



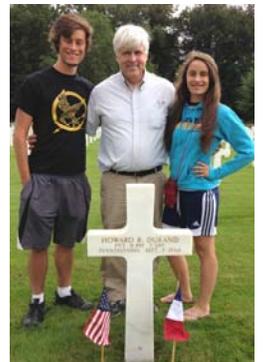
# FISHERMEN'S NEWS

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian  
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Dear Members and Friends,

Some of you may know I enjoyed one of the most memorable experiences of my life July 25. After departing Tel Aviv at 5 AM, Hannah, Stephen and I landed in Frankfurt, Germany, rented a car, and drove to France to visit two American cemeteries where their great uncle (*my mother-in-law's brother*) and my maternal grandfather are laid to rest. Both were killed in action within months of each other (*Uncle Virgil January 1, 1944; my grandfather Sept. 7, 1944 ... as mentioned in my 2008 Memorial Day sermon, the American Battle Monument Commission immaculately maintains 24 American burial grounds on foreign soil; approximately 125,000 United States war dead are interred at these cemeteries*). Our first visit was to the Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, which was uniquely poignant for Stephen; he discovered there that Uncle Virgil was killed at age 21 ... Stephen's present age. We then drove @ 200



kilometers south to Epinal American Cemetery, where 5,255 American soldiers are buried in fifty acres on a plateau above the Moselle River. Even though I had been there once before, strong emotions welled up within as I read my grandfather's name (HOWARD R. DURAND) emblazoned across the white cross in Plot B, Row 19, Grave 31. I wanted to introduce him to his great-grandchildren; I wanted to ask him about his life; I wondered about his likes and dislikes, his interests, his experiences, his strengths ... after all, his blood courses through my veins, and my mother tells me I share many of his physical features (*one fortunate "contribution" is my full head of hair, a genetic inheritance not shared by my brothers. Also, like me, he was not exactly petite; I'm told he was a large man with a large appetite & a large passion for life and adventure, which didn't always work in his favor ... but that's another sermon*). As it was late afternoon, our delightful French hostess surprised us by inviting me to honor them and my grandfather by lowering the American flag at the cemetery; she also had Steve and Hannah do the formal folding of the flag. This all took place after the national anthems of France and the United States were played over the PA system, followed by Taps. Needless to say, for me and my children it was quite inspiring, a deep honor, and so very moving.

On the home front, it has certainly been an enjoyable, action-packed, full and inspiring summer, including consistently well-attended worship services enhanced by excellent music offerings (*thank you to all the Summer Choir participants, the many talented offertory soloists/instrumentalists, Music Director John Black, and faithful accompanist Christian Black!*), an exciting and enjoyable **Vacation Bible School** (*with many new faces!*), another motivating and memorable 29Eleven adventure with **FUGE Mission Camps** in Philadelphia, PA, another well-attended and fun **All Church Picnic**, an inspirational **Youth Sunday** followed by a wonderful celebration of **Sue Desmond's** 18 years of service, a rousing **Hymn Sing**, and many other events/recognitions (*some, but not all, noted in the pictures below*). I look forward with great anticipation to another eventful and ministry-filled fall in the life and worship of Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian! Our two service schedule resumes September 13, along with **Rally Day** kicking off our **Sunday School's 74<sup>th</sup> year!** -- **Stephen L. Clark, Pastor**



THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Virginia Jacobs, Joann Rudolph, Kristine Swanson

**NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Rally Day will be September 13<sup>th</sup>!** Come meet your class and teacher(s) in the sanctuary at **9:00 a.m.** Please bring a friend to share in this adventure to praise God and learn more about Jesus!



**VBS 2015 “Athens: Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth!”**

VBS was a roaring success this summer with 41 students in attendance playing, praying, singing and making crafts, all to the glory of God! A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to all who made this week possible and to all the families who participated! We raised \$231.73 for the Rhode Island Food Bank.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We will continue with our Adult class with leader Barry Baxter in the parlor at 9:00 a.m. This is ideal for parents during the Sunday School hour. While children attend Sunday School, parents can participate in this class and then worship as a family at the 10:30 service. We will be studying the New Testament epistle of Romans.

