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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BRIDGE PASTOR

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's been nearly two months since my arrival at Greenwood Church, months filled with a whirlwind of worship, fellowship (with some great food!), meeting new people, and *trying* to learn new names! Please know that I'm grateful for the warmth of your welcome and for the joy of your faith in Christ.

As many of you know, I hail from a suburb of Pittsburgh, and come to you by way of North Carolina, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Next week I'll celebrate the 25th anniversary of my ordination by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh; across those 25 years I've served congregations in both installed and interim pastorates. I'm grateful to have landed at Greenwood during the season of Advent. This allowed me to share in some of your congregation's traditions and to celebrate with you the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve!

In my transitional role as Bridge Pastor, I've been called to Greenwood to preach God's Word, share in worship planning and leadership, provide pastoral care and visitation, moderate the Session, and oversee the church office and staff. These are meant to offer some stability as you work with the Listening Team/Administrative Commission to discern God's guidance in your selection of a Presbyterian denomination and in the future direction of your congregation. I am not called to give opinions or advice about which denomination you should choose. I am not called to make any sweeping changes at Greenwood during this Bridge process.

I want to encourage you to participate in the small-group conversations that will take place over the next few months, to share your heart about your faith and your experiences at Greenwood, and to learn all you can about what it means to be a Presbyterian in three different traditions. Ask lots of questions about what isn't clear to you, and when you're not sure what to ask, just say, "Can you please say more about that?!" Across *every* Presbyterian tradition, your voice matters in the planning, mission, and decision-making processes of your congregation.

Times of uncertainty and transition can sometimes feel overwhelming. But I am filled with hope for Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, as you follow Jesus closely, and navigate together all the challenges and possibilities along your journey with God. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10). I look forward with joyful expectation to all that God will do in you and for you and through you!

If you'd like to meet with me during the week, you can do so during my office hours on Tuesdays, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or by appointment. Monday is my day off. Please reach out to me via the church office or by email at pastordallas@gccp.org.

Please know that it is a deep privilege to walk alongside you during this season of transition. I am praying for you!

In Christ's sure love,

Pastor Dallas



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

In our last installment of Greenwood's history, we explored the 1960s and ended with the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Theodore Lilley in 1967. The Lilleys left a church that was sad to see them depart but filled with the Spirit and eager to move forward on the path God had planned for them.

The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Peterson became Greenwood's fourth pastor in June 1968 and would serve in that role until his retirement in 1995. When Bob and Kay arrived, they were young parents of Karla and Kenny, who were about two and four. They joined other newly arrived young families in the congregation, as the church celebrated baptisms and weddings, many of them involving young people who had grown up at Greenwood. Here you see Pastor Peterson, assisted by elder Bob Eichenfeldt, baptizing the new members of the Cheney and Svehlik families.



As we take a look at some of the programs and initiatives of the 1970s, instead of a strictly chronological approach we will highlight some of the milestones of the decade and different aspects of church life and ministry.

Dr. Peterson introduced a more extensive committee system that involved many different people in the day-to-day planning and implementation of the programs of the church. As new members from other parts of the country joined long-time church members on committees and served as elders and deacons, they brought new ideas that enhanced the church's work in mission, evangelism, stewardship, and Christian Education.

At the end of 1971, the Stewardship Committee recommended that a Building Fund Drive to wipe out the mortgage be initiated. The drive was approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting and began in the spring. It was based on pledges to be paid over a three-year period, but in 1972 Chairman of the Trustees, David Scott, reported that with the payments to date and those they expected to receive in 1972, they had hopes that the debt on the sanctuary would be wiped out by 1974. In his 1972 report, Dr. Peterson addressed this decision by the church, "This year has been marked with our effort to eliminate our mortgage. In May and June we launched our "BOOM" campaign to burn our outstanding mortgage. We received gifts and pledges of some \$28,000, and in 1972 we paid some \$15,000 towards this. Paying a mortgage is not a very glamorous project, but it is necessary if we are to expand our program and do the things this church can do."

This goal was achieved in 1974. Dr. Peterson wrote in his Annual Report that year. "This year has seen some very significant points in the life of our church. Early in 1974, we finished payment on our church building. What a dream come true for so many, charter members as well as new members."

1974 was indeed a banner year. Dr. Peterson wrote, "The great celebration of the year was our 30th anniversary. What a thrill to have so many former members at our Anniversary Service. Dr. Lilley gave a stirring message, and Mr. McCarroll was a living link to the very founding of the church. For me, a special facet of the service was the fact that all the Elders who served communion that day were charter members. At the Anniversary Dinner, Chel Bosland gave a very fine speech on the history of the church and helped all of us feel the sense of dedication through the years." A highlight of the celebration for many was the ceremonial burning of the mortgage in a silver container provided by Dave Scott. (See photos of Dave Scott and Dr. Peterson and the choir singing at the celebration.



Another landmark in 1974 was the calling of Greenwood's first Assistant Pastor, the Rev. John Watkins. Rev. Watkins worked with the youth and was very popular with the shut-ins. In his 1974 report he wrote, "My involvement with the young people has been a stretching experience. Our young people are the future of our church, and we need to train and use them now. Even the fifth and sixth graders who I teach remind me of the great rewards that parents give to their children in bringing them up in the ways of the Lord." He also offered, "A special note of thanks to Evelyn Murray (Greenwood's church secretary at that time) for her indispensable help. We could never be a church without your commitment and sacrificial efforts of love." After a relatively short time, however, he decided to reconsider his career path and in November of 1975 he resigned, effective December 31, 1975.

After the departure of Rev. Watson, the church reevaluated its needs. In May 1977, the church hired Jean Martin as part-time Director of Christian Education. Jean wore many hats, supervising the work of the deacons as well as the Sunday School, Youth Fellowships, Vacation Bible School, and adult education. Jean had plenty of memories about the early days of the church having been one of the children in the original Sunday School.

