



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
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Dear Members and Friends,



This Lenten season, as we once again focus our thoughts and hearts on our Lord's journey to the Cross, I thought it appropriate to reflect a bit on the kind of love which compelled our Lord to make that journey. Since, as John tells us, God IS love, understanding the true nature of love helps us to understand the true nature of God.

The English language only has one word to describe the many and varied nuances of love; the ancient Greeks had four. C.S. Lewis has written an entire book about this in his classic entitled *The Four Loves*; I highly recommend it. Simply put, in the ancient Greek love can be **Eros**, the erotic love of romance and passion. Love can be **Storge** (*STOR-gay*), meaning affinity and affection. Love can be **Phileo** (*phil-EH-oh*), from which the city of Philadelphia derives its name ... the city of *Phileo*, the city of brotherly love. This is the love of companionship, friendship, camaraderie; this is also the filial love between siblings and other family relations. The final Greek word for Love is **Agape** (*ah-GAH -pay*); this is the word used most frequently in the New Testament to describe the selfless, self-denying, sacrificial love of God so prominently on display in the Passion of our Lord. Also translated as "charity," it is the word used throughout I Corinthians 13, the Love chapter. Since the earliest days of the church the **Agape Feast** was a sharing of food at a common meal as a celebration of the love they shared in Christ; it was the original church "pot luck" supper.

Many of you participated in our own Agape Feast Valentine's Day, hosted by our Deacons. All were invited to share a "love" dish which reminded you of someone you loved, or a recipe which sparked a loving memory. While we nourished and sustained our bodies with these delightful and varied dishes, we also nourished and sustained our spirits with wonderful and warm memories of love. May the memory of our Lord's Agape love nourish and sustain your spirits anew this Lenten season.

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

A select few of the many memories shared February 14:

Baked beans were one of my father's favorite foods; a special treat for breakfast! And I remember my nana Parsons making homemade beans for ham and bean suppers at Greenwood. These olives are served in the memory of the Rev. Dr. Ted Lilley, who entertained countless children with his disappearing olive trick. Dr. Lilley would have loved the idea of an Agape luncheon! Elaine Magyar

A special night, a special man, a special restaurant, my first Shrimp Scampi. I hope you enjoy my version. Nancy Allen

Greek Beef, from an old and very dear, dear friend in Denver – Janet Clark. A recipe she used for our married couples' pot luck suppers at Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church. Evon Banning

Growing up on the family MacLean farm in Elgin, Nova Scotia, my mother was introduced to many Scottish recipes that were said "to put meat on your bones." One favorite Aunt Lizzie shared with her was "Meat Soup" or Scottish Broth. She made it often as I was growing up and for my family also. I make it the same way, but I'm told "It's good, mom, but not as good as Grats!" My mother was very special to my girls. Peg Phillips

This jello salad has been a favorite in our family for decades and is made in loving memory of Vivian Munday, Sue's mom, and the source of the recipe whose 95th birthday would have been today. Happy Valentines Day! The Desmonds

Connecticut Beef Supper: This dish reminds us of our grandmother, mother, wife and friend! We share it with love, because that's how Grandma did everything, especially cooking! We love you, Grandma Constance Evelyn Pearson! Love, the Pearsons, McNeelys and the Rueggs.

Aunt Jane's Cowboy Cookies: These hearty cookies made with oatmeal, raisins, chocolate chips and walnuts have been a favorite in my family for many years. My sister, Jane (Capaldi) Watson, is a former member of this church. Joann Rudolph

I remember helping my mother bake cookies. I have fond memories of making cutout cookies with my children and

grandchildren. We still get together to bake on special holidays. I have over 100 cookie cutters for all occasions. Betty Mason.

