



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Summer greetings to you! These past seven months, since my arrival just before the start of winter, have been filled with Session meetings and family dinners, one-on-one conversations and festive group celebrations, problem-solving and God-sightings. Please know how grateful I am for the welcomes that have made me feel so at home at Greenwood.

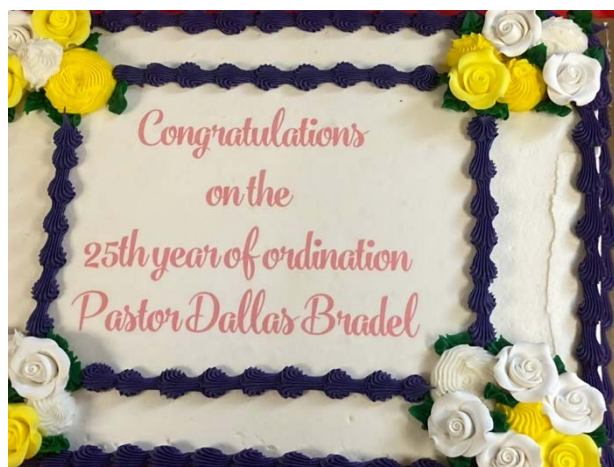
Thank you especially for your patience and participation throughout the Discerning the Way process. The vote on June 22, to remain in the Presbyterian Church (USA), marks a new season of moving forward in the life of this congregation. During this transitional time, we will think together about who you've been in the past, who you are right now, and how God is leading Greenwood into the work he has already begun among you. Stay tuned for more details in the fall!

*To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven...
He has made everything beautiful in its time. (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11).*

In Christ's sure love,

Pastor Dallas

On February 16 at our Agape potluck we celebrated the 25th anniversary of Pastor Dallas's ordination.



Easter Sunday! He is risen! And A Time with the Children on Mother's Day



GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
EIGHTY YEARS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE
PART VI

In our look back at the history and growth of Greenwood Community Church, we have now reached the 1980s, and will visit some noteworthy achievements of a productive decade in the life of the church.

One of the most notable and long-lasting accomplishments was the hiring a new sexton in 1981, a young man named John Pickup. In addition to keeping the church spotlessly clean, he often worked with the pastor, Dr. Peterson, on woodworking projects, upgrading various rooms in the church and even constructing needed items of furniture. As you can see from the song written and sung in 2011 when we celebrated the 30th anniversary of John's hiring, there are some things that have **not** changed over all these years!

OH, JOHN PICKUP

(Sung to the tune of Oh, Susanna)

One day in 1981 a young man started work.
He'd clean the floors and scrub the doors
And make the coffee perk.

Whenever he was asked to serve, he gladly answered, "yes."
He set up tables, chairs and more
And handled every mess.

Chorus

Oh, John Pickup, he makes the building glow.
He does so well, it sure looks swell.
He's always on the go!

At Christmas time he helps the women decorate the hall.
He helps them show off all their goods
And cleans up after all.

He washes windows so the candles shine for all to see.
He makes sure every Christmas wreath is
Hung up easily.

Chorus

He mows the lawn and shovels snow and keeps the building clean.
He polishes the floors and then
He does it all again.

He cleans up every gooey mess that children seem to drop.
And never says a single thing,
Just goes and gets the mop.

Chorus

And now it's time to honor him for all that he has done.
His quiet style and pleasant smile
A bonus we have won.

So here's our best salute to you, we all appreciate
The work you do for all year thru.
John Pickup, you are great!

Chorus

Oh, John Pickup, you make the building glow.
For thirty years, we send our cheers!

OH, JOHN, WE LOVE YOU SO !!!

Hearty thanks, John, for all the seen and unseen things you do for Greenwood Church!

Another action by the Session in the 1980s has had a lasting impact on Greenwood Church. After receiving a significant bequest from the estate of member Esther Tew, the Session voted to establish The Memorial and Endowment Fund of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, "to provide a place to conserve all money from memorial gifts, bequests, and other monies specifically designated to this fund to benefit the continuing programs of Greenwood Church." For more than 40 years, the income produced from the invested funds has been used to support many capital projects to improve our church building as well as contributing substantially to the operating budget. The money given by and in memory of former members has grown such that the total amounts spent using income from the fund significantly exceed the money contributed to the fund. In this way the men and women who served the church during their lifetimes continue to fund the church they loved and supported.

In 1984 Greenwood Church celebrated its 40th anniversary. On Sunday, October 28, there was a special worship service at 10:00 a.m. Former Pastors the Rev. Richard McCarroll and the Rev. Dr. Theodore Lilley participated in the service and our first music director, Eleanor Powell, joined Music Director Hattie Bowser for the prelude, with Mrs. Powell on the piano and Mrs. Bowser on the organ. Guest preacher was the Rev. Edward Abbott, son of charter member Harry Abbott, who served as church treasurer for 25 years. Fr. Abbott was on the staff at St. Michael's Church in Providence at that time. The day culminated with a banquet at the Johnson & Wales Hospitality Center on Narragansett Blvd. in Cranston. It's hard to believe, but dinner tickets for the reception and banquet were \$10.00. Dr. Peterson wrote, "One of the great things in our celebration is that many of our charter members are still with us. We will be able to observe 40 years of service to Christ with our organizing Pastor and many of those who started this church."

As it had been from the beginning, the Sunday School remained a central part of Greenwood's mission. Excerpts from Sunday School Superintendent Betty Mason's Christian Ed Corner in the October 1984 Fishermen's News show that while the size of our Sunday School today is much smaller because of changing demographics and competing Sunday activities, much remains consistent over forty years—even the people keeping things going.

"Our church school program is off to a great start this year! We have all grades, including Adult Education, meeting at the first hour. As you can tell, we are using every available space for classrooms. The attendance for the first two weeks has been over 100 for all grades. I have registered five new families in our church school program so far!

"Many of our staff are the same, but we welcome eight new teachers and helpers. We now have a staff of twenty-three people involved in teaching Sunday mornings.

"Joann Rudolph is our Mission Chairman again this year for the church school. She will be meeting with our classes in October to introduce the Heifer Project and the UNICEF program.

"Christian Education Sunday will be October 21. At that time the teachers will be introduced and commissioned and Bibles will be presented to third graders."

The photos show The Grade 5,6 class with DCE Jean Martin and teachers Darlene Manson and Bob Cabral, younger children singing during worship, and Superintendent Betty Mason leading a Sunday School gathering in Fellowship Hall.



In the mid-80's Dr. Peterson (shown here preaching before the chancel was turned around) worked with the Planning Committee to consider the future needs of the church. These discussions led to an all-day Session retreat from which was developed the Long Range Plan in 1984. A guest at the retreat was Daniel Varin, an elder at Providence Presbyterian Church who headed the Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program. Dan shared many statistics concerning population growth and anticipated development in Rhode Island that was tremendously useful in developing the plan.

