



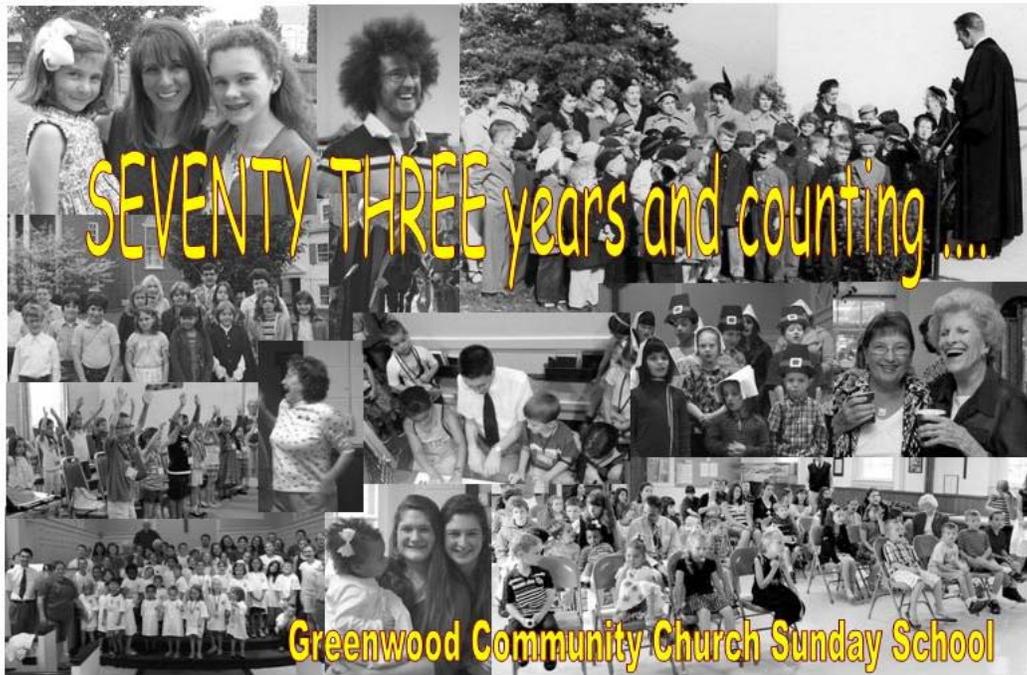
# FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian  
805 Main Avenue; Warwick, Rhode Island  
www.gccp.org

OCTOBER 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

Another **Rally Day** is behind us, and our Sunday School has embarked on her **74<sup>th</sup> year!** The collage below was the front of a Rally Day post card mailed to all potential Sunday School families, reflecting that our church has long been about *"putting children in their place"* ... putting children in their *proper* place, their *right* place ... and trying to **KEEP** them there! In Mark 10:13-16, Jesus told His disciples in no uncertain terms just where that "proper place" is ... it is in His presence. And I've long believed with all my heart the best place for children (*and, for that matter, all of us*) IS in



Jesus' presence, and *especially* during Sunday School and weekly worship.

In Ephesians 6:4 Paul admonishes, *"Do not exasperate your children! Instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* No conscientious parent wants to raise a child to live a life of exasperation! We want our children to grow up well, content, faithful. As I wrote 'way back in an August 1997 congregational letter, *"The most important, life-enhancing thing we can teach our children is to put God first in their lives. If we are not teaching them that, by word and example, then we are robbing our children of something very valuable*

*and precious. For their sake and ours, let's make every effort to make worship of God a priority in our lives and the lives of our families!"*

When browsing through an old file of VBS pictures, I found this of two young men who grew up from infancy and toddlerhood (*respectively*) being active in both Sunday School AND worship at Greenwood ... John Black and Stephen Clark (*the younger*), both presently engaged in active ministry (*if you didn't know, John is our phenomenal Director of Music and Stephen now preaches weekly to 3000+ students and faculty as Student Gov't Chaplain at Cedarville University; also, see on the left John's sister Christian who has been a tremendous asset/accompanist to our music ministry since April!*) and both planning careers in church service; Stephen hopes to enter seminary next year (*possibly at Gordon-Conwell in MA!*). Both young men are where they are and aspiring to do what they will do in large part because *you*, the members of Greenwood Church, have been faithfully conscientious about *"putting them in their place"* throughout the course of their young lives! **Thank you** for your faithfulness ... and please, keep it up!!



**-- Stephen L. Clark, Pastor**



Various Rally Day Sunday pics, plus a few extra: a nostalgic shot of Tess and Faith from Oct 2009 FN cover, two future members of Building and Grounds Committee (far left), and my daughter Hannah as the brand new Cedarville freshman class vice president, along with the rest of her leadership team!

