



# FISHERMEN'S NEWS

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

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## INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

(from the *Book of Common Worship*)

"Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God."

Dear Members and Friends,



Each **Ash Wednesday Service of Worship** these past fifteen years has opened with the above invitation, an invitation that will be extended again at our **Ash Wednesday Service of Worship March 1, 7:00 P.M.** I heartily encourage you to join with us, and with untold millions of our fellow Christians around the world and throughout the ages, by engaging in some form of Lenten observance, prayer and/or discipline this special season. Also, don't forget we have **ONE Service of Worship March 5 10:30 a.m.**, Sunday School for all 9:00 a.m. (with a special seminar for adults on *The Meaning & History of Lent* led by me following the Sunday School opening program!) our Sunday School's annual **Heifer Coin Drive** during the Sundays in Lent (see page 2), the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering (see page 4) and our next all-church **Pot Luck Luncheon March 5** (see page 5)! I hope to see you at any or all of the above as we embark on another season of prayer, sacrifice, remembrance and examination. May our Lenten journey serve to make our Resurrection celebration that much richer!

On a wholly different (but somewhat related!) subject, please know a **GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND** is well in the works which will make for an EXTRA special Lenten season for some in 2018! This is open to any and all who wish to come; we are planning to depart Boston's Logan airport Sunday evening, **February 18, 2018** (Lent begins February 14 in 2018) flying direct to Tel Aviv via Israel's EL AL Airline, returning to Logan **February 27** (so we'll only have to miss one Sunday of worship at Greenwood!). This is designed to coordinate (for the most part) with the school vacation calendar. Some have been asking to do this as a church for several years now, and it looks like the dream is becoming a reality! In many ways February is an ideal time to travel to Israel (Ann and I honeymooned there in February 1990!), as the weather is most agreeable and it isn't the "prime" tourist season. Many more details to come! FYI, an anonymous donation of \$5000 was received a while ago to start a Holy Land Fund; donations to this fund will help make the trip more affordable for those who may not be able to come otherwise. Watch for details and mark your calendars! "לשנה הבאה בירושלים" ... which means, "Next year in Jerusalem!"

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor



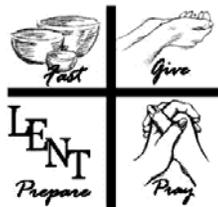
L-R, top-bottom: King's Kids Valentine Dinner Dance, our American Heritage Girls troop, children's sermon, youth choir, Mission Committee and Zimbabwe guest, Eric giving children's sermon, Steve's Dubai mission team at training event in Boston, Deb & Joan, Betty & Denise at coffee hour

## THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

[christianed@gccp.org](mailto:christianed@gccp.org)

Virginia Jacobs, Joann Rudolph, Kristine Swanson, Sandra Olson,

### NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



**March 5** marks the first Sunday **IN** Lent (*not OF Lent ... and if you don't know why we say "in" and not "of", then come to the special Lenten presentation 9:00 a.m.!*) and the start of our annual coin drive to benefit **Heifer International**. Also on this Sunday, the entire congregational family will have the opportunity to worship together at **one worship service at 10:30 a.m.** Sunday School will still be offered at 9:00 a.m. and all adults are invited (*as hinted above*) to a special presentation led by Pastor Clark on **THE MEANING AND HISTORY OF LENT**. Please bring your **pennies** to worship that day as we kick off the annual **Lenten Heifer Coin Drive**. All funds raised through



Heifer Coin Drive

this drive will enable the Sunday School to purchase domestic animals for impoverished families worldwide through Heifer International ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)). The purchase of these animals will help feed families as well as generate income for them through the sale of eggs, cheese, milk, wool and other animal byproducts. The coin collection is as follows:

**MARCH 5 – PENNIES, MARCH 12 – NICKELS, MARCH 19 – DIMES, MARCH 26 – QUARTERS, APRIL 2 – DOLLARS**



Barry Baxter continues to lead the **Adult Sunday School** each Sunday. The class recently started a video and book curriculum studying "The Apostles' Creed: What Christians Believe and Why." Please join us in the parlor at each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. While this class is open to all adults, it 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 the 10:30 service. Thank you to all who contribute to this vital ministry of the Greenwood Community Church. May God continue to grow and bless our Sunday School program!

