

THE
GREENWOOD CONCERT CHOIR

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Meisterwerke

Bach

Brahms

Beethoven

Schubert

John C. Black, Director • Christian J. Black, Accompanist

Sunday, June 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian

805 Main Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island



SOME additional "CAUGHT IN THE NET" ITEMS THAT CAME IN AFTER THE PRINTING DEADLINE:

(tagged to GCCP Facebook page; slightly edited for space): Sally Rigg April 23 --- Ginny Jacobs from Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, offered to take me to the pot luck/hymn sing at the church. This narrative is through the eyes of a newcomer: When I walked into the dining room, I noticed a festive atmosphere had been set with those small Christmas lights on the ceiling, blue tablecloths, and dimmed lights. My heart gasped inside to think someone went through all this trouble! At other churches, these events rarely draw more than a handful or two of people; here, there must have been close to sixty present, of all ages. After a truly nice pot luck, it was down to the singing. Chairs were set up in a semicircle with hymnals. The usual calling out of hymns was exciting; each one like opening a birthday gift ... what would be next? And the voices ... loud, clear, in harmony. I cannot sing well but kept up with the pace; only about three hymns I did not know. The congregation knew the words to almost all the hymns we sang! Nostalgically, they ended with the same song we gather around at Henderson Presbyterian, holding hands ... singing Till We Meet Again. Choke, choke. There is music and a song in all these people's hearts. I am so fortunate to have found a new home. Tomorrow the bell choir plays (3 octave!). No end to the surprises!

Dear Friends from Greenwood Church - Thank you to Pastor Clark for his visits while I was in the hospital, and all the prayers and cards I received. The chancel flowers Joan Eichenfeldt brought to me were certainly a bright spot; thank you so much. God bless! Fran Bonn

Congratulations and best wishes to church members Stephen Hall and Sandra Cook on their recent engagement! They will be married in June (*Steve is the son of the late Shirley and Herbert Hall; Sandra is on our Board of Deacons.*)

THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
christianed@gccp.org



We are coming to the end of our Sunday School year. The last day of classes is May 22. Youth Sunday is now scheduled for May 29, the beginning of our 9:30 a.m. single service of worship summer schedule. Sunday School students of all ages will be participating at the worship service on that day.

As mentioned last month, the response to our Heifer Coin Drive has been wonderful this year. We appreciate your generous participation. We are proud and happy to say the check is in the mail to Heifer International! The amount raised was \$1,054, which allows us to send a goat, a heifer, a sheep, a llama and some bees and chicks to people around the world. God is good!



Heifer Coin Drive



If you are looking for a way to serve at Greenwood Church, we are looking for you! We would love to have any member of the congregation participate in the Christian Education Committee. Our next meeting is May 5 at 7:30 PM in the church parlor; you are certainly welcome to join us! Additional teachers and volunteers are also needed for the 2016-17 Sunday School year.

UPCOMING DATES:

MAY 5	Christian Education Committee
MAY 22	Last day of Sunday School
MAY 29	Youth Sunday



May 29, 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Rudolph, Kristine Swanson
Sunday School Co-superintendents

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

KINGS' KIDS continues on Sundays from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** for children in grades 2 through 6. Come and bring a friend for music, snacks, games, crafts and more! For more information, please call Ginny Jacobs (392-0417).

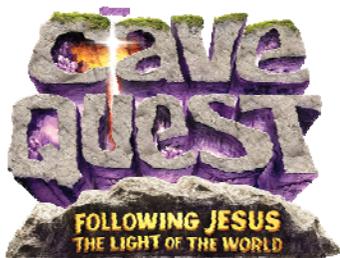


THE CHURCH FAMILY DINNER continues to meet Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. You are most welcome to join us any Wednesday. Bring your own food to eat. The goal of this group is to provide midweek fellowship for individuals or families who would like to have dinner with other members of our church family for company, support, encouragement, prayer, etc. We hope members of all ages will join us, as we all benefit from each other's fellowship, wisdom and strength.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT continues **May 6!** Parents, bring your children to spend a fun Friday night with us from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Plan on this the first Friday of each month! We will enjoy fellowship, games, movies and fun together. The program is directed by DFM Virginia Jacobs who is assisted by other adults, as well as teens from 29Eleven, who have completed our child protection training. Drop your children off and head to a movie, dinner or just a little relaxation before the weekend knowing the kids are having a great time!

