



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
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Dear Members and Friends,

In your offering boxes each month you will find an envelope for the **Deacons' Fund**, which reads in part, "On Communion Sunday the members are asked to make a voluntary contribution to aid the distressed and afflicted of our church community." By posting a sampling of the many "thank you's" received, I would like to give an extra "plug" for this Fund and encourage you to make a special contribution through these specially marked envelopes. Your special contributions to the Deacons reap maximum benefit, going a long way to helping meet a huge need in our community. Also, know the Board of Deacons is preparing fifty Holiday Food Baskets for delivery to needy recipients this Easter. **Thank you for your continued support!**



Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

Dear Deacons, McAuley Ministries is an independent non-profit organization sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. The ministries provide the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health services, emotional support and guidance to the most vulnerable in our community. Our ministries comprise McAuley House, a house of hospitality serving over 1300 meals per week, McAuley Village, a transitional living program helping single parents and their children, and the Warde-robe, a thrift shop that sells donated clothing and small household items to the working poor. Thank you for your compassion and generosity! *Blessings, Rev. Mary Margaret Earl*

Dear Deacons, Thank you for your donation of \$125. It is greatly appreciated; a receipt is enclosed. The gift will help the Salvation Army in its work with the men and women of the Adult Rehabilitation Center; the work we do is made possible through the generosity of people like you. Thank you, and may God bless you!
In His Service, Major Lawrence J. Schuse

Dear Deacons: We thank you so much for your very welcome and generous check for \$125 for Tanner House. We can certainly use your donation for operating expenses this winter, which have increased due to higher gas prices. Tanner House offers a warm, safe and affordable home for homeless adults in transition to independence. *Sincerely, Kitty Channell, Shelter Services, Inc.*

Dear Ms. Maguire, Thank you and the Board of Deacons of Greenwood Church for your recent donation of \$125 to Amos House. It may be cold outside, but your support of Amos House warms our hearts. As the need in the community continues to grow, we are working hard to provide support and services to those who need it most. Your donation helps us to provide food, shelter, financial support, job training, employment opportunities, and so much more to the thousands of men, women and children who will come to us in crisis this winter season. Your donation makes a difference here at Amos House. We operate the largest soup kitchen in Rhode Island, serving as many as 800 meals nearly every day. We are creating innovative job training programs like our culinary and carpentry programs that provide motivated men and women the opportunity to live stable, self-sufficient lives. We are working hard to create opportunities for children and families through the establishment of our Mother-Child Reunification Center. Without you, none of this would be possible. Your continuing support allows us to keep helping those in the community who are most in need. On behalf of our many guests, thank you. *Sincerely, Jessica Salter, Director of Development*

Dear Friends, You may never know the good you've done. But you have! You've made a huge impact – restoring hope and dignity to hungry, hurting people right here in our community, through your generous support of Providence Rescue Mission. And I am deeply grateful. Now, as we prepare for Easter here at the Mission – a time of celebrating Christ's loving sacrifice for each of us – I hope you will consider sharing from your heart once again to feed hungry, hurting souls. **Just \$2.05 is all it takes** to provide a needy person with a hot, hearty Easter meal. And for many, this meal served with love will be the first step toward a life transformed. Please open your heart today to make sure no one who comes to us for help this Easter is turned away. Thank you!
Sean M. Carew, Executive Director

Four young people from Greenwood were among the 135 or so present for the Fourth Annual Southeastern New England Choristers' Festival held in Norwood March 26. The closing concert/worship service was a *most* inspirational and delightful experience for me and for all who were in attendance. **Thank you** to Music Director Kathy Hart for preparing and training our participants, to parent/driver/chaperones Virginia Jacobs and Kim D'Antico, AND to Julia D'Antico, Jillian Jacobs, Danielle and Chris Shoemith for working so hard these past months mastering some *very* challenging and beautiful music, AND for so faithfully representing your church family in this marvelous production! Other pictures are from Mission Pot Luck and Mike Koczan's 23 ¾ birthday party! (*sorry, color printer is temporarily out of commission*)



(To see these pictures in living color, go to www.gccp.org, and click "Monthly Newsletter.")

