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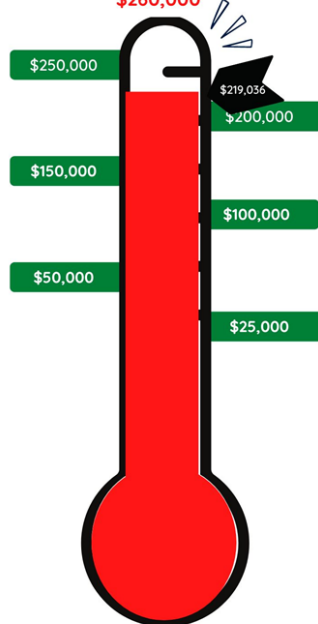
**Just one month left in the year and \$40,964 from reaching our goal!**

To all who have joined us in “singing a new song” in support of the 2023 pledge campaign... **THANK YOU!** Your pledge is truly making a difference and we praise God for the support you are providing!

### OGPC STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2023

PLEDGE GOAL  
\$260,000



As of Dec 1

We still need help to reach our 2023 goal of \$260,000. But first, we would like to remind everyone exactly what a pledge is and why we pledge.

### What is a pledge?

A pledge is simply promising to give. We fund our congregation through pledges, or commitments, of support from each of us – the members and friends of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church. Every year, we have the chance to review our decision to financially support our church community.

### Why do we pledge?

When we pledge, we empower the church to not only prayerfully and carefully consider resources for the upcoming year, but we also enable the church to go out into the world providing hope and joy to those who need it. Simply stated, pledges allow our financial teams the opportunity to prepare an operating budget for the following year based on what the churches members and friends pledge, or promise, to give throughout the year. This operating budget helps plan an allocation of funds for such things as building and grounds operating expenses, utilities, staff payroll expenses, worship expenses, mission outreach, and other incurred expenses, which help Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church carry-out its ministries.

### How can you help?

Submit a pledge today, or if your budget allows, increase your current pledge. You can email your pledge to [treasurer@ogpc.org](mailto:treasurer@ogpc.org), submit it on our website at [www.ogpc.org](http://www.ogpc.org) and click the “Click Here” button at the top banner titled “Make your pledge for our New Song Campaign,” call the church office, drop a pledge card in the offering plate, or mail your pledge to the church office.

As the year is winding down, our financial teams are attempting to finalize our 2023 budget, and the closer we can get to our goal of \$260,000, the more good and holy ministry we can all share in together in 2023! Will you join us in “singing our new song” together today?

### Are you new to pledging and still have questions?

Please reach out to Elder Al Marino, chair of the Discipleship Committee and the Stewardship Campaign. He can be reached at 908-878-6150 (text or call) or [almarinojr73@gmail.com](mailto:almarinojr73@gmail.com) and ask him any questions you may have!

Grace and Peace,  
Elder Al Marino

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - PART I

### Sunday, December 4, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting - Part I of the Congregation and Religious Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township, in the County of Warren, will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022, immediately following the 10 am Service of Worship. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to vote on said report. Nominations for the office of Elder and Deacon will be presented.

Attest:

Lisa Gray, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy, Pastor - Moderator



#### WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT OFFERINGS

All are welcome to join Pastor Mary Beth and Elder Lisa Kolterjahn for a three-week Advent study, where, using Susan Robb's *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent*, we will discuss different angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus. Through these stories, we will explore God's presence in our lives today. The class will be held the first three Wednesdays of Advent (**Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14**) from **7:30 to 8:30 pm**. You can attend one, two or all three classes.

Then, on **Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 pm**, all are welcome to join in a **Longest Night Worship Service**, a service where, through music and the Word,

we will name that the seasons of Advent and Christmas can be difficult for many of us, especially for those of us who have experienced losses in our lives.

#### 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).

### 2022 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias are purchased by the congregation to decorate the church at the price of \$12 each. They are then taken to our Special People, members who are ill or homebound. Once that need is met, you may take the ones you purchased.

