

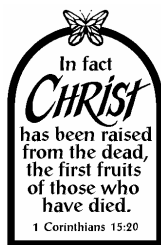


FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
805 Main Avenue; Warwick, Rhode Island
www.gccp.org

APRIL 2008

Dear Members and Friends,



At the time of this writing, it is Easter Sunday evening, and the events of Holy Week are over. I just returned from Women and Infants Hospital, where Sarah and Drew Fraser welcomed another (*as of yet unnamed!*) son into their family March 22; how wonderfully fitting to celebrate this beautiful new life with them (*and he is one handsome baby!*) the same day we celebrated the new life, abundant and eternal, guaranteed for us in our Lord's Resurrection!

There are so many who worked 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 choir and to our music director Kathy Hart for providing such outstanding music throughout ... they all worked very hard to learn, rehearse and present many new seasonal selections Palm Sunday and Easter, as well as a magnificent, richly meditative and wonderfully moving cantata Maundy Thursday (*"A Service of Darkness," by Dale Wood*). Thanks, too, for all who took part in worship that evening; attendance doubled that of last year's service!

Thanks to the members of the Youth Bell Choir who performed so admirably (*and behaved so superbly!*) in the chancel the entire Palm Sunday service. Thanks to Ann Marie Bataitis and members of the Board of Deacons who assembled and delivered fifty holiday baskets of food to needy families this week (*AND thanks to those who contributed financially to this special offering!*). Thanks to Timoli and Katy Richardson, Cathy Maguire and Peggy Phillips (*who were also part of the holiday basket team!*) for organizing the purchase, pickup and arrangement of the beautiful flowers that graced our sanctuary today, and for preparing the palms (*along with other Deacons*) for our Palm Sunday celebration. Timoli deserves special mention as I think she was here just about every day this week ... preparing Communion elements Thursday, assisting with the PYF Continental Breakfast setup yesterday and service throughout Easter morning, and volunteering in the nursery for the 11:00 service (*thanks, too, to Florence Hachadorian, Ginny Arling and Ari Nazareth who readily stepped in to help with the nursery on short notice when we faced a sudden acute absence of available volunteers on such a crucial Sunday!*) Thanks to Sunday School superintendent Wendy Petrucci for helping organize the Processional with Isaac the Donkey AND for ordering and preparing Easter gifts for the Time With the Children. And thanks to Lisa David, her daughters and the Confirmation Class volunteers who so ably coordinated the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.



Many, many thanks to all the PYF volunteers and leaders 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 PYF Mission Fund offering!*); many of them were here straight through the entire morning from 6:00 AM and earlier ... Steve Nazareth even came in at 4:30 AM to get the coffee started (*I'm told that next time he might even remember to put the coffee grounds in!*). Thanks, too, to Andrew Donnelly for his guitar accompaniment at the Sunrise Service, to John Black for his superb accompaniment on piano AND to John's sister Christian for her part in their endearing postlude duet of **Jesus Loves Me** (*and to the Black parents for making the journey from Barrington at such an early hour!*). Thanks to my three children who served so ably as readers, and thanks to the seventy or so who joined us for worship at that early hour. And finally, thanks to secretary Sue Desmond for preparing, printing and assembling a small mountain of colorful, attractive and varied worship bulletins containing multiple inserts throughout the week.

You may remember from the February **Fishermen's News** my mentioning that Raleigh, NC church doing away with the term "membership." The challenge to their congregants was to become an *owner*. As explained in their literature, gyms and clubs have *members*. These memberships are "painless to obtain and even easier to discard." An owner, on the other hand, makes the organization happen. An owner takes responsibility to do all he/she can to see the organization succeed. They explained, "*Jesus wants His followers to make the church happen -- go out and love people, nurture each other, and serve with your whole life. Ownership is a higher call than membership. Make your church happen! Becoming an owner is a declaration that you are moving from being a consumer to being an investor. What once was the standard for leadership is now our standard for ownership.*"

As evidenced again this past Holy Week, Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian is congregation blessed to have many "owners." Owners who make the organization happen, who take seriously their responsibility to do all they can to make the organization succeed, who participate heart and soul in the life and work of the ministry, week in and week out. We are certainly not one of those congregations where twenty percent of the people do eighty percent of the work (*and in the worst cases, with the work defined as keeping the other eighty percent happy*). We are blessed in that here the ministry is shared by many volunteers who view ministry as a team effort; or better yet, as a family affair.



Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

christianed@gccp.org

Whats Going On In Adult Sunday School

We're currently meeting the apostles. What a fascinating group of individuals! Come and find out what makes this unlikely group tick. So far we've met Andrew, Matthew and Thomas; the Sunday after Easter we will meet Judas. Missed a class? Don't worry; you may go to the church website at www.gccp.org, click on Christian Education, then click Adult Christian Ed and then click Meet the Apostles. From there you can browse through the PDF file of a class you missed, review a class or share the file with a friend. Thank you, Dave Williams, for putting this great series together.



PYF News

Check out the new Youth Group (PYF) page on www.gccp.org. It's still a work in process so feel free to make suggestions. We will be uploading photos from our retreats and mission trips in the coming weeks/months. All photos will be group shots and will not identify any individuals by name. If anyone does not wish to have their photo on the website just let us know. Contact us at pyf@gccp.org.

Upcoming events in PYF

April 16-18	Awakening Conference, Smithfield RI
April 20	Soup and Sandwich lunch in Fellowship Hall
May 11	Mother's Day Brunch
May 23-25	Camping Retreat (tentative; this date has not been confirmed)
July 28-Aug 1	Student Life Mission Trip to St. Davids, PA

Steve Nazareth
Christian Education Chair

HART BEAT

Spring! It's a gorgeous time of year, full of fresh awakenings in nature as well as in our hearts and minds. Bulbs planted last November are sprouting through the dirt, the greenery a little taller each week, and I can hardly wait for the flowers. But the anticipation is exciting, too! The music program at Greenwood is similar. I'm "planting bulbs and seeds" every week at bell choir rehearsals. It's exciting to watch and hear progress as ringers begin to blossom.

The same is true for the Chancel Choir. The singers were given lots of new challenges over the past months, and they rose to the occasion each time. Now that Easter is past, we can enjoy the remainder of Spring learning music to enhance our worship without any major deadlines.

So this is a perfect time for new singers to join us for a short-term commitment until Summer break. We're not looking for opera stars, just folks who like to sing. The choir rehearses Wednesday evenings and is a wonderful mini-family within the larger family of Greenwood. We need more voices! Could you spring into action and lend us yours?



Hopefully awaiting your reply,
Kathy Hart



New Members!

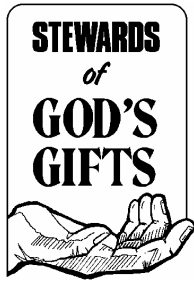
On Palm Sunday, March 16, Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian was privileged to have these new members join the congregation:

*Kathy Hart
Betty E. McLeod
Eric M. McNeely
Jason T. McNeely
Ronald D. Nichols*

Welcome to all of you!

We look forward to joining with you in the experience and many riches our Lord has bestowed upon this congregation in worship and other activities.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



There are many opportunities for stewardship in our church. Some allow for a personal commitment of our time and talent for a single event or activity. Others require a commitment to a set schedule of a program or committee over a period of a week or several months.

"How do I become aware of these opportunities?" you ask. The *Fishermen's News* is an excellent source of opportunities. In this issue alone you will find the following: **Christian Education** – Sunday School, Vacation Bible School; **PYF News** – Mission Trip to PA; **Hart Beat** – Bell Choir, Chancel Choir; **Building & Grounds Committee** - volunteers who keep our facility clean and well-maintained; **Mission Committee** – opportunity to become a member of one of the church's many committees; **News From Presbyterian Women** – Annual May Breakfast; **Circle News for April** – putting together of Health & School Kits.

**"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

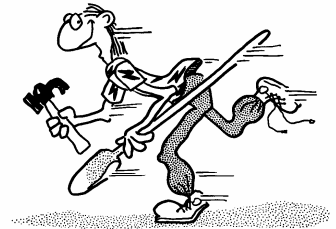
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Some thoughts on becoming chair of the buildings and grounds committee:

We at Greenwood are very fortunate to have a Sexton and a faithful core group of volunteers who keep our facility clean and well-maintained. So often we take their work for granted, not even thinking about all that goes on during the week when we are off at work or at home.

Whether it is installing the new windows in the East Wing, keeping track of elevator and furnace maintenance, touching up the paint, or solving the little problems that pop up unexpectedly from time to time, John Pickup and our faithful volunteers take care of it all. They are really amazing!

And they are following a long-standing tradition. From the very beginning, the men and women of Greenwood Church were able to build and furnish the church building by doing most of the inside construction work and certainly all of the painting, sewing of curtains, and the like themselves. Let's not forget to show our appreciation and thank them for all they do.



