



# THE BREEZEWAY

April 2026

Issue 4

## **He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Holy Week and Easter were so meaningful, once again, at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

On Palm Sunday, the children and Praise Band led us in a joyful celebration (“We are marching in the light of God!!”) as we waved our palm branches and sang. On Maundy Thursday, we participated in Jesus’ love poured out. Underscored by gorgeous music by Tom DiGiovanni (piano) and Gabriele Hingelberg (cello), we listened together to the story of Jesus and his disciples on that Passover night two thousand years ago. We shared the bread and the cup. We tried to stay awake with Jesus as the night deepened around us.

The mood turned even darker on Good Friday, as we saw our God nailed to a Roman cross. Our Chancel Choir sang a mournful anthem, and we sang hymns that expressed our grief and dismay.

But then, on Sunday, we learned with Mary Magdalene at the tomb: he is not here! He has been raised! And we showed up to witness to the resurrection at our morning worship service, complete with singing and joyful music (including four French horns!), preaching, praying, and sharing in communion once again.

What a week it was! So full, so rich. As we journeyed together, I once again was struck with all the different emotions we experience during Holy Week and Easter: from the wild celebration of Palm Sunday; to the sobering love Jesus pours upon us – and charges us to do the same – on Thursday; to the grief and darkness of Friday; to the silence of Saturday; to the Resurrection Hope of Sunday.

Thank you, musicians, liturgists and congregation, for making this journey again, together.

As we continue to walk this road, may we know that we are never alone.

Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mary Beth

## Deacon Corner

A big thank you for the support of our BBQ pork/Mac'N'cheese fundraiser. The dust has not settled on the bottom line but this will be a BIG help as we kick off our scholarship season.

**The Reverend Richard B. Gibbins Scholarship** provides financial assistance to individuals who are members of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church. This scholarship will be primarily for church youth who are accepted to a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary institute as well as members/youth wishing to attend Johnsonburg as campers or counselors.

Paper applications will be in the narthex. Online applications can be found on our website under Who We are: Deacons. **Applications due by MAY 18th.**



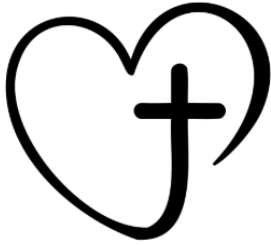


## Community Mission News

The Community Mission committee hosted Lee Services, a local organization that focuses on skill-building for participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities, for a community service project on our grounds. Lee Services supports their clients with individual skill building, creative expression and service projects throughout the community. This month, they helped spread mulch and beautify the courtyard and grounds outside. They also provided beautiful centerpieces for our Chili Cook-off last year.

We're so grateful to Lee Services as well as our Buildings and Grounds committee for their work!



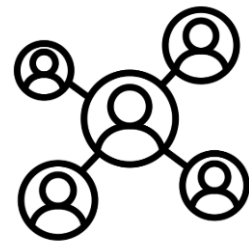


## Do you feel called to offer worship and prayer to folks at Clymer Village?

Clymer Village is a local community for seniors 62+, and the community is looking for a small group of folks to offer worship and prayer (and possibly music) every third Sunday at noon with the residents. The service can be as simple as we choose, or a mirror of the Sunday service. Please contact worship Elder Lisa Gray at [Lisa\\_A\\_Gray@outlook.com](mailto:Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com)/973-476-42720 or speak to Pastor Mary Beth if you are interested.

## New Member Class, April 12 and 19 after worship

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF OGPC, NOT SURE, HAVE QUESTIONS?



We will be offering a 2 session membership class on **April 12th and April 19th after worship, 11:30 to 12:45** in the Resource Room.

The first session will be about what it means to be a Presbyterian, who we are, how we are governed and membership and responsibilities.

The second session will be about Old Greenwich, our history, worship and music, children and youth, adult small (and not so small) groups, our place in the community. If you are interested, please contact Hope Duncan ([hopeld5@yahoo.com](mailto:hopeld5@yahoo.com)).