**29 ELEVEN NEWS**

Jer. 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



**29 Eleven is slated to begin September 13 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.!!!!!!  
All invited from grades 7 through 12!!!!!!!**

We are back from a fun-filled, hard-working, spirit-filled week in Philly. Please feel free to take time to ask the youth who attended our Mission Trip about their experiences. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the financial support received from the Mission Committee, Deacons and PW as well as members of the congregation who supported our fundraisers.

**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

**KING’S KIDS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20!** Open to all children in grades 2 – 6. Join us from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for fun and games, crafts, cooking, music and so much more. Be sure to bring a friend! Our mission again this year will be "Operation Christmas Child," so please start saving shoe boxes and small gift items to go in them. More details will follow.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We would love to have more volunteers for our Sunday School, Crib Room and Children’s Church programs. If you can help please let Ginny Jacobs or the church office know. You could volunteer as often as you like, be it once every six weeks or every Sunday!

**NEW!! CHURCH FAMILY DINNER** on Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come join us every week or just once in a while for this new fellowship. Bring your own food to eat; we may decide at a later date to turn it into a potluck or to offer other options. The goal of this group is to provide midweek fellowship for individuals or families who would like to have dinner with other members of our church family for support, encouragement, company, prayer, etc. We really hope members of all ages will come, as we all benefit from each other’s company, wisdom and strength.

**PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT:** The first Friday of every month (except December and May) beginning October 2, 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.

## MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE

In early July I had the pleasure of helping with Vacation Bible School. Each day began with everyone gathered together in Fellowship Hall, each of the three age groups in its own "tent," for an opening skit, songs led by Pastor Clark (and Director of Music John Black on the piano), and the Bible verse of the day. As I sat on the floor with the squirming preschoolers, I was particularly moved by the daily Bible verses that were part of the curriculum.

On Monday, as I listened to Ginny read, "The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all His creation." (Psalm 145:9), I felt that God was speaking to us and reminding us of his unbounded love. As the week went on and a new verse was read each morning, that feeling grew.



Tuesday: "Give all your worries and cares to God for He cares about you." (1 Peter 5:7)

Wednesday: "The LORD is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" (Psalm 118:6)

Thursday: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Friday: "Just as I have loved you, you should love each other" (John 13:34).

All week the love of God for all His children and the love and caring the VBS children and volunteers showed for each other was inspiring. John Black taught the children several traditional Sunday School songs, and again the resounding theme was love. "I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart. Where? Down in my heart. Where? Down in my heart, to stay!" I hope you got a chance to hear them in church, but if not, check out the link on Greenwood's website for a sample.

As the week went on, the children and adults got to know each other better as they shared God's love with one another. It was a very busy week. On Wednesday afternoon we moved all of the props, tents, and decorations in Fellowship Hall into the 29 Eleven room, and some of us helped the Desmonds and Cathy Schobel set up for the collation to be held after Charles Porcaro's funeral on Thursday. So many of our church family, including an impressive number of the young people helping with VBS, showed their love and support for the Porcaro family by attending Charles' funeral. Then, after the collation a lot of people pitched in to clean up, put everything safely away, and transform Fellowship Hall back into ancient Athens. What a wonderful example of showing God's love. I thought about how this is what Greenwood Church is really all about: teaching boys and girls, men and women about God's love, talking to God in prayer, and praising God in song. Too bad we can't have Vacation Bible School for adults.

So why am I sharing all of this with you? This is supposed to be the Member Care Committee contribution, not Christian Education. Well, there seems to be a lot of anxiety among some members of our Greenwood Church family. They wonder if our church is changing, heading in some unknown direction. But if you were at VBS this summer you would come to a very different conclusion. Go back, read those five Bible verses again. God's love for us (even when we don't deserve it), our love of God, and the love we show others remain at the heart of Greenwood's mission. We need to keep it that way.