Elaine Magyar
Chair, Building & Grounds

39er's APRIL GATHERING

Timmy's One Bay Avenue
In Oakland Beach
Wednesday, April 16 - 11:30 AM

Menu

Leg of Lamb or Stuffed Chicken Breast*
Salad, Coffee or Tea & Dessert*

Cost: \$12.00

Program in Fellowship Hall

The Collins: "In the Galapagos"

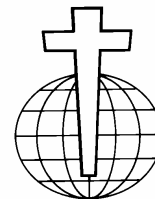
If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Linda Gungle.



MISSION COMMITTEE

Welcome New Mission Committee Members

The Mission Committee welcomes two members of the congregation as new members. Our newest members are Emmy Kmet, who is also a Deacon; and Chris Nazareth. Our committee is fortunate to have these two new members.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Thanks to all who contributed to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing campaign. Your help will provide monies for missions throughout the world.

Mission Descriptions

If you have not picked up a copy of the two-page description summary of the missions that are supported by Greenwood through the Mission Committee, please get one from the table in the narthex or in the Mission Literature Rack in Fellowship Hall. You are also encouraged to select mission literature of interest from the rack and share it with your family.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Greenwood provides support to two InterVarsity campus staffs: the Gordons at Brown and Jen Barry (granddaughter of Shirley Hall) at UNH. We are also pleased that our new mission committee member, Chris Nazareth, is active with the URI campus organization.

At UNH, 54 students, 16 Franklin Pierce students, 30 electricians, plumbers, and construction workers along with six staff spent their spring break on the Gulf coast re-building homes and serving victims of Katrina. One of the main goals of the trip was to provide a welcoming environment for students to feel comfortable in asking questions about pain and suffering. Through exposure to tragedy and injustice by the storm, it was an opportunity for students to ask questions of belief and world view. At night, students had the opportunity for these questions to be answered through an optional Bible Study on Jesus and the gospel message.

The executive team at UNH that includes Jen, through prayer and vision, developed the following vision statement, "Knowing God and making Him known by developing a challenging, prayerful, and ministering community".

Letters from Supported Missionaries

Walter, LouAnne, Christina, & Emily Copeland with TEAM/Kobe, Japan –

March 16th is our final Sunday here and there will be many more goodbyes. Actually I'll officially remain as the pastor since a full-time Japanese pastor is not due to come until the Spring of 2009. The church is greatly blessed to have an 81 year old retired pastor, Rev. Wakasa, come during our absence to do most of the preaching. The church people are now taking on many new responsibilities and facing many changes. They will greatly appreciate your prayers as they make these adjustments.

After staying about 3 weeks in LaFayette, Georgia we'll begin our first journey that will take us out West for a full 2 months. Over the months, we plan to drive all over America and see most of you. Lord willing, we look forward to greeting you personally. Thank you for your prayers and love.

Please pray that as the members of Kobe Grace Chapel take on more responsibilities and face many adjustments, that they will do so in the power and joy of the Lord. This month (March) we hope to find just the right car to use in America. Also we pray that we can be a blessing to all of you as we travel.

We have been greatly blessed over the years with your love and support. Your partnership in this ministry has been vital and most appreciated. Hopefully we can say "Thank you!" soon, face to face.

Notes: 1) We anticipate the Copeland's visit to Greenwood sometime this coming fall.
2) See pictures taken at the Kobe Church dedication on the Mission Bulletin Board.

The Mission Committee
Henry Ruppenthal, Chair; Jane Geary, Vice-Chair
Myrle Dean, Emmy Kmet, Chris Nazareth, Debra Stacey

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



On March 18 fifteen members of Greenwood PW were graciously treated to a soup and salad supper by the members of Woodbury Union Presbyterian Women. Good food and good friends – a wonderful way to spend an evening!

April 1st found PW finally able to “think spring” with the special program on gardening presented at our Spring Gathering by Ruthann Sisson. It is great to have such “home grown” talent in our midst!

We are now in the final stages of preparing for our annual May Breakfast to be held on Saturday, May 3 from 6:30-10:30 a.m. This is a wonderful, uniquely Rhode Island, event. If you haven't attended one before – treat yourself! You won't be disappointed! AND – if you are so inclined and have the time, there is a master chart in Fellowship Hall that shows the help that is needed to make this such a special time. We also invite anyone who would be willing to make candy, a breakfast baked item, or an apple pie - to let us know. If you have any questions, please call a member of our Ways and Means Committee:

Jean Martin, Peg Phillips
Monika Algozino, Sandy Olson

The next meeting of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Southern New England will be held on April 26 (from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.) at Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church. Since it is so close I would really like to have as many of us as possible in attendance. The program will be “Gifts of Women – Celebrating our Heritage” (20th anniversary of the uniting of the Northern and Southern PW women's organizations). Sign-up for attending the gathering will be at Circle Meetings this month. Our reservations must be in by April 12. Please consider attending.

