



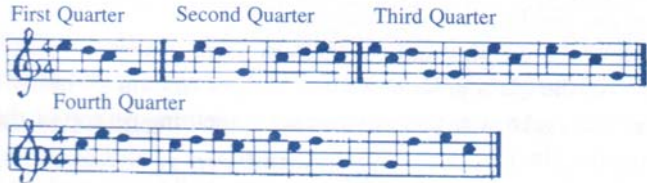
# FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian  
805 Main Avenue; Warwick, Rhode Island  
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MAY 2010

Dear Members and Friends,

I continue to thoroughly enjoy the beautiful gift of a magnificent grandfather's clock given by you in celebration of my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination last October; it is a most welcome addition to my household



furnishings and is sure to be a Clark family heirloom for generations to come. One of the most beautiful parts of my new clock is the chimes. As most of you know, the number of chime sets matches the number of quarter hours that have passed, and the full hour/fourth quarter chime is followed by one strike for the number of the hour. The chimes can be turned off

if necessary, but in my home they rarely are. I've grown so accustomed to the charming melody that the house seems too eerily quiet when the chimes are silent.

Another reason I'm reluctant to opt for silence, though, is that I learned the chimes were originally fitted to serve as a continual *prayer* throughout the hours of each and every day! The Westminster Chimes are perhaps the Western world's most recognized and familiar chimes; nearly everyone associates them with the Victoria Clock Tower of the House of Parliament in London (*otherwise known as "Big Ben"*). Originally, however, in 1793 they were fitted to the clock of the University Church in Cambridge, St. Mary's the Great, and were a set of variations on the four notes that make up the fifth and sixth measures of "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's *Messiah*. According to the owner's manual which came with the clock, the lyrics of that full Fourth Quarter tune are as follows:

Lord, through this hour, Be Thou our guide  
So, by Thy power, No foot shall slide

(Other variations are "O Lord our God/Be Thou our guide/That by thy help/No foot may slide." According to an inscription in the clock room of Big Ben, the lyrics are "All through this hour/Lord, be my guide/And by Thy power/No foot shall slide.") What an appropriate melody to have resonating in your pastor's home 24 hours a day ... an hourly call to prayer, a prayer without ceasing (*unless I opt to turn off the chimes!*) seeking our Lord's guidance and power. Thank you, again, for your generosity, and for your faithful, hourly reminder to keep the Clarks praying!

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

## Mother's Day



In honor of Mother's Day, I've copied below an excerpt from the 2007 Mother's Day sermon, "Leashed By the Spirit"; this was adapted from the blog of an apparently harried mother living near Fairfield, CT. Enjoy!

I have in hand the advanced script for the next season of *Survivor*, which I understand is scheduled to air next Mothers' Day. In this season's series, married men will be dropped on an island with one car and three children each for six weeks. Each child will play two sports and take either music or dance classes. There is no access to fast food. Each man must take care of his three kids, keep his assigned house clean, correct all homework, and complete science projects, cook, do laundry, and pay a list of "pretend" bills with not enough money. In addition, each man will have to budget in money for groceries each week. Each man must remember the birthdays of all their friends and relatives, and send cards out on time. Each man must also take each child to a doctor's appointment, a dentist appointment and a haircut appointment. He must make one unscheduled and inconvenient visit per child to the Urgent Care. He must also make cookies or cupcakes for a social function at least 3 times during the six weeks. Each man will be responsible for decorating his own assigned house, planting flowers outside and keeping it presentable at all times. The men will only have access to television when the kids are asleep and all chores are done. The men must shave their legs, wear uncomfortable yet stylish shoes, keep fingernails manicured and eyebrows groomed. During one of the six weeks, the men will have to endure severe abdominal cramps, back aches, and have extreme, unexplained mood swings but never once complain or slow down from other duties. They must attend weekly school meetings, church, and find time at least once to spend the afternoon at the park or a similar setting. Each night they will need to read a book and then pray with the children and in the morning feed them, dress them, brush their teeth and comb their hair by 7:00 am. A test will be given at the end of the six weeks, and each man will be required to know all of the following information: each child's birthday, height, weight, shoe size, clothes' size, doctor's name and telephone number. Also the child's weight at birth, length at birth, time of birth, and length of labor, each child's favorite color, middle name, favorite snack, favorite song, favorite drink, favorite toy, biggest fear and what they want to be when they grow up. The kids then vote them off the island based on performance. The last man wins only if he still has enough energy to be intimate with his spouse at a moment's notice. If the last man does win, he can play the game over and over and over again for the next eighteen to twenty-five years, eventually earning the right to be called MOTHER ... and to enjoy all the wonderful blessings and privileges that right bestows.