Stuffed Cabbage Leaves (Holubky) Honoring my parents and both sides of grandparents for our Slovak heritage. Cabbage, pork, beef, rice, onion, sauerkraut, tomato soup. Emmy Kmet

Kibbe (KIB-buh), or Syrian meatloaf. Contains pine nuts, bulgar wheat, ground beef, allspice and onions. My grandmother always made it when I was a kid – it is served with yogurt and rice with orzo (white casserole) – Jay David

Red Earth Cake: This recipe started with my Grandmother and her church friends. It quickly became a family favorite. Until moving to Rhode Island, I made this every year for Sis's birthday (February 22). Happy Birthday, Lynette! Kathy Hart

Italian Biscotti – my husband taught me all about Italian cooking – He has been gone for three years now, but what I have learned from him will be with me forever. Joann Lindia

Mom's / Grandmom's Chicken-n-Cheese Casserole (chicken breasts, Velveeta cheese, broccoli, cauliflower, onion; best served over rice). Prepared for just about every church potluck and many family holiday meals during Pastor Clark's childhood and young adult years.

I made meatballs because every time I make them it brings me back to when I was growing up. Every Sunday after church we had meatballs and spaghetti. My parents always thought of each other before themselves, which is why they were probably married so long. Either one of them would cook giving the other one a chance to relax. We knew if the meatballs were soft my father had done the cooking, making the meatballs the way my mother liked them. If the meat balls were hard we knew my mother did the cooking, because she made them the way he liked them. That explains a lot about why I am the way I am. It was the gift that kept giving because every time I make meatballs I think of them and my great childhood, I was so lucky!! Virginia Jacobs

This Month in Christian Education

christianed@gccp.org

Stephen Nazareth, Seth Paradise, Lisa David, Wendy Petrucci

We're looking for some new members for our committee. If you're interested, please speak to one of our members or stop by our next meeting on March 2nd, at 7:30 pm in the parlor.

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Lenten Coin drive continues:

March 7th **dimes**
March 14th **quarters**
March 21st **dollars**



Don't forget to SPRING ahead your clocks on the 14th, so nobody misses Sunday School.

Isaac the donkey will be here for our Palm Sunday Procession on March 28th.

On Easter Sunday, April 4th, there will be no Sunday School.

AND THINKING AHEAD TO SUMMER:

As of this date, we are not planning to hold a Vacation Bible School this summer, as Lisa David, who has directed this program so well for so long, will not be able to do so this year. She is very willing to make herself available as a support person during the planning time, but will probably not be on hand the week of the program. If you will consider stepping into this position, the Christian Education Committee would very much like to hear from you.

Another possible event in addition to, or in place of, VBS would be a Splash-Outreach-Day: a half-day event on our own front lawn with a Christian theme and lots of water fun. Stay posted for more as we watch warm weather return.

PYF NEWS

If you're in the 7th grade thru 12th grade, join us and feel free to bring a friend.

Contact us at pyf@gccp.org.

Upcoming events in PYF:

April 22nd-24th	Awakening Conference, Smithfield RI (on your own)
May 9th	Mother's Day Brunch
July	Mission Trip

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE



In Romans 12: 4-8, St Paul tells us, "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not have all the same function, so 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. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." (NIV) Remember, the use of the word "man" is an artifact of the English language, used here in the general sense meaning person or human. Women are equally called to use the gifts they have received.

Greenwood Church, as Christ's body here in Warwick, RI, USA, has many members, and we, too, have different gifts. There are a few of our members who "do it all" - they sing in the choir, serve on a committee, belong to a circle, make crafts for the bazaar, bake for the May Breakfast, and visit shut-ins. Others pick one or two areas or activities and share their individual gifts in worship, leadership, or service. Many of our church members also utilize their talents at work, at home, and in the many other activities with which they are involved: helping in their children's classrooms, working at a shelter or food bank, helping a neighbor with shopping or rides to a doctor's appointment.

As part of your Lenten meditation, why not take a few minutes and ask yourself, "What talents has God given me that I can share with my church?" In the coming months, we will be reaching out to encourage new people to visit and join Greenwood Church, to organize activities to bring people together for fellowship (and fund-raising), and to develop programs to reach out to our current members, old and new. We invite you all to join us in achieving these objectives.

