



Old Greenwich

Presbyterian Church

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The eight days of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter make up a deeply meaningful time in our life together as the church. On Palm Sunday, our children and NYC-based jazz musicians, along with our choir, will lead us in a joyful celebration (“We are marching in the light of God!”) as we wave our palm branches and shout, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”

On Maundy Thursday, we will participate in Jesus’ love poured out as we celebrate the (first) Last Supper together, underlined by the choir’s music and beautiful hymns.

The mood turns darker on Good Friday, as we witness our Savior nailed to a Roman cross, with our choir singing mournful songs to express our grief and dismay.

But then, on Sunday, we will learn with the women at the tomb: he is not here! He has been raised! We will show up on Sunday morning to witness the resurrection of our Lord, complete with singing, praying, rejoicing, and shouting “Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen indeed!”

What a week this will be. So full, so rich. As we journey together, we may feel many different (even conflicting emotions) during the week: from the (short-lived) wild celebration of Palm Sunday; to the sobering love Jesus pours upon us – and charges us to do the same – on Thursday; to the grief and darkness of Friday; to the silence of Saturday; to the Resurrection Hope of Sunday.

Thank you, musicians and congregation, for making this journey again, together. As we continue to trudge and trot this road, may we know that we are never alone.

See you there.

Thanks be to God.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mary Beth

No firearms of any kind are allowed on OGPC property except for police and security personnel. This policy covers the building (Sanctuary, Memorial Hall, Trinity Wing, etc.) and all OGPC owned land around it. The NO GUN POLICY statement, adopted by Session reads:

OGPC GUN FREE POLICY

On January 16, 2023 at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Session of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church voted unanimously to establish the land and facility of Old Greenwich Church to be a gun free zone. From thenceforth, it is the determination of the Session that NO FIREARMS of any kind will be allowed anywhere on church property at any time except as carried, maintained or under the control of active duty police and qualified and permitted retired police or designated security guards. This policy applies to all people who enter upon the property of the church including but not limited to church staff, members and friends, all guests, private contractors and delivery people, and all who use the church facility for authorized purposes including but not limited to Greenwich Nursery School, Alcoholics Anonymous, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and any other persons, groups, or organizations who may use church land or facilities for their own purposes whether or not authorized by the church.

Violators of this policy will be subject to removal and/or arrest by the police.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 2	10 am	Palm Sunday w/ Jazz Goes to Church (again!)
April 6	7 pm	Maundy Thursday service
April 7	7 pm	Good Friday service
April 8	10 am	Holy Week Children's event
April 9	10 am	Easter Sunday service - Easter Egg Hunt following service

HOME COMMUNION

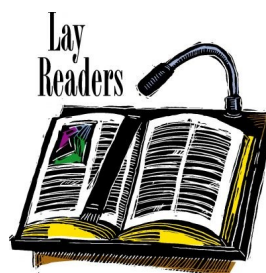
If you would like to receive home communion, or know of someone who would like to receive home communion, please contact Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com.

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 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 Sunday bulletin.



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, 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.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

04/01 Sharon Jiorle	04/14 Sandra Friedman
Sara Slack	04/16 Harry Pursel
04/02 Charlie Wojcik	04/17 Walter Campbell
04/03 Kim Mrotek	Brandon Bogyos
04/04 John Repko	04/19 Donald Hannis
04/05 Weston Newbrough	04/20 Jacob Miller
04/08 David Brown	04/21 Cora Bishop
04/09 Sandra Stutzman	04/25 Melissa Mauricio
Elizabeth Metz	04/27 Angela Donnelly
04/12 Gregory Bouton	04/29 Edward Cichone
04/13 Susan Tintle	04/30 Sharon Smith
Emma Mallory	
Nora Ronan	

*Children are in bold.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL:

04/04/1992	Chris & Karen Hart
04/13/2002	Steve & Kathleen Gooley
04/14/2012	Al & Tricia Marino, Jr.
04/19/1965	John & Barbara Repko
04/22/1990	Tim & Suzanne Newbrough
04/29/1995	David & Christine Brown



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Chimes! Do you want to play the chimes? All are welcome, no matter your age! We will rehearse in Memorial Hall on **April 2, 16, and 30** from **9:30 to 9:50 am**, and will perform in worship on May 14. See Tom DiGiovanni for more information!



to: **Gretchen Alencewicz** for clearing leaves from the upcoming spring flowers at the Green Room entrance; **Rob Todd** for alerting authorities to get the road cleared of the downed tree; **Harry Pursel** and **Rob Todd** for cutting and clearing branches and limbs from the downed tree prior to county workers arriving.



GREENWICH ARTS SERIES: JAZZ COMES (BACK) TO CHURCH!

