



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
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Dear Members and Friends,



CHRISTMAS

As I write this Monday afternoon, Thanksgiving is over, the Deacons have *(again!)* delivered fifty holiday food baskets and home-cooked hot turkey meals to several needy folks in our community, our celebration of the first Sunday of Advent with the **Hanging of the Greens** was made all the more special with a full house and the participation of many children new to our church this year *(AND wonderfully inspirational music from our Chancel and Youth choirs!)*, we had a **very** well-attended Advent Wreath workshop and potluck last night, the final photo sessions for our new pictorial directory are taking place *(thank you to ALL who so eagerly responded, and kudos to deacon Wayne Meunier for such an outstanding job coordinating this endeavor ... thanks to his wife Diane for her unflagging dedication and support as well!)*, the Presbyterian Women are hard at work preparing for the Country Christmas Bazaar just days away, and we're getting ready for all sorts of activity in preparation for the annual celebration of our Lord's birth!

I hope to see you at any (or all!) of the numerous events and services of this joyous season! Details are included in the pages of this newsletter; I'd like to highlight just a few: The Presbyterian Women's bi-annual **Country Christmas Bazaar 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 PM December 3** and annual **Christmas Dinner 6:00 PM December 6** *(preceded by "post-bazaar" shopping @ 5:00 PM and followed by what promises to be an excellent program by "The Voices of Christmas")*, the **Christmas Giving Tree** of the Mission Committee *(presents are due December 11)*, the Greenwood Concert Choir's **"Come! Let Us Adore Him" Christmas Concert December 11 at 5:00 PM**, the **Sunday School** will present their annual **Christmas Tableau at the 9:00 Service of Worship December 18** and later that day will present their **Christmas Pageant at 3:00 PM** followed by a *(catered!)* **Pasta supper AND Christmas Caroling** in the community *(all are invited; we're renting a bus again!)*, and, of course, our special **Christmas Eve Services of Worship 6:00 and 10:00 P.M.** and **Christmas Day Worship Service 9:30 A.M.**

I know I've written this in many previous December issues of *Fishermen's News* in the now-**twenty** *(yikes!)* years I have been privileged to be your pastor, but I'll write it again ... the Advent/Christmas season is always a wonderfully active, worshipful and even enchanting time in the Greenwood Community Church family, and I know this year will be no exception! Blessings to you and yours for a happy, holy and celebratory Christmas, and a healthy, joyous and prosperous New Year in 2017.

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor



THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Virginia Jacobs, Joann Rudolph, Kristine Swanson

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



Winter is fast approaching and the holiday season has begun. Evidence of the approaching holiday are the Christmas lights up and down our streets, Christmas music flowing, trees being decorated and people's minds turning to the gift of the Messiah. His birth is the centerpiece of this moment and a cause for great rejoicing. Mrs. D'Albora will lead us for a special worship time each Sunday morning during Advent to help prepare our hearts for celebration of our Savior's birth. The Sunday School has their very own Advent wreath and we will be lighting the candles and singing favorite Christmas carols. We are excited and looking forward to the annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m. This year a traditional Christmas Pageant will be presented in the sanctuary followed by a catered Pasta Dinner from Rigatoni's Restaurant. After dinner we will all go Christmas caroling.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MITTEN TREE: Please help decorate our Mitten Tree which us up in Fellowship Hall.! Donations of Mittens, hats gloves and scarves for the needy are appreciated and will be collected through the month of December.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING ADVENT SEASON ACTIVITIES:

November 27: First Sunday of Advent, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. A special adult workshop on the traditions of the Advent Season will be presented by Pastor Clark.

November 27: 10:30 a.m. Join us for the **Hanging of the Greens** during the one Service of Worship. Sunday School students will help decorate our Sanctuary with wreaths and figures of the Nativity scene.

November 27: Advent Wreath Workshop 5:00 p.m. All materials and instructions will be provided. Come and make an Advent wreath and share in a sandwich and dessert pot luck supper.

December 9: Parents' Night Out – for all ages. Come at 6:00 p.m. and watch the *Polar Express* on the big screen while your parents enjoy a night out. Wear your PJs!

December 11: Christmas Concert 5:00 p.m.

December 18: The Sunday school children will be performing a Christmas tableau at the 9:00 service of worship. All children are welcome to participate! Please come share this special moment with our children.