Elaine Magyar, Chair Member Care Committee

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:11-13)

5 YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAM & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

The major project in our 5 year capital projects program, the repair and upgrading of the steeple, has been completed (\$74,800). The second project, the replacing of the shingles on the Sanctuary roof and the roof of the entrance to the Sanctuary, will be completed as soon as weather permits (\$55,800). In addition to these two projects, the plan assumes that there will be minor projects that we will need to complete during this year and the following three years (\$8,600 a year).

Giving to the Capital Campaign Fund totaled \$30,206.03 through February 18, 2010. Currently, directed giving and pledges through 2012 total \$44,460.83. This giving comes from just over 60 of our 230 giving units.

As you can see, we have a challenge in front of us to meet our goal. Anyone who has not yet contributed or made a pledge to contribute is encouraged to do so.

Due to the immediacy of the need to repair the steeple and replace the roof, two major expenditures, we voted to use a line of credit loan to accomplish this in a timely manner while allowing us five years to contribute the funds to meet these obligations.

At the last Session meeting a Stewardship Committee recommendation was approved that instructs the church treasurer to make monthly payments on the line of credit loan of at least \$1,358.00 using investment income if necessary and available. This minimum payment rate will pay off the line of credit loan in ten years. Any and all actual giving to the Capital Campaign will be applied to the line of credit loan in the month it is received to shorten the time required to repay the loan.

PER CAPITA GIVING

Per Capita giving through January was \$3,175.00. Each church member is encouraged to use the Per Capita envelope in your box of envelopes to help us support the mission projects and ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

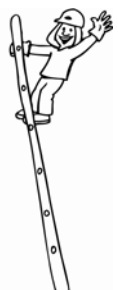
The Stewardship Committee encourages you to consider the option of electronic giving in support of our general ministry and capital campaign here at Greenwood. Forms are available in the Narthex and the church office.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:12-14)

Barry Baxter
Stewardship Committee Chair

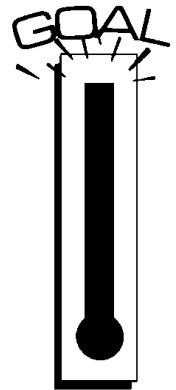
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

As we begin this year, our B & G Committee will be working on several of the items in the capital improvement campaign including the continuation of the work on the roof. Also, before we know it, the spring All-Church-Work-Day will be upon us! As last year, we have a few projects that will be added to the usual list of clean up and seasonal repairs! That means we need helpers to pounce on those projects, and the more helpers we have, the more projects we can tackle and take off the short list!



The committee and I are always available if you find something that looks broken, loose, or just unsafe. Please feel free to drop a note off in my mailbox in the church office. Stay safe and warm! See you all in church.

In His name, Glenn Fairbairn, Chair B & G Committee



MISSION COMMITTEE

One Great Hour of Sharing



Once again this year, the Mission Committee is asking YOU to support the One Great Hour of Sharing Program. This offering, traditionally collected during Lent, will be dedicated on Palm Sunday. What is the One Great Hour of Sharing Program...how did it start...why is it important for us to support this offering? Read on to find out!!!

In 1949, following World War II, leaders from several religious denominations organized an appeal to support the campaigns of Protestant churches for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by the war, primarily Europe and Asia. On the evening of Saturday, March 26, 1949, a radio program called "One Great Hour" was broadcast over major radio networks and many independent stations. The script was written under the direction of noted playwright Robert Sherwood, and the cast included some of the foremost dramatic and musical talents of the time, such as Gregory Peck and Ida Lupino. President Harry Truman also brought greetings. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution to support relief and reconstruction efforts in Europe and Asia. Although no exact measure of receipts was possible, it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated in the request for donations. Since then, the offering has been known as "One Great Hour of Sharing" in most denominations that participate in it.

This nationwide united effort by America's Christians had an importance far beyond the practical goal of fund raising—this joint program strengthened the vitally important relief and rehabilitation work of the churches overseas and proved to all the world the great power generated when Christians unite in a common cause.

