



# Old Greenwich

## Presbyterian Church

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### “Welcome!”

During Lent this year, we welcomed eight new members into our church family. On Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday, we welcomed six more. And at the end of June, six additional folks joined with us at Old Greenwich.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!

Of course, we will welcome our new members warmly (we already are!); that’s what we do around here. A challenge I am posing to all of us – myself included – is this: how can we not only welcome the *new members*, but allow the new members to welcome *us*?

What might *that* look like?

Well, in addition to all that good stuff of welcoming *them*, what if we *also* said something like, “Yeah, I’ve been around this church for a long time. I know its history. I know its members. But what do *you* know? What’s *your* story? What do *you* have to show *me*? How can *you* welcome *me* into the new thing that God is doing? Even if you’re 12 or 13 or 14 years old, even if you’re 85, what do you have to teach me?”

When we start to do this, we remember that we have so much to learn – all of us! We remember that we are limited. We remember that we need each other, in all our diversity of age and life experience and church experience (or lack thereof).

We remember that we need God.

And right at that moment, God finds us. Right at that moment, God comes to us. God’s grace, God’s goodness, God’s love become real. In-the-flesh. God’s extravagant welcome meets us in the Other.

Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mary Beth



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW Bible study group will not meet in July and August. However... the group, and all women, are invited to a potluck picnic on **Tuesday, July 25, at 12:30 pm**. Bring your bathing suit if you want to venture into the pool. Otherwise just bring a dish to share. 352 Hamilton Dr Stewartsville. RSVP li-sa\_a\_gray@outlook or text/call 908-476-4720. We will resume our lunchtime Bible Study meeting in September.

### IS YOUR GREEN THUMB ITCHING TO GET DIRTY??

The Greenwich Cemetery was established in 1740 and has been well maintained and tended since its earliest beginnings. Within its expansive grounds are numerous small gardens and memorials, which require detailed care. A volunteer group is being formed to help maintain and enhance these individual small areas. Equipment, supplies, and guidance will be provided for anyone who would like to spend an hour or two a week, or bi-weekly, in a beautiful and serene setting, exercising their green thumb while contributing to the mission of maintaining this historic, yet active cemetery.

Please contact Cathy Ahart at the cemetery office - 908-479-0144 or email her at [greenwichcemetery@gmail.com](mailto:greenwichcemetery@gmail.com).

### DEACON SCHOLARSHIPS

The Deacons have awarded five scholarships this year. Four were \$500 for Camp Johnsonburg. One was \$1000 for college. This is one of the main programs of the OGPC Board of Deacons.

If you would like to make a donation to help fund these scholarships, see Ernie Maso or Al Brown.

### HOME COMMUNION

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

### SUNDAY FLORAL DEDICATIONS

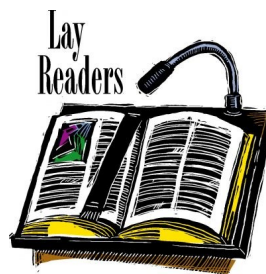
The cost to purchase arrangements for the Communion table is **\$20 each**.

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 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](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).



### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY:

07/01	Edith Slamp	07/12	Michael Jagiello
07/02	Ed Ahart	07/14	Christopher Gorzsas
07/03	Marissa Cecere	07/16	Ed Gardner
07/08	Al Brown	07/19	Robert Bouton
	Debora Smith	07/22	Linda Oakes
	Amanda Mowrey	07/23	Robert Donnelly
	Robby Donnelly	07/26	Charlie Frinzi
07/10	Tina Schulman	07/31	Michael Cecere
	Dylan Wayne		



We are so happy to welcome six new members to the Old Greenwich family! They were joined with the congregation at the June 25 worship service.

**Tim Lee Gardner** lives with his wife, Susan Ann, in Bloomsbury. They have three grown children - Catherine, Rebecca and Timothy.