December 18: Christmas Pageant 3:00 p.m. followed by a catered Pasta dinner from Rigatoni's Restaurant *and* Christmas caroling to our shut-ins and others in the community.

December 24: Christmas Eve services, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. While all are welcome to both services, the earlier service is especially well suited for families and children of all ages.

December 25 and January 1: One Service of Worship at 9:30 a.m.; no Sunday School.

REMAINING CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL TIMES:

DECEMBER 4 DURING KING'S KIDS 5-7 P.M.

DECEMBER 11 AFTER SECOND SERVICE OF WORSHIP 11:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 18 ARRIVE AT 2:00 P.M.; PAGEANT BEGINS 3:00 P.M.



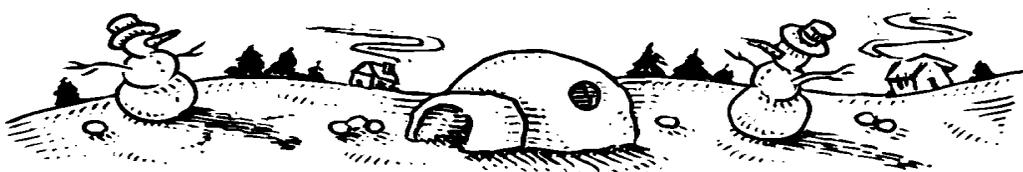
Calling All Youth Grades 2-6!

You are invited to King's Kids!

Sundays, 5:00-7:00

Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

All Children in grades 2 through 6 are always invited to join us for King's Kids and are encouraged to bring a friend. We will be singing with the adult choir some time in December. We have lots going on in December; make sure to read the Sunday School handouts so you don't miss out on the fun!



29ELEVEN YOUTH MINISTRIES



29Eleven has continued to meet regularly on Sunday evenings. It brings me great joy to be a part of such a stable and healthy environment for young people during the challenges of middle and high school. We have had a LOT of fun over the past several weeks, sometimes even so slightly at one another's expense; it took me about twenty minutes to clean the shaving cream off my face and clothes after one particularly ridiculous game! We also have had some great conversations and times of worship; two of our adult volunteers selflessly and vulnerably shared their inspirational life stories with all of us, offering encouragement and insight from leaders the teens look up to.



The big highlight of the year, the Fall (*actually, almost winter*) Retreat, will arrive **December 9 - 11**. The fellow leaders and I are greatly looking forward to the time away with the young people as we go through Kyle Idleman's "Not a Fan" curriculum, and take time to examine whether we are genuinely followers of Jesus Christ or whether we are just enthusiastic fans. From competitions and silly games to profound messages and deep conversations, retreats always offer huge opportunities to build good memories and reflect upon our walks with God.

We also have a wonderful group of people keen on serving others and helping out wherever they can. We had a most enjoyable leaf raking project at a church member's home November 27, and would love to help serve other members of the church in any way possible! If you have a project the youth fellowship could help out with or know someone else in need, feel free to contact me or one of the other leaders – we have plenty of energetic young people with abundant willingness to serve.



I am ever grateful for the memories we are building, the growth in our young people, and the community they are building with one another. Thank you for supporting this wonderful community during a crucial time!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Clark, Ministry Intern

MUSIC PROGRAM

Dear friends,

In reflecting upon the upcoming month of activity in the life of our church family, I can't help but feel tremendous joy and excitement. One reason for this is, simply, tradition. I love looking forward to the same sweet memories and experiences year after year, singing the same great songs and hymns and getting wrapped up in the same grand excitement that, for me anyway, only grows stronger with time. We are blessed with wonderful Advent and Christmas traditions at Greenwood, beginning with our Hanging of the Greens service of worship last week which was an inspirational start to the season of hope. I so greatly enjoyed the anthem from our Youth Choir, our Chancel Choir's majestic rendition of "Joy to the World," and selections from Handel's *Messiah* and a work by Felix Mendelssohn offered by guest soprano soloist Olivia Vicente. After such a wonderful first Sunday of Advent, it is certain the flurry of activity December will bring our way will be filled with warmth and joyfulness as we go caroling, enjoy our annual children's pageant and tableau, feel the special glow of Advent worship each Sunday morning and enjoy the other host of activities and programs happening in our lives during this wonderfully busy month.



