



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

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

OCTOBER 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

As announced in worship September 18, Session voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the new organ, which should be in place in plenty of time for the Advent season! Thanks to the overwhelmingly generous response, Session also opted to include additional items which will greatly enhance the overall quality of sound. In the original Organ Fund appeal sent last August, I wrote:

Please know there are a few additional options/accessories not included in the edited copied proposal provided in Mr. Ogletree's letter. For one example, there are currently antiphonal speakers in the back of the sanctuary in the ceiling. It is likely those speakers are in bad shape, considering their age and location. To replace those antiphonal speakers with new ones, the additional cost would be \$3,870, including installation; they would run new wires from the console to that location for these, and a separate power amplifier to drive them would be included. For planning purposes, I/we anticipate an approximate total of \$60-61,000 will be needed. Mr. Ogletree also mentioned that should the church ever be expanded in the future or place greater demands on the organ acoustically, it is possible to expand the organ to eight external audio channels from two. This is not necessary now, but would be an available option at a future date if we desired.

Session opted to include the new speakers AND to upgrade to the eight external audio channels. We learned the advantages of the eight-channel system are as follows: First, each division of the organ gets its own pair of speakers, which means there will be no lack of clarity when the divisions are coupled together, as each division mixes in the air, not in the 'wires'. The sound will be richer in texture, and clearer sounding polyphonically. This also allows for some creative aiming of the divisional speakers within the chamber to create a more diverse sound field in the sanctuary. Second, the eight-channel system is bi-amplified, meaning the low frequencies from all channels are gathered and sent to two large subwoofers for superb bass production. The result of the eight-channel system is the sound is clearer, more relaxed, and better balanced. The final cost of the entire package (including installation and 2% discount for advance payment) is **\$66,708**.

As of September 25, we have received a total of **\$64,513** in gifts and pledges (\$45,453 in actual funds received), and I know for sure of one or two more gifts/pledges that are forthcoming. If you would still like to donate, please mark your contribution "Organ Fund." I cannot thank all of you enough for your faithful generosity!

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

Documents from 1970 and pictures from Sunday School Rally Day September 11, 2011



Dear Friends and Members of Our Church,

At our Annual Meeting, January 25th, the church voted to replace our present organ with the Rodgers 32D model, and to launch a drive to raise the necessary funds.

We have some very good news at this point. The price of the new organ is \$12,770. Right now we have the following funds:

Trade in value of old organ	\$1,200.
Money in Organ Fund	1,108.
Other Funds Available	600.
Gifts to date	610.
Other Pledges to date	2,970.
Total	\$6,488.

As you can see we have about half of the money for the organ already raised. This is a tremendous response. Our hope is that we can raise the rest by the end of February and have the organ installed and playing by Easter Sunday.

In order to do this we are asking you to come to church next Sunday, February 15th. Please bring to church the enclosed card and envelope. We hope that you will consider making a substantial contribution within 30 days so that we will have a minimum of financing charges. During the service we will receive your contribution and pledge cards.

This new instrument will be a great boost to our choirs, it will allow our organist to play a wider range of music, and it will be of sufficient size to encourage our congregational singing. We strongly believe that we can announce to you at the end of February that the organ is ours. Please help us push our Organ Fund over the top.

Sincerely,

Your Organ Financing Committee

Harold Browne
Chairman

Purchase Agreement
WEGMAN AND TOTARO, INC.
Newton Highlands, Mass. March 10, 1970

\$12,770.00

For value received, we, GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, the subscriber of No. MAIN AVENUE, TOWN OF WARWICK, COUNTY OF RHODE ISLAND, State of RHODE ISLAND, promise to pay to the order of Wegman and Totaro, Inc., 86 Winchester St., Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, Twelve thousand seven hundred seventy Dollars.