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING: There will be training sessions held **Sunday May 15** immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. This class is for anyone who wishes to work with the young people of our congregation. More volunteers are needed and always welcome!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Save the date for this year's VBS **July 18 - 22** with a special presentation during the worship service **Sunday, July 24.** Volunteers are needed for this very special week of **Cave Quest: Following the Light of Jesus.** See Director of Family Ministries Virginia Jacobs if interested in volunteering!!



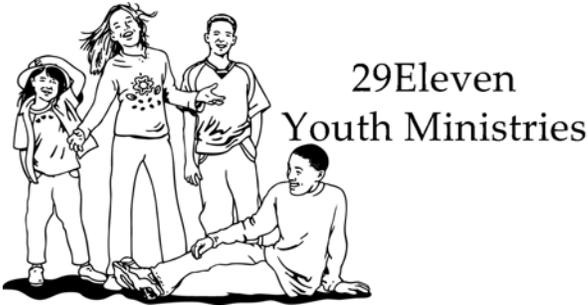
Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Jacobs, Director of Family Ministries

FROM 29ELEVEN YOUTH MINISTRIES:

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.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!!! It is such a blessing to know that we can rest in God's word, His promises and the fact that He is ALIVE! God is on the move and working in mighty ways. I am truly amazed at the wonderful things that are happening in the lives of young people at Greenwood. What a blessing it is to be a part of this as we come together as the Children of God to make His name known. As a group, we want to say thank you very much to all who continue to do so much for us and our youth ministry. It is hard to believe that we will be leaving in about three months to attend our mission trip. Speaking of which, lots of things are coming together to create a wonderful experience for our whole group. I look forward to see what the Lord is going to do and how he uses us as instruments of His love, service, grace and peace.



Our group had another opportunity to have a powerful encounter with God. We all had a week off on Easter, and then joined together the following Sunday to go through the "Stations at the Cross." Although Resurrection Sunday was celebrated the week before, this night was designed for the students to vicariously experience some of the things Christ went through during the last week of His earthly life. I feel in my heart that all of the young people walked away with something that personally impacted each of them in a strong way. The stations included praying at Gethsemane, anointing with oil, washing of the feet, picking up thirty shekels of silver, reflecting on the bread of life and the cup of salvation, viewing the crown of thorns, tasting vinegar with a sponge, and finally hammering a nail into the cross. Adult leaders Wendy Petrucci, Patti Parkinson and Emmy Kmet continue to be such a blessing to me and the youth ministry; thank you so much to these ladies for being such willing, dedicated, and patient Christ followers!

Lastly, on April 10 we had the wonderful blessing of attending a powerful movie at the Showcase Cinema, "God's Not Dead 2." Wow!!!!!! I can be completely honest with you that I had tears rolling down my face and I am not ashamed at that one bit. This is a must see movie so I don't want to give anything away. However I will say that God is Good! All the Time! And All the Time!!!! God is Good!!!!!!!!!!!! I pray that the rest of the group was touched in their hearts just as much as I was. 29Eleven continues to meet each **Sunday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** If you are in grades 7th through 12th and are looking for some fellowship, then please join us! If you are a parent looking for some information before sending your son/daughter, please contact me (401-486-0015) and I would be more than happy to answer any of your questions to the best of my ability. Keep serving the Lord with excellence, bringing Him the honor, glory and praise.



