



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

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

MAY 2009

Dear Members and Friends,

At the April 23rd meeting of the Session, it was moved, seconded and approved to schedule a **special meeting of the congregation for June 21st** immediately following the morning worship service. As June 21 is the first Sunday of the summer schedule, there will be one service of worship at 9:30 A.M., and the meeting will commence immediately following the close of worship. The stated purpose of the congregational meeting will be to act upon plans for the financing of a **FIVE YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been hard at work compiling an extensive list of, and gathering estimates for, much needed (*and, in some cases, long overdue*) structural repairs, maintenance matters, systemic improvements and necessary upgrades to ensure the preservation of this center of worship at 805 Main Avenue for years to come.



There will be *much* more information coming to you in the weeks ahead. For now, please know two **Informational/Discussion meetings** are formally scheduled for **May 14, 6:30 PM** and **June 7, 10:00 A.M.**; also, additional meetings are being planned to accommodate the various schedules of the various committees and organizations of our congregation during the month of May.

As Session is well aware June 21st is also **Father's Day**, every effort will be made to ensure the congregational meeting is concluded in plenty of time for everyone to make luncheon plans. It will greatly help if as many of you as possible take part in one or more of the Informational/Discussion meetings in the weeks to come. Please mark these dates on your calendar, and thank you for your prayerful interest and involvement!

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

THEOLOGICAL ABC'S

<u>A</u> lthough things are not perfect	<u>O</u> n earth can yield the power
<u>B</u> ecause of trial or pain	<u>P</u> raise can do alone
<u>C</u> ontinue in thanksgiving	<u>Q</u> uit looking at the future
<u>D</u> o not begin to blame	<u>R</u> edeem the time at hand
<u>E</u> ven when the times are hard	<u>S</u> tart every day with worship
<u>F</u> ierce winds are bound to blow	<u>T</u> o "thank" is a command
<u>G</u> od is forever able	<u>U</u> ntil we see Him coming
<u>H</u> old on to what you know	<u>V</u> ictorious in the sky
<u>I</u> magine life without His love	<u>W</u> e'll run the race with gratitude
<u>J</u> oy would cease to be	<u>X</u> alting God most high
<u>K</u> eep thanking Him for all the things	<u>Y</u> es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
<u>L</u> ove imparts to thee	
<u>M</u> ove out of "Camp Complaining"	<u>Z</u> ion waits in glory, where none are ever sad!
<u>N</u> o weapon that is known	

-- Author Unknown

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

christianed@gccp.org

Stephen Nazareth, Seth Paradise, Lisa David, Wendy Petrucci



Please join our Sunday School students at
A Marketplace (like one during the time of Jesus)
May 17 during the Coffee Hour (10:00-10:45)

Students in costume will share what they have learned.
Coffee will be served at the Oasis.



In Adult Christian Education, Dave Williams continues with the series by John Ortberg entitled "If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat." Discover your God given "gifts," step out of your comfort zone and start using those gifts as God intended! Have an idea for a future topic? Please share it with us. We also encourage you to bring a friend. What a great way to demonstrate and share your faith in Jesus Christ!

The PYF Summer Mission Trip is scheduled for July 26-31 in nearby Wenham, MA on the campus of Gordon College, under the auspices of Passport, Inc, a Christian organization seeking to model for students the importance of service to others as a part of the Christian journey. Passport is one of the first Christian youth camps to combine a week of camp with a hands-on mission project. It was originally created for the church that didn't have the budget or people power to adequately pull off both experiences in one summer. From a promotional brochure of Passport, Inc:



"This summer, Passport campers will learn forgiveness in Christ that allows each of us to daily Re-Create our relationship with him. It causes us to Re-Think the way we live, and challenges us to Re-Act in ways that allow us to be the presence of Christ in the world. PASSPORTmissions is defined by the hours each day when we take your students into the community to represent the hands and feet of Christ. Our camp is described by campers as learning about the Bible in the morning and doing the Bible in the afternoon. Students have opportunity to participate in a variety of ministry opportunities with senior citizens in nursing homes, cleaning up yards in forgotten neighborhoods or loving on children at a Kids Club. While ministry opportunities vary at each location, you can expect your youth to walk away feeling challenged and rewarded!"

(For more information, see www.passportcamps.org)



Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 16, 8:00 AM

Fellowship Hall - \$2 / person

All men of Greenwood Church are invited to sign up for an hour of food, fellowship, friendship and an inspirational message from Tony Phelps, Pastor of Christ Our Hope Presbyterian Church. Look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall and feel free to bring a friend!

