



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
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SUMMER 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

Below are more snapshots in the life, ministry, activity and service of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian. Thanks to all who so generously supported the packed **May Breakfast April 30**, and the 29 **Eleven Mother's Day Brunch May 8**. I thoroughly enjoyed traveling with a coach bus full of members and friends to **New York City May 14**; the day went by much too fast! I was richly blessed by the enthusiasm of all who took part in the joyful, exuberant and inspirational **Youth Sunday May 15**; I know from the many positive comments received I was not the only one touched and moved. I'd like to especially commend seniors **Amanda David and Charlotte Paquette** for displaying a calm eloquence, poise and sincerity in the pulpit I've seen in few adults, let alone teens. I was also delighted by the endearing dynamic on display between our younger young people and the teens; it was so evident they were mutually encouraging and inspiring each other throughout the service. I'm sure this is in large part due to the vision of co-superintendents **Timoli Richardson and Rachael Czepya** who encouraged all ages to be together during Sunday School opening exercises throughout the year; a visible rapport has developed between the ages that is a delight to observe. **May 21**, a record THIRTY selfless and eager-to-serve volunteers showed up to graciously give of their time to make our **All Church Work Day** a success! Thanks to all who gave all or part of their Saturday to paint, sweep, clean, scrub, polish, prune and garden: *Buildings and Grounds chair Glenn Fairbairn, John Combs, Amanda, Emily and Megan David, Steve and Chris Nazareth, Steves and Hannah Clark, Terence Paquette, Jack Crankshaw, Betty Stacey, Denise and Peter Mair, Joyce Riccitelli, Virginia Jacobs, Harry Curran, Dick Collins, Barry Baxter, Bill Cheney, Matt Barber, Eric McNeely, Timoli and Chris Richardson, Fred Summers, Jenna Fairbairn, Kitty Channel, Nancy Allen and Wilma Swanson. (I hope I didn't miss anybody!)*



As you may remember, my doctoral thesis was about recovering a particular 17th century New England Puritan vision: that of seeing the family as the First Church, and the congregation as a "Familie of Families", working to connect individuals, families and generations with each other in a mutually supportive, nurturing and faith-enhancing manner which would serve to strengthen individual families, churches and the society at large, all for the greater glory of God. It is a blessing to see this intergenerational interaction so evident here at Greenwood, AND to hear our young people testify by word and action to the reality of this family vision at work shaping their lives and guiding their faith journey. -- **Stephen L. Clark, Pastor**



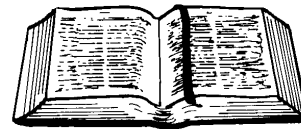
This Month in Christian Education

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Stephen Nazareth, Elaine Magyar, Lisa David, Wendy Petrucci, Timoli Richardson, Rachael Czepyha, and Chris Nazareth

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Harry Curran, our adult education program teacher, is considering conducting a summer Bible study. Please let him know if you are interested. Keep an eye out for more information.



WEBSITE

If you haven't done it yet, check out the church website at www.gccp.org. Let one of us know or ask Sue Desmond for help if you have an event you would like listed or if you would like your existing listing changed. We've included sermons as well as past issues of the *Fishermen's News* on the website. Feel free to make suggestions as to how we can make the website more useful to you.

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.



We are currently finalizing plans for our summer mission trip to PA in July.

We wish to thank everyone who helped and contributed to our fundraisers. The Easter Continental Breakfast, the Warwick Men's Church Bowling League Banquet, and the Mother's Day Brunch were all greatly successful. We will begin our Stop & Shop gift card sale soon to help us raise money for our summer mission trips and retreats. We'll have more information about this exciting offer in the near future.

Chris, Matt, Eric, Timoli, Emmy and Steve invite all youth from 7th to 12th grade to check out the new 29 Eleven Student Ministries on Sunday nights from 6 to 8 pm. Bring a friend with you and experience great messages, food, music, and games each and every week as well as fun-filled retreats throughout the year and rewarding mission trips each summer.

Help support our adopted child (Jean, from Haiti) by purchasing a candy bar from the box in the youth room or a soda from the church kitchen refrigerator.

And we are still hoping to add another **CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEAM**. If you can volunteer just 45 minutes one Sunday a month, please let us know. Thank you!



2011 Vacation Bible School



Monday, July 11 - Saturday, July 16

9:00 AM - 12 noon

ages 4 - entering grade 6

\$10/child ~ \$15/family*

(* The fee is new this year due to some increasing costs AND a very special event being planned for the final day. Please don't let the fee be a deterrent! Camperships will be available if needed.)