This Month in Christian Education
christianed@gccp.org

Stephen Nazareth, Seth Paradise, Lisa David, Wendy Petrucci, Timoli Richardson,
Rachael Czepyha and Chris Nazareth

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



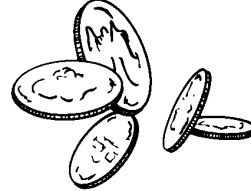
Boy, do our children work hard to help others! If you passed by the stage in Fellowship Hall on March 5, you saw just how hard our youth worked at gathering food for the food drive. All we have to say is WAY TO GO!!!! The 5th and 6th grade class won the food drive contest bringing in the most cans, and they were rewarded with Allie's donuts and milk. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work!

We are now working on our annual **Heifer Coin Drive**. Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. After the money is collected, the children will be asked what kind of livestock they want the money to go towards. If you want more information about Heifer, you can find them online at www.Heifer.org. As of this writing, we have already collected over \$187 in pennies and nickels.

The dates below are listed as our drive continues:

Quarters - April 3

Dollars - April 10



April 17th is Palm Sunday. Unfortunately, our beloved Isaac is too old to travel anymore, but we are searching for a replacement donkey. If we find a new Isaac, we will let everyone know as soon as possible so you can make plans to join us on our Palm Sunday journey.



Easter Sunday is April 24 and we will have our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on our front lawn at 10:00 a.m. Please remember to bring your own Easter baskets.

Plans are being made to organize our next Vacation Bible School which will take place July 11 - 15. More information to follow.

Thank you to everyone who makes Sunday School possible.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Harry Curran is running our adult education program. He is excited to dive into different parts of the Bible and is currently introducing us to the Apostle Peter. We're meeting in the parlor during the Sunday School hour; please join us.

WEBSITE

Check out the new web site at www.gccp.org. Register as a new user and you're off! Our calendar is now online and up to date. If you have an event you would like listed or if you would like your existing listing jazzed up, let us know or ask Sue Desmond for help. Sermons can now be found under the Pastor's page and past issues of *Fishermen's News* can be found on the website. Feel free to make suggestions as to how the website would be more useful to you.

29 Eleven NEWS

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

We are currently making plans for our summer mission trip to PA in July. If you are interested in participating in this life-changing experience, contact a 29 Eleven leader. We have finished our adventure through the suggestion box and we are now working our way through the life of Jesus.

Chris, Matt, Eric, Timoli, Emmy, Cait, and Steve want to invite all youth from 7th to 12th grade to check out the new 29 Eleven Student Ministries on Sunday nights from 6 to 8 pm. Don't come alone; bring a friend. Food, music, games, and great messages each and every week. Fun filled retreats during the year and rewarding mission trips each summer.

Help support our adopted child Jean, from Haiti, by purchasing a candy bar from the box in the youth room or a soda from the fridge.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are looking for a few more people to form one more Children's Church team. If you are able to help, please let us know. Another team would enable each team to teach only one Sunday per month.



THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

*Completely debt free
What a feeling that would be
No more money owed*



The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all the members of the congregation for their generous financial support of our church during the first ten weeks of this year. We encourage everyone to maintain your support of our many programs and activities so that we can continue to share God's grace and compassion with our fellow church members and all God's children throughout the world. There are many opportunities to support our church programs in ways that are especially meaningful to us as individuals. In addition to supporting the church budget which covers a wide range of programs and activities, one can support more specific programs and activities. The Mission Committee supports programs spreading God's word throughout the world. The Deacons support individuals in need within our church and the surrounding community. The Presbyterian Women support individuals in need within our church and the surrounding community and programs spreading God's word throughout the world.

"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)

Blessings,
The Stewardship Committee
M Barry Baxter

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

The **Inquirers' Class** for Spring has been scheduled for **Sunday, April 3** and **April 10** at 11:30 a.m. following the second service. New members will be received on Sunday, April 17, during the 10:30 service. Anyone interested in attending is asked to please contact Drew Fraser for additional information.

The **Bus Trip** to New York City on Saturday, May 14, is filling up fast with only a few seats remaining. A fun day of sight-seeing and exploring the Big Apple awaits. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall or you can contact Timoli Richardson to purchase your seats.