## SPECIAL REPORT: WORSHIP SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Those who have been part of the Greenwood Church family for an extended period of time are well aware of the ongoing conversation regarding our worship schedule. Having been blessed to observe the last nineteen-or-so years of the life of this congregation, it is not without regret that I again draw your attention to this discussion. However, I also do so with great anticipation of the extraordinary impact a new schedule could have on our ministries.

After twelve years of having a service of worship at 8:00 A.M, Sunday School at 9:00 A.M., and a service of worship at 10:30 A.M., the schedule was changed in 2009 to offer a worship service during the education hour. Under the current schedule, our Christian Education programs (including the adult class) meet at 9:00 during the first service of worship, and a second service of worship is offered at 10:30 with our full Music Program.

Unfortunately, this timeframe prevents the Pastor and Director of Music from being involved with the Christian Education program; provides a very tight window between services (placing great limitations on our expanding Music Program); and divides our congregation nearly in half, which lessens the energy of worship, detracts from our appeal to visitors, separates much of our congregation from our music ministry and creates a culture in which parents and children often do not worship together. These difficulties were made all the more apparent when we returned to this schedule after a very well-attended summer of inspirational worship on our summer schedule. To address these concerns, Session has approved the creation of a Worship Schedule Subcommittee to evaluate how we can build a dynamic of strong, unified, inspirational worship, convenient for the majority of members.

To accomplish this, we are proposing a return to our former schedule, which consisted of a quiet/meditative **8:00 Early Service of Worship, Christian Education at 9:00**, and a **Main Service of Worship at 10:30** with our full Music Program, children's sermonette and Children's Church. Benefits of this schedule include:

- Creating a main "festival" family service of worship with the culmination of our ministries for all ages, using the wonderful gifts present at Greenwood to raise our Sunday worship to new heights
- Providing a quieter (and somewhat shorter) early service option for those who prefer more contemplative worship or have time constraints on Sunday morning
- Allowing ample rehearsal time for the Chancel, Youth, and Handbell Choirs and soloists participating in the 10:30 service, taking full advantage of our excellent Music Program
- Encouraging families to worship together after Sunday School to make worship a regular part of our children's lives, that they may develop a lifelong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and ever yearn to worship God
- Allowing the Pastor and Director of Music to be involved with Christian Education programs, including membership inquiry classes, children's music, and Adult Education (as was very successful between 1997 and 2008)
- Using the 9:00 hour as a time for regular education programs, guest speakers, and special meetings, to create unified fellowship between participants of both services

Our primary goal is to create an environment that will allow our congregation to best worship, study, enjoy fellowship, and be inspired to continue serving God in our daily lives. To that end, we will offer opportunities to discuss this proposal (information will be in the bulletin insert in the coming weeks) and are interested to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please don't hesitate to speak with me, Pastor Clark, Harry Curran (Worship Committee chair) or any member of Session. The hopeful plan is to make a decision in time to enact a new schedule for the First Sunday of Advent, allowing plenty of time to discuss and reflect upon this decision.

Please pray for God's guidance over all of us, that we might follow His plan to best use the love-filled, Christ-centered ministries at Greenwood to minister to His people, preach His Word and wholly serve Him always.

John Black for the Worship Schedule Subcommittee

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!**

[www.qccp.org](http://www.qccp.org)

**Please share with friends and neighbors!**

**Also, "like" Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian on Facebook for news, updates and daily devotional posts.**

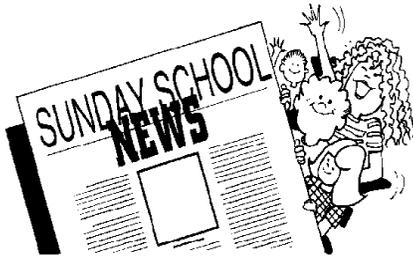
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THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
[christianed@gccp.org](mailto:christianed@gccp.org)

Virginia Jacobs, Joann Rudolph, Kristine Swanson

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Hip Hip Hooray!** We were thrilled to welcome **46** children! Rally Day was an exciting day. Thank you to all who helped to make Rally Day a success. Many children came to enjoy a fun-filled morning. We sang fun, interactive songs with Pastor Clark in the sanctuary before students were dismissed to their classrooms where they had a chance to get to know their teachers and fellow students better. Then it was on to Fellowship Hall for Allie's famous donut cake! Delicious!