The theme of the 2010 One Great Hour of Sharing Program is **"Do you love me...Feed my sheep."** This theme, drawn from Jesus' last encounter with his disciples, highlights the message he leaves them: focus not on our own needs, but on the needs of others.

This year, what better way to show our love to others and to "feed my sheep" than to focus on the needs of thousands of people impacted by the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Our offerings to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing Program will be divided equally between two agencies providing relief and reconstruction in Haiti: West Indies Self Help (WISH) and World Relief.

(Please use the One Great Hour of Sharing Envelope provided in your box of offering envelopes or the special One Great Hour of Sharing pew envelopes for your contributions).

Debra Stacey for the Mission Committee



HART BEAT

Currently we are enjoying the season of Lent, looking toward Holy Week and Easter. What?? *Enjoying* Lent?? Yes! Take this time to absorb the more thoughtful, sometimes even somber, music and texts, and allow yourself the privilege of reflection and preparation for the events of Holy Week. Consider the meaning of Lent, and let the choral, handbell, and organ music lead you.

Then, when Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter arrive, you can participate more fully in the quick-change of events--from hosannas on Palm Sunday, to grief mid-week, to jubilation at the resurrection.

All the choirs are preparing meaningful offerings to lead you in worship, so let the music and spoken word together help you celebrate the holiest season of the church year.



Worship
March 28, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Processional at 10:15 with Isaac the Donkey

All Church Yard Sale!!!

The Member Care Committee will sponsor an all-church yard sale in the late spring/early summer this year. Betty Stacey (737-0717) and Sandy Olson (847-7034), chairs for this event, ask that as you come across good, serviceable items – from jewelry to couches – that you no longer want, you put them aside for this event. We also ask that you begin to consider how you can help before, during and at the end of the yard sale. Watch for details in the coming weeks once the date has been cleared. We're looking forward to a wonderful church family day!

PICASSO QUILTERS

The Picasso Quilters are taking a break until this summer when they will again meet to make sleeping bags for the homeless for next winter. This year we were able to distribute over 60 sleeping bags. While that is a substantial number to have completed, it is very sad to realize that many more people needed them.



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March Gathering

Wednesday, February 17
11:30 A.M.

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

Menu

Choice of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Scrod with Soup,
Coffee or Tea, and Dessert

Program in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m.

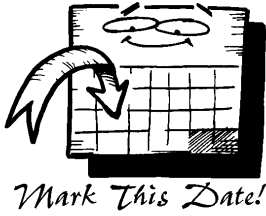
We will enjoy the music of The Romps (Retired Old Musicians Playing Swing)

If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Evelyn Rae at 738-0959 as
Linda Gungle will be on vacation.



*Remember to set
your clocks ahead
on March 13th!!!!*

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



As I write, we are in the midst of more cold and snowy weather. By the time you get this letter, Lent will have begun and Spring is just around the corner.

On January 29-30 six of our PW members, Nancy Collins, Emmy Kmet, Evelyn Murray, Peggy Phillips, Timoli Richardson and Betty Stacey, attended the PWPSNE Winter Retreat in Putnam, CT. The program topic was "Journeying with a Cup of Blessings". They all had a wonderful time.

The next PWPSNE Gathering will take place on April 24th at the Babcock Presbyterian Church in Ashaway, RI, from 9:00 a.m. until noon and then conclude with lunch. We hope to have many attend since Babcock is so close. The program, "The Healing Power of Story: How Story Renews and Restores", will be presented by the Rev. Barbara Porizky. We hope you will sign-up next month at circles to attend this event.

The "Gifts of Heart" Program has begun. The flyer in the Narthex has suggestions according to your last initial as to what to give. Collection boxes are on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

The Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Women have invited our PW to a dinner and presentation at their church on Tuesday, March 16. The evening will begin with a dinner of assorted soups, salads, and breads. After dinner, there will be a special presentation by Carlton Freese, a Warwick resident who has suffered many illnesses, lost his health insurance and become homeless. We hope to have many of our members attend. All are welcome even if you aren't a PW member. Please call Betty Stacey (737-0717) by March 9th if you plan to attend.