~ **Vacation Bible School 2009** ~

Cruisin' the Amazon

A Jungle Journey to Discover Jesus

July 13 – July 17 (9:30 – 12:00 noon)

Special Program, Sunday, July 19 at 9:30

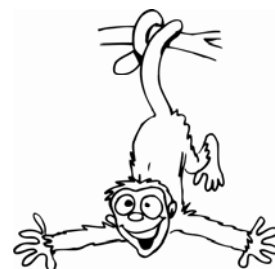
Children ages 4 – entering 6th grade



Join us for the adventure of a lifetime as we go on a 'nighttime' expedition where we rely on Jesus as our guide, a Jungle Trek where we'll learn Jesus is our provider, visit a Treetop Retreat where Jesus is our shelter, Danger Bend where we count on Jesus our defender and finally take a trip to Forever Falls where we will learn that Jesus is indeed our Savior. On our way we will have fun experiencing Amazon snacks, games, songs and crafts. Please fill out a registration form found in Fellowship Hall

and return to the church office or in the offering plate by June 14 so we can get our gear in order!

(Able-bodied adults and youth are encouraged to join us on our journey as guides!
Please see Lisa David to volunteer.)



THE 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)

This year at the annual meeting we took a leap of faith in deciding to fund the day-to-day operation of the church with new income. We decided to break the reliance of the last several years on money from the investment income fund in order to meet our expenses.

As a congregation we voted not to use any of the principle of the Memorial and Endowment Fund in balancing the church budget. As individuals, some of us chose to increase our pledges for the year, others chose to pay their 2009 pledges in full in February, and others fulfilled their 2008 pledges in February. These actions provided the basis for the Session to develop a revised budget for 2009 and provided the church treasurer with a pool of funds to meet peak expenses such as annual payments for insurance policies and the above normal cost of utilities in the winter months.

The committees of the Session have revised their programs and activities for the year to stay within the total budget of the church. It is the responsibility of these committees to be diligent in insuring that overall expenses remain within the income of the church during the year.

It is our responsibility to fulfill our commitments to the Lord in supporting His Mission for the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian.

Income from regular pledges and giving was below our commitments by approximately \$4500 through February. In March, we met our commitments for the month.

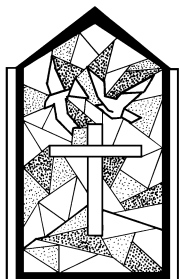
The Stewardship Committee realizes that the economic conditions in our state, country, and the world are impacting all of us, some a lot more than others. We encourage everyone to be as timely as possible in fulfilling their commitments. However, if you find yourself in a situation where fulfilling your commitment for the year is no longer within reach, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. On the other hand, if you find yourself in a position where you can increase your commitment, that would be appreciated.

“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.” (Romans 12: 5-6a)

Barry Baxter
Stewardship Committee Chair



WORSHIP COMMITTEE



Attention **ALL** Elders and Deacons! We are asking everyone who has been ordained an Elder or a Deacon in PCUSA, and is physically able, to serve communion once during the coming year. If everyone who has been ordained would participate, we would have more people than we need! There is a sign-up chart on the right hand back wall in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to be a Lector can also sign-up on this chart. You **do not** have to be ordained to serve as a Lector.

We realize that some of you haven't served Communion in quite a while, so we are planning a 'refresher session'. This will be held in the Sanctuary between worship services on Sunday, June 7. **PARENTS:** *You are invited to bring your children on June 7 so that they can observe.*

We invite anyone who is interested to join the Worship committee. We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Choir Room. If you would like to serve on this committee, call or speak to one of us.

Betty Stacey - Chair, Matt Barber - Co-Chair,
Members: Angie D'Albora, Michael Koczan, Sandra Murray, Joann Rudolph

HART BEAT

How fortunate we are to be a congregation with so much enthusiasm and dedication! Our Holy Week was filled with thoughtful sermons, prayers and music to lead us through the hosannas of Palm Sunday, the passion of Maundy Thursday, the triumphant “It is Finished” of Good Friday, and the glory of Easter resurrection. I hope you attended every service and experienced the complete drama of the holiest time of the Christian year. Thank you, thank you to the Chancel Choir and Joyful Song children who sang, rang bells and led us to joyful heights!



BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



The Buildings and Grounds Committee is getting ready for the **All Church Work Day** which will take place this year on **Saturday, May 9**, from **8 A.M. to 4 P.M.** It will be here before we know it! As with past work days, the B & G Committee would love to see many helpers show up early so we can tackle the jobs needing to be done. With enough help, this year we can take the time to find those 'little repairs' we sometimes overlook in our weekly comings and goings. The Committee would like to show how this year's efforts stand out to the rest of the GCCP members when they see the church the following Sunday.

Other projects will be talked about in the coming months, so keep your eye on this committee's notes in the FN!

In His Name,

Glenn I. Fairbairn, Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

Along with the much anticipated warm weather, green leaves, and spring flowers, the month of May brings many opportunities for our Greenwood Church family to come together for fellowship. If you have never come to Greenwood's May Breakfast, you have missed out on a delightful opportunity to see old friends, make new acquaintances, and enjoy a time-honored Rhode Island tradition, the May Breakfast. If you read this before Saturday, May 2, we heartily recommend that you find time to attend, any time from 7:00-11:00 AM. The second all-church event in May is the work day on Saturday, May 9. This event also offers the opportunity to enjoy good fellowship while you use your skills to help clean up in and around the church. The next day, Sunday May 10, plan to attend the Mother's Day Brunch, immediately after the 10:45 service. Enjoy a delicious brunch with your family and friends, knowing that you are helping support the mission work of our PYF youth. The Member Care Committee hopes that we will see you all at one or more of these events.

Also, remember to save Sunday, June 14, for the annual Greenwood Church picnic.

Elaine Magyar, Peter McKnight, Joan-Sandra McKnight, Cheryl Bullock, Melinda DelCioppio, David Dickerman, and Lynn Kramer

39er's MAY GATHERING

Timmy's One Bay Avenue
In Oakland Beach
Wednesday, **May 20** - 11:30 AM

Menu

Baked Scrod or Yankee Pot Roast with Salad, Coffee or Tea, Dessert

Cost: \$12.00

Program in Fellowship Hall

2:00 P.M.

**Mabel Fuller will share her memories
of the Warwick Musical Theater!**

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



CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN A WALK FOR LIFE!

CARENET-RI's SUNSET WALKATHON

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

REGISTRATION—6:00 PM

SUNSET WALK—6:30 PM

GODDARD MEMORIAL STATE PARK

CareNet-Rhode Island will be holding a *Sunset Walk* on May 14th, 2009 in beautiful Goddard Memorial Park, Warwick, RI. This is only a 2 mile stretch so you can walk or run your way through the walk route (wheelchairs and strollers are welcome). CareNet-Rhode Island, located in Cranston is a non-profit pregnancy resource center. Anyone interested in raising funds for this worthy cause or whoever just wants to walk, is invited to contact CareNet-Rhode Island at 941-2051 or register on-line at walk.carenetri.org.

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

On April 4 Nancy Collins and I attended a meeting of PWPSNE at the United Presbyterian Church in Milford, CT. We were treated to a wonderful power-point presentation by Jenny Lee, Moderator of National Korean Presbyterian Women, who attended the 2008 Global Exchange. With thirty other women from the US, she went to Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Ukraine). They spoke with women in these areas to see how the changing political climate in these areas was affecting women. The theme for the trip was 'joined and knitted together in love' so they took handmade scarves to give to women (and men) they met! Pictures in a recent issue of Horizon's (our national magazine) showed many of these scarves.

I was particularly interested in one of the stories. In the Ukraine they met with a group from the Samuel Foundation, which was founded seven years ago to help the growing orphan population. A board interviews Christian families who are willing to adopt these orphans, and the Ukrainian government pays foster parents a monthly stipend until each child becomes eighteen. Foster parents must stay at home full time. To help them feed the family they have gardens and farm animals. The foundation is entirely charity funded with funds coming from private donors and local congregations. Each family is given a house and, if they are successful in the program, it becomes theirs (free) after thirty years. We saw pictures of three houses and were told of each family's makeup: #1 had six foster children and three of their own; #2 had seven foster children and two of their own; and #3 had five foster children and one of their own. What a wonderful way to show Christian love!

The School and Health Kits have been compiled and shipped. We wish to thank the congregation for their participation in this project.

Mother's Day cards are still available – see Angie. These cards are provided free to us and we sell them to help provide mosquito nets for Africa. Nets cost \$10, but a donation of any amount would be most welcome.

Our Annual May Breakfast is fast approaching (May 2 from 7-11 a.m.) There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for anyone wishing to donate candy or baked goods. There is also a chart for those who would be willing to help at the breakfast, or following breakfast, to help John Pickup ready the entire downstairs of the church for Sunday. Any assistance you can give 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!

