks & Rec have several community events of which we participate in. Last couple of years we set up a table at the Boys & Girls Club with crafts to do and participate in the Selfie Elfie campaign.

*We are able to support all of these projects through your donations.
Thank you for your generosity*



~ September 2026 ~
Christ Community Church of Blackstone
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 10 am Via Zoom & 6:30 pm at the church	2 Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Via Zoom.com	3	4	5
6 Sunday Service 9:30 am	7 	8 Bible Study 10 am Via Zoom & 6:30 pm at the church	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday Service 9:30 am  During the service	14	15 Bible Study 10 am Via Zoom & 6:30 pm at the church	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday Service 9:30 am Sunday School during service	21	22 Bible Study 10 am Via Zoom & 6:30 pm at the church	23	24	25	26 Church Council Meeting @10 am in the church
27 Sunday Service 9:30 am	28	29 Bible Study 10 am Via Zoom & 6:30 pm at the church	30			