



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian

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Dear Members and Friends,

As most of you know, twenty-three of us traveled to Philadelphia at the end of July, where we spent the week at Eastern University with 500 or so other young people under the auspices of Student Life. Our PYF spent four hours each day helping clear weed-choked, junk-filled, bee-infested plots of land for the Village of Arts and Humanities, a neighborhood revitalization program working to transform a blighted inner city area of North Philadelphia. The remainder of the days and evenings were spent in worship, study and fellowship back at the campus of Eastern University. August 3 in worship I paraphrased part of a message delivered by the week's main speaker. Drawing from John 7:38



L to R, bottom: Kathy Gudmundson, Andrew Kaplan, Melanie Marchetti, Audra Leroux, Brian Flannery, Chris Nazareth, Emmy Kmet (kneeling), Andrea Wilmot, Caitlin Donnelly. 2nd row: Lydia Clark, Ashley Taylor, Kaitlyn Richardson, Matt Barber, Arielle Nazareth, Eric Boynton, Chris David, Phil Paquette. Top: Sarah Kaplan, Tim Flannery, Stephen Clark, Shawn Gudmundson, Jaime Jacobs, me.



("Whoever believes in Me,

as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."), he shared the rather unique insight that those who believe in and spend time with Jesus can't help but "leak" a little. As Jesus fills us with the living water of God's spirit, that tends to spill over and "leak" on others in a refreshing, graceful, God-honoring way. You can be proud of the young people of this church and their leadership; on this trip all were consistently well-mannered, well-behaved and hard-working, and they "leaked" all over North Philadelphia as they so selflessly served. It was an honor to be with them and a joy to see them in action!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held in July, under the capable leadership of Lisa David (again!), helped by an energetic team of ten youth and twelve adult volunteers. It was a wonderful week of stories, songs, crafts, games and snacks learning that "God Plans, God Sees and God Empowers" as we traveled back in time to the land of Old Testament Egypt, and Director of Music Kathy Hart led a *very* enjoyable time of bells, chimes and singing that left the children wanting to come back for more. Thank you to all who took part!



ANNOUNCING: PARISH ASSOCIATE FUND!

As evidenced above, much of our Christian Ed program continues to function well, although PYF, VBS, Sunday School, and Children's Church have been without the help of a Christian Education Director for going on three years now (*and longer for the PYF!*). Selfless volunteers who juggle jobs, families, health issues, and crises of their own consistently and generously give their time, open their homes, empty their wallets, pour out their hearts, and in countless ways go the extra mile to minister to and with our young people. Knowing these and those they serve would all greatly benefit from hands-on professional help and support, yet keenly aware of our budgetary constraints, Session approved establishing a half time position of **Parish Associate** for a two year period. We envision the ideal candidate being a college graduate looking to gain valuable experience in preparation for full-time pastoral and/or church-related ministry. The primary responsibilities will include (*but not be limited to*) Christian Education and youth/family ministries, working to oversee, develop and implement Christian education and fellowship programming for all ages, including inter-generational programming.

In order to finance this position in light of the current limitations of our annual budget, and recognizing there have been many who have expressed keen interest in acquiring additional professional help for these vital areas of ministry, Session approved establishing the **Parish Associate Fund**. This special fund's goal is to help raise a two year financial package beyond our current budget. Special gifts and contributions will be most welcome; simply mark your gift "PAF." Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7!!!!

Meet in Fellowship Hall at **9:45 a.m.** Meet your teacher, meet your classmates, sing some songs and start this year off with enthusiasm!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: If you are able to fill in for one of our dedicated teachers as needed, please let Wendy Petrucci, Lisa David or Steve Nazareth know so we can add your name to our substitute list.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We're looking forward to another exciting year, with Pastor Clark and Dave Williams normally sharing duties throughout. Pastor Clark will begin the year with a six-part presentation of his doctoral dissertation. 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!

WEB SITE

Check out the new web site at www.gccp.org. Register as a new user and you're off! The church 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. 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 progress, so please feel free to make suggestions. Our PYF'ers enjoyed a great summer mission trip to Philly. They cleaned unsightly abandoned lots, weeded a community garden, and generally brought a little Christian sunshine to the depressed area of North Philly. Thank you to the Deacons, Presbyterian Women, Mission Committee and the many others who made private contributions who helped make this trip possible.

UPCOMING PYF EVENTS:

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| September 7 | PYF-hosted All Church Luncheon in Fellowship Hall |
| September 7 | Kick off Sunday 6-8 pm |
| September 13 | PYF trip to Six Flags (Christian music event) |
| September 14 | No PYF |

18+ YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION

Matt Barber is teaching this class for young people ages 18 and over in the PYF room. We meet 15 minutes after the second service ends; class time may be adjusted later to accommodate people's schedules. We will be studying the Bible based upon input from the class, dealing with what the students are struggling with, where they are in their lives or analyzing questions they have from readings. Matt looks forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings for what promises to be an enjoyable time of engaging in God's word, prayer and ministry!