Continuing another tradition, don't miss our second annual **Christmas concert** here at Greenwood on **Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m.** The program, entitled "*Come! Let Us Adore Him*," will consist of choral works presented by the Greenwood Concert Choir, our Youth and Handbell choirs and several of our talented instrumentalists. Bring your friends and neighbors!



Of course, these lovely traditions are merely reminders of the "reason for the season," the true, original, ultimate Christmas gift given to mankind in a manger stall two thousand years ago. This is the second, more important reason I am so greatly looking forward to the month ahead as a congregation. We have the awesome task of bringing to life a story so familiar and dear to us, so central to our faith, and so incredibly monumental beyond our deepest understanding. How incredible is this! And how amazing that each year, whether we are hearing the Gospel for the eighth time or the eighty-eighth time, its power is constant, its message is ever more relevant, and its peace is real.

So, as we enjoy another year of memorable, heartwarming Christmas tradition, may we be inspired more than ever to read the Word of God, spend time with Him in prayer, and deeply contemplate this amazing gift He gave us ... the gift of love He keeps on giving us each day of our lives.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Blessings,

/s/ John

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

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE



Welcome to our newest members: **Alexis and Marc Cobb, Emily and Adam Jones, Patricia McGrath, and Nancy Wells!** We are delighted to see they are already finding ways to share their talents with our church.

Thanks to the organizational ability and incredible hard work of Wayne Meunier, our new church pictorial directory is well underway, with over **280** of you scheduled to be pictured! We hope that on picture day every adult, including our confirmed youth members, completed a copy of our information sheet. "Why," you may wonder, "do I need to do this? I've been coming to Greenwood for years. Everyone knows what I do." Well, actually everyone *doesn't* know. As many of our newer members assume leadership roles, they may be unaware that a particular individual has served in the past as an elder, deacon, or by singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, or helping with construction projects around the church. They have no idea who they might turn to if they have a question involving knowledge of plumbing, electrical matters, computers, office help, bookkeeping, gardening, children, etc. Since it's been at least five years since we had anyone complete such a form, we have many members for whom this kind of information is lacking. We hope you filled out a form already, but if not, additional ones are available in the narthex and church office. Thanks for your help!



Let us also try to answer a few questions we have encountered recently. Any member, even those who just joined, can volunteer to serve on one of the Session committees. Each committee is chaired by a member of the Session. Most have a second elder and perhaps one or more deacons, but they need other members of the congregation to contribute ideas and carry out projects. Committees meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Serving on a committee is a great way to meet people, to become familiar with how the church works, and to provide valuable service. Additional members are needed on all our Committees. If you are interested, speak to the chair, leave a message in the office, or drop a note in the Member Care suggestion box.

get involved.
join a committee.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN SESSION COMMITTEES

Building and Grounds (*chair, Jay David*) oversees the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and grounds and works closely with sexton John Pickup.

Christian Education (*co-chairs Joann Rudolph & Krissy Swanson*) is responsible for Sunday School programs (*children and adults*), youth fellowships, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Parent's Night Out, Children's Church, child care, etc., and works closely with Director of Family Ministries Virginia Jacobs and Ministry Intern Stephen Clark.



Member Care (*chair, Elaine Magyar*) provides outreach to members and newcomers and organizational support for various all-church events.

Mission (*chair, Emmy Kmet*) directs the mission giving of the church and maintains contact with the missionaries and mission agencies we support.

Stewardship (*Chair, Dennis Charpentier*) oversees all financial matters including giving, preparation of the budget, and monitoring income, investments and expenses.

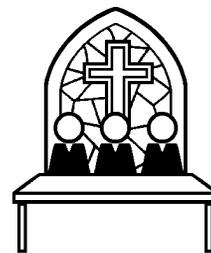


Worship (*Chair, Donald Sorgel*) works with the Pastor and Director of Music to assure worship services on Sundays and special occasions provide a meaningful worship experience for the congregation and schedules lectors, ushers, greeters, and acolytes for each service, as well as elders and deacons to serve communion.