Now we have settled into our classes and are busy learning God's word. Pre K through grade 5 is studying from curriculum by David C. Cook. The Pre K class is looking at how God does things in a big way to keep us safe. The kindergarten class is learning that God gives us our families, friends and the church. Grades 1 through 5 is working on a unit of study on the Book of Genesis. Jr. High looks at various scripture passages each week and our Sr. High class discusses issues of importance to students within its curriculum. Please come every week so you don't miss out, as our lessons

build on each other week after week! Our dedicated teachers are eager and willing to teach the great love our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ has for us. Come and bring a friend!

**Bake Sale:** Our Fall Mission Project will raise money through bake sales on two Sunday mornings to benefit Serving Orphans Worldwide (see <http://soworldwide.org/>). Our children can also benefit by learning about compassion and giving to others in need. We would like to contribute to the *Alive at Five* program benefitting mothers and children. We ask families with children in the Toddler class through Grade 3 to bring baked goods on Sunday, October 4, and Grades 4 through Senior High to bring baked goods on October 18. Please drop off baked goods in the kitchen marked *Bake Sale* on your way to worship. Thank you to all for support of this ministry either by baking or purchasing!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue with our Adult class with leader Barry Baxter in the parlor at 9:00. This is ideal for parents during the Sunday School hour. While your children attend Sunday School, parents can participate in this class and then worship as a family at the 10:30 service. This year we will be studying The Book of Romans.

29 ELEVEN NEWS

**Jer. 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

29 Eleven meets every Sunday night from 5:30 – 8:00! All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome to come and bring a friend! We have lots of plans for the coming year.



**29 Eleven**  
★ **Student** ★  
**Ministries**

Notes from the Director of Family Ministries:



**King's Kids**

**King's Kids**  
**Grades 2 through 6**

**Sundays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.!**

Come and bring a friend for  
Music, snacks, games, crafts and more!

For more information,  
Please call Ginny Jacobs (392-0417).

**KING'S KIDS** has begun! Open to all children in grades 2 – 6. Join us Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for fun and games, crafts, cooking, music and so much more. Be sure to bring a friend! Our mission again this year will be "Operation Christmas Child," so please start saving shoe boxes and small gift items to go in them. More details will follow!

**CHURCH FAMILY DINNER** on Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come join us every week or just once in a while for this new fellowship. Bring your own food to eat; we may decide at a later date to turn it into a potluck or to offer other options. The goal of this group is to provide midweek fellowship for individuals or families who would like to have dinner with other members of our church family for support, encouragement, company, prayer, etc. We hope members of all ages will come, as we all benefit from each other's company, wisdom and strength.

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT:** The first Friday of every month (except December and May).

**Beginning Friday, October 2, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.!!!** Bring your children to spend some fun time with us while parents relax before the weekend! Go out for dinner, take in a movie or just relax for a few hours. The program is directed by DCM Virginia Jacobs who will be assisted by other adults and teens from 29 Eleven who have completed our Child Protection training.



## MUSIC PROGRAM

Dear friends,

Our program season is well underway, and things are very busy in the music department here at Greenwood. The **Chancel Choir** has resumed with renewed vivacity, building its repertoire and presenting beautiful anthems in worship each week. We are delighted to welcome new members **Harry and Sheila Curran, Cynthia Pisano, Rachel Porcaro** and **Bill Stock!**

Our **Youth Choir** has begun rehearsals and is working on an anthem to share on Christian Education Sunday, October 18. This group of talented boys and girls in elementary and middle school is showing much enthusiasm and musical talent, and I immensely enjoy working with them!



Our **Handbell Choir** meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 and will ring in worship approximately once per month. It has been wonderful to begin working on some beautiful bell repertoire as we welcome new members **Sue Desmond, Nancy Dickerman** and **Cathy Schobel** alongside our continuing ringers from last year. If you have any interest in participating in this ministry, we have a place for you – come give it a try! Hand bells are very fun and simple to learn.

Speaking of bells, I hope you enjoy hearing our newly-restored carillon ring out to the neighborhood. It has been wonderful to include this beautiful instrument in our prelude music each week, a fitting welcome to worship. Now that we have resumed our two-service schedule, I have been ringing the carillon at the 9:00 service and **Christian Black** has been ringing at the 10:30 service (allowing me some much-needed time to rehearse with our choirs and soloists between services).

Plans are well underway for an exciting **Christmas concert** here at Greenwood on **Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m.** (save the date!). The program, entitled "Carols and Classics", will feature beautiful arrangements of favorite carols alongside selections from Handel's *Messiah*. The concert will include performances from all of our choirs, vocal soloists and instrumentalists. You won't want to miss this wonderful start to the Christmas season!