Even though it's summer vacation time, our Member Care Committee members and others in our church family have been busy visiting the sick and shut-ins and continuing to reach out to our visitors. For example, Cathy Schobel was able to visit and share memories with Don Crout. They were even planning to record a video for his granddaughter, but he slipped away too fast for that to be accomplished. Also, Cathy, Joan-Sandra McKnight, and others have been busy ministering to the needs of the Porcaro family; it's way more than just taking them shopping, it's showing that members of the church family truly care about each of them. Our other members have been continuing with visits, calls, and cards. But it's not just the members of the Member Care Committee, or the Deacons, or PW that do this kind of caring work at Greenwood. Since the earliest days, the members of Greenwood Church have been really good about reaching out to one another. We need everyone to help with this mission. Sometimes evangelization means reaching out to new people in the neighborhood or members who have fallen away from church for a long time, but sometimes it can mean reaching out to the person next to you in the pew. Drop a note or make a phone call to someone you haven't seen for a while. Tell them we miss them. Let them know we care about them, Show that we are a love centered church. Be a good and sympathetic listener and care for those who are hurting in any way. Above all, we need to bring our worries and concerns to God, and He will hear us. I pray that God will help us work together so Greenwood Church continues to do all the good things it has done so well for over 70 years.

Elaine Magyar, for the Member Care Committee



## MUSIC PROGRAM

Those of you who have been in worship during the summer months witnessed a wonderfully active time in the life of our church. In early June, approximately fifty of us enjoyed a time of musical fellowship at our first-ever Hymn Sing and Family Potluck, which included well over two hours of singing (and we were still receiving requests on the way out the door; hymn numbers were being called out faster than I could turn pages!). We will certainly be doing this again soon!

One of my immediate projects upon my return to Greenwood was to assess the condition of our instruments. We are continually blessed by the magnificent new organ you all so generously made possible just a few years ago, but Greenwood is also home to seven beautiful pianos and a theatre organ in the parlor (which was recently restored, thanks to a generous donation from Angie D'Albora). To afford us the best possible instrumental music for our worship services, Session approved a plan to move one of our grand pianos to the chancel. This instrument sounds incredible in the wonderful acoustical environment of our sanctuary and looks fantastic in its new home.

On June 14, the final Sunday of the program season, we celebrated Music Appreciation Sunday, recognizing the tremendous efforts of our Chancel Choir members who so generously give of their time and talent each week to provide beautiful anthems for our services of worship. The following week, June 21, was Gifts of Women Sunday. The women of the Chancel Choir were joined by guest singers from our congregation to present a spirited rendition of "This Little Light of Mine" as an offertory anthem, a fitting prelude to the installation of officers for the new program year of Presbyterian Women.

During July and August we hosted a new summer music program (which was featured in the Warwick Beacon and other publications!) consisting of a choir and featured soloist each week. Over twenty-five participants enjoyed this program, which gave first-time singers the opportunity to sing alongside veteran musicians in a fun, low-pressure environment. We are most grateful for the services of our outstanding accompanist Christian Black, who provided beautiful support to the choir and enabled me to conduct the ensemble each week. This is certain to be an annual tradition!

I was blessed to lead the Vacation Bible School music class in July, working with three groups of children each day. The kids enjoyed singing, ringing chimes, and of course playing musical games. Perhaps the (musical) highlight of the week (for the children and leadership!) was the hands-on organ demonstration during which each child was able to try our magnificent organ. I cannot describe how wonderful it was to hear our youngest students asking to play the organ, and to see all of the children enjoying the majesty of the instrument. I hope we planted a seed in each child which will grow into a lifelong love of sacred music, using their God-given gifts to praise the Lord!

Speaking of using our gifts in service to God, the **fall program season** is fast approaching! We are offering the broadest slate of programs ever for adults and children of all ages; whether you sing, play an instrument or are looking to start a new musical endeavor, there is something here for you (details below). As any of our musicians will tell you, there is nothing as rewarding as putting your talent (whether discovered or hidden as-of-yet) to God's service through worship leadership. If you feel the Spirit moving you in this direction, please don't hesitate to speak with me or any of our veteran musicians.

Please keep our music program in your prayers. As we embark upon a new season together, may our ministry of music touch all of our hearts, draw us into a deeper relationship with our Lord and elevate our congregation to new levels of worship.

