



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
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NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Members and Friends,



As we once again approach our annual **Stewardship Sunday** (*November 13; watch for an additional mailing soon to come!*), I'd like to briefly share recent observations which indicate an exciting spirit of dynamism, growth and vitality in our church's ministry to both affirm your faithful stewardship and encourage you to **KEEP IT UP!** In preparation for the October Session meeting, I compared data from the September financial reports for 2015 and 2016 and saw the YTD total *income* in 2015 was roughly **\$15,000** LESS than our total income to date in 2016, and the YTD total *expenditures* in 2015 were approximately **\$21,000** MORE than our expenditures to date in 2016. That means we are @ **\$36,000** ahead of this time last year ... and we have not used any funds from Endowment Income (*we had used @\$22K from Endowment Income by this time in 2015, and in the approved budget for 2016 had anticipated using @ \$30K by this time!*).

Also, twenty-seven new people have been officially welcomed into our membership since last November, we enjoyed a summer (*and early fall*) of record worship attendance, the choir is outgrowing the chancel and still attracting new members (*as well as adding new depth and variety in the venues of the new Summer Choir, Concert Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir, two Handbell Choirs plus several new instrumental and/or vocal soloists and ensembles!*), last Sunday we commissioned twenty-eight dedicated, dependable, gifted and enthusiastic leaders for our Christian Education program and had *eleven* new Bibles for our third-graders (*and older newcomers*), we are seeing new faces weekly in the King's Kids and 29Eleven ministries, the Presbyterian Women had a full house for their Fall Gathering ... and I could go on and on about, oh, the faithful coordinators of the 39ers and the PW Circles; the Bible Study Fellowship liaison volunteers each Monday and Tuesday helping host 200+ guests for this most worthwhile program; the faithful deacons, elders and others who do so much behind the scenes managing administrative and financial duties, quietly coming and going attending the needs of our sick, shut-in and bereaved and delivering support to neighborhood ministries; the forty (!) volunteers who showed up for Work Day this past rainy Saturday (*THANK YOU Jay David, Eric & Mary Jane Milner, Steve Ruscito, Mary McLean, Dick Collins, Sherry & Brandon & Mandy-Lynn & Owen Phillips, Stasha Brown & Lisa David with their seventeen-I-think Heritage Girls & families/friends, Vera & Sam & Samantha & Janet Koldyk, Evelyn Murray, Ginny Jacobs, Eric McNeely, Joan Eichenfeldt, Jonathan Farnsworth, Luke Donovan, Steve Clark ... and any I may have missed!*); and those who engineered the fun and lively family Pumpkin Carving enjoyed by sixty or so this past Saturday evening ... yes, this is a **GOOD** time to foster and encourage and promote the kind of faithful stewardship that'll help keep AND increase the ministry fire(s) burning here at Greenwood Community Church!

I should also note we are blessed with a Director of Family Ministries, Music Associate and Ministry Intern; three gifted, qualified, industrious part timers ... actually *four* part-timers, if we count multi-talented (*and omnipresent!*) Eric McNeely (*we are helping fund his ministry preparation*) ... all presently compensated for the combined financial equivalent of far less than ONE full-time position, while covering a MUCH wider range of responsibilities!

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor



THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

christianed@gccp.org

Virginia Jacobs, Joann Rudolph, Kristine Swanson



NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

When November arrives the lyrics of this grand hymn come to mind:

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens His will to make known
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.



In our Sunday School each week we try to keep these words in mind. We are grateful, we sing praises and we are happy for the opportunity to learn more about the Bible and God's will for us!

Thank you to all who baked and purchased goodies at our October Bake Sales. Our efforts resulted in a donation of \$402.00 to **Serving Orphans Worldwide**. You can learn more about S.O.W. in the Mission Committee report or during Orphan Sunday November 13.



