

THE BREEZEWAY

December
2025



Dear Old Greenwich Family,

Happy New Year, everybody! Happy CHURCH New Year, that is. This past Sunday, November 30, the church (liturgical) year started over with the season of Advent, a season of mystery, depth, darkness, and hope.

I've always loved the season of Advent. As a child, I was drawn to Baby Jesus in the manger, his mother and father gazing at him with love and wonder, and, of course, all the animals, shepherds, and, for Epiphany, the wise men. Growing up, my parents had a nativity set that my sister and I used to play with for hours. We would march Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and animals, and even Baby Jesus, all around our home, from the kitchen to our bedrooms to the bathroom, back to the kitchen. They went on quite a journey!

As an adult, I realize that my sister and I understood something about the nature of Advent, even before we had the words to articulate it: *Advent is all about movement*. Advent is all about motion. Advent is all about God coming into this world - *breaking* into this world, really - as a small, helpless baby named Jesus.

During the season of Advent, like Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and even the animals, we are invited to go on a journey, too. Like them, we, too, are invited to *move* - to move into a deeper, more mysterious union with God. During Advent, we are invited to move past shallowness, materialism, greed and complacency, into the joy and wonder of worshipping our God-made-flesh, who comes to us in the vulnerable form of the Christ child.

During this season of Advent, may God bless us as we move, and deepen, and wonder, and grow.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mary Beth



1ST ANNUAL
**SANTAVILLE
FAIR**



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

CRAFTS, FOOD AND COOKIE WALK!

9 AM TO 4 PM

All Proceeds go to Family Promise of Warren County



Craft Fair 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cookie Walk 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lunch served from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm



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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!



AT THE SANTAVILLE FAIR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM SEATING

AND

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM SEATING

\$10 PER PERSON

UNDER 2 IS FREE



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Seats will sell out fast, reserve your spot using the QR code here!

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BLUE CHRISTMAS

Wednesday December 10 7 PM

This gentle, reflective service will provide hope and healing for those who are struggling with grief and loneliness this season.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday December 21 10 AM

For all ages, join us for singing and anticipation of the newborn King!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday December 24

3 PM Early service with a message for kids

8 PM Candlelight service with adult choir and message for kids

11:00 PM Candlelight communion

All services will include music, prayers and preaching.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Blue Christmas Service

CO-HOSTED BY COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND
OLD GREENWICH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY DEC. 10 2025

7:00 PM

@ OLD GREENWICH

17 GREENWICH CHURCH ROAD
STEWARTSVILLE, NJ 08886

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Community Spotlight - The Huff family

Tell us a little about your family.

(Kathy) I am married to Daniel Huff . We went to high-school together. We have 4 children Daniel (who passed away at 9 days old), Faith Anne Huff Pieretti , Aaron Dale Huff & Adam Daniel Huff. We have 6 beautiful grandchildren. Daniel is a welder and will be retiring in the next 6/8 months. I am a cancer survivor but had many problems with the side effects of radiation. We have lived in Valley View for close to 30 years.



How did you find your way to OGPC?

We belonged to Westminster church on Chamber St and after it closed we came to Old Greenwich. Pastor Mary Beth did the funeral for my mother and I loved her energy.

At Westminster, we participated in Meals on Wheels, the Handbell choir and we made food for Family Promise and stayed overnight on those horrible blow up mattresses. We did Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. I was a Deacon and an Elder at one time.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to garden and crochet.

OGPC Christmas Pageant: Ring the Bells! YOU are invited to be part of our Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 21! Join us at 9am for a run-through, or simply show up at 10am, and enjoy the pageant! Invite your friends and neighbors! It will be a joyful day!!



GIVING TREE 2025: Greenwich Nursery School and Old Greenwich Church are co-sponsoring a Giving Tree event for Christmas this year! All gift tags have been taken, thank you to everyone who took a tag! Gifts should be returned wrapped with the tag attached (so we can identify what's in the package) before or on December 14. Gifts can be placed under the tree in the green room entryway of church. Questions? Contact Elder Melissa Hixon (melissahixon24@gmail.com).

Do you love Christmas? We are hosting our 1st Annual Santaville Fair to benefit Family Promise on Saturday December 13!

- O come all ye faithful, help us bake some cookies! Do you have a favorite holiday cookie recipe you would love to share? We are seeking individual donations of 6 dozen holiday themed cookies to sell in our cookie walk. Use the Santaville QR code to sign up to make cookies.
- We are also in need of volunteers for the event. Congregants, Youth Group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Key Club members, etc. Mark your calendar and come out to help with this wonderful event. Scan below to sign up:
- Breakfast with Santa! Come have breakfast with Santa, seatings are available at the 8 AM seating. \$10 per person, this event will fill up fast, use the QR code below to sign up.



