



The Church News

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

February 2023

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

Celebrating Hospitality

Welcome is a good thing, but it is not the same thing as hospitality.

Hospitality means the “love of stranger.” Biblically it was a sacred duty to welcome strangers into one’s home where they found protection, shelter, food, and rest. Today Hotels are referred to as the hospitality industry, but biblically, hospitality was providing for the stranger in a more personal way.

Hospitality to strangers has more radical aspects, a Jewish scholar notes that the Bible has more laws dealing with the protection of the stranger than any other law, including honoring God. Not only is the stranger to be welcomed into one’s house, but not abused or discriminated against. It is easy to scapegoat the other, the different, the stranger. To include the stranger into our worship is to remember we were all once strangers in the land.

The decline of faith in America may make us anxious about the survival of the church. If it inspires a sense of urgency, that is a good thing if it makes us do something different like

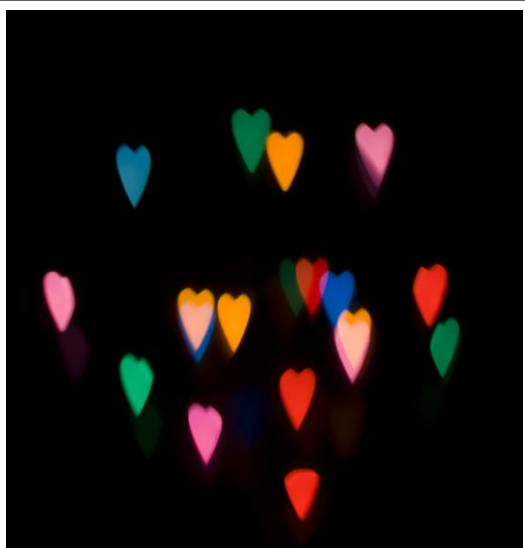
thinking outside the box.

Hospitality is about being faithful to Christ by welcoming people to a meal or our homes.

In eating with those within the church we build supportive bonds.

In eating with others, we imitate Christ who ate with tax collectors, shady characters, and friends. We extend ourselves and accept people where they are without judgement.

The idea challenges me, it is time to get out of my rut and try something new.



Save the date:

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| Sunday, Feb 5 | 7:30 a.m. | Men's Breakfast at Green Olive Diner |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School for Adults and Children |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Choir practice |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship and Communion |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee and Fellowship |
| | 5 to 6 p.m. | Choir practice |
| Sunday, Feb 12 | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School for Adults and Children |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Choir practice |
| | 10:00 | Church |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee and Fellowship |
| | 11:10 | Deacons Meeting |
| | 11:30 | Wonders of Creation: The Milky Way & Beyond |
| | 5 to 6 p.m. | Choir practice |
| Monday, Feb 13 | 7:00 pm | Finance and Property Meeting |
| Sunday, Feb 19 | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School for Adults and Children |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Choir practice |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Church Service |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee and Fellowship |
| | 11:30 am | Session meets |
| | 5 to 6 pm | Choir practice |
| Wednesday, Feb 22 | | Ash Wednesday Service |
| Sunday, Feb 26 | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School for Adults and Children |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Choir practice |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Church Service |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee and Fellowship |
| | 5 to 6 p.m. | Choir practice |
| *Wednesday's | 1:00 p.m. | Bible Study on Zoom with Rev. Beth |

Adult Sunday School Class begins new study

Our regular class will be studying "The Story" starting on January 29th. We will begin at 9:15 AM to give participants a few more minutes of rest in the morning. Copies of the study guide are available. If you would like a copy of the study book, please let Dana Kuntz know.

Wonders of Creation: The Milky Way and Beyond

The Adult Sunday School Class will be showing an inspirational video on the Second Sunday of each month except when there is something planned for that day. It will be scheduled on Sunday, February 12th. The program will begin at 11:30 after the Fellowship time.



Per Capita

In order to cover the operating costs of the National, South Jersey Presbyterian Organization assessed for each member this congregation sends a “tax” of \$37.00 a head. Please consider reimbursing the local treasury before the end of February to offset this contribution.

Church Family Needing Prayer

Mary Bowen, Warren Carr, Grace Daniels, George Davis, Linda Gerhard, Rob Hill, Amy & Emma Hood, Diane Lang, Ann Nieu Kirk, and Patti Towles.

Members of our Communities Needing Prayer

Christine Abresch, Matthew Arp, Elaine Avant, Esther Bartholomew, Michael Bartone, Faith Bodine, Cathy Cline, Laura’s sister, Russ Collins, Rev. Jeanie’s dad, Cynthia Costa, Michell D’Agostino, Josh Cliff, Wendy Danner, Family of Bob Dick, Justin F., Julia Gaskill, Bernard Grenier, Josephine Godwin, Katie Horney, David Hull, Ryan Iaconelli, Kylan, Fran Lambert, Ralph, Peggy, and Dean Jenkins, Maud Lawyer, Frank and Helen Mazzoli, Diya McCarley, Marcella Miller and her daughter in law, Heather, Kathy Probasco, Rev. Dr. Robert Reader, Sue Thrasher, Patty Table, Ruth Trullender, Keith Varner, Linda Ward, Beth Williams, Ed Zimmerman, our Church, First Responders, the families in the Ukraine, those suffering from mental health and addiction, and prayers for the children.

Serving Our Country

Pvt. Colin Manson, Rev. Jeanie’s son

February Birthdays

Linda Felcone – 4
Peggy W. Buck – 12
Jim Clements – 23
Courtney Barbera – 23
Dahlia Rowen Glenning - 28

The Greenwich Coalition is a collection of people of Faith, Methodists, Quakers and Presbyterians and area concerned citizens who try to provide meals for families in need. Throughout the Holidays we have helped more than 16 families in our area, ten families who meet the criteria of free lunches in Greenwich – Stow Creek Schools and several who are known only to our group. Whether illness, lack of work or other hardship has struck someone in our community, we wish to provide caring through our food bank.



The little Yellow Pantry has been used regularly throughout the summer and fall and we need canned fruits and 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 through the week or on a Sunday to the shelving near the nursery or the box outside will spread our love to the community.

If there is anyone would like to be on our email list for the newsletter, please let us know, provide your email. Call Joan McAllister on her cell phone at 856-305-1627.

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