



Old Greenwich

Presbyterian Church



Dear Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church family,

Sometimes - and for so many reasons - it is easy to feel overwhelmed. But Jesus, our pilot, says to us:

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Do we turn in all different directions for fulfillment or guidance? Where can we look for answers? Thanks be to God, we have a roadmap for all that we need and all that we have been created for:

“For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

If you sometimes lose your map, feel discouraged, or you’ve ever felt like you just don’t fit in, *this* is the place where you can find yourself again. There will always be room for you on God’s vessel!

“Any of you that have ever felt stepped on, left out, picked on, put down, whether you think you are a nerd or not, why don’t you just come on down here and join us, okay. Come on.” (Robert Carradine Lewis – “Revenge of the Nerds” 19:84)

Remember that we have an emergency kit at our disposal and roadside assistance for the journey ahead. Remember that we are ever guided by the one who rides beside us, the one who created our innermost being and formed us in our mother’s womb. Wherever and whenever, we can give Jesus control of our life and let him show us the way.

Together... we can let Jesus take the wheel!

Will you help us along the journey? We are on this journey together and we want *you* with us. Financially, together, we can ensure that the church remains a vessel for God’s love through supporting the mission of OGPC.

- ◆ Have you never made an annual pledge to our church? No? This is a great time to start!
- ◆ Do you already pledge? If so, Thank You! Would you consider increasing your pledge to support all the beautiful things our church is involved in, through the grace of God?

Here are some ways you can continue to support the work God is doing at OGPC:

- ◆ Email your pledge amount to the church treasurer at treasurer@ogpc.org
- ◆ Make your pledge online at www.ogpc.org (click on the gold bar on the home page, “Give to Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church” and click on the PayPal button or go to “Give > Pledge Commitment” and fill out the form)
- ◆ Look for this same letter in the mail (coming soon!), which will include an envelope that you can mail into the church office.

With hope, joy, love, and gratitude for the journey behind and the journey ahead,

OGPC Discipleship Committee

Elder Al Marino, Elder Abbie Conlon, Deacon Rob Todd, Charlie Frinzi & Pastor Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

GREENWICH NURSERY SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

GNS is celebrating 50 years this school year. To mark this special milestone, they are looking for a few volunteers to join a 50th Anniversary Planning Committee. The committee will plan and run one or two events during the year which will celebrate the history of the pre-school and the partnership between GNS and OGPC. Please reach out to Amy Andersen at director@greenwichnursery.com or let Pastor Mary Beth know you are interested.

PRAYER ROOM IS OPEN FOR YOU.

Be still and know that I am God.

- Psalm 46:10

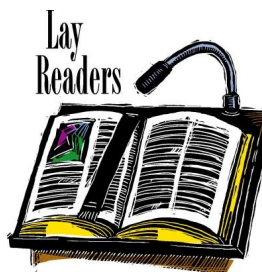
Did you know that our church has opened up a Prayer Room? During Lent this year, we used the room for our prayer services before our 10 am worship, and since then, we have kept the room open for prayer and quiet. This world is so busy and loud and overwhelming sometimes. If any of you (member or not) ever need a quiet space to just "be still and know," and the office or church is open, the Prayer Room is available for you. It is located behind Memorial Hall, right next to the choir room. God in stillness waits there.

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 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.

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.



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 SEPTEMBER:

09/02 Robin Glosser	Robert Todd
Emily Brown	09/13 Adrian Wolfe
09/03 Andrew Stetler	09/15 Julia Kolterjahn
09/05 Hope Duncan	09/18 Fritz Hamlin
Deborah Wilson	09/21 Sara Brown-Campello
09/06 Janet Morrow	Andrew Reinhard
09/07 Bruce Gaston	09/22 Christine Mette
Tim Gardner	Alison Williams
09/08 Jyneda Freeman	09/23 Kayla MacKinnon
Samuel Jagiello	09/24 James Donnelly
09/10 Elias Slack	09/27 Leni Voorhees
09/12 Craig Smith	09/28 Karen Lee
Michael Slaven	

Children are in **bold**.

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Come and join us on the church lawn for a family-oriented movie and popcorn, of course!



Folks and families of all ages are welcome to join us on **Friday, September 15, at 7:30 pm**. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, or sit in your car. Invite your neighbors and friends! Questions? Contact Deacon Rob Todd at 908-235-9322.



Our fourth and next season starts on **Thursday, September 28, at 6 pm** in the Resource Room. Join with Pastor Mary Beth, Elder George Bradlau and members and friends of Old Greenwich to share thoughts and conversation about Mark Twain's classic "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Why is this book a classic? Why was it banned? What, if anything, do we learn from it? Let's find out together. See you on the 28th!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER:

09/07/1991 Karen & Paul Kane
 09/11/1998 Edward & Jennifer Cichone
 09/15/1990 Thomas & Susan Beacht
 09/20/1969 Harry & Joan Pursel
 09/22/1973 Robert & Barbara Heater
 09/22/2000 Michael & Meredith Jagiello
 09/23/1989 Craig & Sharon Smith
 09/26/1981 Robert & Diane Bouton

- In Memoriam -

Gertrude "Trudy" Griffin Frey
 October 22, 1931 - August 16, 2023



to: **Ernie Maso, Josh Miller and Gretchen Alencewicz** for helping and doing various needed tasks in and around the church and grounds.