The **Bumbaugh Family** will be returning to perform another concert for us on Sunday evening, June 5, with an ice cream social to follow the concert. Additional details will be posted in the coming weeks.




The 2011 **All-Church Yard Sale** will be held on Saturday, August 20. The Member Care Committee is seeking volunteers who would be willing to take the lead in coordinating the event. If you are interested, please contact Betty Stacey.

America's national pastime returns again to McCoy Stadium and another affordable, family-friendly night of baseball is being planned by the Member Care Committee for the summer months. Everyone who attended last year's game watched a great night of baseball. We hope you will get your family and friends together to join us this year for another night of baseball action. Watch for additional details in the upcoming issues of *Fishermen's News!*



The committee welcomes Nancy Blasdel and Paula Johnson to its ranks and extends an open invitation to anyone who would like to volunteer to serve on the committee.

Drew Fraser, Chair



Blood Drive, Front Driveway
Saturday, April 30
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Complimentary May Basket for all Donors!

MISSION COMMITTEE



Japan has endured a monumental earthquake and a catastrophic tsunami. Additionally, they are threatened by a “melt-down” in at least one of their nuclear energy facilities, possibly leading to more dire consequences—but we do not know.

For comfort this morning, I reviewed the last few weeks of the **2011 Mission Yearbook**. Since February 12, the book has highlighted the good news of Christians serving in Africa. Mission efforts there are opening the eyes of many to the light of Christ. This is happening through medicine, education and farming techniques presented by missionaries. In one sense, the lives of many Africans are far more devastated than those of the Japanese. They live in areas with constant political turmoil, replete with raids conducted by competing village chieftains who kill and plunder in order to maintain power for their own tribes. Widespread hunger exists along with plagues. Unfortunately, no real hope seems forthcoming. In spite of these dismal circumstances, God opens my eyes, showing me the miraculous events that are taking place through Christian experts providing answers in the world’s most needy areas. I have recently received an e-mail from a minister friend I met in Florida. He and his wife and two teen daughters spent 14 years in Japan, then returned to Florida to get recharged. He now writes me from Ethiopia. I have another friend in Thailand I met over 15 years ago. He started village fish farms and introduced chicken harvesting. Now he is working with his wife and two daughters at the national level to bring in more missionaries. I then look in the **Mission Yearbook** to Saturday, March 5, finding information on Zimbabwe. This makes me think about our dear sister in Christ, Kiersten Hutchinson, who serves in an HIV hospital as a certified Medical Practitioner with little to no supplies and under desperate conditions. In spite of this, she writes uplifting accounts of her struggles, encouraging readers with the hope of Christ. I received another e-mail from the Copelands in Japan. All is well with them, and they are praising God that people may be far more receptive to the gospel since the devastating events.

Several years ago, Greenwood invited Rev. Padro and his dear wife, Sonia, to speak about inner city problems. Many of our newer members may not know of their great love of the Lord and successful efforts to share God’s Good News. Before we knew the Padros, Peter, himself, was a survivor of an almost fatal beating by NYC hoodlums that left him legally blind. The subsequent achievements and meaningful ministries of this couple would cover many pages. Pray for their present ministry, WORLD IMPACT, NEWARK (New Jersey), welcoming, teaching and preaching the Gospel to Spanish-speaking communities.

Please pray for our missionaries throughout the world. At the same time, I strongly encourage you to utilize the “mission envelopes” in your pledge boxes. Your financial gifts, both large and small, do much to spread the light of Christ to a broken, hurting international population.

Harry Curran and Wilma Swanson, Co Chairs, and greatly appreciated members:
Deb Stacey, Emmy Kmet, Jean Greco, Henry Ruppenthal and Myrle Dean

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

I hope as you read this you are all experiencing the 'April Showers' that will lead us to the great weather of May and beyond!



Well, let's keep our fingers crossed that May 21 will be a great weather day. Yes, you guessed it; May 21 is our next All Church Work Day!! Now let's see if my 'excellent' scheduling abilities (insert your best joke here) can beat my 'zero-for-three attempts at having a Church work day that doesn't have rain! So here goes attempt number four to have NO RAIN, outside work, and an All Church Work Day all rolled into one event!!