Respectfully submitted,
Eric McNeely

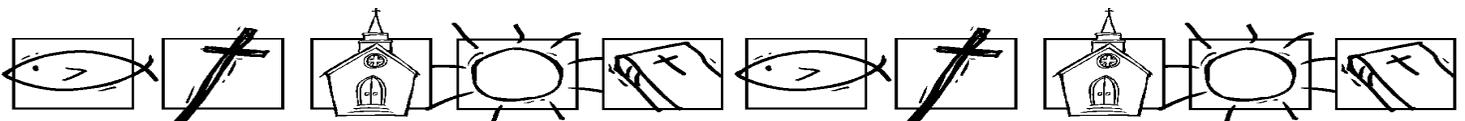
WORSHIP COMMITTEE



Our Worship Committee continues to actively encourage and seek church members who want to take an active role in our worship family. Last month we saw many new faces join our worship team family as Lectors, Greeters and Acolytes! If you are interested in serving God and our congregation, please sign up on the Worship Signup Schedules posted in Fellowship Hall. When visiting our Worship Board check out the pictures of our worship team family in action. If you need training, or wish to discuss your worship interest, please call me (Wayne) at my home at 738-0480, and/or I can meet with you to train and or get you started in helping to serve God and our congregation as part of our team. For those who have volunteered in the past, please continue to sign up on the **Worship Signup Schedules** posted in Fellowship Hall. We encourage all Deacons and Elders to sign up to serve communion in the upcoming months. Our Worship Committee meets weekly before and after the Sunday services, so if you have any questions, suggestions and or comments, we would love to hear from you. In the coming weeks we will be offering ongoing guidance and training programs for all interested in serving or for those who may want to brush up on their skills. Thank you in advance for your past and present service to our Lord and members of the church. See you at worship!



Wayne A. Meunier, Committee Member
(Don Sorgel, Chair, Worship Committee)



MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

"Please sign the *Greenwood Greeter*, the red pad found on the seat next to the aisle, and pass it to the others sitting in your pew."

We hear these words just about every week and, if you are like me, you wonder, "Why should I bother to sign? I'm not new or a visitor. It's just a waste of paper." At least that's the way I thought before I was on the Member Care Committee and realized what a valuable tool it can be! First, the Greeter provides a way to learn the names of our visitors and for them to express interest in being contacted to receive more information. It's also a way for members to finally figure out (or remember) the names of those nice folks who sit near them and for them to discover (or remember) who you are, too. The Member Care Committee can also use the Greeters to reach out to someone whose attendance patterns change. Sometimes we learn that someone has headed to Florida to avoid the wintry weather, but in other cases we discover that they may need transportation because an injury prevents them from driving or they have been housebound and would love to have a visit. None of us expect to be that person, but our Greeter records help us keep in touch so fewer people slip through the cracks. Mind you, we are not taking attendance and won't be handing out any pins for perfect attendance, though maybe we should. It is definitely impressive when one sees how many people participate in worship just about every week. Please help us, and starting **THIS SUNDAY**, be sure to sign the *Greenwood Greeter*. The Member Care Committee thanks you in advance!



You can also help us with our outreach by letting someone know if you haven't seen one of our regulars for a while. Contact any member of the Committee or drop a note in the Member Care information boxes in the narthex and in Fellowship Hall.

NEXT "INQUIRERS' CLASS" COMING THIS MONTH

What does it mean when we confess, "I believe in the holy catholic Church?" What is the church? What is the protestant church? What is the Presbyterian protestant church? What is the Presbyterian Church (USA) protestant church? What does "Presbyterian" mean, anyhow? What does it mean to be a member of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, which is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) protestant church? How may I participate more meaningfully in the life, work and mission of the congregation?

These questions and others will be addressed during the Member Care Committee's "**Inquirers' Class**" to be held **Sunday May 8 in Fellowship Hall** during the Sunday School hour (9:00 - 10:00 AM), and **Sunday May 15 in the church parlor** (11:35 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.) Although primarily for those interested in considering church membership, this class is also open to any and all adults who wish to attend.

