



The Breezeway

JUNE 2026

Babel No More: Another Take on Pentecost

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability." (Acts 2:4)

Once upon a time, as the book of Genesis tells it, the entire human family spoke one language and united in one project—the construction of a tower at Babel (Genesis 11). For reasons that are not entirely clear, God frowned on this endeavor and crashed the party by confusing the languages of those who were working together. From that time on, the human race would be divided and distinguished by differences of language and culture.

We still experience Babel as a curse. In international politics, in our own neighborhoods, we often fear and hate one another because we do not speak the same language or share the same customs. Babel divides us still.

But Babel is not the end of the story. Acts chapter 2 tells us that on the day of Pentecost, when the earliest church was gathered in prayer, the Holy Spirit descended upon those assembled and caused them to speak in other languages. They rushed down the stairs and out into the street, proclaiming the Good News to all people, transcending every barrier of culture and language with the Gospel of the Risen Christ.

The gift of Pentecost—and the birthright of the church—is the undoing of Babel, the creation of a new people who overcome the things that divide us. The church is called to welcome all languages, to embrace all cultures, to celebrate and to cherish God's good gift of diversity. Here at OGPC, we have a unique opportunity to live as Pentecost people.

Are we willing to receive this gift? Are we open to what the Spirit is saying in voices and dialects other than our own? I think we are.

May God's Spirit descend, and again transform the divisive curse of Babel into the precious gift of Pentecost. And may it begin right here!

Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mary Beth



SAVE THE DATE



For

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 14 thru June 17

Sunday 10 - 11:15 and
Mon, Tue, Wed 5:30 to 8 PM

For Grades K thru 5

Fun, Games, Music and Activities
Dinner provided

[Click here to register.](#)

[Click here to volunteer.](#)



Questions? Contact Samantha Hillier samanthajhillier@gmail.com Lisa Kolterjahn at lkolterjahn88@gmail.com

Strawberry Fest!



**Thursday June 4
5 to 8 PM**

**College Hill Presbyterian Church
501 Brodhead St, Easton PA**



Join us for this neighborhood festival featuring food, games, and musical entertainment including Mary Beth, Ellie and Wil! Proceeds benefit local non-profits, for more information see collegehillpc.org.





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY JUNE 28 2026

10 AM

Short Service in Memorial Hall

Bring your animals or an item to be blessed.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

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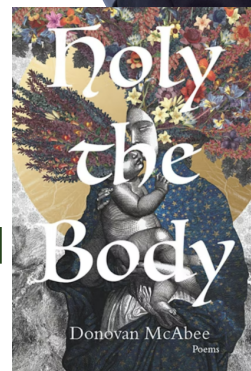
DONOVAN MCABEE

MASTER OF DIVINITY

PH D, CREATIVE WRITING

POET, PREACHER AND SONGWRITER

GUEST PREACHING AND READING FROM
HIS NEW BOOK: *Holy the Body*



JUNE 21 2026

SUNDAY 6/21/26 10 AM SERVICE
READING AT 11:15 IN MEMORIAL HALL

There's good news to share! New babies and graduations, thanks be to God for good things!

GOOD NEWS!



WELCOME to the world!

Joseph Dowling Kelly V, born on May 17, 2026 weighing 8lbs 12oz, 19" long to Deacon Emily Kelly & Joseph D. Kelly IV. JD is such a blessing to his grandparents, David & Crissy Brown and Great-grandmother, Lorraine Brown.

Congratulations Graduates!

Eliana Hixon graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science in Genetics and a minor in Medical humanities, ethics & society.

Jacob Miller graduated magna cum laude from The Citadel with a major in history and minor in criminal justice. He also commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the USMC and will report to Quantico in August.

Joshua Miller will graduate from Phillipsburg High School with high honors and attend Rutgers University to study micro biology.

Have good news to share? Let us know at oldgreenwich@ogpc.org



All are welcome to the **OGPC Book Club Summer Gathering and BBQ**
Saturday June 13 @ 4 PM

George and Susan Bradlau, 315 Greens Ridge Road, Stewartsville 08886

We will talk about books we enjoy and select our next read for the September season. All are invited!

Volunteers needed:

Looking for opportunities to serve in the community this summer? Here are a few groups that could use a helping hand!