### 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

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

**TALENT SHOW:** It's time for the **5th Annual Talent Show** to benefit the annual summer mission trip of the 29Eleven Youth Fellowship. Tryout forms are located in Fellowship Hall and are due by **Sunday, March 5** during Coffee Hour. **TRYOUTS will be held Sunday March 5, 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. TALENT SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL - Sunday March 12, 4:00 p.m. TALENT SHOW DATES: Friday March 17, 6:00 p.m. & Saturday March 18, 5:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 each night, or a combo ticket for both performances can be purchased for \$15.00. This year dinner will be provided at both shows.



**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT:** Come join us the first Friday of each month (6:00 – 9:00) for a night of fun! Parents, drop off your children of any age with us while you go relax, have dinner, shop, etc. We will entertain them for hours! On February 6 we will work on crafts, eat pizza and watch movies. The program is directed by DCM Virginia Jacobs assisted by other adults and teens who have completed our Child Protection training.

**CHURCH FAMILY DINNER:** Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come join us every week or just once in a while for this 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 companionship, wisdom and strength.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017: Save the date!! July 31 - August 4. Passport to Peru: Discovering God's Good Gifts.** We can't wait to explore a new culture and have a blast at VBS this year. Mark your calendars, ages 4 - entering grade 6. See Lisa David for more information and to volunteer!



**PLEASE CHECK OUT THESE NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY:**

- Western Christian in Global Mission, Paul Borthwick
- The Word on Finances, Larry Burkett
- Examining the Impact of Trauma, Brad Grammer
- God Wink Stories: A Devotional, Squire D. Rushnell
- Finding Faith in the Dark, Laurie Short
- The Family Project: How God's Design Reveals His Best, Glenn T. Stanton
- Kingdom Woman, Tony Evans & Chrystal Evans Hunt
- Chosen for Greatness, Paul Batura
- Bethany Blues and Beach Blues, by our own Dennis Charpentier!



**LOOK FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ON FACEBOOK!**



## 29ELEVEN YOUTH MINISTRIES



29Eleven  
Youth Ministries

The young people of 29Eleven never cease to bless me. Increasingly as I tell my friends at school about them, I refer to them as “my youth” or “my kids.” Perhaps that is unfair, for I did not do the hard work of raising them and only spend a few hours with them a week; yet, as they continue to attend faithfully and rejoice bountifully and laugh abundantly, I find my affection ever growing for the family the 29Eleven youth fellowship has become.

We have met somewhat sporadically over the past months, due to holidays and snow days and Super Bowls and other events that have offset our regular meeting time. However, such obstacles have done nothing to diminish either our attendance or our enthusiasm, as our group continues to gradually expand. We brought ten very excited teens to Lazer Gate in Fall River this past month for



an afternoon of fellowship and shooting one another in the most Christ-like way possible, and each of our meetings thus far this year, though sporadic, have drawn our consistently engaged youth who laugh and worship together as we engage in the grand meta-narrative of the Bible, exploring the stories of creation, Abraham, Moses, and other Old Testament notables, and how all of these narratives point directly to Jesus Christ.



We've a packed slate coming up for the spring, including the **Fifth Annual Talent Show** Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18, which friends and families are welcome and encouraged to attend; a live re-enactment of the Lord's Supper, tentatively planned for Palm Sunday evening, April 9, which friends and families are also welcome and encouraged to attend; and a Lock-in, tentatively planned for March 31 - April 1, which most church families and friends would have little interest to attend, unless you deeply enjoy playing ridiculous games at three in the morning with a dozen sleep-deprived teenagers. However, fellow sleep-deprived teenagers are always welcome!

I'm glad to report the exciting start to the year and we're looking forward to a busy but joyful season to come in the spring. As always, youth grades 6-12 are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.; youth grades 6-8 and 9-12 are welcome to join the respective junior and senior high Sunday Schools at 9 a.m, the former led by Lisa David and the latter by Eric McNeely and myself. Thank you all for your dedication to loving and encouraging our youth as we raise up a generation to follow Christ and love His people!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Clark, Ministry Intern

## MUSIC PROGRAM

Dear friends,

I love our style of worship at Greenwood. Those of you who have visited or been part of other communities of faith know how widely variable the format of the service can be, from everything to the order of worship, adherence to assigned Lectionary readings, length and style of music, presentation of the sacraments, inclusion/involvement of children ... the list goes on and on. But throughout my time serving churches of several denominations and sizes, I have developed a deep appreciation for the blend of formality and reverence with warmth and comfort offered in our services here at Greenwood.



