



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

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

SUMMER 2008

Dear Members and Friends,

Those of you who have long been part of the body of Christ at Greenwood know there has been much discussion these past years regarding the Sunday morning schedule. From what I've (a) read in minutes, letters, and newsletters dating back the last two to three years and (b) heard from many individual members, I've learned that the Session exerted considerable time and energy as a Board and through its various committees trying to reach a consensus answer to this question: *"How do we best accommodate the worship needs of our congregation?"*

I wrote that paragraph nearly eleven years ago ... August 14, 1997 ... in a congregational letter on behalf of the Session supporting Worship Committee's recommendation to adopt what was then a new schedule (8:00 AM, First Service of Worship; 9:15 AM, Sunday School for all ages; 10:-10:30 AM, Coffee Half Hour; 10:30 A.M., Second Service of Worship). By the way, that original question ... *"How do we best accommodate the worship needs of our congregation?"* ... is one that is never answered with finality; it constantly frames the business of just about all the committees, boards and staff of the church.

There has been some conversation about whether our present schedule continues to be the best accommodation. At the recommendation of the Worship Committee and approved by Session, I will moderate an open **"Town Hall" Meeting** on this subject in **Fellowship Hall June 22, 2008**, following the morning worship service. Unlike a formal congregational meeting, no binding resolutions and/or motions will be passed; this is planned as an informal open conversational forum to share insight, information, ideas and/or suggestions for how to best adapt our worship and Christian Education schedules. If you can't be present, please feel free to put thoughts in writing (you may email me at sclark@gccp.org). Refreshments will follow at noon.



"TOWN HALL" MEETING
JUNE 22, 10:30 AM



Speaking of conversation and refreshments ... In order to enhance the reverence of our worship and to be considerate of our fellow congregants, we would like to kindly request all cell phone ringers be turned off **AND** that no refreshments be brought into the sanctuary (excepting, of course, those with a medical need of such). Please enjoy your coffee and snacks in Fellowship Hall, and please check that all phones, pagers and mobile devices are silenced before entering the sanctuary. Thank you for your kind consideration.



**11. Thou shalt
silence thy phones**

**PYF'S
STUDENT
LIFE MISSION
CAMP
JULY 28-
AUGUST 1!**



**CHANGE YOUR LIFE.
CHANGE SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE.**



STUDENT LIFE MISSION CAMP is quickly approaching for the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship! We have twenty spots reserved, and are planning to caravan down and join a few hundred other young people in the Philadelphia area **July 28**

through August 1. This will take place again at **Eastern University** in St. Davids, PA, with lodging in the dormitory rooms, meals provided in the college's dining hall, and morning and evening teaching/worship gatherings all right on campus. Each day the students will be engaged in five hours of community mission/service to be assigned by our hosts. Options include working with disadvantaged children in local community centers (our assigned task last year), repairing homes/light construction, or serving institutionalized elderly and/or disabled. Thanks to financial support received to date through PYF's luncheons, the Mother's Day Brunch, and special designated gifts (including recent generous donations from Presbyterian Women and from the Board of Deacons!), I anticipate keeping the per-person cost to \$100 or less. **Thank you!** With continued fundraising efforts and donations this could go even lower. **STUDENT LIFE MISSION CAMP** promises to again be a most rewarding experience for our young people (four of our five excellent speakers Youth Sunday gave ringing testimony as to how last year's trip impacted their lives), as well as a blessing for those whose lives will be touched by their selfless service.

FINAL NOTE: Don't forget the **ALL-CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC JUNE 8!!** Hope to see many of you of all ages at the Masonic Park for this very enjoyable annual event. We have the park from **12:00 - 7:00 PM**; feel free to come for all or part of the day ... food is provided ... see you there!!



Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
christianed@gccp.org



Congratulations to our 2008 Confirmation Class!

On Sunday, May 11, eight young people became members of the Greenwood congregation and are now official members of our Greenwood Church family. We celebrate with them and their families and wish them God's richest blessing.