OGPC is partnering with the Firth Youth Center this summer to help transport prepaid lunch and dinner meals from local restaurants to locations throughout the Phillipsburg area. Sign up to deliver lunch on Thursdays and/or lunch and dinner on Tuesdays and Thursdays. [Click here to sign up!](#)

Vacation Bible School needs volunteers to help with games and crafts and help prepare and serve dinner. VBS Sign ups are for June 15 - 18 from 5-6:30pm to help with dinner - or 6-8pm to help with crafts and activities. [Click here to sign up!](#)

The Greenwich Nursery School is polling to see when people can help with moving items out of classrooms into the hallways. Vote on which date works best for you - June 18th, 19th and/or 20th. [Use this link to vote.](#)



Greenwich Cemetery Remembrance Services

Gather for an afternoon of reflection, prayer, and comfort as we remember loved ones laid to rest at Greenwich Cemetery.

Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Led by our very own Pastor Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

Greenwich Cemetery
15 Greenwich Church Rd.
Stewartsville, NJ 08886

Photos from May...



Hannah Marks and her band celebrate Pentecost



Pentecost readings in different languages and celebrating confirmands



OGPC children lead worship on the 5th Sunday of May

Birthdays



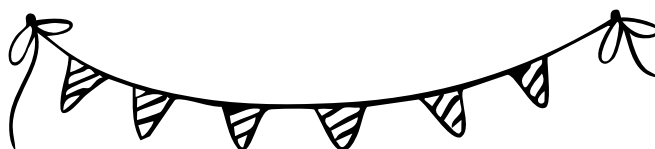
Eliana Hixon	June 1	Robert Winter	June 14
Brenda Schofield	June 2	Kristen Todd	June 19
Steve Gooley	June 3	Glenn Snyder	June 20
Abbie Conlon	June 4	Elizabeth Columbus	June 22
Bridget Beacht	June 6	Sue Moore	June 23
George Bradlau	June 8	Henry Riewerts	June 24
Barbara Repko	June 9	Joan Holloway	June 26
Eric Nagy	June 9	Newal Duncan	June 26
		Abe Frey	June 26



Anniversaries



John & Martha Grazul	June 1	Jamie & Micha Fell	June 20
Jack & Marcia Taylor	June 5	Debbie & Jerry Smith	June 24
Amy Ahart & Tom DiGiovanni	June 9	Mike & Missy Lemons	June 24
Barb & Charlie Frinzi	June 10	Glenn & Mabel Snyder	June 25
Betsy & Bruce Gaston	June 10	Fritz & Sandy Hamlin	June 26
Eric & Candy Nagy	June 12	Leslie & Tom Strozski	June 27
George & Susan Bradlau	June 20	Alison & Shaw Williams	June 27
		John & Linda Oakes	June 30



Prayers

Please pray for: Howard Bell, experiencing health issues; the family of Sally Reinhard's Aunt Margaret Trebat, who passed away; Ayden Huff's friend Makayli who is in the hospital; Carol Lee Doeringer's sister Eileen Brown, who is dealing with serious health problems, and for Carol Lee's health as well; Emily Kelly, recovering from a difficult labor and delivery, prayers for her husband Joe and son JD, prayers of gratitude for Joseph Dowling Kelly V, born on May 17, 2026 weighing 8lbs 12oz, 19" long to Deacon Emily Kelly & Joseph D. Kelly IV, JD is such a blessing to his grandparents, David & Crissy Brown and Great-grandmother, Lorraine Brown; for Sally Reinhard's mother who is recovering after a stroke; Shirley C., Audra Frank's sister; for 4-year-old Rylee, healing from surgery, and prayers for Rylee's family and for Donna; Tim and Sue Gardner, Tim is recovering in a rehab center, expected to be headed home soon; Patty, friend and colleague of the Freys, whose mother died suddenly; Sue Beacht's friends Bill and Joyce, Bill has passed away, prayers for Joyce as she grieves, and prayers for all who loved Bill; for David Jones, and his sons Rob and Evan as they grieve Susan Jones' death; the people of Lebanon, displaced and afraid; for all the Gulf Countries; 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; 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.



See our calendar with live updates at ogpc.org >> Calendar!

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WE ARE A GUN-FREE CHURCH AND CHURCH GROUNDS



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