## This Month in Christian Education

[christianed@gccp.org](mailto: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 May 6th at 7:30 pm in the parlor.

### NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday is May 16th.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 30th (please note new date!)

No Sunday School May 30th.



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a great success!! Thanks to all who helped, AND to all who participated!

**V**acation **B**ible **S**chool will go on under the able bodied leadership of Rachel Czepha, Ginny Jacobs and Timoli Richardson (thank you ladies!), so mark your calendars for July 12 - 16<sup>th</sup> (9:30 – 12:00 noon). All Greenwood kids up to those entering grade 6 are invited to participate. Stay tuned for details.

### PYF NEWS

If you're in the 7th through the 12th grades, join us and feel free to bring a friend; we meet each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Contact us at [pyf@gccp.org](mailto:pyf@gccp.org).

Thank you all for supporting our Easter morning breakfast. We are looking forward to serving you on May 9th for our Mother's Day Brunch!!!

Upcoming events in PYF:

May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Brunch
July 26-31	Mission Trip

### CHILD CARE

Nursery care is available during both services. Children may be dropped off prior to the beginning of the service. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery room, please contact Emmy Kmet.



### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

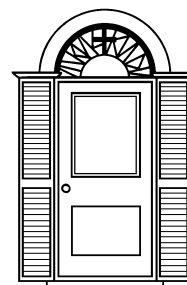
As the weather gets better we will be looking to start the next Capital Improvement Project, the sanctuary roof. More information will be coming as we get closer to starting the actual repairs. We have the All Church Work Day coming up on May 8th. Please keep this date open on your calendars as we have enough work after this snowy and wet winter to keep several of us busy for the day! Remember, it isn't a matter of being an expert; it's just being there that makes the Work Day a success! See you at Work Day beginning at 8:00!

Glenn Fairbairn  
B&G Committee Chairman

### Hart Beat

**KNOCK, KNOCK! Who's there???** It's Opportunity knocking at the door of all women, from high school age up, who would like to join the Ladies Chorus singing in worship on June 27, Gifts of Women Sunday. Traditionally, the ladies of the choir sing on this Sunday and let the men have the day off. This year, we're inviting any and all ladies to join us—no experience necessary, just the ability to carry a tune. We'll rehearse an easy anthem from 7:00-7:30 pm on the following Wednesdays: May 26, June 2, and June 9. Then show up at 8:50 a.m. on Sunday, June 27, to rehearse prior to the 9:30 worship service. You are very welcome to stay for the entire Wednesday choir rehearsals, or you may leave when the gents join us at 7:30. Come one, come all, and join the celebration of Gifts of Women Sunday!

Kathy Hart, Director of Music



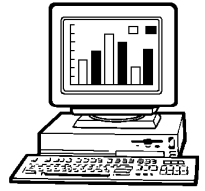
Welcome!

## THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Jesus said; "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

### CHURCH BUDGET

We have utilized all of this year's prepaid funds in covering the high utility bills we experience each year during the winter months. As this year's giving is just keeping pace with our expenses, it very important that we regularly fulfill our pledges and planned giving. The critical time for giving is during the summer months when reduced attendance results in reduced giving. Remember you now have the option to use electronic giving to fulfill your pledge and planned giving during the summer. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Desmond in the church office (737-1230) or at [sdesmond@gccp.org](mailto:sdesmond@gccp.org).



### PER CAPITA GIVING

Per Capita giving through March was \$4,038.00. 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).

### FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

The focus on Stewardship program has been revised to extend beyond the month of May. In fact, by the time you read this the program will be under way. Please keep an eye out for information in the church bulletin and posters and signs throughout the church.

### T-MOBILE CELL PHONE ANTENNA

The building permit has been issued by the City of Warwick for the installation of the T-Mobile cell phone antenna in our steeple. With the issuing of the permit we received our first monthly rental check from T-Mobile.

**"The measure you give will be the measure you get back" Luke 6:38**

Barry Baxter  
Stewardship Committee Chair

Upset about this thing called tithing?

Giving up a sum you're prizing?

Just as costs seem quickly rising?

Better to be recognizing

How it keeps the church surviving.

If the church is to continue

Helping all those needs within you,

Hoping it can now begin to

Bring to light how God is in you —

Will you not give one in ten?

As the church brings prayer, and then

Helps you in those moments when

You must know: God is your friend —

Bringing calm

and peace again.



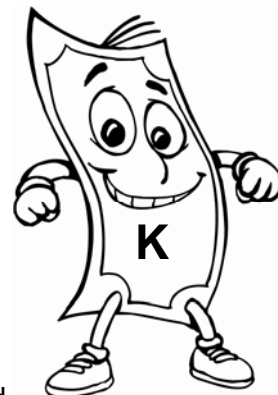
- David Burge

## “K” Dollar Campaign

*(The following was adapted from David Williams’ “Minute for Mission” February 14, 2010)*

Some of you know my grandmother went to be with the Lord this past November. Some of you knew her personally, others of you knew her through me, my dad or my Aunt Ann Marie. Those who attended her funeral may remember the story I told about how she loved to collect **K Dollars**.

Look on the front of any one dollar bills you may have with you. You’ll notice a letter on the left center side. This letter indicates which Federal Reserve Bank issued that particular one dollar bill. For example, B’s are from New York and D’s are Cleveland. Grammy collected **K’s**. Why **K’s**? I don’t know. **K’s** are issued from Dallas, but I don’t think there was any real connection there. In fact, I will probably never know WHY she chose **K’s** over any other. What I do know is that she LOVED her **K’s**. Any time she got change from a cashier, she eagerly looked for her **K’s**. Anytime there were one dollar bills around, she looked for her **K’s**. In fact, it wasn’t beyond her to ask her friends and family to save their **K’s** for her. She’d gladly “buy” the **K Dollar** from you with a dollar bearing a different letter.



I remember asking her why. She said it was her way of saving money. By not Spending the **K’s**, it forced her to save them. Then when she saved up enough, she’d do something special with them. She used to explain that by collecting **K’s** one at a time, she really didn’t miss the money. She’d never spend a **K** – unless it was a special time. **K’s** became significant to us. I made it a point to always look for **K’s**. Towards the end of her days; I’m not sure which of us enjoyed them more – her or me. She loved to save them and I loved to bring them to her. Boy, would her face perk up when I showed her what I brought. It wasn’t until she was gone that I realized why my bringing her my **K’s** was such a high point for her. It wasn’t the dollar... it was the fact that I was thinking of her! Not only was I thinking of her when I brought it to her, but I was thinking of her when I was looking for the **K’s** and I was thinking of her when I was saving my **K’s**. Collecting **K’s** had me always thinking of Grammy.

I flew home from Florida the night she fell. When I landed, I rushed to the hospital to see her. I had six **K Dollars** in my pocket I had accumulated on that particular trip. When I arrived, she was in rough shape with fourteen broken ribs, a broken collarbone, five broken vertebrae and a punctured lung. Yet, she still tried to sit up when I told her I had **K’s**. She was so happy. She told me she didn’t have her wallet with her, but she’d be sure to give me six dollars when she could.