Every so often I receive questions about our worship format (most often about our music), usually asking *why* we do or don't do something a particular way. I always enjoy these conversations for many reasons, not the least of which is a window into the effectiveness of the worship experience offered to our congregants. One question I hear frequently, quite often after we have sung a particularly long hymn is ... “did we really have to sing ALL those verses?”

Recently, one such conversation caused me to reflect on our hymn singing. I deeply love traditional hymnody, in no small part due to the brilliant, inspirational music filling our hymnals, but hymns are so much more than music. A well-written hymn can carry our heartfelt praise to God like nothing else, imprint a passage of Scripture forever in our hearts and minds, relate a familiar Bible narrative in a most tangible way, and draw out our inmost prayers and petitions. Above all, a well-written hymn is a journey from start to finish, from first stanza to final stanza, in its entirety.

So why have I told you all this? For the past seven years I have served in music ministry, fourteen I have played sacred music and twenty I have been privileged to be surrounded by the music of the church, I have been deeply moved by the narrative contained in the texts of our great music. It is the mission of our ministry of music to amplify and animate these passages, bringing their intended message into our services of worship and into the lives of those in our church family. This drives every aspect of our music program, from the music we select to sing each week to the manner in which hymns are played and orchestrated. My prayer is always that this will be received with enthusiasm and reverence, creating not only a dynamic, inspirational worship experience but also nurturing a congregation that truly loves singing hymns.

**LET  
YOUR  
HEART  
SING**

So, next Sunday, spend a few moments before worship perusing the hymns for the day. Let every word of their text fill your heart and enter your mind. And, by all means, SING and SING FROM YOUR HEART!

May the great hymns of our faith inspire us to walk with our Lord, keep Him always in our hearts and sing His praises forever and ever.

Blessings,

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

## MISSION COMMITTEE

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world through the special mission offering of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This offering, traditionally collected during Lent, began in 1949 in response to the devastation of World War II, when, during a Saturday evening nationwide radio broadcast, Americans were asked to "give generously" to the offering the next morning in their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded. This nationwide united effort by America's Christians had an importance far beyond the practical goal of fundraising; this joint program strengthened the vitally important relief and rehabilitation work of the churches overseas, and proved to all the world the great power generated when Christians unite in a common cause.



The Presbyterian Church (USA) uses funds received through OGHS to support disaster relief, refugee/immigration and development ministries throughout the world through the Presbyterian Hunger program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and the Self Development of People program. Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a huge impact on people's lives. Whether gifts take the form of immediate relief to people experiencing crisis or partnerships with communities focused on long-term solutions to chronic problems, contributions are a powerful, tangible witness to Christ's healing love.

Portions of our offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing Program are also donated to other agencies we support who provide relief and assistance to those in need. Please use the One Great Hour of Sharing Envelope provided in your box of offering envelopes, or the special One Great Hour of Sharing pew envelopes for your contributions. Please look for more OGHS information in the March weekly bulletins!



### **MISSION HIGHLIGHT – MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION (MBF), IMPACTING THE WORLD WITH THE LOVE AND GOSPEL OF CHRIST THROUGH HEALING MINISTRIES**

MBF works to transform individuals, communities and nations through long-lasting relationships with hospitals, nursing schools and clinics in developing countries. They do this by engaging individuals and churches in the U.S. to equip the Presbyterian Church in the developing world to build self-sustaining healthcare services. Their primary international partners are in DR Congo, Haiti, Kenya and Malawi. Specifically, they focus on four main areas: Hospital Development, Nursing Schools and Scholarships, Critical Services for Women and Children and Primary Health Clinics. The approach is premised on strengthening the church in the developing countries so they can help their neighbors. This model stems from the scriptural truth that God uses the church to change the world; the church is God's chosen instrument to bring hope to the poor and oppressed. MBF believes training indigenous health workers develops sustainable local capacity and strengthens critical health systems in any country. They strive for medical excellence by promoting health through the incarnation presence of medical mission co-workers, education, disease prevention, and curative care for those impoverished areas suffering from acute and chronic illness.