Join us for a rousing Palm Sunday celebration on **Sunday, April 2**, as New York City-based jazz musicians Hannah Marks (bass), Danielle Wertz (voice), Roy Ben Bashat (guitar) and Evan Hyde (drums) lead us in worship and song at 10 am,

Come join us! Invite your friends and neighbors!



COMMUNITY WATERCOLOR PAINTING GROUP

Do you prefer images over words? If so, there's a place for you! Our watercolor painting group meets **every Tuesday at 10 am** in the Resource Room (next to the church office).

Experts to beginners... all are welcome, church and community members alike!!
Want to learn more? Please email the church office at oldgreenwich@ogpc.org.



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.

Questions? Please see Pastor Mary Beth or email her at pastormarybeth@gmail.com.

Calendar through May 2023

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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...



We are so happy to welcome to our Old Greenwich Church family (from left to right) Leslie Strozeski, Wendy Theurer, Richard Theurer, Sandra Friedman, Olivia Hart, Karen Hart, Hannah Hart and Chris Hart! (Elder Abbie Conlon is on the far left and Pastor Mary Beth is on the far right).

Richard Theurer lives with his wife, Wendy, in Phillipsburg and works as a Paraprofessional in the P'burg School District.

Wendy Theurer is an infection control nurse at Genesis on Red School Lane. She has also been a hospice nurse. She and Richard have three children.

Leslie Strozeski is retired and lives with her husband, Tom, in Stewartsville. They have two grown sons, Mark and Troy. Leslie is interested in literature.

Sandra Friedman and her husband, Steve, live in Phillipsburg. Sandra is a Digital Communications and Marketing Manager with Reading Truck. Sandra's interests include photography and sports.

Karen Hart works as an Optical Assistant. Karen & Chris have three daughters - Olivia, Hannah and Amelia - and live in Phillipsburg.

Chris Hart is a Network Planner.

Hannah Hart loves the arts and has a passion for helping children who are in the hospital and is working on a degree in psychology.

Olivia Hart works at Brakeley Care Center and her interests include sports and dogs.

You're invited to the **7th ANNUAL IRON PIGS BASEBALL GAME - Saturday, July 29, 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 - 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

Cash or checks payable to "Anita Campbell"

PAYMENT DEADLINE - Sunday, April 30, 2023.

DEACON SCHOLARSHIPS

The Deacons are accepting applications for this year's Richard B. Gibbons Post Secondary Scholarships and Camp Scholarships. The amount awarded depends on the number of applications received and the funds available. In 2022, we awarded three camping and three college scholarships for a combined total of \$2,734. (For information on Camp Johnsonburg programs for children grades 1 - 12, visit www.campjburg.org/summer-camp)

You can pick up an application form in the Resource Room from the Scholarships mail slot or on our website at <https://www.ogpc.org/our-deacons/>

Give completed application to Ernie Maso or Al Brown. Questions? Contact Ernie Maso at ernie.maso@gmail.com

YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE...



Our OGPC Safety & Security Team wants to promote awareness of our Philips OnSite HeartStart Automatic External Defibrillator that is wall

mounted in the Green Room. This can save the life of anyone who is in our building who is in cardiac arrest. The more members who are aware of how to use it, the better off we all are.

Everyone is encourage to watch this four minute video at <https://youtu.be/6JbQ7kmvX38> that will show you how to properly use it, when needed. You will see that is simple to use and talks to you and tells you exactly what to do. Every one of us CAN use it if needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Ernie Maso at ernie.maso@gmail.com.

HELPING HANDS FUND

Many thanks for the continued financial support of this Deacon mission. Your generosity has allowed our church to help out families beyond our immediate church community with a variety of needs. Please consider referring those you know who are struggling as we endeavor to represent the love of our Lord to a lost and hurting world. Email Joan Holloway jhollow@ptd.net for more information.

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. - Proverbs 11:25



Please hold in prayer: the victims and families of the Covenant School shooting in Nashville, TN; continued healing for John Oakes, who was hospitalized the week of 3/20, but is now home; gratitude for Leni Voorhees and Dorothy Purdy being unharmed by their car hydroplaning on 3/23; the family of Paul Dineen, especially his wife, Judy, brother-in-law of Susan Bradlau, who died on 3/22; Lisa Gray's brother, Neil, who had spinal surgery on 3/24; Rob Todd's mother Noi Todd, who has Parkinson's; Al Marino, who had knee surgery on 3/21; MaryWills LeCroy, prayers for healing from grief, and for peace that passes all understanding; Sandy Frey's father, Glen Stalder, for Connie Prye, Sandy's sister, and for David Jamison, Sandy's brother-in-law; prayers of thanksgiving and continued healing for Caleb Frey whose tumor has reduced by 60%; Marie Makis Reph and her son Gavin, who was in a head-on motorcycle accident and is in ICU; Carol Lee Doeringer's friend Donald who is struggling with forgiveness, Desiree who is undergoing chemotherapy and her son Julian. who needs pancreatic surgery to survive; prayers for Debbie Smith and her family and her father, Ralph Seifert, who has been struggling with health issues;; Carl & Ginny 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; all experiencing the effects of extreme weather conditions around the world