Join us this summer for SonHarvest County Fair as we go to the country for down-to-earth farm fun! Through the examples of Jesus and His parables, children will grow the fruit of the Spirit in their lives:

love, joy, peace, patience and kindness. This year VBS has been extended to Saturday and all are invited to join the fun on the final camp day for a country fair!

Enter your favorite pie recipe in the Pie Contest! Come to see the children's art displays, hands on exhibits and a few surprises!

Hope to see you there!



(Registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall!)

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME
ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD

God is good to his children here in the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian. It is through the gifts He gives us that we are able share our blessings with His children in our church, in our community, in our country and throughout the world. In the Sunday School this year a record amount of food was collected for the local food pantry and a record amount of money collected to support the worldwide mission of the Heifer Project.

During the first four months of the year the income from the Memorial and Endowment Fund investments has increased by almost \$30,000 which is over a 30% increase in the funds available to us to do God's work. Through the first four months of the year we have met all our financial responsibilities to date from pledges and gifts received. We have achieved this as a result of some of us pre-paying their pledges for this year, others increasing their giving for this year and a few paying towards their 2010 pledges this year. The extended period of economic difficulties we are facing and the very modest improvements in some areas we have seen has brought the realization to most of us that God is calling us to share the gifts we have to help one another meet the challenges of the time.

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." -- Acts 4:32

The Stewardship Committee wants to recognize and thank everyone in the congregation for your generous support of the church's mission and programs. We encourage everyone to continue their support through the summer months.

M. Barry Baxter and the Stewardship Committee

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

Welcome to our new members who joined on Palm Sunday:



Sandra & Jeff Hebert
and Margaret



Betty & Bob Herman



Bonnie Readett



Tracy Traficante

THE BUMBAUGH FAMILY

will be returning to perform Sunday evening, June 5, 7:00 PM. Free will offering will be received, and an ice cream social will follow.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Church Picnic

After worship **Sunday, June 12**, we will hold the annual **All-Church Picnic** at the Masonic Park in Buttonwoods. Bring the entire family for a fun family event! Watch the bulletin for additional details.



Tickets are now available for the **Pawtucket Red Sox** outing on **Friday, August 5, 7:05 PM**. Everyone who attended last year's game watched a great night of baseball and had a fantastic time. Get your family and friends together and join us on August 5th for another night of baseball action! Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be purchased from Drew Fraser (401-480-9196).

2nd ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH YARD SALE

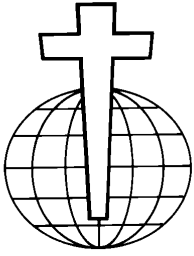
AUGUST 13, 9:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM

CLEAN, WORKING ITEMS ONLY; NO COMPUTERS OR TV'S PLEASE

Drop off items at the church July 24 through August 12 between 10AM and Noon. We will need help before, during, and after the sale, so please feel free to sign up on the posted volunteer sheets in Fellowship Hall!

QUESTIONS? Call Nancy Blasdell (294-4773) or Nancy Dickerman (737-3753)

MISSION COMMITTEE



Haiti, Japanese earthquakes, tsunami clean-ups, Midwestern America's tornadoes, justice served to Osama Bin Laden, a major budget crisis, unemployment, gas price hikes-- and the list goes on. It often appears that world crises grow worse. In the midst of these events, how fares Greenwood Community Church?

Mission giving has been higher than ever the past few years, and the Committee looks forward to helping even more agencies and missionaries. Prayer warriors continue their efforts on behalf of those in the field. If you would like to dedicate fifteen minutes monthly in prayer, you are strongly encouraged to do so. I fully believe that for every moment of time we set aside to honor God, He gives us back seven fold and adds to our treasure in Heaven. I continue to pray that all of you will begin praying for a unified church of one accord here in Greenwood, praying that we can be used as instruments of God.

Some adults from Greenwood are planning to get involved with Haiti on a personal level with our sister church at Exeter chapel.

The Copelands have been contacted as to agencies in Japan we can help with funding.

Local Mission reps are contacting Greenwood, asking to come and speak about the national and international activities they are seeing accomplished as God works with those feet, arms, lips and mouths of His workers.

My recent reads in our Presbyterian Mission book include:

On March 28, Rev. Hunter Farrell was asking for prayers for the Mission at General Assembly level. He has heard good things about what's happening in our state.

On May 1, Older Adult ministry was being celebrated.