**Barbara Hartzell**, who is Kathleen Gooley's mother.

**Hope Rupell Duncan** and her husband, **Newal**, live in Phillipsburg. Hope & Newal have three grown children - Amanda, Wade and Andrea.

**Samuel Immanuel** and his wife, **Sunitha John**, live in Stewartsville with their two daughters, Akansha and Subiksha.

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY:

07/02/1983	Don & Sally Reinhard
07/03/1981	Tina & Richard Schulman
07/04/2009	Robert & Kristen Todd
07/04/2009	Mary & Todd Pritchard
07/09/2005	Revs. Mary Beth & Matt Mardis-LeCroy
07/10/1999	Robert & Angela Donnelly
07/15/1995	Bonnie & Julius Phillips
07/16/1994	Bruce & Sandy Frey
07/20/1985	Deborah & Henry Mowrey
07/23/1966	Ernest & Katherine Maso
07/23/1983	Ralph & Sharon Jiorle, Jr.
07/28/1979	Ed & Susan Gardner
07/28/1996	John & Lisa MacKinnon, III
07/31/2015	Kristen & Matthew Prall

### - In Memoriam -

Dolores "Sharon" Bell  
December 3, 1943 - June 5, 2023



to: **Gretchen Alencewicz** for help with housekeeping at the church, weeding and church grounds clean-up; and **Ernie Maso**, for mowing at the church.

### RALLY DAY POTLUCK AND MEN'S BASKET GIVE-AWAY

The Church Care & Kinship Committee is planning a Potluck Luncheon on Rally Day, **September 10!** Bring the kids! It will be a tailgate theme and we would like to do something special for the men of the congregation, so we are asking for donations to make gift baskets, which they will have a chance to win. Winner must be present to claim basket.

Please give donations to Barb Frinzi or leave on the bench in the Green Room. You may also make a basket to donate! Donation items for baskets should be at the church or to Barb by Sunday, September 3.

Here are some ideas for donations:

Picnic grill basket  
 Movie/game night at home & treats  
 Spaghetti dinner basket  
 Small cooler to use as a "basket" filled with ???  
 Hand-held igniter  
 Bottles of hot sauce or marinade  
 Camp chair (for outdoor services)  
 Nerf football

Deck of cards  
 Grill brush  
 Bug spray  
 OGPC baseball hat or shirt  
 Beer or wine  
 Tools  
 Home Depot gift card  
 Or anything your creative mind comes up with!

Please plan on coming to the picnic and potluck luncheon and support OGPC! Both events will be lots of fun!

### TECH PERSONS NEEDED

The Personnel committee is looking for a few volunteers to meet with Francis Rienzo to learn how to run the audio/visual equipment for the Sunday morning service. This will be to fill in occasionally while we look for a permanent replacement for him after he has left for college.

If this sounds like a job you could assist with, please contact Don Hannis ([sleepyhollowfarmnj@yahoo.com](mailto:sleepyhollowfarmnj@yahoo.com)), Al Marino ([almarinojr73@gmail.com](mailto:almarinojr73@gmail.com)), Barb Frinzi ([frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com)) or Pastor Mary Beth ([pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com))



### ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Care & Kinship Committee is organizing the Annual Church Picnic for **Sunday, August 6** (rain date Sunday, August 13) following the worship service.

Sign-up sheet for food will be posted in Memorial Hall beginning July 2.

Please sign up to bring food (side-dish, salad, dessert) and note the number of people in your party so we know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to order.

There will be an ice cream truck and the musical entertainment will be organized by Pastor Mary Beth!

There may even be a hay ride!

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS BACK!

We will be worshipping outside on **June 25, July 23, July 30, August 20, and August 27.**

On July 23 we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals service.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held **Monday, August 7, through Thursday, August 10 from 5:30 – 8 pm**, with **dinner included!!** Our theme this year is *Stellar*, where we will launch on a cosmic quest, shining Jesus' light to the world!