Two student stories: (1) In May 2014, Geffrard Guerline discovered her nursing skills might qualify her to be the only source of healthcare for an entire community. FSIL, the MBF partnering nursing school in Léogâne, Haiti, organized mobile clinics in four remote areas across Haiti last spring. Some students, including Geffrard, were selected to participate as part of their training which included unique cases, specialties, and procedures that enhanced their technical skills. Perhaps most importantly, they encountered patients who touched the students' hearts. Students involved in the mobile clinics often find inspiration and a fresh focus on their goals. As a result of this experience, Ms. Guerline has dedicated herself to become a nurse practitioner offering services to people in remote provinces. She wrote, "I thank the FSIL for choosing me to have this experience, because it made me grow up and gives me the strength to move forward in my studies, to put my knowledge to the community."



(2) The Kavuzi community is located in the Nkhata Bay District of northern Malawi. The residents had a great need for a local community medical clinic, but had been unable to convince anyone to open such a facility. Johnston Nyirenda's family lives in Kavuzi, and he dreamed of furthering his education after high school and attending nursing school. He was elated to enroll at the Ekwendi Nursing School with the financial support of his church; however, soon after he began classes, the church ran out of funds. That would have been the end of the story for Johnston, the church and the community if MBF had not stepped in with a scholarship for Johnston, making it possible for him to finish school. Johnston graduated in December 2014 and he has gone back to Kavuzi to open the first medical clinic in the area. The community will finally have healthcare, Johnston will have a job and be able to help support his family, and the local church will increase its impact in its community. Malawi is one of the poorest nations on the African continent and many other students like Johnston are unable to pay for their medical training. Today, MBF ministry partners are providing an opportunity for eight additional students at Ekwendeni Nursing School (see <http://mbfoundation.org/what-do-we-do/international-partners/schools/ekwendeni-nursing-school/>)

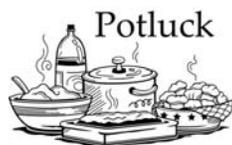
**Perspective from the "PERSPECTIVES" course:** "Momentum – It's often hard to sense the accelerating pace of God's work in history. Many lives are encased in the present moment and tend to miss the momentum of the mighty God of the ages. But would God tell us so much of His story and His purposes without intending for us to follow Him through history? Those who know God's history can better lay hold of God's intended destiny."

The Mission Committee

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

## MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

March is a month of change. Though it sometimes brings mountains of snow, we know it won't last too long, as the warm sun melts it away. Before the end of the month, crocuses will poke up their heads, pussywillows will display their silky gray coats, and robins will return to let us know spring is here. As spring arrives, we hope many of you will be able to join us for the activities planned here at Greenwood.



We start the month with a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** after worship **Sunday, March 5**. There will be Sunday School for all at 9 and a single worship service at 10:30, followed by lots of good food and fellowship for all. In fact, there is always plenty of food for a few extra people, so plan to join us for lunch even if you can't bring a "dish to share." The highlight of our March events is the **TALENT SHOW MARCH 17 AND 18**. Come and support our youth in raising funds for their summer mission trip. We promise you will have fun and be amazed at the talent displayed. In April we are planning another **HYMN SING**. Watch the bulletin and next month's Fishermen's News for details.

You may have noticed some new faces at coffee hour. We are delighted to welcome the newcomers who have joined us for worship. For those interested in learning more about our church and our beliefs, we will be holding a series of Inquirers' Classes late March/early April with the **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9**. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details.



While most of the congregation only sees the event-planning side of the Member Care Committee's duties, many members of our Committee are faithfully engaged in the other important aspect of our work, reaching out to members who are not able to join us every week for worship. We have a faithful team that visits shut-ins, sends cards and notes, keeps contact by telephone, runs errands, or assists in various ways members of our church family who need a little extra care or help. We can always use more people who would like to get involved in this aspect of "member care." Please contact me or Joan Eichenfeldt if you would like to help.