A more significant time commitment is service as an officer on the Session or the Board of Deacons (*there are also eight subcommittees on the Board of Deacons; I'll save those descriptions for another article*). Members to these boards are nominated each year by the Nominating Committee and elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January, normally to a three-year term. Nominees to serve as elders or deacons should have been members for at least one year. Experience in serving on a committee is also recommended, so one has a better idea of how the church works.



Equally necessary and important are members who selflessly share their time and talents by singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, helping with Children's Church, baking for coffee hour or our December concert, cleaning up after a potluck, or painting the front of the church. Thank you to all!

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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to all those that have made a pledge during the 2017 Stewardship Campaign. Having these “hard” pledges provides accurate data to construct a reliable budget for Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian that pays for staff, committee work, and facility expenses. The more families and individuals that declare their intended giving through submitting a pledge card, the more accurate our budget becomes in supporting the varied missions of our church. Please, if you have not handed in a pledge card, do so at your earliest convenience.

*Thank
You!*



Can you hear it? Can you hear it now? If you can't yet, you soon will! A beautiful new sound system is about to grace our church. This will enhance the congregation's ability to hear lectors, Minute for Mission speakers, pulpit supply guests and the pastor, as well as soloists, instruments, and our choir as they provide us the best in musical worship. It will also better enable the choir to hear all that takes place in the service, as new directional speakers will be installed in the chancel (we will also be adding a speaker to the Children's Church room, and enhancing the sound already in place in the nursery, Cry Room and narthex). Along with improvements in church acoustics, the present sound system will be relocated to Fellowship Hall. This is a state-of-the-art sound system that will last us for years and years, but it does not come without cost. We are deeply grateful for generous donations that will cover @ eighty percent of the cost, and would welcome additional help from the congregation. If you enjoy the clarity and richness of the new sound, please find it in your heart to support this effort by donating to the “Sound System Fund.” This is a restricted fund that will help pay for the purchase and installation of this new equipment. To make a contribution, mark an envelope “Sound System Fund” and put it in the offering plate.



Have you noticed the new T-Mobile antennae in our steeple? No? Look up and see that the openings that used to be in our steeple are now covered by decorative louvers. Behind the louvers are the new antennae, enabling better coverage AND more accurate 911 location enhancing the safety and accuracy of this community service. T-Mobile has renegotiated our contract with them which will bring increased revenue to our church budget. These louvers also give the additional benefit of keeping out precipitation during wind-driven rain/snow storms, thus stemming the cause of leaks that occasionally occur from accumulated water pooling in the steeple. Thank you again for generously supporting the effort of your various Session committees and the wonderful work they do for the congregation of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian.



PER CAPITA 2017



As many of you know, every year all members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) are asked to voluntarily contribute toward the administrative expenses of the governing bodies of our denomination via the “per capita apportionment.” For the past sixteen or so years, a special envelope marked for this purpose has been included in the box of offering envelopes provided for all members of our church. The following excerpt/explanation comes from the minutes of the 1995 General Assembly:

“Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).”

Each year the Stewardship Committee has encouraged you to consider using this special envelope to specially designate a gift (*based on the number of church members in your household*) to help fund these administrative/ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery of Southern New England, the Synod of the Northeast and the PC(USA) General Assembly. In 2012, the Session resolved:

“We will continue to ask and strongly encourage each member of our congregation to voluntarily contribute the total individual Per Capita annually defined by the Presbytery of Southern New England and will distribute the funds received on a monthly basis.”

As a result of this 2012 decision, Per Capita is no longer funded from the general treasury of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian; what is received from members of the congregation for this Special Offering is what is disbursed to the appropriate bodies, just as with other Special Offerings. The Stewardship Committee continues to ask all church members to consider covering their individual Per Capita apportionment.

In the Presbytery of Southern New England, the recommended **2017 Per Capita** donation is **\$44.60** per individual member, of which **\$7.50** is designated for the General Assembly of the PC(USA), **\$4.10** for the Synod of the Northeast, and the remaining **\$33.00** for the Presbytery of Southern New England.”

Thank You,

The Stewardship Committee

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

MISSION COMMITTEE



This Christmas season the Mission Committee has once again partnered with Westbay Community Action and The Kent Center to provide Christmas gifts to children receiving services from these agencies. Be sure to stop by the Christmas Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall. Each gift should be purchased new and cost no more than \$30. Cash donations will also be gratefully accepted; money donated will be used to purchase gifts for children and/or grocery and gas cards for their parents. Please return gifts by December 11, wrapped or unwrapped. Thank you for supporting this ministry. The workers from Warwick CAP and the Kent Center appreciate Greenwood very much and express their gratitude and blessings upon you all.