Please continue to pray that our ministry of music may serve to glorify God; that we may ever praise Him with all He graciously bestows upon us.

Blessings,

John C. Black, Director of Music and Choirs, Organist



### 39er's OCTOBER GATHERING

**Wednesday, October 21, at 11:30 a.m.  
Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach**

#### Menu

*Choice of Yankee Pot Roast or Baked Scrod  
with Salad, Coffee or Tea, & Dessert*

**Cost: \$15.00**

**Program in Fellowship Hall at 1:30 P.M.**

**Jennifer Johannis will be speaking to us about Rodger Williams**

If you need a ride or reservation, please call Linda Gungle at 828-7687.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

The **Rhode Island Young Life** annual fund-raising event will be held on Saturday, October 17 at **10:22 am**. The event will take place at the Chelo's on Post Road in Warwick; contribution is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Please join us for this interesting and informative celebration of the important work **RIYL** does for the disenfranchised youth in our state. Please contact the Mission Committee, if you're interested.



**"Drop Box"** movie night up-date: Combining the free will offering with a contribution from the Mission Committee, we were able to send a \$150 donation to Kindred Image (Pastor Lee) and \$150 to Serving Orphans Worldwide (SO-Worldwide). We received the following thank-you note from SO Worldwide;

***"Dear Friends at Greenwood Community Church, thank you for your recent donation to Serving Orphans Worldwide. SO Worldwide provides support for 45 orphanages in 25 countries around the world. Your gift will help cover the operating costs for a home in Tanzania, Bethsaida Girls' School. Again, we appreciate your support of SO Worldwide."***

**Presbyterian Mission** over the past decade, as readership of the printed *Mission Yearbook* declined, the cost per book increased dramatically, making it less accessible to many. For instance, in 2000, readers purchased 80,000 copies at \$7.50 per copy. This year, 2015, 8,000 copies were sold at \$34.95 per copy. With the print version operating at a loss, it's not sustainable in its current format. Beginning in 2016, the publication will transform to a new digital-only format, as a free resource through their website ([presbyterianmission.org](http://presbyterianmission.org)).



**The Mission Committee** is considering offering an **Embark Bible Study**, sponsored by **Frontiers**. *Embark* is a 4-week study that helps you and your friends discover: Week 1, God's Word, God's plan to bless all peoples; Week 2, God's World, How God has blessed all peoples and what remains to finish His work; and Weeks 3-4, God's Work, How you can join God to accomplish His plan for all peoples. *Embark* is for every Jesus follower. You might not feel like God is calling you to go abroad, but this study will expand your perspective and show how you can be involved right where you are. More information about Frontiers may be found at [www.frontiersusa.org](http://www.frontiersusa.org). Please contact the Mission Committee if you are interested.

The Mission Committee

Emmy Kmet, Michael Snyman, Deb Stacey, Jon Farnsworth, Hannah Clark, Patti Parkinson, Marilyn Girardin, Amy Monahan, Shelley Monahan and Wilma Swanson

## MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

Mark your calendar for the Second Annual Greenwood Church Pumpkin Carving on the Green followed by a Soup and Bread potluck.

- Saturday, October 24, 4 pm
- Bring your pumpkin and carving tools! (a few pumpkins will be available if you can't bring your own)
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Sign up in Fellowship Hall by October 18 and let us know if you will bring soup or bread or sandwiches
- March of the Pumpkins to follow dinner
- Pumpkin exhibit in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning
- Pumpkins will go home after church on Sunday, October 25



**Inquirers Classes:** The Committee is beginning to plan for a series of fall Inquirers Classes for prospective new members and anyone else who wants to come. Watch the bulletin for dates and details. If you are interested in membership, please contact Pastor Clark or any member of the committee.

**Member Care Information Boxes.** If you know of someone who could use a call or visit by the Member Care Committee, don't forget to drop a note in one of the Member Care Information Boxes in either Fellowship Hall or the Narthex. The Committee has been kept busy with visits this summer, but we need everyone's help to keep us up to date on the needs of the congregation.

The Member Care Committee

Elaine Magyar, Harry Curran, Walter Sullivan, Sheila Curran, Carol Sullivan, David Dickerman, Nancy Dickerman, Joan Eichenfeldt, Paula Johnson, Linda Martin, Joan-Sandra McKnight, Jeff Plouffe, Bonnie Readett, Doris Safford, Cathy Schobel, Betty Stacey, and Cheryl Bullock

## NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our Presbyterian Women's fall activities have begun. If you missed our Fall Coffee, please be sure to come to our upcoming events. You are welcome to join a Circle at any time; we are always happy to have new members. Our Fall Gathering will be on **October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This will be a pot-luck supper followed by a program presented by Jim Ruegg who will tell us about his "*Million Step Journey*" which he just completed. Please bring a main dish or salad to share. The beverages and place settings will be provided. Please remember that we will be collecting paper products and non perishable food items to be given to our local agencies.



