



The Breezeway

AUGUST 2026

'A New Thing'

The prophet Isaiah speaks, "Behold! I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19, NRSV). We are squarely in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time in the church – the longest church season! – a season of new life, growth, sustenance and hope. I sense this new life all around us. I think you do, too.

God is doing a new thing at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church. And it's not only in the so-called "big" moments. New life is breaking forth in the smaller moments as well. At our Session and committee meetings; in our mission and outreach and giving back to the community; in our diverse musical offerings; in so many of the conversations we've shared over these last weeks and months; during our fellowship time; in our visits; in our prayers – new life, new hope, a new day is springing forth! Do you perceive it?

Speaking of new things, we are offering another new member class on September 21 and 28 (right after worship). Even if you've been a member for years, you are welcome to attend! Who knows how God will use new community members in our midst? Who knows what they have to teach us? Who knows what gifts we will discover in them?

I don't have any preconceived notions that I know exactly what God is up to, in every detail, at OGPC. All I know is that I need to keep listening, to keep praying, and to keep my finger on that new-life pulse that surrounds us.

I invite you to do the same. I suspect you already are.

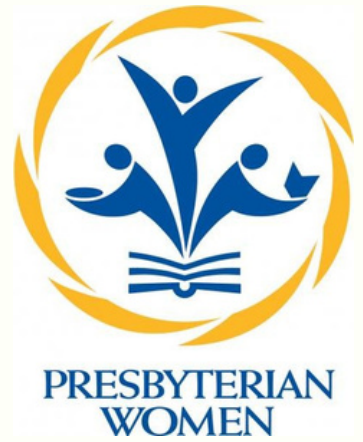
"Behold! I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mary Beth



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - AUGUST UPDATE



The Presbyterian Women (PW) group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the church prayer room. We typically use the Presbyterian Women annual Bible study, and this year we will be exploring *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*, a study of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. (The current meeting day and time are being evaluated, including the possibility of offering an additional evening session for those who work during the day.) All women are invited to attend!

Why study 1 Corinthians? This letter was written to a church facing division and conflict, challenges that can feel very relevant in today's world. Together, we'll explore some of its more difficult and thought-provoking passages to gain a deeper understanding and share our own views and perspectives. Did you know the words of institution and communion come from this book of the Bible? Together, we'll see how Paul's call to Christian unity can speak to us in today's often-divided culture. As an added bonus, each chapter includes beautiful artwork that will enrich our discussion and reflection.

Gift subscriptions to *Horizons* magazine, which includes this year's study, have been mailed to all women Elders and Deacons. If you are an Elder or Deacon and have not received your copy, please contact Lisa Gray. The study is open to all women, and additional copies may be ordered through the Presbyterian Women website at presbyterianwomen.org/shop.

For more information, please contact Lisa Gray at lisagraypw@gmail.com or 973-476-4720.

Stewardship of the nametag - a letter from Ernie Maso

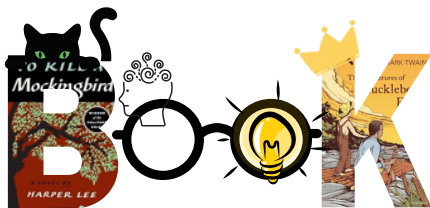


In 2024, the Board of Deacons entrusted Kathy and myself to come up with a plan for name tags for the congregation. It was quite a big project for us, and we enjoyed doing it. It was funded by the deacons for the use of the name tags by the congregation. We had 307 created.

We encourage members and nonmembers attending worship at OGPC to wear the name tags given to them. If you never received a nametag or misplaced yours please ask Katie in the office and she will make one for you.

I realize that it is one more thing to remember when dressing for church, but you are doing it for others. We are blessed to have many new members and visitors on Sundays and it is very helpful to them if they can address you by name, especially when they have already met you but cannot remember your name.

Ernie Maso



FALL 2026 SESSION

Join us for engaging discussions in our upcoming session as we explore Oscar Wilde's *Picture of Dorian Gray*.

All are welcome!

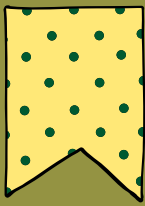


**THURSDAYS
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**6.00 PM -
7.30 PM**





DEACON'S CORNER

SUPPORT THE DEACONS WITH A FLOWER ORDER!

Remember the days when the congregation would order flowers for the communion table? Usually dedicated to a loved one for a special occasion? You are invited to bring flowers/greens from your garden any Sunday but if you don't have a green thumb, the Deacons are happy to order flowers for \$30 from a local florist for your special person or event.

Order forms are available at the QR code or email ogpcflowers@gmail.com. Dedications will be printed in the bulletin. After service you can take your flowers home or donate to someone on the prayer list. The Deacons will happily deliver them if we know in advance.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC!



Sunday, August 30

Sign up in Memorial Hall, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Bring a lawn chair!



Community Mission News

Thank you to all who donated to collections this month!

18 bags of donated goods were dropped off for Operation Hope Trek to help people affected by the hurricanes in North Carolina.