First, the plan looked at the changes since Greenwood's founding in 1944 when Warwick was a fast-growing suburb with many families with young children and was about 70% Protestant. Warwick continued to grow. The population grew from 28,757 in 1949 to 43,028 in 1950 and reached 87,123 by 1980. In 1984 65% of Warwick's residents were Roman Catholic. With

the construction of Route 95, starting in the 1960s, Greenwood became a commuter church. It was the only Presbyterian Church between Cranston and Westerly. With a new building dedicated in 1958 and easy access from both north and south, it attracted many Presbyterians who moved to the state, as well as continuing to attract members from other denominations. The Long Range Plan called it "a 'melting pot' for Christians of various denominations." Many of these new members became leaders in the church, although often they stayed in RI for only a few years before being transferred again to other parts of the country. During their time at Greenwood, however, they supplemented the vision of the founding members with new insights from churches around the country.

Another big change was the decline in manufacturing jobs, from 50% in 1950 to 33% by 1980. The study concluded that unless something were to change, in the next decade the church would continue to see its young people move out of state for economic opportunities. Demographic changes were also observed, and it was predicted that in the next ten years the percentage of retired people would grow and there would also be an increase

in births as couples were starting families at an older age. There were also increasing numbers of single-parent families, in part due to increasing rates of divorce. The number of families with two working parents was also increasing as more women entered the work force.

In the Long Range Plan, the Session set forth a Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives. As we move through the current period of transition as a congregation, we will likely revisit these as we look to the future.

After two congregational study sessions, the congregation voted to approve the plan at a special congregational meeting on June 17, 1984. The plan looked at all aspects of Greenwood’s mission. It proposed ways to strengthen and improve existing programs. It also proposed new programs and improvements to the facilities to enhance and expand the work of the church. Here we will look at a few of the specific plans proposed and implemented.

The most visible result was the construction of the Memorial Wing to enhance the Christian Education, music, and outreach programs of the church. Again, the Sunday School was crowded. Recognizing that Greenwood was a commuter congregation with increasing numbers of families with both parents working, it was considered important to have sufficient classroom and storage space so less time would be spent setting up and taking down. They saw a need for better space for infants and toddlers. “Mothers and fathers of very small children need special support if they are going to come to church, feel supported and be active. Superior child care facilities will attract families with young children.” The plan also included a new choir room, “a place that is comfortable and conducive to learning music.” The former choir room was the small room adjacent to the sanctuary that is now the Deacons’ sacristy and John Pickup’s “office.” Other additions included adding an elevator to serve the growing number of elderly members and the handicapped, an expanded parking lot, expansion of the church office to accommodate office equipment and volunteers, a new, larger office for the Director of Christian Education, more classroom and storage space, and realignment of the chancel to provide room for a growing choir, make it easier for the choir director to lead the choir, and make room for flowers at Easter.

The new programs proposed focused on older and younger members. For older members they included things such as setting up a telephone assurance program, a system of transportation to provide rides, increased group activities, and a retired men’s group that could support single parent families and others living alone.

To support single-parent families and those with two working parents they proposed a small self-supporting day care facility using the preschool facilities of the new wing that were designed to meet the state requirements for day care facilities at that time. Also proposed were additional activities to support single parent families and a summer day camp for elementary-grade children.

Once the plan was approved, the Session created a financial plan and interviewed architects. After some study sessions for the congregation, another special congregational meeting was held, the financial plan was approved, and the Session hired an architect and launched the building campaign. Some of the additional parcels of land previously acquired by the church were sold to provide some of the funds needed for the project. The campaign was successful, ground was broken, and the new wing dedicated in March 1986.



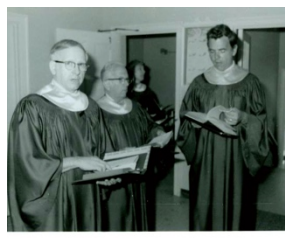
Photos of the Groundbreaking for the West Wing in 1985 (Don Sorgel is in the front row as co-chair or the Building Committee) and dedication in March 1986 Elders Bob White and Dick Yale, Helen Manson, in the center of the of the 3 ladies seated at the reception must have been thinking of how this all began at a meeting of nine women on May 22, 1942--and she was one of them. Sheree Dropkin Harrington was pointing out some features to Helen Howard and visitors, Trustees Chair Art Gebhart (tan jacket) mingles with choir members and others at the reception. How many can you identify?



The new space is familiar to today’s members, but the use of some of the spaces was different than they are now. In the south half of the first floor of the new wing in what we now call the 29Eleven room, there was a new toddler class that children entered when they began walking and stayed until they turned 3. Then they moved to the

Nursery class on the north side. The two rooms were separated by a sliding partition that could be removed any time a larger space was needed. The idea of the toddler class was that once children learned to walk, they would graduate from childcare to the new class, giving both toddlers and infants age-appropriate facilities, care, and programs. As anticipated, these new facilities for young children brought several new families with young children to Greenwood. The child care center didn't materialize, but there was a mothers' day out program run by volunteers. On the second floor there was the wonderful new choir room, an office for the Director of Music, and a new classroom that was used for adult classes and meetings. The old choir room became the Deacons's sacristy with places to store the materials for communion, etc. When visitors entered the door to the new wing from the expanded parking lot, they could take the elevator down to Fellowship Hall and the first-floor rooms or up to the second-floor classrooms and the sanctuary. The third floor of the new wing had two classrooms, one for the Junior High class and the other for the Senior High class. The youth were delighted to have their own space for the first time, as were Jr. High teacher Charlie Hachadorian (Ginny Jacob's father) and Sr. High teacher Mike Desmond and those that followed them. All three floors also had closets for storage, and there was an unheated storage space at the west end of the new wing for lawnmowers and other equipment.

An interesting feature of the 1980s is that ecumenism was much stronger than it is today. On January 19, 1985, the Face of Religion page in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* (yes, there was a weekly Saturday religion page) featured a story called, *Neighbors take ecumenical step. Presbyterians and Catholics see differences but also discover many similarities during six-week workshop.* It described a 6-week program of workshops offered on Sunday evenings or Tuesday mornings and attended by members of Greenwood Church and St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church in Apponaug to discuss their respective religious traditions, especially relating to baptism, the Eucharist and ministry. It was led by Dr. Peterson and the Rev. John Darcy, Assistant Pastor at St. Catherine's. At the end of the six weeks, participants attended services at both churches, which they discussed in their final meeting. In earlier years, as described by Lillian D'Ovidio, one of the participants from St. Catherine's, "For a Catholic to go to a Protestant service was strictly taboo." She had, however, often been in parts of Greenwood Church other than the sanctuary because she and her husband led Scout groups that met at Greenwood. The participants observed differences in the details of the services such as the way of serving communion, and the reasons for various customs were explained by the clergy leaders. They concluded they had learned a lot and the meetings were worthwhile. One Greenwood participant, Charles Fraser (Jean Greco's father) said he was encouraged by the group's discussion of the "Lima Document," *Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry*, published by the World Council of Churches in 1982. The participants expressed the hope that the denominations would some day overcome their divisions so they could reach out in a united way to the rest of the world.



