



# I Believe...

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.* — Phil. 1:6

Deacon Mike Lemons and I have so enjoyed our confirmation class this year.

What a privilege it has been to teach, and to learn with, **Josh Miller, Amanda Mrotek, Eli Slack** and **Dylan Wayne**. What a blessing! What a humbling task! I have taught confirmation classes in the past, and always feel like I learn just as much as the students do as we share our journeys of faith, discuss theological and Biblical themes, and delve more into what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ.

Towards the end of our time together, the confirmands, together, wrote a statement of faith. (You will be seeing it again during worship when they join on June 5!). Here it is, below. Mike and I are so proud of them, and so excited to watch God continue to work in their lives...

### Our Statement of Faith ("Credo")

Written by the OGPC Confirmation Class 2021-22

Joshua Miller, Amanda Mrotek, Eli Slack, Dylan Wayne, with Pastor Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy & Deacon Mike Lemons

We believe

That God, the Creator of all, is good.

That God loves us all.

That God accepts us, even with our mistakes.

We believe

That Jesus Christ is God.

That Jesus is the Son of God,

Who became flesh, and lived with us,

And rose from the dead.

That Jesus died for us,

And forgives us:

That is so much love.

We believe

That the Holy Spirit is God,

And is with us always.

We believe

That the Church attempts to follow Jesus' teachings.

That the Church is human,

And is imperfect,

But, still, attempts to understand God and our purpose here on earth.

We love

That the church is a BIG FAMILY:

The physical embodiment of God.

That the church reminds us:

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Mary Beth

◆ Ziti Dinner Fundraiser

◆ VBS - Aug. 1 - 5, 9 - noon

◆ Church Picnic - Aug. 7

◆ Choral Festival is back!!

## 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.

On May 16, 2022, OGPC's Session (board of elders) updated our worship schedule and protocols to be:

- ♦ Masks will be worn by all worship leaders and choir during indoor worship services (except when speaking);
- ♦ Masks are recommended indoors, but remain optional for the congregation and small groups throughout the week;
- ♦ Social distancing, as much as possible, is recommended in the sanctuary and other indoor spaces;
- ♦ Worship services will be held outside (weather permitting) every other Sunday through the end of June (May 29, June 12, June 26);
- ♦ After-church fellowship will be held outside every week through June (weather permitting).

Prepared by a Sub-Committee of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Date: 5/16/2022

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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.

### 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)

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### 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).



### 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/](http://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!

## Currently Enrolling



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Stewartsville, NJ 08886

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

### COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS



#### 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.



## GIRL SCOUT ZITI DINNER FUNDRAISER



**thank you for  
your support!**

### Eliana Hixon's Girl Scout Gold Award Project Fundraiser

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Take out only **from 4-7 pm** at the church

\$30 for ½ tray of baked ziti, salad and bread (for approx. six people)

Send orders to [elliehixon@yahoo.com](mailto:elliehixon@yahoo.com)



**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](mailto:LKolterjahn88@gmail.com) to discuss.



### DRUM CIRCLE

Drum Circle will have rehearsal on **Wednesday, 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!

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church Hosts:



# KIDS CLUB

WITH BARNES YARD PETTING ZOO



Co-Sponsored by Greenwich Nursery School

**Sign up in advance to save your spot!**

## DATES



**June 13** Rabbits

*Tale of Benjamin Bunny story, Plant your own dish garden, and Bunny Scavenger Hunt*

**June 27** Donkey

*The Wonky Donkey story, Build your own Donkey, and Fizzy Donkey Experiment*

**July 11** Sheep

*Russel and the Lost Treasure story, Decorate your own photo frame, and sheep herding and shearing game*

**July 25** Cow

*Out and About at the Dairy Farm story, Magic Milk experiment, Cow milking simulator, and make your own cow bell*

**August 8** Butterfly

*The Hungry Caterpillar story, Life cycle game, Paper caterpillar experiment, Raise your own caterpillar at home (optional)*

**August 22** "Baby Unicorn"

*Unicorn Poop story, Unicorn finger puppet craft, and unicorn poop slime experiment*



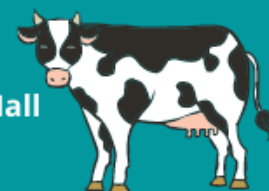
## Program Details:

Location: Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church- Memorial Hall  
17 Greenwich Church Rd, Stewartsville NJ 08886

Time: 10am-12pm

Cost: \$10 per child (Ages 2-8)

(This program is being partially subsidized by Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church and Greenwich Nursery School)



