



# FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian  
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Dear Members and Friends,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful almost-surprise reception you hosted for me following worship today! And I am overwhelmed by the generosity of Presbyterian Women and others who provided the beautiful gift of a magnificent grandfather's clock; it will be a most welcome addition to my household and is sure to be a Clark family heirloom for generations to come. As most of you know, the reception commemorated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination, the actual date of which was October 21 ... I was privileged to celebrate part of that day in the fellowship of the 39ers at their monthly luncheon. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness, cards, gifts and well-wishes!



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I wanted to share this front page with the **Member Care Committee**, as I heartily support and encourage their efforts to plan and carry out all church events that foster the fellowship and "family ties" in the family of faith at Greenwood. I'm especially pleased with the plans for a potluck "bruncheon" November 8. Some of you suggested this would be a good alternative to the catered meal we've had the past two Stewardship Sundays, and you've been heard! Do you realize there has *never* been an all-church potluck meal at Greenwood in my entire time as your pastor? I hope this will be the first of many more to come!

I also wanted to share this page with our **Board of Deacons**, as their annual Holiday Basket ministry is one of the relatively unsung but hugely well-received programs of our church. It was quite an enjoyable treat to witness the eagerness to serve and enthusiasm so vividly on display at the last Deacons' meeting, and I heartily encourage you to do what you can to support them with your gifts, prayer, time and encouragement.

*Stephen L. Clark, Pastor*

## MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

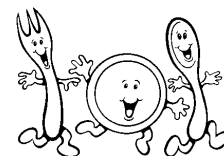
The Member Care Committee is working with other committees and groups within the Church to arrange a variety of programs to bring the whole congregation together for fellowship, food, prayer and praise. We hope that you will be able to join us for some or all of these events. Our goal is to spend some time together as a church family, visiting with old friends and making new acquaintances.

### POTLUCK



Our first event is **Sunday, November 8**. Join us for a **potluck brunch/luncheon** after the 10:30 worship service. Bring a dish to share – anything from muffins to macaroni, casseroles to cookies, or salads to sausage bread. We'll provide beverages and place settings. The focus of this event is stewardship, our sharing of our time and talents together. If your talents include cooking, this is a great opportunity to share that talent

with others; if your talents lie in some other area, you can pick up a contribution to bring; and even if you forget or are not able to contribute a food item this time, just bring yourself! We hope to see you all there – bring the tots and teens, the grandkids (or grandparents). If you attend the early service, we hope you will return and join us for this gathering. **Please sign up** in Fellowship Hall so we will have an idea of how many people to plan for.



A few weeks later, on **Sunday, November 22**, the Worship Committee is planning a fantastic musical medley with a Thanksgiving theme involving all of our musical groups. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon. The program will be followed by a potluck of sandwiches and desserts. We'll be done in time for evening activities like PYF or so you can get home early. If you need transportation, please contact a member of the Member Care Committee. This will also be a good opportunity for us to remember in thanks all of those who founded this church, **sixty-five years** ago this month! -- *Elaine Magyar, Chair*

### HOLIDAY



### FOOD BASKETS

Appearing in the pews are the **Holiday Food Drive Envelopes** of the **Board of Deacons**. Financial contributions will help purchase Thanksgiving and Christmas food/gift baskets for the needy in our area. The Deacons will distribute **eighty** baskets again this year (*see the samples on display in Fellowship Hall*), but they need your support to do so! Also, if you are free Thanksgiving morning, you are welcome to come join the chefs, drivers and other helpers who will gather in our kitchen to prepare and deliver hot meals to additional needy recipients in our area. So many of the recipients, most of whom live alone, are deeply grateful for the food **and** for the loving human contact given by our selfless servants. Thank you, Deacons, for so faithfully carrying out this special ministry!

## THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

[christianed@gccp.org](mailto:christianed@gccp.org)

Stephen Nazareth, Seth Paradise, Lisa David, Wendy Petrucci

### NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to run smoothly. The Sunday School students thank you all for your support of their bake sales during October. All Bake Sale proceeds will benefit

World Relief. On the 25th the following Third Graders received their Bibles during the 10:30 service: *Julia Chenel, Faith Ruhren, Henri Snyman and Trey Budlong-Springer*. Starting on November 29 Sunday School will begin in Fellowship Hall with seasonal songs as we begin the Advent Season; all are welcome to join us!