Payable as follows: Deposit on Order - Currency \$5.00 Check \$5,195.00
By Allowance \$3,800.00 for Cash Payment of Trade-in

Balance \$5,195.00 due as delivery is before April 15, 1970

In consideration for payment of the above named amount Wegman and Totaro, Inc. agrees to sell and deliver to the subscriber the following:
One (1) Rodgers 32D Draw Knob Electronic Organ, One (1) PZ Speaker, One (1) WJ Speaker, Two (2) HJ Speakers, and One (1) WHJ Speaker

Style 227 Finish Mahogany No. 33345
Remarks: Organ to be installed by seller.

It is agreed that title to said goods shall not pass and the same shall remain the property of Wegman and Totaro, Inc. until the full purchase price and any interest due thereon is paid in full.
The seller shall not be liable for delays caused by the manufacturer, accident, strike, fire, or other causes beyond the control of the seller.
I hereby warrant that the said used instrument (if one is traded) is my property, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, and hereby release all rights, title and interests in said instrument to Wegman and Totaro, Inc.
The merchandise described in this contract is sold subject to the prevailing price upon delivery by the seller.

BY: 1) John M. Totaro 2) Don H. Wegman
Purchaser 3) Betty J. Totaro



DEDICATION FOR OUR NEW ORGAN

You are cordially invited to attend
an Organ Dedication Service
at
The Greenwood Community Church,
Presbyterian
805 Main Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island
Sunday, April 26, 1970, at 4:00 p.m.

This Month in Christian Education
christianed@gccp.org

Stephen Nazareth, Seth Paradise, Lisa David, Wendy Petrucci, Timoli Richardson,
Rachael Czepyha and Chris Nazareth

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome back to all our returning students and a big **Hello** to all our new students! We are so happy you could all join us for our first day back and what is the beginning of a wonderful Sunday School year ahead. Rally Day was a great morning filled with song that was shared with our whole church family. After our wonderful songs we gathered together in Fellowship Hall to welcome in the new year and get everyone off to the right classrooms. This year we have a new class! The two and three-year olds have joined us this year and will be meeting in the Crib Room. The class started off the year very successfully with six children joining us and hopefully more will be joining the fun. We enjoyed a story about how God made us special, sang a song, and made a craft of a paper doll that looked just like us. We will have plenty more exciting things happening this year so please look here for up coming events!



WHAT'S GOING ON IN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult education teacher is not calling his pupils unregenerate, but this is good food for thought! Our first class last week was a lot of fun, enjoyable and inspiring. Many of you are involved with other things on Sunday mornings but if not, please consider coming and joining us to gain a better understanding of the scriptures and also learn that humbly, we are all human, prone to fail and possibly need to hear opinions and understandings from each other. We will be reviewing some of our favorite scriptures, Old and New Testament and Psalms and will soon begin a journey with Paul.

Please keep Greenwood Church in prayer for all of our corporate worship. We have so much to offer and have been seeing lots of new faces lately. Say "hi" at coffee hour and don't be shy about making an invite.



29 Eleven NEWS

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

29 Eleven has begun. We meet from 6:00 – 8:00 every Sunday night. All are invited from 7th Grade on up!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are still looking for a few more people to form one more Children's Church team. If you are able to help, please let us know. This would allow each team to teach only one Sunday per month.





MISSION COMMITTEE

Thank you, Greenwood, for your ongoing support and love you share with our missionaries and each other. I am writing this as we do our final preparation for the Haiti dinner and silent auction. Our three brave missionaries, Emmy, Chris and Eric, are making their own personal final preparation and are continuing to do training for their trip to Leogone. It is my heart felt prayer that the congregation get behind them and pray daily while they are away.

Jews for Jesus

Bimini and Oded Cohen were our guest mission speakers Sunday, September 25th. These missionaries have been working quietly in Israel to bring the gospel message to both Jew and Gentile. Their presentation included a Fall Feasts presentation along with an update on their work in Israel.

Presbyterian Immigrant Ministry

This Southern New England Presbytery ministry officially began on August 1, 2011 with the Rev. Gerson Annunciacao carrying on the ministry as a witness to the gospel with immigrants in federal custody in Massachusetts prisons. These prisoners are incarcerated there from the New England states including Rhode Island. Gerson provides group Bible Study to these mostly Portuguese and Spanish speaking prisoners.

