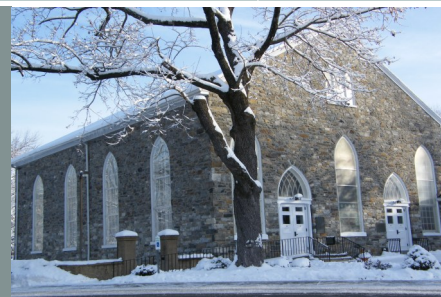


# THE BREEZEWAY

February 2026

Issue 2



## Sabbath

I've been thinking a lot about Sabbath. In Exodus, God commands (yes, commands) the people: "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it" (Exodus 20:8-11).

I don't think we're very good at keeping Sabbath. I know I'm not. It seems like such a waste of a day to not do *any* work at all. But that's exactly what God asks of us (again, commands us): *do not work*, not even a little, for one whole day during the week.

Why is Sabbath so hard for me to keep? Well, to be honest, I like to feel like I have to have a handle on everything - my work, my family, my household chores, even my "down time." I like to be on top of it all. I like to be in control. And this commandment invites me to do otherwise. It demands that I let go.

God's command tells me that the world will do just fine without my meddling in it, thank you very much.

And, God's command for us to keep the Sabbath begs the question: *if God rested a whole day, then why in the world can't I?*

We like to be "busy." Busy gives us purpose. Busy gives us meaning. Busy gives us control. But what if we aside a *whole day* to be un-busy, to un-bind ourselves from all the things we think we have to work out, all the things we think we have to manage?

Instead, could we rest? Could we surrender? Could we pray? Could we... play?

Thanks be to God.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mary Beth

## Deacon Corner

**A Deacon** is described as an officer (Greek word diakonos) who encompasses ministry of charity, bridging the gap between the church and the community by meeting physical and spiritual needs. If you got a birthday card, it was us. When you hear about Helping Hand helping those fallen on hard times, it's us. If your child receives a scholarship for Camp Johnsonburg, it's us! Fellowship hour...us! Greeting you and collecting offering... ditto. Sunday altar flowers honoring a loved one, Poinsettias and Easter Lillies, yours truly!



**Deacons will be launching our takeout Sweet Jesus Pork BBQ and Poppy AI Brown Mac N Cheese with a side of Holy sauce and rolls fundraiser scheduled for distribution on March 22. We will be pre-selling these items until Sunday March 15.** Details to follow! Look for our Easter flowers sale coming to a church near you as well! Catch you next month!

For information about the Deacons or the service they provide, reach out to Sharon Jiorle at [sjiorle1@verizon.net](mailto:sjiorle1@verizon.net).



## Community Mission News

**The Community Mission Committee decided to postpone the Best Pizza in Town scheduled for Saturday, January 31.**

Weather predictions showed the possibility of another winter storm, and sales were affected by the bad weather over the last few weekends.

Tickets already sold will be honored for the rescheduled date (to be determined) but if anyone would like a refund, contact the office at [oldgreenwich@ogpc.org](mailto:oldgreenwich@ogpc.org) or Sharon Smith at [sharonsmith.08@gmail.com](mailto:sharonsmith.08@gmail.com).

Thank you to all who donated and made food for Safe Harbor in January. We made lasagna, salad and garlic bread for 65 people!

**Next Community Mission Meeting, Wednesday, Feb 4 at 7 PM.** Lorraine Lee from Lee Services in Phillipsburg will briefly present the mission of Lee Services and ways to partner with them. **All are welcome!**

# Be a liturgist

## From Your Worship, Music and Spirituality Committee:

**Do you feel a call to read scripture and prayers during a worship service?** We are inviting anyone who would like to be part of the worship service to sign up to be the liturgist (lay reader) It's easy! You'll be reminded by email a few days before and there will be a script on the lectern with your part highlighted in red. Scripture is also printed there.

Go to [ogpc.org](http://ogpc.org), and drop down on the "Worship & Music" tab to "Sign up to be a Lay Reader," or use this QR code:

Questions? Call or text Lisa Gray 973-476-4720



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - PART II

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting - Part II of the Congregation and Religious Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township, in the County of Warren, will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026, immediately following the 10 am service of worship. The following will be presented:

- Reports of the Session Committees & other groups
- Pastor's Terms of Call
- The Budget for the year 2026



Attest:

Elder Melissa Hixon, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy, Pastor, Moderator



Thank you to Dave Slack who helped clear snow so we have better access to the sidewalks and walkways. And thank you to the snow angels who cleared snow in the courtyard!



Until a later date because of the winter storms we have been having. Tickets already sold will be honored for the rescheduled date to be determined.

If anyone would like a refund, contact the office at [oldgreenwich@ogpc.org](mailto:oldgreenwich@ogpc.org) or Sharon Smith at [sharonwsmith.08@gmail.com](mailto:sharonwsmith.08@gmail.com). Thank you for your understanding and stay warm and safe!!