Christopher J. Bataitis
Gregory Alan Blasdel, Jr.
Stephen Louis Clark
Daniel Curry
Emily Irene David
Kevin Charles Donilon
Nicholas DesRoches Grande
Rebecca Anne Hurd

News from the Sunday School

THANK YOU to all our dedicated teachers who selflessly give of their time each week. Instructing the youth of our church **IS** our most important mission. Please have your child/children thank their teachers for a great year. Teachers, have a great summer!!!

We're looking for a few new teachers for this fall. Please prayerfully consider this highly rewarding vocation.

Last day for Sunday School - **June 8!**

What's Going On In Adult Sunday School

We're currently meeting the apostles. What a fascinating group of individuals. Find out what makes this unlikely group tick. So far we've met Andrew, Matthew, Thomas and Judas. Missed a class? Don't worry, go to the church website at www.gccp.org click on Christian Education, then Adult Christian Ed, then Meet the Apostles. From there you can browse through a class you missed, review a class or share it with a friend. Thanks, Dave Williams, for putting this great series together. Last class will be June 8.

Web Site

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

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. Some of us are still recovering from our very successful camping retreat at the end of April. We'd like to thank all who helped make the Mother's Day Brunch a success. We hope to see you all at the church picnic for fun and games.

Upcoming events in PYF:

TBD Saturdays	Car Washes
July 28 th - Aug 1 st	Mission Trip to PA



Coming Soon

Who?	Matt Barber
What?	Young Adult S unday S chool Class
Where?	In a Church parlor near you
When?	Fall of 2008 and will go through summer
Why?	It will go through summer so those college kids can have something when they return home.
How?	Jesus!

The Christian Education Committee:

Steve Nazareth, Chair
Brian Flannery, Lisa David, Karen Baxter
Matt Barber, Wendy Petrucci

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2008



Treasures of the Nile An Expedition to Jesus

July 14 - July 18, 9:30am - 12noon
Ages 4 - entering 6th grade

Come discover the greatest treasure
of all at this year's VBS.

We'll venture up the Nile River in Ancient Egypt, explore pyramids and learn that *God Plans, God Sees, God Empowers and God Saves* as we go back in time to the Egypt of the Old Testament. Of course there will be songs at Riverbank Praises, crafts to be made at the Bazaar, loads of games at Chariots of Fun and snacks to keep us going at Pharaoh's Phood Court. Our last day will bring relief from the desert sun at our famous VBS Living Water Park right in our own front yard!

You won't want to miss a single minute, so watch for the sign up information in Fellowship Hall. We always need more expedition guides, so if you are willing and able to help, please see Lisa David.

HART BEAT

Thank you for the many cards, calls, prayers and other thoughtful expressions during my recent health challenges. As a relative newcomer to Rhode Island, it was disconcerting to face surgery; but the Greenwood family has been wonderful. Your kindness and genuine concern mean more than I can tell you, so I'll quote one of my favorite hymns. The last verse of "*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*" sums it up beautifully:

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

Thank you for enfolding me in the Greenwood family's embrace.

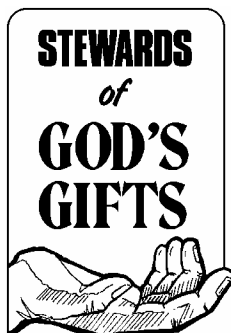
Your sister in Christ,
Kathy Hart



THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

**"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
(Colossians 3:32,24)**

The current Stewardship Committee, like its predecessors, looks for ways to support our church's mission both for the now and the future. In meeting this challenge we ask you not only to make annual pledges or commitments of regular giving but also ask you to consider the church when preparing your will. The responses to requests for pledges and regular giving are immediate. The responses to considering the church in your will are delayed. Receiving one of these gifts highlights not only the giver's commitment to sharing the gifts they received from our Lord, but the role our church family played in the individual's spiritual journey.



We were notified of one of these gifts recently. H. Chester Thacher, a former member, created a trust to care for his wife E. Leonette Thacher until her passing; the trust was then terminated with specific bequests. We are to receive funds to be used for the benefit and education of young people.