From “Life's Little Instructions from the Bible” for April 1st:

Remember that it is easier to avoid temptations than to resist them.

“In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them.” Proverbs 22:5 NKJV

Betty Stacey
for Presbyterian Women

MOTHERS' DAY CARDS for MOSQUITO NETS

Greenwood Presbyterian Women will be taking part in the “MOTHERS' DAY CARDS FOR MOSQUITO NETS” project. This was well received last year and we have read that the nets are making an impact on the killer disease, malaria. The cards are quite lovely and they are a very nice way to remember a mother (if you are blessed), a sister, an aunt, or good friend on Mothers' Day.

Each net costs \$10.00, but you may donate any amount for your card. Cards will be distributed to our Circles in April, and will be available later in April to everyone.

Please watch the bulletin!

CIRCLE NEWS for APRIL

Circles continue to meet and all are now getting ready for the May Breakfast. Sign-up sheets are available at Circle meetings and in Fellowship Hall, as mentioned above. Helpers are always needed! Check to see where you will fit in best! Read on for Circle details this month:

Circle I – will meet Tuesday, April 22, at 1:00 PM in the parlor for a Bible study on “Ruth”. All are welcome.

Circle III - will meet at 7:00 PM at church on Tuesday, April 8.

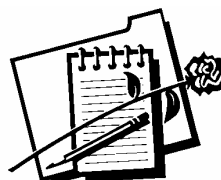
Circle IV - will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 PM in the church parlor for a penny social which was postponed in March.

Circle V - will meet at 9:15 AM on Tuesday, **April 1, (a day early)**, to set up and make sandwiches for the Spring Brunch. On **April 9** they will meet at 9:30 AM in the Grade 5/6 room to put together the Health & School Kits.

Circle VII – will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 PM at Lynda Baker's to work on May Baskets.

Happy Spring!

Karen Baxter
Circle Coordinator



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BULLETIN

In this space for the next several months, we in PW want to highlight the specific sections of our Christmas Bazaar to whet your shopping appetites.

This month, let's look at the **Country/General Store**, one of the bazaar's largest and most varied areas. It is always filled with handcrafts of all kinds and this year will be no exception. A few of the things that you'll find there include:

- *Decorative Items for your Home and Yard
 - *Hand-knitted Goods
- *Baby Quilts and Wall Hangings
 - *Stuffed Animals,
 - *Decorated photo albums
 - *Jewelry

You'll find the Country/General Store just the place for quality hand-crafted items for the folks on your giving lists. Be sure to browse these tables carefully; you won't be disappointed.

MIKE-ee's MUSINGS:

Mike-ee wishes to thank the Rev. Dr. Steve Clark, the Membership Committee and all of you for that huge 23rd BIRTHDAY BASH prematurely executed on February 24th. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will remain with me forever . . . billboard on Main Avenue, full-page coverage in *Fishermen's News*, birthday cake & refreshments, dine-out & shopping tokens, big-big \$ contributions . . . unbelievable!

I could exhaust the supply of "THANK YOU's for a birthday celebration that lasted more than two weeks and generated five birthday cakes and more than 70 birthday cards from everywhere. To tell the whole story would consume most of this publication . . . it was suggested that it be posted on Mike-ee's "Presby Profiles" bulletin board in Fellowship Hall . . . see you there.



RELIGION: Monetary commentary . . . Pushing Pledge to the Edge

It was 1952 and we had just completed our annual door-to-door church pledge drive. A devout elderly couple had neglected a submittal . . . so Rev. John Sandlund asked Mike-ee to make a follow-up call. Mike-ee cruised to the residence at the Warwick-Cranston line . . . rang the doorbell a few times, knocked on the door. Finally, the door opened . . . and Mike-ee viewed three couples with glasses in hand (not as in "eye") . . . Mike-ee had interrupted "cocktail hour"! You must assume to presume (y'wanna bet) that Mike-ee wished to ease the pain of embarrassment expressed on all of those faces . . . so he joined the cocktail party. Rev. Sandlund was very surprised and pleased with the increased pledge.

FAMILY FRAGMENT: A young boy went to the store with his grandmother. On the way home he looked at her purchases. He found a package of pantyhose and began to sound out the words "queen size". Excited, the boy turned to his grandmother and exclaimed, "Look, Grandma! You wear the same size as your bed."

SLINKS TO THE LINKS: A woman says to her friend, "I just don't understand the attraction golf holds for men" "Tell me about it!" the other woman replies. "I went golfing with my husband once, and he told me I asked too many questions." "What did you ask him?" "Legitimate questions, like why he hit the ball into the lake." (Which brings to mind Dave and Nancy Dickerman's recent trip to Florida . . . they visited the Parkinsons and Dickerman "out-putted" Dave Parkinson on the golf course.)