Please remember that even if my extraordinary abilities at scheduling and the man upstairs manage to have that four letter word (no not SNOW! I mean RAIN!) show up again, never fear as the Building & Grounds Committee will still have a few jobs that still will be needing helpers. Rain or shine (but we really need shine!) our All Church Work Day will go on!

From us on the B & G Committee
Glenn I. Fairbairn, Chair

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

This month we in PW are saddened at the deaths of two of our longtime members: Ruth Allard and Ina Eichenfeldt. These friendly and compassionate women will be missed.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
Psalm 116:15*

On March 21 thirteen members of Greenwood Presbyterian Women were guests of the PW of the Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church also located in Warwick. Following a delicious dinner, Dr. Christine Pelton presented a program on chiropractic care and alternative ways to keep our bodies healthy.

Six of our PW members attended the PWPSNE Winter Retreat at the Hampton Inn in Mystic, CT on March 18 and 19. We will have more information from this gathering in the May issue of *Fishermen's News*.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of our "Gifts of the Heart" project. The Health and School kits will be packed up in mid April and we will let you know how many kits we were able to send.

The April Coordinating Team meeting will be on April 19 at 6:15 p.m. in the church parlor.

Thank you to Betty Stacey for filling in for me as PW Moderator while Stu and I were on vacation.

LOOKING AHEAD:



Our PW Spring Gathering scheduled for April 5 at 11:00 a.m. will be "The Wings of Spring" and will include a luncheon tea and program. The program, "The Birds of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island," will be presented by Brooks Mathewson. This will be a wonderful time to bring a guest. All women are welcome!

Our next big event is the annual May Breakfast to be held this year on April 30 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We look forward to your participation in this event. A sign up chart for workers is posted in Fellowship Hall. We all enjoy a time of wonderful Christian fellowship as we volunteer at the breakfast or attend to enjoy a delicious breakfast. It is always fun to see friends who come to this event every year.

We hope to see you at these events. "Come as a guest and leave as a friend."

Happy Easter!
Betty Mason for Presbyterian Women



"ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR APRIL"

Circle I (our Bible Study Circle) will meet on Tuesday, April 26, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor to continue their study of Revelation (Lesson 6: "Witness to Hope: The Woman, the Dragon, and Earth's Daring Rescue.")

Circle III will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Doris Safford's home to participate in a "Sharing Special Moments" program.

Circle IV will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Beverly Carson will present the evening's program.

Circle V will meet on Thursday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the 5 / 6 room for their meeting and will host the MS Key Club.

Circle VII will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the church to work on May Baskets for our May Breakfast.

If you have any questions about Circles, please call me at 737-0717. 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 do not need to officially 'join a circle' to attend one of our meetings. Watch the Sunday bulletin insert for any last minute changes.

Betty Stacey, Circle Coordinator

39er's APRIL GATHERING

**Wednesday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m.
Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach**

Menu

*Choice of Lamb or Stuffed Chicken Breast with Salad
Coffee or Tea and Dessert*

Cost \$13.00

Program in Fellowship Hall at 1:30 P.M.

Nancy and Dave Dickerman will tell us about their trip to Salt Lake City and the National Parks, including Yellowstone and the Grand Teton.

If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Linda Gungle at 828-7687.

April Birthdays

Sam Alba
Monika Algozino
C. J. Bataitis
Dot Blackwell
Carolyn Caron
Keegan Carson
Zach Casinelli
Stephen Clark
Nancy Collins
Harry Curran
Sheila Curran
Dan Curry
Pam Daylor
Evelyn DesRoches
Mark Donilon
Charles Hackett
Chris Hurd
Frank Hurd
Margaret Hurtubise
Esther Jackson
Julia Martins

Melanie Mattis
Julia McKeever
Karlyn McNeely
Megan Miller
Evelyn Murray
Alex Paradise
Michaela Parkinson
Patti Parkinson
Alex Petrucci
Evelyn Rae
Charles Ricker
Lindsay Rudolph
Isabel Sanchez de Lozada
Betty Stacey
Debra Stacey
Sue Stock
Anya Swanson
Helen Tannehill
Nancy Taylor
Jeanne Williams

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An Easter Prayer

Once again, Lord, we are astounded by the incomparable and glorious event of Easter. To remember how You conquered sin and evil through the resurrection of Jesus stirs up joy and hope within us. It comforts us greatly to know that because Christ was raised from the dead, we who are "in Christ" have the assurance of eternal life.