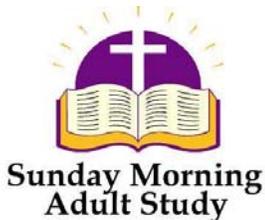
All Sunday School students will participate in a special Thanksgiving presentation during the 9:00 service of worship **November 20**. We love a chance to show the congregation what we are learning!



Please mark your calendars for our next **ALL CHURCH WORSHIP at 10:30 November 27**. This is the **first Sunday of Advent** and the **Hanging of the Greens**. There will be Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 and a special adult workshop with Pastor Clark on the topic of Advent Traditions. In the evening on Nov. 27, will be the ever popular **Advent Wreath Workshop** at 5:00. Supplies and evergreen branches will be provided so that you can make an Advent Wreath for your home. A pot luck sandwich supper will be shared.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Sunday School class for adults continues to meet this year in the parlor at 9:00 a.m. Barry Baxter is again leading this class. The study will continue during the month of November studying the New Testament letter to the Ephesians. While this class is open to all adults, this is an ideal opportunity for parents to learn and fellowship while their children are in Sunday School, and then worship together as a family at 10:30 a.m.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

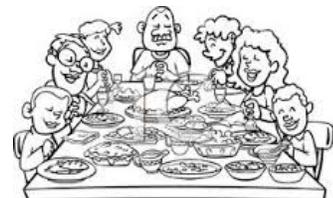


Calling All Youth Grades 2-6 !!
You are invited to King's Kids!
Sundays, 5:00-7:00



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -- Please start picking up shoe boxes and returning them to the church by November 13th. If you prefer to pick up gift items to fill the boxes, leave them in the designated box. Flyers are available in Fellowship Hall with all the directions you need.

CHURCH FAMILY DINNER 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 or plan to share with a friend. 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 really 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). Friday, **November 4**, 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.

LOOK FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ON FACEBOOK!



29ELEVEN YOUTH MINISTRIES



29Eleven Youth Ministries has continued to meet regularly on Sunday evenings. We have enjoyed an *excellent* start to the year, and I can't wait to see what else is in store in the future! Between our regular Sunday nights and one trip down to the Petrucci home in early October, we have already shared several fun stories and experiences. We've had to start recording "quotes of the year" just to keep track of all the memories! During our first few gatherings, we discussed some of the basic questions of Christian faith, including our purpose on earth, why we spend time with God, and why we do good deeds. During the rest of the fall, we will be wrestling with some of the issues teens face in today's world – from the challenge of living as a Christian in a non-Christian society to some of the temptations and challenges students face regularly in school. Every gathering has a mix of fun, games, worship, and discussion, and as always, all young people in grades 7-12 are welcome. We continue to meet at our normal time of 6 PM to 8 PM on Sunday evenings, though students are welcome to arrive as early as 5:30 to hang out.

We also have a couple fun events coming up –**Saturday, October 29**, we will be going to the Salisbury Farm Moonlight Corn Maze, meeting at the church at 6:30 and returning between 8:45-9:00. The cost is \$11; students must bring their own flashlight, as well as dress appropriately for the evening fall weather. All youth grades 7-12 are welcome to attend and bring friends! We have



also officially set the date for our "fall" retreat, **Friday December 9 - Sunday December 11**. We will leave the church at 6 PM on Friday (please eat beforehand!), and return to the church before the end of the worship service Sunday morning. To obtain a permission slip for this event, please contact either Wendy Petrucci or myself. Finally, we are hoping to complete a service project some time in November, but the date is still to be determined!