The main purpose of the Inquirers' Class is to address common questions people may have about our church, as well as to explain what's involved in becoming and being a member. Those attending the class are under **no** obligation to formally join the church. Those desiring membership will then meet with the Session (our local governing board) **Sunday, May 22** at 10:00 a.m.; new members will then be formally recognized at the **10:30** service of worship that same day. If interested, please check the **Greenwood Greeter** column "Need Information" and/or "Wish to Join." **Thank you!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Bayside Beat: May 14. Watch the bulletin for details

"Meisterwerke" Summer Concert by the Greenwood Concert Choir: June 5. See the Music Program article for details.

Annual All-Church Picnic: Sunday, June 14, at the Masonic Youth Center. Watch for details in the Sunday bulletin.



Respectfully submitted,

Member Care Committee

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

SOME MORE RANDOM CHURCH SIGNS ...

God expects spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

What is missing from ch __ ch? **U R !**

Don't say "Our Father" on Sunday and spend the rest of the week living like an orphan.

Live in such a way they won't have to lie at your funeral.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



The Lord has blessed Greenwood Church with a very generous congregation. As a result of the drive to pay for our new boiler, over 30% of the balance has been funded to date. Please consider a donation to this fund to keep everyone's heart warmer next winter. Use the envelope marked "Building Fund" from the *Fisherman's News* or a plain envelope marked in like manner. Our goal is to have this paid off by the end of this year. The Presbytery of New England has a per capita expense of \$41.68 per congregation member. Of this total, \$30.56 goes to the Presbytery, \$7.12 slated for the General Assembly, and \$4.00 is allocated to the Northeast Synod. Many of our members have already paid this fee. Please consider using the envelope in your offering box and depositing it the collection plate to cover this expense. A plain envelope marked "per capita" may also be used.

Several Greenwood members have pre-paid their annual pledges and we thank you for your generosity. This pre-payment allows us to carry a positive balance, pay our bills, and fund projects. We encourage you to consider pre-paying all or part of your pledge to carry us through the summer months. This will allow us to withdraw less than the projected amount from the Memorial & Endowment Fund market gain, allowing the fund to further grow to support the future mission of our church.



Thank you all for your continued generous support.

For the Stewardship Committee:

Dennis Charpentier, Eric Robinson, Sam Koldyk, Jonathan Snowman, and Treasurer Barry Baxter.

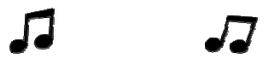
MUSIC PROGRAM

Dear friends,



At the time of this writing it is difficult to describe exactly what season we are experiencing. The past few weeks have brought snow and rain, clouds and sunshine, subfreezing temperatures and sun-filled warmth. I am hopeful that the delivery of this newsletter will be greeted with sure signs that spring has sprung, but in any event, summer days are fast approaching!

And with summer comes **our next concert, "Meisterwerke"**. The past months of preparation have been filled with great excitement for all involved, and we know you will greatly enjoy the performance that lies in store. On **Sunday, June 5 at 5:00 pm**, our sanctuary rafters will ring with the sounds of the more than forty singers in the Greenwood Concert Choir, in addition to our phenomenal Youth and Handbell choirs, and our ever-talented instrumentalists and vocalists. The program offers an eclectic sampling of music from renowned German master composers Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms, and Franz Schubert, a somewhat uncommon combination of musical styles and time periods united in the sheer mastery of their craft and timeless musical and historical legacy. Our repertoire offers a bold flavor of great music from each composer, including large-scale choral works and instrumental masterpieces. Additionally, our program includes many familiar melodies well-known to audience members of all ages and levels of musical experience, including quintessential hymn tunes, adapted folk melodies, and even music made popular on television. You are guaranteed to hear something you know and love, and something new and exciting; the ultimate concert experience! We can't wait to have you as our guests for a spectacular evening of music and fellowship (and yes, the Member Care committee is once again graciously providing a lavish reception after the concert!).


