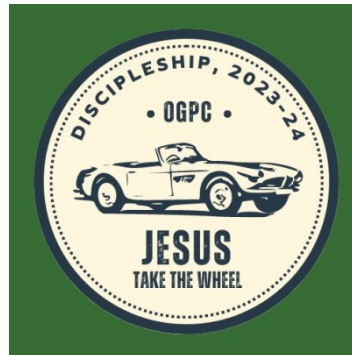




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As I write this, Old Greenwich is just on the brink of our 2024 stewardship season, “Jesus Take the Wheel!” For the next few weeks, we will consider together what it means to surrender to God-in-Christ, who loves us more than we can imagine.

The word “stewardship” can be hard to define. It’s a word we throw around a lot in churches, but it’s hard to know exactly what it means. One of my favorite definitions is by John H. MacNaughton, and it goes like this: “Christian stewardship has come to mean ‘what we do with what we have, all the time.’”

So what *do* we do with what we have? Do we hold onto it? Use it? Give it away? What do we think about our “stuff” – our money, our resources? Do we *really* believe God cares about our stuff? Do we really believe God wants to be involved in our *money*? (Hint: the answer to those last two questions is a resounding *yes!!*)

Here are some of the things you can do with us during this season, if you’re not already:

Pray for us! Pray for our ministries, our spiritual growth, our outreach, our giving. Pray for God to show up in a very real way during this season of stewardship. Pray for us to trust God; yes, even to *surrender* to God.

Come to worship! (Well, that goes for *any* time during the year!) Come explore with us what stewardship is all about, and how God is at work in every part of our lives.

Consider pledging, or if you are already pledging, consider increasing your pledge!

I am so grateful that we worship a God who wants to be involved in every corner of our life. I am so grateful that we can engage in the journey of stewardship together, with humor, humility, gratitude, and love.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mary Beth

SOMETHING “OLD” IS “NEW” AGAIN

There's now something “new” in the narthex, the entryway to the sanctuary... a Memorial Book. This book is a record of people who have been remembered by friends and family with a memorial gift to Old Greenwich.

In years past, the Memorial Book was open and each Sunday a page was turned to reveal a person to be remembered in prayer that Sunday. Throughout the year, there were many people we remembered, some family members, others church members from the past. Thanks to a suggestion by Deacon Carl Guthardt, we are going to “re-instate” the tradition of the Memorial Book.

If you wish to have a person's name added to the Memorial Book, you may send a donation in their memory to the church, with check notation “in memory of” and the person's name. You will receive an acknowledgement of your donation.

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

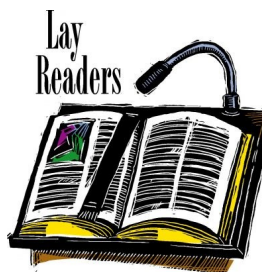
The cost to purchase arrangements for the Communion table is **\$20 each**.

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 OCTOBER:

10/01	Gabor Minorics	10/17	Judith Felch
10/02	Calvin Mardis-LeCroy		Ellen Viscel
10/03	Samantha Donnelly		David Slack
10/04	Meredith Jagiello		Heather Todd
	Christine Brown		McKenna Mallory
10/05	Donald Reinhard	10/18	Adam Wolfe
10/07	Jamie Moyle		Tom DiGiovanni
10/08	Philip Budd	10/19	Thomas Garcia
10/10	Brittany Crowley	10/20	Mia DiGiovanni
10/11	Carl Guthardt	10/23	Thomas Alencewicz
10/13	Charlotte Pickell	10/24	Rachel Epstein
10/15	Mabel Snyder	10/26	Renee Herb
	Lisa MacKinnon	10/27	Alan Marino, Jr.
10/16	Doreen Macchia-Germain	10/27	Virginia Jackson
	Leslie Strozeski	10/29	Michael Kane
			Brendan Ronan

Children are in **bold**.



to: **Gretchen Alencewicz** for her dedicated volunteering for any and all help needed at Old Greenwich :)



The beautiful fall decorations and mums in front of the entrance to the Green Room are to celebrate the life of David Starnes, who passed away September 15, 2023, husband of Ruth Anne and also in honor of Anna & Howard Hamlen, given by Ruth Anne Hamlen Starnes.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER:

10/01/2010	Peter & Sharon Dachisen
10/03/2020	Maria & Rob Miller
10/18/2008	PJ & Megan Budd
10/19/1974	Walter & Anita Campbell
10/19/2013	Jason & Lisa Kolterjahn
10/21/1978	Marlin & Sally Quick
10/29/1994	Jamie & Doug Moyle

- In Memoriam -

Robert I. "Bob" Frey
November 11, 1931 – September 12, 2023

Donald J. "Don" Metz
December 23, 1933 - September 23, 2023

BOOK CLUB IS BACK!