THANK YOU for your continued encouragement of our young people and faithful support of this vital ministry!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Clark, Ministry Intern

FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS AND 29 ELEVEN YOUTH MINISTRIES:



Due to the overwhelmingly positive response these past three years, the Board of Deacons and the 29Eleven Youth Ministries are once again asking you to please consider ordering STOP AND SHOP ® grocery gift cards (*order forms have been in the bulletin inserts during October, and are available in the narthex!*). In so doing, you may have the option of making something of a **105%** donation of your cash contribution! STOP AND SHOP ® offers a 5% return/reimbursement of the total cash value of gift cards as their charitable donation to qualifying organizations, which we would then in turn apply to the 29Eleven Youth Ministries Summer Mission Trip Fund. We would like to offer the following **THREE OPTIONS** for your consideration:

OPTION 1: DONATION OF ONE OR MORE \$10 GIFT CARDS FOR DEACONS' HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS.



The Deacons will be preparing Holiday Food Baskets for the needy for disbursement in November and December. Fifty baskets each were prepared for Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution in 2014-15; we hope to at least match that in 2016. A \$10 STOP AND SHOP ® grocery gift card is included in each basket to enable the recipient to buy a turkey or some other main course. If you would like to purchase one or more \$10 gift card(s) for donation to the Deacons for this purpose, that would be most welcome AND Stop and Shop would reimburse 5% of the total cash value of your purchase for the 29Eleven Summer Mission Trip!



OPTION 2: DONATION OF ONE OR MORE GIFT CARDS OF \$10, \$50 OR \$100 FOR THE DEACONS TO USE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AT THEIR DISCRETION FOR THOSE IN NEED.



The Deacons are often made aware of situations of crisis and/or emergency need among members of our congregation, people in the community and/or through the various agencies we support. STOP & SHOP ® grocery gift cards can be a source of great blessing and help for such people, and are wonderfully convenient to have on hand if the need is imminent. If you would like to purchase one or more cards of \$10, \$50 or \$100 value for the Deacons to distribute at their discretion to those in need, Stop & Shop would again reimburse an additional 5% of the total cash value of your purchase for the 29Eleven Summer Mission Trip!



OPTION 3: PURCHASE ONE OR MORE GIFT CARDS OF \$10, \$50 OR \$100 FOR PERSONAL USE.



Although this would not qualify as a charitable donation on your part, you nevertheless could support 29 Eleven Youth Ministries by purchasing STOP AND SHOP ® grocery gift cards for your own personal use ... after all, since we all have to buy groceries and other assorted necessities for our everyday living, why not allow your grocery purchases to benefit a most worthy cause? STOP AND SHOP ® will still return a charitable contribution of 5% of the total cash value of your gift card purchase for the 29Eleven Mission Trip!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

Eric McNeely, Board of Deacons Moderator (*and a 29Eleven advisor*)
Stephen Clark, Ministry Intern (*and a former Deacon*)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

It's the season to "Fall" in and serve our Lord! Our Worship Committee will continue to actively seek those who wish to serve God by taking an active role in our worship services. The volunteer positions available on a weekly basis are: Lectors, Greeters and Acolytes (ideal for younger members of our church). There is no experience needed to volunteer for any of these positions and training is available. If you are interested please call me (Wayne) at my home at 737-0480 or email me at fopawam@verizon.net and I can speak with you at your convenience to discuss your interest and get you started in serving God.



We are blessed, and do thank all our volunteers for their dedicated and continued support to our worship programs and services they provide to serve our Lord. Worship schedules are posted in Fellowship Hall and we encourage all to continue to sign up to serve. I thank our Deacons and Elders and ask they please continue to sign up to serve communion in the coming months.

Our Worship Committee meets weekly before and after the Sunday services, so if you have any suggestions and or comments, Don and I would love to hear from you. Thank you in advance for your past and present service to our Lord and members of our church. See you at worship!

Respectfully submitted,

The Worship Committee
Wayne A. Meunier, Donald Sorgel (chair)

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY



We are excited to announce we are on the threshold of creating a new church member directory that we hope will capture and feature every member of our congregation! The new directory will help us connect names with faces and help bring our worship family closer, enhancing our ability to serve the Lord through a more united and concerted effort. This tremendous outreach tool will allow us to capture the history of our congregation through our individual members. We extend this invitation to you to be part of our church history by having your family picture taken by our professional photographers who will be at our church during the selected dates in November listed below:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1-8 P.M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1-8 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1-8 P.M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1-8 P.M.

