

*SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:***“The Hard Questions”**

On March 2 – Ash Wednesday – we entered into the season of Lent. I love the season of Lent (I know; I know – I say that about every season of the church year)! But I *really do* love Lent. I love how it invites us to reflect honestly about where we are with God, with ourselves and with the rest of the world. I love that during Lent, we get to ask the real questions, the tough questions: questions about sin and righteousness, forgiveness and reconciliation, suffering and redemption, life and death.

- ◆ Covid protocol updates
- ◆ Lenten services
- ◆ Easter flowers
- ◆ Iron Pigs outing planned

So, for the season of Lent, we will focus our Lenten music, preaching and praying on one particular story from the Hebrew Bible: the story of Job.

Job is someone who suffers. A lot. But Job is never afraid to cry out “Why?” to the heavens. Job is not ashamed to make his complaints known to God; he’s not embarrassed about demanding an answer from the Almighty.

Job, in other words, is someone who doesn’t shy away from the hard questions.

We could learn a thing or two from listening to Job. So for the five weeks of Lent leading up to Palm Sunday, that’s just what we’re going to do. Listen to Job. Engage with the tensions in Job’s life and in our own. Like Job, we will be asked to be honest about our doubts, and our faith; our light, and our darkness. Like Job, we will be invited to stay open to the Spirit of God through it all.

Please join us for worship on Sundays at 10 am, and also for our Lenten evening services – held on Wednesdays during Lent at 7:30 pm. During our Wednesday evening services, and also for Palm Sunday and Holy Week, the Greenwich Church Music series will feature beautiful, talented artists from our community and beyond (see the article on pg. 3 for details) to help us engage even more fully with the depth of the season.

In all of this – in our music, in our hearing of the Word, in our prayers, sighs and silences – may God bless our Lenten season, drawing us even closer to our God, who walks with us in the light, and walks with us in the darkness.

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 continue to stream online services even as we gather in person.

The Session has again reviewed our protocols for indoor worship and building use and unanimously approves:

- Beginning on Sunday, March 13, Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church will change to "Mask Optional" for all indoor facility use, including worship services. The change means that attendees of an indoor event, including worship services, are not required to wear a mask while indoors. However, all are free to do so if they wish; and
- We strongly suggest that those who are not vaccinated should continue to wear a mask for their own protection and that of the congregation; and
- For some additional period, we will continue to maintain social distancing for indoor events as much as reasonably possible, including by continuing the seating for Sunday services only in every other row, and by encouraging the attendees to spread out within those rows; and
- We will continue to enter through the Green Room to reduce crowding; and
- Decisions related to masking, positioning and social distancing for the choir will be made by Pastor Mary Beth, Tom and Betsy; and
- We will continue to reevaluate the situation over the coming weeks and provide additional updates.

**Fellowship will resume on Sunday, March 6.** 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), keep 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 Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Date: 3/1/2022

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## 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](mailto:mhixon868@yahoo.com) / 862-812-9636.

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## 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](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com)

**2022 OLD GREENWICH CHURCH MUSIC SERIES:****Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter**

*Join us for meaningful worship and Spirited music*

*for the season of Lent and on Easter Sunday.*

*Invite your friends and neighbors!*

**Wednesdays in Lent 7:30 pm**

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| Ash Wednesday, March 2 | feat. Old Greenwich Church Choir               |
| Wednesday, March 9     | feat. Julia Bougher (violin)                   |
| Wednesday, March 16    | feat. Katie Rienzo (vocals)                    |
| Wednesday, March 23    | feat. Richard Hotchkiss (cello)                |
| Wednesday, March 30    | feat. Susan Bradlau (vocals)                   |
| Wednesday, April 6     | feat. Tom DiGiovanni & Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy |

**Palm Sunday, April 10, 10 -11 am**

**Sunday worship** with an extended postlude. Jazz Goes (back) to Church!

Featuring NY City based musicians Hannah Marks (bass); Evan Hyde (drums); Nathan Reising (alto sax), with Tom DiGiovanni and a surprise guest from the congregation!

**Holy Week 7:30 pm****Maundy Thursday, April 14**

Featuring Hannah Marks (bass), Tom DiGiovanni & Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy.

**Good Friday, April 15**

Featuring the Old Greenwich Church Choir, with Betsy Gaston, Choir Director, and Tom DiGiovanni.

**Easter Sunday, April 17 10:00-11:00AM**

**Sunday worship** featuring the Old Greenwich Church Choir, with Betsy Gaston, Choir Director, and Tom DiGiovanni.



### Holy Saturday Family-Friendly Event, April 16

Our Christian Education committee is pleased to offer an afternoon Holy Saturday (April 16) event for our children and families! The activity will be based on the Stations of the Cross (an ancient Holy Week prayer practice), but will be kid-friendly and engaging for our younger folks.

Time TBD!

Please contact Lisa Kolterjahn at [lkolterjahn88@gmail.com](mailto:lkolterjahn88@gmail.com) if you'd like to help, or have questions about the event.

Can you believe Easter will be upon us soon? Following the season of Lent and great reflection, comes the joy of the resurrection. If you would like to memorialize, celebrate, honor or demonstrate your praises to God, you can do so with beautiful flowers! Plants will be \$12 each.