Elaine Magyar, Chair, Member Care Committee

Members: Harry and Sheila Curran, David and Nancy Dickerman, Joan Eichenfeldt, Linda Martin, Joan-Sandra McKnight, Jeff Plouffe, Bonnie Readett, Doris Safford, Cathy Schobel, Betty Stacey, Carol Sullivan

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

As we begin March, we acknowledge Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent and a time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. Each Christian is reminded of Geneses 3:19 -- "For dust you are and to dust you shall return."



The beginning of Lent marks a wonderful time to serve the Lord and thank Him for our many blessings. Our Worship Committee will actively offer opportunities to serve the Lord through our services of worship. 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 738-0480 or email me at [fopawam@verizon.net](mailto:fopawam@verizon.net) and I can discuss your interest and get you started in serving God. We are blessed and thank all our volunteers for their dedicated and continued support in serving 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 continue to volunteer and sign up to serve Communion.



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. Make time for your reflection and penitence by actively serving our Lord through worship. See you there!



Sincerely in Christ, for the Worship Committee,

Wayne A. Meunier  
(Don Sorgel, Chairman)

### **2017 PER CAPITA REMINDER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

As detailed in the **December/January Fishermen's News**, 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." Each year the Stewardship Committee has encouraged us to use the Per Capita envelope in our boxes to specially designate a gift (*based on the number of church members in the household*) to help fund the administrative/ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery of Southern New England, the Synod of the Northeast and the PC(USA) General Assembly. Per Capita is no longer funded from the general treasury of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian; what is received from members for this Special Offering is what is disbursed to the appropriate bodies. 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."

## NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We are having another snow storm as I am writing this article. As we look ahead, Lent will be starting on March 1 (Ash Wednesday) and soon after that we will be watching for signs of spring.



**The Presbyterian Women's "Gifts of the Heart" program is under way.** During the month of March, we will have our annual collection for the "Gifts of the Heart" kits. Donation boxes are on the Fellowship Hall stage. We need the following items and suggest you contribute items corresponding to your last name initial. Thank you for your continued support of this project!

ABC Hand Towels	DEF Washcloths
GHI Combs ( <i>wide-toothed</i> )	JKLMN Nail Clippers
OPR Bars of Soap	STUVW Toothbrushes

Sandy Olson sends this update from Picasso Quilters: "Thank you all for your continued support that has enabled us to complete 687 sleeping bags for the homeless, most of which have been given to folks here in Rhode Island. Today, once again, we are returning to you for help. Currently we need cotton blend fabrics that we use for the colorful outsides of the sleeping bags. If you have any cotton blend fabric at least one yard in length that you can donate, please leave it labeled "Picasso Quilters" on the table outside Fellowship Hall. Call Sandy Olson at 401-647-7034 if you have any questions. Again, we thank you for your continued generosity."



The PW Spring Gathering will be held **Tuesday April 4**, with the program at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. The program will be presented by Evelyn Ferguson, a former member of Greenwood Church, about her work with immigrant families. All of our church women are welcome to join us for a lunch of various appetizers, Dave's specialty pizza squares, various cheeses and crackers, and several different and yummy desserts made by members of Circle II. The tickets are \$6.00 and will be available at March Circle Meetings, the Church Office, and Coffee Hour on March 19 and 26. Please remember that we will be collecting paper products and non-perishable food items to be given to our local agencies 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 FEBRUARY

**Circle I** will meet on Tuesday, March 28, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor to continue the *Horizon* Bible study "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes"

**Circle II** will meet on Tuesday, March 14, in the church parlor at 12 noon. Bring a bag lunch; coffee will be ready.

**Circle III** will meet on Tuesday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Warwick Public Library.

**Circle IV** will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

**Circle V** will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at noon for a bag lunch then break into small groups and visit shut-ins.

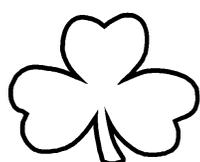
**Circle VII** will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the kindergarten room to make crafts Project.

**Circle VIII** (Picasso Quilters) will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on March 7 to make sleeping bags for the homeless.

**Oval IX** – No planned meeting.

If you have any questions about circles, please call me at 737-0717. Circle Notes are distributed monthly at Circle meetings and are also available in the narthex.

