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## COMING HOME: GIVING TO GOD

### *SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:*

It's stewardship season at Old Greenwich! Yay! Seriously, yay. I love taking time in our church year to intentionally think and pray about how God is calling us to use our money.

- ◆ *Coming Home Stewardship Drive*
- ◆ *Jazz Goes to Church - 11/7*
- ◆ *Roast Beef Dinner - 11/20*
- ◆ *Congregational Mtg. - Part I, 11/21*

Sometimes, we forget that God wants *all* of us: that somehow, the “money thing” is less spiritual or less important than, say, our prayer lives. Not so, says our all-encompassing, all-giving, all-gracious God!

This year, we are inviting you to “Come Home” into our church’s shared stewardship journey. The journey we take to follow Jesus is called discipleship. Discipleship is about an intentional effort to be more like Jesus: to love our God and to love our neighbor with everything we’ve got.

With Jesus, we are invited to come and see, come and follow, and come and abide.

But how do we do those things? How do we see? How do we follow? How do we abide?

Here are some of the ways you can come and see, follow, and abide with us during this season, if you’re not already:

Pray for us! Pray for our ministries, our spiritual growth, our outreach, our giving. Pray for God to show up in a very real way for us at Old Greenwich.

Come to worship! Come explore with other faithful folks how God is at work in every corner of our lives. And if you cannot come in person, please visit <http://www.ogpc.org> and click the "Donate" button at the top right of your screen and then click the green "Discipleship Pledge Campaign" button. Or you can mail your pledge card to the church office.

Consider pledging, or if you are already pledging, consider increasing your pledge. (And if you need a pledge card, please call the church office!)

So, Old Greenwich - come home, come see, come follow, and come abide with us in the community of believers!

I, for one, am so grateful that we worship a God who wants to be involved in *every* corner of our lives. I am so grateful that we can come home *together*: to engage in our journey of stewardship with humility, gratitude, surrender and love.

Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mary Beth and the OGPC Discipleship Committee

**With the colder weather approaching and the Delta variant still going strong, our COVID task group has made some adjustments to our inside policy: every group, no matter the size, will need to mask for the foreseeable future.**

### **Welcome to worship at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church!**

We are so glad you are worshipping with us – whether in-person or online!  
(We will continue to offer online services even as we gather in person).

As our children under 12 and some adults are not able to be vaccinated at this time, we are committed to keeping our whole community safe and thriving. As such, if you are worshipping with us in person, the following are required:

#### **PROTOCOLS FOR INSIDE/SANCTUARY WORSHIP:**

Masks must be worn at all times inside the building;

Please enter through the Green Room, which is also handicapped accessible, at the beginning of worship. You may exit through any of our doors after worship;

Social distance is to be maintained between non-family members;

Please sign in (one of our ushers will help with that);

An usher will hand you a printed bulletin if you choose to use one. Please deposit the bulletin in a waste can as you leave;

You are invited to both sing and to respond out loud for spoken liturgy (such as the Lord's Prayer);

We will pass offering plates;

You may use your hymnal (located in pews);

During Communion Sundays (first Sundays of the month), you may either bring your own bread/juice, or obtain a pre-packaged wafer/cup from an usher;

If you use the restrooms, please follow the instructions (posted in all bathrooms) by either using ProKure and/or Clorox wipes (provided in all bathrooms);

When fellowship is offered, you may pick up food and/or drinks in Memorial Hall, but we encourage you to go outside for eating and fellowshiping;

As we want to keep the air moving and ventilated as much as possible (which will include some open doors and windows), keeping that in mind as you dress for worship;

If you are feeling ill in any way, please join us virtually.

Prepared by a Sub-Committee of the Session of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Date: 6/30/2021

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**PART I**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting Part I of the Congregation and Religious Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township, in the County of Warren, will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2021, immediately following the 10 am Service of Worship. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to vote on said report. Nominees for the office of Elder and Deacon will be presented.

A report from the "Holy Grounds Task Force" will be presented after the elections of leadership.

Attest:

Lisa Gray, Clerk of Session

Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy, Pastor - Moderator

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Pre-K through Grade 3** meet **immediately following Time With the Young Church**, except on Communion Sundays, which is the first Sunday of each month.

**Grades 4 through 7** meet at **9 - 9:45 am, in Classroom 22**. These students will also be able to attend the worship service on Sundays as part of their Christian enrichment.

Questions? Contact Melissa Hixon, CE Committee, [mhixon868@yahoo.com](mailto:mhixon868@yahoo.com) / 862-812-9636.

