



# The Church News

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

September 2022

*Authentic worship, Building Community, Sharing God's Love,  
for more than three centuries*

## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

By Al Mulder and Bonny Mulder-Behnia

**Scripture Reading:** [Mark 12:28-34](#)

“The most important [commandment] . . . is this: ‘. . . Love the Lord your God. . . .’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Mark 12:29-31

We learn many rules growing up: Brush your teeth. Look both ways before crossing the street. Always tell the truth. Which of these is most important?

Jesus was asked a similar question: Of the many commands and regulations in the law of God, which one tops the list? Jesus did not hesitate: “Love God above all”—and he quickly added the second: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

And what kind of *love* does this refer to? In connection with God’s love for us, this is unconditional love—totally gracious, generous, and with no strings attached.

Notice especially that Jesus says, “Love your neighbor *as yourself*.” This means that if we are to love our neighbors unconditionally and generously, we will need to love *ourselves* that way too! God doesn’t make junk. We are created in God’s image; we are his masterpieces. It’s not just *okay* to love myself: God *expects* me to celebrate the person he created me to be!

The Golden Rule Jesus gave us—“Do to others what you would have them do to you” (Matthew 7:12)—is another way of saying this command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Loving others well depends at least partly on our capacity to love ourselves.

## Save the date:

- Sunday, September 4      Men's Breakfast, 7:30 Green Olive  
Sunday School, 9 am  
Church, 10:00 am  
Communion
- Sunday, September 11      Sunday School, 9 am  
Church, 10:00 am  
Choir practice 5 to 6 pm
- Monday, September 12      Finance and Property 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 17      Family Movie Night 6:30, pizza and "Minions"
- Sunday, September 18      Sunday School, 9 am  
Choir practice 9:45  
Church, 10:00 am  
Session meets  
Choir practice 5 to 6 pm
- Thursday September 22      Adult Movie Night 6:30 pm dinner and a movie, "Harvey"
- Saturday Sept. 24      10:00 a.m.      Greenwich Artisans Faire
- Sunday, Sept. 25      10:00 a.m.      Greenwich Artisans Faire
- Sunday, September 25      Sunday School, 9 am  
Choir practice 9:45  
Church, 10:00 am  
Choir practice 5 to 6 pm
- Sunday, October 1      **World Wide Communion & peacemaking Offering**  
Sunday School, 9 am  
Choir practice 9:45  
Church, 10:00 am  
Choir practice 5 to 6 pm
- Sunday October 9      Choir practice 9:45  
Church, 10:00 am  
Sunday School 11:30 after coffee/fellowship. Downstairs,  
the video of "The Israelites Crossing the Red Sea." 25 minutes

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## Join the Coop Club

The church has joined the Presbyterian Church's "An Egg a Day" starting in January. Materials alerting us of the impact of the family of chickens that we send around the globe to help families start raising chickens will provide eggs, feathers and fertilizer to the underprivileged. These people have underwritten a \$25 gift of chickens to be a sustainable source of income and food.

We are in need of donors \$25 for every month,



**Make your check of \$25 payable to Greenwich Presbyterian and write Coop Club in the memo space.**

As we get back to some "normal" lives with school occupying the children and fall chores facing us, remember those who are feeling the crunch of too little money to feed their families. In November and December our least coin offering will go to many of the families in our community whose children receive free lunches at school.



The little Yellow pantry has been used regularly throughout the summer and we need canned meats such as Spam, Ham, Chicken, tuna, peanut butter, Mayonnaise, Spaghetti sauce, pasta, packaged stew, canned soups. A few cans purchased as you shop and delivered on a Sunday to the shelving near the nursery or the box outside will spread our love to the community.

***The next time you feel like GOD can't use YOU, just remember...***

*Noah was a drunk  
Abraham was too old  
Isaac was a daydreamer  
Jacob was a liar  
Leah was ugly  
Joseph was abused  
Moses had a stuttering problem  
Gideon was afraid  
Sampson had long hair and was a womanizer  
Rahab was a prostitute  
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young  
David had an affair and was a murderer  
Elijah was suicidal  
Isaiah preached naked  
Jonah ran from God  
Naomi was a widow  
Job went bankrupt  
John the Baptist ate bugs  
Peter denied Christ  
The Disciples fell asleep while praying  
Martha worried about everything  
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once  
Zacchaeus was too small  
Paul was too religious  
Timothy had an  
ulcer...  
AND Lazarus was dead!*

*No more excuses now!! God can use you to your full potential. Besides you aren't the message, you are just the messenger.*



**World Wide Communion** is celebrated on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Imagine a wave traveling around the world starting in Australia and the far east and constant movement as the passing of the bread and cup make the circuit around our planet.  
**The Peacemaking Offering** is also taken up on that Sunday. At this time of turmoil in our world WE need to make ourselves a contribution to the peace and grace God freely gives.

