



Old Greenwich

Presbyterian Church

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Visioning and Dreaming

Our Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church Session (Board of Elders) has been dreaming, visioning, and listening to God and to each other in deep ways over the last several months. And together, in conversations and in prayer, we believe we have heard God inviting our church to focus in on four main ministry areas :

- Music & Arts
- Children & Youth
- Creation Care
- Relationship Tending

We look forward to continuing to lean into our already robust music and arts program, including beginning our inter-generational *Greenwich Ringers* (chimes) group again (please let Tom DiGiovanni know if you are interested in joining), offering a poetry group during the season of Lent, all the while continuing to bring amazing musicians from the community (near and far!) to play and sing and lead worship with us.

We are finding that community partnerships are such a beautiful way to minister to and with our children and youth, and look forward to doing even more in partnership with both the Greenwich Nursery School (for younger kids) and College Hill Presbyterian Church (for middle and high school students) for the foreseeable future.

As we worship God in our beautiful outdoor space, in addition to our summer/warmer weather outdoor worship services and Blessing of the Animals service, we plan on hosting even more outdoor activities later in the year (maybe a camp out!)... stay tuned for that!

Finally, our relationships with one another continue to strengthen and grow as we keep on welcoming new members into our church family, offering home communion to more of our homebound folks, and offering more ways to connect to each other in smaller group settings, such as our Book Club and an upcoming church retreat (stay tuned for more information on that!).

God is moving at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church in so many ways! With this hope and this joy and this light that we have been given, we are excited to see where God is leading us. And we know it's not just back to ourselves, but into this world that God loves so much.

See you there.

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.

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;
- 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.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT HELPING HANDS FUND!

Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

- Matthew 5:42

YOUR HELP has been invaluable for Helping Hand fund 2022 which has been busy assisting multiple families! We have distributed more than \$1600 to alleviate hunger, provide temporary housing, medical care, rent assistance and more. To the many who support this vibrant ministry we thank you. To those who refer hurting families to us, God knows your heart! Please prayerfully consider supporting this Deacon outreach. Each case is handled with confidentiality and your contributions help provide immediate relief which is often the situation for those in need. Donations can be made through offering (please indicate Helping hand fund on check memo) or mail to the church office.

Helping Hand Committee: Sharon Jiorle, Joan Holloway, Mike Viscel, Pastor MaryBeth

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.

DEACONS' ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER

Enjoy a home-cooked Roast Beef Dinner on **Saturday, November 12**, from 4 – 7 pm

Dine-in buffet or take-out includes roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, and choice of dessert. Please purchase tickets following the worship service on Sundays from Walt Campbell or any Deacon or call the church office at 908-479-4449 to reserve your meals. (If leaving a message, please specify number of adults, youth and free dinners and choice of dessert(s) – cake or pie – and leave call-back number.

Adult - \$17; youth (6 – 15 yrs.) - \$9; 5 yrs. & under - free
Proceeds from dinner support the Deacons' Scholarship Fund.



Roast Beef **Dinner**

Dine-In or Take-Out

Save the Date & Make Reservations

Saturday November 12, 2022

4-7 PM

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

Adults - \$17

Youth (6-15 yrs.) - \$9

5 and under - Free

For INFO or Reservations Call (908)479-4449

CALLING ALL BAKERS

This year the Deacons would like to include home-made desserts at the Roast Beef Dinner. Those Deacons who can bake will provide desserts, but most likely that will not be enough to go around. We know there are many members who love to bake. Please feel free to make your favorite dessert for the dinner. Let Walt Campbell or any other Deacon know if you would like to bring a dessert.

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.



FLOWER COORDINATOR NEEDED: The Deacons are looking for someone to act as Flower Coordinator. This is a volunteer position and anyone from the congregation is welcome to step up. It involves receiving floral dedications and payments and disseminating information to the church Administrative Assistant and the florist so that arrangements are ordered and info is printed in the bulletin. The Coordinator also orders Easter flowers and Christmas poinsettias. If you are interested, please contact Walt Campbell, Deacon Moderator, at campbellw47@yahoo.com or speak to any Deacon.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

11/02 John Felch	11/15 Robert Frey
11/05 Brooke Moyle	Bonnie Phillips
11/06 Scarlett Williams	Megan Budd
11/07 Thomas Ahart	11/16 Heather Mrotek
11/08 Emma Cichone	11/19 Katherine Maso
11/10 Robert Heater	Mary Proehl
Roxane Campello	11/20 John Hart
Luke Prall	11/24 Teagan Bakros
11/11 Benjamin Hixon	11/25 Beverly Stocker
11/12 Dale Zairo	Megan Kane
11/13 Donald Heritage	11/26 Katie Rienzo
Peyton Todd	11/28 Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy
11/14 Kathleen Ronan	Kyle Parker