May 5 was National Day of prayer.

Articles on May 4th and 6th depict the courageous work of Forman Christian College, working with over 4400 Muslims as 3 ½ million displaced people run from an anticipated attack by the Taliban. This article was written prophetically a year before we finally discovered the hiding place of Osama (OBL), eliminating this treacherous hater of Jews and Christians. At the same time wonderful reports come out of Pakistan about Foreman raising \$12,000 while working with local peaceful Muslims. What a bold spiritual witness, and we in Greenwood are privileged to share in this effort.



Again, thank you all for last month's generous participation with One Great Hour of Sharing. Following our June Mission Committee Meeting, more information will be provided regarding dispersal of funds.

Please continue to utilize the "mission envelopes" in your pledge boxes or in the pews. The Haiti project can be supported as a *designated offering* for those supporting our efforts with Dave and Michelle Stebner and the Exeter Chapel. We want those who can to write checks, but even more, why not consider going to Haiti yourself? The only expertise necessary is a willing heart.

The Mission Committee has established a Designated Haiti Trip Account to help fund the World Relief Mission trip to Haiti this coming Fall. Just write "Haiti trip" on the Memo line. Please help, if you can, so that Greenwood Community Church can establish a working relationship with this community. We appreciate your support of this new mission opportunity for the congregation.

Harry Curran, Chair of the Mission Committee
and greatly appreciated members, Deb Stacey, Emmy Kmet, Jean Greco,
Henry Ruppenthal, Myrle Dean and Wilma Swanson

Picasso Quilters will not meet during June, but will meet during July and August on most Tuesdays from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

Check the weekly church bulletins for specific dates.

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The May Breakfast was very successful; thank you to everyone who helped by making May baskets, pastry, pies, and candy and to those who worked at the breakfast. We all enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship as we work on this event. Thank you also to the people who supported us by coming to enjoy our breakfast. It is fun to chat with some of these friends from year to year. We served 219 adults, 15 children and all our faithful workers.

Our final PW gathering for this year, "Joys of Summer", will include a catered buffet and program on June 7th at 6:30 p.m. If you are reading this before June 7th, tickets may still be available. We hope you can come.

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item and/or a paper product to this Gathering. Donated items will be given to local organizations.

The PW Coordinating Team will hold their annual Pot-Luck Dinner on June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Gifts of Women Sunday will be observed on June 26 during our morning worship service. Our women will participate in the service and Rev. Clark will be installing the PW officers for next year.

Greenwood's Presbyterian Women have had another successful year. Thank you to the Coordinating Team for their dedication and support during the year. You are great officers to work with.

Thank you also to the congregation for your generous support of our projects. Special thanks go to Sue Desmond and John Pickup for all their extra help whenever we need it.

Looking ahead to the Fall: Our Coordinating Team meeting will take place on September 13 at 6:15 p.m. in the church parlor, and the PW Fall Coffee will be held on September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



I look forward to seeing you at our June Gathering!

Come as a guest and leave as a friend.

Enjoy a wonderful summer!
Betty Mason for Presbyterian Women

'ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR JUNE

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

Circle I (our Bible Study Circle) will meet on Tuesday, June 28, at noon at Angie D'Albora's home for a luncheon and to complete their study of Revelation (Lesson 9: "Journey Into the New Jerusalem").

Circle III will meet on Tuesday, June 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Betty Mason's home in Narragansett, for a pot luck supper.

Circle IV will meet on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Olive Garden Restaurant.

Circle V will meet on Thursday, June 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the 5/6 classroom for their meeting and to host the MS Key Club.

Circle VII will meet on Tuesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Ruthann Sisson's home for a pot luck supper.

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 one of our meetings. Watch the Sunday bulletin insert for any last minute changes.

Betty Stacey, Circle Coordinator

A Very Special "Thank You" to the volunteers who contributed to our successful May Breakfast . . .

To you, Stu Mason, and to your terrific kitchen crew
To you who worked at the church on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
To you who made May baskets, special centerpieces, candy, and baked goods
To you who shopped for food and supplies
To you who cleaned up
To you who came to the breakfast

On May 1st *The Providence Journal* featured our May Breakfast in a full-page spread that included four pictures—great advertising for those who didn't attend this year, but will next year. That article was titled "Community Spirit: A real taste of spring", a phrase especially appropriate for the community that makes up the Greenwood Community Church. Our members and friends come from all over Rhode Island and beyond, but our sense of community spirit was clearly visible throughout this May Breakfast time.