In addition to paying off the mortgage, the church had ambitious stewardship goals. Ken MacNaught shares a few memories of being on the Session: “Bob Peterson asked me to help with Stewardship Committee back in 1974, and I still remember our setting a goal of \$70,000. It seemed astronomical at the time, but with the help of the Lord we got there. I served on the session with some wonderful people like Charlie Kenney, Dick Arling, Phil Albright, Helen Howard, and Dave Parkinson. Speaking of Dave, I remember we were in a session meeting one Thursday night in the parlor, and I looked over at Dave smiling in the corner, and noticed he had an earpiece and a tiny cord leading to his pocket. He leaned over and whispered, ‘The Bruins just scored.’ (It was the Stanley Cup Playoffs).” A few years later in 1977, 42 members contacted members in the Every Member Canvas that resulted in pledges of \$85,871, more than the amount asked for in the proposed budget.

Evangelism: During the 1970s Greenwood had many more members than today. It was a different time and a different community. In 1970 there were 814 members on the active roll. By 1972, that was down to 735 because of a review of the roll and removal of 116 members who had moved or were inactive. There were 46 new members that year. One important program of the 1970s was the creation of an Evangelism Committee in 1971. In his report that year, Clerk of Session Dave Hilderley wrote, “The need is for evangelism—on two fronts. Evangelism that will bring new members into the fellowship of Greenwood and evangelism that will build involvement of those already members or attending services. This is an opportunity in which every member of the congregation can and must participate. The result will be to continue the growth of Greenwood Church as an effective and viable force in our community.”

Through the 70s, the Evangelism Committee set out to achieve its various objectives. With the help of the pastor, they trained committee members and other church members to explain with confidence the need for church membership and participation. They actively located prospective new members and introduced them to Greenwood Church and its programs, and with the pastor they provided prospective new members instruction in the religious beliefs, organization, and history of Presbyterians and the local church through a series of three classes followed by a reception where they met the elders and deacons and learned about many church programs. The Committee also helped new members to become integrated into new church programs. Two versions of a brochure describing the church and its programs were created to share with new members, one for use outside the church at motels, the airport, etc. and the other to be available in the narthex. In 1973 they reported that the main source of prospective new members was the Greenwood Greeter. Imagine, the Greeters have been in use for 52 years! Think of all the new members they have brought us!

May we all take heed of Rev. Peterson’s admonition in 1977. “Each person in the congregation is a missionary. We are called of Christ to bear his name, and to witness for him in our daily lives. In detail this not only means that we are to live Christian lives and seek to make this community a good place for God’s people, but we are also to bring our friends and neighbors who are not part of Christ’s church, to his church. We are to make disciples. We need to become conscious of new faces. We need to show the concern and love of Christ to those who come into our midst. Above all, we need to invite non-churched friends and acquaintances to come with us and become part of our fellowship.”

Deacons: During the 1970s the Deacons were a very busy group and had many of the responsibilities now assigned to various committees. In their 1972 Annual Report, we learn that the Board of Deacons was enlarged to 27. With this larger number, they aimed to visit each church family once a year and each person of concern once a month. Each deacon had approximately 16 families with whom they made individual contact. In addition to these calls and visits, each deacon served one month on each of the following assignments: flower distribution, preparation and service of coffee hours, and communion preparation. The reception committee sponsored all receptions for new members, which deacons attended to welcome the new families into our membership. Christmas remembrances were sent to all servicemen away from home, and in December all deacons met at the church and assembled pretty plates of cookies for the persons of concern. Deacon officers were Jean Martin, secretary, and Jim Bonn (Susan Capobianco’s father), treasurer. Deacon committees were Chancel and Flowers, Greeters, Sunshine, Special Gifts, Reception, Communion, plus placing representatives on each of the Session Committees: Christian Education, Worship, Mission, Stewardship, Nominating, and Evangelism.

Christian Education: Although smaller than in the 1960s, the Sunday School continued to thrive during the 70s with hundreds of children, yet there were concerns that may sound familiar. For example, attendance was only about 50% of the eligible children and many children only attended every other week. One solution was to replace the two Sunday sessions described in last month’s issue with one session on Sunday and a second on Tuesday after school. Attendance increased to about 77%. In the Church School Report in 1972, Superintendent Ken Olson wrote, “I am again able to report this year that Greenwood’s Church School is viable, active, and progressive. Some of our most dynamic teaching/learning can be seen in our classrooms.”

Another of Dr. Peterson’s goals for the 1970s was to increase participation in adult education. Dr. Peterson held Bible study classes on weekday mornings and in the fall and spring regularly offered a series of classes on Sunday evenings. Other classes were offered on Sunday mornings by the Rev. Dr. Lloyd Dean, an ordained Congregational minister who taught philosophy at CCRI, and the Rev. Dr. Lewis Hutton, an ordained Presbyterian minister and a professor of Hispanic studies at URI.

A notable change in the Christian Education programs for children and adults came with the hiring of Jean Martin as Director of Christian Education (DCE) after it was decided that this would serve the congregation better than an Assistant Pastor. In her 1977 Annual Report, Christian Ed Committee Chair Doris Fahlman wrote, “Our future plans are for a full-time Director of Christian Education in September 1978, and it is a certainty that we can continue to grow with a professional available on a full-time basis, as a resource person and educator for our volunteer staff and a coordinator for all educational programs in the congregation.”



From May through December 1977, Jean Martin served a part-time DCE working on recruiting and planning for Sunday School and the Youth Fellowships, meeting with advisors, organizing fall schedules, and reviewing curricula. She began to assemble resource materials and reorganize the church library. In his 1977 report Pastor Peterson wrote, “One advance is the work of Jean Martin as Director of Christian Education. Jean has made a difference in the quality of our programs, and much of our success goes to her efforts.”

Musical Highlights of the 70s: After several years of research by the organ committee, the decade began with the purchase of a new Rodgers organ. Dr. Peterson wrote, “In early 1970, the congregation voted to approve the purchase of a new Rodgers electronic organ at a cost of \$13,000. This purchase greatly enriched our already fine music program which had been directed for twenty-five years by Eleanor Powell.” From Mrs. Powell’s Annual Report we learn, “On April 26, Sunday afternoon, Hattie Sweet Bowser, a well-known organist in the Providence area (and in England) gave us a splendid recital of dedication. She was assisted by our adult choir singing Psalm 150 by Cesar Franck, with Eleanor Powell at the console.”