"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)

Blessings,

The Stewardship Committee

MISSION COMMITTEE



World Medical Mission

The Mission Committee welcomed Ruth Prophete, a pediatrician, who is associated with Bible Study Fellowship. She spoke with us about her World Medical Mission trips to Peru as a two-week each year medical missionary. A ministry of Samaritan's Purse, the organization places volunteer Christian physicians, dentists and other medical personnel in Protestant evangelical mission hospitals and clinics in around the world. They also staff a biomedical department and warehouse to provide critically needed medical equipment and supplies to medical mission facilities.

These efforts open doors to the Gospel through quality healthcare. In remote areas overseas missionary medicine is one of the most effective means of evangelism. Each year hospitals served are used by God to lead thousands of people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree schedule for 2008 has been established:

- November 1-15: Verify families participating and gifts to be purchased
- Sunday, November 16, 23, 30: Christmas Tree with Child Requests
- Sunday, December 7: Deadline for purchase of gifts and placing them under the tree by 10:30AM
- Sunday, December 7: Wrapping Day (after 10:30 Worship Service)
- Saturday, December 13: Gift Distribution Event (1:00 to 3:00 PM)
- Sunday, December 14: Delivery of remaining gifts

The Blasdells have agreed to be the Santa family again. PYF will be wrapping gifts again. We will be seeking help for delivery of gifts on or after December 14. Mark your calendars!

West Indies Self-Help (WISH)

Rhode Island dentists Dr. Paul Kirk and Dr. Mark Johnson spent nine days on LaGonave Island this past February as part of the West Indies Self-Help mission. Greenwood supports the WISH efforts which addresses the needs of impoverished people. The doctors provide this help in a dental clinic. Dr. Kirk in response to the question, "Why do we return to LaGonave?" says, "*Perhaps it is because we have a need to change. Our Christian journey is about change. God is always calling us to change. A week on LaGonave provides the perfect window for reminding us what is important in our lives. . . . perhaps it is the joy and satisfaction of working to bring about the Reign of God. Jesus did not promise happiness if we followed Him, but He did point to joy - a benevolent feeling that accrues to following the will of God.*"

Educational Concern for Hunger Organization (ECHO)

A letter of thanks from Monica Gomez with ECHO one of our supported missions. She states, "*My husband and I are members at a local Hispanic church in Fort Myers and began praying last year with our pastor for a Christian ministry. I found out later that ECHO was praying for a new administrative assistant/receptionist who could speak Spanish! It is an amazing thing to see God's perfect plan unfold. Here at ECHO I see myself as a servant who puts people together to solve problems. God is also using me as a bridge for the Hispanic community to see how ECHO helps other ministries impact our world. . . . this lets me know that God's purposes, plans and promises are being fulfilled each and every day in our lives.*"

Prayer Requests from Supported Missionaries

Chris Callison, whose cancer did not require chemo (had radiation and is now on medication), was told during her routine check-up that she might have a heart problem, angina pectoris. But the diagnosis was "diastolic relaxation disorder" which is readily managed via medications. She expressed heartfelt thanks for our continuing prayers.

Jane Holslag sends thanks for our support and prayers "*I will be back in full-time mission service beginning in July. Thank you for your prayers and your interest in me and in what God is doing in mission in central Europe. In August I am moving to Lithuania, attending academic meetings (am now the new interim chairperson of the Theology department), and lining up course preparation for the fall semester. I covet your prayers as I prepare to return to this challenging environment. I thank God for what he is doing through mission service--- in our denomination, in this part of the world, and in his Church around the globe.*"

Mission Envelopes -- Thanks for your Support!

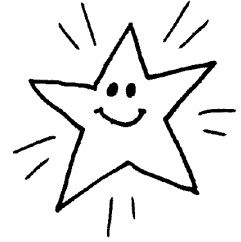
Thanks for your support through One Great Hour of Sharing and through the use of Mission envelopes found in your envelope packet. If you have a particular mission where you want to designate an offering through the Mission Committee, just write the mission's name on the envelope and the Mission Committee will send your offering to the designated mission organization.

The Mission Committee:

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

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

June 3 was our final gathering for this year. Following a delicious catered dinner we were entertained by Dan Butterworth and his dancing marionettes. We also saw slides about his work with the Inuit Eskimos in Alaska. Circle III members were hostesses for the evening and provided some delicious desserts.