### WHAT'S GOING ON IN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School is going to be the first Sunday of each month and will be covering a topic of distinct interest to Presbyterians.

### PYF NEWS

PYF is off to a great start this year. PYF runs from 6-8 pm on Sunday nights. If you're in the 7th through 12th grades, join us for fun and fellowship.

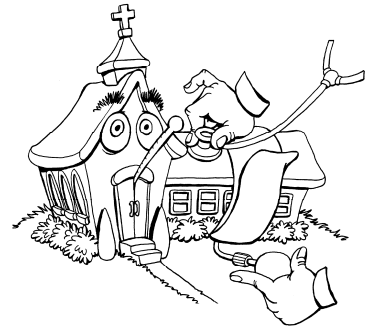
### BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Thanks again to the helpers who braved the rain and wind to show up at the "All Church Work Day"! It seems the wet weather did help out by showing us even more leaks in the roof! Now we know where the leaks are and it will be easier to take care of them when the weather permits!

The ladies that cleaned the pews in the choir loft did a great job—thanks again! The B & G Committee put a few touch ups on the balcony and hand rails for the stairs leading up to the balcony.

Please remember to keep everybody's safety in mind and to stay away from the work areas and the construction staging that has been erected at the outside front of the church. The equipment seems to be set up in such a way that it shouldn't interfere with our normal church activities, so this should not be a problem for us in the coming weeks.

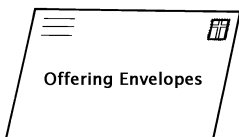
On behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee members, I would like to personally thank you all for your support this year in helping the committee to keep the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian a safe, dry, and wonderful place to worship—now and into the future.



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

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

**“But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.” (Psalm 13:5-6)**



The Stewardship Committee encourages everyone to attend worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 8. We will be following the regular Sunday schedule with a Worship Service and Sunday School at 9 AM, a coffee hour at 10 AM and a second Worship Service at 10:30 AM. The Member Care Committee is coordinating an all church potluck meal following the second service.

You will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship Committee covering the specifics of the 2009-2010 Stewardship Program. The letter will include a pledge card for 2010.

Starting in November, the Stewardship Committee will implement a program that will allow for electronic giving in support of the annual church budget and the building fund. You will be receiving information shortly on how to enroll in the program if you are interested.

**“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.” (Acts 4:32)**

Barry Baxter  
Stewardship Committee Chair

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Hope you have marked your calendars and will be joining us on November 22 at 4 p.m. for our **THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION!** Following a musical program in the Sanctuary (church choirs and congregational singing), we will enjoy a potluck 'picnic' in Fellowship Hall, plus have an opportunity to make a family Advent wreath! Supplies will be available and donations will be happily accepted if anyone wishes to contribute. Please bring small sandwiches or finger desserts (please, no nuts!) for our 'picnic'. There will be a sign-up chart in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, November 8, so that we can plan to have enough beverages and craft supplies. Hope to see YOU there!!!



Betty Stacey  
for the Worship Committee

## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS



**News from the Far East:** Missionaries Walter and LouAnne Copeland emailed to ask for our prayers. Just as they were investigating a new outreach near Hiroshima, Japan, they received word that elderly Pastor Wakasa and his wife are physically unable to continue serving the Kobe *Grace Chapel*. The Copelands plan to return to Kobe in late October to sustain that important work. Their prayer requests:

1. Please pray that we will continue to stay in the center of God's will as we prepare to return to Kobe.
2. Pray that if the Lord wills, the shop by the ocean will remain available to start a Christian café and a new church (near Hiroshima).
3. Please pray that we can finish well here at Hatsukaichi *Grace Church*. Mrs. Richiko Fujita is set to be baptized on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month before we leave.



**Angel Tree Season:** Beyond our duties to missionaries around the globe, most of you are familiar with ANGEL TREE, a domestic mission. PRISON FELLOWSHIP'S Christmas outreach allows inmates to connect with their children via gifts purchased and delivered through the church. Coordinating this event is somewhat daunting, but our congregation earns high marks each year with their love and good cheer. Volunteers are very welcome. Posters are going up soon; join us in this labor of love.

Myrle L. Dean, Committee Chair

## HART BEAT

On the horizon: Mark your calendars for these exciting events at Greenwood.