Spring Concert



Meanwhile, just ahead lies the final Sunday of our music program season, **Choir Appreciation Sunday** on June 12. The members of our music program selflessly give of their time and talent each week with incredible dedication, dependability, and a remarkable focus of ministry, and it is befitting to acknowledge and thank God for this service as another year of music ministry draws to a close. It is also time to start thinking about our **Summer Choir** and music program, which runs during July and August. We will once again welcome first-time singers to join our veteran choristers in learning a simple, familiar, fun piece of music to sing in worship during our summer services, in addition to our continued weekly soloists. This program is encouraging and fun for all ages; you CAN do it! More information will be available in the summer edition of the *Fishermen's News*, and in the weekly bulletin.

May all of our upcoming events and activities be guided by the loving hands of God; may He guide us to use the abundance of blessings in this community of faith to honor and glorify Him to their fullest potential.

Blessings,

/s/ John

John C. Black, Director of Music and Choirs, Organist
Christian J. Black, Music Associate

39er's MARCH GATHERING

Wednesday, MAY 18 at 11:30 a.m.
Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach



Menu

Yankee Pot Roast or Baked Scrod
with salad, coffee or tea, & dessert

Cost: \$15.00

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

May's gathering will feature Billy Cheney will be sharing about his trip to Southern Italy and Sicily.

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

MISSION COMMITTEE

For many years, Greenwood has supported **ECHO** (Educational Concern for Hunger Organization), a non-profit, inter-denominational Christian organization that assists a global network of missionaries and development workers. **ECHO**, which is located in Ft. Myers, Florida, is dedicated to providing agricultural solutions for families growing food under difficult circumstances and fighting world hunger through innovative ideas, information, seeds and agricultural training; they currently network with development workers and missionaries in over 180 countries. The **ECHO** vision is "to bring glory to God and a blessing to mankind by using science and technology to help the poor."



ECHO recently earned their fifth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that **ECHO** adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

Only 6% of the charities rated by Charity Navigator have received at least 5 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that ECHO outperforms most other charities in America. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates ECHO from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

ABOUT LES AND CINDY MORGAN'S MINISTRY: Since 1989 Les and Cindy Morgan have served as PC (USA) missionaries in Bangladesh, home to the fourth largest Muslim population in the world. In 1992, they helped establish a formal partnership with the Church of Bangladesh, a denomination of over 19,000 members in 94 congregations, and since then have nurtured that church's health ministries. They live and work in the overcrowded mega city of Dhaka (@ sixteen million residents) which is home to the poorest of the poor of Bangladesh. The Morgans advise and train workers for the church's health ministries programs, including community health programs, two hospitals and two nursing schools, all of which reach out in the name of Christ to their Muslim, Hindu and Christian neighbors. Les and Cindy also care for patients in small community clinics, giving them firsthand knowledge of the health issues faced by the people the church is called to serve. Les and Cindy enjoy participating in the life of the Church of Bangladesh and over the years have developed strong friendships with members of the church throughout the country.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD: "Mission" comes from a Latin word meaning "to send". Jesus commanded His first disciples as representatives of those to follow, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." This mission is still valid: the universal church, including every local congregation and every



Christian in it, is sent into the world to fulfill a Christ-assigned definite task. The appointed task has two parts. First and fundamentally, it is to make disciples and plant churches. Paul's ministry as a church-planter and evangelist to all the world, so far as possible, is a model for carrying out this primary commitment. Second, all Christians are called to do works of mercy and compassion. Relying on God's commandment to love our neighbor, Christians should respond with generosity and compassion to all forms of human need. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught the ignorant, so it is incumbent upon those who are new creatures in Christ to practice the same compassion. In so doing they help make

credible the gospel they preach, which is about a Savior whose love transforms sinners into those who love God and other people. (Adapted from *The Reformation Study Bible*, ESV, Ligonier Ministries, R.C. Sproul, General Editor.)