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

HART BEAT

Thank you to everyone who provided special music during worship this summer, including the children of VBS! We had a wonderful time singing and ringing bells and chimes during Bible School.

At the time of this writing (early August), plans for fall music are swirling like autumn leaves. By early September, the following will have occurred: the families of 2nd-6th graders received letters inviting them to join a **new Children's Choir**, and an after-church informational meeting was held to determine a rehearsal time. Hopefully, we're now on the way to starting a vibrant music program for the children. The goal is to provide theologically-sound music they will enjoy singing and ringing in worship every 4-6 weeks.



Older youth/adult bells and **Chancel Choir** rehearsals resume after Labor Day. There is much to look forward to for the Fall, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas seasons. All that is missing is **MORE PEOPLE**. So far, two new gentlemen have agreed to join the Chancel Choir, but we want more new faces in both groups. For the bell choir, some music-reading ability is required along with lots of enthusiasm. For the Chancel Choir, the desire to sing and rejoice is all we need. **PLEASE JOIN US NOW!**

Kathy Hart
Music Director

NEWS FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

World Medical Mission

We welcomed a visit and presentation on July 20 from Ruth Prophete who has been on several medical missions to Peru and Niger. She provided a very informative presentation regarding life in Niger and her recent work ministering to children with severe medical problems. Niger is a country in west central Africa without much in the way of resources to support its people. Ms. Prophete is a pediatrician. Her next two-week trip to Peru will be in January. She also plans a mission trip to Central America in October.

World Relief Visit - October 12

Rev. Jeremy M. Montgomery, Northeast Director of Church Relations for World Relief, will be with us on Sunday, October 12, for a day with World Relief. Rev. Montgomery will be presenting during worship services and our adult Sunday School that day. Following the 11 o'clock worship service, PYF youth will provide a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Montgomery will have first hand information from his May 27 - June 9 to visit World Relief programs in Rwanda and Burundi. Mark your calendar for this important mission presentation on October 12.

Walter and LouAnne Copeland - TEAM/Japan

We continue to anticipate a visit this fall from the Copelands who are currently in the U. S. The Copelands' prayer requests are:

1. Please pray for Christina as she prepares to fly to Israel to study one semester at Jerusalem University College on August 27. We trust that being in that part of the world will not be a problem.
2. We are very thankful that we can be with Emily as she begins her first semester of college in Jackson, TN. She will be able to live with us and easily commute. Please pray that she will be able to meet new friends and adjust to college life quickly. She still doesn't know what she would like to major in.
3. We continue to ask the Lord for His future vision for us: location, team members, engaging partnership churches and how we need to specifically aim toward that vision. Of course, we also are very much in prayer for Grace Chapel [Kobe, Japan] and the need for the right pastor next spring.

Mission Envelopes

Thanks for your support through the use of Mission envelopes found in your envelope packet. If you have a particular mission, including the ones described above, 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.

Angel Tree



The Angel Tree schedule for 2008:

- November 1-15:** Verify families participating and gifts requested to be purchased
Sunday, November 16, 23, 30: Christmas Tree with Child Requests in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 7: Deadline for gifts under the tree by 11:00 AM.
Sunday, December 7: PYF Wrapping Day (after 11:00 Worship Service)
Saturday, December 13: Gift Distribution Event (1:00 to 3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, December 14: Delivery of remaining gifts to homes of the families.

The Mission Committee

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

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing summer and were able to accomplish all those projects that were on your 'to do' list!



Please make special note of the dates for the Fall Coffee and the Coordinating Team meeting in September. The Coordinating Team will meet on the **second Tuesday** (September 9). Since this is a bazaar year, during the first half hour of this meeting we will discuss bazaar details. I encourage anyone who would like to get information or make suggestions for the bazaar to come to this meeting on the 9th, at 7:00 p.m., in the church parlor. You will be most welcome.

We will hold the Fall Coffee on the **third Tuesday** (September 16). After we enjoy coffee and fellowship, an expert will present us with facts about the timely topic of immigration. In addition to a great time of fellowship, this time will give you the opportunity to become informed about this important topic.

The switch between the CT meeting and the usual circle meetings dates is just for the month of September. We will resume our regular schedule in October.

Our first gathering of the year will be our annual pot luck supper on Tuesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Following dinner and announcements, Vivian Sousa and Shelly Sousa will then take us, via slides and artifacts, "From Foothills to Volcanoes: A journey through Rwanda's National Parks". Remember, guests are always welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD: On Saturday, October 18, Greenwood PW will host the fall meeting of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Southern New England (PWPSNE). I will give you more details next month, but please save the date. I would like to have as many Greenwood gals there as possible.

