

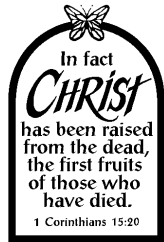


FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
805 Main Avenue; Warwick, Rhode Island
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MAY 2011

Dear Members and Friends,



At the time of this writing, it is just after Easter, and the events of Holy Week are over. There are so many who worked so hard to help us enjoy a truly worshipful week; it's nearly impossible to name them all, but as so many are worthy of special note, I will try. Thanks ever so much to the chancel and bell choirs (*and music director Kathy Hart!*) for providing such outstanding music throughout ... they all worked very long and hard to learn, rehearse and present new seasonal selections Palm Sunday and Easter, as well as a worshipful, richly meditative and wonderfully moving cantata Maundy Thursday; and a special thanks to Kathy for her moving acappella rendition of "Were You There" from the balcony Good Friday.

Thanks to the Board of Deacons who assembled and delivered fifty holiday baskets to needy families last week (*AND thanks to those who gave to this special offering!*); thanks to Timoli Richardson, Cathy Maguire and Peggy Phillips (*who were also part of the holiday basket team!*) for again organizing the purchase, pickup and arrangement of the beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary Easter Sunday and for preparing the palms (*along with other Deacons*) for the Palm Sunday celebration; thanks to Timoli and co-superintendent (*and photographer!*) Rachel Czepyha for helping organize the Palm Processional with Doodles the Donkey; thanks to all those who helped with the fun Easter Egg hunt Easter morning; thanks to the 29Eleven volunteers for their hospitality, generosity and hard work in providing an abundant supply of delicious food and drink throughout the morning (*AND thanks to all who contributed so generously to the 29Eleven Mission Fund!*); and thanks to all who staffed the crowded Children's Church and nursery. Special kudos to secretary Sue Desmond for creating, cutting, stuffing and organizing a small mountain of varied bulletins and inserts, AND to John Pickup for thoroughly and consistently keeping the facilities clean, set up and well-prepared throughout!

Finally, thanks to all of you who contributed by your presence, your gifts, your enthusiastic and faithful participation in worship and your support to help make this an especially memorable and worshipful Holy Week. He is risen! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor



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

Thank you all for your generous coin donations to the Heifer Coin Drive. We received a total \$1,218.78 in donations to benefit needy people through Heifer International. On May 1 the children will select which animals we will purchase through Heifer. Thank you all for participating in this program along with our Sunday School children in this worthy ministry!

On May 15 we will celebrate Youth Sunday. All of our youth will join us at the 10:30 service when seniors Amanda David and Charlotte Paquette will speak to congregation. Please join us in supporting the youth of our wonderful church family.



Signups for VBS will begin at the end of May so please be on the lookout for it. VBS will run from July 11-16. Watch for our special all church event on Saturday, July 16!

The last day of Sunday School will take place on May 22.

Thank you to everyone who helps our Sunday run so wonderfully!

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. We meet in the parlor during the Sunday School hour; please You are never too young or too old to learn something



join us.
new!

WEB SITE

If you haven't yet checked it out yet, be sure to go to the web site at www.gccp.org. Register as a new user and you're off! The church calendar is 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 be found under the Pastor's page and past issues of the Fishermen's News can also 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 have finished our adventure through the suggestion box and we are now working our way through the life of Jesus as well as 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.



On **May 8** we also hope to see you for the **Mother's Day Brunch** in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 worship service.

We will begin selling Stop and Shop gift cards soon to help us raise money for our summer mission trips and retreats. We'll have more information about this exciting offer in the near future.

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.

Chris, Matt, Eric, Timoli, Emmy, and Steve 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. Come for food, music, games and great messages each and every week, fun-filled retreats during the year and rewarding mission trips each summer.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are still looking for a few more people to form one more Children's Church team. If you are able to help one Sunday a month, please let us know.

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

Welcome New Members! On Palm Sunday, April 17, Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian was privileged to have these new members join the congregation:



*Jeffrey D. Hebert
Sandra R. Hebert
Betty Herman
Robert Herman
Elizabeth J. Readett
Tracy E. Traficante*

Best wishes also to Tracy Traficante who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We are pleased to welcome these new members to the Greenwood Church Family!