Gerson came to this Presbytery from Brazil to serve the recently established church in Fall River that serves a Portuguese-speaking congregation. The need for the immigrant ministry became evident to Gerson after he was asked to visit prisoners. Gerson likens his work to carrying the gospel message to the world in a situation where peoples from the world are coming to us.

Angel Tree will be kicking off on November 6. I am hoping more volunteers will come forward to contact families, deliver gifts and support our church Angel Tree Christmas tree party.

If any member of the Greenwood congregation is led to contribute to any of the missions featured each month in the *Fishermen's News*, please use a Mission envelope and write the name of the mission on the envelope.

Harry Curran, Mission Chair, and his much appreciated team,
Deb Stacey, Emmy Kmet, Jean Greco, Henry Ruppenthal, Myrle Dean and Wilma Swanson

HART BEAT

We're on our way to a new era of music in worship! A glorious new organ is arriving in November, and there's



New Organ!!!

much to anticipate, especially with Advent and Christmas just around the corner. As we prepare for this holy season, the choir is greatly in need of a few more singers. Some of our regulars are unable to sing with us temporarily, so we are recruiting reinforcements. If you can make at least a short-term commitment to Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, please contact Kathy Hart at 837-8873 SOON. We're especially in need of tenors. Please consider helping us out!



All Are Invited . . .

to come to Work Day here at the church on
Saturday, October 15, from 8:00 -4:00!
Come for part or all of the day!

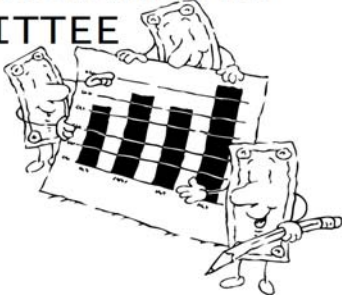
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:15

Praise be to God for all the members and friends of Greenwood who so graciously and generously continue to support Christ's mission in our church and throughout the world.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



Our support of the church budget exceeded projections through the end of August. Usually we fall below projections during the summer months.

The initial financial commitments to purchase a new organ for the church have been amazing.

The Stewardship Committee is still looking for members for the Staffing Task Force, which will review all current church programs and activities to determine whether or not additional staffing would result in their enhancement or expansion. If you are interested in being a member of the task force, please contact the Pastor, me or anyone on the Stewardship Committee.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Barry Baxter
Stewardship Committee Chair

39er's OCTOBER GATHERING

Wednesday, October 19, at 11:30 a.m.
Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach



Menu

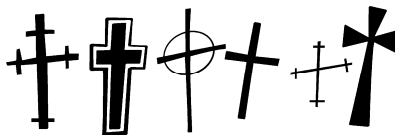
*Choice of Yankee Pot Roast or Ham
with Salad, Coffee or Tea, & Dessert*

Cost: \$13.00

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

Nancy and Dave Dickerman will present a program *National Parks Part 2* sharing their time at the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion Canyon.

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



Praying Together

O Comforter of Priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

- Martin Luther from "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Our PW Fall activities have begun. If you missed the Fall Coffee, please be sure to come to our next events. The PW Fall Gathering will be our annual Pot-Luck Supper and Program on October 4th at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Just bring a dish to share - main dish, salad, or dessert. Also, please bring a paper product and/or a non-perishable food item to be given to our neighborhood ministries. Guests are always welcome; just call the church office to sign up.

Presbyterian Women are sponsoring Blanket Sunday again this year. Contribution envelopes will be in the pews for a few weeks. Thank you for helping us to send comfort and support to families all over the world.

Looking Ahead:

Greenwood Church will be hosting the Presbytery of Southern New England on November 12. The Presbyterian Women will be handling the 'Coffee And' and the luncheon. The luncheon will be prepared by Stu Mason and his kitchen crew. We will need volunteers to help bake, set up, serve, and clean up for this event. There will be sign up-sheets available at the circle meetings and for anyone else who would like to help.