I have been actively calling all our church family members and inviting them to make appointments by phone call or by joining me after services in Fellowship Hall to have their family picture captured to be shared with our family in Christ. If you have not done so already, please review the dates, and pick the best date and time for your photo appointment. Call me to make that appointment or visit me after services in Fellowship Hall to finalize your appointment. Have questions, or need additional information or assistance? Call me at 401-738-0480 or email me at fopawam@verizon.net.



Every family who has their photo taken for our directory will receive a complimentary directory and 8X10 portrait. There is no cost to the church, and no cost to those being photographed. Come just once to the church for the photography appointment and subsequent review of your proofs. You will also have the opportunity at your appointment to order additional portraits, portrait packages, Christmas cards and/or post cards all at a twenty percent discount with guaranteed delivery well before Christmas.

The response has been overwhelming thus far; appointments are filling up fast! God bless each and every one of you and I thank you in advance for your continued support for our worship family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wayne A. Meunier

39er's NOVEMBER GATHERING

Wednesday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.
Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach

Menu

*Choice of Ham or Baked Scrod
with salad, coffee or tea, & dessert*

Cost: \$15.00

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

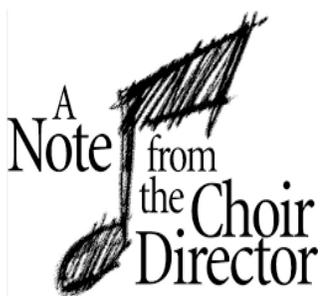
Alan Leveillee, an archaeologist from PAL, Inc. will be speaking on the topic of Native American settlement in Warwick.

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



MUSIC PROGRAM

"The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD." (Lamentations 3:25)



As we begin to accelerate our preparations for another quickly approaching Advent and Christmas season, members of our music program do so with heavy hearts knowing that we will have an empty seat in our tenor section this year. When our Chancel Choir gathered for rehearsal on Wednesday, September 28, we were shocked and saddened to learn that our beloved brother **John Combs** had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. We spent time in prayer for John that night, and compiled our personal prayers and thoughts to deliver to him in a card the next morning. One week later, we again opened our rehearsal in prayer for John, who had departed this life that morning, Wednesday, October 5, one day before he would have celebrated his 79th birthday.

One of the greatest joys of music ministry is the special family bond formed among those who regularly gather to lead in worship through music. There is an inexplicable closeness felt between friends who have faithfully allowed the Lord to open their mouths in His praise, conjoin their spirits in His love and unify their voices to His glory, side-by-side, week after week, through the ebb and flow of life. I have been privileged to enjoy this rich brotherhood in each of my chapters in ministry, and never has it been more radiantly visible to me than it was in our Choir Room the week of John's passing. The reverent, gracious, loving response from each of our brothers and sisters was a shining example of the strong bond of Christian love, and a glowing affirmation of the gentle, humble, grace-filled presence deeply cherished by all who were privileged to know John.



Remaining focused on that spirit of kindred ministry, we are quickly approaching some of the most memorable worship experiences we enjoy each year. It's hard to believe, but in less than a month we will be gathering for our special festival **Hanging of the Greens** service of worship, which will again include special presentations from all of our choirs. One week prior, **Thanksgiving Sunday** will also include special music, including all of our favorite Thanksgiving hymns (some of my all-time favorites ... on a very long list, of course!). Also, don't miss our **Christmas concert** on **Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m.**

This will certainly be a special afternoon; seeing the many members of our music program join together to move our spirits into the Advent season is always such a special treat. Mark your calendar and invite friends and neighbors!

As always, please join us in praying that these upcoming special moments of worship and music may warm our hearts, bind us together in the abundant love of God in our lives and open our eyes to His truth. God is good!