Blessings,

John C. Black, Director of Music and Choirs, Organist

**JOIN THE MUSIC PROGRAM!** *(Sign-up sheets are on the side board in Fellowship Hall)*

### Chancel Choir

Ages: Adults (High School age and older)  
Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.; Sundays at 10:00 a.m.  
Repertoire: Sacred choral music in four-part harmony  
Requirements: Love of singing and commitment to rehearse  
Rehearsal CDs provided

### Youth Choir

Ages: Kindergarten through Middle School  
Rehearsals: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.  
Requirements: Love of singing and ability to participate in rehearsal

### Handbell Choir

Ages: Adults and older youth (able to participate in an adult-level rehearsal)  
Rehearsals: Weekly (TBD based upon availability of participants)  
Requirements: Some counting/music reading ability helpful

### Instrumental Music

Ages: All children and adults  
Rehearsals: Specially scheduled  
Requirements: Collaboration with the Director of Music



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Other than an August storm with sixty mph winds, it has been an excellent summer for me. I lost two large branches with minor damage to my shed roof and had to do lots of old fashioned hand sawing to cut off smaller branches. Four neighborhood kids, induced with ice cream, readily and neatly placed all branches next to the front street for pickup. Our garden is producing squash, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and egg plants. We are eating healthy fresh meals daily.

The lector volunteers have been doing an excellent job all summer long and are signing up with regularity, and I'm happy to see more are volunteering as Communion Servers and Greeters. May God readily bless those who do that extra bit and show initiative to sign up and help enhance our worship experience. Thank you, Greenwood! A sign-up list for the next three months is posted in Fellowship Hall; all are welcome to help!

Harry Curran, for the Worship Committee

## MISSION COMMITTEE



Once again the Mission Committee wishes to thank everyone who generously supported the **One Great Hour of Sharing** this year. Your donations made it possible to support our brothers and sisters in need around the world. We sent donations to the following agencies: PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Program, ECHO (Educational Concern for Hunger Organization), Jubilee Partners (Refugees), Presbyterian Church Disaster Assistance (for disaster relief in Nepal), TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission for their disaster relief efforts in Nepal), PSNE missionaries Greg and Chris Callison (we purchased Swamp Coolers to help provide more comfortable quarters of displaced refugees), Samaritan's Purse (for their relief efforts in the Texas floods) and World Relief. For more details, please check the bright pink OGHS flyers available in the narthex.

Here is **Emily David's** report of her recent mission trip to Rwanda:

*Thank you, Greenwood, for supporting me on my trip to Rwanda. While surrounded by the Congo and Uganda, Rwanda itself is clean and safe and is a small country that is growing very quickly economically. Much of this progress is a result of the Rwandan President's work and the low level of corruption in the current government. While I was there I had the opportunity to visit over forty different private and public organizations, all of which are having a social impact on their community. I had the chance to meet and work with missionaries who are helping to train pastors free of charge. We did morning devotions each day with International Justice Mission, a Christian organization that works directly with the government. I also visited hospitals and was able to fellowship with patients and to learn about Partners in Health, an organization that works to improve hospitals. Through conversation and questions I grew to understand important characteristics of an effective social organization. While in Rwanda, I also had the opportunity to worship each Sunday at a different type of congregation. Worship in Rwanda is so alive and inspiring. It was encouraging to commonly hear people speak about God's powerful work in their lives, and about His grace and His mercy. Overall, Rwanda was a great experience and there is so much more to tell. This trip has definitely opened the door for me to return to Rwanda and work with a social enterprise after graduation. Thank you again for your support!*

**Jim Ruegg** began his "Camino de Santiago" pilgrimage on August 7, starting in St. Jean-Pied-de-Port, France. His blog is <https://millionstepjourney.wordpress.com>, if you'd like to follow his progress. Please continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

The Mission Committee

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

### 39er's SEPTEMBER GATHERING



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

#### Menu

*Choice of Chicken Marsala or Baked Scrod  
with Salad, Coffee or Tea, & Dessert*

**Cost: \$15.00**

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

We will welcome back "The Romps" for our entertainment pleasure!

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

## NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Welcome back to our Fall schedule! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer! The Presbyterian Women will begin their Fall activities at their Coordinating Team meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:15 p.m. We invite all our church women to join us at our Fall Coffee on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will meet together for fellowship and refreshments and then meet in our individual Circles to plan our programs for the year ahead. Please come and see which Circle you would like to join. We all have different programs and times to meet.