From Church Signs for September 1:

Ask about our pray-as-you-go plan.

Betty Stacey
for Presbyterian Women

Circle News

On Wednesday, September 3, at 10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, Circle V will hostess the M. S. Key Club.

On Tuesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, Circles I, III, IV, V and VII will enjoy a fall coffee and program on immigration together.

On Tuesday, September 23, at 1:00 p.m., in the church parlor Circle I, our Bible Study Circle, will have its first meeting on the New Testament book of Luke.

Remember, visitors are always welcome and in fact are urged to join us in our work and fellowship.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Tuesday, October 7

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Pot Luck Supper

Please bring a dish of your choosing to share.
PW will provide the place settings.



Program

"From Foothills to Volcanoes: A Journey Through Rwanda's National Parks", will be presented by Vivian Sousa and her niece, Shelly Sousa. Viv is a retired middle school science teacher who has traveled to many fascinating places. She and Shelly journeyed to Rwanda last year and will share with us, through slides and artifacts, some of their adventures. We invite all women to come and enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship, and an entertaining and enlightening program!

CALLING ALL HELPERS!



The bazaar is coming! The bazaar is coming! The bazaar is coming!

It takes many hands to accomplish a successful bazaar and we want to include yours this year. We guarantee you will enjoy a wonderful time as well as the good feeling of accomplishment knowing you have contributed towards helping to raise significant funds that help so many needy people.

Below is a list of the different bazaar areas and the names of those already signed on to help before, during, and/or after the bazaar itself. Please call one of the starred names to offer whatever time or items that you can give. Thank you for your help.

Country Store/Stuffers and More

*Betty Mason: 789-1002
*Sandy Olson: 647-7034
Betty Stacey
Louise Ferrante
Cheryl Bullock

Candy Cane Café

*Jean Martin: 7393875
*Peggy Phillips: 737-1616
Martha Beard
Elaine Magyar

Christmas Shop

*Lynda Baker: 884-3153
Members of Circle VII

Photos w/Santa

Attic Treasures

*Betty Stacey: 737-0717
Kitty Channell
Debra Stacey
Lynda Gudmundson

Bake Shop

*Fran Bonn: 737-4947
*Florence Hachadorian: 739-6785
Linda Gungle
Ginny Arling
Charlotte Baker

Silent Auction

Cathy Maguire: 737-4953
Denise Mair: 738-7183
Nancy Hurd: 738-7334
Timoli Richardson: 615-9353

Other Helpers

Angie D'Albora: staff rest area and decorations
Sue Desmond: flyers/Girl Friday
John Pickup: set-up/clean-up/Guy Friday and helpers
Evelyn Rae and Monika Algozino: cash distributor and collector
Matt Barber: clean-up
Sherrie Thornber: area signs
Santa: himself

Ways and Means Committee

Jean Martin: 739-3875
Peggy Phillips: 737-1616
Monika Algozino: 946-6338
Sandy Olson: 647-7034

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Dear Greenwood Church Family,

I wanted to say thank you for all the support you have given me over these past years. You have always encouraged me to be all that I can be. I am also thankful for your presence during my Christian walk and for being such a huge impact in my life! I will always remember my time at Greenwood and be sure to visit! Also, thank you for the book and pen I am currently writing with!
In Christ, Ashley Taylor

On behalf of the Rothermel family, I would like to thank each and every member of the Greenwood Church family for their heartfelt expressions of sympathy and prayer in response to the sudden passing of my sister, Angela. Words don't seem sufficient to describe the void left in our hearts; however, we have received much comfort in the many thoughtful gestures and prayers of concern shown to our family during this difficult time. I'd like to share with you a poem that I read at Angela's memorial service.

I can't begin to thank all our friends at Greenwood Church for all their thoughtful cards, notes and words of encouragement during my mother's illness and passing. Heartfelt thanks come from Artena, Ian, Jena and me for making this difficult time a little easier and knowing that as our lives go on, Mum is in a much better place since she transferred her membership from this world to the Church Triumphant! Thank you all again. Words can never express the warmth, love and hope we received from the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian family to help us through this difficult time in our lives.

Glenn, Artena, Ian and Jeniece Fairbairn

Dear Greenwood Friends,

My sincere thank you to all my dearest friends who sent the beautiful cards, thoughtful prayers and those special phone calls. It meant a great deal to me. I am doing much better now. Your kindness is greatly appreciated, and I'm very proud to be a member of Greenwood Church.

