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# Old Greenwich

### Presbyterian Church

Dear Members and Friends of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church,

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!

Psalm 40: 1-3 reminds us that God is not done with us yet. Although things may have once looked grim and bleak, God's 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!

I 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?" What will our "new normal" even look like? What is our mission and vision? 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 doubt, wonder, and waiting, God has heard us!

He 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.

God 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 right now. In a way, it's like we are all singing improvisation 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 invite them to join in singing!

As we lean forward together, learning to sing this new song, we find God singing back to us in creation, in our relationships with one another, in our children and youth, and through music and arts. In our book studies, choral concerts, guest musicians, outdoor worship services, Sunday school programs, youth group partnerships with College Hill Presbyterian Church and the Greenwich Nursery School, blessing of the animals services - just to name a few! - we hear God singing, and we hear the song together.

Will you sing a new song with us?

We hope to expand this vision in 2023 and beyond, and hope each of you join us on this journey! Here is a place to begin the song: make a pledge to financially support the work and vision of OGPC which strengthens our connection to God, to one another, and to our community.

If you already pledge, consider increasing your pledge by \$10 per week. What can you sacrifice weekly to share \$10 more? (A Starbuck's coffee is about \$10!)

Please respond today to financially support the great work OGPC has done and will continue to do with your help in the coming year!

Mail the enclosed pledge card to the church office or return to the offering plate during a worship service; Email your pledge amount to the church treasurer at treasurer@ogpc.org;

Make your pledge online at <u>www.ogpc.org</u> (click on the gold bar on the home page, "Make your pledge for our 'New Song' campaign!")

With hope, joy, and gratitude,

Your Discipleship Committee

Elder Al Marino, Elder Lisa Gray, Adrianne Carbin & Pastor Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

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#### 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 service will be held **outside** (weather permitting) on **October 16**;
- 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.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!** Joining Old Greenwich on 9/25 as members are **Melissa Costley** (left) and **Christina "Tina" Schulman**. Please join at fellowship following a Sunday worship service to say hello and welcome them to the Old Greenwich family!

Melissa and her husband, Tom, live in Milford with their eleven month old daughter, Mia. Melissa works in a dental office and enjoys horseback riding.

Tina is retired and lives with her husband, Richard, in Milford, NJ. Their grown daughter is Brynn.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com">pastormarybeth@gmail.com</a>.

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#### BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT JOSH MILLER'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Joshua Miller is currently a Life Scout with Troop 63 and a ninth grade student at Phillipsburg High School. He is currently working towards the Eagle Scout Rank. His Eagle Scout project is to create a sitting area on Greenwich Church Road, including a historic sign that the Warren County Historical Society gave to the church years ago. He will also be refurbishing two concrete benches as the seating arrangement. The area itself will be filled with gravel with a slate path, with a miniature arborvitae as decoration. This will give a nice place for walkers to sit and read about the long history of Old Greenwich.

To fund the project, Josh will be having a fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, **October 29, from 8 to 11 am** in Memorial Hall. **Please be sure to mark your calendar.** He will be serving made-to-order waffles along with scrambled eggs, bacon, and fresh fruit. The price is \$5 for kids and \$8 for adults. Children under 3 Free! Hope to see you there and bring your appetite!

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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: <a href="mailto:trishbrad00@aol.com">trishbrad00@aol.com</a> 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.



#### MINISTRY AT CAMP JOHNSONBURG



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

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#### **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER**

10/01	Gabor Minorics		Heather Todd
10/02	Calvin Mardis-LeCroy		McKenna Mallory
10/03	Samantha Donnelly		Sydney Morrow
10/04	Janine Belsky		Adam Ryno
	Meredith Jagiello	10/18	Tom DiGiovanni
	Christine Brown		Thomas Garcia
10/05	Donald Reinhard		Jacob Werfel
	Shauna McNamee	10/19	Mia DiGiovanni
10/07	Jamie Moyle		Stella Csiszlak
10/08	Philip Budd	10/20	Janice Kosa
10/11	Carl Guthardt		Thomas Alencewicz
10/13	Charlotte Pickell	10/22	Gertrude Frey
10/14	Daniel Bradlau	10/23	Rachel Epstein
	Erin Parker	10/24	Renee Herb
10/15	Mabel Snyder		Claire Simonds
	Lisa MacKinnon	10/25	Donald Pozsonyi
10/16	Doreen Macchia-Germain	10/26	Alan Marino Jr.
10/17	Judith Felch	10/27	Virginia Jackson
	Ellen Viscel		Michael Kane
	David Slack	10/29	Brendan Ronan

\*Children are in bold.

# CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER:

10/01/2010	Peter & Sharon Dachisen
10/03/2020	Maria & Rob Miller
10/18/2008	PJ & Megan Budd
10/19/1974	Walter & Anita Campbell
10/19/2013	Jason & Lisa Kolterjahn
10/20/1984	Charity & Alan Pyatt
10/21/1978	Marlin & Sally Quick
10/29/1994	Jamie & Doug Moyle





Please hold in prayer: Marc Cottone, brother-in-law of Kathleen Scala, injured in a motorcycle accident; Kerry, who recently lost her husband, and her family; Walter Campbell who has Covid and his wife, Anita, that she doesn't get it, too; prayers for health and healing for Geri Waterman, Walt & Anita Campbell's son-in-law's mother; tender prayers for the family of Carol Elting, Christine Brown's mother. Carol died suddenly on 9/20; Darrin Carbin and his family (including his mother, Adrianne Carbin). Darrin is having surgery to remove lymph nodes on September 29; Debbie Jo Mitchell's daughter, Jessie, who is recovering from surgery to repair a torn ACL; the family and loved ones of 4-year-old, Gunnar Bickhardt, who died on Sept 1. Prayers especially for his

parents, Lillian and Justin, and brothers Bryce and Oliver, and for Deb Wilson's family, who is close with Gunnar's family, especially Deb's daughter, Tara, and Tara's sons, Braden and Bruce; the Burlaka family, immigrants from Ukraine, who are staying with Ernie & Kathy Maso's niece; Amy Collins, friend of the Reinhards; George Bradlau, recovering from surgery; Lisa Kolterjahn, recovering from surgery; Bob & Trudy Frey; Stephen Toman, Christine Lee's boyfriend's uncle. He may have blood cancer, which is what his sister, Nancy Hetman, is battling now; Skip Adams' son, Zachary; Bob Tintle; 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 affected by extreme weather conditions around the world

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#### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**PW** would like to invite you to our lunchtime bible study which begins at 11:30 on the third Tuesday of each month in the classroom next to the Pastor's office. In October that will the 18th. You are invited to bring your lunch and we'll have some fellowship and prayer time around that.

#### Retreats!

There are a few opportunities for retreats that others have organized:

One Day Retreat at the Shrine of St Joseph in Sterling, NJ that Presbyterian Women Highlands Presbytery is offering on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>. More information next month. The two leaders are wonderful and the \$40 includes a great lunch.

Weekend Retreats BOTH the same weekend: October 28-30th

**Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center** - details to follow; only an ½ hour away but must bring your own bedding and towels.

#### Holmes Camp and Retreat Center, Holmes, NY: "Rest, Reconnect and Restoration."

Back for the first time since 2019!! Join us for a guided weekend rest, reconnection, and restoration.

This weekend explores our connections to ourselves and the world around us and is led by Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, the pastor of Bedford Presbyterian Church.

Carol is the award-winning author of several books, including *Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a Loving God after Experiencing a Hurtful Church* (HarperOne), and she has written devotionals, including *I Am Mary: An Advent Devotional* (Chalice). Carol frequently contributes to books, websites, magazines, and journals. She was a columnist for The Christian Century. She's a sought-after keynote speaker. Her work has been highlighted in the New York Times, Washington Post, Huffington Post, Newsweek, and Salon.

Retreat and lodging start at \$299. Reservations are required and include lodging in a shared or private room, meals, and all retreat activities. This retreat has typically been very popular, so register early!

Click the link below for registration:

https://www.holmescamp.org/womens-retreat/

For general questions please contact holmes@holmescamp.org or call us at 845-878-6383



to **Ernie Maso** for mowing grass; **Gretchen Alencewicz** for tree trimming and outside clean-up; **Tom Beacht** and **Ed Gardner** for restoring the OGPC church sign off Rte 173.

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The You Tube video link below will show you how to use our Philips Auto External Defibrillator. It is simple to use and your familiarity could someday enable you to save someone's life in our church.

Please take five minutes to watch the video. Contact Ernie Maso <u>ernie.maso@gmail.com</u> if you have questions,

https://youtu.be/6JbQ7kmvX38

#### HOW TO STAY HEALTHY AS WE AGE WORKSHOP

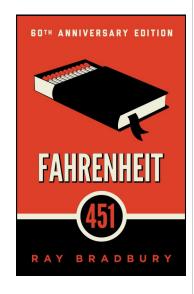
Do you want to stay active and injury free while aging? Robbins Rehabilitation believes it is fundamental to achieve and maintain peak health and fitness at *all ages*! It is essential to our well-being.

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!!**

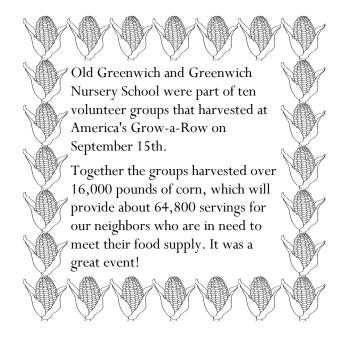
Let's get reading again! Last spring we explored the world of Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* together. The next selection for the OGPC Book Club is the internationally acclaimed *Fahrenheit 451* by science-fiction writer, Ray Bradbury. In Bradbury's imagined future, the government has banned all 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 beginning on T hursday, **October 20, at 6 pm** 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 five successive Thursdays at 6 pm. *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!