The music program flourished during the 1980's under Director of Music Hattie Bowser. Hattie started the Bell Choir after a successful campaign in which members of the congregation were able to "purchase" a bell in honor of someone dear to them. Donna Cloxton Osterberg, who had grown up in the church, directed the youth choir and youth bell choir. Some current choir members were in those choirs.



It has already been mentioned that the Sunday School was thriving, as were the youth fellowship programs and Vacation Bible School. Presbyterian Women kept busy with circle activities and the annual May Breakfast and Holiday Bazaar as well as other special events, and they made some changes to their programs and scheduling to acknowledge the greatly increased numbers of working women.

Overall the 1980s were a time when the church took time to look at how the needs of the congregation and community had changed over the forty years since Greenwood's founding and took major steps to plan to the future in terms of the mission of the church and facilities to carry out its goals. Now, after another forty years and at a time of transition, perhaps we can gain some insight from their work to inspire us as we explore our future. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we seek to carry out God's plan for Greenwood Church.

Elaine Magyar

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Time, talent, and treasure are the traditional elements we Presbyterians consider when talking about our stewardship role in our church. We give our time to contribute to the welfare of our members and the activities of our church. Our talents contribute to the programs of our church, the aiding of our fellow members, and the unique abilities we have that can contribute to the overall welfare of our church. Our treasure is usually seen as the monetary support of the church operating budget and mission.

Consider if you will, the ability we all possess to share the Christian faith we have with others. Many of us, me included, would be uncomfortable to profess to others, especially strangers, my religious faith in an open forum. Just as politics is one of those subjects that is avoided at a family gathering for fear of producing some sort of contentious discussion, religion is also avoided in a public or family gathering. But you don't have to do the talking if it makes you feel uncomfortable.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

So, what else can you do to bring others to see your faith? Invite them. Invite them to come to worship or a church gathering with you. Presbyterian Women's events coming up in the fall are a great example. Others are Bible

study, a Thursday night dinner, or a musical concert. ‘I can pick you up,’ would be a great lead in. Those Christians that have had a lapse in faith may only need that bit of nudge to become active in church life once more. And it is you that can provide that motivation.

So, next week or on the next religious holiday invite your adult child, your sibling, your neighbor, or your friend to worship and offer to pick them up. Don’t forget to mention the wonderful fellowship breakfast provided by our deacons. It might just be the Godliest thing you can do this month.

For the Stewardship Committee,
Dennis Charpentier

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

“If you build it, they will come.” Such were the words uttered to Tom Hanks in the 1989 movie “Field of Dreams.” In a labor of faith, the character builds a baseball field on his farm and all the great old-time players of his youth appear from the rows of corn to play baseball as it was meant to be played...not for money but for the love of the game. In some ways it is a story of redemption for a White Sox team that was demonized for tainting America’s sacred pastime but is mostly a story of faith in dreams.

We have been through a tough few years as a church family here at Greenwood, but with God’s help we have continued to move forward. During the past few months, the Personnel Committee has continued to be busy with several changes you will learn more about in other sections of Fishermen’s News.

- Following the recommendation of the Committee, approval by the Session, and affirmation by the congregation, the Rev. Dallas Bradel was selected as our Interim Pastor with a one-year contract that can be extended.
- Interim Organist Pamela McClain and Interim Choir Director Terry Taylor completed their service.
- Jim Morgan was hired as our new permanent Director of Music and began June 8.
- After conversations with Pastor Dallas and various church members, the Committee concluded that more help was needed in the church office. As a temporary measure, Jena Fairbairn Summers was hired to supplement Jamy’s hours, but it became clear that a single individual who was available to work in the office 20 hours per week was needed for continuity. Neither Jamy or Jena was able to fill that need, so a search is underway to find a new Church Office Administrator. Jamy is working through the end of July. Jena stepped down in June but is continuing to serve in her new position as our Financial Secretary.

The Personnel Committee and the Session thank you for your support as we give our best efforts to support Greenwood Church and fulfill the responsibilities you have entrusted to us.

Dennis Charpentier, Personnel Committee Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Glory Be to God for the outpouring of love and service during Holy Week to celebrate our Risen Lord! So many members of our congregation participated by attending Holy Week and Easter services, serving as lectors/readers/communion servers/ushers/greeters, singing in the choir, playing the handbells and timpani. We are grateful that members are responding willingly to participate in worship activities. Our goal is to continue to engage new participants in worship activities. Please remember to sign up to serve communion, lector or greet during the coming months.

On Easter Sunday, we were blessed to enjoy special music from our choir, ably directed by Terry Taylor and accompanied by Pamela McClain, our handbell choir regenerated by Ginny Jacobs, our own timpanist, Jamieson Jacobs and a Brass Quintet organized by Jenna Ramos! The congregation was delighted by the special music.

We were also blessed this spring to celebrate two baptisms. On March 23 Pastor Dallas conducted the baptism of Josie Lewis, daughter of Lindsay Rudolph Lewis and Davin Lewis.

On April 6 she conducted the baptism of Adelaide J Brown, daughter of Jillian Jacobs and John Brown. As Pastor Dallas noted, it is a huge joy to have young families bringing their children to the church for baptism.

On June 1, we celebrated Choir Appreciation Sunday and said thank you and farewell to Interim Choir Director Terry Taylor. The following Sunday we welcomed our new Director of Music, Jim Morgan.

Jean Greco, Worship Committee Chair



MUSIC PROGRAM

More Transitions:

April 27th was Pamela McClain's last Sunday with us as she decided that she needed to step down as our Interim pianist/organist. We are grateful to Pamela for enriching our worship with her music. She began as interim pianist and organist at the beginning of November 2024. She then agreed to serve as Interim Music Director and Organist for Advent and Christmas, bringing choir members together to provide a wonderful assortment of Advent and then Christmas anthems and hymns. At the beginning of 2025 she became our Interim pianist/organist as Terry Taylor became Interim Choir Director. As time went on, Pamela's improving hip health made it possible to play the organ more and more, which was much appreciated. Her postlude on her last Sunday was magnificent. It was clearly a complex piece that demonstrated her skill as an organist. We wish her the best and pray that the surgery she will be having this summer to repair her shoulders will enable her to continue to bring joy to others by playing the organ for many more years.