I would like to add my 'thank you' to all those who helped at our May Breakfast on May 3. . . those who baked cookies, breakfast pastries and pies, those who made candy, and those who worked so hard the day before and the day of the breakfast, and those who worked for months to make May baskets. They sure made a great display in the Kindergarten Room! Sandy Olson deserves a big 'atta-girl' for the wonderful pansy basket centerpieces. Thank you to the men of Greenwood who provided help from cooking to cleanup. A special thank you to head chef Stu Mason and his faithful kitchen crew. It was a wonderful day of fun and great fellowship!

Now, to looking ahead! Since this is a "Bazaar year," I hope that you will all be thinking of those one of a kind (or 2 or 3) specialty items that you make. As you relax under a shade tree this summer, please keep us in mind and make something for us to sell on December 6.

Please mark September 9 on your calendar. We will hold our annual 'Fall Coffee' in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. This is our first circle meeting of the year, and we all come together to hear how each of us has spent the summer and to hear what PW is planning for the coming year. Our new Program Chair, Ruthann Sisson, has some very special plans for next year and you won't want to miss hearing about them!

If you are not a member of a circle, but would like to know more about PW, call either our Circle Coordinator, Karen Baxter or me. There are Circle Choice forms and copies of last year's program books on the table in the Narthex. Please give us a try – you won't regret it! My motto, as always, is: 'Come as a guest – leave as a friend!' Hope to see you on September 9!

I hope you all have a wonderful relaxing summer – but we do expect you to come back in the fall 'raring-to-go'!

From Church Signs for June 4th –

***God didn't do it all in one day –
what makes you think you can?***

Betty Stacey
for Presbyterian Women

May Breakfast Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed baked goods and fudge, made May Baskets, worked on the Breakfast, and attended the May Breakfast. It was a happy time of fellowship.

Best of all, proceeds from your contribution will go toward some projects at Greenwood Church and will provide some help for needy people in Rhode Island, nationally, and world wide.

That is good!

*Jean, Peggy, Sandy, and Monika
for Presbyterian Women*

CIRCLE NEWS

June marks the completion of our CIRCLE meetings for 2007-08. This year went by as fast as ever! We have had a wonderful time serving, helping and working together at Greenwood on a variety of projects. Now we look forward to relaxing a bit during the summer. Here are our June Festivities:

Circle I – will not meet until the Fall.

Circle III - will meet at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 9 for a potluck at Betty Mason's.

Circle IV - will meet on Saturday, June 21, at noon for a potluck at Antoinette Snyman's.

Circle V - will meet at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 27, for a cookout and potluck at Sue Desmond's.

Circle VII – will meet on Tuesday, June 10, for dinner at Governor Francis Inn at 6:30 PM.

Best wishes for a relaxing and refreshing summer!

Karen Baxter
Circle Coordinator

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BULLETIN . . .

For the past three months we've pointed out a few of the different bazaar areas in which crafters and cooks like to focus their energies. Now we'll look at the areas for which we depend on donations of items: the Silent Auction, Gift Containers, and Attic Treasures. To determine how you can help with the Silent Auction area, check out the separate article in this issue of the News

For the **Gift Container** area we need new items that are small enough to fit into a basket or similar container. In fact, we need baskets. Also if you'd like, you can purchase a group of items that fit a particular theme or you can purchase individual items that we'll put together with others. Please leave your donations, clearly labeled "Bazaar Gift Containers" on the blue table near the back door.

As you re-organize your drawers and closets and come across used items that are clean and complete, we'd appreciate it if you would put them aside for us for **Attic Treasure** donations. We can use all kinds of small things, but please do not give us clothes, hardcover books, or anything large such as appliances. Since we have no storage room for Attic Treasures, you will need to hold onto them until the week before the bazaar when you can bring them to the church or arrange to have them picked up at your home – more on that in the Fall.

In addition to our dependence on you for items to sell at our bazaar, we also need your help in the work of the bazaar itself. At the Christmas Bazaar many folks work to make it a financial and social success, but most of them are the women of the church. This year we'd like to invite more men and young people to help in the work of the set up before, the selling on the day of, and the clean up after the bazaar. We can promise you hard work, much laughter and great conversation as your reward. Think about it and in the Fall, we'll give you specific ways and times to help.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer.