In Christian Love, Ginny Arling

Poem of Life

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.*

(author unknown)

Source: <http://www.eulogyspeech.net/funeral-poems/Poem-Of-Life.shtml>

*God Bless you all,
John Rothermel*

CAUGHT IN THE NET

HOSPITALIZED since the last issue:

Jessie Tanner

Don Richardson

September Birthdays

- Julia Aguire
- Samantha Aguire
- Elsa Ashton
- Matt Barber
- Sandra Barnes
- Tanner Barnes
- Allan Berman
- Beverly Carson
- Nancy Blasdell
- Bill Cheney
- Tracy D'Albora
- Holly Damm
- Sean Daylor
- Melinda DelCioppio
- Joyce Devolve
- Lynda Gudmundson
- Tom Harrop
- Kathy Hart
- Cathy Insana
- Jesstin Jacobs
- Scott Jacobsen
- Jack Kramer
- Lynn Kramer
- Julia LaBanca
- Norm MacLeod
- Matthew Nazareth
- Ron Nichols
- Wayne Nolan
- Bob Nordstrom
- Terence Paquette
- Tom Paradise
- Chris Richardson
- Dave Tanner, Jr.
- Laura Taylor
- Beverly Walstead
- Maya Weathers

SYMPATHY is extended to:

The family of John F. Livezey II who passed away on May 27.

John Rothermel who lost his sister in July.

Barbara Kendall and Lolly Morse on the loss of their brother in August.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:

Best wishes to Becky and Jorge Sanchez de Lozada who presented their daughter, Isabel Jean, for the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 31. Proud Grandma is Jean Brown; Proud Great-Grandma is Barbara Kendall. Becky went through the last Inquirers' series and chose to not join the church at that time, but has now made the decision to join our membership and has been approved by Session. We welcome Becky and Isabel to our church family!



Welcome Back, 39-ERS!!!!

September Gathering

Wednesday, September 17, 11:30 a.m.
 Timmy's One Bay Avenue in Oakland Beach
 Cost this year will be \$12.00 per person

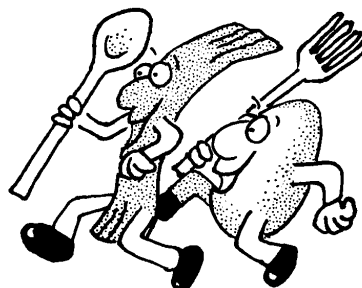
Menu

Stuffed Chicken Breast or Baked Scrod
 Salad, Coffee or Tea & Dessert

Program

Nancy and Dick Collins will share their pictures and memories of their trip to Lima, Peru.

If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Linda Gungle (828-7687)!



MIKE-EE'S MUSINGS:

Skinny Wallets & Boasting about Coasting: Many of you know that Mike-ee has a skinny wallet . . . and in view of these cash-depleting fuel prices, it behooved him to prevent it from getting skinnier. He drives a 1996 Dodge Caravan which registers about 15 miles per gallon. . . resulting in wallet stomach cramps.

So, a "coast-for-the-most" driving routine was launched, but not to be used on the expressway. It reverses the "pedal-to-the-metal" trend by lifting your toe off the accelerator as often as possible. Take advantage of every lull in traffic activity . . . anticipate traffic light changes (if it is red or going to turn red, take your foot off the gas) . . .check your rear-view first to make sure you're not interfering traffic flow. If there is a big gap between you and the cars up front, relieve the pedal and do the same when going downhill.

Example: Mike-ee has coasted about half the length of Long Street on more than one occasion. This 'toasting of coasting' is not a 2008 infancy thing with Mike-ee...it dates back to the mid-depression years. Every year Mike-ee's frat brothers rented a cottage on Kiwanis Lake, 35 miles east of Cleveland. Getting there was something else. More than once Mike-ee hocked his high school graduation ring at the friendly gas station to make the scene. He knew all the hills and dales where he could nurse that brand new 1937 Plymouth Sedan, shifting into neutral and at times turning off the ignition (this was before 'free wheeling' was thought of).

Senior Citizenship . . .Transition Period: You've probably seen the abbreviaton . . .A.A.A.D.D. It all adds up to Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder . . .and this is how it manifests: I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start towards the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take out the checkbook and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so I don't accidentally knock it over. The Coke is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to cool it. As I head for the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye. They need water. I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I pour some water on the flowers but quite a bit spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed...the bills aren't paid...there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter...the flowers don't have enough water...there is still only one check in my checkbook...I can't find the remote...I can't find my glasses...and I don't remember what I did with the car keys. Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I was busy all day, and I'm really tired. I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Don't laugh...if this isn't you yet, your day is coming! (But me...at age 23...how can it be?)

Growing older is mandatory.

Growing up is optional.

Laughing at yourself is therapeutic.

Parting Shot: The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time!

Thanks for listenin',
Mike-ee