Blessings,

/s/ John

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



Time, talents, and/or treasure are the gifts that we can give to others. Your life situation determines what and how much of each is possible to give away and how much you must keep for yourself to fulfill your personal needs.

As a school principal, this was evident in what teachers could contribute outside the school day. Young teachers were very energetic and supportive of afterschool and evening activities. Teachers who had older children were equally supportive. But teachers who had young children of their own were bound by the responsibilities of their family as to what they could give. Even those with older children could be occupied with parent care. A teacher's outside school commitments always ebbed and flowed throughout their careers based on family responsibilities.

So it is with giving to our church: Each gives according to their gifts, and family, earnings, and other responsibilities do impact giving. But we all have something valuable to give to the church and no gift is too small and no gift (be it time, talent, or treasure) is worth any less. To be a successful congregation, we need gifts of all of these things to care for those in spiritual and/or worldly need. So, during this season of stewardship, I ask you to consider the gifts you give to others, particularly to Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian. Consider the gifts of time, talent, and treasure you have been given and what you can contribute to the success of your church.



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Thank You,

For the Stewardship Committee:

Dennis Charpentier, Eric Robinson, Sam Koldyk, Jonathan Snowman, Treasurer Barry Baxter,
and Investment Subcommittee chair Walter Sullivan

MISSION COMMITTEE



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This Christmas Season the Mission Committee is again partnering with Westbay Community Action and the Kent Center to provide Christmas gifts to children receiving services from these agencies. Check the weekly bulletin for information about when gift requests will be available! Both of these agencies, and the families we helped, were so thankful last year!



ORPHAN SUNDAY

Isaiah 1:17 – *“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”* **November 13, 2016** is Orphan Sunday. On Orphan Sunday, Christians are reminded of God’s call to stand for the orphan. We are a people called to defend the fatherless, to care for the child who has no family, and/or to visit and pray for orphans in their distress. All around the world, too many orphans are hungry, homeless, voiceless, without hope, and without love. And it’s not just a need that exists in a far away place – it’s a need right here at home, too. Across America, many children wait in foster care for a loving family. If you would like specific ways to help “the least of these” here are two suggestions of who to contact: **1) The Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)** is always in need of foster care families. Check the DCYF website (*or contact Jay and Lisa David for more information jayandlisadavid@yahoo.com*). **2) Serving Orphans Worldwide (soworldwide.org)** is a non-profit organization that designates 100% of funds donated to orphan care. Their Board of Directors cover all the operating costs! To date they support forty-four orphanages in twenty-five countries.

The Christian church has always been involved in orphan care. Many organizations focused on building orphanages during the past thirty years. However, with the economic downturn of 2009, many of these orphanages struggled to survive as ongoing support rapidly declined. This is the crisis that sparked the founding of **Serving Orphans Worldwide (SOW)** in 2010. “We realized that while we may not be able to bring every orphan into our homes, we can work diligently to better the homes where so many orphaned children are found today.” Please join in and pray for these children.



A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE “PERSPECTIVES” COURSE: “Passion – Passion is the heart set free to pursue that which is truly worthy. Those who set their hearts on what is most worthy — the glory of God — live with joy-filled abandon. Their hearts are both seized and satisfied with the ambition for Jesus to be ardently worshipped. That love comes to dominate and integrate all other desires so that they live in the freedom of a single-minded purpose. *‘Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God.’* Bob Pierce wrote these now-famous words in his Bible after visiting suffering children on the Korean island of Koje-do. This impassioned prayer is what guided him as he founded and led the ministry of **Samaritan’s Purse** in 1970.”

The Mission Committee

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



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Presbyterian Women’s Christmas Bazaar!
Saturday, December 3, 2016
9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

In order to hold a financially and socially successful bazaar, PW counts on the help of many volunteers. Please call one of the area chairwomen to offer a way in which you will help.