As previously planned, Interim Choir Director Terry Taylor continued to direct the choir until the end of the choir "season" and Choir Appreciation Sunday on June 1. On that day we gave special thanks to Terry for sharing her remarkable musical talents and gifts with us over the past five months! We are very grateful for her enthusiastic support in guiding, directing, and leading the Greenwood Choir as our Interim Choir Director. Her outreach to include other talented musicians in our worship services has also enhanced our worship and been greatly appreciated. We wish Terry and her husband well as they move on to enjoy retirement activities together. After the coffee hour celebration, the choir continued the festivities by taking Terry out to lunch and presenting her with a very special beach towel as a reminder of their time together.

We are also tremendously grateful to Director of Family Ministries for donning her music teacher hat and reinstituting the Bell Choir over the past several months. And we thank all of our singers and ringers for sharing their talents and giving of their time to learn music, attend rehearsals, and enhance our worship with their gift of music.



Welcome to our new Director of Music, Jim Morgan, who has an impressive musical background and a wide range of experiences. Jim is a Greenwood native and a 1967 graduate of Hendricken High School. Following Hendricken, he attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and graduated with a B.Mus. in organ and choral music in 1971.

The following January he attended the Royal School of Church Music at Addington Palace in England. While in England for the next 4 years, he was an assistant music master at Dover College, Dover and Haileybury College, Hertford. Upon his return to the U.S., he was organist of First Unitarian in Providence. In 1979, he joined the Rhode Island Army National Guard and was a member of the 88th Army Band playing bassoon and flute. 1981 saw him as organist and choirmaster of Grace Church Providence where he re-established the choir of men and boys.

He is a Licentiate and Fellow of Trinity College of Music, London, and was formerly a pilot and flight instructor at Corporate Air Charter at Green Airport. He was most recently the organist of First Universalist Church in Providence and is on the Appeals Board of the RI Selective Service System.

Jim has a couple of interesting prior connections with Greenwood Church. As a youth he was a Boy Scout in Troop 1 Greenwood that met in Fellowship Hall at Greenwood, and he remembers many fellow scouts who were in the troop and also part of our Sunday School and church. Also, when he was in high school, he studied flute with Linda Lee Bowser, the daughter of Hattie Bowser who was Greenwood's second Music Director after the retirement of Eleanor Powell in 1971. Some of you will remember Linda Lee from the times she shared her musical talent by playing the flute to enhance our worship services.

A NOTE FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC JIM MORGAN

Dear friends,

It is my pleasure to be your new Director of Music here at GCCP and I'm especially looking forward to September when our choir returns. Please remember that all are welcome to see what we do on Thursday night rehearsals from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. No previous experience required, just a desire to celebrate the joys of singing. For those who would like a little special help, I will be in the choir room on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM to noon and later if necessary. I can be contacted at jfm5959@cox.net.

I must add that I had a great time working with the kids at VBS and perhaps during the year as well.

Again, looking forward to September.

All the best,

Jim



MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Church Picnic on June 8. About 30 people attended and enjoyed good food, conversation, and even games. We appreciate all who contributed the delicious food, purchased, prepared, and cooked everything from watermelon to hotdogs, hamburgers, and sausages, helped with set-up and clean-up, provided and participated in games, and joined in fellowship and good conversation. Special thanks to Jeff Plouffe and John Pickup for organizing logistics and all their work getting pop-up shelters, tables, chairs, and the grills set up and put away.



The Committee arranged for cakes for the reception for Choir Appreciation Sunday and to say farewell to Interim Choir Director Terry Taylor on June 1 and the reception on June 15 to thank Elder Baxter for his long and faithful service as Treasurer. Our new Treasurer Denise Mair was on hand to help cut the cake!

The Committee organized Pizza with the Pastor on Sunday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Our young adults were invited via mailed invitations, email invitations, and announcements in the Sunday bulletin and on Facebook. Five of our young adults joined us to meet Pastor Dallas and enjoy pizza, snacks, and good conversation, describing some of their experiences in Greenwood Church and sharing ideas about Greenwood’s short and long-term future, including the possible planning of a Greenwood Talent Show. The response to the event was enthusiastic and promising.

Member Care Committee, Susan Capobianco and Elaine Magyar, Co-chairs, Sheila Curran, Janet Swanson, and Joan Eichenfeldt

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Welcome Summer! As our 2024–25-year heads into a short break, I realize that this year’s Theme, John 13:35, “As I have Loved you, Love one another,” was truly put into action this past year along with our Song, “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love.” Recently our annual May Breakfast, full of active Christian fellowship, witnessed attendees who ‘poured in’ steadily despite the rain, as well as many helpful hands and tasty delights, making it a Lovely success. We are grateful to **all** who joyfully contributed, attended, helped, sent notes and cards, made visits and calls, and showed Christian Love while helping us meet PW Mission goals! Along with the May Breakfast, we were able to use donated items to create 178 Kits (School–104 and Health–74) which were shipped to those in need.

The PW Summer Gathering was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. Following a light supper (sandwiches/salads/desserts), Corin Nava, Executive Director of Project Sweet Peas, gave an inspiring presentation about their mission to empower and support families of fragile infants and to inspire hope through remembrance for those affected by pregnancy and infant loss.

Instead of paper products, donations of feminine hygiene products (sanitary napkins, tampons, panty liners, sanitary wipes, etc.) were collected to share with Amenity Aid. (Amenity Aid is Rhode Island’s only hygiene bank, providing essential hygiene products to those in need through their partnerships with 11 social service agencies around the state. They operate like a food bank, but for hygiene products that food banks typically do not provide).

As we wrap up this season, we look forward to the start of our next PW adventures! We hope and pray that more women will join PW to help us share Christian Love to all and continue to move towards a bright future, especially when we all circle around to support our missions’ endeavors.

Looking forward we will have and/or are in planning stages for these events and more:

‘PW Rally Day,’ in September in Fellowship Hall. Watch the Bulletin and Weekly updates from GCCP

PW Coordinating Team (CT) Meeting September 9, 2025, in the Library

PW Circle Meetings, which vary in both time and place, September 16, 2025 [Please speak to me about Circle options for joining!]

Our new Adventure–creating kits for Amenity Aid

AED training for all who are interested

Autumn Gathering in Fellowship Hall October 7, 2025

‘Community Event’ TBD, but perhaps October 18, 2025. Information for the crafty folks to help make hats and hearts for babies. Watch for details that will be shared via the church bulletin, Circles, and PW & GCCP websites.

‘Christmas Gathering and Dinner’ –Save the Date, December 2, 2025!