Our March Coordinating Team meeting is on March 16 at 3:30 that afternoon.

Plans are underway for our annual May Breakfast. Clean milk and juice boxes are needed for May baskets. Please cut off the tops, wash thoroughly, and leave them on the blue table by the back door.

Looking ahead: Our PW Spring Gathering will be held on April 6th at 11:00 a.m. This will be a Brunch followed by a program presented by "Margo, The Hat Lady". This will be a wonderful time to bring a guest. The tickets are \$5 and will be available at March Circle meetings. All are welcome even if you aren't a PW member. Remember our promise -"Come as a Guest, Leave as a Friend". We hope to see you at many of these events!



Happy Easter!

Betty Mason for Presbyterian Women

'ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR MARCH

Circle I will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, in the church parlor to continue their study of Joshua. We will be concentrating on Lesson 7.

Circle III will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, at the home of Doris Safford for a program centering around 'strange objects!'

Circle IV will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, in the church parlor. Evon Burge will

present a program about Heifer Project International.

Circle V will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, to help the MS Key Club with their monthly luncheon.

Circle VII will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, at the home of Lynda Baker to make items for our Biennial Bazaar next December!

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 available on the table in the Narthex.

Betty Stacey, Circle Coordinator

CAUGHT IN THE NET

Hospitalized since the last issue:

Bob Dick
Mike Koczan
Evelyn Kaplan

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Betty Young who passed away on January 25 after a short illness. She will be missed by all, but especially by the Fishermen's News Crew which she was part of for many years. *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).*

Baptism:

Best wishes to Jason and Gina Carson who presented their son, Keegan Frank, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on February 14. Best wishes also to big brothers Logan and Gavin. Proud grandmother is Beverly Carson.

Best Wishes to:

Mike and Sue Desmond who welcomed a granddaughter, Sofia Grace, on February 22. Proud parents are Matt and Ale Desmond.

NOTES RECEIVED

*To all my friends at Greenwood,
I have been overwhelmed by the cards,
phone calls and prayers from so many people.
"Thank you" is almost not sufficient. I love you
and I'm sure that you have helped me in gaining
my strength. I hope to be back with you soon.
Lots of love, Nancy Merritt*

*Thank you for all the cards and prayers we
received for Bernie's brothers passing. It was very
comforting. Also thanks to Pastor Clark for
sending the Chancel flowers to us by way of
Joan-Sandra. We enjoyed her visit and the mix of
goodies and the fruit she brought to us.
With appreciation,
Louise & Bernie Ferrante*

*A great big THANK YOU to all who have
deposited the Campbell's UPC Codes and "Box
Tops for Education" symbols in the boxes on the
shelf in the back hall outside Fellowship Hall.*

*Our collection will be mailed to the Plateau
Home School in Lansing, Tennessee in May. With
these labels the school is able to purchase
supplies and other necessary items for their very
worthwhile programs.*

Thank you for your help with this project.

Marge Platt for PW

March Birthdays

*Jackie Aguire
Ginny Arling
Alan Blasdell
Jean Brown
Chandler Budlong-Springer
Marissa Casinelli
Jackie Combs
Lois-Belle Crankshaw
Marsha-Rose Czepyha
Matt Dailey
Anne Damm
Jana Damm
Alice Danzer
Jay David
Megan David
Jeff Devolve
Jill Dick
Amy Donilon
Jennifer Fink
Shane Fraser
Ray Greco
Bob Gungle
Linda Gungle
Ralph Hamel
Greg Harrop
Jillian Jacobs
Alan Jones
Sarah Kaplan
Priscilla Kibbe*

*Nicholas Martino
Joan-Sandra McKnight
Bill Monahan
Lisa Nichols
Chloe Pickup
Kaitlyn Richardson
Matthew Rothermel
Rob Soave
Martha Sommer
Wilma Swanson
Dave Tanner, Sr.
Merton Turner
Vanessa Vespia
Dave Williams*