*Children are in bold.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
IN NOVEMBER:

11/17/2001	Charlotte & John Pickell
11/20/1976	Michael & Ellen Viscel
11/20/2012	Linda & Anthony Lambert
11/21/1981	Brenda & Scott Schofield
11/21/2016	Anna Marie & Aaron Freer



Please hold in prayer: friends of the Jiorles, the family of Bill Runco, who died last week; friends of Kathleen Scala, Kathy & Michael Nazzaro and family, who recently lost their son and brother, Thomas; continued prayers for Bob Tintle, in rehab, and Sue; Gretchen Alencewicz, as she recovers from recent surgery; the family of Bill Miller; the Guthardt's son-in-law, Brian Boyle; the Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin Schnell, who has cancer; Phil Millon's friend, Sandra, who is having surgery; the grieving family of Glen Mashburn, who died on 10/1; Kerry, who recently lost her husband, and her family; brother-in-law of Kathleen Scala, Marc Cottone, who is having multiple surgeries on his ankle and foot; Bob & Trudy Frey; Stephen Toman, Christine Lee's boyfriend's uncle, and his sister, Nancy Hetman; Skip Adams' son, Zachary; the citizens of Ukraine; Pastor Mary Beth's parents and family; Bob and Trudy Frey's friends, Nancy Hummer and Ian Arnot; Debbie Mowrey; our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; those affected by the Corona virus and their families around the world; all experiencing the effects of extreme weather conditions around the world



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW invites you to our lunchtime bible study which begins at **11:30 on the third Tuesday of each month (November 15)** in the classroom next to the Pastor's office. You are invited to bring your lunch and we'll have some fellowship and prayer time around that.

WORSHIPPING WITH FERNANDO ORTEGA

What a holy and beautiful day we shared on Sunday, October 23, as we worshipped God together. Fernando Ortega's music helped us pray, and listen, and feel God's presence so deeply. We are so grateful that we were able to bring him all the way out to Stewartsville from New Mexico! What a blessing he has given us, a blessing that will continue to resonate in the months and years to come...



to: **Ernie Maso** for his faithful mowing of the grass in front of the church; **Bill Lee, Skip Adams, Tom Beacht, Jeff Miller, Ed Gardner** and **Harry Pursel** for set-up of the risers for the choral concert; and to the **Frey family** for the use of their hay wagon for our outdoor services. The wagon is now stowed away for the winter.

INSPIRING GOOD: FAMILY FUN WITH A TWIST

Co-Hosted by Greenwich Nursery School
and Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

**Register in advance to
save your spot!**

DATES

November 11
Friday 4pm-6pm

Caring for
Homebound

Help us brighten the lives of homebound seniors by making them care kits to remind them that they are loved. Details TBD.

December 16
Friday 4pm-6pm

Cookies
and
Cocoa

Cookie exchange (details TBD), Family Christmas games, making cookie packages for our 1st responders, and much more.

Program Details:

Location: Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church (unless noted as off-site)
17 Greenwich Church Rd, Stewartsville NJ 08886

Register for each event to get additional details.
<https://forms.gle/gxnxT2PoZdSGCp726>

For more information:

Call 908-479-6886 or email director@greenwichnursery.com

Please note: These family-friendly programs are run in partnership by Greenwich Nursery School and Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, but these are not religious-based events. Also, the Nursery School is not affiliated with any religion.



If you have a child or grandchild in middle or high school, tell them that there is some amazing **SHARED YOUTH MINISTRY** happening here at Old Greenwich!

All middle and high school kids (and their friends and neighbors!) are invited to join with College Hill Presbyterian Church (501 Brodhead St, Easton) every first and third Sunday.

Our next on meeting is on **Sunday, November 6**, from **6:00 - 7:30 pm** for dinner, prayer, and games!

If you have questions, or would like to carpool, please contact Pastor Mary Beth.

REJOICING RHYTHMS DRUMMING GROUP REHEARSALS

Do you like to make noise? Do you like to make a *joyful* noise? Are you between the ages of 3 and 103? If so, please consider joining in the drumming fun! Our *Rejoicing Rhythms* all-age drumming group meets **every third Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7 pm** in Memorial Hall. Please see Betsy Gaston for more information! Pass the word around!