2023 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Easter flowers 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 Lilies _____ x \$12 = _____

of Tulips _____ x \$12 = _____

of Daffodils _____ 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 – Monday, April 3, 2023

A list will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, noting the purchaser and who is being remembered, honored, etc. You can help decorate the church and also make Easter festive for our Special People.

Please make checks payable to “OGPC Deacons” and include payment with order form. Forms may be put in the collection plates during the worship service or mailed to the church office.

Questions? Contact Robert Todd at 908-235-9322 / Robert_Todd@icloud.com

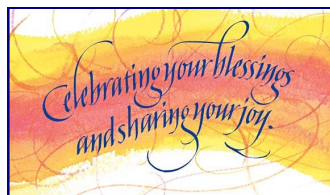
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women meet monthly on the **third Tuesday of each month** at the church in the room behind the pastor's office **at NOON**. We are using *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, written by The Rev. Eugenia Gamble. The study can be ordered at Presbyterianwomen.org or call/text Lisa Gray to get it - 973-476-4720 or email her at Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all of who work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Go to <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/> for more info. This Special Offering will be received on Palm Sunday.



JOY CORNER

I am so grateful to God, the oncology/radiation staff at Hunterdon Cancer Center, the prayers for my sister, Eileen that were on the Prayer List and in the Breezeway. I am joyfully reporting that my sister came through her ordeal with flying colors! Joy is having God's healing grace and your prayers were heard! Hallelujah! Amen!

♥ Carol Lee Doeringer

Leni Voorhees's hydroplaned on March 23 with her and Dorothy Purdy in it. The car was totaled, but Leni and Dorothy escaped with hardly a scratch. PRAISE GOD!

PRAISE GOD for Caleb Frey's continued healing (and shrinking tumor)!

Thank you, God, for our newest members: Leslie Strozeski, Wendy Theurer, Richard Theurer, Sandra Friedman, Karen Hart, Chris Hart, Olivia Hart and Hannah Hart!

About two weeks ago, Mimi Rienzo, who is a member of the Golf Team at P'burg High School made a **HOLE-IN-ONE** at Architects Golf Course. Not only is she the **ONLY FEMALE** from the PHS Golf Team to score a hole-in-one, she is the **FIRST EVER** from their team to do so!!

My Joy is: my wife Trish! She has decorated and adorned our new rental condo, making it a beautiful place to come home to.

♥ Phil Millon

Kathleen & Steve Scala share the joy of their daughter, Corey, and husband, Andreas, expecting a baby boy in August!



Join us to share the evening with friends and enjoy interesting and in-depth discussions of Maya Angelou's, *"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."* This candid and poetic memoir is an American classic, banned in places for its honest depiction of a black women's childhood in 1930s-40s America, but beloved by millions of readers. Together, let's find out why the caged bird sings. **Starting Thursday, April 20, we will meet at 6 pm to 7:25 pm** on successive Thursdays. Come on in and see what the buzz is all about. All are welcome. ?'s - see Pastor Mary Beth or Elder George Bradlau.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Come join us on **Sunday, April 23**, during fellowship for a Baptismal Outfit Show. Explore the fashions, read the stories and step back in time to appreciate the celebrations that the sacrament inspires.

Lunch will be served...bring a friend to share in the festivities!



In order to ensure that we have enough outfits to make the show worthwhile, **can you please drop this sign up sheet in the offering plate with your intention to allow us to exhibit your baptismal outfits.** Looking forward to celebrating our history and this important milestone in the life of our church families! Any questions, please contact Lori Metz, 610-972-7900.

Name _____

of outfits to display _____

Phone _____

APRIL 2023

Sun.

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Sat.

				30 Lenten poetry group - 6:30	31 GNS/OGPC Easter Egg Hunt & games 6 pm	1 Boy Scout Red & White Banquet 3 pm
2 Greenwich Ringers 9:30 am Palm Sunday Communion Wor. Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	3 Boy Sc. Tr. Council Mtg. 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	4 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	6 Maundy Thurs. Svc. 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	7 Office Closed Good Fri. Svc. - 7 pm ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Children's Holy Week Event - 10 am
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