Returning to Greenwood this June ...



DATE: June 5, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Greenwood Community Church Ice Cream Social to follow!



Join the crowd FRIDAY, AUGUST, 5 AT 7:05 PM for a night of Pawtucket Red Sox baseball action! limited number of tickets are available for \$10.00 per person. See Drew Fraser (401-480-9196) for tickets or more information.



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GCCP last August at McCoy Stadium

A CALL TO EVERYONE WITH THINGS TO CLEAR OUT!

This year's All-Church Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, August 13.** Co-chairs are Nancy Blasdell (294-4773) and Nancy Dickerman (737-3753). Start saving those treasures now. Specific details will be in the summer issue of the F/N.



MISSION COMMITTEE

World Missions



Japanese earthquakes continue; tsunami clean-up is an ongoing process. Goals for these as well as other worldwide catastrophes involve overcoming nearly hopeless conditions. How will this impact Greenwood?

Last month we were shown what life is like in Haiti these days. Our young guests from Exeter Chapel, Dave and Michelle Stebner, provided slides as well as information from World Relief, the mission agency for whom they work at “ground zero”. This organization is fully committed to bringing hope to the people of Haiti. Perhaps Greenwood will send a crew of 4 or 5 down next fall to do what we do best: provide helping hands, smiling faces, words of encouragement, and listening ears! One of this church’s many strengths lies in our willingness to answer His hope and His call. Remember that we serve best when “we do it for the least of these.”

Reviewing the past week of the 2011 Mission Yearbook, I note that the Presbytery of Central Nebraska is working with immigrants from Germany, Poland and Sweden; with Irish, Moravians, and Mexicans thrown in for good measure. The next day we move to the Presbytery of Dakota where they are working together with local Native American churches; and on April 14th I discover that the Presbytery of East Iowa has a vision much like our own. They are discovering that two indications of a growing, thriving church are a congregation with a heart for mission coupled with vibrant worship.

Please continue to pray for our missionaries throughout the world. Ask God what more you can do. Consider becoming a prayer warrior, praying for 15 minutes monthly and sending an email or short note of encouragement to a missionary in the field or to one of our other agencies.

Thank you all for last month’s generous participation in One Great Hour of Sharing, and please continue to utilize the Mission envelopes in your pledge boxes or in the pews. Your financial gifts, both large and small, do much to spread the light of Christ to a broken, hurting population worldwide.

The Mission Committee has established a World Relief Escrow Account to gather contributions to help fund the Mission trip to Lilavoix, Haiti, this coming Fall. Please help if you can so that Greenwood Community Church can establish a working relationship with this community.

Harry Curran, Chair of the Mission Committee
and greatly appreciated members, Deb Stacey, Emmy Kmet,
Jean Greco, Henry Ruppenthal, Myrle Dean, and Wilma Swanson

Reminder:

All Church Work Day!!!

Saturday, May 21

Rain or Shine

8:00 – 4:00

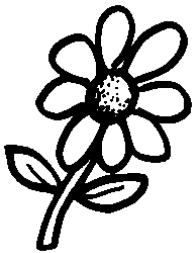


Come for all or part of the day!

*Doubt, hesitation or
caring, sharing, committing
the best way to serve*

(a message from the Stewardship Committee)

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Our PW Spring Gathering, "The Wings of Spring", was held on April 5. We all enjoyed a delicious luncheon tea and a very interesting program by Brooks Mathewson. His program included a great deal of information about the birds of the National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island as well as his wonderful photographs of these birds. Thank you to the Program Committee who planned this special event. Also, thank you to the Circle V ladies and the Program Committee who prepared all the special goodies that we all enjoyed at the tea. It was a lovely event.

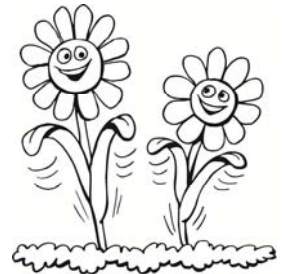
Six members of our Greenwood PW attended the March 18th-19th PWPSNE Winter Retreat in Mystic, CT. This weekend included the annual meeting of PWPSNE and a program titled "Journey to Wholeness—A day of Reflection", led by Carol Showalter. The event began with a worship service led by the Rev. Chris Caton. Our women all had a wonderful time!