Grammy died four days later. I placed the six **K Dollars** in her casket. In my eulogy I asked everyone, *“Be on the lookout for **K Dollars**. Don’t collect them; instead, do something nice for someone else with them. Give a **K Dollar** to someone in need, leave an extra tip, drop it in the offering plate at church ... whatever makes sense for you. Each time you do, you’ll think of her.”*

I’d like to revise that suggestion this morning. Collect your **K’s** and each Sunday, drop them in the offering plate. You won’t miss them and God will certainly use them! I’d like to encourage all of us to be on the look out for **K’s**. **K is for Kingdom**. Save your **Kingdom Dollars** throughout the week and drop them in the offering plate on Sunday. If you want to be really ambitious, ask your friends to save their **K’s** for you and you, like my grandmother, can buy them from them. Make it a game. I promise you won’t miss the dollars, and we’ll all get to witness what God can do with them. As you are looking for **K’s**, as you are saving your **K’s**, and as you are placing them in the plate, you’ll be thinking about God ... the same way collecting **K’s** always made me think of my grandmother. Now I’ll have the mixed blessing of thinking of both of them as I scout for **K’s**!

I’m not sure when my grandmother last used her **K Dollars**, but after she passed, Ann Marie found 580 **K Dollars** in Grammy’s room. Ann Marie requested we donate the \$580 to the church in her mother’s memory and use it to seed the **Kingdom Dollar Campaign**. The dollars will simply go to supplement the church’s finances. The money will be used wherever it is needed. We’re all certain God will direct it wherever He wants it.

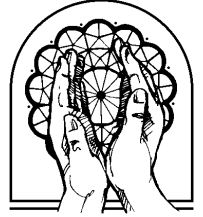


I’d like to challenge each of you to do the same. Find your **K’s**, save them, then drop them in the plate. I think if each of us is on the lookout, we will all be amazed how many we find and how little we miss them. Then we can all watch in amazement how God multiplies them for his Kingdom. We’ll provide periodic updates to everyone on how the fund is growing. Today, the fund has \$590. \$580 from Grammy, \$2 from a family friend named Donna and \$8 I’ve been saving.

Please consider participating! I think we’ll all be amazed how fast it all adds up.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee continues to seek volunteers to become prayer partner volunteers for 15 of our 21 missions. The time involvement will be only about fifteen minutes each month, and the committee members will assist the volunteers to insure the task is an easy but positive encouragement to our missionaries and agencies. Please seek out one of the mission committee members to inquire as to how you can help.



Another wonderful example of an agency Greenwood supports follows:

**WISH** (West Indies Self Help) is a relief and development mission located on LaGonave Island, off the coast of Haiti. Since 1969, WISH has built a dental clinic, an ice plant, several churches, a school, an addition to the island hospital, a sewing school, several miles of roads, water lines, an airstrip, a soccer field and basketball court and a co-operative "Mall" with businesses that are now owned by villagers. The WISH Mission is to "translate the truth of Jesus Christ into deeds that alleviate the needs of the poor, giving them opportunity to break their entrapping cycle of poverty."

The following is an excerpt from the February/March WISH newsletter describing the impact of the January 12, 2010 earthquake on LaGonave Island:

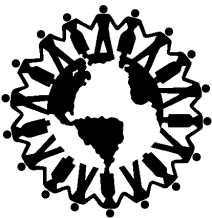
*As we sat in the comfort of our homes on cushy furniture, carpet underfoot, relaxing after a satisfying meal, we were horrified by the images on TV from Port-au-Prince and the surrounding areas affected by the 7.1 earthquake on January 12, 2010. For some, raw footage of the dead, buried, injured, homeless, and orphaned children was too disturbing and they changed the channel. Still others tried to absorb every bit of information in an effort to empathize with our brothers and sisters. The reality of this disaster was much different for our field directors and other full-time missionaries who awaken each day to the nightmare that is the new Haiti. They cannot change the channel or enjoy other diversions in their day.*

