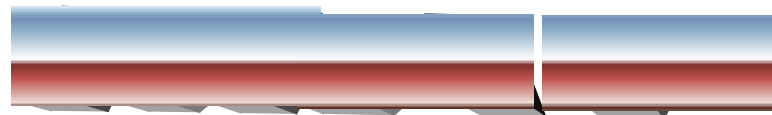


# SHAWOMET SUN



*Jesus is the light of the world*



2009

**The Rev. Nancy Phelan - Pastor**  
**Joseph Fuoco - Organist**  
**Virginia Pickering - Secretary**  
**Hosts—Richard & Nancy Reynolds**  
**Church Phone: 401-739-7184**

What a wonderful Easter season! What joy and love were expressed through your generous donations to the unemployed and needy. When I suggested that we make Easter dinner baskets for all the unemployed in our church I never expected the wonderful response we would get. I knew everyone would help in providing the canned goods to go with the ham that I thought the church would buy, but Denise Anthony stepped forward and offered to shop for the hams. She came back to me with all six hams being donated by Warwick Poultry and a gift certificate for food at Stop and Shop. Thank you Denise for your concern and to your husband Larry for bringing the hams to the church. Thank you to all the congregation who brought in all the canned goods and fresh vegetables. We even had sparkling cider in each box that went out. They were generous boxes and the families were overjoyed to have them.

When I suggested we help the unemployed I had no idea that my own husband would be the next one on the list to be let go. You have been more than generous in helping us out, we have received two anonymous gifts from the congregation and we want to thank whoever it was that did such a loving thing. One was to help out monetarily and the other was to send us to the Minister's Council Retreat on Block Island. We are deeply appreciative.

God is so good. Sometimes it takes a humbling experience like having your income cut in half to make us realize just how blessed we are.

I know others are still hurting in the economic downturn. The church is here to help in whatever small way we can. If you are struggling with unemployment please let me know so we can put your name on the list and

pray for you. Peter Trepanier has been on our list and he has found a new job. Praise God! We will continue to pray for all our unemployed and word of mouth in the community can lead to new job leads as well.

Jesus told us to "Love one another." Your love for us and the other people who are struggling has reaffirmed what we already knew. Jesus is alive and well in the Shawomet Baptist Church. May we continue to serve him together in love for his people.

Gratefully with love,

Pastor Nancy



LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR MAY

May 3, 2009

*Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18*

May 10, 2009

*Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8*

May 17, 2009

*Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17*

May 24, 2009

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19*

May 31, 2009

Day of Pentecost

*Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27  
or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*

WHY NOT READ THEM AS A PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

**WE ARE PLANNING TO SEND THE SUN VIA E-MAIL AS OF MAY. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES TO HELP THE CHURCH SAVE MONEY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAIL ONE PER FAMILY TO THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE E-MAIL. OUR CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS IS [Shawomet@Verizon.net](mailto:Shawomet@Verizon.net). THE WEBSITE IS [ShawometBaptistChurch.org](http://ShawometBaptistChurch.org).**

**CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES AFTER TEACHING MOMENTS IN SERMON**

**WINTER WORSHIP HOURS 10:30 EACH SUNDAY**

**COMMUNION-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**LARGE PRINT BIBLES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

**HANDICAP RAMP AND CHAIR LIFT AVAILABLE**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE .**

**A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS TO PRE-K**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**

**401-739-7184**

Mission Statement

Shawomet Baptist Church shall be devoted to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God exemplified in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The church will fulfill this mission through the public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, Christian Education and promotion of spiritual, moral and social well-being of the community and world.



April Worship Attendance

Communion	4/05/09	56
Sunrise	4/12/09	197
Easter Sunday	4/12/09	88
	4/19/09	47
	4/26/09	42



\*\*\* Services\*\*\*

*Worship Hours 10:30 AM  
Sunday School after  
Teaching Moments  
In Sermon*



## PARENT'S CORNER

### HOW TO GET YOUR KIDS TO GO TO CHURCH AND GO TO HEAVEN

Are you concerned about your kids not going to church? You should be. If your children absent themselves from the assembly and cut themselves off from the body of Christ, they condemn themselves to isolation and powerlessness. Don't resign yourself to your children not knowing the Lord and not going to church. Throughout the 2000 years of Christianity, in all cultures, children have been disciplined successfully by their parents. The failure to disciple children in the contemporary American church is unusual in the light of world history.

But the issue is much greater than church attendance. Parents should be concerned about disciplining their children into a fully committed, personal relationship with Jesus and into the life in the Spirit. Church is part of God's plan for your children, but our Father wants much more for them. Church doesn't always get you to Jesus, but Jesus always gets you to church, if you are committed to Him.