RALLY DAY POTLUCK AND MEN'S BASKET GIVE-AWAY

The Church Care and Kinship Committee is planning a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 10!** Bring the kids - we will have a tailgate theme for that day! We would like to do something special for the men of the congregation, so we are asking for donations to make gift baskets for them. Winners must be present to win. Please give donations to Barb Frinzi or leave in the plastic bin on the bench in the Green Room.

Let your imagination run wild when choosing items for the baskets! You can also choose to create a basket to donate instead of donating items for one.

Donations and baskets should be in by 9/ 3.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - "WELCOME ALL"

Elder Jen Miller and I are thrilled to be co-teaching a Sunday School class this year aimed at middle and high schoolers!! The class will be held on **the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, before worship from 9:00 to 9:40am**, with the first class will on Sunday, September 10. All our lessons will be centered around the deep spiritual practice of welcome. See you there!



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

Patti Drennan
from Norman, OK

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

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

AMERICA'S GROW-A-ROW OUTREACH EVENT WITH GNS!



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
5PM-7PM (ARRIVE AT 4:30PM)

EXACT LOCATION TBD AND WILL BE
SHARED WITH THOSE WHO REGISTER.

COME OUT TO VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR FAMILY!
THE CROP PICKED IS SENT TO AREAS THAT DON'T
HAVE ACCESS TO FRESH FOOD! WORK ALONG
SIDE YOUR FELLOW GNS FAMILIES AND STAFF
MEMBERS!

Reserve your spot to pick a
crop (most likely corn, but
not a guarantee)! We can
have 20-25 people join us for
this great opportunity!

Scan to RSVP



Questions? Email: director@greenwicznursery.com



JOY CORNER

Kathleen & Steve Scala welcomed their fifth grandchild into this world on August 5th! Evren Reese Felder, weighed in at 8 lbs, 1 oz, 20.6”.



Please pray for: the family of Helen Koehler, Marie Hannis' mother, who died on 8/16; Don & Betty Metz, who are both at Moravian Hall Square with health concerns; Carol Doeringer, scheduled for testing for heart issues and her twin sister, Cathleen Collett, being treated for blocked arteries; Tim Gardner, who had back surgery on 8/28; Marcia Taylor, now home from the hospital for recent health concerns; Richard Healy, recovering from surgery, and his wife, Cynthia; the family of Harry Hager, Sandy Hamlin's brother, who died on 8/19; Don Metz, who has contracted an infection while in rehab following a car accident, and his family; the family of Trudy Frey who died on 8/16; Sandy Frey's father, Glen Stalder, grieving the loss of his good friend of 10 years, Nancy, who died on 8/11; Bill Schisler and his wife, Sue – Bill will be having surgery on 8/22; the victims of wildfires in Maui and their families and friends; prayers of celebration for the birth of Evren Reese, grandson of Kathleen Scala, born on 8/5; Sandy & Fritz Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin, who has cancer. Prayers of sustenance and strength for Robin, her husband, Brent, and for Sandy & Fritz; Sue Moore, whose house caught on fire last weekend. Thanks be to God that Sue and her dog, Danny, were unharmed; Ava Hixon, whose major surgery has been re-scheduled. We pray for guidance for all the medical staff who will attend to her, for healing, and peace and comfort for Ava and her whole family; Sally Reinhard's mom, Mary Ann Miller, who had hip replacement surgery; Christine Mette's granddaughter, Jessica, who had surgery on 7/27 to remove a benign mass in her brain; the Maso family: Ernie Maso's mother, Clara, has moved to Country Arch Care Center in Pittstown; Bob Frey; Stephen Toman; Skip Adams' son, Zachary; Bob 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

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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3 Communion Worship Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live VBS - 10 am AA Meeting - 3 pm	4 Office Closed Labor Day Boy Sc. Tr. Council Mtg. 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Mtg 7:30	5 Art Group -10 AA Mtg - 7:30 Admin. Ass't. - Out	6 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	7 Choir practice 7:30 pm	8 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Tintle Wedding
10 Rally Day Worship Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live Potluck Lunch 11:15 am AA Mtg. - 3 pm	11 Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Art Group -10 Personnel - 4:30 Deacons - 7:30 AA Mtg. - 7:30	13	14	15 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	16
17 Worship Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	18 Boy Scouts 7 pm Session - 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm <-Admin. Ass't. - Out	19 Art Group - 10 Women's Bible Study - noon AA Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21 Staff Mtg. - 4:30 Girl Sc. Troop 92521 - 6 pm	22 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	23
24 Worship Svc. - 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	25 Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	26 Art Group - 10 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	27	28	29	30 Women's Retreat 9 am - 3 pm

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