The Mothers' Day cards to benefit the women in Africa in their fight against malaria as well as other health issues are still available. Each mosquito net costs \$10, but your donation in any amount for a card will help this cause—"Healthy Women-Healthy Families". The cards are available in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings during the coffee hour.

The May PW Coordinating Team meeting will be held on May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The PW June Gathering will be held on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This event will include a catered dinner and program. The details will be available at May Circle meetings and in the church bulletin.

As of this writing our May Breakfast hasn't taken place yet, but I want to express PW's thank you to all those who support this yearly event by preparing ahead for the day, working at the breakfast, coming to enjoy the breakfast, and/or cleaning up after the breakfast. It takes a great deal of work, but this activity is fun, too, as we work together in service. Thank you all.



We look forward to seeing you at our June Gathering!

"Come as a guest and leave as a friend"

Happy Mothers' Day to mothers everywhere!
Betty Mason for Presbyterian Women

'ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR MAY

***Good friends are like angels.
You don't have to see them
to know they are there.***

Circle I (our Bible Study Circle) will meet on Tuesday, May 24, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor to continue their study of Revelation (Lesson 7: "Rapture, Violence, and Exodus").

Circle III will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Louise Ferrante's home.

Circle IV will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the church parlor.

Circle V will meet on Thursday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the 5/6 classroom for their meeting and hosting the MS Key Club.

Circle VII will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the church to plant flowers in the front garden. They will regroup at 7:00p.m. at One Bay Avenue for dinner.

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

The May schedule for Picasso Quilters is as follows:

May 3 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
May 24 at 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, following Circle I's meeting
May 31 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for one, or all, of these sessions. You will enjoy yourself and will help to support the homeless in Rhode Island.

39er's MAY GATHERING

**Wednesday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m.
Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach**

Menu

Choice of Baked Scrod or Sirloin Tips with Salad
Coffee or Tea and Dessert

Cost \$13.00



Program in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 P.M.

We will be entertained by Two Guys doing Retrospect.

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

BIRTHDAYS:

*Joyce Alexander
Nancy Allen
Logan Barnes
Karen Baxter
Don Boyle
Cheryl Casinelli
Lisa Curry
Madison Damm
Dave Dickerman
Jon Farnsworth
Bernie Ferrante
Kathryn Flannery
Drew Fraser
Chris Gastall
Frank Geary
Gillian Gillard
Joanne Giroux
LuAnn Grafe
Florence Hachadorian
Joe Hurtubise
Jaime Jacobs
Dayna Krahenbill-Pickup
Nick LaBanca*

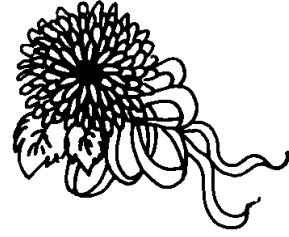
*Norma Landry
Shelby Mahoney
Trey McCaffrey
Betty McLeod
Charlotte Paquette
Deb Paquette
Philip Paquette
Wendy Petrucci
Peg Phillips
John Pickup
Mike Quigley
Eric Robinson
Scott Ruhren
Becky Sanchez de Lozada
Kate Snyman
Mike Snyman
Heather Soave
Madelyn Sullivan
Anne Svenevik
Becky Tanner
Betty Tanner
Betty Votta
Tara Weathers*

DEADLINE for the summer *Fishermen's News* is Sunday, May 8. Please leave articles in the church office or email to: FISHNEWS@GCCP.ORG. (Please include *Fishermen's News* in the Subject line.) Thank you to all who meet the deadlines. Your efforts help us to prepare the newsletter in a timely manner.

Please remember to submit graduate information to be included in this issue!

Hospitalized since the last issue:

Peter Insana



Sympathy is extended to:

- Joyce and Jeff Devolve on the passing of Jeff's mom, Ruth Devolve, on March 25 and also of Joyce's dad a few days later.
- The family of Ina Eichenfeldt, who passed away on March 12.
- The family of Norman Robinson who passed away on April 10.
- Cathy and Bob Maguire on the loss of Bob's dad in Las Vegas in April.
- The family of May Degnan who passed away on April 23.