2008 BAZAAR SILENT AUCTION

Looking ahead to the Fall and Winter! The Silent Auction committee will be hard at work all Summer and into the Fall soliciting donations for this year's Winter event.

Just a few of the items we have so far:

- Grandfather Clock
- Coach Handbag
- Queen-sized Handmade Quilt by Debra Stacey
- Coach Leather Gloves
- Garden Stepping Stones
- Silver Jewelry

Looking for special items, such as:

- Antique furniture
- Framed and unframed artwork
- Items eligible for "re-gifting"
- Framed and unframed needlework
- Timeshare week(s)
- Vacation homes for weekends/weeks
- Jewelry

We are still looking for donations, and you can help! Among the most popular items at the last event were restaurant gift certificates, tickets to sports or cultural events, and gift certificates to local businesses for products and services. Your connections to local businesses make it possible for us to obtain donations. Keep us in mind as you are "out and about". Remember, if you don't ask, the answer is always "no"!

If you have item(s) that you think may be of interest, please contact committee members. Daytime contacts are Nancy Hurd or Timoli Richardson; evening contacts are Cathy Maguire or Denise Mair. We will look at the item(s), and arrange for removal and storage.

Thank you for your support!
Cathy, Denise, Nancy, & Timoli

39er's JUNE GATHERING

Timmy's One Bay Avenue, Oakland Beach
Wednesday, June 18 - 11:30 AM



Menu

*Yankee Pot Roast or Stuffed Chicken Breast
Salad, Coffee or Tea & Dessert*

Cost: \$12.00

Program in Fellowship Hall

Will feature **Malcolm Grear Designers**,
a Providence, RI company
which has an important connection to us here at Greenwood!

If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Linda Gungle.
Have a great summer and we will see you in September!

MIKE-ee's MUSINGS:

GRADUATES' ADVICE:

School year's ending, jobs be pending ... and depending ... on this advice: It's not just, you know, what you say that matters in a job interview. It's also, like, how you say it.

YOUNGER GENERATION:

Recently Mike-ee followed a young lady driving a car from Glen Drive on West Shore Road to Apponaug. This gal was not glued to the highway; she was glued to her cell phone. Her physical gestures coincided with her verbal gestures ... she spoke with her head nodding from side to side ... and so did the car, from traffic lane to traffic lane. And at each traffic light Mike-ee had to toot the horn to get her into gear. You figure!

Scientists now say that people should not use their cell phones outdoors during thunderstorms because of the risk of being struck by lightning. You should also avoid using them in movie theatres for fear of being strangled.

Mike-ee is baffled by TV announcers making statements like, "here is Jimmy Kimmel, Live! I'm sure he wouldn't be there if he was dead."

SORES FROM CHORES or NOT IN OUR BACK YARD:

A couple's mower was broken and wouldn't run. The wife kept hinting to her husband that he should get it fixed, but somehow the message never sank in. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When her husband arrived home one day, he found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. He watched silently for a short time and then went into the house.

He was gone only a few minutes. When he returned, he handed her a toothbrush. "When you finish cutting the grass, he said, "you might as well sweep the sidewalks." The doctors say he will probably walk again, but will always limp.

Thanks for listnin'
Mike-ee

Congratulations to our Graduates!

From High School:

- **Nicole Ellen D'Albora** will graduate from Toll Gate High School and plans to attend Champlain College in Burlington, VT.
- **Chris David** will graduate from Pilgrim High School and attend New England Tech in the fall.
- **Caitlin Donnelly** will graduate from Masters Regional Academy and will attend Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, MA, in the fall.
- **Katherine Gudmundson** will graduate from Coventry High School.
- **Shawn Gudmundson** will graduate from Coventry High School and plans to attend the University of Rhode Island in the fall.
- **Jesstin Jacobs** will graduate from Coventry High School and has been accepted into the Engineering program at the University of RI.
- **Arielle Nazareth** will graduate from Toll Gate High School and will attend Eastern Nazarene College in the fall.
- **Phil Paquette** will graduate from Cranston High School East and plans to attend the University of New Haven in Connecticut.
- **Scott Paradise** will graduate from East Greenwich High School and has been accepted to Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.
- **Nate Parkinson** will graduate from Toll Gate High School.
- **Ashley Taylor** will graduate from Ponagansett High School and plans to go to Worcester State in the fall.



