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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- ◆ *Music, music, music...*
- ◆ *Iron Pigs outing*
- ◆ *PW - a new study begins*

**“Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air!”**

In the beginning...

...way back in 2020 when the Pastor Nominating Committee and I were in early conversations about the possibility of our shared ministry...

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...it became so, so, *so clear* to me that one of the greatest gifts, passions, and yes, *callings*, of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church was... MUSIC! You are a church with a mega-talented music staff (Tom! Betsy!), a mega-talented cadre of soloists and instrumentalists (too many to name!), a mega-talented choir. The programs you have put on over the years, the creativity in your worship services, the various choirs and groups and soloists you have nurtured... wow!

In short, God has gifted this church (maybe even from the *very* beginning!) with *music*. Music to uplift one another, music to offer this weary world, music to glorify God.

It is in this context – in the long arc of Greenwich’s deep, abiding and faithful ministry of music to and for the world – that Music Director Tom DiGiovanni and I, along with our Worship, Music and Spirituality Committee, have begun to dream about a music program for the 2022 year. Drawing wisdom from previous years’ choral festivals and from last year’s “Jazz Goes to Church” series, we are putting the finishing touches on shaping a 2022 music series for church and community, and we couldn’t be more excited!!

Here’s what we know so far (final details coming soon!):

Old Greenwich Guest Artist Series 2022

Wednesday evenings in Lent, 7:30 pm - worship services will include a special guest musician (a different one each week!).

Palm Sunday, April 10, 10 - 11 am - NYC-based jazz musician Hannah Marks will be back with some more of her fabulously talented friends to play during worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:30 pm - Hannah Marks will join Tom and Pastor MB in worship leadership that evening.

Sometime in June during Sunday worship - We will hold an outdoor picnic/ celebration worship service that will feature a Praise and Worship band! Band soon to be announced...!

Friday - Saturday, October 7 - 8 - Choral Festival!!!! Composer soon to be announced...!

First Sunday in Advent, November 27, 10 - 11 am - Long-time Old Greenwich Church friends and beautiful classical guitar duo, Michael Newman and Laura Oltman, will lead us in Advent music during worship.

Old Greenwich... invite your friends! Invite your neighbors! Let’s get the word out about how we connect with our God in joy, in sorrow, and in everything in between, through the gift of music.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mary Beth

Welcome to worship at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us – whether in-person or online!
(We will continue to offer online services even as we gather in person).

As our children under 12 and some adults are not able to be vaccinated at this time, we are committed to keeping our whole community safe and thriving. As such, if you are worshipping with us in person, the following are required:

PROTOCOLS FOR INSIDE/SANCTUARY WORSHIP:

Masks must be worn at all times inside the building;

Please enter through the Green Room, which is also handicapped accessible, at the beginning of worship. You may exit through any of our doors after worship;

Social distance is to be maintained between non-family members;

Please sign in (one of our ushers will help with that);

An usher will hand you a printed bulletin if you choose to use one. Please deposit the bulletin in a waste can as you leave;

There will be no singing or spoken liturgical responses (such as the Lord's Prayer);

We will not pass offering plates. Please drop off your offering as you exit the sanctuary

During Communion Sundays (first Sundays of the month), you may either bring your own bread/juice, or obtain a pre-packaged wafer/cup from an usher;

If you use the restrooms, please follow the instructions (posted in all bathrooms) by either using ProKure and/or Clorox wipes (provided in all bathrooms);

When fellowship is offered, you may pick up food and/or drinks in Memorial Hall, but we encourage you to go outside for eating and fellowshiping;

As we want to keep the air moving and ventilated as much as possible (which will include some open doors and windows), keeping that in mind as you dress for worship;

If you are feeling ill in any way, please join us virtually.

Prepared by a Sub-Committee of the Session of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Date: 6/30/2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-K through Grade 3 meet **immediately following Time With the Young Church**, except on Communion Sundays, which is the first Sunday of each month.

Grades 4 through 7 meet at **9 - 9:45 am, in Classroom 22**. These students will also be able to attend the worship service on Sundays as part of their Christian enrichment.

Questions? Contact Melissa Hixon, CE Committee, mhixon868@yahoo.com / 862-812-9636.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

- Teachers: Pastor Mary Beth and Mike Lemons
- Theme: Big God, Big Questions
- Class will meet every other Sunday at 9 - 9:45 am in the Technology Room
- 15 sessions in total
- Confirmands will be invited to join the church on June 5, 2022 (Pentecost Sunday)

Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth at 515-979-9681 or pastormarybeth@gmail.com



HELPING HANDS FUND UPDATE

The Old Greenwich Helping Hand Fund has been very active these past few months, providing support for many local families through difficult situations. It is our continued hope to support members of our communities who need to feel the love of our compassionate Loving God when times become difficult and options are few.

Our thanks to those who continue to support this mission. We welcome any monies you feel you can contribute, knowing it is making a difference. Donations can be placed in the offering plate with the notation "Helping Hand Fund" or mailed to the church, Att: Deacons.

If YOU know of a struggling family, please reach out to Pastor Mary Beth or any Deacon in the church.

May we continue to further the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sharon Jiorle
Chairperson

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!: Do you have a small business or provide services that you would like to let your church friends know about? If so, please let us know and we'll post your business card or information on our church bulletin board (to the right as you enter Memorial Hall). Church folks: be sure to check the bulletin board periodically to see what is being offered! To post an ad or business card, please email to Kathleen at oldgreenwich@ogpc.org

SUNDAY FLORAL DEDICATIONS

- The cost to purchase arrangements for the altar is **\$20 each.**
- You may sign up for dedicated flower arrangements to honor or remember loved ones. Please contact Trish Millon via cell: 908-319-5061 or email: trishbrad00@aol.com to place an order and arrange dedication.
- Orders should be placed two weeks or more prior to the service date which you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin.