*On a recent trip into Port-au -Prince, three weeks after the quake, Butch and Tricia Alexander (WISH Missionaries) could only describe it as "heart breaking". The guest house where they and many teams stayed in transit was damaged beyond repair. The Caribbean Market that was the center of many news reports was their favorite store where they purchased most of the groceries and meat for the mission house. It was reported that none of the employees had made it out alive. The mayor of Anse a Galets estimates that more than 50,000 refugees came to LaGonave Island with at least 30,000 of them settling in Anse a Galets, more than doubling the population and taxing the already limited resources. The US military organized the relief effort to LaGonave. They distributed 800 combination crank-style radios and flashlights, and later returned with pallets of food, bedding, water, and medical equipment. The mayor realized early on that WISH was a key element in this endeavor.*

*The WISH airstrip was a bustle of activity with aid planes and medical teams moving in and out several times a day. A new Wesleyan boat called the Breezy Sea has been a huge blessing. This lobster boat is very fuel efficient and a real work horse for hauling fuel, work teams, and supplies.*

*The waterline on LaGonave is holding up well at this time, but we must find a way to expand the system to accommodate the demand from the large influx of people. Further work is needed to protect the line from falling boulders associated with future aftershocks and quakes.*

*The far-reaching effects of January 12 are beyond comprehension. Each day reveals new challenges and concerns. So many problems demand immediate attention. As Butch and Tricia lay their heads on their pillows each night, rest does not come easily. The events of the day and the unsettling concern of more tremors are given to the Lord. His response is seen in the hearts that have been touched by Haiti.*



*A portion of this year's donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing Program will be sent to WISH to aid with earthquake relief efforts.*

Harry Curran and Wilma Swanson, Co-chairs

Debra Stacey, Emmy Kmet, Myrle Dean



### 39-ERS MAY GATHERING

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 A.M.

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

#### Menu

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

Program in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m.  
We will view a video on the history of the Warwick Musical Tent.

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

### MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

**Spring Inquirers' Class!** We are planning a new Inquirers' class for those who are contemplating membership in Greenwood Church or are just interested in learning more about the history, beliefs, and governance of the Presbyterian Church and about our congregation here at Greenwood. We are trying a new class time this spring. The classes will be held on Sunday evenings, May 2 and May 16, from 5-7 PM and will be led by Pastor Clark and members of the Committee. You will also get a chance to meet other members of the congregation and learn about the many activities and organizations within the church. New members will be received into the congregation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. If you are interested in attending or want more information, please call the church office (737-1230). If you know of anyone who might like to attend these classes, please pass on the information.

**Save the date!** Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> is the annual All-Church Picnic. Plan to join us for lots of good fun, food, and fellowship.

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## ***ALL CHURCH YARD SALE!!!!***

***Rain or Shine***

***Saturday, May 22, 2010***

***8:00 AM - 2:00 PM***

*Preparations for the All Church Yard Sale and Bake Sale are well under way. If you haven't already signed up to help, you still can; the sign-up sheet is on the easel in Fellowship Hall.*

***Bring your donations for the yard sale weekdays beginning on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:***

***9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon***

***2:00 - 4:00 p.m.***

***6:30 - 8:00 p.m.***

***All donations must be brought to the church by Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>!!!***

***ITEMS WE CAN'T ACCEPT:***

***LARGE APPLIANCES SUCH AS WASHERS, DRYERS, STOVES.***

***TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS***

***Bring your donations for the Bake Sale on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> or early on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!!!***

*Please call Betty Stacey at 737-0717 or Sandy Olson at 647-7034 if you have any questions.*

### NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Our April Gathering was held on April 6<sup>th</sup> and was attended by about 72 women including guests from the MS Key Club. Everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch prepared by the ladies of circle V. "Margo, The Hat Lady" entertained everyone with a delightful program, modeling many beautiful hats from her collection with stories associated with them.

The School and Health kits have been packed and shipped. This year we sent 38 Health Kits and 37 School Kits. Thank you to the congregation for their support with this project.

Mother's Day cards will be available in Fellowship Hall the last Sunday of April and the first Sunday of May. We sell these cards to help provide mosquito nets for people in Africa to help them in their fight against Malaria. Each net costs \$10, but a donation of any amount is appreciated.

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Southern New England Spring Gathering was held on April 24 at the Babcock Presbyterian Church in Ashaway, RI. Eight PW members from Greenwood attended. We will have a follow-up report next month.