Betty Stacey, Circle Coordinator



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HOSPITALIZED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF FISHERMEN'S NEWS:

Doris Fahlman, Evelyn Rae, Rob Petrucci

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE GREENWOOD FAMILY:

Nancy Allen on the February 11 loss of her son, Harold "Hal" Ethan Allen. The funeral service for Hal was held at the Fagan-Quinn Funeral Home in North Kingstown, RI, February 16.

The family and friends of Shirley Joan Rachko McLeod, who passed away early Sunday morning February 19. Though not a member of Greenwood, Shirley and her late husband, Ed, were active in the 39ers fellowship; Ed was a cousin of our dearly departed church member Norman MacLeod.

The funeral service for Shirley was at the Urquhart-Murphy Funeral Home in Warwick February 24.

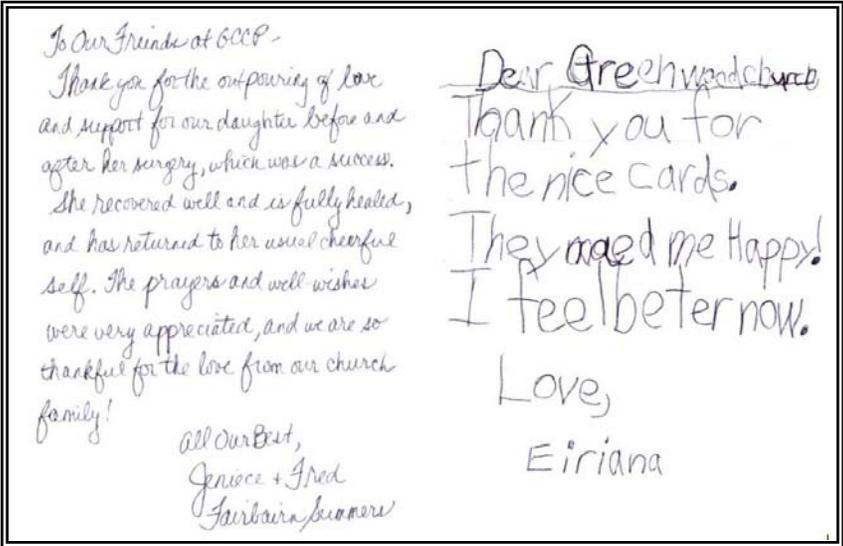
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Dear Ms. Channell,

Thanks so much to you and other members of Greenwood Church for sending gifts of gloves, hats and scarves to South Providence Neighborhood Mission (SPNM) for our neighbors. Folks are always grateful for such donations in this neighborhood of "not enoughs." SPNM appreciates all your assistance which allows us to provide services.

Faithfully yours,

Doris Findlay, President  
SPNM Board of Directors



  
Birthdays  
of the  
Month

Virginia Arling 3/1  
Karsten Dietz 3/1  
Robert Gungle 3/3  
Linda Gungle 3/4  
Jeffrey Devole 3/5  
Gregory Harrop 3/5  
Amy Donilon 3/6  
David Tanner, Sr. 3/7  
Robert Soave 3/9

Jay David 3/10  
Jillian Jacobs 3/10  
Lois-Belle Crankshaw 3/11  
Joan-Sandra McKnight 3/11  
Millicent Budlong 3/12  
Megan David 3/14  
Raymond Greco 3/17  
Matthew Rothermel 3/18  
Sarah Kaplan 3/19

Jean Brown 3/24  
Chloe Pickup 3/25  
Martha Sommer 3/17  
Zackery Snowman 3/21  
Jean Brown 3/24  
Wilma Swanson 3/26  
Jeffrey Hebert 3/27  
Chandler Budlong-Springer 3/29  
Vanessa Vespa 3/30

**39er's MARCH GATHERING**  
**Wednesday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach**  
**Menu**  
*Choice of Baked Scrod or Baked Ham  
with soup, coffee or tea, & dessert*  
**Cost: \$15.00**  
**Program in Fellowship Hall at 1:30 P.M.**  
Dave and Nancy Dickerman will have a presentation  
of their trip to the Grand Canyon.  
If you need a ride or a reservation, please call Linda Gungle (828-7687).