The Mission Committee

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

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

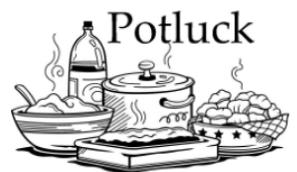
Our April Gathering was held on April 5 and we all enjoyed the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. The program was presented by Kristen Jansson who is a case worker for Westby Community Action. Kristen gave us an interesting overview of all the programs and services that are available at WBCA. Several of our PW members volunteer for RSVP by providing transportation for people to get to their medical appointments. We learned about this and other ways that we can help others in need.

The Mother's Day cards are still available in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the sale of these cards goes to help provide better health care for women in need throughout the African continent. Donations of any amount will go to help this cause. "Healthy Women = Healthy Families".



The May Breakfast is April 30, from 7:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. There may still be some time after you've received this issue of the **Fishermen's News** to look at the sign up charts in Fellowship Hall to see how you may help. There are all kinds of jobs for all ages. We also hope that you will bring your family and friends to enjoy our delicious breakfast. There will be a large assortment of pretty May baskets filled with cookies, plants, or homemade candy for sale. We all enjoy good Christian fellowship as we work together on this event. We hope that you will join us.

LOOKING AHEAD - **The PW June Gathering** will be held on **Tuesday June 7, 2016- 6:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This will be one of our delicious Pot-Luck suppers. Please bring a salad, vegetable, or main dish of your choice. The dessert, beverage, and place settings will be provided. The program will be presented by Frank Woods who is a small time local bee keeper in Warwick. Frank will tell all about keeping bees and the benefits of using honey in your meals. Please remember to bring paper products and non-perishable food items that we may donate to our local agencies for distribution. We will be dedicating the "Birthday Offering" at the Gathering so Circle members should remember to bring their Birthday Offering envelopes that evening. All church women all welcome to come to this Gathering. Circle members should sign up at their Circle meetings or call the church office so we know how many women to set up for.



"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 MAY'

Circle I – MAY 24th at 1 p.m. to continue the Bible study "Come to the Waters".

Circle II – MAY 10th at 12 noon in the parlor. Bring a sandwich (dessert provided). Program at 1 p.m.

Circle III –MAY 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairbairn Summers home.

Circle IV –MAY 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

Circle V –MAY 5th at 11:30 a.m. in the old 5/6 room for a brief meeting and then to help the MS Key Club with their meeting.

Circle VII – MAY 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten Room to work on craft projects.

Circle VIII (Picasso Quilters) – MAY 3rd and MAY 31st in Fellowship Hall

Oval IX – no meeting planned.

If you have any questions about the Circles, please call me at 737-0717. Copies of current months' Circle Notes are always available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to come to any of the above meetings; you do not need to officially 'join a circle' to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletin insert for any last-minute changes