Mrs. Powell’s Annual Report also tells us there were Adult, Sr. High, and Junior Choirs. The senior highs got their own robes for the first time, most of the expense being raised by them. The junior choir got their first full length robes, made by the mothers or other skilled seamstresses, and were looking forward to new surplices to wear over them. She reports that, “the Adult Choir sang 35 to 40 times using around 80 of our library of some 250 numbers. The policy has been to plan a quiet number with a more outgoing piece, to include solo bits frequently, especially when the choir serves doubly or is divided for one day’s worship (there were two services).

In 1971, Eleanor Powell, who had served as Greenwood’s Choir Director, pianist, and organist since its founding, retired. The congregation celebrated her many years of service to the church with a reception. In the photo here, Dr. Peterson is presenting her with a certificate as her husband, Dawson Powell looks on.



Hattie Bowser became the new Director of Music. From her 1972 report we learn, “The adult choir has grown, not only in numbers, but in musical maturity as well. Along with traditional music learned, we have experienced some new dimensions in present day compositions. Learning these contemporary writings will help to broaden our knowledge of the modern trend.”

She also wrote, “Music by itself has no real meaning. On paper it is a series, if you will, of dots and dashes. However, when musical instruments and human voices decode these progressions, something magical is revealed in the beauty of sounds. If the music in the worship service has been such that this beauty has related to you, the congregation, in honoring and praising God, then our purpose has been achieved.” Under Hattie’s leadership during the decade, the choir continued to thrive. In her 1977 report, she presented the following good news. “The exciting news for the year was the formation of a Junior Choir, namely the Greenwood Angels. Donna Osterberg, who came back to join us after seven years, met the challenge to gather some of our young aspirants to start a junior choir, the results so far have been tremendous. Aside from the group singing, we heard some solo voices, two trumpeters, who by the way, played very professionally, and still another who used his talent playing the drum. How great it is to see and hear these young folk serving their church in such a constructive way. We are proud of these, your children. Let us cheer them on!”



Worship: One of Dr. Peterson’s goals was to instill in the congregation the importance of regular participation in Sunday worship and the Lord’s Supper, and he continued to work on that throughout the decade. During the decade, the worship schedule was changed several times, experimenting with one service vs two and different times for worship and Sunday School, trying to find a schedule that worked best for the most people.

The Worship Committee played an important role in assuring the quality of the worship program. We can learn about the duties of this important committee from the 1972 Annual Report of Chair Esther Jackson. “The Worship Committee consists of two elders, one deacon, one member of the choir, the choir director and organist, and one member of the congregation. The responsibilities of this committee are:

1. Planning with the Pastor the general worship program of the church.
2. Arranging for Elders and Deacons to prepare and serve communion.

3. Supervising the general procedures in the sanctuary, including ushering.
4. Working and planning with the Choir Director the musical program of the church.
5. Preparing budget items relating to worship and music which includes the need of new music and choir robes.
6. Planning pulpit supply with the Pastor including one member of the congregation to take part each week in the church worship service.”

Fellowship: During the 70s new opportunities for fellowship arose. The earlier Couples Club became the Ancient Mariners, and later in the decade changed their name to the 39ers. The Greenwood Group addressed one of the concerns expressed in 1971 by Dr. Peterson. “There are two areas in which our church is not serving and in which we should. These are programs for Young Adults and younger families.” This group was described by Bill Cheney for our 50th anniversary in 1994.

“When Kathy and I joined the Church in 1973, at the urging of our neighbor Dot Hargreaves, we were impressed with the friendliness of the congregation and the variety of activities going on. I was even invited to Lector a few times before we became members! Soon after joining, we were encouraged to participate in the newly formed “Greenwood Group,” made up of the “younger” couples in the church. There were about twenty couples who got together monthly for social activities and fundraisers.

Some of the programs were: bowling nights, plays at Trinity Theater, dining out, fun nights, mystery rides, workdays at the church, yard sales, and auctions, Christmas caroling for shut-ins, ballgames at McCoy Stadium, an annual progressive supper, and many other fun-filled and charitable activities, which were planned by two couples per month. The club remained active for about 12 years, though the frequency of meetings dwindled to about three per year as our family responsibilities, work commitments, etc. grew.

The group certainly served many useful functions including helping new members to get acquainted, fellowship for continuing members; and providing funds for such diverse items as gym equipment for the Trudeau Center, a movie projector, crib room furniture, sconces for the sanctuary, choir robes, and roof repairs. Though the “39ers” continue as an active group, it would be wonderful to see a new couples group become active in the 90’s.” Bill Cheney–1994. (This comment is interesting in light of where we are 30 years later. The 39ers are still going but are planning to change their name and reinvent themselves, and we are still looking for ways to engage young families who are busier than ever!)

As you can see, during the 1970s the church built on the solid foundation laid by those before them, but continued to work to serve the Lord through the worship and work of the congregation. One of the new Committees Dr. Peterson initiated early in the decade was a Long-Range Planning Committee, and he wrote, “I hope that in 1974 our Session and Long-Range Planning Committee will survey the congregation and develop a profile on the interests, needs, and dreams in our church. Your cooperation in this will be essential.” It is interesting to then read his words in 1975. “We need to come to a point where we settle down on a program of worship, study, and service in our church, Each year cannot be ‘Bigger’ and ‘Better,’ throwing out and starting all over again. I hope we can take the very good things we have now and make them work in reasonable and spiritually helpful ways.”

Besides providing a trip down memory lane for some of our members, exploring the history of our church can provide insights for all. We can be inspired by the faith, hard work, and determination of those who came before us. We can also see that things were not always perfect, but the church analyzed the outcomes of its decisions, continuing programs that worked and willing to change course as needed to keep the church on track to carry out God’s plan. Earlier generations dealt with many of the same challenges we face today like paying down our loans, encouraging current members to take a more active role in worship and finding ways to share their talents with the church, bringing in new members, reaching out to a younger generation of singles and families. Like them, let us continue to work and pray as members of God’s family, trusting that our Lord will guide us as we move forward together.