In order to make VBS a huge success, we need volunteers in multiple capacities... we need people to help set-up for the week, help with break-down when the week is ended, and people to help during the four days of VBS.

Please sign up to volunteer using the QR code or contact Lisa Kolterjahn at 973-809-2991 or [lkolterjahn88@gmail.com](mailto:lkolterjahn88@gmail.com).



You've packed your sunscreen and the new book you've been looking forward to reading... there's just one more thing... As you head off into your summer adventures, please continue to support the mission and outreach of Old Greenwich by sending in your offering, even if you're out of town. If you'll be missing a service or two, you can donate before you leave, donate for the month with one check, mail your offering to the

church, give online through [ogpc.org](http://ogpc.org) or automate your payments through your financial institution. Your offering helps us to stay on track with our financial commitments and helps OGPC to support the many wonderful things we are offering this summer, including our vibrant outdoor services, blessing of the animals, special music and Vacation Bible School just to name a few!



Patti Drennan  
from Norman, OK

**Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church  
is pleased to announce  
Patti Drennan as guest clinician  
at their  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual Choral Festival  
on October 7, 2023.**

This will be Patti's third visit and she is back by popular demand!

Read more about her accomplishments at her web site: [www.pattidrennan.com](http://www.pattidrennan.com)

Individual singers, church choirs, and high school and college singers/choruses are encouraged to sign-up for what always proves to be a fun and inspirational day of learning the clinician's music and then performing in a public concert that evening.

Registration for the festival, including dinner, is \$40 (\$35 if received by 9/1/23). Register as a group or with friends and save - four regular registrations and the fifth registration is free. High school and college student registrations are \$10. Additional cost for music will be determined as Ms. Drennan selects the music for the day.

Please share this invitation! For further registration information or if you have questions, contact Tom DiGiovanni, OGPC Music Director, at [digtom@gmail.com](mailto:digtom@gmail.com)





### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

**Carolyn Brown**, daughter of Christine & David Brown and granddaughter of Al & Lorraine Brown, will graduate from Warren Hills High School and will be attending Drew University studying secondary education / mathematics

**Roman Ippoldo**, grandson of Barb & Charlie Frinzi, graduated 8th grade at New Hope Solebury Middle School. He will attend LaSalle College High School in the fall

**Rocco Ippoldo**, grandson of Barb & Charlie Frinzi, graduated from Germantown Academy High School. He will attend Franklin & Marshall College in the fall & will major in engineering or investment banking

**Luca Frinzi**, grandson of Barb & Charlie Frinzi, graduated from Lehigh University with a BS in Finance. He will continue for another year at Lehigh to receive his master's degree in engineering and technical entrepreneurship

**Jonathan Sterling Davidson**, Dottie Davidson's son, received his Master of Education from Eastern University, St. Davids, PA and is a teacher in the Allentown School District

**Francis Rienzo**, son of Katie & Justin Rienzo, is graduating with high honors from Phillipsburg High School and will continue his education at Georgetown University

**Mimi Rienzo**, daughter of Katie & Justin Rienzo, is graduating from Phillipsburg High School and was Most Valuable Player for her golf team for the second year in a row. Mimi will be attending SUNY Cortland, where she'll play on the women's golf team

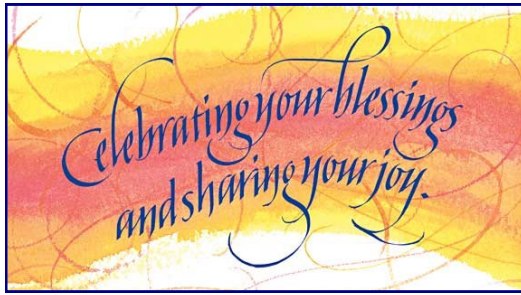
**Jacqueline Miller**, daughter of Jeff & Jennifer Miller, is graduating from Phillipsburg Middle School. Jackie will attend Phillipsburg High School in the fall and looks forward to joining the field hockey team

