

Sabbath, Anyone?

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ *New Member Class*
- ◆ *Active Shooter presentation*
- ◆ *Barnyard Days*
- ◆ *Celtic Psalms*
- ◆ *VBS - Aug. 1 - 5, 9 - noon*



It's summer time! Summer is often characterized as a time to rest, to regroup, to relax, to rejuvenate.

But, honestly, I bet many of us find that even during the sleepy months of summer, it's hard to slow down. In a world

that says, "More is more," in a culture that tells us, "You are what you produce," it's difficult to find rejuvenation and rest. It's hard to have Sabbath, no matter the season.

In my own life, I have found Sabbath lately in spending time with my husband, Matt – and especially, in taking walks together. Our walks don't usually last longer than 30 minutes (sometimes, they are even shorter), but even for that brief amount of time, we so enjoy catching up with each other (without our kids around!). We share about what is going on in both of our churches, what's going on with our siblings or parents, what we've been reading... whatever is on our heart! Our conversations are not always "deep," but simply having that time to re-connect has been so life-giving for us. It is one simple and inexpensive way we have found to rejuvenate and refresh our spirits; it is a simple way we have found Sabbath in our otherwise very busy lives.

I have a hunch that you have creative ways of finding Sabbath as well. I have a hunch that there are some of you who *do* find time for Sabbath, who *do* seek out ways to rejuvenate your body and spirit. Maybe it's an evening stroll, with or without a loved one. Maybe it's reading a good book. Maybe it's taking the time to enjoy a nice, warm cup of coffee. Maybe it's morning prayer. Maybe it's listening to music. Maybe it's listening to a podcast. I bet you find Sabbath in many different ways, and I celebrate all the Sabbath-seeking that we are doing as a church.

Our God is a God who rests, and we, who are created in God's image, are called to do the same.

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.

On June 15, 2022, Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church's Session (board of elders) updated our worship schedule and protocols to be:

- Masks are recommended indoors, but are optional for worship leaders, congregation, and small groups;
- Social distancing, as much as possible, is recommended in the sanctuary and other indoor spaces;
- Sunday worship services will be held outside (weather permitting) on July 10, August 14 and in September (Sept. date TBD by the Worship, Music and Spirituality committee);
- Further, we strongly recommend:
 - ⇒ Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
 - ⇒ Get tested if you have symptoms

Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

While we remain a mask-optional church campus, the CDC recommends wearing masks as a precautionary measure while indoors while rates in our region remain high. We will have hand sanitizer and masks available to those who feel more comfortable wearing one. Anyone not feeling well should avoid large gatherings and remain at home to care for their own well-being. The health and safety of our church community are the responsibility of all.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer, the children will participate in Sunday School on Hay Wagon Sundays while outside. We will be using the great outdoors to continue lessons with the children. On **July 10th** and **August 14th** we will incorporate our lessons with the service in the baseball field, after Time With the Young Church. The Christian Education Committee looks forward to our summer time lessons!

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2022

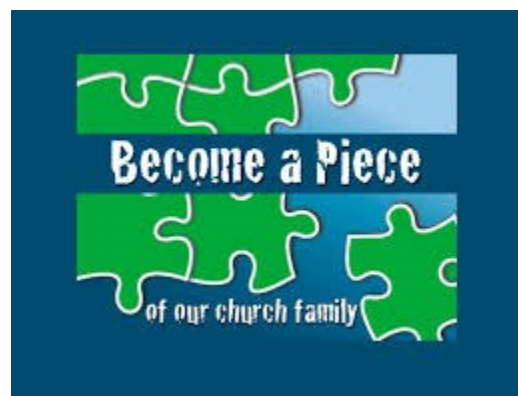


Along with their Confirmation class teachers, Pastor Mary Beth and Mike Lemons, are this year's Confirmands: Amanda Mrotek, Dylan Wayne, Joshua Miller and Eli Slack

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.

Are you ready to make it official?? Do you want to learn more about us, and what it means to be a member here? If so, you are in luck! Old Greenwich's next New Member Class will be held on **Sunday, July 10**, from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm (session 1) and **Sunday, July 24**, from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm (session 2). Please contact Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com if you'd like to take part.



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!



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

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 to place an order and arrange dedication.

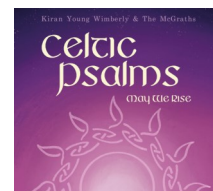
Orders should be placed *one week to two weeks in advance only* prior to the service date which you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin.

ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Mass shooting events in houses of worship, schools, nightclubs, shopping malls, places of business, hospitals and other public places and events have become almost commonplace. In an effort to make ourselves safer, the OGPC Safety & Security Team has invited the Greenwich Twsp. Police to lead an Active Shooter Awareness program on **Wednesday, July 13, at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. All adults are urged to attend. The program will increase awareness of institutional and personal vulnerabilities to active shooters and provide useful information about reducing possibilities for such an event and how to increase chances of survival if the worst occurs.

Invite family, friends, neighbors, and work associates - it is open to the public. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth or Elder George Bradlau, Chair of the OGPC Safety & Security Team.

