

This Month in Christian Education

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NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



All Greenwood children should be sure to bring their Easter Baskets to church on Easter morning. (We will have extra on hand in case you forget.) As a special treat this year, we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt between the two Easter Sunday services. Children (through grade 6) should meet in Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9 am service, or at about 10:15. **Children must meet in Fellowship Hall first in order to get special Easter-egg-hunting clearance!** Pray for a sunny Easter morning. (The egg hunt will be held inside in case of inclement weather.) See you there!

SPECIAL NEWS!!

Vacation Bible School will take place under the able-bodied leadership of Rachel Czepyha, Ginny Jacobs, and Timoli Richardson. Thank you ladies! So mark your calendars for July 12th-16th. All Greenwood children up to and including those entering grade 6 in the fall are invited to participate and won't want to miss this year. Participants will be going on a High Seas Adventure. . . .so plan to climb aboard for the voyage of a lifetime! Stay tuned for details.



PYF NEWS

Upcoming events:

April 22nd-24th	Awakening Conference, Smithfield RI (on your own)
May 9 th	Mother's Day Brunch
July 26-31	Passport Mission Camp, Gordon College

ROPES UPDATE

Dear Members,

I want to take a moment to remind you of the ongoing ROPES ministry. As you know, every week in the church bulletin a notice appears reminding us to bring in non-perishable food donations for the West Bay Marketplace here in Warwick. Today, I extend a big THANK YOU to all who have been donating, especially Wendy Petrucci and Mr. David's grades 3 and 4 Sunday School class.



During November and December of 2009, Greenwood Community Church members donated over 500 pounds of food to West Bay Marketplace. Since then, however, from the last week of December through the first week of March 2010, donations have soared, and church members have contributed nearly double that amount: 934½ pounds of food!

I give a BIG thank you to everyone who has donated, especially the families of Sunday School grades 3 and 4!

Please keep those food donations coming; you can leave them in the Narthex any Sunday. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Farnsworth

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

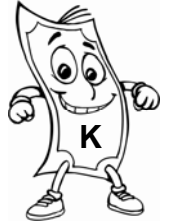
“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.” (2 Corinthians 8:12)

CHURCH BUDGET

This year our giving is just keeping pace with our expenses, so it's very important that we regularly fulfill our pledges and planned giving. Remember you now have the option to use electronic giving in support of our general ministry and the Capital Campaign. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Desmond at 737-1230 or at sdesmond@gccp.org.

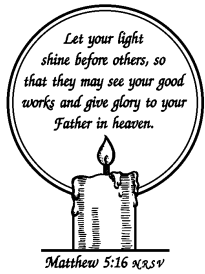
K DOLLARS

Dave Williams shared with us his grandmother's practice of looking for and saving K dollars. One dollar bills have a letter on them identifying the mint that printed them. She saved her K dollars so that when a special need arose, she would be able to do her part in meeting it. Dave asked us to look for K dollars and give them to the Lord to meet the many needs of the world we live in. So far we have received over \$630.00.



MAY FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

Please keep an eye out for information on a special month-long focus on stewardship during the month of May. Between now and May we will be getting together to challenge ourselves individually and collectively to see if we can increase our giving for a week, or two, or three, or a month. Part of this process will be deciding what we will do with these new gifts to the Lord.



In the fall our stewardship campaign is focused on what the Lord is asking us to do during the coming year in supporting his kingdom here on earth. These gifts are used to fund our church budget and mission programs.

“In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” (Romans 12: 5-6a)

Barry Baxter
Stewardship Committee Chair

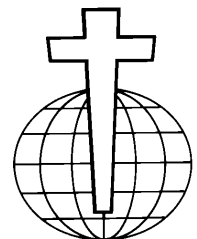
MISSION COMMITTEE

Greenwood Church supports 21 separate missionaries/agencies, and we are seeking members of the congregation to assist us by making a small 15-minute monthly commitment. We ask that you write a brief letter, note, or email to these people, letting them know we appreciate their efforts in sharing the gospel throughout the world. Many of you already do more than your share in your leadership roles as Deacons and Elders, and/or your participation in Presbyterian Women, in our Sunday School, and in working with our teens. We are challenging those of you who hear the call and have the time, to take some extra prayer time to lift up and encourage these dedicated leaders who share the gospel daily. Please contact one of the Mission Committee members after the Sunday service or call or email us.