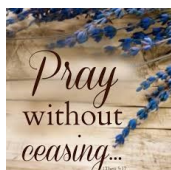
We meet on Thursdays at 6 pm in the Resource Room. (Turn right at the kitchen, third door on the left.) Join with Pastor Mary Beth, Elder George Bradlau and members and friends of Old Greenwich to share thoughts and conversation about Mark Twain's classic, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Why is 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!

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP JOHNSONBURG

Presbyterian Women are joining in on Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center women's retreat being held October 27-29. Word has it only spots for Saturday, the one day option, are still available. Leaders are Lorelei Oelschlager and Amy Clarkson. They have led many day retreats for PW and they are a dynamic duo. The theme is "A Fruitful Life: Abiding in God's Grace Across the Seasons." One day registration is \$45. Register directly on the J'burg website, www.campjburg.org. For carpooling, call or text Lisa Gray 973-476-4720.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - "WELCOME ALL"

Elder Jen Miller and Pastor Mary Beth 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 - 9:40 am**. All lessons will be centered around the deep spiritual practice of welcome. See you there!



Please pray for: Ava Hixon, who had major surgery on 9/28; Susan Jones, at home healing from pneumonia, and Pastor David Jones, as he cares for her; Sue Tintle's caregiver Karen, who was in a car accident and is healing from a few broken bones; the family and friends of long-time member, Don Metz, who died on 9/24; the family and loved ones of Larry Marino as they grieve; Bob Luziatti, who had a fall and is in Kirkland Village rehab; the family of Bob Frey, who died on 9/12;

John Oakes, who was hospitalized the week of 9/8, and his wife, Linda; the people of Libya dealing with devastating floods and the people of Morocco, reeling from a devastating earthquake. Prayers for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, those who still are searching for loved ones, those who are injured, those who are afraid. Come quickly, Lord, with aid on every level; Christine Lee and her co-workers, who are navigating major change in their journalism work; Dottie Davidson and her brother, Lee, who was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer; Stephen Toman; Debbie Mowrey; our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; the citizens of Ukraine; all experiencing the effects of extreme weather conditions around the world.



JOY CORNER

Kathleen & Steve Scala celebrated the blessing of the marriage of their youngest son, Ryan David Scala to Ms. Amy Ann Barker in Lafayette, CO on September 21st! The happy couple will reside in Colorado as Mr. & Mrs. Barker-Scala.



**If you're 65 years of age or older,
you're invited to the
Deacons' Senior Dinner**

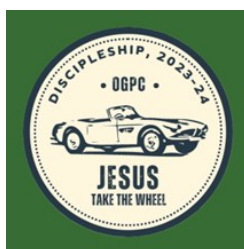
You are cordially invited to come and enjoy a delicious meal, wonderful fellowship and musical entertainment.

Date: Saturday, October 14

Time: 5 - 7:30 pm

Place: Old Greenwich Presby. Church

Please RSVP no later than Oct. 5 to 908-479-4449 (leave message if you get voicemail with your name and whether you will or will not attend) or email oldgreenwich@ogpc.org



Sunday, October 1, 2023 kicks off our official 2024 Stewardship Campaign! We are excited to share that the theme of this year's campaign is "Jesus Take the Wheel."

We are all on some sort of journey, and if you sometimes feel like you are losing your way, discouraged, or just simply don't fit in, OGPC will always be there to help you find yourself again. God's vessel always has room, and you are invited to join us for the ride!

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Will you help us along the journey? We are all on this journey 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 amount 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?

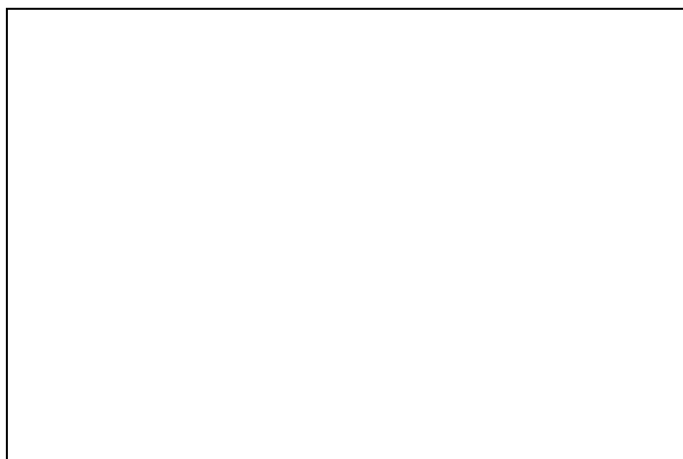
Here are some ways you can continue to support the work God is doing at OGPC:

- Email your pledge amount to the church Treasurer at treasurer@ogpc.org;
- Make your pledge online at www.ogpc.org;
- Look for information and a pledge card to arrive in the mail and submit your pledge card to the church office or drop in the Offering Plate at Sunday worship.