Missionary Highlight - Nancy Collins, PC(USA) Mission Co-worker in Zambia

The Mission Committee and the 29Eleven Youth Fellowship will host a visit from Nancy Collins, **Sunday evening January 22, 2017**. All are welcome to a potluck dinner and presentation about her work in Zambia. Nancy was appointed in January 1998 to serve as a mission co-worker in Cairo, Egypt where she divided her time between two social justice ministries. She worked in the International Relations Department of the **Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS)**, and she facilitated Egypt's **Joining Hands Against Hunger** group and the **Together for Family Development Network**. Since 2009, she has been the Regional Liaison for East Central Africa, where she serves as facilitator of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) support of partner programs, relationships and activities, and as implementer of denominational regional strategies in **Malawi, Kenya, Rwanda and Zambia**. She provides leadership support to mission personnel through communications, information sharing, mentoring/guiding and missiological reflection. She reflects, *"The work I am doing fills my heart with joy and thanksgiving. God has put me in a place and position where all my creativity and organizational skills and understanding of development can be used to link human and financial resources and development programs with Church partners and citizens of some of the world's most challenged countries. Through these linkages our partners are empowered and lives of theological students, church leaders, subsistence farmers, poverty stricken women, just to name a few, are being transformed. I praise God that in this way God's Kingdom here on earth is being built. I am grateful also for all I learn from African Christians here who joyfully worship a loving God in the face of poverty, disease and death. It's a real conversion experience for me."*

MONTHLY PERSPECTIVES FROM THE "PERSPECTIVES" COURSE:



"DECEMBER: HOPE -- *God has called us to live our lives as a bold act of hope. To hope is not merely to wish for small improvements of personal circumstances. Hope expects all things, large or little, to be overwhelmed and filled with the immense glory of Christ. Thus, true hope pursues global glory and total triumph over evil. Lives of hope can face great evil with relentless courage, since there is no telling how soon God will break through with ultimate victory.* **JANUARY: MANDATE –** *"To live under mandate is to be entrusted with a task of lasting significance. Mandates are not commands. By direct commands we assign small errands or daily chores. A mandate, on the other hand, releases authority and responsibility to pursue endeavors of historic importance. God entrusted to Christ, and with Him to the Church, a mandate to fulfill His purpose for all of history."*

The Mission Committee

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

WORSHIP COMMITTEE



As the Holiday season and New Year approaches let us all take time to commit to serve and thank 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 that are 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 meet with you at your convenience to discuss your interest and get you started in serving God. We are blessed and thank all our volunteers and new members for their dedicated and continued support to our worship programs and services they provide to serve our Lord.

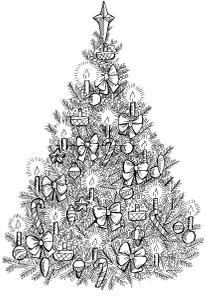


Worship Schedules are posted in Fellowship Hall and we encourage all to continue to sign up to serve. I thank our Deacons and Elders and ask that they please continue to volunteer and sign up to serve Communion in the coming months. Our Worship Committee meets weekly before and after the Sunday services, 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!

Sincerely in Christ, for the Worship Committee,

Wayne A. Meunier
(Donald Sorgel, Chair)

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Advent and Christmas season is upon us! While we are busy with preparations for Christmas, let us remember to take time for worship and to remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season". We hope you will do some of your Christmas shopping at our **Country Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 3**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have many different items to choose from and you can also enjoy lunch or a snack at our Snowflake Café after you finish shopping.

We invite all our church women to join us at our annual Christmas Gathering **Tuesday December 6, at 5:00 p.m.** The evening begins with Bazaar shopping, punch, and appetizers at 5:00 p.m. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by a musical program up in the sanctuary. We will be entertained by the return of "The Voices of Christmas." We enjoyed them so much last year that we invited them back again. They will sing with us and for us, dressed in their Victorian-inspired finery. The tickets for the dinner are \$10 and will be available for sale at coffee hour; the deadline for sales is November 30th. The menu will provide a choice of Roast Pork or Stuffed Chicken Breast. We will be collecting paper products and non-perishable food items 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.



