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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- ◆ *Raritan River Concert*
- ◆ *Presbyterian Depot is back*
- ◆ *VBS dates set!*
- ◆ *Welcome New Members!!*
- ◆ *Church Picnic date set!*
- ◆ *Choral Festival is back!!*

What a *full* Holy Week and Easter we experienced at Old Greenwich. On Palm Sunday, our children and jazz musicians led us in a joyful celebration (“We are marching in the light of God!!”) as we waved our palm branches and sang, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”

On Maundy Thursday, we participated in Jesus’ love poured out, as we sang and prayed together, and celebrated the Last Supper. The mood turned on Good Friday, as we saw our Savior nailed to a Roman cross, and our choir sang mournful songs to express our grief and dismay. But then, on Sunday, we learned with the women at the tomb: he is not here! He has been raised! And we showed up to witness the resurrection (where, once again, our choir led us), complete with singing, praying, rejoicing, and hearing the Word together.

What a week it was! So full, so rich. As we journeyed together, I once again was struck with all the different emotions we experience during Holy Week and Easter: from the (short-lived) wild celebration of Palm Sunday; to the sobering love Jesus pours out on us – and charges us to do the same – on Thursday; to the grief and darkness of Friday; to the silence of Saturday; to the Resurrection Hope of Sunday.

Thank you, choir, children and congregation, for making this journey again, together. As we continue to trudge (and, sometimes, even trot!) this road, may we know that we are never alone.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!
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.

- We are now "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
- 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, following the worship service, has resumed. 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: 4/1/2022

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

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.

“Guitar Extravaganza from Mannes”
SATURDAY, MAY 21 at 7:30 pm at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Please read important Covid Safety information below.

Ensemble in Residence at New York’s Mannes School of Music for 35 years, RRMF founders Newman & Oltman lead a concert of Mannes alumni and faculty, performing new music by top composers well known to RRMF audiences: Leo Brouwer (Cuba) – a new Raritan River Music commission, *“Through the Looking Glass”* – Clarice Assad (Brazil), Yenne Lee’s arrangement of her 19,000,000-view YouTube sensation *“Autumn Leaves,”* plus music performed by Instagram influencer Hannah Murphy and international prize-winner Phil Goldenberg from their groundbreaking project *“Changing the Canon,”* featuring nine eminent Black American composers, represented here by Mason Byne and Thomas Flippin.

\$20 In-Person Single Ticket

\$20 Online Stream Family Viewing (YouTube Live link will be provided for online stream, available to view Sunday through Wednesday following each concert)

\$25 Day of Concert Tickets at the Door, if Available

Tickets available through the web site: www.RaritanRiverMusic.org

For more information: 908-213-1100 or info@RaritanRiverMusic.org

Please be assured that if audience members purchase a ticket for the venue and decide for any reason to stay home, the festival will exchange that ticket for the link to the online stream for that concert.

IMPORTANT COVID SAFETY INFORMATION: To protect the health and safety of performers and audience members, all concert attendees above the age of 5 will be required to show proof of vaccination against Covid-19 (booster proof not required). In addition, all audience members attending Festival concerts are encouraged to maintain appropriate face coverings in accordance with current CDC guidelines. Please visit the Covid page at www.RaritanRiverMusic.org for up-to-date details.



GOOD NEWS ABOUT HELPING HANDS FUND!

Our Helping Hands Fund has been quite busy over the past several months. Your monies are making a difference to those who have limited options in some tough situations. Please consider supporting this important local outreach not only with your treasures but also directing anyone who is struggling to Pastor Mary Beth or any Deacon. This discretionary fund can be activated quickly and confidentially. Thank you

in advance for your continued support! Please place donations, with *Helping Hands Fund* clearly noted, in the Sunday offering plate, or mail to the church office. Thank you!

Kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD, and He will repay the lender. - Proverbs 19:17



We are blessed to be so close to a holy, life-giving, creative, welcoming Christian camp: Camp Johnsonburg and Retreat Center (Johnsonburg, NJ). Johnsonburg is offering amazing programs for folks of all ages all throughout the year. Please pick up a brochure in the narthex about summer camp experiences (and also remember, the Deacons offer scholarships!). You can see the summer schedule right now and you'll be able to register for summer camp at www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/. There is also a Social Justice Summit for teens July 24-27. See Pastor Mary Beth or Elder Sharon Smith for more information!

Now that the Easter season is over, we want to get a community outreach project for the **PRESBYTERIAN DEPOT** going. Below is a link to an Amazon wish list for the Depot. People can order online and their order will be shipped to my house. I will bring the items to church as they arrive. We would also like to do a "shower" brunch on **Sunday, May 22**, after the worship service. People are welcome to bring items to the shower instead of shipping to me if they so choose. Thank you, Sharon Smith

Ship to: Sharon Smith, 112 Kennedy Mill Road, Stewartsville, NJ 08886

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1JTAVTEB4IGED?ref=wl_share



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We are so excited for VBS 2022!!

August 1-5, 2022

9 am - 12 pm

We had so much fun at VBS this year and are extremely excited to make this year another successful VBS. This year our theme will be **Food Truck Party** where we will discuss different stories in the Bible that are related to food and God's love! We are planning a week full of fun activities, all while learning lessons from the Bible.

In order to make VBS a huge success, we need volunteers in multiple capacities! We need people who are free to help set-up and tear down and people to help us during the week of VBS classes and activities..

If you are free and interested in volunteering, please reach out to Lisa Kolterjahn at (973) 809-2991 or LKolterjahn88@gmail.com to discuss.



TO OUR NEW MEMBERS who were received into our church on April 24 during the 10 am worship service. Thank you, Jesus, for new life among us!

Abbie Conlon is a teacher who enjoys hiking, baking and travel. Abbie lives in Phillipsburg.

Peter & Sharon Dachisen are both retired and reside in Easton. Peter and Sharon both enjoy golfing and working out.

Steve & Kathleen Gooley live in Phillipsburg. Kathleen is an RN/BSN with DaVita and enjoys her children, music and teaching. Steve is a Lead Estimator with the H & K Group and is a volunteer fire fighter and a Lacrosse coach.

Dorothy Purdy is retired and lives in Washington. Dorothy's interests include reading and gardening, and she admits to being a "news junkie."

Leni Voorhees is retired and living in Belvidere. She enjoys gardening and doing embroidery.



Kathleen & Steve Gooley and daughter, Abbie Conlon



Sharon & Peter Dachisen



Dorothy Purdy and Leni Voorhees

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.

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY:



05/02	Daniel Hixon	05/16	Jacqueline Miller
	Jillian Miller	05/17	William Hart
05/03	Noah Long	05/18	Sherri Ann Wolfe
05/04	James Savacool	05/20	Alan Smith
	Jeffrey Miller	05/20	Adalena Fornaciari
05/05	Michael Todd		Hannah Fornaciari
	Ethan Garvey	05/22	Catherine Ahart
05/06	Dorothy Mitchel		Christine Lee
	Jeanne Stahlecker	05/23	Eleanor Bradlau
05/07	Payton Hawk	05/24	Michelle Fornaciari
05/10	Suzanne Newbrough		Ava Hixon
05/12	Quinn Bakros	05/25	Maria Hannis
05/13	Kurt Grimm		Carolyn Brown
	Jennifer Long	05/26	Kelly Dalrymple
	Joseph Nazario III	05/27	Sally Reinhard
05/14	Jack Taylor III	05/28	Mason Hawk
05/15	Deborah Epstein		Grace Slack

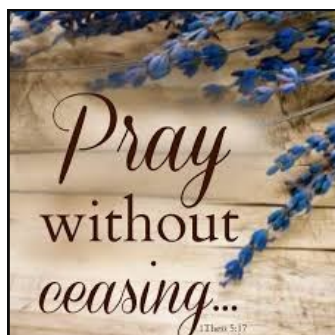
*Children are in bold.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
IN MAY:

05/10/1980	Dennis & Susan Petras
05/14/2005	Donald & Kim Mrotek
05/18/1991	Cheryl & John Garcia
05/24/2002	Pete & Laurie Werfel
05/24/2014	Jodie & Tom Garvey
05/25/1985	Lori Metz & Michael Cecere
05/25/1997	Michael & Jaelene Slaven
05/26/1979	James & Karen Savacool
05/30/1998	Michelle & Mark Fornaciari



to **Ernie Maso** for mowing grass at the church.