We invite all women to consider joining one of our Circles. So please join the ‘Love’ of Circle comradery and Christian fellowship. Ask any Circle member for meeting information or check our website [Home | Presbyterian Women Greenwood Community Church \(square.site\)](#) or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PWGCCP> page. We also thank all of you for supporting us and our mission efforts.

“A circle of strength, founded on faith”

Artena Fairbairn for Presbyterian Women

MISSION COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that the total donations for 2025 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) totaled \$1071. \$571 was sent to PC(USA) OGHS and \$500 was sent to ECHO. ECHO is a non-profit, inter-denominational Christian organization that has been assisting a global network of missionaries and development workers in 180 countries since 1981. The ECHO vision is “to bring glory to God and a blessing to mankind by using science and technology to help the poor.” ECHO is based in North Ft. Myers, FL.

Mission Committee Chair Deb Stacey has taken over delivering food donations left in the narthex to West Bay Market Place, and they are very grateful for your contributions.

Deb Stacey, Chair

GREENWOOD DAY TRIPPERS

The 39ers group had been reinvented and the name has been changed to the Greenwood Day Trippers. The new group is open to adults of all ages. The focus will be events and tours around the state of Rhode Island.

The first event was a free tour of the Rhode Island Recycling Facility in Johnston on March 22nd at 9:30 am. Those attending found it very interesting.

On Wednesday, April 23, at 12 noon they met for lunch at the Safehouse on Old Forge Road in East Greenwich and enjoyed delicious food and fun fellowship.

Their most recent adventure was an excursion to Newport on Saturday, July 12, for a 90-minute Newport Trolley Tour.



They look forward to having more folks join them on their excursions in the Fall. If you have ideas for possible destinations, share them with Janet Swanson or Joan Eichenfeldt.

Janet Swanson

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Our Thursday evening Family Dinners (Family as in Church Family; all ages are welcome!) continue to be popular. They are held on Thursday evenings at 5:30 before choir rehearsal. Watch the bulletin to see when they will be start again in the fall and join us for great food and fellowship.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6, RSV

Youth Sunday was May 18. This is a day to share what our youngest members have been learning, and we got to see young ushers, readers and greeters. During the Time with the Children, the Sunday School children shared two of the songs they sing in Sunday School, before they headed to their last class of the year.

Director of Family Ministries and other volunteers have continued to offer Parents' Night out on the first Friday of the month from 6-9. The kids have fun while parent get some time to themselves to dine out, see a movie, or go shopping.

29Eleven and King's Kids

Our middle and high school youth in 29Eleven had a busy spring. They finished their discussions about prayer and the importance of prayer in their daily lives. They continued to write in their prayer journals, drawing closer to God. Then, they began diving into scripture and talking about how the Word applies to our lives today. Memorizing scripture can transform the way we think and help us in difficult times. They are excited to see where scripture can take them. It led to some great conversations.

Their community service project in April was helping at the 'Early' May Breakfast at Greenwood Church on Saturday April 26. Their help was much appreciated by PW and by the guests at the breakfast who enjoyed their enthusiasm and service. Although their last meeting for the year was on June 1, they did one last community service project on June 8, working with Nicole and Multitude Ministries, serving food to homeless people in Providence.

King's Kids bring lots of energy to their Sunday afternoon meetings! Each week they have prayer time, a project, games, and create and eat snacks. Miss Ginny and Miss Cindy deserve medals for their patience and energy, leading, teaching, and inspiring these kids. On April 13 a group of 16 29Eleven and King's Kids youth and their valiant leaders enjoyed an outing to see the movie *King of Kings* at the Showcase Cinema in Warwick! It is about the story of Jesus!



This year, the Easter Egg Hunt was held during the coffee hour on Easter morning and kids and adults enjoyed the event as participants and observers.



Summer Outdoor Movie nights have been lots of fun. The last is scheduled for August 16th. Join us!

Vacation Bible School

During the week of July 7, the church was transformed into Alaskan wilderness as the children, and youth and adult volunteers had a wonderful week exploring Alaska and the book of Matthew, learning new songs, and discovering that when you wonder, feel alone or powerless, or need help or hope, you can TRUST JESUS. On Sunday, July 13, they shared summaries of the week’s activities and some of their songs during the worship service.



At the beginning and end of each day, everyone gathered in the sanctuary for lessons, videos, and music. Then the children travelled to different activity centers that are described briefly below.

Bible Time: The kids and adults gathered with Mrs. David who led them in an exploration of the Bible verses from Matthew for each day plus interactive activities and object lessons. All the children had their own copies of the book of Matthew, and they found and read the appropriate verses and marked them with special stickers. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make it possible to provide special materials to support the program.

This activity center was also the time and place for snacks. Susan Riel did an amazing job of creating special snacks, like S’mores on a stick (a giant marshmallow rolled in melted chocolate and graham cracker crumbs that the kids pretended to toast over their “campfire” before devouring them. Other days they had moose treats or bear paw prints, for example.



Music: Pastor Dallas and Director of Music Jim Morgan were assisted by the enthusiastic help of teen volunteer Keegan Carson. The children learned new songs and sang some old favorites, explored some musical instruments, and on Thursday were introduced to the organ by Jim Morgan. They were fascinated as he demonstrated the different sounds, from high to low. He demonstrated how the organ could make the sounds of various instruments and was pleased when several were quick to recognize a trumpet and a flute. Then, each child got a chance to sit beside him and play some notes themselves. It is clear that Jim is a wonderful teacher, knows how to communicate with children, has lots of patience, and really appreciates their curiosity and interest.





Crafts: Led by Sherry Phillips and Alex Petrucci with other important volunteers to provide guidance and assistance as needed, the children created some lovely projects to take home and remind them of the week’s messages. The first day they decorated and constructed lanterns and installed an LED tealight inside, which reminds them of Matthew 5:16, “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. To tie in with the story of the wise man who built his house upon a rock, they used kit materials to build a two-dimensional cabin that they mounted on a rock made from a lump of clay. Another day they made prayer boxes with a compass on top, learned that while the compass points north, Jesus is the True North, and they put slips of paper inside with the names of people or things they wanted to pray for. Here are a few scenes from Crafts.



Games: Held outside except when there was rain or it was just too hot, the kids had fun with games directed by Brandon Phillips and Luke Donovan with assistance from our teen volunteers and Lisa David. It was very warm, and not coincidentally, a lot of the activities involved water!



May 2025 PSNE Meeting Report

Here is a summary of the May Presbytery meeting for anyone who may be interested.

On May 3, Elders Jeff Plouffe, Denise Mair, and Elaine Magyar represented Greenwood as Commissioners and Pastor Bradel as outgoing Moderator at the PSNE meeting at Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian, in Westerly. It was the first fully in-person meeting in a long time (probably since before the pandemic in 2020), and everyone seemed happy to be seeing one another in person instead of on Zoom.