Please mark your calendars for our annual PW Christmas Dinner, Program and Mini Bazaar on December 6. We hope that you are making items for us to sell at the Mini Bazaar. There will be more information on this next month and tickets for the dinner will be available in November at Circles and at the Sunday coffee hour.

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of these events. All church women are welcome!

Remember - Come as a guest, leave as a friend!

Betty Mason
For Presbyterian Women

'ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR OCTOBER



*Good friends are like angels;
You don't have to see them to know they are there!*

Circle I will meet on Tuesday, October 25, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor to begin the Bible Study of the Beatitudes.

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, October 11, in the church parlor. They will begin with a bag lunch at 12 noon. The circle meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Circle III will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, in the 29 Eleven room.

Circle IV will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, in the church parlor.

Circle V will meet on Thursday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the 5/6 classroom and host the MS Key Club.

Circle VII will meet on Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of their leader, Lynda Baker.

Circle VIII (Picasso Quilters) will meet twice in October in Fellowship Hall as follows:

- October 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- October 25 at approx. 2:45 p.m. (following Circle I)

Circle IX will meet on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

If you have any questions about Circles, please call me at 737-0717. 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. Watch the Sunday bulletin insert for any last minute changes.

Betty Stacey
Circle Coordinator



~~~ CAUGHT IN THE NET ~~~

Hospitalized since the last issue:

Barbara Matteson Joe Chehy

Sympathy is extended to:

- the family of former member Charles Bullock who passed away on September 14.



Wedding Wishes to:

- Jena Fairbairn and Fred Summers who were married here on September 10.
- Matt Gastall and Siobhan Kierans who were married in Newbury, Massachusetts on September 3.
- Shereen Guariglia and Michael Dietz who were married at Greenwood on Sunday, September 18.

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Dear Friends and Family at Greenwood,  
 John and I appreciate so much all of your prayers, cards, calls and well wishes to me for my recent setback. Thank you also for the lovely flowers and visit from Joann Rudolph. The love and caring of family and friends means everything.

Sincerely, Jackie Combs



# BIRTHDAYS:

Ann Marie Bataitis  
 Barry Baxter  
 David Brett  
 Marjorie Burbank  
 Gina Carson  
 Joe Chehy  
 Kathy Cheney  
 Betty Cloxton  
 John Combs  
 Don Crout  
 Rachael Czepyha  
 Janice Dailey  
 Brandon Danzer  
 Myrle Dean  
 Joe DelCioppio  
 Rita Deming  
 Andrew Donilon  
 Doris Fahlman  
 Alex Grande



Jean Greco  
 Cheslyn Harrop  
 Margaret Hebert  
 Alyssa Jencks  
 Michelle Jodoin  
 Emmy Kmet  
 Richard LaBanca  
 Naomi Martino  
 Peggy McKeever  
 Lori Pickup  
 Scott Quigley  
 Joyce Riccitelli  
 Karen Ruhren  
 Doris Safford  
 Grace Seufert  
 Nancy Soave  
 Ashley Taylor  
 Abigail Williams  
 Hannah Williams

DEADLINE for **November FISHERMEN'S NEWS** is **October 11**.  
 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.)  
**To all:** Please make an extra effort to abide by the deadline so that we can prepare the newsletter in a timely manner. Thank you for your consideration.

# Living by Son-Light

Some of our days seem very dark. Sickness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job or another struggle overshadows life. In our despair, it can be difficult to sense God's presence. If God were here, we reason, surely He'd be shining His light on our dark circumstances.



When life is bright and joyous, it's easy to sense God; the sun becomes a natural metaphor for God's Son, Jesus, the Light of the world. But even on cloudy days, the sun still shines, its presence not bound by our limited vision. And in the darkest night, the sun remains; the warmth it gave before dusk lingers, enough to preserve us into the dawning of a new day. Sometimes we even catch its reflection in the moon.



"Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with morning." (Psalm 30:5b, NRSV)

Trust in God even in life's dark times; the Son still shines!