PW will sponsor "Blanket Sunday" on September 13. The donation envelopes will be in the pews. We hope that you will continue to help us as we give comfort and support to children and families all over the world.

It's that time again to collect items for Church World Service School Kits. Here is a list of things that we need and suggestions for your last initial.

**ABCD--** LINED SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS-70 PAGES  
**EFGH--** BLUNT SCISSORS  
**IJKL--** BOXES OF 24 CRAYONS  
**MNOPQ--** RULERS  
**RSTUVW--** PENCILS, PENCIL SHARPENERS

Thank you all for your donations! The collection boxes are on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

Please notice the colorful collection boxes on the shelf over the coat rack in the back hall. These are for all the items we collect for World Service. We collect eyeglasses, pull tabs from drink cans, cell phones, unused greeting cards, bar codes from Campbell Soup and Pepperidge Farm products, cancelled postage stamps, and Box Tops for Education. Evelyn Murray is in charge of this project and will very happy to take all donated items you may have to offer.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Our PW Fall Gathering will be on Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be one of our delicious potluck suppers followed by a program. Please bring a dish of your choice to share. PW will provide the place settings. Please remember that we will be collecting paper products and non-perishable food items to be given to local agencies. This is the year of our "Mini" Bazaar but we still need items to sell, so we hope that you are busy making some for us.

I look forward to seeing you at these events! All church women are welcome to join us.

*"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 SEPTEMBER

All Circles will meet together on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Following announcements and refreshments, we will divide into individual circles for a short time. All women of Greenwood Community Church are invited to attend.

Circles I and V will have additional meetings in September as follows:

**Circle I** will meet on Monday, September 7, at 11:30 a.m. in the old 5/6 room for their meeting and then to help the M/S Key Club with their luncheon.