We arrived about 9:30 and visited with other attendees and enjoyed coffee and pastries provided by the host church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Bradel promptly at 10:00. After introductions and introductory business, they moved to Mission and Ministry of the Presbytery, Part 1. The first section was an interesting report from the AC for the Church in the Meadow in Granby, MA, and several members of the Nipmuc tribe. We learned that the parent church was founded in 1886, as the First Presbyterian Church and Society of Holyoke MA. This was a very large urban church in what was once a thriving industrial city that lost many members when the mills moved out of state. The church property in Holyoke was sold in 2004, and the congregation relocated to Granby, MA, and built a new church on 22 acres, which was consecrated in 2009 with the informal name of The Presbyterian Church in the Meadows. Their hope was that rebirth in a rural/suburban community would lead to sustainable growth. Unfortunately, in recent years their membership declined to an active membership of 17 with an average Sunday attendance of 14.

The Administrative Commission appointed by the Presbytery helped them with their desire to preserve their land. After being turned down by the Audubon Society and other agencies, they were led to discussions with the Nipmuc Community Land Trust. The people of the Nipmuc Tribe were among the original people of the land on which the church is located, and they share the church's desire to be strong stewards of the land. The chair of the Administrative Commission in partnership with the congregation, the Session, and the Presbytery Trustees offered a motion that "The congregation be dissolved and its remaining members be assisted with securing future pastoral care and transfer of church membership, as desired; and the building and property be gifted (or sold for \$1.00) to the Nipmuc Community Land Project with humble acknowledgment of the colonization and seizure of lands that the Presbyterian Church USA has participated in or passively supported. The remaining cash assets, after closing costs, will be distributed to further local charity and Presbytery ministries as agreed upon by the Session and the Administrative Commission." The motion was approved, and future plans were outlined.

Next, the Nominating Committee presented its candidates for Moderator and Vice Moderator, Elder Peter Cameron and Jenny Peek, respectively, who were then elected to serve. Peter Cameron is the Clerk of Session at our neighbor, Calvin Presbyterian Church in Cumberland.

We then turned to the worship service led by the Rev. Virginia Courtney, Dunn's Corners' pastor, and the Dunn's Corners choir. It was a full worship service that included celebration of the Lord's Supper. The homily was excellent, and the congregation enthusiastically joined in singing the hymns and taking communion together.

After the worship service, the Trustees Report was presented. Some items in the written report were explained. A motion to set up a Discretionary Fund for the remainder of the year for COM support of the needs of congregations and extra-budgetary expenses was approved.

Right on schedule, we broke for a buffet lunch at noon. This was another wonderful opportunity for conversations, talking to friends and acquaintances, meeting new people from around the Presbytery, and learning about some of the things other churches are doing.

The first item of the afternoon was the report of General Presbyter Shannan Vance-Ocampo. She thanked Rev. Bradel for her excellent work as Moderator for the past year. She thanked the Presbytery for her sabbatical. She explained that this was the 200th meeting of the PSNE and reviewed its history since its formation in 1977. She also shared other information.

Other Committees then presented a few oral comments or action items to supplement their written reports. For example, the Safety Team of the COM discussed the report distributed before the meeting describing ways churches can support immigrants in these challenging times. Another person discussed the ways in which the new health plan provides valuable mental health coverage for clergy and their families. Different parts of these reports offered useful information to the various people present.

Roundtable presented a motion that was approved to appoint members to serve on a Vision Team. The Vision Team will work over a period of three years, with an initial status update to be made within nine months "to design and engage in a process of vision and discernment, and to make recommendations regarding the future of PSNE. This discernment may include the following topics:

- the mission and vision of the Presbytery.
- the growth, work and health of the Presbytery, and its congregations and fellowships, as an instance of the Body of Christ
- the sustainability and stewardship of resources
- the staffing model
- the support for congregations and connectionalism
- the shifts growing out of anti-racism and equity work
- the functional relationship between the Presbytery's structure and its mission
- the potential for collaboration with neighboring presbyteries.

The Nominating Committee presented its nominees for various commissions and committees who were all approved.

Stated Clerk Kate Carlisle elaborated on some points in her written report. Votes were taken on the three remaining amendments from the General Assembly. There was some discussion and questions were answered. All were approved.

The Personnel Committee reported that they have renewed a contract with David Bennett to continue to provide financial guidance and support and that they had approved Kate Carlisle's leave.

Under New Business it was explained that a decision was made to hold the fall PSNE meeting in person at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MA, to celebrate their rebuilding after the 2021 arson fire. The church cannot host the meeting on the scheduled date of Thursday November 13. A motion to ask Roundtable to determine a new date for the meeting on a Saturday in October and November was approved.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

CLERK'S CORNER

Let me share some of the things that have transpired over the last several months.

Interim Pastor: The first is the transition of Pastor Dallas from her role as Bridge Pastor to Interim Pastor. A **Bridge Pastor** serves as a temporary "in-between" pastor, usually in the period after an Installed Pastor leaves and an Interim Pastor begins or in the case of an unexpected crisis involving a congregation's pastor. A Bridge Pastor typically serves for a maximum of six months, providing stability and support through consistent pastoral leadership. An **Interim Pastor** helps prepare a congregation for the calling of a new minister, leading in-depth work and serving for a specific, agreed-upon period, usually 1-2 years. Those serving as Interim pastors receive special training that focuses on guiding congregations through a wide variety of transitions, looking at their history, discovering a new identity, strengthening lay leadership, assisting in self-study and the development of their mission study, and preparing for new leadership. An interim pastorate concludes after the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee and the calling of a new Installed Pastor.

With our current Bridge Pastor contract ending in June 2025, the Personnel Committee held internal discussions and spoke with members of the congregation to determine our direction in the search for an Interim Pastor. Since her arrival, Pastor Dallas has been guiding our spiritual life and teaching us through scripture. We have been getting to know one another and working together. She is trained as an interim pastor and has experience leading other churches through the interim process that will be valuable to us. By changing her status from Bridge to Interim Pastor, together we can begin the work of interim ministry. The Session is confident that Pastor Dallas is well equipped to help us to grown in faith, look to the future with hope, and continue to nurture the spirit of love that abounds at Greenwood Church and voted unanimously on March 19 to approve the appointment of our Bridge Pastor, the Rev. Dallas Bradel, as our Interim Pastor, if the way be clear. Pastor Dallas was offered a modified contract adding the specific responsibilities of an Interim Pastor with the same financial terms as the Bridge Pastor contract, and, if the way be clear, she has agreed to accept the position.