Congratulations to:

- Katie Dailey who was recently engaged. Katie is planning a wedding for April 21, 2012.

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*Dear Friends at Greenwood Church,
 My family and I want to thank you for all the cards and flowers you sent during Ruth's hospital visits and for her funeral. Thank you also to Reverend Clark for all of your visits to Ruth.
 In Christian love, Bob Allard*

Thank you for your continued support of Young Life. Your generous gift enables us to reach out to so many teens who have difficulty with the everyday struggles in their lives. Your continued support helps us to walk alongside teens and introduces them to God's Son and to let them know there is hope.

*Dear Circle Ladies & Congregation,
 I would like to thank you all for your beautiful cards and get well wishes during my recuperation from my broken arm. That has really cheered me up and helped the time go by much faster! I am getting a bad case of cabin fever, so I think I am mending quickly! It means so much to me to know that there are such kind, nice people who are so thoughtful. Thanks again!
 Thankfully, Peggy Swanson*

*Thank you again and God Bless.
 Rhode Island Young Life*

*Dear Wonderful Church Family,
 Thank you so much for your kind generosity. With your help our team raised \$540 for autism awareness which will go a long way to help families send their children to summer camp or social skills classes.
 Thank you again for your support. Your love is always felt.
 Love, Helen and Brandon*

The Changing Image of a Mother

- 4-year-old: "My mommy can do anything!"
- 8-year-old: "My mom knows a lot! A whole lot!"
- 12-year-old: "My mother doesn't really know quite everything."
- 14-year-old: "Naturally, Mom doesn't know that, either."
- 16-year-old: "Mom? She's hopelessly old-fashioned."
- 18-year-old: "That old woman? She's way out of date!"
- 25-year-old: "Well, she might know a little bit about it."
- 30-year-old: "She's smarter than she used to be."
- 35-year-old: "Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion."
- 50-year-old: "Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?"
- 65-year-old: "Wish I could talk it over with Mom."



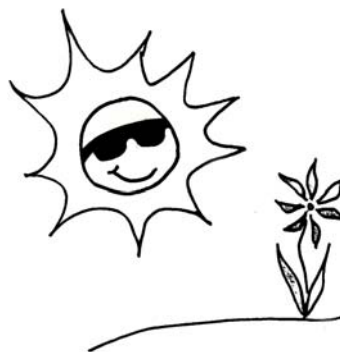
Happy Mother's Day!

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May Calendar



1	BELL CHOIR, 11:40 AM 29ELEVEN, 6:00 PM
3	PICASSO QUILTERS, 1:00 PM MEN'S BOWLING BANQUET, FELLOWSHIP HALL
4	CHANCEL CHOIR, 7:15 PM
5	CIRCLE V / MS KEY CLUB, 10:30 AM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, 7:00 PM COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 7:30 PM
8	MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH, FOLLOWING 10:30 WORSHIP FISHERMEN'S NEWS DEADLINE
10	CIRCLES III, IV & VII
11	CHANCEL CHOIR, 7:15 PM
12	BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM SPECIAL SESSION MEETING, 7:00 PM
14	BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY
15	YOUTH SUNDAY, 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE CONFIRMATION CLASS FINAL EXAM, 5:00 PM 29ELEVEN, 6:00 PM
17	PW COORDINATING TEAM MEETING, 6:30 PM
18	39'ERS AT TOP OF THE BAY RESTAURANT, 11:30 AM 39'ERS PROGRAM AT 2:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL CHANCEL CHOIR, 7:15 PM
19	BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM SESSION MEETING, 7:00 PM
21	WORK DAY, 8:00 – 4:00 PM
22	LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 29ELEVEN, 6:00 PM
24	CIRCLE I, 1:00 PM PICASSO QUILTERS, 2:30 PM
25	CHANCEL CHOIR, 7:15 PM
26	BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM DEACONS' MEETING, 7:00 PM
29	BEGIN SUMMER WORSHIP (ONE SERVICE, 9:30 AM)
30	OFFICE CLOSED, MEMORIAL DAY
31	PICASSO QUILTERS, 1:00 PM