Betty Stacey, Circle Coordinator

~~~ CAUGHT IN THE NET ~~~

Hospitalized since the last issue: Dale Nicholson, Corrie Majeika

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of **Hilma Pepin**; from the 4/17 bulletin insert: *“Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hilma Marilyn Pepin by her husband, John Pepin. Mrs. Pepin was a deacon and a member of the bell choir before relocating to Spring Hill, FL in 1991. Mr. and Mrs. Pepin were united in marriage at Greenwood in 1951 in a joint ceremony with Floyd and Marjorie Aurand; Marjorie and Hilma were sisters. Hilma departed this life one month ago today; Marjorie passed away July 14, 2014.*

The loved ones of **Richard Calvin Short**, who passed away March 26. Richard was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Grace) Short; services were held at the Urqhart-Murphy Funeral Home.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES** to the Majeika family on the healthy arrival of **Catherine Grace** April 9! Catherine joins siblings Simon, Evelyn and Juliette (and, of course, parents Corrie and Matthew) at home, and was presented for baptism on the “Eighth Day” following her birth! **Welcome, Catherine!**

**Best wishes, prayers, MANY grateful thoughts and Godspeed to Sandra Murray**, who relocated to the Columbus, OH area after nearly fifty years of faithful and active membership here at Greenwood!  
Sandra’s new address: 5707 Warner Park Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43081

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Dear Pastor Steve and All our Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, calls, cards, beautiful flowers and visits during my recent stay at Rhode Island Hospital and the Kent Regency. It means so much to have such a loving and caring church family. I hope to be back to church very soon.

God bless you all,  
Bill Stock

Dear Church Members,

I would like to thank Pastor Clark for visiting me and bringing me beautiful flowers at RIH after my knee replacement surgery. It really brightened my day! I am blessed with a wonderful church family and have received so many cards, notes and phone calls. Thanks you all. Also thank you Sandy Murray for your visit and beautiful flower arrangement. A special thank you to Bonnie Readett for covering for me at Circle V while I have been recovering. Also to Sue Desmond and Martha Sommers for keeping me in the loop.

God Bless,  
Judy Ruscito

Dear Church Members,

Thank you! Thank you! For all your cards, phone calls and visits following my recent fall. If I started naming people I'd be sure to forget someone.. I'm home feeling great, and just waiting for the doctor to say I can drive again! The chancel flowers ( brought to the hospital by Pastor Steve) were beautiful and the flowers lasted 2 weeks. Greenwood friends are simply the best! I love you all.

Betty Stacey

To the members of Greenwood Church

I would like to thank all the Greenwood members and the Presbyterian Women's Circles for the sympathy cards for my brother, Charles Diggle. They brought comfort at a time of unexpected loss. Also, a big “thank you” to Pastor Clark for being able to do a graveside service on short notice.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Traficante

From Pastor Clark: If you'll bear with a little more fatherly/pastoral indulgence, I was so moved by this Facebook posting by my son following his final chapel service at Cedarville University (*slightly edited*):

**April 19 at 2:19pm** --- *“Somewhere I subconsciously knew this day would come, but I really didn't want it to. Today was the last Student Government Association Chapel that I have had the great honor and joy of leading the past two years. People have thanked me so much for my service today, but truly, I was just as, if not more, blessed by such an opportunity. The Lord has used every single chapel to break me down and reveal more of Himself time and time again, and I have been so constantly, humbly encouraged and blessed by people around me. I have received countless anonymous letters of encouragement, numerous embraces after a tough sermon, and more joyous conversations than I ever expected. God has used this to affirm my call and desire for pastoral ministry - but He also has used it to show me more of the depth of His steadfast love and the beauty of his glory than I ever imagined.*

*Though I can't believe this was the last of the thirty SGA chapels I have led, I would not have wanted it to end any other way. Seeing scores of students onstage and on the floor praising God so joyfully today is a moment I never will forget. I have been so starkly convicted and reminded that it's not about me – and that it never was. That God used all of these chapels to show His glory, might, and love, and I am so truly blessed to have been a part of it.*

*There are too many people to even begin to thank for the past two years - AND for today. Today would not have happened without so many people's incredible talents. But today I especially must thank my brother Caleb Peterson. Today was Caleb's brainchild, and he worked tirelessly on putting this chapel together for the past month and a half. Every chapel that we prayed before I found myself both humbled and reminded of what a true servant of God looks like, and my friendship with Caleb has sharpened and shaped me so much this year. God has used and will use this man so mightily. Caleb, I will miss few things more than charging across the stage after a chapel to wrap you in a huge hug and laugh together at the amazing work of God.*

*I get to talk once more in Senior Chapel tomorrow, and Lord willing I will have more opportunities to speak in other venues in future years. But I know this is the close of an era of my life that I will look back so fondly on - and I am so thankful for the grace and kindness and love and encouragement of my fellow students, for electing me for these two years and blessing me daily throughout this opportunity. Thank you - all of you. God has been good.” — Steve Clark*