Thank you all.

Members of the PW Ways and Means Committee

39er's JUNE GATHERING

**Wednesday, June 15, at 11:30 a.m.
Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach**

Menu

Choice of Chicken Marsala or Ham
with Salad, Coffee or Tea, and Dessert

Cost \$13.00

Program in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 P.M.

We will view the video on the old Rocky Point Park, "You Must Be This Tall".
I hope to see you this month as this will be our last luncheon until September.

If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Linda Gungle.



Summer Birthdays

June

Bob Allard
Greg Blasdell
Sue Capobianco
Dennis Charpentier
Julia Chenel
Adam D'Antico
Scott Danzer
Lisa David
Noah Daylor
Paul DelCioppio
Sue Desmond
Marina Flannery
Mabel Fuller
Kathy Gudmundson
Caroline Hurd
Nancy Hurd
Andrew Kaplan
Shane Krahenbill-Pickup
Jennifer Kramer
Melanie Marchetti
Ben Martino
Jean McCombs
June McCrillis
Pete McKnight
Nate Parkinson
Steve Parkinson
Marge Platt
Anna Prince
Elaine Rothermel
John Rothermel
Steve Ruscito
Carol Schmedinghoff
Jennifer Segala
Teddy Seufert
Michelle Slavitt
Antoinette Snyman
Eiriana Summers
Tom Taylor
Adam Vespia
Ronald Vien

July

Lisa Bergeron
Jerianne Berman
Kitty Channell
Pastor Clark
Carter Damm
Jason Daylor
Mike Desmond
Artena Fairbairn
Louise Ferrante
George Gardiner
Matt Gastall
Nick Grande
Don Hausman
Craig Insana
Ginny Jacobs
Tim Lovejoy
Peter Mair
Nadine Marchetti
George Martins
Cindy Nordstrom
Samuel Prentiss
Patty Quigley
Ruthann Sisson
Henri Snyman
Athena Sullivan
Heidi Thompson
Rianna Vien
Bud Voigt
Cole Weathers
Dana Weathers
Marge Woodard

August

Kevin Angell
Fran Bonn
Tom Bryda
Helen Czepyha
Angie D'Albora
Scott Damm
Julia D'Antico
Emily David
Chris DelCioppio
Bob Dick
Andrew Donnelly
Charlotte Duff
Glenn Fairbairn
Tim Flannery
Joan Gardiner
Connor Gillard
Sarah Hurd
Peter Insana
Leanne LaBanca
Noel MacKinnon
Mary MacLean
Bob Maguire
Jim Magyar
Sandy Murray
Ken Olson
Sandy Olson
Seth Paradise
Sarah Petrides
Rob Petrucci
Jane Rice
Judy Ruscito
Chris Seufert
Richard Seufert
Wendy Seufert
Delaney Sullivan
Paul Taylor
Jessica Vespia