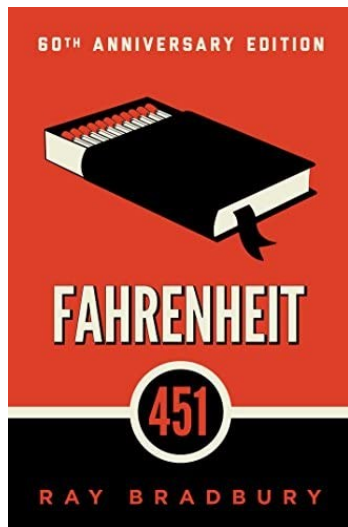


HOW TO STAY HEALTHY AS WE AGE WORKSHOP

Do you want to stay active and injury free while aging? Robbins Rehabilitation believes it is fundamental to achieve and maintain peak health and fitness at **all ages!** It is essential to our well-being.

All are welcome to come join Todd Robbins to learn what you can do to stay healthy and live life to its fullest potential. He will be presenting an informative workshop **after worship on November 6**, teaching exercises and strengthening techniques to enhance our lives and well-being as we age. Free of charge! Includes bagels and coffee!

OGPC BOOK CLUB IS BACK!!



Let's get reading again! Last spring we explored the world of Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* together. The next selection for the OGPC Book Club is the internationally acclaimed *Fahrenheit 451* by science-fiction writer, Ray Bradbury. In Bradbury's imagined future, the government has banned all books and ordered that any existing books be burned by "firemen." Any independent thinking is discouraged. People stay home and watch government sponsored programs and "news" on wall sized television screens. There are no opinions. No different ideas. No arguments between or among people with opposing beliefs or faith traditions. Everyone is happy. Or are they? Join Elder George Bradlau and Pastor Mary Beth in Trinity Wing to share opinions and ideas about this classic story and what warnings it raises about how we live in America today. The group will meet on **Thursdays at 6 pm** (last meeting on 11/17). *Fahrenheit 451* is available through Barnes & Noble or Amazon. All are welcome to join in the fellowship of this lively discussion group. You need not attend every session. Please contact George Bradlau or Pastor Mary Beth if you have any questions. Happy reading!

DISCIPLESHIP PLEDGE CAMPAIGN - "A New Song"

As we continue to emerge from some of the most turbulent disruption and uncertainty placed on our hearts, minds, and souls, we hold fast to hope. As a part of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, we rejoice that we always have our church family to not only spiritually connect with, but also to help remind us that God holds onto us during the good *and* the bad days. We rejoice that we are in this together! **The "New Song" Pledge Campaign provides us the opportunity to support the emerging vision and missions of Old Greenwich Presbyterian church for this coming year and sustain the legacy of our Church home.**

Psalm 40:1-3 reminds us that God is not done with us yet. Although things may have once looked grim and bleak, His truth and Word will hold us until eternity. Indeed, God's word fills our hearts with joy and assures us that God is always beside us, teaching us a new song!

¹I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

What we hear: We at OGPC have been waiting for, and wondering about, many things. When will Covid be over, and things go back to 'normal?' When will a new permanent pastor arrive? What is our mission and vision? Even in all the waiting and wondering, God has been inclining toward us. It may not have been easy to recognize all the time, but even in our occasional doubt, wonder and waiting, God has heard us!

²He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

What we hear: Just as God draws out the psalmist from the pit, God is drawing us out too! Do you sometimes feel like these last few years have been like a miry bog?!? Wondering where God has been? As we slowly emerge back to a new normal, we have the opportunity (and the promise!) to be placed back on solid ground with vision and direction for a bright future!

...and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

What we hear: With our feet set securely upon a rock (could this be a symbol of God?), it is time to move forward.

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

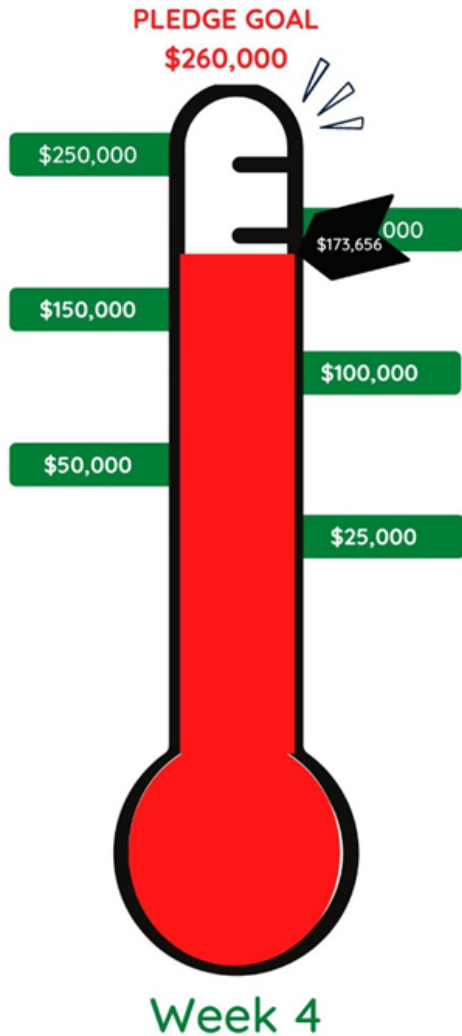
What we hear: YES, we are emerging on solid ground and yes, we have a NEW SONG TO SING! What is this new song, you may ask? It is certainly not the old one, but a new one filled with hope, joy, and new life! We are all learning this new song together right now. In a way, it's like we are all singing improv together!

Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

What we hear: What song does the world need to hear? What hope do we have to share, and to sing about? The song that God is giving us is not just for those of us here at Old Greenwich. God has put our feet on solid ground for us to sing this new song for friends and strangers to hear, and to join in singing!

Will you sing this new song with us?

We are just \$86,344 away from reaching our goal of \$260,000! Will you submit your pledge today?




Please respond today and submit your pledge:


- ◆ Mail a pledge card to the church office, or in the offering basket during the service.
- ◆ Email your pledge amount to the Financial Secretary at treasurer@ogpc.org
- ◆ Make your pledge online at www.orpc.org (click the 'Click Here' button, then click 'Make your Pledge Here')
- ◆ Scan QR Code (on right) to go directly to the website and make your pledge.



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 6:35 pm – the annual Iron Pigs baseball outing will happen again in 2023! I have reserved a block of 50 seats again. This year (2022) we had 49 tickets purchased. Three changes: (1) We will be on the Club level (which will have access to air conditioning) instead of the Field level of previous outings; (2) the price of a ticket will be \$17/person with children two years old and younger getting in free; (3) the Pigs will be playing against the **Syracuse Mets** instead of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders. More details to follow in 2023. Any questions, please contact Anita Campbell or Walt Campbell at (home phone) 908-479-4737 or souptime2222@gmail.com or campbellw47@yahoo.com.



Collections for Caring for Homebound
In partnership with Greenwich Nursery School and OGPC
November Inspiring Good Family Fun With a Twist Event




is looking for the following donations

Travel size tissues	Fuzzy socks	Crossword/Sudoku/ Etc Books
Chapstick	Hand lotion	Wipes (face/hand/etc)
Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Floss sticks

Monetary donations can be given to fill in additional items such as the baskets or quantities needed for the baskets.

Care baskets will be filled on Nov. 11, so please have all donations in by Nov. 6th so we can see what else is still needed. Contact GNS or OGPC with questions

Over 80
baskets to fill



MINISTRY AT CAMP JOHNSONBURG



FALL 2022

- NOVEMBER 18-20- Fall High School Retreat
- DECEMBER 2-4 - Fall Middle School Retreat

Go to <https://www.campjburg.org/> for more information and to register.

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Art Group 10 am	2 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	3	4	5 Men's Retreat 9 - 3
6 Daylight Saving Time ends (fall back 1 hr.) Communion Sunday Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live Health Wkshp - 11 am AA Meeting - 3 pm	7 Boy Sc. Council 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm <-Pastor - Out-	8 Election Day Art Grp. - 10 am Personnel 4:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10 Church Care & Kinship 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	11 Office Closed Caring for Homebound 4 pm ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Roast Beef Dinner 4 - 7 pm
13 Conf. Class - 9 am Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm ---Pastor - Out--->	14 Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	15 Art Group 10 am Women's Bible Study - 11:30 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Drum Circle practice 6:15 - 7 pm	17 Choir 7:30 pm	18 Office Closed DiLorenzo wedding reh. 4 pm ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	19 DiLorenzo wedding 2 pm
20 Worship Svc. 10 am Advent Wreath Making - 11:15 am AA Mtg. - 3 pm	21 Boy Scouts 7 pm Session Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	22 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	23	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving AA Gratitude Brunch & Mtg. 7 am - noon	25 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	26
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Dated Material

Address Service Requested

The Breezeway

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING FOR ALL AGES!

ALL are welcome to join us for an all-church Advent wreath-making event on **Sunday, November 20** (right after the worship service)! All ages are welcome to join in the fun. If you are going to attend, please let Barb Frinzi know. You may email her at frinzi3@msn.com, or you may tear off the sign-up sheet (below), and place in the offering plate.



____ **YES!** I will attend the **Advent Wreath-Making** all ages event on **Sunday, November 20**

How many adults? ____ How many children? ____



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