## Sign up to Host Fellowship!

In the Bible, fellowship refers to a deep, shared life and spiritual partnership rooted in a common faith. It signifies a twofold connection: a vertical relationship of communion with God and a horizontal loving bond with other believers characterized by unity, mutual care, sharing resources and shared struggles.

How special is our time together after worship! Hosting our fellowship is an opportunity to get to know each other better and serve our church family. **Please look for the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall or call Barb Grimm at (908) 578-1273.** Barb will happily answer questions about hosting fellowship!

## Annual OGPC Baseball Game Outing

Tickets are still available for **Saturday, August 15, 2026** at 6:35 p.m. between the Iron Pigs (Phillies AAA team) and the Scranton-Wilkes Barre RailRiders (Yankees AAA team) at CocaCola Park in Allentown, PA. There are currently about 35 seats available. Tickets are \$18/person (children 2 and under are free if they sit on parents' lap). Parking is \$5/car. Contact Anita/Walt Campbell at 908-479-4737 or [souptime2222@gmail.com](mailto:souptime2222@gmail.com) for more information and payment information.

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## Raise Money for the Choir with easy, convenient gift cards!

Our Chancel Choir has been doing a gift card fundraiser for many years that is easy and ongoing. **We are inviting you to join us!** We purchase gift cards for our favorite stores and brands, and a company we work with gives a percentage of what we purchase back to the choir. The gift cards never expire, and you get the full amount of the card purchased. Many brands give 10-15% back to the choir! Use the QR code for a full list of brands. See Tom DiGiovanni, our organist, to sign up!



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## Presbyterian Women of the Highlands is hosting A Morning of Learning

Well-Sweep Herb Farm

205 Mount Bethel Rd., Port Murray, NJ

Saturday May 23, 2026

Gather at 10:30 am for a walk and tour

Fee is \$13.50, check can be made to PWP Highlands

Bring a sandwich for a picnic lunch (lemonade provided)

RSVP to [jkmac3536@gmail.com](mailto:jkmac3536@gmail.com).



**How can we care for you?** "Where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them" (Matt 18:20).

Would you, or would someone you know, like a visit from a church member or our pastor? Would you, or someone you know, like to take holy communion at your home? Are you struggling with something you'd like to talk and pray about? Do you simply need a ride to church? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, we are here for you!

Please reach out to Elder Lisa Gray at Lisa\_a\_gray@outlook.com for home communion. Reach out to Deacon Sharon Jiorle at sjiorle1@verizon.net if you would like a general, or even regular, visit from someone at the church, or if you would like a ride to church. And contact Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com for anything else... Let us care for you and the people you love!




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**The CCK Committee (church care and kinship committee) is reorganizing and looking for volunteers** who enjoy planning and implementing fun events and entertainment for church members. This group traditionally has planned the church picnic, potlucks, and outings to promote fellowship through fun activities. If this sounds like something you would enjoy being a part of, please contact Sue Schisler @ 908-763-0886. (Previous CCK members and new members are all welcome!)

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**BETSY GASTON Celebration Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm!** Friends, we are celebrating Betsy Gaston and her 40 years of service as Choir Director at OGPC! **If you have signed up and need to pay for your dinner, please do so before April 12<sup>th</sup>.** Venmo @Cathy-Ahart, give Cathy your check/cash, or place a check/cash in an envelope and put it in the church offering plate. If you haven't signed up, you may do so by emailing cahart6@msn.com or by signing the sheet in the back of the church, and follow the payment instructions above. If you are

unable to attend the event on April 25<sup>th</sup> but would like to contribute to a gift for Betsy, follow the above instructions.

**COMMUNITY EVENT** - Fireworks at Coca-Cola Park! Coca-Cola Park is offering a 250th drone/fireworks celebration on Friday, July 3. ALL seats - club level (\$23.50) and downstairs field level (\$19.26) are available for purchase. See this website for more: <https://www.milb.com/lehigh-valley>. (Note: There is NO baseball game on the 3rd; it's just the drone/fireworks).

