



Worship Schedule

**Contemporary
Worship**
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
9:55 a.m.

**Traditional
Worship**
11:00 a.m.

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“Who will roll away the stone for us?” -Mark 16:3

What if we looked more often to God first to do something with the stones in our lives?

What is the “stone” in your life right now? That thing that keeps you awake at night, wondering how you will ever move it? Or that issue that creeps into your mind when you’d rather be thinking of other things? Maybe the “stone” in your life is something you’ve struggled with for a long time. Though you’ve tried over and over again, you haven’t figured out how to roll it away when it blocks you from the life you really want to be living.

On the first Easter morning, two women who loved Jesus made their way to his grave. They were both named Mary, and they brought spices so that they could properly anoint his body for burial. They wondered to one another, as they walked, about who would move the massive stone that had been rolled over the entrance to the tomb. They knew they couldn’t do it by themselves.

When they arrived, they found—to their shock—that the stone had already been moved. The one thing that blocked them from reaching Jesus was gone. They didn’t have to worry about it at all because it was taken care of. I wonder how many times God thought: “You don’t have to worry about that” as He eavesdropped on their conversation as they walked to the tomb. I’ll bet God smiled when He saw the look on their faces when they got there!

This surprise turned out to be just the beginning of a morning full of surprises when they looked inside the tomb and found it empty. Not only had God moved the enormous stone, but God also raised Jesus from the dead!

If you and I have been worrying about the stones in our lives, and wondering how in the world we will move them, then maybe we’ve made the same mistake that those two women did. Often, the most difficult things of life are immovable by human hands. Many times, these things can only be budged, rolled away, or picked up by the hands of God. I wonder, as we worry, how often God is listening in and thinking “You don’t really need to worry about that.”? I wonder how much God smiles when we stop worrying, and start giving our stones to Him?

I wonder what might happen to us if we tried to learn from the story of these two women named Mary? What if we looked more often to God first to do something with the stones in our lives? I’ll bet that if we do our worrying might fade a little bit and our capacity for being surprised might go through the roof!

God’s Peace,
Pastor Andrew





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The Bottom Line!

Learn the inner workings of St James Finances!

The Finance Team is looking 2-3 new helpers. Current and previous members will train you. We are happy to let you "check it out" for a few weeks/months. If not for you, that's OK. No pressure to stay on. Give us a try.



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Scripture for April, 2012

April 8 Acts 10:34-43, I Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8
 April 15 Acts 4:32-35, I John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31
 April 22 Acts 3:12-19, I John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48
 April 29 Acts 4:5-12, I John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

Bodacious Bee!!



On Saturday March 10th the Bristol Warren Education Foundation held an adult spelling bee to raise funds for students educational enrichment opportunities in the Bristol Warren schools. Part costume party, part game show, the event drew together a large number of sponsored teams and great spellers. In the end, the victor was the team of "The Irritable Vowels" sponsored by Tanner Law. Our own Liz Tanner took the stage with her crew to receive the coveted trophy. Congratulations Tanner Law!

GREENING OF ST. JAMES!!



We are evaluating our operating costs, and have recently renegotiated our property insurance and trash removal to cut costs in both of these areas.

Beginning in June, we will be aiming to minimize the number of copies we make in our office and eliminate the majority of our bulk mailing costs by distributing the Scroll electronically. We realize that some of our members may not be able to access the Scroll on the web or receive it via email. We want to make sure that no one is excluded from reading about the monthly activities at St James.

There will be a sign up sheet posted in the Community Room throughout the month of April. If you are unable to receive the Scroll electronically, and would like to receive a paper copy in the mail or be able to pick one up at church each month, please sign your name. Thank you!



If you do not already receive your monthly Scroll by email or online, subscribe today!

To reduce operating costs, we hope our primary delivery will be electronic starting in June.

Write to Scroll@stjames-ri.org to subscribe!






**Congregational
Pot Luck Barbeque
and Picnic**

Sunday May 20th

**Come join in for Food,
Fellowship and Fun**



**The fun begins at 12:00 noon
at Sherwood field (behind church)**

**Pot luck: look for the sign up sheet in the
community room**

**For families attending the barbecue, Kid's Club will
be extended to noon.**

Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on



**Let's kick off the
Summer Season
Together!**



All are welcome!






DIRTY OLD SHOES

*Remember,
everyone needs a
friend.
Someday you
might feel like
you have no
friends at all.
Just remember
this poem and
take comfort in
knowing that
Someone out
there cares
about you....
And always will.*

My alarm went off...
It was Sunday again.
I was sleepy and tired,
My one day to sleep in.