# of plants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give \_\_\_\_\_ plants to our Special People.

#### **LAST DAY TO ORDER – Sunday, 12/11/22**

A list will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin, noting the purchaser and who is being remembered, honored, etc. Please help decorate the church and also make the holidays festive for our Special People.

Please make checks payable to “OGPC Deacons.” **Dedications should be emailed** to Trish Millon at trishbrad00@aol.com **or** Robert Todd at Robert\_Todd@icloud.com **or call Trish** at 908-319-5061 if you do not have internet access. Forms with payment may be placed in the box in the sanctuary or mailed to:

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church  
Att; Flower Coordinator  
17 Greenwich Church Road  
Stewartsville, NJ 08886



to: **Ernie Maso**, for his faithful mowing of the grass in front of the church; **Steve Scala**, for tech work on computers and copiers; and a big shout-out to **Gretchen Alencewicz** for shopping and acting as Head Chef for the Deacons' Roast Beef Dinner, **Karen & Bill Lee** for acting as meat-tenders and to **all Deacons, volunteers and customers** for making it such a successful dinner!

#### **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 Robert Todd at 908-235-9322 / [Robert\\_Todd@icloud.com](mailto:Robert_Todd@icloud.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.

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

12/01	<b>Kinsley Fell</b>	12/20	Lynn Szczeck
12/02	Adrianne Carbin		Philip Millon
	Patricia Walker		Martha Grazul
12/06	Frank Bogyos		Timothy Garcia
	John Reinhard	12/21	Joshua Miller
12/08	Patricia Millon	12/23	Donald Metz
12/10	Aubrie Hart		Heather Hill
	<b>Ryan Werfel</b>	12/25	Linda Tetzlaff
12/13	Jill Lee	12/27	Kelsey Stocker
12/14	Lisa Gray	12/30	Dennis Petras
	Holly Ahart		Darrin Carbin
	Deborah Mowrey	12/31	Geraldine Ihrle
12/18	Joan Pursel		Thomas Beacht
	Emily Holloway		Elena Nazario

\*Children are in bold.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES  
IN DECEMBER:

12/11/1999	Daniel & Melissa Hixon
12/12/1970	Linda & Michael McCusker
12/21/1996	John & Kimberly Menzak, II
12/23/1961	Janet & Donald Morrow
12/27/1980	John & Penny Torcivia
12/27/1986	Roxane & Mario Campello
12/28/1957	Robert & Susan Tintle
12/30/1961	Robert & Gertrude Frey



Please hold in prayer: George Bradlau, who is having hip replacement surgery on 12/6; friend of the Guthardts, brother-in-law of their daughter Katie, Kevin Boyle, who suffered a stroke; Ernie Maso's sister-in-law, Doreen Maso, scheduled for upcoming surgeries; Chris Mette, scheduled for upcoming testing; Barb & Charlie Frinzi's granddaughter, Giada Ippoldo, having major surgery on her shoulder next week; Lori Metz's Aunt Rose, whose leukemia is back; the family of Suzanne Rimmer, Bill Rimmer's mother, who died last week; Ria, a young woman in need of prayers; Debbie Mowrey's sister, Brenda, who has a wide range of health issues; continued prayers for Bob Tintle and Sue; Dottie Davidson; healing for Edith Slamp, who fell on 10/27, and prayers for Betsy and

Bruce Gaston; Gretchen Alencewicz, as she recovers from recent surgery; the family of Bill Miller; 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 (December 20)** 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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** Synod of the Northeast hosts a **ZOOM BOOK/BIBLE STUDY** on **Thursdays at noon**. They will begin an Advent Study on **December 1** and it would be a great time for you to join in. The book is "Advent in Plain Sight - A Devotion through Ten Objects," by The Rev. Jill Duffield. Themes are gates, tears, belts, trees, cloth, light, heart, gold, stars, and water (on the Baptism of Jesus week). If you don't want to buy the book, I send out the scriptures to read with the weekly Zoom invite. It's a friendly group, always looking to invite new women in! For Zoom invite, text 973-476-4720 your email or email address to "Gray, Lisa" [Li-sa\\_a\\_gray@outlook.com](mailto:Lisa_a_gray@outlook.com).