The 7th Annual Iron Pigs Baseball Game Coca Cola Park, Allentown, PA Saturday, July 29, 2023

The 7th annual Iron Pigs game was celebrated this year in a new location of Coca Cola Park: the Club level! The feature of this area is an enclosed area with shelter and AIR CONDITIONING! A group of 47 people went to the AAA baseball game on Saturday, July 29th. The Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs (AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies) took on the Syracuse Mets (AAA affiliate of the NY Mets). Typical July weather is usually hot with a possibility of rain and this date was no exception, but our stalwart group was prepared. Turns out at the Club level, it was breezy and cooler than expected.

Mike Lemons, who won the 1st pitch raffle this year (anyone who purchased a ticket - their name was entered), delivered our first pitch, but, before Walt could get any pictures, it was over, due to threatening rain. The infield was covered, the rain came for about two minutes, and was over. Just enough to delay the game about 25 minutes.

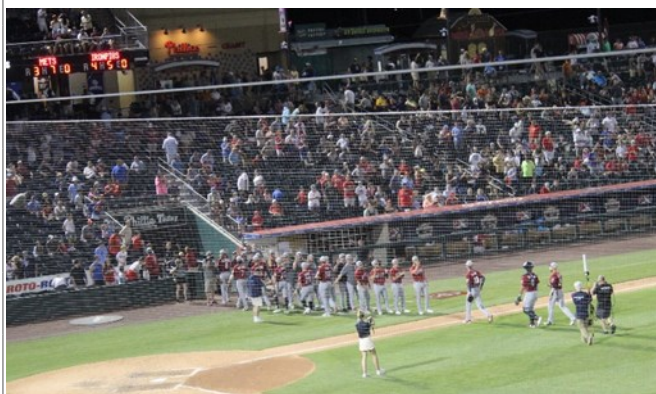


Mike holding his first pitch ball with Missy at his side.



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The game was exciting with the lead changing a few times until the bottom of the 9th when, with two outs, a Darick Hall homer made it 4 - 3, the final, winning score.



Pigs Win! Traditional hand slap!



Renee Herb could not attend the game, but she won the Pig in the Poke raffle for our group. Here daughter, Janine, with her fiancée, holds the hat Renee won.





Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church Choral Festival

come.& sing



Guest Conductor and Composer

Patti Drennan

Patti Drennan is an internationally acclaimed choral director, composer and clinician.

With over 2.5 million copies sold, Patti has 800+ choral octavos, piano and piano/vocal books published with 13 major publishers. She has served as a clinician for workshops in 22 states.

Patti performs and conducts with soul, warmth and love!

Schedule

12:00-1:00pm Registration

1:00-5:30pm Workshop with Mrs. Drennan

5:30-7:30pm Dinner Break

7:30pm Performance, free to the public

Free Will Offering will be taken

Attire: Cocktail & White

**Concert
Rescheduled to
10 AM Sunday!**

Join us for an inspired day of singing!

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Free Performance 7:30pm. Free Will Offering Will Be Taken.

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17 Greenwich Church Road
Stewartsville, NJ 08886

- Workshop Cost: \$40 (\$35 before Sep. 1), \$10 High School and College Students
- Sheet Music is not included in cost. Estimated cost of sheet music is \$15-20.
- For more details and to reserve your spot: Contact Mr. Tom DiGiovanni digtom@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Communion Worship Svc. - 10 am via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	2 Boy Sc. Tr. Council Mtg. 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Mtg 7:30	3 Art Group -10 AA Mtg - 7:30	4 Music Together 9:15 & 10:15 Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	5 Book Club 6 pm Choir practice 7 pm	6 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Choral Workshop 12 - 5:30 pm
8 Worship Svc. - 10 am & Choral Concert via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	9 Office Closed Colombus Day Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Mtg 7:30	10 Art Group -10 Personnel - 4:30 Deacons - 7:30 AA Mtg - 7:30	11 Music Together 9:15 & 10:15	12 Book Club 6 pm Choir practice 7 pm	13 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	14 Deacons' Sr. Dinner 5 - 7:30 pm
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The Breezeway

A purple poster for a Halloween Family Fun Night. It features Halloween-themed decorations like pumpkins, candy corn, and spiders. The text is centered and reads: "Halloween Family Fun Night: Indoor Trick or Treating". Below this, it says "Where: 17 Greenwich Church Rd Stewartsville, NJ", "When: Friday, October 20th", "Time: 4pm-6pm", "Cost: \$5 per child participating", and "Optional: Bring a non-perishable food item or paper goods for the local food pantry." At the bottom left, it says "Come dressed up and bring a bag to carry your candy/crafts!". At the bottom right, it says "Indoor Activities include: Trick or Treating, Halloween Games, LOTS of crafts!, Snacks". A QR code is in the center. At the very bottom, it says "Sponsored by Greenwich Nursery School and Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church".

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