When we first began the search for a Bridge Pastor about a year ago, we were told that a Bridge Pastor is chosen by the Session, but the congregation would vote to select an Interim Pastor. It turns out that information was incorrect. Both Bridge and Interim Pastors have contracts, not calls and are selected by the vote of the Session, whose members have been elected by the congregation to represent them. Only installed pastors have Calls that must be approved by a vote of the congregation. Nevertheless, on April 6 the congregation was given an opportunity to affirm the Session's vote to hire the Rev. Dallas Bradel as the Interim Pastor of Greenwood Community Church. The congregation responded with a hearty chorus of Yes. When Pastor Dallas returned for the Benediction, she was greeted with a round of applause.

Discernment Update:

During the spring, members were encouraged to complete the questionnaires provided by the Administrative Commission (AC). In late March the Rev. David Bennett from the PC(USA) and the Rev. Bonnie Gatchell from the EPC gave informational presentations on their denominations and answered questions at meetings after worship. In mid-May the AC and Session assembled a packet of all the information about the three denominations under consideration, the AC report including questionnaire results and a financial report, and other materials that was distributed to all members by email, in person, or by mail. Two sessions were then scheduled for members to ask questions about the materials. There was a "brown bag" supper on Thursday, May 29, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. before choir rehearsal and another meeting on Sunday, June 1, after the Choir Appreciation Sunday Coffee Hour. Both were well attended. Pastor Dallas answered questions submitted in advance as well as those from the floor and provided information to correct misconceptions that had been circulating.

On Sunday, June 22, after a brief coffee hour there was a meeting for members both in person and on Zoom. The attendance was excellent. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Ushers checked people in, explaining that only members could attend this meeting. Pastor Dallas opened the meeting with prayer, gave an introduction explaining how the meeting would work, the history leading to this point, correcting some misinformation that had been received by some members, and sharing the answers to some FAQs for those who had not attended the previous information sessions. Then a handful of members presented brief statements (2-minute limit) explaining their decisions or asking additional questions. Ballots were distributed

and then collected by the ushers. The poll choices were “Greenwood Community Church should stay in the PC(USA)” or “Greenwood Community Church should leave the PC(USA)”. Elders Kevin Golde and Elaine Magyar counted the ballots in the office while AC Chair Stephen Hart counted the votes submitted on Zoom. While the counting proceeded, Pastor Dallas led the congregation in a hymn sing. After the counting was done, Pastor Dallas announced the results: 76 members voted to stay in the PC(USA) and 20 members voted to leave the PC(USA). There was one abstention among the paper ballots (actually, just the words “God’s will”). The AC will bring the results of the poll to the Presbytery and will continue to provide support to us in the coming months.

Thank you to the Deacons for providing our shortened coffee hour and Lisa David, Joann Rudolph, and Jim Magyar for doing childcare. (Joann and Lisa swapped places during the balloting so both could submit ballots.) It was great to see some members in worship and at the meeting that we haven’t seen in quite a while, and we hope to see them more often in the coming weeks.

With this vote behind us, we can now work with Pastor Dallas to move forward with the steps of this time of transition.

Elaine Magyar, Clerk of Session

CAUGHT IN THE NET/NOTES RECEIVED & SENT

In the fall we reported that the Rev. James Keller passed away in November 2024 at the age of 93. Jim was one of the two pastors that served Greenwood as Interim Pastor in between the calls of pastors Peterson and Clark. The Rev. Chris Foster presented the Memorial Minute in memory of Jim at the Presbytery meeting in February, and she agreed to let us share it here. Jim was a remarkable man who carried his love of God and the Christian message through his words and actions all around the globe. Here is Chris’s reflection.

Rev. Jim Keller was “Shaped by islands of his life” as he wrote in his memoirs: *Three Islands in My Life and Ministry* (available on Amazon).

- Born to Navy parents in American Samoa, with seminary at Union in New York
- He spent formative spiritual grounding time at Iona after seminary and then served for two years as assistant pastor in Burntisland, Scotland
- While pastoring and advocating in the Bronx in the 1960’s, Jim and his wife Gwen’s children James, Christian and Jonathan were born.
- At his memorial service his sons and daughters in varying ways shared how that time in the Bronx during the 60s shaped their lives and perspectives
- During that time he and Gwen bought property in Jamestown, RI, where they would later retire and Jim would become an active member of the peace and justice prayer group and with our presbytery.
- He answered a call to serve Hispanic immigrants as Executive Director of GLEAM: Greater Lawrence Ecumenical Area Ministry, now Greater Lawrence Family Health Service and still going strong
- Later he and Gwen spent time in Mexico, helping church members from the US learn about the realities of Mexican life and the impact of US policy on the region, standing at the border many a time, and at the School of the Americas
- My first impression of Jim when I moved to this presbytery in 1998 was that whenever there was a social justice committee in the presbytery, Jim was always on it and pushing for that dimension of our lives to move forward. It was a thread that ran throughout his life.
- Relational building with those who were ever at the margins and acutely aware of the injustices faced by so many and willing to show up to bring attention and advocacy. He was stubbornly fierce and determined in his advocacy—a passion which continued to the very end of his life
- Jim was called by the session to be the two-year interim pastor at Providence Presbyterian in January 2005, after the 17 yr pastorate of Rev. Joe Miller—as it was then discerning its next steps in leadership and ministry focus
- Jim brought his Passion for social justice. With house groups leadership he helped bring dynamic focus on immigrant stories in the congregation and beyond to action in the wider community:
 - To host a clinic for legal assistance to immigrants
 - To open the church as a welcoming site on a community march advocating for drivers licenses for immigrants
- And Jim and Gwen invested themselves in helping church members really get to know one another across so many cultural differences by jumping in wherever needed to help encourage the church in that critical time.
- I was blessed that both wife Gwen and Jim spent their final days at the hospice where I currently serve in ministry—so in my capacity there I had the chance to reflect and say thank you for their lives and witness before they moved into life eternal...and to their family for sharing them.
- At Jim’s memorial service earlier this year the range of his ministry could be seen in the reflections shared and in the music:
 - with opening hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, written as he proudly told us as we sang it again and again by one of his long ago relatives, Walter Chalmers Smith.
 - *And Somos el Barco*—A tribute to the waters which were so much a part of his spiritual practice
The stream sings it to the river, the river sings it to the sea
And the sea sings it to the boat that carries you and me.

With the CHORUS

Somos el barco, somos el mar, yo navego en ti, tu navegas en mi
We are the boat, we are the sea, I sail in you, you sail in me

And the boat that we are sailing in was built by many hands
And the sea that we are sailing on, it touches every sand.

The voyage has been long and hard, yet we are sailing still
With a song to help us pull together if we only will.

So with our hopes we raise the sails to face the wind once more
And with our hearts we chart the waters never sailed before.

Sail on Jim and Gwen, partners in love and life and in love for life for 66 years. Sail on in life eternal. Amen.

The Rev. Christine Foster

Our prayers are with the members of our church family who have lost a dear family member over the past several months.