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**SELFLESS SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 1**  
 DURING 10 AM WORSHIP  
 AFTER CHILDREN'S TIME



**COLLECTING FOR BEDTIME-IN-A-BAG SERVICE PROJECT**

**JAN 18 THRU FEB 22**

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN BIN IN GREEN ROOM:

We are asking for donations of:  
 new pajamas for girls and boys ages 5 - 12  
 Sizes Youth XS to XL



[WWW.OGPC.ORG](http://WWW.OGPC.ORG)



# Baked Ziti Super Bowl Sunday

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# OLD GREENWICH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## WINTER/SPRING 2026 SESSION

Join us for engaging discussions in our upcoming session as we explore F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*.  
**All are welcome!**



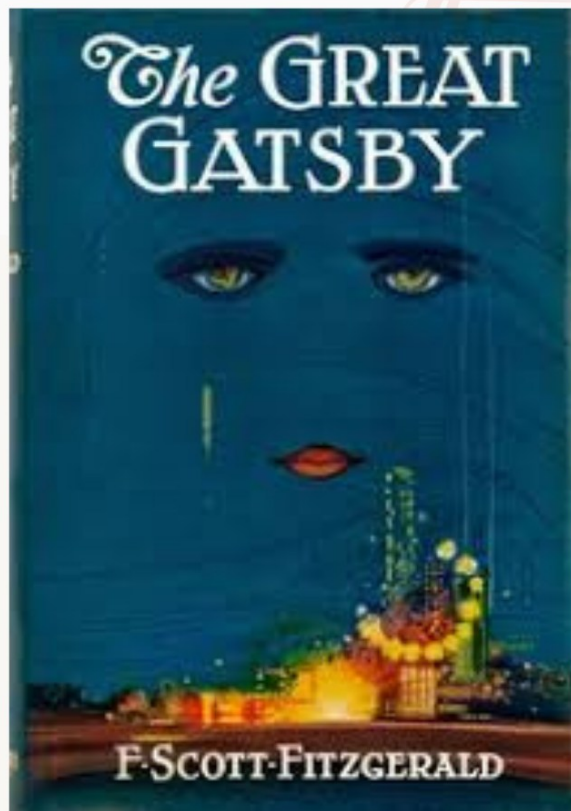
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RESOURCE RM**



**6.00 PM -  
7.30 PM**



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# **Bluey's Fancy Restaurant Party**

**Saturday, February 21st**  
**8:30am or 11am**

**Location: Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church**  
**17 Greenwich Church Rd, Stewartsville, NJ 08886**



**Come play with Bluey as we prepare the kids to  
serve their adult(s) at our 'Fancy Restaurant'**

**Tickets: \$15 per child and \$5 per adult  
(includes food for all)**

**RSVP required! Limited to 30 kids per session!**  
**Go to [www.greenwichnursery.com](http://www.greenwichnursery.com) to RSVP!**

**Helping Others: We will be collecting NEW kids pajamas  
(sizes XS-XL) for kids facing homelessness.**

**Kids will be broken up into groups to do Bluey related activities and  
then everyone will go to the 'fancy restaurant', while  
Bluey joins in the fun!**

**Kids under 2 are free to tag along with older siblings.**

**Proceeds go towards GNS events, activities, and gross motor equipment.  
Questions? Email [director@greenwichnursery.com](mailto:director@greenwichnursery.com)**

# February

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Lori Metz	02/01	Shannon Bakros	02/21
Vivian North	02/02	Adam Stetler	02/22
Jennifer Miller	02/04	Mike Lemons	02/28
Howard Bell	02/05		
Jodie Garvey	02/08		
Susan Bradlau	02/11		
Betsy Gaston	02/12		
Amanda Stetler	02/12		
Marcia Taylor	02/15		
Julia Deemer	02/20		
Susan Gardner	02/20		
Samantha Hillier	02/20		

## CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Kurt & Barbara Grimm	02/12
Lisa & Raymond Gray	02/14
Brittany & Cody Crowley	02/15

## PRAYERS

**Please pray for:** the Geritty family, especially for Rylee and Addison; Mimma Reilly, a friend of Audra Frank, Mimma was a wonderful mother, friend and a great business partner; Janet Stoakes friend Donna, she is slowly recovering from a heart attack; Melissa Hixon's brother-in-law, Michael, had a brain bleed seizure/stroke, healing prayers for him and for his wife Judy; Walt Campbell's niece's husband, Mark Scrivanich, who is having surgery to fix an aneurysm; for Debbie, a friend of Charlotte Pickell, who is struggling with brain cancer. Prayers for Debbie's loved ones; prayers for strength and healing for Barb Frinzi; Andrew Stetler, for Annie his mother, and for their whole family; for Karen and Jim Savacool; the people of Venezuela and Iran: for God's justice, mercy, and sustaining presence for those who are suffering and afraid; 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 people who have been displaced in Congo; the people of Haiti; 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.



# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>10 AM Worship 10 AM Nursery 3 PM AA 6 PM Fish &amp; CHYPS</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:30 PM Fit Where you Sit 6 PM Boy Sc Tr 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 AM "Wee" Connect 10 AM Art 7 PM ACoA 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 AM Music Together 7 PM Community Mission</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM Organ Tuning 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed 11:15 AM Jackie Shea 5 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM ACoA 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 AM Girl Scouts World Thinking Day 10 AM Meditation</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>10 AM Worship 10 AM Nursery 10:15 Sun Sch 3 PM AA 6 PM Fish &amp; CHYPS</p>	<p>16</p> <p>President's Day 1:30 Fit Where you Sit 4 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Boy Sc 7:30 Session</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 AM "Wee" Connect 10 AM Art 12 Women's Bible Study 7 PM ACoA 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 PM Ash Wednesday</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>6 PM Book Club 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed 11:15 AM Jackie Shea 7 PM ACoA 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8 AM GNS Bluey Event 10 AM Meditation</p>
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