Two of the Missions Greenwood supports:

Bethany Christian Services: This is a national agency with offices located throughout the country. This writer was privileged to sit in with a local group of Christians in the formative years of Bethany here in RI in the 1980's. The group normally works directly with various state departments for families and children, providing counseling to young, expectant teens and offering to help in their decision to either keep their babies or place them up for adoption.

Christ in Life Church of Fall River, MA: Our Presbytery continues to reach out and support this church that was newly chartered in June 2005, and serves the local Portuguese community.



More of these agencies and missionaries will be mentioned in future *Fishermen's News* articles. Also, if you have not seen it, check the Mission Board in Fellowship Hall.

Harry Curran
Wilma Swanson
Mission Committee Co-Chairs

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

On the calendar, spring won't arrive until March 21st, but as I write this on the 14th, the signs are clear. Crocuses are blooming in the garden, the pussy willows are sporting their soft, gray coats, and while some courageous robins may have stayed around all winter, now they are singing their spring song, "Cheer up, cheer up." At Greenwood Church, spring brings a bevy of activities. We urge you to join us in these celebrations.



Easter! On Easter morning worship services are at 9 and 11. PYF will be serving a full breakfast from 7:30-9:00 a.m. (donations towards their summer mission trip will be appreciated), and a continental breakfast will be available throughout the morning. Bring your children or grandchildren (through grade 6) and Easter baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 between services.

Inquirers' Classes: Starting after Easter we are planning a new series of Inquirers' classes for people considering membership or just interested in learning more about Presbyterianism and Greenwood Church. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

May Breakfast, Saturday, May 1! May Breakfasts are a sure sign of spring in Rhode Island, and Greenwood Church has one of the best! If you've never been to a May Breakfast, make this the year. Bring the kids! Bring your friends! Enjoy a fantastic breakfast and good company and show your support for this event that helps PW carry out many different mission activities. Many of Greenwood's members help with this annual event: baking, cooking, waiting on tables, making and filling May baskets, and cleaning up. New volunteers are always welcome!

Sunday, May 2: Wycliffe Bible Translators, Louise and Scott MacGregor, will be visiting Greenwood. Come hear them at the Sunday School hour and join us for a potluck luncheon after church.

Mother's Day, May 9: Treat Mom to a delicious brunch and support PYF's fundraising efforts.

Saturday, May 22: Mark your calendars. This is the day of the much anticipated all church yard sale. Save your stuff, volunteer to help, tell your friends to come! See the accompanying article for more details.

Coming attractions: Annual church picnic in June, a trip to a PawSox game, and on August 1st at 7 pm, a concert by the Bumbaugh Family.

For your questions and comments on these events as well as other aspects of our church, you can contact the appropriate committee members listed on the next page. This list will be a good reference for you to use all year.

Member Care Committee: Elaine Magyar, Andrew Fraser, Betty Stacey, Timoli Richardson, Joan-Sandra McKnight, Joan Lindia, Nancy Dickerman, Dave Dickerman, Melinda DelCioppio, Sandra Olson

Welcomers Needed! The Member Care Committee is looking for volunteers to serve as "welcomers." The duties of this position are two-fold, and you could choose to volunteer for either or both on a particular Sunday. 1) Welcomers would station themselves in the hallway inside the back door as people arrive for Sunday School and the 9 AM service to offer words of welcome and provide directions to newcomers who aren't quite sure how to get to Sunday School or up to church. 2) During coffee hour, after or before church, depending on the service you attend, you would mingle, welcoming those arriving for the 10:30 service, greeting folks who are not engaged in conversation, making connections between people who don't know each other yet, and helping to make Greenwood Church a friendly church where people feel welcome. If you want to volunteer for this ministry, let one of us know or sign up on the chart in Fellowship Hall.

ALL CHURCH YARD SALE!!!

Rain or Shine

Saturday, May 22, 2010

8:00AM - 3:00PM



In addition to offering hundreds of donated items for sale, we plan to have a **Bake Sale** that will feature more donations of delicious homemade goodies. Hamburgers and hot dogs, fresh from the grill, will be offered for sale as well.

In order to make this event successful, **many volunteer workers** will be needed: some to work in the two weeks before the sale sorting and pricing items, some to work at the sale, and others to clean up after the sale. Please add your name to the **sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall**. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for Greenwood Community Church's members to enjoy time together socializing and working. If you have any questions or comments, please call Betty Stacey at 737-0717 or Sandy Olson at 647-7034. We're waiting to hear from you!