SOME WAYS TO HELP:

- Baking items for the Bakery
- Donating items for attic treasures
- Helping to set up before the bazaar and/or cleaning up afterward
- Securing items for the silent auction
- Making handcrafted items
- Serving in the café
- Donating items for the gift containers
- Helping in the café

BOOTH CHAIRS:

- Lynda Baker (Christmas): 884-3153
- Doris Safford (baked goods): 822-0506
- Betty Mason (country store): 789-1002
- Artena Fairbairn (gift containers): 996-5736
- Cathy Maguire (silent auction): 737-4953
- Joan Eichenfeldt (attic treasures): 737-0128
- Peggy Phillips (café): 737-1616
- Sandy Olson (all things snowmen): 647-7034

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



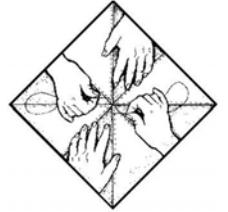
Our PW Fall Gathering was held on October 4th with about sixty women present. We were pleased to have seven women from Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church as our guests for the evening. We all enjoyed a delicious pot-luck supper prepared by our wonderful cooks. After dinner we were entertained by the Irish Step Dancers from the Damhsa Irish Dance Studio in Warwick. We all enjoyed their Irish Step Dancing. Thank you to the Program Committee for planning this wonderful evening and also to the ladies of Circle VII who were our hostesses for the evening.



Thank you all for your generous donations to the Blanket Offering. We will be sending a check to Church World Service that will help to give comfort and support to children and families all over the world. The Thank Offering envelopes were passed out at October Circle's meetings and will be dedicated at the church service November 20.