**Members of our Communities Needing Prayer**

Matthew Arp, Elaine Avant, Michael Bartone, Mary Bowen, Warren Carr, Josh Cliff, Cathy Cline, (Laura's sister), Russ Collins, (Rev. Jeanie's dad), Keleigh Cook, Cynthia Costa, Michell D'Agostino, Grace Daniels, Wendy Danner, Michael Dyre, Justin F., Michael George Family, Linda Gerhard, Josephine Godwin, Bernard Grenier, the Family of Boomer Harsh, Rob Hill, David Hull, the Family of Harry Jackson III, Ralph, Peggy and Dean Jenkins, Cliff Jones, Fran Lambert, Maud Lawyer, Tom Marks, Frank & Helen Mazzoli (with new complications), Patrick McAllister, Jr, Diya McCarley, Larry & Alice Miller, Marcella Miller and her daughter in law, the family of Irene Saloio, Heather Johnson Ripa, Patty Table, Sue Thrasher, Patti Towles, Linda Ward, Beth Williams, our Church, First Responders, those affected by fires and floods, the families of the Ukraine, those suffering from mental health & addiction and prayers for the children.

**Serving Our Country**

Pvt. Colin Manson, Rev. Jeanie's son

**Preaching Team & Liturgists**

September 11 – Rev. Inna Nikolyukin – Pat McAllister

September 18 – Rev. Paul Grenier – John Haggerty

September 25 – Rev. Dr. Robert Reader – Laura Sadtler

***Birthdays for September***

Stephanie Shoemaker – 2

Mary Bowen – 4

Adrianna McAllister- 10

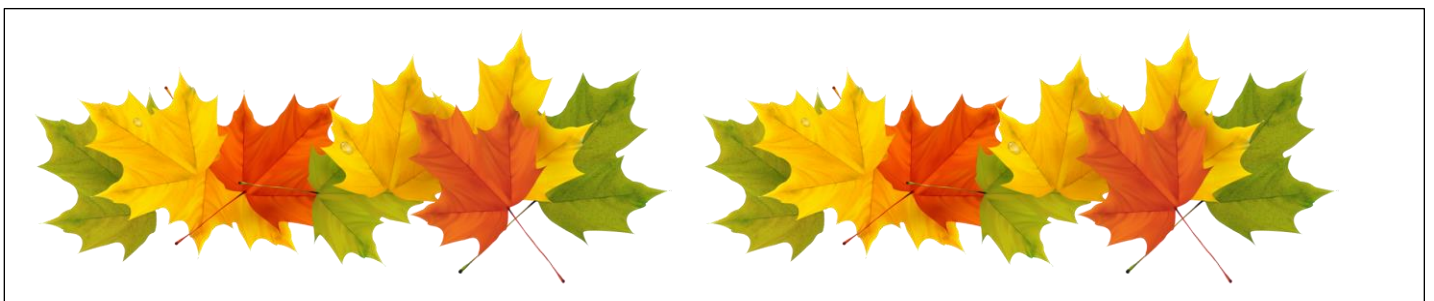
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**Birthdays for October**

Patti Towles – 1

Claudia Maas – 3

Lisa Hill – 4





*What* is success? To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch Or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have

*succeeded*

## **50TH ANNUAL ARTISANS' FAIRE AND MARKETPLACE**

Saturday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), September 24 and 25, 2020 on the grounds of the Gibbon House, located at 960 Ye Greate Street,

Greenwich

Admission is \$5 (Children under 12 free)

Members with Membership card \$3

Free Parking

Joining us this year are the Wheaton Arts Glass Blowers; Antique Bicycles Plus—featuring vendors, artisans, crafts people, and historical displays.

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study will restart on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with a new time change of 11:30 a.m. We will be reviewing Marilyn Morgan's newest addition to her chapter on joy, titled "Joy in Celebration." Everyone is welcome to join in. If you want to receive the study information and want to be added to the email chain for the zoom link each week, contact Pastor Beth, Rosemarie Pillsbury, or Harriet Smith.

Love, joy, and peace!

Beth Thomas

### **Food Booth at Artisans' Faire**

The church will once again be selling soup, baked goods, and possibly meatball sandwiches at the Artisans' Faire. We are in need of another pop-up tent and an electric roasting pan or two. If anyone has these things to lend, see Barbara Wheaton. We will also need help making soup, baked goods, and people to work in the booth. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Help Needed**

The Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help mow the lawn at the Manse. It is a big job, and many hands make light work. If you are willing to mow even once or twice a month, please contact Pat McAllister. He can be reached in person or at (609)805-1050. Any help would be appreciated.