Congratulations to all who are graduating! We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

"Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

Best Wishes to All!

~~~ CAUGHT IN THE NET ~~~

**HOSPITALIZED since the last issue:**

Dan Hayman Cheryl Bullock

**SYMPATHY is extended to:**

Jackie Combs on the loss of her mother on May 8 in Pittsburgh, PA.

**BAPTISMS:**

**Best wishes** to Andrew and Sarah Fraser who presented their son, Shane William, for the Sacrament of Baptism on Mother's Day. Best wishes also to big brother Ryan. We celebrate with this family and wish them God's blessing!

~~~~ NOTES RECEIVED ~~~~

Dear Greenwood Friends,

Thanks so much for all of your cards, caring thoughts, and phone calls celebrating the birth of our newest grandson, Tyler, and also during Kathy's recent illness and hospitalization. We are truly blessed to have all of you at Greenwood in our lives.

Warm wishes, Bill & Kathy Cheney

I would like to thank everyone who visited me during my last three hospital stays. Angie and Mike-ee came to visit but did not get in and I'm sorry for that. The cards were uplifting and beautiful and I appreciated them very much just as I appreciate so many prayers and friends who called to wish me well.

I would like to thank Evelyn Robinson and also Sue Sherman, my BSF facilitator, who came to visit, bring flowers, my lessons, a Bible and said lovely prayers for me. The thoughtfulness of everyone in Greenwood Church is overwhelming and I love you all. I'm so grateful for all of you. I'm proud to be a member of this church.

Sincerely, Cheryl Bullock

Dear Friends,

Just a word to thank all of the thoughtful members of Greenwood Community Church who have sent so many cards and well wishes to me following my recent surgery. I have truly been touched by your caring prayers and warm thoughts. They certainly help make the recovery period a time of good reflection, knowing that such a community of love is ever present in our world today.

Sincerely, Alan Clark (Pastor Clark's father)

Dear Greenwood "Family",

Words can't begin to describe the appreciation I have for all the expressions of sympathy extended to me by all of you wonderful people. Your 100+ cards and notes of encouragement, the many phone calls, and the countless hugs given to me after church, have taken me through this "journey" of losing not only my mother, but my dearest friend.

The beautiful basket of pink and white roses, which were delivered the day I returned, still adorn my table. It was so difficult being 1200 miles away and completing the many tasks of finalizing my mother's life. However, returning to RI and my "Greenwood Family" made me realize how amazing the Lord is so alive in all of the hearts of you dear people, who have touched my life in so many ways. Thank you so much, and may God bless you always.

With love and blessings, Sandy Murray

Dear Greenwood Church Family,

We appreciate so much the lovely flowers we received from Greenwood after arriving home from Pennsylvania. Also, the many cards and prayers offered for us during our mother's illness and after her passing were a great comfort to our family. Our mother, Mae Green, was strong in her faith – an inspiration to all who knew her. We will miss her deeply.

In Christian love, Jackie & John Combs



A Special Note of Thanks to our Fishermen's News Editor:

For almost ten years, Karen Baxter has been a wonderful assistant in consolidating the articles for our monthly newsletter. In her note to me, I quote her words, "It's time for me to say "adieu" to working on Fishermen's News. My first one was November, '98!"

I think Karen has earned some time to herself . . . and time with Baby Lillian or whatever else she wishes. Karen has been a strong support to this office in the newsletter department and in other ways, and I have enjoyed and appreciated all her efforts! I will miss her willingness, her competence, her flexibility, her ready availability and her expertise.

Well done, Karen. We all thank you for your gifts of faithfulness and wish you well in the next chapter!