*O Master, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In truth that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.*

Elaine Magyar

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

There have been those that believed that they saw a "Decline in '24" of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian. They will be sorely disappointed. Make no mistake, this year will be a year of rebuilding and reawakening. There will be toil and sweat in the name of the Lord to bring our church to triumph. This is the time that out of the shapeless hunk of stone, a new Greenwood will emerge, stalwart in its mission, more giving of its time, more talented in its people, and a great treasure to the community. We will be stronger than ever.

"His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor and will gather the wheat into His garner..." Luke 3:17

The "true church" of Greenwood, those giving wonderful people, will now come to the forefront and help their neighbor through Member Care as never before. They will maintain and improve our building and property. They will educate our youth and guide them into young adulthood. They will consider the poor and needy, near and far, using our combined treasure to support their lives and bring them to God. They will join with other church families in fellowship and will raise their voices in worship and sing the praises of the Lord louder than ever. These tasks represent our session committees that do the work and outreach of our church along with our Deacons and Presbyterian Women. Giving your time and talent to these efforts bonds you with other church members in our common mission. Please consider joining in fellowship with other Greenwood members to "get the job done" on these session committees, becoming a deacon, or joining a circle with the Presbyterian Women.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Yes, I do believe that the best is yet to come for Greenwood Church and that success has always rested with its members. It is time to rise, give thanks for what we have, and share those gifts with others in God's name we are:

Alive in '25!

For the Stewardship Committee,
Dennis Charpentier

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee has had one of its busiest years in recent memory. In April, 2024, we interviewed and hired Jamy Smith as our church secretary to begin June 1. Since that time, Jamy has had some challenging health issues that have necessitated her taking considerable time off to recover. Emmy Kmet, our Financial Secretary, has taken on much of the role of the church secretary along with the input from Bob Nolan and visiting pulpit supply to construct the weekly bulletin. Jamy is now working two days in the office and two days from home as her recovery continues.

In September 2024, the Personnel Committee advertised the Interim Music Director position. Rev. Bob Nolan and his wife, Sandy, applied and were hired on a part-time basis until the end of November 2024. Rev. Nolan took over as the choir director and Sunday organist. Sandy Nolan filled in at the piano when Rev. Nolan was unavailable. There were times when Rev. Nolan acted as Pulpit supply and Sandy Nolan played the music for Sunday service. Rev. Nolan was also visiting the sick and shut-in members of our congregation during his tenure.

Working with the Worship Committee, the Personnel Committee found Pamela McClain to serve as Interim Music Director until the end of December 2024. Following that period, she agreed to stay on from January 2025 as music accompaniment only until such time as a permanent Music Director could be found. To complete the music program in late December 2024, your Personnel Committee interviewed, and the session approved Terry Taylor as our Interim Choir Director until a full-time Music Director can be found. Presently, we are advertising through various Organ Guilds for a permanent music director. If anyone knows of a suitable candidate, please contact any member of the Personnel Committee.

From March through November 2024, Greenwood conducted services utilizing volunteer staff members and pulpit supply recruited by our Worship committee. Meanwhile, we advertised for a Bridge Pastor through various on-line platforms. Finally, in October 2024, several candidates were identified. The Personnel Committee conducted live interviews with each candidate and considered the qualifications and suitability for a Bridge Pastor. In early December, the Personnel/Search committee recommended Rev. Dallas Bradel to the Session and the Commission on Ministry, and both approved hiring the Rev. Bradel for six months (June 2025) as a Bridge Pastor.

I am thankful to our committee members for their input and many hours of research and interviews: Barry Baxter, Elaine Magyar, Jean Greco, Kevin Golde, Krissy Golde, Wayne Meunier, and Emmy Kmet.

For the Personnel Committee,
Dennis J Charpentier, Chair

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

This year Sunday School for children in grades preK-6 is during the worship service. They participate in the first part of the service with their families, share in the Time with the Children, and then head to Sunday School. We have several new children attending this year, and we would strongly encourage other families to take advantage of this opportunity for the children of our church to learn about their faith in a friendly, age-appropriate environment. Lisa David is doing a wonderful job of providing a program that keeps the children engaged by offering examples, activities, and questions that are adapted for individual students. Even if a child cannot attend every week, they can benefit from attending Sunday School and will be welcomed as a member of the class. This term, as we proceed to Lent and then Easter, the class will be studying the ministry of Jesus. Isn't that something you would like your child or grandchild to learn about? Sometimes, if a young child is reluctant to attend, it might help if one of his or her parents or an older sibling went along the first week until they begin to make new friends.



On Sunday, December 1, we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent with the Hanging of the Greens. Our children and teens participated in the service, hanging wreaths and bringing forward the figures for our nativity scene. Each Sunday during Advent, Lisa David offered a Time with the Children on the weekly themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love and assisted the children in lighting the Advent Wreath. Also on December 1, members were able to construct Advent wreaths for their homes after coffee hour.



Sunday afternoon, December 15, a group of 16 carolers visited various locations from Warwick to North Kingstown and back. They brought a bit of Christmas Joy to some of our members and other residents of their facilities, and seeing their smiles and watching them join in the singing also filled the carolers with joy. A few of their stops are shown below. As you can see, Angie D'Albora and Evelyn Murray were delighted by their visitors. Evelyn and Eric Robinson, joined in the singing. We would have loved to have taken Evelyn along with us as she joined in with her beautiful voice that we enjoyed so much when she was part of our choir. Another member who joined in the singing was Kitty Channell at Halcyon. Our audiences were delighted to see the children who joined us. In a heartwarming moment, one of them made a new friend by adorning her with his Santa hat. You can see his delight in the photo below! Our last stop was to see Florence Hachadorian, also at Halcyon. She and many of the others in her unit were gathered together to listen to the carolers. It was inspiring to us the see them joyously joining in singing familiar carols along with us, despite their handicaps.





At the end of the worship service on December 22, as the congregation and choir joined in singing, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, our little angels, shepherds, and wise men joined Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus (one of the youngest in our church family) in our traditional Christmas tableau.



Adult Sunday School: Elder Kevin Golde reports that a faithful group of 5-7 adults are continuing with the Westminster Confession of Faith. They meet in the parlor starting about 11:30. Get something to eat at coffee hour before class or bring it with you. He starts the class with a time of prayer for all to participate, praying for our church and for personal prayer requests.

