



FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian
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OCTOBER 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

Another **Rally Day** is behind us, and our Sunday School has embarked on her **76th year!** The collage below was the front of the annual Rally Day post card mailed to all potential Sunday School families, again reflecting that our church has long been about “*putting children in their place*” ... putting children in their *proper* place, their *right* place ... and trying to **KEEP** them there! In Mark 10:13-16, Jesus told His disciples in no uncertain terms just where that “proper place” is ... it is in His presence. And I’ve long believed the best place for children (*and, for that matter, all of us*) IS in the presence of Jesus, *especially* during weekly worship & Sunday School!



Ironically, I received a timely email from Karen Ruhren shortly before this went to print; so I “stopped the presses” to rework this page to include this charming excerpt:

“Hi Pastor Clark, I thought you would appreciate this anecdote: This evening, we told Tess that it was her turn to set the table. At first she hesitated, and we reminded her that she **HAD** to set the table because it was one of her chores. She said to us with a smirk, ‘I don’t **HAVE** to set the table ... I **GET** to set the table!’ Apparently, Tess is listening intently to your sermons!”

I’ve **always** encouraged parents to bring children to worship; you just never know how much they will actually comprehend! (*Now, if you weren’t here Sept. 24, you won’t “get” this comment of eight year old Tess ... who, BTW, is seen above with mom and sis in the 2 year old pic in the bottom right of collage above, and below is seen greeting with her family 2 weeks ago ... however, you CAN access the sermon in print and audio at www.gccp.org, thanks to Sam Koldyk’s expert tech support! Audios may also be downloaded for play on other devices.*)

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Ruhren family greeters, King’s Kids/29Eleven Outdoor Movie, 9/24 Children’s Sermon prop, acolyte Eiriana Fairbairn Summers, Rachel Porcaro speaking, Keegan Carson, the Snowmans at summer King’s Kids party, Carstens at potluck 9/17. CENTER: Olivia with the Youth Choir, Deacon Nancy Blasdell with dessert

THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

christianed@gccp.org

Virginia Jacobs, Sandy Olson Joann Rudolph, Kristine Swanson

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sept. 10, **Rally Day** marked the end of summer services and the beginning of our 76th year of Sunday School here at Greenwood. Pastor Clark accompanied the students on his guitar for a song-filled start to worship. Bright bulletin boards lined the hallways and classrooms as teachers and students got acquainted and prepared for another year of learning more about Jesus. Kindergarten through Grade 5 students will be using materials from the David C. Cook **Bible-in-Life** series. Grades 6-12 students will be studying the Bible directly and using supplementary materials selected by their teachers.



The Sunday School will be sponsoring two **BAKE SALES** during the coffee hours **Oct. 1 and Oct. 15**. The proceeds this year will again benefit **Serving Orphans Worldwide (SOW)**. This mission provides support for orphanages around the world. We ask that families of students in grades **Pre-K - grade 2 supply baked goods Oct. 1** and **Grades 3-12 supply baked goods Oct. 15**. Thank you for your help with this project!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 22, 10:30 a.m.

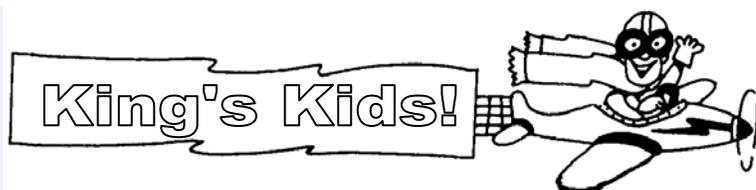
It is a Greenwood tradition to give our third graders their very own Bible and honor our teachers on Christian Education Sunday. There will be **one worship service October 22 at 10:30 a.m.** so that the entire congregational family may be present to see and celebrate our third graders receiving their Bibles and to recognize and affirm the many teachers and volunteers who generously give of their time to the Christian Education program; we will still have Sunday School at **9:00 a.m.** that day. Parents and other adults are encouraged to attend (*if not attending already!*) the ongoing presentation of **THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING: 500 YEARS OF THE REFORMATION**; a short review will be presented by Pastor Clark to help bring up to date those who have not attended previously. Parents may also opt to "shadow" their children by attending Sunday School classes with them that morning.