## HERE WE GO A CAROLING!

Come and join the choir on **Sunday, December 11, at 2 pm**. ALL are welcome to spread some joy by singing Christmas carols for the folks at **Brakeley Care Center, 290 Red School Lane, P'burg**. Invite your friends! We hope to see you there!



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, December 4, 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.

## INSPIRING GOOD: FAMILY FUN WITH A TWIST

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

In our partnership w/ Greenwich Nursery School, our next event is Cookies and Cocoa! This will include icing cookies, a hot chocolate station, plus activities, **INCLUDING A VISIT FROM SANTA** (feel free to take your kids pics with Santa!) on **Friday, December 16** from **5 - 6:30 (NOTE TIME CHANGE)** here at the church. Invite your kids and grandkids!! Babies up to all ages!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Call GNS at 908-479-6886 to register for this event,

### DEACONS' ROAST BEEF DINNER A "MASHING" SUCCESS

This year's annual Deacons' Roast Beef Dinner was a combination dine-in and take-out affair. Over 170 meals - 84 dine-in and 86 take-out - were prepared. To get this meal together, our head chef (for 20+ yrs.), Gretchen Alenciewicz, roast beef chefs, Karen and Bill Lee, and the entire Deacon crew put in many long hours. Our oven was put to the test with as many as 10 roasts in the oven and all the giant pots we could find for cooking the potatoes, carrots, and pans of corn, all cooking at the same time. But as you can see in the photos, the teamwork of the hard-working Deacons with the help of the scouts and the fabulous desert bakers of our church made for a successful event. And special thanks go to all who came and partook in the dinner! Proceeds go to the Rev. Richard B. Gibbons Scholarship Fund.



Gretchen and Mike peeling



Bill mashing



Al, Mike, Doreen, Joan, and Chris peeling & slicing



Al, Mike, Doreen, and Chris wrapping silverware



Mike preparing the corn



Master Chefs Karen, Gretchen, and Bill



The dessert table is loaded & ready



Everyone moves along smoothly as their meals are served



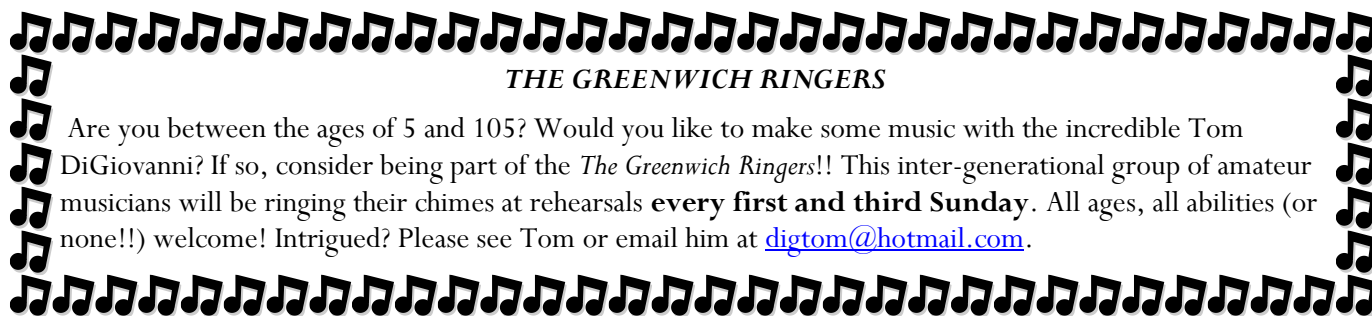
A full house of dine-in customers



Mike and Sharon serve food as Dottie makes her way to the table



(Photos by Walt Campbell)



### THE GREENWICH RINGERS

Are you between the ages of 5 and 105? Would you like to make some music with the incredible Tom DiGiovanni? If so, consider being part of the *The Greenwich Ringers*!! This inter-generational group of amateur musicians will be ringing their chimes at rehearsals **every first and third Sunday**. All ages, all abilities (or none!!) welcome! Intrigued? Please see Tom or email him at [digitom@hotmail.com](mailto:digitom@hotmail.com).