Youth Fellowships: Our King's Kids and 29Eleven youth groups have been quite busy. During Advent they participated in worship, helped with the PW Toy Drive, and enjoyed their Sunday night meetings. King's Kids meets from 4:30-6:00 p.m. All children from Kindergarten through Grade 6 are welcome. They are learning to find verses in the Bible, they have a time of prayer, thanking God for what they are grateful for and praying for the needs of their friends and families, and then reciting the Lord's prayer, which some of them have been learning. They continue their cooking projects, and as you can see from the photos, Ginny and Cindy are training our next generous of kitchen helpers on the importance of cleaning up when you are finished cooking. Like generations of children before them, they also do craft projects like making paper Christmas trees (photo), and of course they have a weekly game.



29 Eleven continues its weekly meetings with snacks, games, and Bible study. Can you guess which Fruit of the Spirit was illustrated by their Zenga activity? (It was gentleness.) They enjoyed their Friendsgiving dinner on November 24, joining in an evening of food, fun and fellowship. On January 6, they held their annual Yankee Swap! They were encouraged to bring their friends, and I'm sure some creative and interesting gifts were exchanged. As they enter the new year they will begin a series on prayer.



Leader Cindy Pisano writes, “We have started a new study on the importance of prayer in our lives! We have talked about why we pray, what we may pray for and how we pray! We started with the Lord's Prayer, and we also talked about the different elements of prayer that are important for prayer like adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication (ACTS for short!) We also provided the youth with prayer journals so they could write down their thoughts! We will also be looking at the Psalms, which are rich with prayer!

“We will also be having a lock-in during February vacation! This is a great time for Fellowship. We will be staying overnight in the church and have planned some lessons and prayer stations as well as movie time, games and fun activities! Our community service project this month is helping the Kings Kids with their Valentine Dance! We hope our older youth will help us set up, help with the entertainment, and have fun with our younger youth!”

Parents Night Out for December featured the movie *The Polar Express*. The older youth were invited to join the younger kids for this traditional fun, enjoying popcorn and hot chocolate while watching the movie with friends. Thanks to DFM Ginny Jacobs and Claudette Pailin for offering this great program. We encourage more families to take advantage of Parent’s Night Out, usually the first Friday of each month



Thursday Night Family Dinners: Members of our church family of all ages gather for dinner on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45. Susan Riel is chief cook and has able assistance from Cheryl Bowser and Heather Redmon and Ginny Jacobs who fill in when she can’t be there, as well as many other volunteers who make this program work. Sometimes there is a program after dinner in addition to informal chats that provide a chance to meet other members of your church family. Choir members depart for practice at 7:00 p.m. Take a night off from cooking after a busy day at work. Come alone or bring the whole family and join us on a Thursday evening sometime soon.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER–Put them on your calendar

King’s Kids and 29Eleven Valentine’s Dance: Sunday, February 16, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: July 7-11, 2025. We are excited to announce that Lisa David will again be directing Vacation Bible School. The program this year will be *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World* and will take them on adventures in Alaska as they “journey through the Book of Matthew to discover how Jesus is their guiding light, offering unwavering faithfulness throughout life's challenges. Each day focuses on a different Bible story, reinforcing the message that Jesus is always present and dependable in every situation.” We are looking forward to a great week with lots of excited children and volunteers. Stay tuned for more information.

Elaine Magyar, Kevin Golde, Joann Rudolph, Virginia Jacobs, Kristine Golde, and Lisa David

DEACONS’ MINISTRY

Chancel Flowers

The 2025 Flower Chart is posted on the Deacons bulletin board in the southwest corner of Fellowship Hall. You can also contact the church office to sign up. The cost is \$30 per bouquet. You can make your payment for your donation by clearly marking it with your name and stating that it is for the flowers on whatever date you have chosen. Thank you to all who have given flowers in memory of a friend or family member or to honor someone on a special occasion like their birthday or wedding anniversary and to the deacons who deliver the flowers to our shut-ins. Special thanks to Cheryl Bowser who faithfully picks up the flowers at Dave’s every Saturday and brings them to church and who overcomes countless technical challenges to make our worship services available on Zoom and now Facebook every Sunday.

A tremendous thank you to the members of the Deacons who work so hard to make coffee hour a delight every Sunday. For Christmas, the Deacons provided 50 baskets that included \$20.00 gift cards. Twenty-five were delivered to West Bay Community Action and twenty-five to Thrive Behavioral Health by Joan Eichenfeldt and Deb and Jim Burrows.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We are very grateful to have Pastor Dallas Bradel leading us for 6 months as our Bridge Pastor! Pastor Dallas served Communion on January 5, 2025. In February she met with those serving Communion prior to the service to review communion procedures. We need volunteers to participate in our Sunday worship by serving as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and lectors. Pastor Dallas has requested that as we go forward, we expand our selection of lectors to include more representation from our congregation. Once a month, our elders and deacons can volunteer to help serve communion. Please sign up on the Worship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. If you aren't sure what is involved, just ask. We encourage everyone to take an active role in worship as we serve our Lord here at Greenwood. We look forward to a new year of growth, full of possibilities for joyous service.



Our Music Ministry is now being led by two accomplished musicians, Pamela McClain and Terry Taylor! While we search for a full-time Director of Music, Pamela McClain will continue as our Interim Pianist/ Organist. Terry Taylor has been hired as our new Interim Choir Director until the end of May. Terry has a highly accomplished background. She studied choral conducting at Rhode Island College, Indiana University, and the Royal School of Church Music, London. Terry has been a Music Teacher in Smithfield elementary schools, served as the Choir Director at the Episcopal Cathedral in Providence in the 1980's for 5 years, and more recently at the First Baptist Church of Bristol. She is a former organ student of Donald Dame. Terry lives in Bristol with her husband John and cat Daisy. Her favorite word is JOY! We are grateful for the leadership of Pamela and Terry in glorifying God through music and for our growing Choir membership!

