



# Old Greenwich

Presbyterian Church

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## MAKING ROOM FOR GOD

On February 22 – Ash Wednesday – we enter into our Lenten season. I love the season of Lent (I know; I *know*... I say that about every season of the church year!). But I really do love Lent. I love how it invites us to reflect honestly about where we are with God, with ourselves and with the rest of the world. I love how Lent invites us into prayer, into silence, and into relationship with the Holy One in new and different ways. In short, I love how Lent invites us to make room for God.

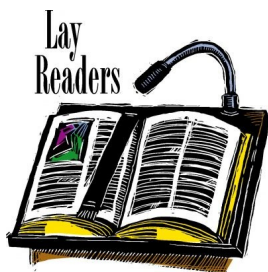
In the spirit of praying deeply – making room for God in new ways – you might notice that our Sunday morning worship services during the season of Lent will feel a little different than usual. Beginning on Sunday, February 26, and going through Sunday, March 26, our 10 am Sunday services will include a little less “talking” (especially from yours truly!), a little more music, and a little more silence. In addition to a bit more spacious Sunday morning service, we are also offering a prayer time from 9:45 to 10 am every Sunday (February 26 - March 26). All are welcome to this sacred space. We will meet in the old youth room (right next to the choir room) at 9:45. For 15 minutes or so before the worship service, we will sing simple hymns, listen to the Word, and allow for some breathing and silence together.

When we shift how we meet God, even just a little, we are allowing a space – actually, *opening* a space – in which God can work. If we do it regularly, we are slowly, very slowly, honing our listening skills. We might not even notice a difference at first – it’s that slow. But if we keep opening up that space for God, and if we keep trying, keep listening, keep showing up, eventually, and sometimes to our surprise, God will have a word for us.

As we enter into our Lenten season, my prayer is that we might become a praying and listening people, even more so than we already are; that we would open ourselves up to God in new ways. My prayer is that we would make room.

Who knows what God might reveal?

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mary Beth



### SIGN UP ONLINE TO BE A LAY READER

Great news! You can now use our website to sign up to be a Sunday morning lay reader! Go to [ogpc.org](http://ogpc.org), click on the "Music & Worship" tab, and on the drop-down menu, click on "Sign up to be a Lay Reader." It will bring up Sunday dates and you enter your name for the week you'd like to be lay reader. You will receive a Lay Reader Bulletin via email on the Thursday prior to the Sunday you are scheduled so you will have everything to go over in advance. Questions? Please see Lisa Kolterjahn or email her at [lkolterjahn88@gmail.com](mailto:lkolterjahn88@gmail.com).



to: **Susan Bradlau** for making new curtains for the choir room; **Gretchen Alencewicz** and **Lisa Kolterjahn** for help with Christmas clean-up and organization; **Gretchen Alencewicz** for help with cleaning at the church; and **Ed Gardner** for helping with lights in Memorial Hall; **Mike Viscel** for donating paint for the Youth Room.

### 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.

### 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).

#### - IN MEMORIUM -

Robert T. Tintle  
 September 5, 1937 - January 30, 2023

Condolences can be sent to:

Sue Tintle  
 197 Richline Hill Road  
 Stewartville, NJ 08886-9708

Service will be held at OGPC on Saturday, February 11.  
 Visitation 10 - 11 am; service at 11 am.

The family requests donations to Old Greenwich in lieu of flowers.

#### - IN MEMORIUM -

Jean R. Meckley  
 August 3, 1925 - January 31, 2023

Condolences can be sent to:

Marcia Taylor  
 1913 Richmond Road  
 Easton, PA 18040

Service arrangements TBD.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW invites you to our lunchtime Bible Study which begins at **noon** (note time change) **on the third Tuesday of each month (February 21)** 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.

If you're looking for a way to deepen your Lenten journey with other women using a book study called *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Fohr... here's how. It will begin the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, February 22, at noon. It is an hour meeting on Zoom. This groups was formed originally by women who attended the PW Bible Study Workshop held at Stony Point Center. It has spread out to any interested women. Please email or text [Lisa A. Gray@outlook.com](mailto:Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com) / 973-476-4720 to be sent the Zoom link.