Volunteers worked all summer to deliver food to the Firth Youth Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays for lunch and dinner.

Two carloads of nonperishable food was donated from OGPC to the Alpha Food Pantry and this donation continues this month.

We are currently collecting pens, pencils and notebooks for the Firth Youth Center Hooray day. Collection continues into August!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Sunday October 4th we will be preparing food for Safe Harbor in Easton. Sign ups will be posted in September.

Saturday, October 17, we will host the Best Pizza in Town competition to raise money for Family Promise. Come try some delicious pizza and cast your vote!





**LEARN MORE ABOUT
BEING PART OF OLD
GREENWICH!**

All are welcome, joining afterwards is not obligatory!
Questions? Contact Hope Duncan at hoped5@yahoo.com

It's a Sign!

This wonderful group of volunteers helped dig and position our new sign in front of the church! Many thanks to Bill Lee, Skip Adams, Jacob, Josh and Jeff Miller for all of their help with the sign. We think it looks fantastic, don't you agree?

Also thanks to Jeff, Jacob and Josh Miller for fixing and resetting the manse mailbox, replacing light switches and overhead fixtures in the manse, and mowing the lawn this summer.

Best wishes and prayers for Jacob as he becomes an officer in US Marine Corp!





Join us for an unforgettable candlelit concert experience in our sanctuary with beautiful music and warm light - an experience for the whole community.

Two seatings are available, 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM. Get your tickets here: <https://fatso.ma/f2b9f>. Use code WELCOME15 for a discount on gold level tickets. See the website for details about ticket price, music and seating. Mark your calendars and invite friends and neighbors to join us for this special evening at Old Greenwich!

Hey Kids, Choir!



Calling all children ages Kindergarten through Middle School! We are beginning a Kids' Choir (led by our fearless Music Director Tom DiGiovanni!).

Every Sunday, right after worship (11:10am-11:30am), starting on **Sunday Sept 13!**

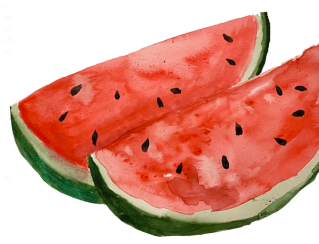
Rehearsals will be held in the choir room.

ALL children ages K-middle welcome!! Invite your friends and neighbors!!!

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Birthdays



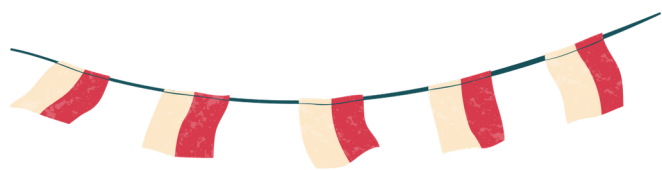
Jim Shook 8/3
Karen Kane 8/5
Marlin Quick 8/6
Sue Schisler 8/6
Jason Kolterjahn 8/7
Lisa Kolterjahn 8/7
Mary Pritchard 8/9
Leah Riewerts 8/10
Victoria Nagy 8/11
Amelia Burgenson 8/14

Lane Wolfe 8/14
Caleb Pritchard 8/16
Amy Ahart 8/17
Ellie Mardis-LeCroy 8/17
Bill Lee 8/20
Debra-Ann Merritt 8/24
Melissa Hixon 8/24
Diane Bouton 8/28
Dorothy Purdy 8/30
Kristen Prall 8/31

Anniversaries

Shannon & Steve Bakros 8/1
Lizzy and John Columbus 8/3
Deb & Ken Wilson 8/4
Jeff & Jennifer Miller 8/4
Bill & Karen Lee 8/7

Jack & Judy Felch 8/13
Kathy & Daniel Huff 8/16
Joan & Brad Holloway 8/17
Bill & Sue Schisler 8/18
Ed & Cathy Ahart 8/21



Prayers

Please pray for: the family and loved ones of Carl Guthardt, who passed away; friend of the Masos, Hazel Chase, having serious health issues; Angie Peardon's father, Sid Norris, in the hospital with pneumonia and congestive heart failure; Ayden Huff's friend's mom who is having surgery; Barb and Charlie Frinzi, for Barb's continued healing; Lisa and Ray Gray, for strength and healing as Ray faces health challenges; friends of Angie Peardon, Anita Murphy, who has stage 4 lung cancer, and friend and co-worker Katie Mangano, diagnosed with cancer, prayers for their families as well; Gretchen Alencewicz's brother, Brad, healing from surgery; for Carl and family, friends of Charlotte Pickell, on the passing of his wife Debbie; Charlotte Pickell's mother Patricia; Audra Frank's sister Shirley; the people of Venezuela; the people of Lebanon, displaced and afraid; for all the Gulf Countries; the citizens of Iran and surrounding countries; for Sudan; for Ukraine; for decision-makers everywhere; prayers for peace; for Sharon and Craig Smith and their whole family, as Craig faces health challenges; for Karen and Jim Savacool; 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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