***Happy
Birthday
to All!***

~~~ CAUGHT IN THE NET ~~~

**Congratulations to the following graduates:**



**From college:**

- Chandler Alexis Budlong-Springer, summa cum laude from Suffolk University, Boston, MA in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in government.
- Christina Casinelli from Quinnipiac University; she will be staying there for grad school pursuing her MBA.
- Arielle Nazareth, magna cum laude from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA; she will be married to Matthew Barber July 8<sup>th</sup> !

**From high school:**

- Tanner Barnes from Cranston High School East in June. In the fall Tanner will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) where he will major in Pre-Med.
- Zachary Casinelli from Pilgrim High School. Zach will attend Quinnipiac University in the fall to study Physical Therapy and Athletic Training.
- Connor D’Albora, from Toll Gate High School. In the fall Connor will attend Elon University where she will major in music.
- Melissa D’Albora, from Toll Gate High School. In the fall Melissa will attend the University of Connecticut where she will major in music.
- Amanda Mae David from the David Family Homeschool on May 27<sup>th</sup>. In September Amanda will attend Cedarville University in Ohio.
- Nicholas Martino from East Greenwich High School. Nick will attend college in the fall.
- Charlotte Paquette from Cranston High School East. Charlotte plans to attend the University of New Hampshire in the fall to study elementary education.
- Theodore Seufert from Bishop Hendricken High School. Ted will attend Providence College in the fall.



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Re: Ruth L. Devolve

After Mom’s passing on April 25<sup>th</sup> (her wedding anniversary), in cleaning out her living space at her nursing home, we found the following note “cut out” and placed at her bedside. It was a letter from Ruth to the Fishermen’s News, dated September 2006.

In part it stated:

“I have experienced many challenges during this time. One of the positive things has been the wonderful visits, cards, and prayers from all my friends at Greenwood. My family wants to express their appreciation to Pastor Clark for his heartwarming visits, as well. I want to extend the warmest “thank you” to everyone at Greenwood Church. Signed, Ruth L. Devolve.”

Fast forward to April 2011. What more can we add except your love and support of us is powerful!

With appreciation,

Joyce and Jeffrey Devolve and, of course, Daniel

To my church friends,

Thank you so much for your cards and flowers I received during my recent surgery. I believed that I’m never alone because the Lord is always with me. Knowing my friends are thinking and praying for me, too, makes this current health ordeal easier to bear. Also, thank you Rev. Clark for your visit during my hospital recovery stay.

Yours in Christ, Peter C. Insana

Dear Friends,

Sincere thanks for your many visits, telephone calls, cards and flowers. I love my church family! And thank you for the delicious May breakfast delivered by faithful friend Kay Peterson.

Hugs to you all,  
Mabel Fuller



**NOTICE FROM THE KITCHEN . . . . .**

Many groups are using our kitchen facilities. When events are finished after a breakfast, lunch or dinner, left over food may be left in the refrigerator marked with a date if it is for future use or if you think another group may use it. Please do not leave food unmarked. The RI Family Shelter appreciates food contributions; call (739-8584) to see if they can use your leftovers. Or, please take your food home with you. Thank you for helping to keep our facility clean and ready for the next group.

DEADLINE for the September *FISHERMEN’S NEWS* is Sunday, August 14.  
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.)  
Thank you to all who meet the deadlines. Enjoy your summer!

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# 2011 Summer Calendar

## June

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | CHANCEL CHOIR, 7:15 PM                                                                       |
| 2  | CIRCLE V / MS KEY CLUB, 10:30 AM<br>PLANNING MEETING, 7:00 PM<br>COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 7:30 PM |
| 5  | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY<br>BUMBAUGH FAMILY CONCERT / ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM                   |
| 7  | PW GATHERING, 6:30 PM                                                                        |
| 8  | CHANCEL CHOIR, 7:15 PM                                                                       |
| 9  | BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM                                                                        |
| 12 | CHURCH PICNIC, 12:00 NOON                                                                    |
| 14 | CIRCLES III, IV & VII                                                                        |
| 15 | 39'ERS AT TOP OF THE BAY RESTAURANT, 11:30 AM<br>39'ERS PROGRAM AT 2:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL  |
| 16 | BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM<br>SESSION MEETING, 7:00 PM                                            |
| 19 | <b>Happy Father's Day!</b>                                                                   |
| 21 | PW Coordinating Team Pot Luck, 6:30 PM                                                       |
| 23 | BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM                                                                        |
| 24 | CIRCLE V AT THE HOME OF SUE DESMOND FOR POT LUCK                                             |
| 26 | PW GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY                                                                     |
| 30 | BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 AM                                                                        |

## July

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| 4        | INDEPENDENCE DAY, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED         |
| 5        | PICASSO QUILTERS, 1:00 PM                      |
| 8        | WEDDING OF ARI NAZARETH & MATT BARBER, 3:00 PM |
| 11-16    | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON    |
| 17       | VBS PROGRAM, 9:30 AM WORSHIP                   |
| 19       | PICASSO QUILTERS, 1:00 PM                      |
| 25-29    | YARD SALE ITEMS RECEIVED, 10:00 – 12:00        |
| 25-29    | 29ELEVEN MISSION CAMP, EASTERN COLLEGE, PA     |
| 26       | PICASSO QUILTERS, 1:00 PM                      |
| 31 - 8/5 | YARD SALE ITEMS RECEIVED, 10:00 – 12:00        |

## August

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|------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 2    | PICASSO QUILTERS, 1:00 PM                         |
| 5    | PAWSOX GAME, 7:05 PM                              |
| 8    | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VICTORY DAY |
| 9    | PICASSO QUILTERS, 1:00 PM                         |
| 9-12 | YARD SALE ITEMS RECEIVED, 10:00 – 12:00           |
| 13   | CHURCH YARD SALE, 9:00 – 2:00 PM                  |
| 14   | FISHERMEN'S NEWS DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE     |
| 16   | PICASSO QUILTERS, 1:00 PM                         |
| 23   | "                                                 |
| 30   | "                                                 |