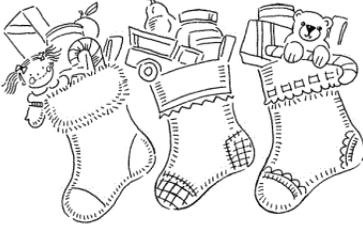


The Picasso Quilters are still in need of mattress pads, blankets, and comforters to be able to continue making sleeping bags. If you have any of these to donate, please leave them on the blue table and marked "Picasso Quilters". Thank you!



~~~LOOKING AHEAD~~~

Country Christmas Bazaar



The **Country Christmas Bazaar** will be on **Saturday December 3**, from **9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** There will be sign up charts in Fellowship Hall for you to donate items and work at the bazaar. We hope that you will plan to come and do some of your Christmas shopping and also stay for lunch or a snack in the Snowflake Café.

The annual Women's Christmas Dinner and Program will be **Tuesday December 6th**. Bazaar shopping and punch and appetizers will be at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be prepared by Stu and his "kitchen crew" and served by the men of the church. They all enjoy waiting on the women and then get to enjoy a dinner. The menu will provide a choice of Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast or Roast Pork. The tickets are \$10 and will be available at November Circles and also at Coffee Hour November 13, 20, and 27. The deadline for ticket sales is Wednesday November 30th. All our church women are welcome to attend.



Our musical program for the evening will be a return of "The Voices of Christmas". We enjoyed them so much last year that we are having them return. This year will include all of their singers and they will be singing different songs for us. This is a group of a capella singers who gather each year to sing Christmas Carols and dressed in Victorian-inspired finery. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products to be given to our local agencies for distribution. Also please remember to bring an unwrapped gift for a child (infant -teenager) to be taken to the South Providence Neighborhood Ministries for distribution.

"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 NOVEMBER

Circle I: November 15 for lesson three in this year's **Horizon** Bible study: "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes."

Circle II: November 8 in the Church parlor at noon for a bag lunch. Following lunch: "A Movie Review."

Circle III: November 8 at the Fairbairn Summers home 6:30 p.m. to work on a project for the Bazaar.

Circle IV: November 8 at 7p.m. in the church parlor.

Circle V: November 8 at 12 in the 5/6 room for bag lunch followed by visiting some of our shut-ins.

Circle VII: November 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Kindergarten room to work on crafts for our December Bazaar.

Circle VII: (Picasso Quilters) Nov. 1 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Betty Stacey, Circle-Coordinator



MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE



PUMPKINS! PUMPKINS! PUMPKINS! Saturday, October 22 was a busy day at Greenwood. The All-Church Work Day was still underway as families began to arrive for an evening of pumpkin carving and fellowship. Brandon Phillips and Luke Donovan had to wrap up their painting of ceiling tiles in Fellowship Hall before quite completing their task (take a look up, next time you are there and admire the bright white tiles in the sections they have completed!). Soon carvers of all ages were busy scraping out seeds, taping on patterns, and beginning to carve faces and complex designs into pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. Participants ranged in age from not yet one to parents, grandparents, and aunts working side by side with the younger folks, getting right in up to their elbows in pumpkin seeds and seeming to enjoy themselves greatly. The carvers spread out over four tables in Fellowship Hall and several more in the East wing. Eric McNeely, dressed in his magnificent pumpkin print suit and tie, circulated among the groups offering suggestions, encouragement, and praise. When the carving was done, the artists stepped back to admire their creations and inserted a little LED candle to illuminate their artwork and brighten their jack-o'-lantern's smile. Then, the marvelously transformed pumpkins were lined up on the ledge in Fellowship Hall.



While this was all going on, members of the Christian Ed and Member Care Committees were busy in the kitchen, keeping soup warm and getting sandwiches and desserts ready to be served. Before long, Eric offered grace and everyone (there were about sixty people present) sat down to a hearty meal of soup and sandwiches. There were several delicious soups to choose from (some tried more than one) and many different kinds of sandwiches, not to mention apple cider and brownies, cookies, and Halloween cupcakes.



After supper was complete, the lights were all turned off; and everyone had a chance to admire the amazing assortment of jack-o'-lanterns. We hope that many of you were able to admire them at coffee hour the following Sunday morning. Then, when the lights came back on and families with wee ones headed home, those remaining whipped into action. In surprisingly little time, all the tables were wiped down, tablecloths put away, chairs and tables folded and put away, and different tables and chairs put in place for coffee hour on Sunday. Similarly, the 29 Eleven room was set up for Sunday School, and the kitchen crew cleaned up and put away all the dishes, plates, and so forth. We are really blessed to have an amazing group of people who pitch in and do whatever needs to be done. God is good to Greenwood Church!



More is going on at Greenwood, too. Wayne Meunier and his team are busy arranging photo appointments for our new pictorial directory. Members of the Member Care Committee continue to visit and send cards and notes to our shut-ins, visitors, and inactive members. Remember, we need you to share information about anyone who might appreciate a call or visit.



Our next scheduled event is a potluck luncheon, co-sponsored by the Mission and Christian Ed Committees to celebrate **Orphan Sunday November 13**. Also coming up in November is the **Advent Wreath workshop Sunday, November 27**, co-sponsored by Christian Education. Watch for more details of these events in the Sunday worship bulletins.

The 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, Doris Safford, Cathy Schobel, Betty Stacey, and Carol Sullivan.

~~~ CAUGHT IN THE NET ~~~

Hospitalized since the last issue:

Fran Bonn, Evelyn Rae

Evelyn is at home, and Fran is now living at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Rob Soave.

Sympathy is extended to:

The family, loved ones and friends of **John Wesley Combs, Jr.**, who passed away October 5.

A memorial service for John is to be held here at the church October 29 at 11:00 A.M.; collation to follow.

The family, loved ones and friends of **Betty Earline Perline McLeod**, who passed away October 22.

A funeral service is to be held October 27, 9:20 A.M. at the Boyle Funeral Home in Warwick, with interment at Highland Memorial Park.

The family, loved ones and friends of **Joseph M. Hurtubise, Jr.**, who passed away October 19.

Arrangements are private.