**Ava Hixon**, daughter of Daniel & Melissa Hixon, is graduating from Phillipsburg High School and will be attending Raritan Valley Community College to study business

**Sophia Walker**, Ernie & Kathy Maso's granddaughter, graduated from Freedom High School and will be going into nursing at St. Luke's

**Ella Walker**, granddaughter of Ernie & Kathy Maso, will be going to Penn State to study engineering

**Kayla Schankel**, Christine Mette's granddaughter, graduated from Freedom High School, an honor roll student, with over 145 hours of community service and will attend the Univ. of Maryland, with a double major in biology & psychology, pursuing a career in genetic counseling



## JOY CORNER

On May 22, we welcomed six new members to the Old Greenwich family. (see pg. 3)

On June 11, we honored our graduates during worship. (see pg. 7)



Please hold in prayer: Dave Slack and family on the death of his father, John, on 7/1; Carol Lee Doeringer, who is in Warren Hospital, Rob Todd's mother, Thongma Todd, who is in the hospital; brother of Jay Rutan, Robert, who entered hospice on 6/21; Nicholas, Sarah, Liam, Connor & Jemma Hannis, and Don & Maria. Nicholas & Sarah's garage burned down, with thanks that house is untouched and no one was injured; Micah, son of Pastor Doug Batchelder, who has been diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome; Kathleen's mother-in-law, Marilyn Scala, recovering from a heart attack, and friend Heather, who broke her arm; the Campbell's friend, Phyllis Raskin, who is having hip replacement surgery; the family of former member, Lisa Corbett, who died on 6/7; the family of Kathleen Scala's friend, Ruth, who died on 6/8; all suffering from the effects of wildfires in Canada; all suffering from the dam collapse in the Ukraine; the family of Sharon Bell, who died on 6/5, especially her husband, Howard, and children, Amy Katherine and Edward; Fritz & Sandy Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin Schnell, prayers for healing and comfort; Carl & Ginny Guthardt; Bob & Trudy Frey; Stephen Toman; Skip Adams' son, Zachary; Bob and Trudy Frey's friends, Nancy Hummer and Ian Arnot; Debbie Mowrey; our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; the citizens of Ukraine; those affected by the Corona virus and their families; all experiencing the effects of extreme weather conditions around the world

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church Hosts:

# KIDS CLUB

WITH BARNES YARD PETTING ZOO

Co-Sponsored by Greenwich Nursery School

**DATES**

- June 13 Rabbits
- June 27 Sheep
- July 11 Llama
- July 25 Donkey
- August 1 Cow
- August 8 "Baby Unicorn"

**Sign up in advance to save your spot! Max of 25 kids per session.**

Each session will include a story time, craft, games, science experiment, and other activities. The kids will get to pet the animals and learn all about them. Parents stay with their child the entire time.

All events will happen at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church except on August 1st we will meet at the Warren County Fairgrounds.

Animals and activities provided by Barnes Yard Petting Zoo.

**Program Details:**

Location: Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church- Memorial Hall  
17 Greenwich Church Rd., Stewartville NJ 08886

Time: 10am-12pm

Cost: \$12 per child (Ages 2-8)

(This program is being partially subsidized by Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church and Greenwich Nursery School)

**For more information and registration form:**  
Call 908-479-6886 or email [director@greenwichnursery.com](mailto:director@greenwichnursery.com)



# JULY 2023

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2 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 Office Closed  AA Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	6 John Slack visitation 9 - noon funeral svc. 1 pm	7 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	8
9 Communion Worship Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Mtg. - 3 pm	10 Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Art Group -10 am Barnyard Day - 10 Personnel - 4:30 pm Deacons - 7:30 pm AA Mtg. - 7:30 pm	12	13	14 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	15
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23 OUTDOOR Worship Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	24 Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	25 Art Group 10 am Barnyard Day 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27	28 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	29 Jiorle's Party
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