But the guilt I would feel
So I'd go and I'd pray.
I got there and sat
In a pew just in time.
Bowling my head in prayer
As I closed my eyes,
I saw the shoe of the man next to me
Touching my own. I sighed.
With plenty of room on either side,
I thought, "Why must our soles touch?"
It bothered me, his shoe touching mine,
But it didn't bother him much.
A prayer began: "Our Father"
I thought, "This man with the shoes has no pride.
They're dusty, worn, and scratched
Even worse, there are holes on the side!"
"Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on.
The shoe man said a quiet "Amen,"
I tried to focus on the prayer,
But my thoughts were on his shoes again.
Aren't we supposed to look our best
When walking through that door?
Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought,
Glancing toward the floor.
Then the prayer was ended
And the songs of praise began.
The shoe man was certainly loud,
Sounding proud as he sang.
His voice lifted the rafters,
His hands were raised high,
The Lord could surely hear
The shoe man's voice from the sky.
It was time for the offering
And what I threw in was steep.
I watched as the shoe man reached
Into his pockets so deep.
I saw what was pulled out,
What the shoe man put in,
Then I heard a soft "clink"
As when silver hits tin...
The sermon really bored me
To tears, and that's no lie
It was the same for the shoe man,
For tears fell from his eyes.
At the end of the service,
As is the custom here,
We must greet new visitors

And show them all good cheer.
But I felt moved somehow
And wanted to meet the shoe man
So after the closing prayer,
I reached over and shook his hand.
He was old and his skin was dark,
And his hair was truly a mess
But I thanked him for coming,
For being our guest.
He said, "My names' Charlie,
I'm glad to meet you, my friend."
There were tears in his eyes
But he had a large, wide grin
Let me explain," he said
Wiping tears from his eyes.
I've been coming here for months,
And you're the first to say 'Hi.'"
I know that my appearance
Is not like all the rest,
But I really do try
To always look my best."
I always clean and polish my shoes
Before my very long walk
But by the time I get here,
They're dirty and dusty, like chalk."
My heart filled with pain and
I swallowed to hide my tears
As he continued to apologize
For daring to sit so near.
He said, "When I get here,
I know I must look a sight.
But I thought if I could touch you,
Then maybe our souls might unite."
I was silent for a moment
Knowing whatever was said
Would pale in comparison.
I spoke from my heart, not my head
Oh, you've touched me," I said,
And taught me, in part,
That the best of any man
Is what is found in his heart."
The rest, I thought,
This shoe man will never know...
Like just how thankful I really am
That his dirty old shoe touched my soul...

(Author Unknown)

BARRINGTON/EAST BAY CROP WALK

The first ever Barrington/East Bay CROP

Walk will be held on Sunday April

29. Funds raised for this walk help to fight

hunger worldwide and in our local

community. 25% of funds raised will go

directly to TAP-In The walk is a 3 mile

route that begins and ends at the

Barrington Presbyterian Church. Registration begins at 1:30, the walk starts at

2:00. We will meet at the Barrington Presbyterian Church (400 County Rd.) If you

would like to walk, see Pastor Andrew for a pledge envelope. You may also register

online by visiting www.cropwalkonline.org. From this page, by selecting "Rhode

Island" from the drop down menu, you will find a link to the Barrington/East Bay

CROP walk homepage. Register as a member of St. James on this page, or make

a contribution to the walk!

Questions? See Pastor Andrew



Youth News

Registrations for VBS now being accepted. Registrations received and paid before May 1st the fee is \$90. Registrations received after May 1st the fee is \$110. See Cathy Fales to register.

April 5th: First communion

April 8th: Easter egg hunt

April 27-29: Sunday School retreat at Calumet

April 28th: KFC/TFC

May 19th: KFC/TFC - Last meeting of the season!

May 20: Last day kids club

May 20: Sixth graders move up to JIF; receive Bibles for JIF at services

June 3rd: Confirmation

July 16-20: VBS

Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 1 Palm Sunday 9 Contemporary Worship 10 Christian Education 11 Traditional Worship	2	3 10 Knitting Group 7:30p Disciples in Training	4	5 Maundy Thursday 7p First Communion	6 Good Friday	7
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St. James is scheduled for Three Mobile Loaves & Fishes Runs in April



- Saturday, April 14th, Prep begins at 10:30. The truck will leave St. James at noon.
- Sunday, April 15th, Prep will begin following the Contemporary Service 10:15am. The truck will leave St. James following the Traditional Service, approximately 12:00pm.
- Wednesday April 18th, the truck will leave St. James at 5pm. Food preparation will begin at 3:30.