Ticket reservations have been made for the Miracle of Christmas Show in Lancaster, PA for **Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 3 pm**. Adult price, including 5% discount, is \$84.55 and price for children is \$39. Please pay Barbara Frinzi by the end of January. You can pay her by check or Venmo (@Barbara-Frinzi). If you are paying by check, please give them to Cathy Ahart or Jen Miller who will forward to Barb.

Tickets will be distributed two to three weeks prior to the show. Transportation plans will follow later in the year. We are hoping to carpool to avoid the cost of a bus. If you can drive, please notify Barb by email at [frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com) or call her at 908-343-1144. Thank you! It's going to be a great show!

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Our youth (middle and high schoolers) ministry partnership with College Hill Presbyterian Church has resumed and will

continue every first and third Sunday until May 7.

We meet at College Hill Presbyterian (501 Brodhead St, Easton PA). Note that in 2023, there will be no dinner provided (except for February 5). Questions? Please see Pastor Mary Beth or email her at [pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com).

### Calendar for January through May 2023

**Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

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| February 5th:  | Breakfast for Dinner & Minute-to-Win-It                                                                |
| February 19th: | Frozen Hot Chocolate & Pictionary                                                                      |
| March 5th:     | Make Soft Pretzels                                                                                     |
| March 19th:    | Bake Cookies & Manhunt                                                                                 |
| April 2nd:     | Ice Cream & Golden Ticket Egg Hunt - help make Cascarones for the littles to hand out on Easter Sunday |
| April 16th:    | Campfire & S'mores                                                                                     |
| May 7th:       | It's a Mystery...                                                                                      |



### LENTEN POETRY GROUP

Elders Katie Rienzo and Abbie Conlon, along with Pastor Mary Beth, are thrilled to offer a poetry group for our church and community during the season of Lent.

We will explore themes such as grief, love, redemption, doubt/faith, beauty, and identity... through poetry.

We will meet **every Thursday during March (2, 9, 16, 23 and 30) from 6:30 pm to 7:25 pm.**

Each session stands on its own, so come to one, two, or more sessions! This is a class for beginners, so no expertise expected!

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!

OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

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Presbyterian Women will be meeting monthly on the third Tuesday at the church in the room behind the pastor's office **at NOON (note time change)**. The study is for beginners who want to know more about the bible and those of us seeking a better understanding in the company of other women. We will be using Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments, written by The Rev. Eugenia Gamble, who mentored Pastor Mary Beth during one of her internships (pastor plans to join us!).

It gives a more mature understanding of those commandments most of us memorized in Sunday School. The author calls them "Love Letters" (not rules) to keep us in relationship with God. There is a companion DVD where Eugenia gives her thoughts on the chapter that will be used. We will be delving into it as if you haven't read the chapter, so come. Even if you haven't read CHAPTER ONE, it's OK to attend the **first meeting on February 21**, or any of the meetings. Hopefully, you won't be lost. The study can be ordered at [Presbyterianwomen.org](http://Presbyterianwomen.org) or call/text Lisa Gray to get it - 973-476-4720 or email her at [Lisa\\_A\\_Gray@outlook.com](mailto:Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com).

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You're invited to the **7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IRON PIGS BASEBALL GAME - Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 6:35 pm**, at Coca Cola Park, Allentown, PA.

Tickets are \$17 per person (*includes a \$2 credit to be applied toward a food or merchandise purchase within the park*). ALL payments while in the park are cashless, meaning debit or credit cards only. Children ages 2 and under are free if they sit in their parents' lap. There will be access to air conditioning; \$5 per car for parking; park is handicap accessible and very kid-friendly; ample parking with shuttle service from distant lots. (Carpooling is strongly suggested); fireworks featured directly after the game (weather permitting). All OGPC members, their families and friends can attend.

Contact Walter or Anita Campbell with any questions. 908-479-4737 / [souptime2222@gmail.com](mailto:souptime2222@gmail.com)

Cash or checks payable to "Anita Campbell" or "Walter Campbell."

PAYMENT DEADLINE - Sunday, April 30, 2023.