Thank you to the Program Committee and the ladies of Circles IV and V for planning and preparing for this lovely evening. Also, a very special Thank you to the men who will prepare and serve our dinner.

Thank you to the congregation for your generous donations to Blanket Sunday. We just sent a \$1,000 check to Church World Service that will help to give comfort and support to needy children and families all over the world.

Our Circles will be having their own Christmas parties. The Circles all have special giving projects to help local needy people at Christmas. We are very thankful that we can help others when they need help.

I look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar, Christmas Dinner, and Program!

"Come as a guest, Leave as a friend."

I wish you all the Blessings of Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Betty Mason, for Presbyterian Women



'ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY



"Good friends are like angels;



you don't have to see them to know they are there."

Circle I will not meet in December, but will meet on January 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor to continue the *Horizon* Bible Study: "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes".

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, December 13, at the Red Stripe in East Greenwich for lunch. January meeting will be on the 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor, Kitty Channel will share her recent European trip with us.

Circle III will not meet in December. The next meeting is January 10, 2017 at the Fairbairn Summers home for potluck and sharing of recipes.

Circle IV will be going out to dinner at the Olive Garden December 13. On January 10 they will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

Circle V will meet Tuesday, December 15, at the home of Angie D'Albora for a pot luck lunch. The January meeting will be January 10 at 12 noon in the old 5/6 room for a bag lunch and then breaking into small groups to visit shut-ins.

Circle VII will not meet in December, but will go out to dinner January 10 at Ritrovo's in East Greenwich.

Circle VIII (Picasso Quilters) Please watch the Sunday bulletin insert for January dates.

Oval IX No meeting planned.

If you have any questions about Circles, please call me at 737-0717.

Betty Stacey
Circle Coordinator

39er's DECEMBER GATHERING

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

Menu

*Choice of Turkey or Baked Scrod with Soup,
Coffee or Tea, and Dessert*

Cost: \$15.00

Program in Fellowship Hall 1:30 P.M.

Come for a Yankee Swap and to sing carols!



39er's JANUARY GATHERING

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

Menu

*Choice of Sirloin Tips or Baked Scrod with Soup,
Coffee or Tea, and Dessert*

Cost: \$15.00

Program in Fellowship Hall 1:30 PM

Bill Cheney discussing his cruise down the Danube River.

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



Christmas Eve Services

6:00 & 10:00 PM

December 25 and January 1

One Service of Worship at 9:30 AM

No Sunday School

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year

CAUGHT IN THE NET

HOSPITALIZED since the last issue: Evelyn Rae, Lois-Belle Crankshaw, Dale Nicholson, Norbert Morin

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Dear Church Family,

A heartfelt thank you to all who prayed for the health of our new grandchild, Jasper Rowan. We are grateful to Pastor Clark for the request for prayers for Jasper's health after his turbulent start to life. Your prayers, cards, messages of support and concern for his well being and that of our California family were all greatly appreciated. Jasper has been blessed by all your prayers and is now progressing well. We will be forever grateful for your prayerful and loving support.

With Christian Love,
Jean and Ray Greco

Dear Friends of Greenwood,

I would like to thank Joan Eichenfeldt for the lovely flowers and the nice visit from her. Also I want to thank Harry and Sheila Curran for their visit, I always enjoy their company. Also, thanks for all of the cards. I am so blessed by our Lord and friends at our church. I am doing better.

In His Love,
Evelyn Rae

Dear Pastor Clark,

I want to thank you, the choir and the congregation for the beautiful Memorial Service offered for John Combs on Saturday (October 29). My wife and I traveled several hours to pay our respects to a gentleman whom I met as a client and became a friend. I wish you and your ministry prayerful future success.

Sincerely,
John S. Morgan

(The following was inadvertently omitted from the October Fishermen's News:)

Dear members of Greenwood Church:

I want to thank Pastor Clark for visiting me at the hospital after my surgery. Thank you, Paula Johnson, for delivering the flowers and for the nice visit. Both were a very pleasant surprise! Also, I want to thank everyone for their well wishes and many cards. They were very uplifting. It is so nice to know how much everyone cares.

Blessings,
Monika Algozino