You must have a personal relationship with Jesus to share it with your children. Christianity must be a way of life and not just a Sunday obligation. Don't expect your kids to follow you indefinitely in fulfilling Sunday obligation. They need to meet personally the Head of the Church, Jesus, who will draw them into His body, the Church. Parents should frequently talk to their children about Jesus and point out what Jesus is doing in the family. As the children grow older, they should be presented with opportunities to make a personal decision to commit their lives to Jesus as Lord.

Christian families should pray together daily. Pray as a married couple. Then, with the whole Christian family, pray any way you can, even if only for a few moments. (Any prayer is better than no prayer.) One or both parents should also pray individually with each child, especially the older children. This may sound like a lot, but it may only take 5-10 minutes daily. Finally, going to church together as a family is one of the best things you can possibly do for your family.

The father makes the difference whether the children continue to go to church. Statistically, it has been proven that the father's church attendance is by far the most significant factor in children continuing church attendance through adolescence. The mother may always go to church, but the kids often do not follow her. Biblically, the father names the child, that is, gives the child an identity. Church attendance is part of this. Therefore, Christian mothers need to keep the responsibility for the children's church attendance on the shoulders of their husbands. If their husbands are not strong in faith, their wives must lead them to a deep faith in Jesus. Wives do not necessarily have to say much to do this but can open their husbands to the Lord through the "hidden character of the heart, expressed in the unfading beauty of calm and gentle disposition". (from "Presentation Ministries" on the Internet.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANKS



*We received a lovely Easter card from Birgit. As usual it is a unique design. It is on display on the board in the Narthex.*



*A thank you letter was received from Rhode Island Family Shelter thanking us for our donation of paper goods.*



*Many thanks to Harry Bejian for filling in as head usher while Richard was on vacation. Richard better watch out or he is going to lose his job!!!!*



*I hope you noticed the beautiful bouquet of daffodils in the front of the church Sunday the 19th. They were donated by Mike and Kate Royal Martin. Once again it gave us the opportunity to admire "God's Work". Thank you and God Bless.*



*Thanks to Donna Sanita, Aidan Sanita, Lucy Lucero & Pastor Nancy for filling the eggs for the Easter Hunt and also to Kylee, Bob & Becky for setting up the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. Nine participants had a ball.*



*Once again the 89th Sunrise Service was successful thanks to Richard Reynolds, Bob Davidson and Manny Alves for setting up the cross and sound system and also to Richard and Rick Start for assisting with handing out bulletins and receiving the offering. According to Richard—no dogs or ducks showed up this year. Thanks also to all that helped.*



*The Maundy Thursday Service was successful thanks to the willing hands of Manny Alves (setting up tables) and Busy Hands for setting them. Those that attended stated the potluck was delicious and a spiritual evening celebrating the life of Our Lord. Thank you to all the readers of the scriptures and service, Kevin Sanita, Christian Lucero, Cay Browne, Barbara Davidson, Diane Reynolds, Rick Start, Bob Phelan, Lucy Lucero, Carol Edwards and Sharon Alves.*



*Our thanks goes out to Denise Anthony for having the Easter hams donated from Warwick Poultry and the gift certificate from Stop & Shop. It was a great savings for the church.*

# Bible Characters



J A R E M A R T H A O R G R S H  
 O E O T I M O T H Y U N A A I S  
 S E L I J A H E E S A M S O N I  
 H S E S O M J E W T A H E S A H  
 U H A L I L E D E C A A S I H O  
 A J O H N M S I H M M O S B E D  
 L U A P L A U M T C E N O O A D  
 O D I F F R S O T O P I L J L A  
 A A E S E Y E A A R O W O E A N  
 J S J O N A H N M H S T M L Z I  
 O E S T H E R D I V A D O I A E  
 S E W E I J O N A T H A N S R L  
 E K R A M R R E T E P E T H U G  
 P H T A I L O G N T S C H A S S  
 H T L S M A H A R B A L U A S E  
 H T U R E Z A C C H E U S D A W

ABRAHAM	JONATHAN	SAMSON
DANIEL	JOSHUA	SAUL
DELILAH	LAZARUS	
SOLOMON		
ELIJAH	MARK	
TIMOTHY		
ESTHER	MARY	
ZACCHEUS		
GOLIATH	MATTHEW	
ISAAC	MOSES	
JESUS	NAOMI	
JOB	NOAH	
JOHN	PAUL	
JONAH	PETER	
JOSEPH	RUTH	



## Thoughts and Prayers from the month of April Gene Travis

Alice Travis  
 Blake Graumann  
 Sarah Graumann  
 Bethany Brandenburg  
 Brad Widler  
 Kate Royal Martin  
 Mrs. Forlingieri (Joe's mother)  
 Becky Phelan  
 Graham Mann  
 Eugenia—Lucy's grandmother  
 Diane Reynolds  
 Kaylee Griffin and her parents  
 Monique and Brian  
 Betty Royal  
 Bill Ciniero  
 Janice Evans, Gail Flamands  
 mother  
 Raymond, Cay & Con's son-in-  
 law  
 Nyomi Maycock  
 Milla, the Doo's niece  
 Our service men and women  
 Rick Dean  
 Michael Bruno  
 Our world leader

Mother's Day Quotes

- "God could not be everywhere therefore he made Mothers."
- "A mother understands what a child does not say"
- "All that I am, or hope to be I owe to my mother" (Abe Lincoln)
- "To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world"
- "Nobody knows of the work it makes/to keep the home together.
- Nobody knows of the steps it takes/ nobody knows but mother."

