

The Springfield Redeemer



**“Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually.”
1 Chronicles 16:11**

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Future Plans for Holy Grounds by Pastor Constant S. Cooley

Future plans are moving forward for the Holy Grounds Coffee House! Our goal is to build a better building at 191 Walnut Street, so as to allow the Holy Grounds Coffee House #2 to move there, and also accommodate Pastor Cooley’s United Temple Church, plus have an adequate parking lot!

Holy Grounds Coffee House will continue to be a training and learning center for Bible Study as well as a safety net for people in need of food or essentials, especially during the winter months. The Covid crisis made things tough for many of us but I feel that the church should not only teach the gospel of God in His saving grace, but should also be involved in meeting the needs of mankind as a people created by God.

Holy Grounds Coffee House has been doing this from the start, and endeavors to continue to be a place to find God, to strengthen your faith, to gather with other Christians, to learn the Bible, to share food, and to pray together. Please help if you can, you will be blessed by God and appreciated by me. Whatever you do, let it be done to the glory of God and with prayer.

I would love to save the original Coffee House building by offering it for sale to a larger ministry for \$300,000. The money would be invested in the new building at 191 Walnut Street. Anyone investing in this ministry will share in the blessings. Please pray for a miracle so that this will be successful without incurring massive debt. – Pastor Constant S. Cooley.

APRIL NEWS from Pastor Renzo

Our evangelist, Pastor Renzo Ventrice is visiting churches all over Pioneer Valley, sharing the vision of the urgent need for New England churches to pray for revival and evangelism. In April he was able to fill in for Rev. Jim Rennie of First Baptist Church of Colrain, as he recovered from knee surgery. Pray for Holy Grounds to continue to teach and preach the Word of God as together we work to redeem Springfield and surrounding area.

Springfield Comes Together to Exalt the Lord

Thursday night, May 5, 2022, was the National Day of Prayer in America, and all over the nation cities and towns were gathering together to pray. Believers from many different churches and denominations, including Holy grounds Coffee House, met at City Hall in Springfield at 5:30 p.m. to “Exalt the Lord” in prayer. Begun by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, the National Day of Prayer celebrated the 70th year of raising our voices to God for our cities, our states, and our country.

In attendance were two State Representatives who said, “We need to pray, especially for the mental health of our country!” Then a proclamation from Mayor Sarno was read. He reiterated that the

National Day of Prayer was a treasured part of our nation’s faith, and asked for guidance for our leaders.

Pastor Josh of Cornerstone Church offered a powerful prayer for God’s power and blessing and also led the music. Then, after reading Colossians 3:2 “set your minds on things above, and not on things here on earth,” he named the 7 pillars of society and began to call up pastors and leaders to pray for them.

First is family. We must protect marriage, it is the reflection of God, and our relationship to



Him, but also it is God's appointed place to rear children, a safe place and a godly model for living. Church was second, and the emphasis was that we are one church, not a building, but a "body." Together we can stand against the wicked devices of the devil and declare "Shalom!" (peace) over our streets. Next, prayer was raised for our workplaces and business places. Then, of course, schools and education. We prayed against suicide and depression; for divine wisdom for our School Board.

Pastor Cooley, a veteran of Vietnam, lifted up prayer for our military. He said, "in the foxholes, we had a little Bible, (literally) the only thing between us and death was God!" We prayed that Americans get

right with God, Who reigns even over governments! He declares, now or at the Judgement, every knee will bow!

The last pillar is arts and entertainment, which are both a reflection and a determinant of our culture. For Rev. Daniel Torres' closing remarks, he said, "it's an honor to participate in this 70th Annual Day of Prayer." Colossians 2: 6-7 says, "As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so continue to live in Him." He came to bring life (John 10:10), so should we! We have the authority to hold our government accountable. We do not hate anyone, we do not cancel anyone, we invite you to choose the Lord and choose life

Choose Life Says Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley

Holy Grounds Coffee House ministry is a staunch supporter of the pro-life community here in the Pioneer Valley, so at the 8th Annual Breakfast put on by Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley, Pastor Cooley was asked to be the Master of Ceremonies! Held on Saturday, 10 o'clock, April 23rd, 2022, at Wyckoff Country Club on Easthampton Road, Holyoke.

They had packets of information, including an article on abortion, a large folder showing the stages of life before birth, and more! This is one of their functions – preparing and distributing the truth about the development of unborn babies and the truth about the consequences of abortion! They counsel those who have had abortions in the past, and those who are contemplating abortion. They are able to inform them of the impact on the mom, the father, and other family members, and of the far-reaching consequences of abortion, and of their options.

Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley's other activities are weekly standouts at the Planned Parenthood Clinic on Wednesdays at 10, the Springfield March For Life in January, and the annual Life Chain.

After introductions, a song, and prayer, and the rewarding of the Pro-Life Award to Fred Glidden, a highlight of the event was the awards given to the students who entered the annual contest with essays and art works. The many entries were excellent; one was even read aloud.

The keynote speaker was Sister Deirdre Byrne, the sister of Bishop Wm. Byrne, Diocese of Springfield. Sister Dede, as she is called, is a religious sister and retired colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. At birth, she survived an attempted abortion. Now, to inspire others, she is willing to make her story public. It is important to view each life as part of God's great plan, an eternal plan!

Following the message, we together recited the Pro-Life Pledge and sang Let There Be Peace on Earth, (the desire of us all!) although we know that there will not be true peace until Jesus comes, the Bible makes that clear! Pastor Cooley closed in prayer. The Pro-Life of pioneer Valley has a website for more information: www.prolifepv.com.



Ongoing Events

SUNDAY SERVICES:

10 a.m., lunch, 5 p.m. Service - Motivated by Faith with Pastor Bobby and Kim Quinones.

MONDAY -- FRIDAY: Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed!***

WEDNESDAY: 1 pm to 4 pm – Coffee House open with Steve Morin.

THURSDAY: FIAT Thursday 7 p.m. June 23, 2022.

FRIDAY: Women's Bible Study with Shelly Saunders, Fridays at 1:00 PM.