Furthermore, to have the living Christ as our Savior and the under girding Holy Spirit as our daily Companion assures us of grace that never fails us.

Finally, it is a certainty that all things good and desirable are possible for those who love You, because Christ lives and reigns as King of our lives.

All praise and glory to You, loving Creator, now and forever! Amen.

- Charles Ferrell



DEADLINE for May *FISHERMEN'S NEWS* is Sunday, **April 10**.
Please leave articles in the church office or e-mail to FishNews@gccp.org
(Please include Fishermen's News in the Subject line.)
Thank you to all who have met the deadlines recently. Your efforts help us to prepare the newsletter in a timely manner.

~~~ CAUGHT IN THE NET ~~~

**Hospitalized since the last issue:**

Peter McKnight      Bob Schwegler  
Cindy Nordstrom      Dave Greco

**Baptisms:**

Best wishes to Melanie and John Paul Mattis who presented their son, Brennan William, and to Jorge and Rebecca Sanchez de Lozada who presented their son, Russell Oliver, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 13. Best wishes also to grandmother Jean Brown and great-grandmother Barbara Kendall. We celebrate with this family and look forward to these cousins growing up at Greenwood as the fifth generation to do so.

**Sympathy is extended to:**

- Bob Allard on the loss of his wife, Ruth, on March 11.
- The family of Ina Eichenfeldt, who passed away on March 12.

**Congratulations to:**

- Lauren Bryda and Nick Eibel who were engaged in February. A wedding is planned for July 2012.



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To the Deacons,

*Thank you for the wonderful care package that you sent out to me. It was so nice of you to think of me and really great to think of my second family at Greenwood while deployed out here. I appreciated the contents and shared them with many of the other Marines here at 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Air Wing. Thanks again and God Bless!*

*Matthew Desmond  
Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan*

Dear Friends at Greenwood Church,

*Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. It was a wonderful surprise. We are glad to be a part of the church community again.*

*Trey is really enjoying Sunday school. We look forward to watching Trey and Kayleigh grow up and show their love for being part of a great congregation.*

*Love, Brad and Julie McCaffrey*

Dear Friends,

*The family of Ina Eichenfeldt would like to express their gratitude for all the support and expressions of sympathy after her passing.*

*Joan Eichenfeldt*

Dear Friends at Greenwood,

*I'm now in Illinois and my son said it's a miracle we got out in time. I still have more boxes to unpack. My love and appreciation to you for all the support and encouragement, not only this last year and a half, but through the many years I was at Greenwood. You are very special to me. Thanks for all the farewell parties and cakes. They were wonderful. I may be many miles away, but you will never be forgotten – and there is the telephone!*

*May God bless you richly in the days and years ahead.*

*Love, Nancy Merritt*

Dear Greenwood Friends,

*Thanks so much for your prayers, get well cards and church flowers during my recent surgery. Thank you, Reverend Clark, for your healing prayers and hospital visit. I am very blessed to have so many caring friends. Your warm wishes brightened my days and makes recovery so much nicer.*

*Wishing you all God's blessings,  
Kathy Cheney*



## Holy Week Schedule

### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Worship services at **9:00 and 10:30**. At 10:15 A.M. the children will once again parade through the rear parking lot; come early to view this reenactment of the original Palm Sunday procession! At this writing we are in the process of securing a live donkey to lead the procession but are still working on the details.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 7:30 P.M.

Observance of the Lord's Supper and a Tenebrae Service, In Calvary's Shadow, presented by the Chancel Choir.

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 12:00 NOON – 3:00 P.M.

The sanctuary will be open for meditation with a liturgy at 1:30 P.M.

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24

29 Eleven hosted full breakfast **7:30 A.M.**, with Continental breakfast buffet available throughout the morning.

Any contributions received will benefit the annual summer mission trip in July.

Identical **Services of Worship 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.**

with full choir, child care and Children's Church. **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children up to and including Grade 6; children will meet in Fellowship Hall **10:00 AM**. Bring your Easter Baskets!