ADULT EDUCATION CLASS THIS FALL - "THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING: 500 YEARS OF THE REFORMATION"

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On **October 31, 1517**, an obscure German monk named Martin Luther published 95 theses for debate in Wittenberg, Germany. Little did he know this act would ignite a revolution that would reshape the Christian church and change Western civilization forever (*October 31, 1517, is dubbed by noted church historian Martin Marty as "THE DAY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD"*). In anticipation of this anniversary, the **Christian History Institute** produced a groundbreaking 3-hour documentary series which premiered on PBS last December. Narrated by British actor David Suchet, the program tells the dynamic story of the people, places, and events that shaped the Reformation. It features expert commentary from over twenty five scholars and clergy from a wide range of theological and denominational traditions who bring fresh insight into how the church came to be where it is today and where it may go in the future. **THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING** celebrates the fruits of the Reformation while grappling with difficult questions about the legacy of division. **JOIN US FOR VIEWING, STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF THIS VIDEO PROGRAM AND RELATED MATERIALS IN THE CHURCH PARLOR EACH SUNDAY MORNING, 9:00 AM!**

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

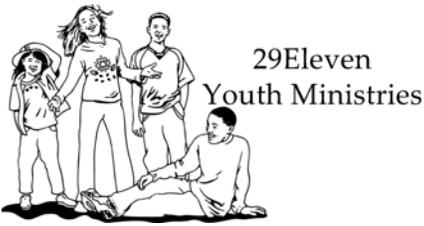
Children in grades 2-6 are encouraged to join us and bring a friend. They will love all the activities we have planned. "Operation Christmas Child" is our annual mission project; we ask you to please start collecting items that will fit into a gift shoebox which will be given to children around the world. Join our Facebook page "Kings Kids Greenwood" for more details and all the updates!

CHURCH FAMILY DINNER: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The goal of this group is to provide midweek fellowship for individuals or families who may like to have dinner with other members of our church family for support, encouragement, company, prayer, etc. Come join us every week or just once in a while. Bring your own food to eat or plan to share with a friend..



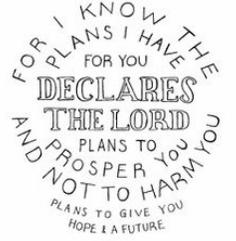
PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: The first Friday of every month (except December and May). Friday, **October 6**, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.!!! Bring your children to spend some fun time with us while parents relax before the weekend! Go out for dinner, take in a movie or just relax for a few hours. The program is directed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

29ELEVEN YOUTH MINISTRIES



As the heat cools down and the summer adventures wind down and the kids head back to the school schedules, things are just ramping up for our young people in the church. The fall has kicked off a vibrant season for our 29Eleven youth group, and I look forward to the work the Lord will continue to do over the course of the year. Many of you witnessed part of the great start to our year at the September 17 potluck where four of our students - **Julia D'Antico, Brandon Phillips, Rachel Porcaro and Amelia Lombard** -

shared engaging and inspiring testimonials of this summer's mission trip. Their words and joy displayed their growth better than any newsletter article can ... thank you for coming to hear and support them and to see the work the Lord is doing in our young people. We excitedly welcomed old and new friends with our kickoff night a week earlier (September 10) playing an old-fashioned favorite youth group game of Jailbreak. Our excitement, laughter, sprinting and yelling was only tempered when we accidentally burst in on the Stewardship Committee meeting the Ministry Intern had, rather embarrassingly, completely forgotten about. My apologies to the Stewardship Committee!



Interrupting important meetings aside, the beginning of this season has brought me so much joy. Not only because my Dubai-roasted body gratefully welcomes the cooler weather, but because God is apparently opening so many exciting doors of ministry in and through Greenwood this fall. Our youth group is seeing its highest attendance since I was a middle schooler (*in the days 29Eleven was still called "Presbyterian Youth Fellowship!"*). Fourteen participated with the King's Kids in Movie Night September 17, and this past Sunday, sixteen students and five leaders came to our third gathering of the fall. I'm greatly looking forward on embarking on an in-depth study of the letter to the Colossians with those delightful youth this fall, along with preparing our



Fall Retreat at **Camp Aldersgate, Friday November 10-Sunday November 12**. Our senior high **Sunday School** students are continuing to engage in challenging discussions at 9:00 every Sunday morning, sharpening their understanding of Scripture and how to apply it in conversation – sometimes contributing points their teachers had not even thought of. Our new **Young Adult** group enjoyed a gathering of seven (from four churches) September 9, studying the story of Balaam and then studying the **Awful Awful** menu at Newport Creamery, and again for a September 23 Game Night .