Be sure to include your phone number, the number and type of plants you want along with the dedication you would like included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Payments should be made payable to **OGPC Deacons**. Please place orders in the offering plates at church or mail to the church 17 Greenwich Church Rd., Stewartsville, NJ 08886, ATT: TRISH MILLON. Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 10.

Questions?, please contact Trish at (908) 319-5061. Let's show our joy with beauty!

### 2022 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Easter flowers are purchased by the congregation to decorate the church at the price of \$10 each. They are then taken to our Special People, members who are ill or homebound. Once that need is met, you may take the ones you purchased.

# of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Hyacinths \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give \_\_\_\_ plants to our Special People.

### **LAST DAY TO ORDER – Sunday, 4/10/22**

A list will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, noting the purchaser and who is being remembered, honored, etc. Please help decorate the church and also make the holidays festive for our Special People. Please make checks payable to "OGPC Deacons" and include payment with order form. Forms may be put in the collection plates during the worship service or mailed to the church office.

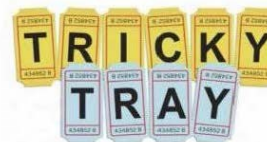
Questions? Contact Trish Millon at 908-319-5061.



### DRUM CIRCLE

**Drum Circle practice** will resume on **Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 pm** in Memorial Hall.

The practice previously scheduled for March 9 has been cancelled.



**Saturday, April 9, 2022**

Warren County Technical School  
1500 Route 57, Washington, NJ 07882

**Tickets sold only at the door**

**Admission \$20**

(Includes 2 sheets of Level 1 tickets)

**Doors open @ 5pm**

**Calling begins @ 7pm**

Bring your own food/drink – NO ALCOHOL

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com).

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:**

03/02	Barbara Frinzi Donald Mrotek	03/23	John MacKinnon III Andrea Csiszlak
03/04	Jennifer Cichone		Maria Miller
03/07	Francis Rienzo Mimi Rienzo	03/24	Joan Pozsonyi Micha Fell
03/09	Susann Dalrymple	03/25	Carol Lee Doeringer Emma Jagiello
03/11/	John Oakes, Jr. Sandra Hamlin Marsha Proehl	03/26	Eleanor Cawley <b>Evelyn Crowley</b>
03/14	Patricia Marino	03/29	Gretchen Alencewicz Jacob Epstein
03/16	Rebecca Sulla		<b>Emily Mauricio</b>
03/18	Nathaniel Brown-Campello	03/30	Bianca Buckwalter
03/19	John R Menzak	03/31	Penny Torcivia
03/20	BettyAnn Stetler		



\*Children are in bold.

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH:**

03/01/1996	Eric & Jill Lee
03/04/1989	Gail & Greg Sulla
03/09/1985	William & Marsha Proehl
03/21/2008	Henry Riewerts & Diane Tribble
03/24/2001	James & Heather Todd



Please hold in prayer: the citizens of Ukraine; Pastor Mary Beth's parents and family; friend of Betsy Gaston and Edith Slamp, Jane Werkeiser; the family of Lee Johnson, whose mother Betty was part of Greenwich Church for a number of years, Lee passed away suddenly from cancer; Cooper Marino, who has a broken foot bone; prayers of encouragement for Phil Millon, who has had a set-back with his left leg, hip, and knee; Dave Slack's father, who is in the hospital again for tests; Lisa Gray, who will have knee surgery on March 15; Lisa Kolterjahn and her family, as she recovers from surgery; Renee Herb, who is recovering from spinal surgery; Mike & Ellen Viscel's son, Anthony, who will be getting open-heart surgery; 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.



**PLAY BALL!** Come join us for the 6th Annual Iron Pigs baseball game outing on **Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 6:35 pm.**

Now is the time to reserve your seat(s) for our sixth annual Iron Pigs baseball game group outing. Because seat reservations go quickly, we have secured a block of 45 seats for Saturday, July 23. We need a minimum of 20-25 people participate in order for this outing to happen. The game starts at 6:35 pm and will feature themed fireworks after the game. **Deadline to order tickets is Sunday, May 1, 2022.**



The Iron Pigs (the AAA affiliate of the Phila. Phillies) are scheduled to play the Scranton-Wilkes Barre Rail Riders (AAA affiliate of the NY Yankees). Tickets remain \$11 per person with \$2 credit embedded in that ticket to go toward food or merchandise purchases. We had 41 people attend the 2021 event and everyone had a great time.

If you have questions, please contact either Anita or Walt Campbell - Anita: [souptime2222@gmail.com](mailto:souptime2222@gmail.com) / Walt: [campbellw47@yahoo.com](mailto:campbellw47@yahoo.com) or call them at 908-479-4737.

Cash or checks are welcome. Please make checks payable to either Walt or Anita Campbell.

#### 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 [njjmillers@msn.com](mailto:njjmillers@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/](http://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 continuing our new study on **Tuesday, March 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](http://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](mailto:Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com) 973-476-4720.



# MARCH 2022

		1 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Ash Wed. Svc. 7:30 pm 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 Boy Sc. Court of Honor 1 pm
6 Communion Sunday 1st Sun. in Lent Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	7 Boy Sc. Council 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Art Group 10 am Personnel 7 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Lenten Svc. 7:30 pm	10 Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm Worship, Music & Spirituality 6:30 pm	11 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	12
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