Altar Flowers



HOME COMMUNION

If you would like to receive home communion, or know of someone who would like to receive home communion, please contact Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

02/01	Lori Metz	02/13	Candace Nagy
02/02	Vivian North Lowell Perkins	02/15	Marcia Taylor George Perkins
02/04	Jennifer Miller Cooper Marino	02/16	Jacqueline Morrow Cheryl Garcia
02/05	Juliana Mowrey	02/17	Emily Kolterjahn
02/07	Charlotte Marino		Hailey Prall
02/08	Erik Hawk Jodie Garvey Lauren Morrow Gavin Hawk	02/20	Julia Deemer Susan Gardner
02/09	Joan Pearson Laura Hawk	02/21	Shannon Bakros
02/11	Susan Bradlau Peter Werfel John Sulla	02/22	Phyllis Dietz Adam Stetler
02/12	Robert Luziatti Betsy Gaston Amanda Stetler	02/25	Lauren Kane
		02/27	Craig Stahlecker
		02/28	Mike Lemons Matthew Parker



***Children are in bold.**

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
IN FEBRUARY:**

02/12/1977	Kurt & Barbara Grimm
02/14/1995	Lisa & Raymond Gray



Please hold in prayer: Mike & Ellen Viscel's son, Anthony, who will be getting open-heart surgery; Mike Viscel's aunt, Angela Caponegro; the family of Melanie Quick, Marlin Quick's sister-in-law, who died on 1/12; ; Jim Savacool's sister, Vicki, who is recovering from Covid; Karen Savacool's brother, David Salvesen, whose cancer returned recently; Jim and Karen Savacool; Deb Smith's mother, as she heals; Ernie Maso and family on the death of his cousin, Tim; Zachary Adams (traumatic brain injury); Debbie Mowrey; our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; those affected by the Corona virus and their families, around the world.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Green Room. You can pick them up following the worship service on Sundays or during the week, Mon. through Thurs., 9 am to 1 pm.

THE NAME GAME!

This is such an exciting time at OGPC! We have new programs starting often, and now is no exception. We are looking for name ideas for a few different groups. All suggestions will be brought to the WM&S committee to discuss, so please share any and all ideas! Our amazing drumming group needs a name and we would like a name for our special musical guests that come to join us. A prize will be awarded to the winner of each contest, in addition to knowing that you named a part of OGPC history! Please send ideas to Jennifer Miller at njmillers@msn.com or place your suggestions in the offering plate on Sundays through the month of February!



SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022!

Once again, OGPC will be organizing a group event for the Iron Pigs baseball outing against the Scranton-Wilkes Barre Rail Riders (NY Yankees affiliate) at Coca Cola Park in Allentown, PA. Prices remain the same at \$11/person. More details to follow.

OGPC BRAG-WEAR

Are you artistic? creative? innovative? Well let us help feed your artistic spirit! Old Greenwich is looking to get some new OGPC t-shirts. Please submit a t-shirt design to Jennifer Miller at njmillers@msn.com. A committee will look at the designs and hope to place an order of t-shirts so we have some this spring. Be sure to submit your name with the design so we can give credit (and a prize) to the winning designer.

CAMP JOHNSONBURG summer camp registration opened on January 6! Due in no small part to the ever-changing landscape of this pandemic, as well as staff transitions, we wanted to make sure we were thoughtfully planning what Summer 2022 at J'burg looks like. You can see the summer schedule right now and you'll be able to register for summer camp at www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/. We also have our 2022 Retreats and Events available for you to look at on the website.

AND... our Deacons provide scholarships for camp! See Walt Campbell or one of our Deacons for more information and scholarship application.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We are planning to begin a new study on **Tuesday, February 15, at 11:30 am**, live in the church in the room behind the pastor's office in Trinity Wing. We'll meet the third Tuesday of each month. We could Zoom you if you're not up to in-person meetings. There are nine lessons, but other than the two chapters on Mary, one woman is lifted up and you could drop in when you're free and not worry about continuity. The authors DVD will be used and introduces each session.



What My Grandmothers Taught Me; Learning from the women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus the PW study written by Merryl Blair will be used. Here's a glimpse: *"people had often been intrigued by the appearance of five women in the genealogy of Jesus. Explore who these women are, discover their stories, examine the challenges and choices they faced, and consider what contributions each made to the ancestral line of Jesus. In the process, hear the author's invitation to learn from their example and be inspired to call on God to empower our own witness and action despite challenging circumstances in our own times."*

"What do the following women have in common? A woman who acted as a prostitute to be faithful to her family, a prostitute, a foreign immigrant, a woman 'taken' for a man's sexual pleasure, an unwed mother who flees as a refugee."

Yep, they are in the bible, in the genealogy. If you never looked at them as was just described, come let's investigate those claims together.

You're invited to bring a picture of a family wedding, a picture of your grandma or woman of another generation who made a difference in your life, an old church cookbook or grandma's favorite recipe or ANYTHING (like needlework) she may have taught you! Pastor Mary Beth may be leading during March discussing Tamar.

I will be ordering books and having them ready for you ahead. Or you could order yours from Presbyterianwomen.org (click on store). If you're only free in the evenings let me know and perhaps, we could plan for something at night.

Questions? Request for a copy: Lisa Gray Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com 973-476-4720.

FEBRUARY 2022

		1 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm ←— Pastor Out	2 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm _____	3 Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm _____	4 Office Closed Brownies 4:45 pm ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm _____	5 _____
6 Communion Sunday Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm —— Pastor Out——>	7 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Art Group 10 am Personnel 7 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10 Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm Worship, Music & Spirituality 7:30 pm	11 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	12
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