Thank you for your generous contribution to our Blanket Offering. We will have the totals next month. Thank you also for your contributions to the school supply program. We are so blessed to have such a caring congregation!

### Looking Ahead

Please remember to mark your calendars for our annual PW Christmas Dinner, Program, and Mini Bazaar. This will be on **Tuesday December 8, 2015**. We hope you are making some items for us to sell at the mini bazaar which will be held before dinner. Also being held this year will be a mini Silent Auction. PW Oval IX is preparing for this event and is asking for donations of items such as gift cards, event tickets, or any items would make a great holiday gift. Please contact Cathy Maguire (474-6177) or Denise Mair (261-5357) if you have items to donate. There will be more information about this event in next month's Fishermen's News. The tickets for the dinner will be on sale at the November Circles and at the Sunday coffee hours on November 15, 22, and 29.



*"Come as a guest, leave as a friend"*

Betty Mason for Presbyterian Women



*Good friends are like angels;  
You don't have to see them to know they are there!*



### **"ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR OCTOBER"**

**Circle I** will meet Tuesday, October 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor for a yearlong *Horizon's* Bible Study entitled "**Come to the Waters.**"

**Circle II** will meet on Tuesday, October 13 in the church parlor at 12:00 noon. Bring a bag lunch (coffee will be ready); the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Programs vary.

**Circle III** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13 at the Fairbairn/Summers home. Programs vary.

**Circle IV** will meet on Tuesday, October 13, in the church parlor at 7:00 p.m. Programs vary.

**Circle V** will meet on Thursday, October 1, at 10:30 a.m. to host the Multiple Sclerosis Key Club.

**Circle VII** will meet on Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. or earlier in the Kindergarten classroom to make crafts for our December bazaar.

**Circle VIII** (Picasso Quilters) will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 20, at 1:00 p.m. to work on sleeping bags for the homeless. This will be their last meeting of the year.

**Oval IX** has been busy planning the Silent Auction for the December bazaar. Please contact Cathy Maguire (401-474-6177) or Denise Mair (401-261-5357) if you have items to contribute and for meeting dates.



If you have any questions, about Circles, please call me at 737-0717. Circle notes are distributed monthly at circle meetings and are also available in the Narthex.

Betty Stacey, Circle Coordinator

**HOSPITALIZED since the last issue:**

*Robert Herman*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ray and Jean Greco who are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kristen Noelle Greco to Alexander Ruhlin Zendzian. Kristen and Alexander were married on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the mountains of northern California. The bride and groom reside in Oakland, CA.

**SYMPATHY is extended to:**

Sandy Olson on the loss of her husband, Kenneth, September 16.

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Dear Greenwood Church Family,  
No matter how much time has passed, not forgotten is the thoughtfulness and caring of so many, with your cards and calls during the time before and after Norm died. Well remembered is the tribute paid him with how many of you attended his Memorial Service. Recalling his well lived and enjoyed full life, and the love we shared brings us all continued comfort and the best of memories.  
In Christ, Norma MacLeod



OCTOBER



**BIRTHDAYS**

Owen Aggor  
Marge Allstrom  
Ann Marie Bataitis  
Barry Baxter  
David Brett  
Marjorie Burbank  
Gina Carson  
Kathy Cheney  
Betty Cloxton  
John Combs  
Janice Dailey  
Myrle Dean  
Doris Fahlman

Darroch Fairbairn Summers  
Alex Grande  
Jean Greco  
Cheslyn Harrop  
Katy Hebert  
Maggie Hebert  
Alyssa Jencks  
Emmy Kmet  
Richard LaBanca

Peggy McKeever  
Robert Meunier, Jr.  
Lori Pickup  
Scott Quigley  
Joyce Riccitelli  
Karen Ruhren  
Doris Safford  
Grace Seufert  
Nancy Soave  
Ashley Taylor  
Abigail Williams  
Hannah Williams

DEADLINE for **November FISHERMEN'S NEWS** is **October 11!**  
Please leave articles in the church office or e-mail to [ccastergine@gccp.org](mailto:ccastergine@gccp.org)  
(Please include Fishermen's News in the Subject line.)