We appreciate Terry's outreach to include musicians in our worship services. Jaimeson Jacobs accompanied the choir on Christmas Eve, and Flutist Alisa Smith shared her expertise in glorifying God in worship on Sunday, January 26th. Alisa recently completed her Master in Music degree at Boston University where she studied with Elizabeth Klein of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She has previously studied with Alberto Almarza, completing her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Carnegie Mellon University.

In 2023, Alisa received 1st prize in the 43rd annual James Pappoutsakis Memorial Flute Competition, in addition to the Fenwick Smith Memorial Prize for *Best Performance of the Contemporary Work*. She performed a solo recital at Jordan Hall for the Fenwick Smith Tribute Concert. Alisa also performed as the flute fellow with Emmanuel Music for the 2023 Bach Institute. She is also a member of Aurora Collaborative and performs chamber music for local Rhode Island communities.

All are welcome to come sing in the choir! If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to Terry on Sunday morning, come to choir practice on Thursday at 7 p.m. or leave a message on the church answering machine at 401-737-1230.



We are delighted to announce that our Hand Bell Choir is returning! If anyone is interested in joining the Hand Bell Choir, they will be starting practices on Saturday, February 8th at 12:30 p.m. Please see Ginny Jacobs for further information.

Thank you to our Clerk of Session, Elaine Magyar, for sending out thank you letters to all the well qualified individuals who filled our pulpit and served as Moderator of Session during our time of loss and transition last year. She also sent them an announcement of our hiring Rev. Dallas Ann Bradel as our Bridge Pastor.

We all want to thank Wayne Meunier for his many years of training young acolytes and encouraging others to serve the Lord by their participation in worship.

Jean Greco



MISSION COMMITTEE

You read last month that Greenwood Church had contributed to the PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Fund for relief from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Here is another example of how these funds are used by our Presbyterian siblings.

12/06/2024 available at <https://www.pcusa.org/worship-with-us/yearbook/december-6-2024>

TODAY IN MISSION YEARBOOK

Hurricanes highlight importance of spiritually based trauma care

Churches provide places to restock and recharge — literally and emotionally.

In the days following Hurricane Helene, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, N.C., became a hub to distribute essential supplies, including water. (Photo courtesy of Mesheala Sundblade)



In the midst of organizing hurricane relief to secure the physical well-being of neighbors, PC(USA) leaders recognize the spiritual effects of trauma. With back-to-back hurricanes striking Florida within less than two weeks and disasters in general becoming more intense because of climate change, “there is so much loss of life, so much stress,” said the Rev. Dr. Kathy Riley, associate for Emotional and Spiritual Care for [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA).

That’s something the Rev. Dr. Marcia Mount Shoop, pastor of [Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church](#) in Asheville, North Carolina, has experienced both personally and through the community members being served by the church in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

“Please keep praying for western North Carolina. We are exhausted, and we are carrying so much together right now. So much is lost, so much has changed,” Mount Shoop wrote on Oct. 5 as she continued to organize supplies and relocation resources for neighbors through her network on Facebook.

In the days following, Grace Covenant became a hub to distribute essential supplies and water. For the past eight years, Grace Covenant has been intentional in their vision and practices to dismantle white supremacy in their church and community through developing deep partnerships in the community. According to Mount Shoop, this work allowed their site to offer Spanish translation services to those seeking assistance and to build a multicultural hub of support in Asheville.

“We are a supply site, so we are dealing with necessities and housing,” Mount Shoop said in a phone interview. “What is happening here at this site is people coming together. We cry. We hug. We listen to one another.” She added that people coming to the site for supplies have become friends, and some have shown up to worship. “The way that beloved community is medicine for trauma is alive here. I’m watching everybody build community, and it’s a beautiful thing.”



Every day from noon through 4 p.m., Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church opens its doors and distributes needed items to people affected by Hurricane Helene. (Photo by Mesheala Sundblade)

How to respond to trauma was also on the hearts and minds of [First Presbyterian Church of Asheville](#). While relief funds and efforts were being coordinated by the church’s associate pastor, the Rev. David Germer, members shared their reflections on the impact of their shared trauma through blog posts and social media. In a [blog](#) posted to the church website titled “Living Through a Crisis,” the Rev. Diane Rehfield, a retired pastor, licensed therapist and new member of the church, shared a personal reflection on what it means for the church and its neighbors to live through this trauma together. “We have all been through a traumatic event. For many, the trauma is continuing.” Rehfield advised

North Carolina residents to “recognize that none of us are functioning as well as we otherwise would be. Many of us can be brave and steady for days on end, but eventually all of us need to release stress somehow.” Rehfield listed symptoms of trauma and complex grief to be aware of, such as changes to sleep, appetite and temper, along with depression and anxiety that is free-floating or targeted to a need to control minor things. Rehfield advised walking outside in daylight, crying when you feel like it, helping somebody else, establishing routines, talking to others and sharing your stories. “Come to church!” she encouraged. “Many of us are using the internet and charging here, so there are people to talk to every day.”

For people who are traumatized in the wake of disaster, “it can be really helpful to know that they’re with someone who’s faith-based, who’s holding their cares, their concerns, their trauma in a space that involves prayer and turning to God, whether or not that’s articulated in the moment” said Riley.

Traditionally, Riley’s teams that are dedicated to emotional and spiritual care deploy later than the initial response teams that assess and meet the immediate needs of affected areas.

“There’s a lot of questions that come that people may not have asked until this kind of trauma hits, and our approach at PDA is first and always to listen, to accept, and to hold those questions and those challenges without feeling the need to give answers or a clear response,” said Riley.

Beth Waltemath, Communications Strategist, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We have had a busy Fall and are gearing up for a busy Spring. We are happy to be so blessed.

Our Christmas Bazaar was enjoyable, steady with shoppers, and certainly raised funds that will help make out Mission commitments. Likewise, our Toy Drop Drive yielded 9 contractor size bags, which were then donated to local agencies—split between JONAH and Warwick Police Community Outreach. We had so many members, from PW to Youth to church folks, help, which was wonderful and greatly appreciated!