CELTIC PSALMS NORTHEAST US TOUR, July 2022 at Old Greenwich Church - Sunday, July 17 - 10 am



In their first tour since the Covid pandemic, Celtic Psalms will be traveling through the Northeast US July 1 - 17, 2022, which will include a stop right here at OGPC on **Sunday, July 17**, where they will lead the 10 am worship service!

Kiran Young Wimberly and the McGraths have been singing their arrangements of Psalms set to Celtic melodies for nearly 10 years, and during the pandemic, recorded their fourth album in Belfast, along with renowned traditional musician and producer Dónal O'Connor. They will be releasing their new album, *Celtic Psalms: May We Rise* © 2022, while on tour.



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 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 interested and available and can assist by volunteering, please contact Lisa Kolterjahn at (973) 809-2991 or LKolterjahn88@gmail.com. See pg. 7 for Registration form and to sign up to help.



SAVE THE DATE!

The **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**, organized by the Congregational Life Committee, will be held on **Sunday, August 7** (rain date Sunday, August 14). A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Green Room. Please sign up and bring a salad or a dessert. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. You will also need to bring your own lawn chair.

There will be an ice cream truck and some awesome entertainment! Pastor Mary Beth is going to lead us in an old-fashioned HOOTENANNY! Please join us for some great food, fellowship, and fun!

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



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



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY:

07/01	Edith Slamp	07/14	Christopher Gorzsas
07/02	Edward W. Ahart	07/16	Edward Gardner
07/03	Mary Frances Bortz-Graham	07/17	Charity Pyatt
	Kimberly Menzak	07/19	Robert Bouton
	Marissa Cecere	07/22	Linda Oakes
07/08	Alfred Brown		Kelly Dugan
	Debora Smith	07/23	James Morrow
	Amanda Mowrey		Robert Donnelly
	Robby Donnelly		Sean Dugan
07/09	Jacqueline Hawk	07/26	Charles Frinzi
	Ronald Davis	07/27	Linda Lambert
07/12	Michael Jagiello	07/31	Michael Cecere
07/13	Grace Hill		

***Children are in bold.**

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY:

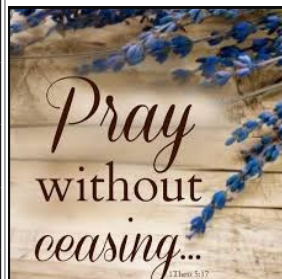


Martha & John Grazul's anniversary was omitted from last month's newsletter. They were married on June 1, 1985.

07/02/1983	Donald & Sally Reinhard
07/04/2009	Mary & Todd Pritchard
07/04/2009	Robert & Kristen Todd
07/09/2005	Revs. Mary Beth & Matt Mardis-LeCroy
07/10/1999	Robert & Angela Donnelly
07/15/1995	Bonnie & Julius Phillips
07/16/1994	Bruce & Sandy Frey
07/20/1985	Deborah & Henry Mowrey
07/23/1966	Ernest & Katherine Maso
07/23/1983	Ralph & Sharon Jiorle, Jr.
07/23/1999	Andrea & Stephen Csiszlak
07/28/1979	Raimon & Alice Jones
07/28/1979	Edward & Susan Gardner
07/28/1996	John & Lisa MacKinnon, III



to **Gretchen Alencewicz** and **Joan Pursel** for outside work and plantings around church buildings and in flower beds; **Ernie Maso** for mowing grass at the church and cleaning mold off church sign at entrance.



Please hold in prayer: Nancy Hetman, the mother of Christine Lee's boyfriend, Gerard Hetman. Nancy was diagnosed last month with multiple myeloma and has been receiving treatment for it since then; John & Linda Oakes - John fell and fractured a hip and has pneumonia (Lopat Care Ctr.); Pat (Paul Patrick Slamp) died on Thursday 5/26. Prayers for Betsy, Edith, Bruce, and Betsy's cousins, Holly and Dawn; Adrienne Carbin's son Darrin, who has just completed a round of intense cancer treatment; Bob Tintle; 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



We are so excited to have your children join us on the journey discovering God's Love!

August 1-5, 2022 9 am-12 pm

There is a \$10 registration fee. Please send check to OGPC with VBS in the memo line along with this form or place in the basket labeled *VBS Registration* at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please fill out one form per child!

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Kolterjahn at (973)809-2991 or lkolterjahn88@gmail.com

Childs Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Relationship to child : _____

Emergency Contact Phone #: _____

Who can pick up your child: _____

Name of home Church: _____

Food Allergies (if applicable): _____

Medical Concerns (if applicable): _____

Are you willing to volunteer: _____

If so, what days/times: _____

NORTHEAST US TOUR JULY 2022

Celtic Psalms

may we rise



Kiran Young Wimberly & The McGraths

Sunday, 17th July 2022

10am

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship

Stewartsville, New Jersey

See www.celticpsalms.com for details
<http://www.facebook.com/CelticPsalms/>



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

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church
17 Greenwich Church Road
Stewartsville, NJ 08886

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

- 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

JULY 2022

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3 Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	4 Office Closed Independence Day Boy Sc. Council Meeting - 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	7	8 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	9
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