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

- Teachers: Pastor Mary Beth and Mike Lemons
- Theme: Big God, Big Questions
- Class will meet every other Sunday at 9 - 9:45 am in the Technology Room
- 15 sessions in total
- Confirmands will be invited to join the church on June 5, 2022 (Pentecost Sunday)

Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth at 515-979-9681 or [pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com)

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**HOME COMMUNION**

If you would like to receive home communion, or know of someone who would like to receive home communion, please contact Deacon Chair, Sue Dalrymple, at [sdalrymple50@gmail.com](mailto:sdalrymple50@gmail.com) or Pastor Mary Beth at [pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com).

### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

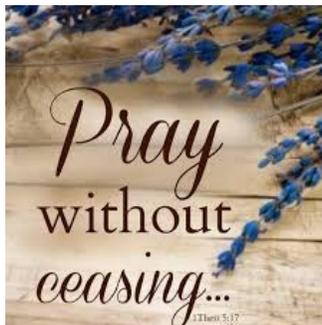
2	Jack Felch	15	Robert Frey
4	Susan Lizotte		Bonnie Phillips
5	Brooke Moyle		Megan Budd
6	<b>Scarlett Williams</b>	16	<b>Heather Mrotek</b>
7	Thomas Ahart	19	Katherine Maso
8	Emma Cichone		Mary Proehl
10	Robert Heater	20	John Hart
	Roxane Campello	24	Jack Buckwalter
	<b>Luke Prall</b>		<b>Teagan Bakros</b>
11	Benjamin Hixon	25	Beverly Stocker
12	<b>Dale Zairo</b>		Megan Kane
13	Donald Heritage	26	Katie Rienzo
	<b>Peyton Todd</b>	28	Kyle Parker
14	Kathleen Ronan		



\*Children are in bold.

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER:

11/17/2001	Charlotte & John Pickell
11/19/1971	Jay & Sue Rutan
11/20/1976	Michael & Ellen Viscel
11/20/2012	Linda & Anthony Lambert
11/21/1981	Brenda & Scott Schofield
11/21/2016	Anna Marie & Aaron Freer



Please hold in prayer: Kathy & Ernie Maso's neighbor, diagnosed with cancer; Sue Dalrymple's niece, Michelle, and her husband, Joseph. Joseph fell, and eventually had his leg amputated; Sue Dalrymple's mother, Helen, who has been diagnosed with Covid and is healing in a nursing home; Phil & Trish Millon as they search for a new house in a new place and prayers for us, as we will miss them; Jamie Miele, cousin of Kathleen Scala; the family of Nate Browne (deceased), friends of Mike & Missy Lemmons. He left behind his wife Angela, and children Madeline and Andrew; Zachary Adams (traumatic brain injury); Joan Pursel's sister, Karen (cancer); Harry Pursel; Debbie Mowrey; our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; those affected by the Corona virus and their families, around the world.

## AN INVITATION TO “*COME HOME*” FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

The journey we take to follow Jesus is called discipleship. It includes all activities we undertake to grow as Christians. It includes worship, prayer, bible study, offerings, service, relationships within and outside of our Christian Community. Discipleship is also about an intentional effort to be more like Jesus, do good, do no harm, and draw close to God. It's a path moving forward. We follow the great command “*Love the Lord your God with all your HEART, SOUL, MIND and STRENGTH*” and “*Love your neighbors as yourself.*”

We all have tendencies towards certain styles of living out our spirituality, certain ways to connect with God and others more easily than other ways. You'll find you are likely drawn to one or more tendencies out of four. There is a 12-question inventory that will show how you favor: Head, Heart, Soul or Hands and Feet. Watch for this.

We'll then invite you into the Stewardship Campaign with this year's theme “Coming Home” - to Come and See, Come and Follow and Come and Abide. Knowing your style will help you discern where you “fit in” to the worship, fellowship, mission and ministries at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

Those of you who are word (head) centered may be drawn to different kinds of worship and prayer, book and bible study. Those who are emotion centered (heart) love the power of music and art. Some are symbol centered (soul) love nature and like solitude. The action centered (hands and feet) speaks for itself.

It indeed has been a weary journey this covid year (plus). We have been wandering in a wilderness of uncertainty, doubt, fear, anxiety, separation and uncomfortable feelings of “what's next?” Let us find solace and refreshment in God's promise: “*Come to me all you who are burdened and heavy laden and I will give you rest.*”

Come home, come see, come follow and come abide in the community of believers at Old Greenwich and be nourished.

We can discover together joyously what's next - what plans God has for us!