**The whole community is invited to... a Health & Wellness Field Day, hosted by the Warren County Department of Human Services.** This free event will be held at Warren County Technical High School on Friday May 1 from 6pm-9pm. It will include informational booths and resources on all sorts of health (mental, spiritual, physical) PLUS food, music, games, raffles and prizes, and a volleyball tournament! ALL are welcome!! See the bright posters around the church for more information.



## Wild Buds

*a nature inspired outdoor class*

This class encourages children ages 1 - 8 years old to explore the outdoors with hands-on activities, fostering curiosity and creativity through play, stories, yoga, music, and group activities. It also includes free play in the Kid Corral, featuring mud cooking, sensory exploration, construction, and gardening.

*Ages 1 - 8 yrs old — Stewartville, NJ — Caregiver Participation Required*

**Current Sessions:** **Spring—**  
**Tuesdays 4-5pm**    **Thursdays 8:30-9:30am**    **POP UPS AVAILABLE**

**Class Highlights:**

- Exploration & Discovery
- Nature-Inspired Creativity
- Hands-On Science & Ecology
- Music & Movement
- All-Weather Play
- Gardening & Sustainability
- Social & Emotional Growth

**View Schedule + Register**

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### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Jiorle	April 01	Harry Pursel II	April 16
Sara Slack	April 01	Walter Campbell	April 17
Crystal Huff	April 03	Stella Peardon	April 20
David Brown	April 08	Jacob Miller	April 20
Betty Metz	April 09	Barbara Cotte	April 23
Sandra Stutzman	April 09	Melissa Mauricio	April 25
Kathy Huff	April 11	Angela Donnelly	April 27
Susan Tintle	April 13	Edward Cichone	April 29
Emma Mallory	April 13	Sharon Smith	April 30
Sandy Friedman	April 14		

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Karen Hart	4-Apr
Steve & Kathleen Gooley	13-Apr
Alan & Tricia Marino	14-Apr
Samuel & Sunitha Immanuel	20-Apr
David & Christine Brown	29-Apr



## PRAYERS

**Please pray for:** Sue Millan's sister Betsey Peet, for healing, wholeness and answers; Candi Nagy and her whole family as they grieve the passing of Candi's father; Gwen and Lou Johnson, facing health issues; for David Jones, and his sons Rob and Evan as they grieve Susan Jones' death; prayers from a community member for 2 lost dogs to get help, food, water, warm shelter, get home and be safe and protected; for the family of Ayden Huff's friend Jake who died; Lisa Gray's cousin James, dealing with health issues; the people of Lebanon, displaced and afraid; for all the Gulf Countries; John Redling the 5th who passed on March 4; Lucas Radcliffe in the US Navy in the Persian Gulf; Kahlyn, granddaughter of Barb and Kurt Grimm, prayers for continued healing; for Barb and Kurt Grimm's neighbor TJ, facing a serious health issue; the citizens of Iran and surrounding countries; for decision-makers everywhere; prayers for peace; for Sharon and Craig Smith and their whole family, as Craig faces health challenges; Brenden, 12-years old, who has been diagnosed with cancer; our Phillipsburg neighbors, especially those dealing with the displacement and chaotic effects of the town's sinkholes; prayers for strength and healing for Barb Frinzi; for Karen and Jim Savacool; the people of Venezuela, for God's justice, mercy, and sustaining presence for those who are suffering and afraid; for Sudan; for Ukraine; 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 10 AM Easter Sunday 3 PM AA	6 1:30 PM Fit Where you Sit 6 PM Boy Scout 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM AA	7 10 AM Art Group 7 PM ACoA 7 PM Community Mission 7:30 PM AA	8	9 5:30 PM GS Troop 90830 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 Office Closed 7 PM ACoA 7:30 PM AA	11
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