### Thanksgiving Celebration, Sunday, November 22, 4:00:

All the musical groups are preparing for this fun afternoon. Through music, poetry and scripture we'll give thanks for all God's gifts that make our lives rich and full. What a wonderful way to start to your Thanksgiving week! In addition to the music program, there will be food and crafts -- something for everyone!



### Advent Cantata, Sunday, December 13 during worship:

The adult choir will present "Morning Star," by Joseph and Pamela Martin, a glorious celebration of light in our lives, especially the One True Light, Jesus Christ.

Plan now to be with us for both these meaningful events.

## NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



About sixty women attended our PW Fall Gathering on October 6. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Pot Luck dinner and program. We were happy to welcome ten guests from Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church. Virginia Williams entertained us all with an interesting and humorous slide program on the history of outhouses. It brought back memories to many of us who attended camp or had a summer cottage with those kind of facilities. Thank you all for the generous donations of paper goods and non-perishable food items. Deb Stacey will be distributing these items to the agencies that we help to support.

The Fall Gathering of PWPSNE was held at Christ Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Massachusetts, on October 24. Nancy Collins and Peggy Phillips from our Coordinating Team attended this event.

Thank you all for your generous support of Blanket Sunday. We will be sending a check to Church World Service that will help give comfort and support to children and families all over the world.

The Thank envelopes were passed out at the October Circle meetings and will be dedicated in November.

Greenwood Church will be hosting the Presbytery of Southern New England on November 14. The luncheon will be prepared by Stu Mason and his kitchen crew, and Presbyterian Women will be handling the "Coffee And" as well as setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the luncheon. The PYF Group will help with the serving. Please call me at 789-1002 if you have time and want to help out.



**Looking ahead:** The PW Mini Bazaar, Christmas Dinner, and program will be held on Tuesday, December 8. We invite all women to attend. It isn't necessary to be a circle member. Tickets will be available at the November Circle meetings and then by calling the church office. We will be collecting paper goods and non-perishable food items. Also, please remember to bring an unwrapped gift for children (infants through teenagers) to be taken to the South Providence Neighborhood Ministries for distribution. See below for the details on the Christmas Dinner.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner! Remember, "Come as a guest, and leave as a friend."

Betty Mason for Presbyterian Women

### Z Z Z Christmas Gathering Z Z Z

Tuesday, December 8  
Fellowship Hall

**5:30 P.M. Mini Bazaar Shopping**

**6:30 P.M. Dinner:** Yankee Pot Roast or Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Jellied Salad, Corn Bread & Apple Bread, Ice Cream & Cookies, Coffee and Tea

**7:30 P.M. Program:** "Searching In Bethlehem," carols, readings, and a tableau.

Dinner reservations are \$8.00. Tickets will be available at the November Circle meetings or you can call Sue Desmond in the church office (737-1230) or Evelyn Rae (738-0959) to make your reservation(s).

### 'ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR NOVEMBER

**Circle V** will meet on Wednesday, November 4, at 10:30 a.m. They will be working on a project for our December mini bazaar, as well as helping with the MS Key Club.

**Circle III** will meet on Tuesday, November 10, at 7 p.m. in the kindergarten room (1<sup>st</sup> floor, west wing) to prepare a project for sale at our mini bazaar.

**Circle IV** will meet on Tuesday, November 10, at 7 p.m. in the church parlor and will also be working on a craft item for the mini bazaar.

**Circle VII** will meet on Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lynda Baker to work on a mini bazaar project.

**Circle I** will meet on Tuesday, November 24, at 1 p.m. in the church parlor. They will be studying Lesson 3 of *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*. Each month's study is complete in itself, so even if you are unable to attend each month, please consider joining us when you are able.

If you have any questions about Circles, please call me. Copies of the current month's 'Circle Notes' are available on the table in the Narthex.

Betty Stacey  
Circle Coordinator



**39-ERS November Gathering**

Wednesday, November 18  
11:30 A.M.

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

**Menu**

Choice of Baked Scrod or Chicken Parmesan with  
Soup, Coffee or Tea, and Dessert



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

Nancy Merritt will share the history of some of our favorite  
hymns and will lead us in singing. Come and enjoy!

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

**CAUGHT IN THE NET**

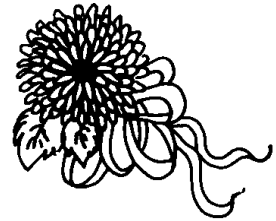
**Hospitalized since the last issue:**

Sherry Phillips

**Sympathy is extended to:**

The family of Evelyn Ljungquist who passed away on October 6.