Our last gathering of the year will be a catered dinner and program on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 PM. Our program will be provided by Louise Duckworth, a docent at Smith's Castle. Tickets will be available at May Circles or from the Church Office.

Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by what takes our breath away.
(I found this note when I was cleaning a drawer, but can't remember where I got it!)

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers at GCCP!
Betty Stacey
for Presbyterian Women

BAR CODES & BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



This year's collection of Campbell's UPC symbols and "Box Tops for Education" will be mailed to the Plateau Home School in Lansing, Tennessee on or about May 15. Thank you for your cooperation in this very worthwhile project. Please continue to save the UPC symbols and "Box Tops," as this project is ongoing from year to year.

Marge Platt
for Presbyterian Women

MAY CIRCLE NOTES

At this writing last minute preparations are underway for our annual MAY BREAKFAST. As we recover from that momentous undertaking we will be asking ourselves "Is there life after the May Breakfast? The answer is YES! And to prove it here is a run down of what to expect in the merry month of May.

CIRCLE I will meet in the church parlor on Tuesday, May 26, at 1:00 PM. Lesson 9 will be the last lesson for the year.

CIRCLE III will meet at the new home of Louise Ferrante on May 26 at 7 PM. Kitty Channell will share her trip to Bali.

CIRCLE IV will meet in the parlor on May 12 at 7 PM.

CIRCLE VII will meet at Lynda Baker's on May 12. They will gather at 7 PM to work on bazaar projects.

This month we will be indicating which Circle we will be attending during 2009-2010. Are you new or undecided? Talk to a Circle member or visit a circle in May!

Good wishes to all!
Karen Baxter



MIKE-EE'S MUSINGS

Many of you have read the Rev. Bill and Elizabeth Silbert's "Love Story" which has been posted on the Presby bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, but there are more love-related Silbert stories to tell.

More than twenty years ago Mike-ee and Bill Silbert served on the Committee on Ministry representing the Presbytery of Southern New England. Every month they carpoled to committee meetings in Connecticut or on triennial visitations to churches. On one occasion to break the monotony of silent travel time, Bill asked Mike-ee about his previous church affiliation. Bill had never been exposed to such a religious rarity—a Presbyterian Polak. So Mike-ee unreeled the story. At age 12 he walked two miles each week to attend catechism classes at the Boystown Parmadale Orphanage in Parma, Ohio (the "southern sunroom of greater Cleveland"). Mike-ee enjoyed the exposure to Fr. Gallagher who was always involved in the sports activities at the orphanage and who issued Mike-ee his First Communion certificate.

Mike-ee became the rare Presbyterian species when he married Donna Wilgus in early 1942. Upon discharge from the Air Force in 1945, he managed a large appliance and supply shop at the county seat in Tuscola, Illinois. Directly across Main Street from Mike-ee's store was the First Presbyterian Church of Tuscola where he served as deacon and secretary of the adult club and sang in the choir.

The pastor had been a chaplain in the Marine Corp during WWII. Both he and Mike-ee had served in combat zones during the war and a close kinship evolved twixt Mike-ee and pastor Roger McShane. Bill Silbert listened intently as Mike-ee drove the car and related history, and his eyes lit up like a Christmas tree when he heard the words 'Roger McShane'! He had attended Princeton Theological Seminary with Roger from 1938 to 1942. Roger had been dating the young lady who later became Mrs. William Silbert. Mike-ee accused Bill of stealing his preacher's girlfriend, Elizabeth.

In 1948, when Mike-ee was about to depart for Rhode Island, church members urged Roger to pay Mike-ee a visit and convince him to stay with the parish. Knowing that Roger had been pursuing a PhD in Ancient and Medieval History for a few years at the University of Illinois, Mike-ee sensed that Roger was not considering Tuscola a permanent roosting place. So he challenged McShane to sign a mutual agreement that both would stay for at least five years—they both lost. Photos related to the musings on the Silberts are posted on the Profiles bulletin board.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the many cards expressing sympathy at this time of Al's death. He had been critically ill in the past, but had managed to survive. I began to think of him as Lazarus. I guess his time had come, and he died peacefully at the hospital.

Our family of religiously diverse relatives is especially grateful to Pastor Clark for officiating at our private funeral service. His sensitivity and attentiveness to all present was of great comfort.