It is always a joy to be able to report numerical growth in ministry, but ever more significant to me is the growth of Christ's body closer to one another. Watching the youth fellowship bond closer together through games, study, prayer, and teaching, as well as watching the young adults getting to know and enjoy and minister to one another, has been a great source of joy for me thus far this fall. As always, feel free to contact me for further information regarding on the (weekly) youth group on Sunday nights or the (biweekly) young adult group on Saturday nights!



I also am grateful for the opportunity to have shared that source of joy through the Scriptures with you as I supplied the pulpit during my father's travels September 17. I am a believer in Biblical teaching, sound worship and well-structured programs, as the past year of youth ministry has (hopefully!) displayed; however, the greatest source of our growth, I am convinced, was the individuals in the youth group learning to pray for and love one another and push each other towards Christ. I am grateful for the opportunity to have shared that joy and charge with the congregation from the pulpit, especially to a congregation that was so critically instrumental in forming that truth into me over the years. May Greenwood ever be a place where we help one another become more like our Lord! It has been a joy sharing a splendid summer with you all at Greenwood, and I look forward to continuing to rejoice in this next season with my family in Christ!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Clark, Ministry Intern

39er's OCTOBER GATHERING



Wednesday, October 18, at 11:30 a.m.

Returning to Top of the Bay in Oakland Beach

Menu

Look for menu and cost in a future bulletin

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

We welcome Henry Brown who will present a summary of

"The History of Warwick".

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

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

You can tell that fall is here, not just by the shorter days and the leaves changing hue to red and gold, but by all the activities underway at Greenwood: from Bible Study to potlucks, choir rehearsals to Karaoke night, PW gatherings to Bowling, and King's Kids and 29Eleven to 39ers. It is your participation, willingness to volunteer, and generous financial gifts that enable us to support our talented staff as they lead us in worship, Christian Education, fellowship opportunities, and music as we worship, celebrate God's goodness and share His love.



PUMPKIN CARVING ON THE GREEN: Mark your calendar for the **Annual Greenwood Church Pumpkin Carving** followed by a Soup and Sandwich potluck, co-sponsored by the Christian Ed Committee.

- Saturday, October 21, 4:00 pm
- Bring your pumpkin and carving tools! (a few pumpkins and some tools will be available if you can't bring your own)
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Sign up in Fellowship Hall by October 15 and let us know if you will bring soup or bread or sandwiches
- March of the Pumpkins
- Pumpkin exhibit in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning
- Pumpkins will go home after church on Sunday, October 22
- Carvers of all ages and skill levels are welcome! No artistic talent is necessary.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

INQUIRERS' CLASS: The Committee is planning a series of fall Inquirers' Classes for prospective new members. Classes will be held after the 10:30 service October 1 and 15. Prospective new members will then meet with the Session at 10 a.m. October 22 and will be received into the congregation at the single worship service at 10:30. Watch the bulletin for details. If you are interested in membership, please contact Pastor Clark or any member of the committee or just come to the classes.

If you know of someone who could use a call or visit by the Member Care Committee, please contact any member of the Committee. The Committee has been kept busy with visits this summer, but we need everyone's help to keep us up to date on the needs of the congregation.

Member Care Committee

Member Care Committee: Elaine Magyar (chair), Jeff Plouffe, Harry Curran, Sheila Curran, Susan Desmond, David Dickerman, Nancy Dickerman, Linda Martin, Joan-Sandra McKnight, Bonnie Readett, Doris Safford, Cathy Schobel, Betty Stacey, and Carol Sullivan.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

As the month of October approaches and days become shorter we should be thinking about becoming more active in our church. We will continue with two services of worship during October, 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and take part in our worship services with many spots available for Lectors, Greeters and Acolytes. Make it a point to volunteer and take an active role in our Worship services. When you volunteer, you will receive the opportunity of knowing, meeting, greeting and sharing the love of Christ with our entire worship family and witness our Greenwood Church families grow and flourish.