The May Breakfast is almost here. There are sign-up charts in Fellowship Hall if you are able to help by baking or helping on the day of the breakfast. Any help will be greatly appreciated. This is one of our major fundraising events that helps fund our mission outreach projects. If you are unable to help, please come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast!

Looking ahead: The PW June Gathering will be held on Tuesday, June 11. This will be a dinner and program. Look for more details in the May Circle Notes and in the church bulletin.

Thank you to Betty Stacey for filling in for me as PW Moderator in the past few weeks.

I hope to see you all at the May Breakfast!



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

This year's collection of Campbell's UPC Symbols and "Box Tops for Education" will be mailed to the Plateau Home School Program in Lansing, Tennessee on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please leave your UPC Symbols and "Box Tops" in the boxes at church by Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please Keep saving these articles, as this is an ongoing project. Many thanks for remembering to bring in your contributions!

Marge Platt

### 'ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR MAY

**Circle I** will meet at 1 p.m. on May 25 in the church parlor to conclude their study of Joshua. They will resume on September 28 with a new study based on the book of Revelation.

**Circle III** will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, at the home of Louise Ferrante. Their program will be 'We Must Have Been Beautiful Babies' – complete with pictures!

**Circle IV** will meet at 7 p.m. on May 11 in the church parlor.

**Circle V** will meet on Wednesday, May 5, in the 5/6 room. Following their meeting they will assist the MS Key Club with their luncheon and meeting.

**Circle VII** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 25 at the home of Lynda Baker to work on projects for our December bazaar.

If you have any questions about Circles, please call me at 737-0717 or email me at [bettystacey@cox.net](mailto:bettystacey@cox.net). Copies of the current month's Circle Notes are always available on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to come to any of the above meetings. You do not need to officially 'join a circle' to attend one of our meetings.



Betty Stacey  
Circle Coordinator

**CAUGHT IN THE NET**



**BEST WISHES** to Karen and Scott Ruhren who presented their daughter, Tess DiLisio, for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 25. Best wishes also to big sister Faith!

**NOTES RECEIVED**

Dear Friends,

What a pleasant surprise I got when I walked into my room and saw the beautiful bouquet of flowers on my bureau. They are so pretty.

Thank you so much for thinking of me. It really made my day.

In Christian love,

Eunice Jackson

P.S. I'm sorry I missed the person who brought them to me.

Dear Greenwood Community Church and Circle 5 Friends,

Thank you very much for the flowers and cards and visits at Easter. Margaret and I appreciated them so much. We wish you all well.

Thank you for remembering Margaret.

Your church was a big part of her life!

Thank you again,

Dan and Margaret Cady

Dear Members of Greenwood Church,

Thank you to Peggy Phillips for her Palm Sunday visit and bringing me the palms and a very attractive Easter basket filled with Easter candies, a beautiful ceramic mother, dad and child, pink socks, Easter napkins, and her smiling face to brighten up my day.

Her visits are always sincerely appreciated and do brighten up my days.

In Christian love,

Gladys Bracker



**Look Who's Having a Birthday!**

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

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



DEADLINE for **Summer FISHERMEN'S NEWS** is **May 9**.  
Please leave articles in the church office or e-mail to: [FishNews@gccp.org](mailto:FishNews@gccp.org)  
(please include Fishermen's News in the Subject line.)

Please submit any graduation information by the deadline (May 9) and help us include all our graduates in the final issue of the season!



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*“. . . Wait for the gift my Father promised,  
which you have heard me speak about.”*

*Acts 1:4b*

*After the Resurrection, the risen Lord instructed His followers not to leave Jerusalem. It was there, Jesus said, that they would receive “the promise of the Father”. What was that promise? It was that they would be baptized not with water but with the Holy Spirit. Shortly after that utterance, Jesus was “lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight” (v. 9).*

*The Ascension reminds us that even though Jesus isn't physically present on earth, as the living Christ, he is as near as we allow Him to be. Jesus' Ascension offers us the assurance that God is now available to all people all the time. He lives as a guiding, loving Spirit in our midst.*