Then our Christmas Dinner was well-attended, even by our brand-new friend – Pastor Dallas. The meal was delicious and so wonderfully plated, served, and cleared up by kind (and spiffily dressed) GCCP gentlemen, allowing us all to be able to sit back and enjoy ourselves. Thank you to those gentlemen! This was, of course, followed by the musically talented Harmony Heritage Singers and concluded with our traditional singing of *Silent Night* accompanied by the Singers' pianist and our own youth Violinist, Eiriana Fairbairn Summers, and joined in (for a first time ever) by our gentlemen helpers. The entire evening was a true Christmas joy!

Please join us on February 11th any time between 4-8 pm for the Dine-In Night Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse by the Showcase Cinema, East Greenwich. We are sponsoring this event to not only enjoy tasty food, but to raise funds for our Mission commitments. Read the Texas Roadhouse Flyer and be sure to bring it along as it needs to be presented for the donation from Texas Roadhouse. Copies of the flyer will be available at the church. Yes, you can also use gift cards.

Check out the supply list for the Health Kit collections that we participate in annually.

Save the Date: April 26th is our 'Early' May Breakfast, which you surely do not want to miss!

Remaining PW Circle meetings will be on Tuesday, 2/11 (many at Texas Roadhouse), 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, & 6/10. I encourage you to visit one, or more, to experience the strength and fellowship of faith.

Please check out our website [Home | Presbyterian Women Greenwood Community Church \(square.site\)](http://Home | Presbyterian Women Greenwood Community Church (square.site)) or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PWGCCP> page or contact us at pwgccp@gmail.com We truly thank all of you for supporting us and our mission efforts.

“A circle of strength, founded on faith”

Artena Fairbairn, Moderator, for Presbyterian Women

Bazaar Highlights

PW members were busy long in advance of the December bazaar sewing, knitting, crocheting, and crafting, creating attractive baskets, making centerpieces, wreaths, and other decorations from fresh greens, as well as clever tree ornaments and other holiday decorations, and baking and making candy for the bake sale tables. A dedicated crew set up in advance to create a festive atmosphere. Another crew prepared and served snacks and lunch at the holiday café. There were also those who cheerfully collected payment for purchases, and a faithful crew to take down and clean up to prepare for Sunday morning. Special thanks to John Pickup whose extraordinary service with all aspects of set-up and clean-up make the bazaar possible. As you will see from the photos below, the bazaar brings together many members of our Greenwood family and many from the community. It is wonderful to see old friends. Several of our visitors said this was the best of the several bazaars they had visited and they greatly appreciated the efficient way in which sales and payment were organized. Congratulations to all who helped make the day a success!





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MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE



Save the Date! On **Sunday, February 16**, join us for a potluck brunch after the worship service. It will be an opportunity to welcome Bridge Pastor Dallas Bradel and celebrate with her the 25th Anniversary of her Ordination! It's just after Valentine's Day, so our theme will be love, AGAPE. Since the earliest days of the church, the sharing of food at a common meal has been a celebration of the love Christians shared in Christ. Such

"Agape Feasts" (ah-GAH-pay) are specifically mentioned at least twice in the New Testament and are also mentioned frequently in historical records. We encourage you to bring some kind of food that reminds you of a special person in your life, perhaps using a recipe you got from that person or bringing his or her favorite treat. This will be our first potluck in several years and we want to emphasize that all are welcome, even if you are not able to bring any food this time. We are sure there will be plenty for all.

We are still working to plan a belated celebration of the past 80+ years of love and fellowship at Greenwood Church with a gathering at a local restaurant. Committee members are checking with several venues for pricing and available dates. If you have any ideas or are willing to help with with any aspects of this event, from investigating possible locations and available dates and menus, to ticket sales, and planning the program, please contact one of the Committee members listed below.

The Committee is also looking into other activities for the coming year. Maybe a square dance? We would love to get your suggestions.

Our Committee has been continuing to communicate with many members by sending weekly emails with worship information, calling tree messages, and other news. If you have an email address and are not getting these weekly messages, please send an email message to officeadmin@gccp.org with your request to be added to our list. We are also continuing our attempts to reach out to those we've missed seeing on Sunday mornings. We sent Christmas cards and notes to many, encouraging them to join us for Christmas worship either in person or via Zoom. We've also been calling and sending letters to some of these folks. We've enjoyed conversations with some old friends who for various reasons have not been attending worship lately but tell us how much Greenwood Church has meant to them over the years. We are happy when we see old friends joining us for worship. To increase and improve our outreach, we need help from all of you. Please contact a member of the Committee or the church office if you or someone you know is sick or lonely and needs prayers, cards, or a visit. If you are able to help us by sending cards or making calls or visits to shut-ins, please let us know.

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

CLERK'S CORNER

There is not much to report here since the notable actions carried out at the December and January Session meetings are reported in other articles or in the Annual Reports.

Discerning the Way Update:

The Administrative Commission Listening team made a presentation at the Annual Meeting to share their preliminary findings and urge all to participate in the discernment process. They will also be sending a letter to all members. They want to set up meetings of various committees and groups in the church with pairs of AC members for conversations and to schedule more interview slots for individuals to meet with them via Zoom by having a location and computer set up at the church to provide the Zoom connection.

Questionnaires: Thanks to all who have submitted questionnaires. If you are not among them, please remember to submit your questionnaire to the Administrative Commission Listening Team as soon as you can. Extra copies are available on the table in the Narthex next to the locked metal box where you can submit your completed questionnaires. **During coffee hour, copies of the questionnaire and the box will be in Fellowship Hall.** You can also use the link we have previously provided to fill out the questionnaire online. The Team needs to hear from a broad representation of members to be able to complete its work in a timely manner.

2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In case you missed the Annual Meeting or did not catch all the names, here is the report of the Nominating Committee. All of the nominees were elected by the congregation for the terms listed.

On behalf of our entire congregation, the Nominating Committee would like to thank the elders who are leaving the Session this year for their valuable service: Emmy Kmet and Wayne Meunier. Also, elders Marcia Camilleri Camp and Jay Swiatek, who resigned earlier in the year.

The Nominating Committee would like to present the following individuals for election to the office of elder: to be installed to serve 3-year terms (class of 2028), M. Barry Baxter, D. Elaine Magyar, Joann Rudolph, and Debra Stacey; to be installed to serve a 1-year term (class of 2026), Sheila Curran, Jean Greco, and Jeffrey Plouffe.