As we serve the Lord and thank Him for our many blessings, our Worship Committee will actively offer opportunities for you to take an active role through Worship on a weekly basis. The volunteer positions available 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 and I can discuss your interest and get you started in serving God through assisting in worship.



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 the Lord through assisting in worship. I thank our Deacons and Elders and ask that they continue to volunteer and sign up to serve the Lord through serving the sacrament of 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 spiritual nourishment by actively serving through worship. See you there!

Respectfully submitted,

The Worship Committee

Donald Sorgel, Chair, Wayne Muenier, Stephen Parkinson

MUSIC PROGRAM

Dear friends,

The first month of our program season has flown by, and things are already very busy and very exciting in the Choir Room. Our **Chancel Choir** has resumed with renewed vivacity, building its repertoire and presenting beautiful anthems in worship each week. We are delighted to welcome new members **Emily Chicoine, Vera Koldyk, Loretta Nelson** and **Jay Swiatek**. The **Greenwood Concert Choir** has also resumed, welcoming several new members alongside our continuing singers (again filling the chancel to overflowing!). This group is preparing for our upcoming Christmas concert, *Veni Emmanuel*, scheduled for **Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m.** (save the date!).



Our **Youth Choir** for older elementary schoolers through high school has also resumed rehearsals and will soon be presenting its first anthem of the season, a spirited piece entitled "Jubilate, Alleluia!" This ensemble is also preparing for a special day of fellowship and singing at our second annual trip to a children's choral festival in Wellesley, Massachusetts entitled "Singing Through the Church Year," which is designed to give elementary school children and older high school students a day of sacred music including choral singing, handbell ringing, percussion, dance, and lots of fun. The children will learn four pieces to sing at the closing performance following their day long adventure, and we are all very excited for our time of music and fellowship together.



Our younger **Children's Choir** for children in pre-k through elementary school has begun its second year of singing. This group meets briefly in the Kindergarten Room following the 10:30 service of worship each week and offers younger children a fun time with simple Bible songs and hand motions designed to engage them in sacred music. This group participates in worship every 4-6 weeks, either independently or alongside our older Youth Choir.



Our two **Handbell Choirs** are busy rehearsing, as well; one group is preparing hymns and beautiful hymn descants to ring during worship every-other-week, and the other is preparing anthems for worship and concert, including another invitational performance with the Rhode Island Children's Chorus in December.

We are so thankful to God for continually blessing our ministry of music. As always, please join us in praying that we may use these wonderful gifts to glorify Him and minister to His people here at Greenwood.

Blessings,

/s/ John

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



Andrew Donilon 10/01
Kathaleen Cheney 10/02
Peggy McKeever 10/04
Nancy Soave 10/04
Alyssa Jencks 10/06
Emmy Kmet 10/06
Karen Ruhren 10/06
Melissa Algozino 10/07
Jean Greco 10/08
Janice Dailey 10/10

Barry Baxter 10/11
Ashley Taylor 10/12
Elizabeth Cloxton 10/13
Cheslyn Harrop 10/13
Maggie Hebert 10/15
Darroch Fairbairn Summers 10/16
Doris Safford 10/17
Lori Pickup 10/18
Marge Allstrom 10/19
Doris Fahlman 10/19

Robert Meunier, Jr. 10/9
Gina Carson 10/22
Adam Jones 10/24
Joyce Riccitelli 10/25
Richard LaBanca 10/28
Grace Seufert 10/29
Katherine Hebert 10/31
Janet Pisano 10/31

Your **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE** has scheduled OCTOBER 14 for the semi-annual All Church Work Day, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.. All levels of talent are gratefully accepted! Many hands make light work. Come for all day or part of the day. Food and fellowship will be provided.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

“PAYING IT FORWARD”



We are a community of faith. Our congregation understands and exercises the belief that we are investing in our present *and* our future by supporting our church, which includes the conviction that our young people are a key component of the future of the church and practicing the concept of *paying it forward*. The congregation of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, have embraced the concept of paying it forward in relation to investing in our people.