## Some Typical Motherly Advise

There are a few things, which are common to all the mothers around the world. Apart from showering love and affection, mothers make it a point to keep an eye on every activity of their children—this of course arises as a result of her being too caring about her child, so that he/she is always unhurt. Here are some of the most common advices by mothers to their children:

- Make sure to change your underwear always; you never know when you'll have an accident.
- Don't make that face or it'll solidify in that position.
- Be careful or else you'll put your eye out.
- What if everyone jumped off the bridge? Would you do it, too?
- You have enough filth behind those ears to grow potatoes!
- C'mon close that door! Were you born in a barn?
- If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all.
- Don't put that thing in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!



### Greeter List for May

- 3 - Elizabeth Bruno
- 10 - Denise & Deanna Anthony
- 17 - Manny & Sharon Alves
- 24 - Bob & Barbara Davidson
- 31 - Ginny Pickering

### After Service Refreshment



- 3 -
- 10 -
- 17 -
- 24 -
- 31 -

### Assisting the Pastor



- 3 - Stephanie Royal
- 10 - Clyde Bennett
- 17 - Barbara Davidson
- 24 - Cayi Wilcox Browne
- 31 - Shirlee Allenson

## MAY



- 5 - Doris Cole
- 6 - Denise Anthony
- 9 - Leah Miller
- 10 - Amy Pickering
- 12 - Carol Edwards
- 14 - Mike Forlingieri
- 15 - Nancy Dean
- 17 - Samuel Riccio
- 19 - Carol Batty
- 19 - Esther Stone
- 21 - Wayne A. Meunier
- 25 - Elizabeth Bruno
- 29 - Christian Lucero
- 29 - Tina Canning



- 1 - Nancy & Richard Reynolds

Deaconate Meeting—April 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Richard Reynolds.

The Pastor led in prayer;

Attendance: Nancy Reynolds; Virginia Pickering; Carol Edwards; Manuel Alves; Nancy Phelan; Cay Browne; Barbara A. Davidson; Bob Davidson; Doug Wilcox; Richard Reynolds; Richard A. Start.

The minutes of March 15th were approved.

New Business: Ginny suggested we try to advertise on the community bulletin board on the local TV stations.

Reports:

Financial Secretary—Bob Davidson reported receipts of \$4228.00 in March.

Treasurer—Cay Browne reported: Savings—\$713.80; Checking—\$5,596.00. (The full reports may be found in the Clerks Book.)

Pastor's Report—Easter was wonderful with 80 people in church a 195 at the sunrise service which was cold but sunny. Rev. John Houlker preached. Thank you to Bob, Richard, Rick and Manny and everyone else who helped to make this service possible.

Ginny has been going right out straight with all the services for Easter and the three funerals we had. Thank you for your dedication and good work.

The Easter dinners for the unemployed and needy were gratefully received. Thank you to all who have been so generous.

The Easter egg hunt had to be delayed a week because of rain. Nine children had a wonderful time and stacks of eggs. Hopefully next year we will have more kids.

I will be attending the Minister's Council Retreat on Block Island going on May 12th and returning on May 13th. Bob will be going with me. Professor Mark Burrows from Andover Newton will be leading the seminar.

*To Do's for Eastertide*

*May 3 - Pray for those who have been baptized in the last ten years who no longer come to church that they will return.*

*May 10 - Pray for new people to be touched by God and moved to join us in our joy to serve the Lord.*

*May 17 - Pray for our new member Donna Sanita that her faith journey will be a wonderful experience as she grows to know the Lord more fully.*

*May 24 - Pray for all our newly dedicated children that they will grow in faith and reach the decision to be baptized in Jesus.*

I am not going to be able to make the Annual Gathering due to not knowing what days I'm working. I am working with one of the nursing homes to try to get set days for at least some of the days I work. I am now working 11-7 so I am available to be called at home for sickness and funerals.

Donna Sanita has completed her tutorial and is ready to join the church.

We have four, maybe five, baby dedications coming up in May. Leah Miller on Mother's Day and three Bowering children on May 24th. Carol Bouley's daughter Susan wants to be baptized and have her baby dedicated on the same day. I have to talk more to her about this.