On behalf of the entire congregation, the Nominating Committee would like to thank the deacons who are leaving the board this year for their valuable service: Joan Eichenfeldt, Claudette Pailin, Jeffrey Plouffe, and Wilma Swanson. Also, deacons Peter Camp, Rita Geoffroy, Vera Koldyk, Joan Schultz, and Patti Swiatek, who resigned earlier in the year.

The Nominating Committee would like to present the following individuals for election to the office of deacon: to be ordained and installed to serve 3-year terms (class of 2028), Kimberly D’Antico and Sarah Lockhart and to be installed for a 3-year term (class of 2028), Alexis Budlong-Springer, Jeffrey Devolve, Virginia Jacobs, Sherry Phillips, Cynthia Pisano, and Robert Whitney.

The Nominating Committee would like to nominate the following individual to serve as an alternate elder: Glenn Fairbairn. Alternate elders are individuals who have served on the Session in the past and would fill any unexpired terms that arise during the year until the next annual meeting election.

The Nominating Committee would like to nominate the following individuals for election to the 2025 Nominating Committee. Five at large members are needed. The nominees are: Alexis Cobb, Lisa David, Joan Eichenfeldt, Jaimeson Jacobs, and Catherine Maguire.

The Nominating Committee would like to nominate the following individuals for election as alternates to the 2025 Nominating Committee. Two at large alternates are needed. The nominees are Jeniece Fairbairn Summers and Antoinette Snyman.

The Nominating Committee would like to present the following individuals for election as auditors and alternate auditors for 2025. Two of each are needed. The nominees for auditor are Marc Cobb and Michael Snyman and for alternate auditor, Jay David and Peter Mair. (Auditors are not required to be members of Greenwood Church.)

We would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their extraordinary work in finding quality individuals to lead our church, Deacon Joan Eichenfeldt, Alexis Cobb, Jonathan Farnsworth, Catherine Maguire, Sandra Olson, and Cynthia Pisano. and Bridge Pastor Dallas Bradel, whose guidance as an *ex officio* member was very helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
Elders Denise Mair and D. Elaine Magyar, Co-Chairs
January 26, 2025

CAUGHT IN THE NET / NOTES RECEIVED & SENT

Recognition and A Request from the “Linus Blanket Ladies”:

The Linus Blanket project at Greenwood Church is in need of a serger. If you have one that we can use, please contact Gwen Anderson. We were given a large quantity of batting that is too thick for a regular machine. Thank you if you can help.



Notes:

The following note was received from Cheryl Bullock. “I cannot begin to thank you enough for all the beautiful cards, thoughts, and prayers. Also, I would like to thank Rev. Nolan for his kindness, visits, and baked potato, [There must be a story there.] Miss seeing everyone. Love, Cheryl” Cheryl continues to be in hospice care at Kent Regency. Remember her with your prayers and cards and visits. Some of our carolers were able to visit Cheryl in December.

Condolences

We offer our condolences and prayers for several of our members and friends who lost loved ones over the past few months.

Kenneth Kuzman, Jr., died unexpectedly on December 14, 2024, while skiing in Vermont. He was only 54. He was the nephew of Bev Carson and son of her sister-in-law Brigitte Kuzman-Covill.

Barbara Sweet Olson, who was the niece of former Music Director Hattie Bowser and sang often at Greenwood, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 5, 2025, at Hope Health Hulitar Hospice Center, Providence, RI.

Benno Lebkuchner, whose wife Janet was an active member of Greenwood and whose children Amy, Karl, and Mark grew up in our church passed away at the age of 94 on January 27, 2025. Please remember. his wife of 21 years Joan, children Karl (Lanna) of Warwick RI, and Amy Ramirez (Edgar) of Dumont NJ and grandchildren Zachary (Laura), Erik, Derek, Janet, and Mae in your prayers.

Medical concerns:

Several members and friends have been dealing with various medical problems. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Cards, notes, and phone calls are appreciated, too.

Linda Eibel Grossi, whose children attended Sunday School at Greenwood in the 1980s, was recently a patient at Kent Hospital and asked the chaplain there to contact our church and ask for our prayers.

John Phillips spent some time in Kent Hospital, but he is now at home working his way back to health.

Monika Algozino who has been suffering from problems with her hip and also a bout of pneumonia is grateful for your prayers and is back in church.

Linda Baker is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Art Woolverton is making slow progress in his recovery from back surgery.

Dina Young is also slowly improving after her back surgery.

Helen Hausman has had several trips to the hospital. Remember her and her husband Don in your prayers.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to proud parents Jillian Jacobs and John Brown and grandmother Ginny Jacobs on the birth of Adelaide J Brown on December 31, 2024.

Congratulations to great-aunts Deb Stacey and Denise Mair on the birth of their grandnephew Parker James Smith on January 3.

Congratulations to our former Director of Music, John Black, who is the new Pastor of Faith Chapel: A Church of the Lutheran Brethren in Cranston.



***Happy Birthday to all who
celebrated or will celebrate
birthdays since our last edition!***



JANUARY

- David Greco 1-03
- Cheryl Donilon 1-03
- Russell Rudolph 1-07
- Norma MacLeod 1-11
- Evelyn Robinson 1-16
- Cheryl Bowser 1-17
- Stuart Mason 1-17
- Susan Riel 1-19
- Jim Burrows 1-19
- Faith Ruhren 1-22
- Owen Phillips 1-23
- Kim D’Antico 1-24
- John Phillips 1-25
- Jeniece Fairbairn Summers 1-26
- Paula Johnson 1-26
- Akeelah David 1-28

FEBRUARY

- Sherry Phillips 2-01
- Kevin Golde 2-02
- Patricia Charpentier 2-05
- Darlene Manson 2-05
- Cathy Schobel 2-07
- Fred Fairbairn Summers 2-08
- Richard Arling 2-11
- Deb Burrows 2-13
- Helen Hausman 2-17
- Katie Demers 2-20
- Elaine Magyar 2-21
- Nicholas Cobb 2-25
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