Take, for instance, our music director, **John Black**. In addition to supporting him with a salary and benefits one might expect in the work place, we also “pay it forward” by contributing to his education costs as part of his salary structure. While we get to enjoy the beautiful music he arranges, directs, and plays, we also believe his growth and development in the ministry of music is part and parcel of our commitment to him and the future welfare of the Church, whether here or elsewhere. Likewise with his sister **Christian Black**, a young, talented and gifted musician in her own right who will contribute to the music ministry of the church (again, whether here or elsewhere) for many years to come.

Ministry Intern Stephen Clark (the younger) has become an integral part of the ministry team of Greenwood; you may have enjoyed the sermons of this young, gifted orator, and he is doing a commendable job leading the same youth ministry programs in which he was raised over the years. As were John and Christian, Steve was raised in the ministry of Greenwood Church since early childhood. We see our supportive role in his theological education as an investment in our own ministry as well as the ministry of the greater Church in years to come. **Eric McNeely** is also growing in his faith and service, and has become an inspirational, indispensable and instrumental “all purpose” volunteer in so many aspects of Greenwood’s ministry. Because of your faithful giving we have been able to financially assist expediting his earning an associate’s degree from CCRI; he anticipates graduating in January two years ahead of his original schedule. Through our Christian Education Grant Fund (*see below*) we have also been able to invest in the Christian education and leadership training of other Greenwood young people over the years. We believe as a committee, a Session, and a church that such investments in “*paying it forward*” are crucial to the future health of the church.



Needless to say, such investments in “*paying it forward*” add to the operating budget of the church. We are still within the budget presented to the congregation back in January, which anticipates withdrawing income from the investments of the Memorial and Endowment Fund; however, becoming increasingly dependent on that income is neither desirable nor in keeping with sound financial practices in the long run.

We trust you are joined with us in supporting this “*paying it forward*” and seeing its importance. We ask that you keep up with your financial pledge to the church after the lean summer months and perhaps consider giving a bit extra to help support this important work of ministry so we can leave our Memorial and Endowment earnings to grow and *Pay It Forward* even further for the future of our church.

Dennis Charpentier, for the Stewardship Committee:

Dennis Charpentier, Eric Robinson, Sam Koldyk, Barry Baxter (Treasurer), and Joan Eichenfeldt (new chair!)

ADAPTED EXCERPT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2016 FISHERMEN’S NEWS

Part of the funding to reimburse Eric McNeely’s education expenses came from our church’s **Christian Education Grant Fund**, approved by Session January 2013. As some of you may not be aware of this fund (*and of the opportunity you may have to contribute toward it, as some have faithfully done ... well over \$6,000 has been contributed since this was established!*), the following is from the **February 2013 Fishermen’s News**:

Bequests were made to the church designated for the purpose(s) of youth ministry/Christian Education (e.g., \$5000 was left by the John & Avis Stewart Memorial and \$2,000 was left by the Chester Thacher Memorial bequest in 2008). Session subsequently created a Restricted Fund entitled “Youth Education/Special Needs.” Some disbursements from this fund have been approved by Session, and additional donations have replenished some of what has been disbursed. Disbursements have helped fund such things as attendance at a continuing education opportunity for our youth leaders and a training workshop for our Sunday School teachers. Other disbursements were made in response to correspondence from Houghton College, Cedarville University and Gordon College (private Christian schools attended by GCCP students) regarding Matching Grants programs. These schools offer to match church grants up to \$500 per year per student, resulting in \$1,000 of tuition benefits. (ed. note ... as of July 2017, the Session has awarded thirteen such matching grants to date) If you care to donate to this Fund, you may do so by making your check to the church and writing on the memo line “Christian Education Grant Fund.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GRANTS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian has a program to encourage Christian education. We offer grants opportunities in the following educational areas:

- The Christian Education Committee will accept member requests for grants to Christian colleges and universities which provide matching grants. Grants shall not exceed the amount of the college or university match. The Christian Education Committee will make its grant recommendations to Session for final approval.
- The Christian Education Committee will accept member requests for grants toward theological degree based studies. The Christian Education Committee will make its grant recommendations to Session for final approval.
- The Christian Education Committee will accept member requests for grants toward continuing education opportunities that will benefit the individual in his/her paid or volunteer duties within the church. The Christian Education Committee will make its grant recommendations to the Session for final approval.