Please hold in prayer: friends of Melissa Hixon, Mary, who has entered hospice care, and her two young children and husband; Bob and Trudy Frey's friends, Nancy Hummer and Ian Arnot; Sharon Smith's nephew Jason, for health in every way; Kathleen Scala's son's girlfriend, Amy, as she recovers from surgery and friend, Marybeth Anderson; Carol Lee Doeringer's sister, Eileen, who will be having surgery on 5/6 and son of a friend, 13 year old, Julian; Sue Rutan, who is recovering from surgery; George Bradlau, as he heals and his wife, Susan; Leni Voorhees, as she heals from hip surgery; Sandy Hamlin; the citizens of Ukraine; Pastor Mary Beth's parents and family; Renee Herb, who is recovering from spinal 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

Walt: 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.

Currently Enrolling



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www.greenwichtnursery.com

[@greenwichtnurseryschool](https://www.facebook.com/greenwichtnurseryschool)



The Philips HeartStart AED in the Green Room has a recall on the pads only. The issue is that some, or all, of the gel separates from the pads upon removing the backing prior to use.

If there is a need for use and a small section separates, it can still be used. In the meantime, replacement pads are being ordered.

If you have any questions, call Ernie Maso at 908-619-8517.

SESSION COMMITTEE & DEACON JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Are you called?

The Nominating Committee will soon begin its work to identify and reach out to potential folks to serve as Elders and Deacons and on the various committees elected by the congregation! We are therefore attaching a very brief description of the work of each of the Session Committees, as well as an overall description of the mission of the Deacons. We encourage anyone interested in serving as an officer to contact Elder Ed Ahart at EWA@spsk.com.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Prepares church's annual budget; regularly monitors church's revenues and expenses; oversees and works with Treasurer and Financial Secretary; manages annual renewals of insurance coverage; supervises invested funds; oversees the Memorial, Endowment and Legacy of Faith programs.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Serves to make the "House of God" a safe, convenient, clean and pleasant place for the congregation, friends and neighbors of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church to come to for worship and fellowship, including overseeing building and property improvements.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Spreads God's word through involving members of all ages in the life of the church. This is accomplished through maintaining a Sunday School program, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group program, confirmation and adult education.

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Assists in relaying the "Word of God" and information regarding church related activities to our congregation and community through media of various forms (e.g., live stream services Facebook, audio, Zoom, etc.).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Helps support our neighbors near and far. Major responsibilities include Food Pantry, Clothing Drives, Special Needs Collections, Local Mission Funds.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Organizes events and invites the congregation to fellowship together (e.g., annual church picnic). They provide the "fun" (!) and help our church build community. This committee oversees the History Committee and Presbyterian Women.

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Encourages our members to contribute their Time, Talents, and Treasure in support of the various Missions and Ministries of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, inviting financial support for the Church and related missions and ministries. This is primarily conducted through an annual Pledge Campaign.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Maintains the rolls of the church; supports Confirmation Classes and New Member classes, and fosters the membership at OGPC in general.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Seeks out church members who have the motivation, commitment and skills needed to serve and lead as church officers.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Supports our staff, and, along with the Pastor, serves as a bridge between Session and staff. Prepares and maintains updated job descriptions for all staff, annually reviews staff responsibilities and salaries, and evaluates performances.

WORSHIP, MUSIC & SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

Visions and plans for services of worship and supports and enhances the spiritual growth of the church (including the music programs).

DEACONS

The Deacons are the heart of our church. From our Book of Order: "The ministry of Deacons as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness and service, sharing the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structure, or anyone else in distress."



Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church
Choral Festival

come.& sing



Guest Conductor and Composer
Rollo Dilworth

Rollo Dilworth is Associate Professor of Choral Music Education and Chair of the Music Education Department at Temple University. Dilworth has conducted 53 all-state choirs, 6 regional honor choirs and 4 national honor choirs. He served as National Board Chair for Chorus America from 2014-2016. In 2017, he received the Temple Univ. Faculty Award for Research & Creative Achievement.

Schedule

12:00-1:00pm Registration
1:00-5:30pm Workshop with Mr. Dilworth
5:30-7:30pm Dinner Break
7:30pm Performance, free to the public
Free will offering will be taken
Attire: Concert Black & White

Join us for an inspired day of singing!

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Free Performance 7:30pm. Free Will Offering Will Be Taken.

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- Workshop Cost: \$40 (\$35 before Sep. 1), \$10 High School and College Students
- Sheet Music is not included in cost. Estimated cost of sheet music is \$15-20.
- For more details and to reserve your spot: Contact Mr. Tom DiGiovanni digtom@hotmail.com

DRUM CIRCLE

Drum Circle will have rehearsals on
Wednesday, May 4, 18 and
June 1 at 6:30 pm in Memorial Hall.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 7, is the date set for our
Annual Church Picnic! (rain date - 8/14.)

More details to follow as we get closer to the
date.

We had a great turn out last year. Let's make
it even BETTER this year!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Mother's Day Proclamation by Julia Ward Howe - 1870

The First Mother's Day proclaimed in 1870 by Julia Ward Howe was a passionate demand for disarmament and peace.*

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or tears! Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have taught them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated earth, a voice goes up with our own. It says, "Disarm, Disarm!"

The sword of murder is not the balance of justice. Blood not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail & commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesars but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

**US feminist, reformer, and writer Julia Ward Howe was born May 27, 1819 in New York City. She married Samuel Gridley Howe of Boston, a physician and social reformer. After the Civil War, she campaigned for women rights, anti-slavery, equality, and for world peace. She published several volumes of poetry, travel books, and a play. She became the first woman to be elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1908. She was an ardent antislavery activist who wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic in 1862, sung to the tune of John Brown's Body. She wrote a biography in 1883 of Margaret Fuller, who was a prominent literary figure and a member of Ralph Waldo Emerson's Transcendentalists. She died in 1910.*

MAY 2022

1 Choir Rehearsal - 9 am Communion Sunday Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook AA Meeting - 3 pm	2 GNS Lunch Bunch - 10:45 Boy Sc. Council 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	3 Art Group 10 am GNS Teacher Appr. Lunch - 12	4 Drum Circle rehearsal 6:30 pm Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	5 Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm	6 Office Closed Brownies 4:45 pm ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Girl Scouts bldg. Derby cars 9 am - 3 pm
8 Mother's Day Choir Rehearsal - 9 am Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	9 GNS Lunch Bunch - 10:45 Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Art Group 10 am Presbytery Mtg. Zoom - 7 pm Personnel - 7 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12 Worship, Music & Spirituality 6:30 pm Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm	13 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm Boy Sc. Tr. 63 Camp-out	14 Boy Sc. Tr. 63 Camp-out
15 Choir Rehearsal - 9 am Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	16 GNS Lunch Bunch - 10:45 Boy Scouts 7 pm Session Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	17 Art Group 10 am Women's Bible Study - 11:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	18 Drum Circle rehearsal 6:30 pm	19 Staff Meeting via Zoom 4:30 pm Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm	20 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	21 Raritan River Music Festival 7:30 pm
22 Choir Rehearsal - 9 am Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm St'ville Theatre Group (raindate)	23 GNS Lunch Bunch - 10:45 Boy Scouts 7 pm Endowment Comm. Mtg. - 7 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	24 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26 Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm	27 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	28 St'ville Theatre Group
29 Choir Rehearsal - 9 am Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	30 Memorial Day - Office Closed Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	31 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm				

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