The fire code meeting is Tuesday, April 28th at Trinity United Methodist Church, 375 Broad Street in Providence at 8:30-10:00 AM. Doug Wilcox will attend.

Shut-in communion was delayed by the many funerals we have had. The only person who received it was Gene Travis who is gravely ill. All the shut-ins were visited and received Easter plants but we will have to do communion at a later date. If someone could bring a plant to Graham Mann that would be wonderful. Respectfully submitted, Rev. Nancy Phelan

Worship—Nancy Reynolds. The 2nd quarter schedule is done.

Christian Ed.—Diane Reynolds. Donna and Lucy are filling in during my recovery from surgery.

Mission Outreach—Manny Alves: Upcoming schedule -

May 9th—Max Lucado "Stories of Hope 3:16" Saturday, 5 PM at church.

June 13th—Fireproof—Saturday 5 pm at church.

May 30th—"Men of Faith" Breakfast—9 AM at Shawomet.

"One Great hour of Sharing: - Committee to plan activities to involve all ages: April, Plan; May, Promote; June, Collect.

Property—Rick Start. Another clean-up will be scheduled.

Church Growth—Doug Wilcox: None

Music—Fran Pedersen: more bell players are needed.

Flowers/Shut-ins—Ginny Pickering: The Easter plants from Stamp Nursery were very nice and were delivered to all on our Sunshine List. We had daffodils today from the garden of Kate and Michael Martin.

Memorials—Carol Edwards: There was one addition to the memorial Fund Account for Philip Lloyd Kershaw since my last report dated March 15, 2009.

Interest was received in the Citizen's Bank Memorial fund for the first quarter of this year.

The total balance of Memorial Funds in the Citizens Bank Memorial funds Savings Account as of April 19, 2009 is \$7,2564.60.

The total balance of Memorial funds in the Fidelity Investments Account is \$10,000.00

Memorial Plaques have been received for Andrew Smith, Constance Krenkel and Kenneth L. Tatro and will be mounted on our Memorial Board in the Narthex.

A special fund for Fire Code Expenses is being held separately and temporarily in the Memorial Funds Savings Account at Citizens Bank until the monies are needed. Contributions from 5 donors were given in August, 2008, for a total of \$3,630.00, and the current balance remains at \$3,630.00 as of this date.

Ushers—Bob Renehan: Richard thanks everyone who filled in while we were on vacation.

Pastoral Relations: - Barbara Davidson: None

Old Business: The telephone tree is updated. Some clarification is needed for the Memorials by-law language. Bob Davidson will look into it. The secretary will contact families with funds over 1 year since the death of their loved ones. We talked about setting up a meeting with Mark McHugh with the Diaconate.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2009. Potluck and Annual meeting. Reports will be due by May 3rd.

Adjourned; 1:00 pm with this challenge—How can we move people to the church?

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Reynolds, Clerk



# MAY 2009



Shawomet Baptist Church  
 1642 West Shore Road  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Thrift Store 9:30-12 Noon  Camp Open House at Canonicus /11-3:00 PM
3 Communion  Vote for Donna Sanita's membership  Deacon's reports due	4 AA 7-9 PM  Fran's Crafts 9:30	5	6 AA 6:30-8:00 PM	7 Busy Hands 9:30 AM	8 Ecumenical Breakfast/ Venus de Milo 8-10:30 AM  Adult & Derby -	9 Thrift Store 9:30-12 Noon Movie in Cowell Hall-"3:16 Stories of Hope"-5 pm  Me Fishing Canonicus
10    Mother's Day	11 AA 7-9 PM  Fran's Crafts 9:30  Ministers'	12  Retreat	13 AA 6:30-8:00 PM  Block Island	14 Busy Hands 9:30 AM	15	16 Thrift Store 9:30-12 Noon  Beaver Day at Canonicus 9-3 PM
17 Annual All church meeting & potluck.  Right Hand of Fellowship to Donna Sanita	18 AA 7-9 PM  Fran's Crafts 9:30	19	20 AA 6:30-8:00 PM  ABCOW Joint Ministry Team Meeting	21 Busy Hands 9:30 AM	22	23 Thrift Store CLOSED
24 Baby Dedication - Clyde to do sermon  Pentecost	25 AA 7-9 PM   MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 AA 6:30-8:00 PM	28 Busy Hands 9:30 AM	29	30 Thrift Store 9:30-12 Noon "Men of Faith" Breakfast—Cowell Hall 9:00 AM

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 (401) 739-7184  
 Pastor Nancy L. Phelan  
Worship Service – 10:30 AM  
 Sunday School after children's story  
 Directions: Take Rt. 95 to Rt. 117E. Continue 5 miles.  
 Church is on the right.