**Circle VI** will begin their yearly Bible Study "Come to the Waters" from the Horizon's magazine.

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

Betty Stacey  
Circle Coordinator



~~~ CAUGHT IN THE NET ~~~

**HOSPITALIZED** since the last issue: *Betty McLeod*

**SYMPATHY is extended to:**

- *Wilma Swanson, wife of 57+ years to Ronald Gilbert Swanson who passed away June 13, and to their children David, Lynn and Carl. Ron was predeceased by another daughter, Ellen.*
- *Ralph Matteson, husband of 65 years to Barbara Anne Merritt Matteson who passed away on June 18. She also leaves three children, Ralph "Rick", Patricia and Laurie.*
- *The family of Charles Porcaro, Jr. who passed away July 1. He leaves his wife, Julia and three daughters, Abigail, Hannah and Rachel.*
- *The family of Joseph W. Chehy, Sr. who passed away June 21, in Hartford, CT.*
- *The family of Donald Crout who passed away July 30. The service for Don will be August 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Zachary Casinelli who graduated from Quinnipiac University with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training. Zachary will be attending graduate school at Plymouth Sate University this fall.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Stephanie Florenz and Michael Whaley who were married by Pastor Clark at the Warwick Country Club July 31. Proud grandmother of the bride is Doris Safford.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sarah Hurd and Edwin Schlichter who were married by Pastor Clark at the Warwick Country Club August 15. Proud parents of the bride are Chris and Nancy Hurd.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following who were confirmed in the faith May 24: Julia Marie Aguire, Christian Jan Black, Levi Martin, Rachel Len Porcaro, Trey Budlong-Springer, Faith Carlo Ruhren and Henri Graham Snyman. Rachel Porcaro also received the Sacrament of Baptism!

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Dear Church Family,

*I am so blessed to be a member of this wonderful Greenwood Church Family. Thank you for the beautiful plant, your personal condolences, your prayers, your cards, your hugs and your love in the loss of my mom. I will always be grateful that I belong to this Greenwood family, where God and family are first.*

*Love , Cathy Schobel*

Dear Greenwood Church Family

*Thank you so much for the lovely plant you sent in remembrance of my late husband Charles. It was so good of you and very much appreciated.*

*Mrs. Cynthia Hackett*

Dear Greenwood Church Family

*Thank you most sincerely for all of your support and kindness you have shown us through these difficult days. Throughout Ron's lengthy health struggles you have been faithful with your prayers, cards, and encouragement. Thank you so much. May God's blessings be with you always,*

*Love, Wilma and Family*

Dear Friends at Greenwood Presbyterian,

*Thank you so much for your support of the Ministry of InterVarsity in RI and southeastern MA. Your partnership in the Gospel is a gift to us, and is bearing Kingdom fruit on college campuses throughout the area. Thank you so much for your heart to see college students reached with the love of Jesus!*

*In Christ, Sarah and Gregg Johnson*

Dear Church Family,

*Thank you for a "Perfect Ending" to a special 18 years on staff at Greenwood. The Member Care Committee and "Friends" certainly outdid themselves with so many touches to my retirement celebration on May 31<sup>st</sup>! I appreciate the outpouring of love and wonderful words to me from all of you. The cards and messages, the cake, decorations, flowers and flower arrangements, the beautiful inscribed clock, the anchor pendant and generous cash gift are all symbolic of your loving and caring style. Most of all, I appreciate your friendship, love, support and prayers all through the years. It has been my joy and pleasure to serve with you all, and I take with me wonderful memories and friendships from this era. May God continue to bless the ministry at Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian in all our lives and keep the light of Christ burning brightly in the Warwick community for many years to come.*

*In His Love, Sue*

Dear Greenwood Community Church and the GCCP Mission Committee,

*Thank you for your thoughtful and generous gift to me in anticipation of my pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain -- it was both unexpected and very kind! There are many people along the Camino Frances who have limited financial resources, and with your approval I plan to use the extra funds to help such fellow pilgrims afford a night or two in comfortable surroundings with a roof over their heads. Your kindness and generosity will be a much needed and appreciated blessing to fellow Christians striving to make the pilgrimage. I will keep you all in my heart and prayers as I journey to "the Field of Stars" in Santiago!*

*God bless you, Jim Ruegg*

*Thanks to John Black and Cathy Schobel for organizing a wonderful Hymn Sing! Our entire family enjoys traditional hymns and we all had fun singing our hearts out. What a great way to spend a Saturday night. Looking forward to the next one! See you soon,*

*Karen, Scott, Faith and Tess Ruhren*

Dear Betty (Mason) and Presbyterian Women.



*It is with gratitude that I thank Betty and all of the PW women of our church for helping me as Treasurer for the past 26 years. Stu and Betty helped with our Christmas dinner in so many ways; the same for our May Breakfast. When I look back to all the people I worked with for so many years "amazement" is the word.*

*Although it was a bit difficult getting everything done with no computer, I enjoyed and actually loved my work, working for our church and serving our Lord. Sue Desmond was a big help to me in many ways and John Pickup was always there for me as well. I can remember before we started using the church's safe, I would take the money home, yes, thousands of dollars, and I would make my deposit Monday mornings. A few men insisted that John be in the parking lot to accompany me to the bank as my body guard. He "lost" that job about ten years ago. Many more stories can be told, but I will hold them for now. By January 1<sup>st</sup> I knew I could no longer give my all to my work. When Melinda took over I was sad but happy to have such a great and knowledgeable replacement. I cannot close without thanking each member of PW for their assistance when I needed it. I thank our dear Lord for my 26 healthy years of serving the best group of people I know.*

*In Christian Love, Evelyn Rae*

# September Birthdays

*Carina Aggor  
Julia Aguire  
Samantha Aguire  
Grace Alba  
Elsa Ashton  
Matthew Barber  
Sandra Barnes  
Tanner Barnes  
Nancy Blasdell  
Beverly Carson  
Bill Cheney  
Tracy D'Albora  
Sean Daylor*



*Matt Demers  
Joyce Devolve  
Shereen Dietz  
Sandra Ensey  
Tom Harrop  
Betty Herman  
Cathy Insana  
Jesstin Jacobs  
Jack Kramer  
Lynn Kramer  
Julia LaBanca  
Linda Martin*



*Eric McNeely  
Matthew Nazareth  
Wayne Nolan  
Bob Nordstrom  
Terence Paquette  
Tom Paradise  
Chris Richardson  
Tess Ruhren  
Russell Sanchez de Lozada  
Madison Silva  
Dave Tanner, Jr.  
Laura Taylor  
Chris Tsagarakis*

*September*