**For more information and registration form:**

Call 908-479-6886 or email [director@greenwichnursery.com](mailto:director@greenwichnursery.com)





### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE:

06/01	Eliana Hixon		Amanda Mrotek
	<b>Jillian MacKinnon</b>	06/13	<b>Deacon Hill</b>
06/02	Brenda Schofield	06/14	Robert Winter
06/03	Steve Gooley	06/15	Melanie Forest Sulla
06/04	Abbie Conlon	06/17	<b>Elijah Mauricio</b>
06/06	Bridget Beacht	06/19	Eve Hart
	<b>Melyssa Csiszlak</b>		Kristen Todd
06/08	George Bradlau		<b>Tyler Shappell</b>
06/09	Barbara Repko	06/20	Glenn Snyder Sr.
	Eric Nagy	06/24	Henry Riewerts
	Regan Aloisio	06/26	Joan Holloway
	Maya Slaven	06/26	Abraham Frey
06/10	<b>Jackson Bradlau</b>	06/27	Laurie Werfel
06/11	Raimon Jones	06/30	<b>Delilah Visone</b>

\*Children are in bold.

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE:

06/05/1971	Jack & Marcia Taylor
06/09/2001	Tom DiGiovanni & Amy Ahart
06/10/1972	Charles & Barbara Frinzi
06/10/1989	Bruce & Betsy Gaston
06/10/2000	Philip & Trish Millon
06/12/1994	Eric & Candace Nagy
06/13/1981	George & Amy Perkins
06/19/1993	Jeffrey & Jennifer Long
06/20/1970	George & Susan Bradlau
06/20/1982	Don & Maria Hannis
06/20/2014	Micha & Jamie Fell
06/22/1963	Alfred & Lorraine Brown
06/24/1978	Debora & Jerry Smith
06/24/2000	Mike & Missy Lemons
06/25/1960	Glenn & Mabel Snyder, Sr.
06/26/1971	Fritz & Sandy Hamlin
06/27/2009	Alison & Shaw Williams
06/30/1962	John & Linda Oakes, Jr.



to **Gretchen Alencewicz** and **Joan Pursel** for mulching and weeding around the manse, church buildings, and flower beds at both entrances coming onto Gr'wich Church Rd. from Rt. 173; **Ernie Maso** for mowing grass at the church.



Please hold in prayer: the families and grieving community of Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX; the family of Jeanne Jones, mother of former OGPC pastor, Rev. David Jones, who died on May 20; Al Marino, as he heals from knee surgery; Phil Millon, as he heals from hip surgery; the family of Betty Wiegborst, who died on 5/18, aunt of John Oakes; Haren Lee as she heals; prayers of thanksgiving on behalf of the Jiorles who have a new grandson! Ryan and Diana welcomed Peter Hansaem Jiorle into the world on 5/11/22. Welcome, precious Peter, child of God!; Bob Tintle; friends of Melissa Hixon, the family of Mary Dorrlar, as they grieve her death; the family of Pam Brewer as they grieve her death, especially Lloyd, her husband; Sandie Stutzman, that her back pain subsides; the citizens of Ukraine; Pastor Mary Beth's parents and family; Bob and Trudy Frey's friends, Nancy Hummer and Ian Arnot; 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

## **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](mailto: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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Stewartsville, NJ 08886

- 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](mailto:digtom@hotmail.com)



# JUNE 2022

			1 Drum Circle rehearsal 6:30 pm Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	2	3 Office Closed GNS End-of- Year Show 8am ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	4
5 Pentecost/ Confirmation Choir Rehearsal - 9 am Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	6 GNS Summer Camp 9 am - noon Boy Sc. Council Meeting - 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Primary Election 6 am - 8 pm GNS Summer Camp 9 am - noon Art Group 10 am Young Compos- ers Concert - 7 Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	8 GNS Summer Camp 9 am - noon	9 GNS Summer Camp 9 am - noon Worship, Music & Spirituality 6:30 pm Book Study 7:30 pm	10 Office Closed GNS Summer Camp - 9 - noon ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	11
12 Outdoor Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	13 Kid's Club Barnyard 10 am Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	14 Flag Day Art Group 10 am Personnel - 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16	17 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	18 Ziti Dinner Fundraiser 3 - 8 pm
19 Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm St'ville Theatre Group (raindate)	20 Boy Scouts 7 pm Session Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	21 Art Group 10 am Women's Bible Study - 11:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23 Staff Meeting via Zoom 4:30 pm	24 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	25 Piano Recital 1 pm
26 Outdoor Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	27 Kid's Club Barnyard 10 am Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	28 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30		

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## **Dated Material**

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