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Our Fall schedule is off to vibrant start matching the beauty of the Fall season all around us. We enjoyed a well attended Fall Coffee and welcomed some new members. Please remember that all women are invited to join us, whenever possible, for Gatherings and Circles. The October Gathering on the 6th, at 6:00 p.m., will feature “Warwick’s Own – Bill Nixon” who will speak on many topics but will mainly focus on his Competitive Skiing and his Organizing of the Warwick Neck Fourth of July Parade. The Program Committee is confident that you will find this 87 year ‘young’ gentleman most interesting. Place settings, coffee, and tea are provided for this traditional pot luck in Fellowship Hall and we certainly hope you will join us. Also continue to watch the bulletin as well as check out the PW board (*near the hall coat closet area*) for Circle meeting information and general notices.



What a tremendous outpouring of support from all of you! Thank You! Our first project - SCHOOL SUPPLIES – has met and surpassed the goal for this year! We will place a notice when the Health Kit collections begin. Blanket Sunday Collections continue for a short time and we appreciate all who have helped with this drive thus far. Again thank you for supporting us and those in need.



We also collect other items for charitable benefit year-round, such as used eyeglasses, pull tabs from drink cans, cell phones, cancelled postage stamps, unused greeting cards, and Box Tops for Education. The colorful collection boxes are on the shelf over the coat rack near the kitchen. We thank you for helping to fill these boxes in order to help others.

“A circle of strength, founded on faith”

Artena Fairbairn, for Presbyterian Women



‘ROUND IN CIRCLES FOR OCTOBER

Circle I October 17 for lesson 2 in Bible Study: “Cloud of Witnesses”.

Circle II October 10 in the church parlor at noon for a bag lunch.

Circle III October 10th at the Fairbairn Summers home 6:30 p.m. to work on a project for the Bazaar.

Circle IV October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor

Circle V October 17 12:00 noon in Kindergarten room

Circle VII October 1 7:00 p.m. in Kindergarten room .

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

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RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED:

Lois Belle Crankshaw, after a bad fall is now recuperating in Brookdale Skilled Nursing (*171 Pleasant View Avenue, Smithfield, RI*), and **Jerianne Berman** is home from **Miriam Hospital** after a brief bout with pneumonia.

Dear Pastor Clark and friends of Greenwood Church,

I was, and still am, deeply touched by all the visits, flowers and cards I have received. I think fondly of my church family and friends.

God Bless you all!

Fran Bonn

Dear Greenwood Church,

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits during my recent hospitalization and home convalescence. Thank you, Pastor Clark, for visiting me at the hospital in Boston and thanks also to Ginny and Jillian Jacobs for coming to Boston to bring me the chancel flowers. All were a source of much comfort, especially the Bible verses you shared with me. I am very grateful for the love and encouragement I received from my church family.

In Christian love,

Kristine Swanson

To the Congregation of Greenwood Community Church,

*My name is Abbey Slater and I am a student at the University of Rhode Island. This year I will be a senior and it will be my fourth year of attending Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) in Providence. I have been abundantly blessed by the fellowship and spiritual nourishment I have received at RUF. This community has been a second home to me, a place of refuge when school and the world were pressing in and I would feel suffocated. At RUF, I found friends ready to rejoice with me, but also to sigh with me. Through the sermons and Bible studies I was constantly reminded of my God, Who had not, would not, forsake me. Being reminded of what stands still and stable when everything around me seemed to be moving and unsteady anchored my soul like nothing else could. I am excited to move into my senior year, trusting that God will continue to sustain my soul and provide for me through the ministry of RUF. **Thank you** for your faithful support of this ministry. I am so grateful for you.*

Abbey

(ed. note -- The ministry of RUF is supported through our Mission Committee – Pastor Clark)

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The graphic features the text "October Happenings" in a bold, orange, rounded font with a black outline and a drop shadow. The word "October" is on the top line and "Happenings" is on the bottom line. To the left of the text is a large orange pumpkin with green leaves and a vine. To the right is a large orange maple leaf. A smaller orange pumpkin is positioned between the two words, and a small orange leaf is at the bottom left of the word "Happenings".

**October
Happenings**