In Christian love,
Jerianne

Dear Steve,

The memorial service for our mom, Barbara Johnson, was "awesome". Your loving words of faith warmed the hearts of all that attended. We were blessed and appreciate you and Kathy Hart, as well as the ladies group. Together all of you made a very difficult time blessed. Thank you. God bless all of you.

In His holy name,
Douglas and Donna Johnson

Dear Friends of Greenwood Community Church, Deacons, and Emmy Kmet,

Thank you so much for the Easter card and plant. They were most beautiful and appreciated by my mother, Margaret Cady, at Golden Crest Nursing Center. It's wonderful to be remembered.

Love from us both,
Dan Cady

Dear Friends at Greenwood,

Many thanks for the beautiful floral arrangement that brightened my home for two weeks. I am truly grateful for all your kindness, prayers, and concern, and I enjoy so much the deacons' visits. With better weather on its way, hopefully I'll be able to join you soon in worship.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Ljunquist

Dear Greenwood Family,

Wow! You guys are wonderful. Thank you for all the cards, notes, prayers and good wishes! Thanks to Melinda for the visit and beautiful plant. Thanks to Pastor Clark for the visits and flowers. I'm truly humbled by all of your thoughtful gestures...and the CARDS! There were so many I couldn't display them, but I've saved them all in a SHOPPING BAG. I'm serious. I'm so grateful to belong to such a loving church family.

Again, thank you and God bless you all.

Jeanne Williams

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and made calls to us regarding our Aunt Barbara. Also many thanks to the Women's Association for the pleasant reception in Fellowship Hall after the memorial service. It was so nice to see a large turnout at the service. It was a wonderful tribute to her. She was such a special person to all. We will miss her greatly.

Bob and Jill Dick



Dear Friends at Greenwood,

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers during our "pneumonia experience". (It was a special treat to receive the cards created by the 5th and 6th grade class.) Thank you all.

Thank you to Jean Brown for finding Peters Lane and bringing the spectacular chancel flowers. And many thanks to the Rev. Dr. Clark for his hospital visit and comforting words to make us more aware of God's healing love.

*In His care,
Barry and Karen Baxter*

Dear Pastor,

Your generosity in opening your facilities for Bible Study Fellowship is greatly appreciated. We want to thank you and your congregation for your willingness to be a host church for our 2008-2009 class year. It is a privilege to share with you in the Lord's service.

The work of Bible Study Fellowship continues to increase across the United States and around the world. Your participation and support encourages us as we continue in this ministry. We rejoice when we hear of lives that

have been blessed through the study of God's Word, and we know you do as well.

It is our prayer that you and your church will be greatly used and joyfully fulfilled in the ministry God had given you.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Jean Nystrand, Executive Director*

*Pastor Clark and the Greenwood Community,
Thank you so much for allowing us, once again, to use your beautiful building for our RIGHT homeschooling conference. Your continued generosity to us is very much appreciated.*

We would also like to express our appreciation for your allowing us to use your classrooms for our co-op. The children have enjoyed the classes and the parents are happy to have a good hospitable location. Thank you for your generosity.

*In Christ,
Amy Brock for RIGHT
(Rhode Island Guild of Home Teachers)*

~~ CAUGHT IN THE NET ~~

HOSPITALIZED since the last issue:

Ruth Allard

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Jerianne Berman who lost her husband, Al, on March 22.

the family of Barbara Johnson who passed away on March 22.

the family of David York, Jr. who passed away on April 1.

the family of Shirley Hall who passed away on April 6.

Ron Swanson who lost his brother, Bob, out in Kansis on April 9.

the family of the Reverend Dr. Tyler Johnson who passed away on April 23.

NEW ARRIVAL!!!

Best wishes to Gina and Jason Carson who welcomed Keegan Frank into the world on April 2. Best wishes also to big brothers Logan and Gavin and to Grandma Beverly Carson.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Congratulations to Lois-Belle and Jack Crankshaw who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 18.



*Joyce Alexander
Nancy Allen
Logan Barnes
Karen Baxter
Jeff Black
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
Anne Svenevik
Becky Tanner
Betty Tanner
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Chris Walstead
Corey Walstead
Tara Weathers*



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Please leave articles in the church office or e-mail to: FishNews@gccp.org
(please include Fishermen's News in the Subject line.)
To all: Please help the editor and office staff get our newsletter prepared by making extra effort to abide by the deadline.
Thank you for your consideration.

Please submit any graduation information by the deadline (May 11) and help us include all our graduates in the final issue of the season!