### What is Discipleship?

“Discipleship is teaching biblical precepts, while modeling and guiding others toward living righteously as followers of Jesus Christ. This should be a cyclical process—meaning once we are discipled, we are to disciple others, and so on. One of the most important characteristics of being a disciple (a student or pupil), is to develop an intimate relationship with God through Christ rather than just learning about Him. Discipleship equips the Christian with God's Word, prayer, doctrine, worship, encouragement, and service.” This is what our Stewardship Committee is currently named.

### What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is the ethic that embodies responsible planning and management of resources. So how are these two concepts united in this year's “Coming Home” campaign? Why is there a campaign at all? Sometimes congregations are not good about talking about money. Congregants may not realize all that the Elders, Deacons, Teams and of course the Pastor do, nor realize what it costs to accomplish these goals.

The Budget and Finance Committee is in the process of forming a budget.

A good predominance of the budget is for the paid staff to equip us with word, prayer, worship, encouragement on a spiritual journey and give all opportunities of service and community building. The basics of heating, keeping the lights on and maintaining the campus is the practical part. It is so important for B&G to have a good estimate *by your pledge for 2022 (your plan for 2022 donations)* to be able to build opportunities for all to develop an intimate relationship with God.

Please consider, if you haven't already, what you can generously give to Old Greenwich in 2022. When you've come up with a promise you can make, communicate that by pledging (agreeing to a weekly, monthly, or annual amount) on the OGPC website, mailing in your pledge card, or bringing it with you and getting it in the Offering Plate at Sunday worship. There will be a dedication of the offerings on October 31, so have yours included!

**BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS...**

for the Old Greenwich **Board of Deacons' Annual Roast Beef Take-Out Dinner** on Saturday, **November 20, from 4 to 7 pm**. Curbside Pick-Up only!

\$15 per meal

Tickets will sold following Sunday worship.

Unable to attend worship? Call & reserve your meals for pick-up - 908-479-4449.

**Take-Out Dinners Only!**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

PW Deborah Bible Study Circle plans to meet on the third Tuesday (11/16) of the month at 11:30 AM live in the Trinity Wing. We will meet in the room behind the pastor's office and socially distance. We will be on Lesson eight in November. The lessons are themed on Psalms of Lament, Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament by Lynn Miller. They don't build on each other so you won't be lost if you join us now! Each stand on its own, you'll be OK without the book. We'll talk about "God Laments." **What causes God to lament? God cries with us. Is God lamenting humanity's faithlessness?** We may even listen to Garth Brook's song "The Change."

**SUNDAY FLORAL DEDICATIONS**

The cost to purchase arrangements for the altar is **\$20 each**.

You may sign up for dedicated flower arrangements to honor or remember loved ones. Please contact Trish Millon via cell: 908-319-5061 or email: trishbrad00@aol.com to place an order and arrange dedication.

Orders should be placed two weeks or more prior to the service date which you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin.



Thank you to: **Ernie Maso**, for mowing the lawn in front of church.

And a **special Thank You from Trudy Frey** to all who sent her a birthday card for her 90th birthday. Knowing she was thought of by so many just made her day!

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CHURCH PRESENTS....

# JAZZ GOES TO CHURCH

A MUSIC SERIES FEATURING NYC'S  
FINEST JAZZ MUSICIANS



HANNAH MARKS  
KALIA VANDEVER  
MATT WILSON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
1:30PM, FREE WILL DONATION



At our October 24th worship service, Old Greenwich welcomed two new members. Below is some information so everyone can get to know them a little better.

**Fritz and Sandy Hamlin** live in Phillipsburg. Fritz enjoys fishing, flyting and birding. Sandy is an artist, working in watercolor and oils. They have two adult children, Brent and Julia. Fritz is an ordained Elder and both he and Sandy are ordained Deacons.

*We've taught a few new member classes over the last several months, and in each class, we talk about the importance of our living faith, illustrated by our Presbyterian Book of Confessions, which contains 12 different statements of faith! The most recent confession, "A Brief Statement of Faith," was written in 1991, and is found below. We invite you to use phrases or portions of it as part of your prayers in the next month:*

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord  
and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom,  
and peace.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.

With Francis Rienzo now in place as our Media/Communications Director, we are looking to update the OGPC website! If you have any suggestions, please email them to Francis at [rienzofrancis@yahoo.com](mailto:rienzofrancis@yahoo.com). Thank you!





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## **Dated Material**

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# *The Breezeway*

## **ROAST BEEF DINNER**

***Pick-up & Take Out Only***

*Save the Date & Make Reservations*

**Saturday November 20, 2021**

**4-7 PM**

\$15.00 each meal

***For INFO or Reservations Call (908)479-4449***



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