THEORY OF RELATIVITY: A couple prepared to go out for the evening to celebrate the wife's birthday. A taxi arrived, and as they walked out of their home, the cat ran back inside. Not wanting their often rowdy pet to have the run of the house while they were away, the husband ran back upstairs to chase the cat out. Not wanting it known that their house would be empty, the wife told the cab driver, "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother." Soon the husband hopped back in the cab and apologized for taking so long. "Stupid old thing was under the bed." He muttered. "I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out."

SPORT SENSE: Finally, the good-natured boss was compelled to call Smith into his office, "It has not escaped my attention," he said quietly, "that every time there is a home game at the stadium you have to take your aunt to the doctor." "You know, you're right, sir," Smith exclaimed. "I didn't realize it. You don't suppose she's faking, do you?"

PARTING SHOT: The trouble with life is you're halfway through it before you realize it's a do-it-yourself thing.

Thanks for Listenin'
Mike-ee

HOSPITALIZED since the last issue:

Lynn Kramer

SYMPATHY is extended to:

The family of Eleanor Kuzman who passed away on Friday, March 7. Mrs. Kuzman was the mother of Beverly Carson and had planned to become a member at Greenwood with the present New Members Class.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Bill and Kathy Cheney who have a new grandson, Tyler Locke Peterson, born March 19.

Michelle Slavit, daughter of Emmy Kmet, who is on the Second Quarter Honor Roll for 10th grade at East Greenwich High School.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- James Aguire
- Monika Algozino
- C. J. Bataitis
- Dot Blackwell
- Carolyn Caron
- Zack Casinelli
- Stephen Clark
- Nancy Collins
- Dan Curry
- Pam Daylor
- Evelyn DesRoches
- Mark Donilon
- Charles Hackett
- Flossie Harrison
- Chris Hurd
- Frank Hurd
- Margaret Hurtubise
- Jessica Iannuccilli
- Esther Jackson
- Jennifer Klyberg
- Paul Magyar
- Sowmini Mathews
- Julia McKeever
- Megan Miller
- Evelyn Murray
- Cameron Nichols
- Corey Nichols
- Brian Oliver
- Alex Paradise
- Michaela Parkinson
- Patti Parkinson
- Alex Petrucci
- Evelyn Rae
- Charles Ricker
- Lindsay Rudolph
- Betty Stacey
- Debra Stacey
- Sue Stock
- Anya Swanson
- Helen Tannehill
- Nancy Taylor
- Jeanne Williams
- Norma Zaroogian

~~~NOTES RECEIVED ~~~

Dear Greenwood Church Family,  
Thank you for all the cards and prayers.  
Also thanks for the lovely chancel flowers delivered by Barry & Karen Baxter.  
In Christian love, Evelyn Rae

Dear Circle Ladies,  
I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards I received on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was wonderful to receive so many cards from my friends at church that I miss so very much. I also thank Dr. Clark for his lovely card.  
Believe it. I really sit down and read the cards many times during the day.  
Lovingly, Barbara Johnson

Dear Greenwood Friends,  
Thank you so much for the lovely cards and your prayers. Your thoughtfulness touched my heart.  
In Christian love, Lynn Kramer

Dear Friends at Greenwood Church,  
When you are hospitalized, you quickly realize how many wonderful people there are in Greenwood Church.

Many thanks for all the prayers and the beautiful cards from the Thursday morning Bible Class, Board of Deacons, Chancel Choir, 39ers, Greenwood Women, Circle III, Circle IV, and to the many individuals who sent me cards and called to wish me well.

Thank you Pastor Clark for the flowers you brought me at the hospital (sorry I was asleep and didn't know you were there), and thank you to Peggy Phillips for bringing flowers to my home.

Such an outpouring of love and best wishes makes me proud to be a member of Greenwood Church. I love you all.  
Sincerely, Bill Stock

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January 31, 2008

Regarding our auto accident in December, Ralph and I are so grateful to be part of such a caring congregation and we thank all those who sent encouraging cards and prayers. The flowers are beautiful and fragrant, too.

We are progressing toward full recovery and hope to soon be able to resume our active lifestyle. God's will be done.

Sincerely, Doris & Ralph Hamel

DEADLINE for **May FISHERMEN'S NEWS** is **April 13<sup>th</sup>**.  
Please leave articles in the church office or e-mail to: Karen  
(please include Fishermen's News in the Subject line.)