Well done, thou good and faithful servantMatthew 25:21

In Him,
Sue Desmond





Summer Birthdays

June

Bob Allard
Greg Blasdell
Sue Capobianco
Dennis Charpentier
Julia Chenel
Adam D'Antico
Dan D'Antico
Scott Danzer
Lisa David
Noah Daylor
Paul DelCioppio
Sue Desmond
Marina Flannery
Mabel Fuller
Kathy Gudmundson
Caroline Hurd
Nancy Hurd
Andrew Kaplan
Graham Klyberg
Shane Krahenbill-Pickup
Ben Martino
Joe Mathews
June McCrillis
Pete McKnight
Jennifer Morin
Cassie Nichols
Nate Parkinson
Steve Parkinson
Marge Platt
Anna Prince
Norman Robinson
Steve Ruscito
Carol Schmedinghoff
Teddy Seufert
Michelle Slavit
Antoinette Snyman
Tom Taylor

July

Matt Algozino
Lisa Bergeron
Jerianne Berman
John Black
Mary Jane Burgess
Kitty Channell
Pastor Clark
Carter Damm
Jason Daylor
Mike Desmond
Artena Fairbairn
Louise Ferrante
George Gardiner
Matt Gastall
Nick Grande
Craig Insana
Tim Lovejoy
Peter Mair
Dick McInall
Cindy Nordstrom
Patty Quigley
Ruthann Sisson
Henri Snyman
Athena Sullivan
Dana Weathers
Marge Woodard
Betty Young

August

Kevin Angell
Fran Bonn
Tom Bryda
Helen Czepyha
Angie D'Albora
Scott Damm
Julia D'Antico
Emily David
Chris DelCioppio
Ben Desmond
Bob Dick
Andrew Donnelly
Glenn Fairbairn
Larry Fielding
Tim Flannery
Joan Gardiner
Jane Geary
Connor Gillard
Sarah Hurd
Peter Insana
Noel MacKinnon
Bob Maguire
Jim Magyar
Sandy Murray
Sabrina Oliver
Seth Paradise
Rob Petrucci
Jane Rice
Judy Ruscito
Chris Seufert
Richard Seufert
Wendy Seufert
Delaney Sullivan
Paul Taylor
Jessica Vespia

Happy Birthday to all!

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

DEADLINE for **September FISHERMEN'S NEWS** is **August 10**.
Please leave articles in the church office or e-mail to: FishNews@gccp.org
(please include Fishermen's News in the Subject line.)



2008 Summer Calendar

JUNE

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| 1 | PYF, 6:30 PM |
| 3 | PW GATHERING, 6:30 PM |
| 4 | MS GROUP / CIRCLE V, 10:30 AM |
| 5 | BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM |
| | PLANNING MEETING, 7:00 PM |
| | COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 7:30 PM |
| 8 | LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & FAMILY PICNIC, 12:00 NOON |
| 9 | CIRCLE III, 6:00 PM AT BETTY MASON'S FOR POT LUCK |
| 10 | CIRCLE VII, 6:30 PM AT GOVERNOR FRANCIS INN |
| 12 | BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM |
| 15 | FATHER'S DAY BEGIN SUMMER WORSHIP, ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 AM |
| 17 | PW COORDINATING TEAM POT LUCK SUPPER, 6:30 PM |
| 18 | 39'ERS TIMMY'S ONE BAY AVENUE RESTAURANT, 11:30 AM |
| 19 | BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM |
| | SESSION MEETING |
| 21 | CIRCLE IV, NOON AT ANTOINETTE SNYMAN'S - POTLUCK |
| 22 | PW GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY |
| 26 | BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM |
| 27 | CIRCLE V, 3:00 PM AT SUE DESMOND'S FOR COOKOUT |

JULY

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| 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED |
| 14-18 | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 9:30 AM – 12:00 NOON |
| 20 | VBS PROGRAM, 9:30 AM WORSHIP |
| 28 | PYF DEPART FOR MISSION TRIP IN PENNSYLVANIA |

AUGUST

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| 10 | <i>FISHERMEN'S NEWS</i> DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE |
| 11 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VJ DAY |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 | OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY |
| 7 | FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS |
| | TWO SERVICES, 8:00 AND 10:30 AM |
| | SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES, 9:15 AM (RALLY DAY) |
| 9 | PW FALL COFFEE, 7:30 PM |