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## **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

September 15 Harvesting Grow-a-Row in Hunterdon County. We will be

Thursday 4pm-6pm

October Friday 4pm-6pm

a Cause

harvesting food that will go to food pantries to serve those in need. Arrive at 3:30pm to start at 4pm and end at 6pm (Off-site event)

Register to take the family to America's

Dress up for a Halloween party! Trunk or Treat optional! Contests, games, and indoor trick or treating! \$5 per child to attend. 50% of the profit from this event will go to local food pantry.

Caring for Homebound November 11 Friday 4pm-6pm

December 16

Friday 4pm-6pm

Cookies

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

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

Program Details:

https://forms.gle/gxnxT2PoZdSGCp726

For more information:

ily-friendly programs are run in partnership by Greenwich Nursery School and Old Greenwich these are not religious-based events. Also, the Nursery School is not affiliated with any religior

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# The General William Maxwell Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Invite you to a patriot grave marking ceremony for James Hyndshaw, Jr.

Sunday October 16, 2022 Ceremony at 11:00 am Greenwich Cemetery 15 Greenwich Church Road Stewartsville, New Jersey 08886

For more information, please contact Regent Ruth Huntington at generalwmmaxell@gmail.com Page 9 October 2022

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING

On **Sunday, October 16, 2022**, the Regent of the General William Maxwell Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will lead a ceremony in the Greenwich Cemetery marking the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot, James Hyndshaw, Junior. He is the Patriot ancestor of Valerie Biondi of the Governor William Paca Chapter based in Bel Air, Maryland, who is the sponsor, along with her husband, Anthony. The ceremony will take place in the cemetery section adjacent to the church immediately following the morning's worship service and members of OGPC are welcome and encouraged to attend.

James Hyndshaw, Junior, of Scotch descent, was born in Smithfield Township, which was part of Northampton County, Pennsylvania. His father was Captain James Hyndshaw, Senior, who fought in the French-Indian War and served as a lieutenant at Fort Hyndshaw in Smithfield Township. Fort Hyndshaw was the most-easterly fort planned and commissioned by Benjamin Franklin in 1756,

James Hyndshaw, Junior, is identified in the muster rolls on the First Battalion of Associators in the County of Northampton, which composed part of the Flying Camp. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, he served in the First Battalion, First Company under Captain John Arndt of Easton, Pennsylvania.

On the twenty-seventh of August, 1776, Hyndshaw fought at the Battle of Long Island and shortly after in November at the Battle of Fort Washington in New York state. He was captured by the British in the second conflict and was held prisoner upon a ship in New York Harbor.

After his release, Hyndshaw moved to Greenwich Township where he purchased four hundred acres of farm land and where he met his future wife, Esther Bailey. As one of the earliest settlers of Greenwich Township and its town of Stewartsville, Hyndshaw later served as Sussex County Sheriff from 1788-1791 and was named Executor in the will of Brigadier General William Maxwell, also of Scottish descent.

James Hyndshaw, Junior, died on the twenty-first of July in 1819 and is buried here in the historic Greenwich Cemetery with his wife, Esther.

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Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church Presents

2022 Greenwich Arts Series

# ROLLO DILLWORTH





Saturday, October 8, 2022 • 7:30 p.m.

'The 2017 recipient of the Temple University Faculty Award for Research & Creative Achievement, Rolla Dilworth, as both a composer and an arranger, brings familiar and not-as-familiar Gospel songs to life for musicians of all kinds."

All are welcome!



17 Greenwich Church Road • Stewartsville NJ • www.ogpc.org

No tickets necessary! Freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

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2022 Greenwich Arts Series

# **FERNANDO ORTEGA**





Sunday, October 23, 2022 • 10AM

Descended from eight generations of Mexican weavers, this son of the Rio Grande entwines thoughtful melodies with Celtic, bluegrass, classical and Latin American influences to create something unique and rare.

The whole community is welcome to join us in worship as contemporary Christian artist Fernando Ortega leads us in song!



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No tickets necessaryl But could you drop us a line if you're going to attend? pastormarybeth@gmail.com



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



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



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
2 World Communion Sunday Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	3 Boy Sc. Council 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	Art Group 10 am Safety Team Mtg 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	6 Choir 7:30 pm	7 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Choral Festival Noon Choral Concert 7:30 pm
9 Conf. Class - 9 am Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live Rally Day - 10 am AA Meeting - 3 pm	10 Office Closed Columbus Day Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	Art Group 10 am Personnel 4:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	12	Worship Music & Spirituality 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	14 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	15 St'ville MS fundraiser 12 - 4 pm
16 OUTSIDE Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live DAR Svc. @ Cemetery 11 am PW Paint & Sip - 2 pm AA Anniversary Mtg. 3 pm	Boy Scouts 7 pm Session Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	Art Group 10 am Women's Bible Study - 11:30 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20 Staff Meeting via Zoom 4:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	21 Office Closed Trick or Treating 4 - 6 pm ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	22
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30 Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm					

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#### **Dated Material**

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## The Breezeway

#### ADVENT WREATH-MAKING FOR ALL AGES!

ALL are welcome to join us for an all-church Advent wreath-making event on <b>Sunday, November 20</b> (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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