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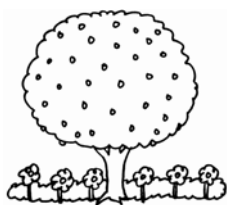
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NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



On March 16th, ten members of Greenwood's Presbyterian Women attended a dinner and program presented by the PW of the Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church in Warwick. Following the dinner, Carlton Freese, a resident of House of Hope in Warwick shared his compelling story that includes illness, a heart transplant, the loss of health insurance, and homelessness.

Thanks so much to everyone who has brought items for our Health & School kits. The reponse has been great. Circle V will pack the kits on April 7. Next month I'll give you the number of how many we complete.

This month we will again have the Mothers' Day cards to help with the fight against malaria. You were very supportive of this project last year and we hope to send a nice check again in May. The cards will be available in Fellowship Hall. Please watch the church bulletin for that notice.

Spring is a busy time for PW. Our Spring Gathering will be held on April 6 at 11am. Following a tasty brunch, "Margo, the Hat Lady," will entertain us by sharing her beautiful hats and the stories of how she came to own them. All are welcome to join us for this delicious and fun-filled time.

The April Coordinating Team meeting will be held on April 20 at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to Betty Stacey who filled in for me as PW Moderator in March while I was on vacation.

We look forward to your participation in our May Breakfast. Be sure to put the flyer that's included with this issue of the *News* on your refrigerator as a reminder.

Looking ahead: The Presbyterian Women of Southern New England Spring Gathering will be held on April 24 at the Babcock Presbyterian Church in Ashaway, RI. Since this location isn't too far away, we hope to have many PW members attending. The Gathering will take place from 9am-noon, followed by lunch. The program, "The Healing Power of Story: How Story Renews and Restores," will be presented by the Rev. Barbara Porizky. Please RSVP to Betty Mason if you plan to attend.



Betty Mason for Presbyterian Women



'ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR APRIL

Circle I will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, in the church parlor to continue their study of Joshua. They will be concentrating on Lesson 8.

Circle III will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, at the Warwick Public Library on Sandy Lane to hear a presentation from the book, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Anne Barrows. Circle business and refreshments will follow at the library.

Circle IV will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, in the church parlor. Sue Stock will show the film, "On the Road Across America" with Charles Kuralt.

Circle V will be *extra busy* in April. On Monday morning, April 5, they will prepare the strata for our PW Brunch the following day, April 6. They will hold their meeting just prior to the brunch on Tuesday, and have invited the MS Key Club to the brunch. On Wednesday, April 7, they will be packing the school and health kits. The MS Group will also be there on Wednesday for their regular meeting. (Hope they have some energy in reserve for our May Breakfast on May 1st!!!)

Circle VII will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, at the home of Lynda Baker to make May Baskets.

If you have any questions about Circles, please call me at 737-0717 or email me at bettystacey@cox.net. Copies of the current month's Circle Notes are always available on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to come to any of the above meetings. You don't need to officially 'join a Circle' to attend one of our meetings.



Betty Stacey
Circle Coordinator

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April Gathering

Wednesday, April 21
11:30 A.M.

Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach
Cost is \$12.00



Menu

Choice of Lamb or Stuffed Chicken Breast
with Soup, Coffee or Tea, and Dessert

Program in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m.
Nancy and Dick Collins will continue sharing their pictures and stories of their wonderful trip to China.

If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Linda Gungle.

CAUGHT IN THE NET

Hospitalized since the last issue:

Ralph Hamel Gladys Bracker

Baptism:

Best wishes to Margaret and Benjamin Duff who presented their daughter, Charlotte Claire, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 21.

Best wishes:

To Becky Tanner and John Prochilo who became engaged on Valentine's Day.

NOTE RECEIVED

To all our friends at Greenwood,

Jill and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the many cards and get well wishes that I received during my recovery time. Glad to report everything is going well. Receiving those cards certainly sped the process along.

A special thanks for the visit by Peg Phillips who brought one of the flower arrangements from the Ash Wednesday service. That was very thoughtful and we certainly enjoyed her visit.

Again, thank you all for your concern. With appreciation to everyone,
Bob Dick



April Birthdays

*Monika Algozino
C. J. Bataitis
Dot Blackwell
Carolyn Caron
Keegan Carson
Zack Casinelli
Stephen Clark
Nancy Collins
Harry Curran
Sheila Curran
Dan Curry
Pam Daylor
Evelyn DesRoches
Mark Donilon
Charles Hackett
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Margaret Hurtubise
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Patti Parkinson
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Evelyn Rae
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