Santaville Volunteer Signup



Breakfast with Santa Signup

Nursery Care During Worship Beginning for "Littles"! Do you have a young child or grandchild (PreK and below) whom you love with all your heart... but my goodness, how nice would it be if you could have an hour of peace and quiet when you come to worship? Well, we want to help you! Knowing that ALL children are welcome in worship ALL the time, we also want to offer nursery care to parents and caregivers of little ones during worship. **Beginning on December 7**, if you so choose, you can drop your little one/s downstairs (Room 14), where they will be cared for by two volunteers. Nursery hours are 9:55am to whenever church is over! Questions? Please email pastormarybeth@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON 2026! "I Love to Tell the Story." There is still time to make your pledge to help us do God's work in 2026. If you haven't made a pledge, here's how:

- Email your pledge amount to the church treasurer at treasurer@ogpc.org
- Return your pledge card via mail or drop it in the offering plate at church (pledge cards are available at the back of the sanctuary if you need one!)
- Make your pledge online at www.ogpc.org or use this QR code:





CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Renee Consalazio	12/01	Timothy Garcia	12/20
Adrienne Carbin	12/02	Lynn Szczeck	12/20
Patricia Walker	12/02	Philip Millon	12/20
Chris Hart	12/04	Martha Grazul	12/20
Melissa Costley	12/04	Joshua Miller	12/21
John Reinhard	12/06	Karen Hart	12/27
Madison Wayne	12/07	Darrin Carbin	12/30
Trish Millon	12/08	Tom Beacht	12/31
Holly Ahart	12/14		
Lisa Gray	12/14		
Deborah Mowrey	12/14		
Emily Holloway	12/18		
Joan Pursel	12/18		

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel & Melissa Hixon	12/11
Linda & Michael McCusker	12/12
Penny & John Torcivia	12/27
Roxane & Mario Campello	12/27



PRAYERS

Please pray for: Betty Metz, recovering from severe pneumonia; Gwen Johnson who is recovering from surgery; the family of Owen McCaffrey, friend of Carol Lee Doeringer, who passed away this week. Carol Lee’s twin sister, Cathy Collett, is in ICU with health issues; Rob Todd and his whole family upon the passing of Rob’s mother, Noi; Lisa Gray and her family, Lisa’s brother passed away; Jyneda Freeman, who is at Genesis Care Center; Lisa Kolterjahn’s family and the family of her grandmother Adelaide Castrovillari, who died on Oct 29, Janet Stoakes friend Dana, who has multiple myeloma and will be undergoing a risky surgery in January and friend’s mom Roberta, who has Stage 4 colon cancer. Healing prayers for Lane Wolfe (Sherri Wolfe’s daughter); Ana Giametta’s family (Ana is our chair yoga instructor) her grandnephew (Iker Dawson, born 10/20) was born early, weighing only 2 pounds; the family and loved ones of Brett Marino, Al Marino’s cousin, who passed away on October 9; Ayden Huff’s friend, Zailey; Lorraine Brown and their whole family, on the passing of their beloved husband, father, grandfather and loved one; For Jamaica and Cuba, and every community devastated by Hurricane Melissa; for low-income families, facing so much insecurity; The Kolterjahn family and all those who are grieving Doreen Macchia-Germain; for Edith Slamp’s family as they grieve; prayers for strength and healing for Barb Frinzi; Andrew Stetler, for Annie his mother, and for their whole family; for Karen Savacool, facing health issues; for Gaza, especially for the children who are facing extreme food insecurity; for Sudan; for India and Pakistan, that they may find a way to peace; the half a million people who have been displaced in Congo; the people of Haiti, experiencing violence and trauma; for those struggling with mental illness and those who struggle with addictions and their families; continue to pray for our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; the citizens of Ukraine and the citizens of Israel and Palestine.

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:30 Fit where you Sit 6 PM Boy Scout Cl 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 AA	2 9 AM "Wee" Connect 12 PM Advent Bible Study 7 PM ACoA 7 PM Community Mission 7:30 AA	3 9:30 AM Music Together 12 PM Revelation Bible Study 7:30 Deacons	4 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Office Closed 11:15 Jackie Shea therapy 7 PM ACoA 7:30 AA	6 12 PM Bible Study
7 9 AM Youth Sun Sch 9:50 Nursery Care 10 AM Worship 3 PM AA 6 PM Fish & CHYPS	8 1:30 Fit where you Sit 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 AA	9 9 AM "Wee" Connect 10 AM Art Group 12 PM Advent Bible Study 7 PM ACoA 7 PM Community Mission 7:30 AA	10 9:30 AM Music Together 12 PM Revelation Bible Study 7:00 PM Blue Christmas	11 5:30 Girl Scouts 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 Office Closed 11:15 Jackie Shea therapy 7 PM ACoA 7:30 AA	13 8:30 Santaville Fair 5 PM Girl Scout
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21 9:00 AM Christmas Pageant 9:50 Nursery Care 10 AM Worship 3 PM AA 6 PM Fish & CHYPS	22 1:30 Fit where you Sit 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 AA	23 9 AM "Wee" Connect 10 AM Art Group 7 PM ACoA 7:30 AA	24 Christmas Eve 3 PM Early Service 8 PM Traditional Service 11 PM Candlelight communion	25 Christmas Day	26 Office Closed 7 PM ACoA 7:30 AA	27
28 9:50 Nursery Care 10 AM Worship 10:15 Sunday Sch 3 PM AA	29 1:30 Fit where you Sit 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 AA	30 9 AM "Wee" Connect 10 AM Art Group 7 PM ACoA 7:30 AA	31 New Year's Eve			

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