Elaine Beard Rothermel, her husband John, and son Matthew and Matthew's wife on the loss of Elaine's father, Robert Beard, on February 22. Some of you remember Robert's wife and Elaine's mother Martha who died in 2019. Robert had been in rehab after having a fall and then experienced other health problems.

All of Greenwood Church lost a dear friend on February 25 when member Stuart Mason went to be with His Lord and Savior. Please continue your prayers for Betty, Cheryl, Scott, Steven, and Susan and their families, that the Lord will provide comfort and strength.

Evelyn Murray lost her brother Gordon Howard very suddenly on February 14. Gordon grew up in Greenwood Church, becoming a member on April 4, 1952.

Millicent Budlong passed away on Saturday, May 3. Millicent was a long-time member of Greenwood Church, having joined the church with her husband Walter on December 2, 1962. Please keep all the members of the Budlong and Budlong-Springer families in your prayers, that they may be comforted by our Lord as they grieve the loss of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Please remember Rob, Wendy, and Alex Petrucci in your prayers. Rob's father, Robert Petrucci, Sr. passed away on June 28, 2025.

Margaret (Peggy) Swanson went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, July 4, 2025. Our prayers are with her husband Ron and children Heidi and Timothy, that the Lord will provide comfort and strength.

Several of our members have been hospitalized or have had surgery over the past several months. We are keeping them in our prayers as they continue their recovery.

John Phillips, Cathy Maguire's father, made good progress from his lung surgery as a result of complications from his bout with pneumonia. Then, on June 23 he underwent kidney surgery. He is recovering at home.

Bob Hocking is recovering at home from some procedures on his back at Kent and Newport Hospitals.

Lynda Baker was hospitalized because of complications from her cancer treatments and then spent some time at Bayview Rehabilitation at Scalabrini. She is now continuing her recovery at home.

Lynne Crankshaw Correllas, the daughter of former Greenwood members Lois-Belle and Jack Crankshaw and sister of member Nancy Taylor, underwent breast cancer surgery to be followed by at least 4 months of treatment. She asked for us to keep her in prayer. Lynne is a faithful member of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Cumberland.

Monika Algozino had surgery on her hip on June 4 and has been recovering at home. She recently sent the following note, "I am still recuperating and unable to drive still. I should know more when I see the doctor at the end of the month. I want to thank everyone for their cards and well wishes. Each card received or a phone call was very much appreciated and brightened my day. Also, the flowers received were beautiful. Also, a visit from Deb Stacey who brought me lunch and stayed a while. It was the highlight of my day. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Blessings, In Christian Love, Monika Algozino"

July 20 Update: Monika got cleared to drive, and we were all delighted to see her in church on July 20. Her next surgery on her hip is scheduled for early August.

Tom Harrop sent the following message to share with you. He had surgery in early July to repair the shoulder he injured in a serious bicycle crash. "I would like to thank all who sent me wishes for a speedy recovery. The surgery went well, but I still have a long road ahead of me to reach full recovery. Six weeks in a splint followed by months of physical therapy geared towards restoring the strength and flexibility in my shoulder. I don't expect to be running or biking again until at least October/November and possibly later than that." Tom Harrop

Since the end of May, Artena Fairbairn has been asking for prayers for her great-niece whose twins, due in September, would need to be delivered early. The good news is that they made it to 29 weeks. The twins, Audree and Adalee, were delivered safely on July 15th. They are tiny and are in the NICU. The family thanks you for your prayers and asks that you continue to pray for the twins.

We are all praying for Stephen Clark along with his wife Kim and sisters Hannah and Lydia. After an abnormal brain MRI and a meeting with a neurosurgeon, the plan was made to proceed with brain surgery on July 14. They

don't know all the details yet, but Steve is expected to make a full recovery in a few months. We are happy to report that the operation was successful. Stephen is home recovering and praising God for the skill of the doctors and for God's provision and protection through it all. Pray that the Lord will continue to be with Stephen and that these loved ones will be sustained by their faith through whatever challenges lie ahead. As we learned in VBS, "Trust Jesus!"

If you want to send Stephen a card, this address should get it to him.

The Rev. Stephen Clark, First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Rd SE, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

We received an Easter card from Kitty Channell with the following note, "Dear Greenwood Church friends, May the blessings of Easter fill you with Peace, Love, and Joy as your fill my life with your cards and flowers, bringing me such Peace, Love, and Joy.

Congratulations to Cathy Maguire who has retired after teaching at Warwick Neck Elementary School for 43 years! To recognize her outstanding contributions, the school held a mock fire drill and surprised her by announcing that they are dedicating school's community garden to her. The event was covered by Channel 6 news. Check out the story at <https://www.abc6.com/warwick-neck-elementary-school-dedicates-community-garden-to-retiring-teacher/>



Happy Birthday to all with summer birthdays!



July

- Athena Sullivan 7/5
- Nadine Marchetti 7/5
- Henri Snyman 7/8
- Artena Fairbairn 7/10
- George Gardiner 7/12
- Louise Ferrante 7/13
- Kitty Channell 7/16 **90 YEARS YOUNG!!**
- Donald Hausman 7/16
- Virginia Jacobs 7/20
- Andrew Jones 7/24
- Ruthann Sisson 7/26
- Marilyn Jacobs 7/26
- Sophia Curran 7/27
- Peter Mair 7/30

August

- Wendy Seufert 8/1
- Delaney Sullivan 8/2
- Joan Gardiner 8/3
- Jessica Vespia 8/16
- Leanne LaBanca 8/17
- Julia D’Antico 8/17
- Nicole David 8/19
- Robert Petrucci 8/22

- Peter Insana 8/23
- Thomas Bryda 8/24
- Glenn Fairbairn 8/25
- Judith Ruscito 8/25
- Sandra Olson 8/25
- Angie D’Albora 8/26
- James Magyar 8/29
- Robert Maguire 8/30
- Kristine Golde 8/30
- Mary MacLean 8/31
- Robert Dickson 8/31
- Joan Eichenfeldt 8/31

September

- Laura Whaley 9/02
- Matthew Demers 9/02
- Cathy Insana 9/04
- Laura Taylor 9/04
- Tess Ruhren 9/07
- Shereen Dietz 9/14
- Robert Nordstrom 9/14
- Sandra Ensey 9/20
- Jesstin Jacobs 9/21
- Joyce Devolve 9/23
- Michael Whaley 9/25
- Linda Martin 9/27
- Bill Cheney 9/29

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, KITTY



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CHURCH INFORMATION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their updated church information. In our attempts to contact members over the past months, we have discovered that much of the information we have is out of date. We would appreciate it if you could provide the information listed below, either by completing the form below and bringing it to church or emailing the information to officeadmin@gccp.org.

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