The worship service on Sunday, December 18, will be our annual Children's Christmas Pageant.

### CHRISTMAS EVE AT OLD GREENWICH

All are welcome to join us for our candlelight Christmas Eve services on **December 24** here at Old Greenwich.

We are offering two services: one at **5 pm** that will feature an Irish musical duo and will include scripture, hymn singing, a short reflection and prayers; and a second service at **8 pm** which will include the OGPC choir, traditional music, scripture, hymn singing, a sermon and prayers. We cannot wait to meet the Christ child together on this most holy of nights. See you there!



### OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

#### Joint Christmas Worship Services on December 25 AND January 1!

On the Sundays of the Christmas Season, our congregation will hold joint worship services with College Hill Presbyterian Church! Both services will be brief, family-friendly, and full of music. Join us on **Christmas Day here at Old Greenwich at 10am**. Then, the following Sunday, **January 1, at 10:30 am** (note the time difference!). **come to College Hill Presbyterian Church** (501 Brodhead St, Easton PA) Both services will be led by Pastors Matt and Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy, with choir, led by Tom DiGiovanni.

ALL are welcome to join us as we celebrate Christmas -- together, in community!



If you plan on doing any of your shopping on Amazon.com this holiday season, please remember to **SUPPORT OGPC WHILE HOLIDAY SHOPPING ON AMAZON!** OGPC is registered as an Amazon Smile non-profit organization and when you shop through the Amazon smile (portal link below), 0.5% of the sale is donated to OGPC. Use the link below to connect to Old Greenwich using the portal or go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and search for Old Greenwich (make sure you select the one in New Jersey!). Each time you shop using the [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) portal, a portion of the sale is donated to OGPC. Do your Amazon shopping and support OGPC at the same time - what could be better? If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Katie Rienzo at [khrienzo@yahoo.com](mailto:khrienzo@yahoo.com)

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**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](mailto:souptime2222@gmail.com) or [campbellw47@yahoo.com](mailto:campbellw47@yahoo.com).



The Church Care & Kinship Committee (formerly Congregational Life and Membership committees) is excited to organize a trip to the **SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE** in Lancaster, PA on **Saturday, December 2, 2023!** *The Miracle of Christmas* (live on stage) is returning after a five-year hiatus and is extremely popular. Travel back in time to Bethlehem, as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wise men, along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the

angels announce the coming of the Messiah!

Tickets sell out quickly, so we must book our tickets in January 2023! Adult tickets cost about \$90 and children cost about \$40. We will try to carpool to save money. If we have a large turnout we may need to rent a bus which would be an additional charge. If interested, please sign up on sheet posted in Memorial Hall or contact Barb Frinzi in person, by email ([frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com)) or cell phone (908-343-1144). This will be a great show for all ages!

## MINISTRY AT CAMP JOHNSONBURG



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



# DECEMBER 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Choir 7:30 pm	2 Office Closed  ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	3
4 Communion Sunday 2nd Advent Wor. Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live Congr. Mtg. - Pt. 1 following svc. AA Meeting - 3 pm	5 Boy Sc. Council 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	AA Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	8 Church Care & Kinship 6:30 pm  Choir 7:30 pm	9 Office Closed  ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	10
11 Conf. Class - 9 am 3rd Advent Wor. Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	12 Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Art Group 10 am Personnel 4:30 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15 Choir 7:30 pm	16 Office Closed Cookies & Cocoa 5 - 6:30 pm ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting	17 Girl Scout Event 5 pm
18 4th Advent Wor. Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live Children's Pageant AA Mtg. - 3 pm	19 Boy Scouts 7 pm Session Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	20 Women's Bible Study - 11:30 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	21	22 Choir 7:30 pm	23 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	24 Christmas Eve Family Svc. 5 pm Candlelight Svc. - 8 pm
25 Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day 10 am Joining with College Hill PC @ OGPC & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	26 Office Closed Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	27 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29 Choir 7:30 pm	30 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	31

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