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**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY**

02/01 Lori Metz	02/15 Marcia Taylor
02/02 Vivian North	02/16 Cheryl Garcia
02/04 Jennifer Miller	02/17 <b>Emily Kolterjahn</b>
<b>Cooper Marino</b>	<b>Hailey Prall</b>
02/05 <b>Juliana Mowrey</b>	02/20 Julia Deemer
02/07 <b>Charlotte Marino</b>	Susan Gardner
02/08 Jodie Garvey	02/21 Shannon Bakros
02/11 Susan Bradlau	02/22 Phyllis Dietz
02/12 Robert Luzietti	Adam Stetler
Betsy Gaston	02/25 Lauren Kane
Amanda Stetler	02/27 Craig Stahlecker
02/13 Candace Nagy	02/28 Mike Lemons

\*Children are in bold.

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY:**

02/12/1977	Kurt & Barbara Grimm
02/14/1995	Lisa & Raymond Gray

**ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK**

All are welcome to come to an all-church potluck dinner on **Saturday, February 11, from 5 – 7 pm** (snow date, Sunday, February 12, after worship, from 11:15 am to 1 pm). What a wonderful way to fellowship, eat and laugh together! Tell everyone! Stay tuned for sign-ups, etc. Questions? Email Barb Frinzi at [frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com)

**ATTENTION CRAFTERS!**

Each year, Boy Scout Troop 63, which meets at OGPC, helps the cemetery clear grave sites of holiday wreaths and grave blankets. There are many decorations on these memorials and we would like to see them get new life through your creative creations. If you would like to be at the cemetery to “harvest” some of these items, send an email to [greenwichcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:greenwichcemetery@gmail.com) and you will be contacted, sometime in mid-to-late March, with the date that has been set for clean-up.



Please hold in prayer: the family of Bob Tintle, who died on 1/30; the family of Marcia Taylor’s Aunt, Jean Meckley, who died on 1/31; Pastor Mary Beth’s Dad and her family; Cooper Marino’s Aunt Lourdes, on the sudden death of her husband, Bob; Melissa Hixon’s cousin, Karen, recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Sue Becht, who had surgery on 2/2; prayers of thanksgiving for Christine Mette getting good results from tests done in Jan.; the Maso family on the sudden passing of Ernie’s cousin, Jackie Roelant; friends of the Reinhardts, Peter, for physical healing, and his family, and Don’s cousin, Edwin Searle, for healing and strength; Carl & Virginia Guthardt; brother-in-law of Kathleen Scala, Marc Cottone, who continues to have 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; 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

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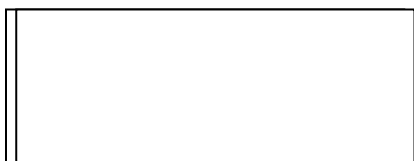
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	2 WM&S 6:30 pm  Choir 7:30 pm	3 Office Closed  ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	4
5  Communion Wor. Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live  AA Meeting - 3 pm	6  Boy Sc. Tr. Council Mtg. 6 pm  Boy Scouts 7 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	7  Art Group 10 am  Personnel 4:30 pm  Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	8  Discipleship Comm. 10 am	9  Church Care & Kinship 6:30 pm  Choir 7:30 pm	10  Office Closed  Valentine Dance 5 pm  ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	11  Tintle Funeral Visitation 10-11 am Service 11 am
12  Confirmation Class 9 am  Wor. Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live  Potluck Dinner (Snow Day) 11:30 am - 1 pm  AA Mtg. - 3 pm	13  Office Closed  Boy Scouts 7 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	14  Art Group 10 am  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16  Choir 7:30 pm	17  Office Closed  ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	18
19  Wor. Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live  New Member class 11:15 am - 12:45 pm  AA Meeting - 3 pm	20  Presidents' Day Office Closed  Jr. Girl Scouts 10 am  Boy Scouts 7 pm  Session Mtg. 7:30 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	21  Art Group 10 am  Women's Bible Study - noon  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	22  Ash Wed. Svc. 7 pm	23  Choir 7:30 pm	24  Office Closed  Jr. Girl Scouts  ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	25  Girl Scout Event 9 am
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