The family of former member Dorothy Briggs who passed away on  
September 21.



**Baptism:**

Best Wishes to Chris and Athena Sullivan who presented their daughter, Madelyn Anne, for the  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 11.

**Wedding Wishes to:**

Jason McNeely and Karlyn Jensen married on Sunday, October 18, in Cashiers, North Carolina.

**NOTES RECEIVED**

*Dear Members of Greenwood Church,  
My sincere thanks to Joan-Sandra  
McKnight for her pleasant visit and for her  
bringing me the beautiful red and white altar  
flowers and the box of Peppermint Patties.  
I sincerely appreciate all the kind and  
thoughtful things that the members of Greenwood  
Church have done for me.  
In Christian love, Gladys Bracker*

*To Greenwood Church All,  
Thank you so very much for your  
kindness, flowers and visits during my stay in the  
hospital.  
Evelyn Kaplan*

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**Update on Sgt. Ronald E. Frye, Jr. (reported in last November's issue of Fishermen's News:**

**Congratulations** to Sgt. Ronald Frye, Jr. (Henry Ruppenthal's son)! Ron received a hero's welcome on  
October 13 in his hometown of Buckhannon, West Virginia. Ron was hit by a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2003  
and has been in and out of hospitals ever since. Ron received a purple heart for being  
wounded in action and is now medically retired from the U. S. Army. Ron plans to begin  
work for the Veteran's Administration as a VA liaison early next year but will live the rest  
of his life in a wheel chair. The Greenwood Family extends to Ron and his family our  
appreciation of his service to country, and wish God's richest blessing on him and his  
family as he settles into civilian life. Well done, Sgt. Frye!

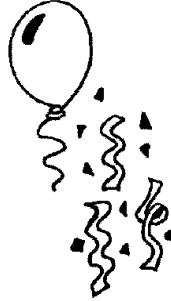


**Veterans Day**

**Thank you to all our veterans and men and women actively serving in our Armed Forces!**

# Birthdays:

*Katie Abbott  
Lynda Baker  
Christian Black  
Gladys Bracker  
Trey Budlong-Springer  
Margaret Cady  
Jean Campbell  
Corey Carpenter  
Gavin Carson  
Logan Carson  
Lynn Chenel  
Dick Collins  
Ed Dailey  
Dave Damm  
Elizabeth Damm  
Jack Daylor  
Jim Degnan  
Caitlin Donnelly  
Ina Eichenfeldt  
Bruce Gillard  
Cameron Gillard*



*Doreen Harrop  
Barbara Kendall  
Jennifer Kimmerle  
Arden Kramer  
Betty Mason  
Gail Merrill  
Amy Monahan  
Kathy Morin  
Lolly Morse  
William Morse  
Chris Nazareth  
Stephanie Nelson  
Madison Nolan  
Linda Overton  
Matt Parkinson  
Harry Prince  
Sean Quigley  
Henry Ruppenthal  
Ashley Schwegler  
Bill Stock  
Chris Sullivan  
Karen Williams*

## Mark your calendar!

**Greenwood's 2nd Annual Living Nativity**  
**Sunday, December 13**  
**4 - 5:30 pm**

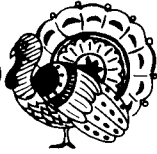


Please join us for our second annual Living Nativity in the church's front yard. We will have live actors, animals, and carolers as well as hot cocoa and cookies inside for those who get chilly. This is a family and community event. Bring your friends and relatives!

DEADLINE for **December/January FISHERMEN'S NEWS** is **November 8**. Please leave articles in the church office or e-mail to: [FishNews@gccp.org](mailto:FishNews@gccp.org) and (please include Fishermen's News in the Subject line.)

**To all:** Please help the editor and office staff get our newsletter prepared by making an extra effort to abide by the deadline. Thank you for your consideration!

# NOVEMBER



*“The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.” - Psalm 67:6*

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### *Things for Which to Give Thanks:*

- *The teenager who is complaining about doing dishes, because that means she is at home and not on the streets.*
- *The mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.*
- *The taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.*
  - *The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.*
- *A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.*
- *All the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.*
  - *The space I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.*
- *My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.*
- *The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.*
- *The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I'm alive.*



