

FROM THE PASTOR

THE BREEZEWAY

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The summer is halfway through with one Mission Trip down and the second soon to follow. Sharon Smith and I, along with four young people from OGPC, went to Heifer International's Overlook Farm in Rutland, MA. You'll find photos and an article about that trip by one of the participants as you read further; I will simply add it was a terrific trip, which reinforced for me that I love hanging out with Youth Group - or people younger than Youth Group. I'm looking forward not only to the trip we have planned to the New Jersey shore to do housing reclamation work – we're taking nine people! – but also to the week following that one, during which I've agreed to lead the opening song and movement portion of Vacation Bible Camp.

In chapter 10 of the gospel of Mark, people are bringing children to Jesus that he might bless them. The disciples perceive that this is getting in the way of the "real work" they need to be doing and berate the parents. Jesus sees this happening and indignantly responds, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

I don't think Jesus is telling the disciples that adults need to act like children, but there is definitely a fresh perspective that young people bring to the world that we adults can lose as we grow older. (If you don't believe me, read Abe Frey's article on the events at Heifer.) I think Jesus is telling the disciples that we must look at the world with new eyes, with wonder, with amazement at God's creation.

Meanwhile, we must also love and protect the children that God has put in our care. The Christian Education Committee at Old Greenwich has put together a team of people who care deeply about our children to develop a Child Safety and Protection Policy. In this age, where it seems that every month a former bastion of character and moral conduct is shown to be otherwise, we must be ever more vigilant when it comes to those entrusted to us. I am proud to say that our team consists of Cathy Ahart as our Chairperson, supported by Bill Hart, Don Hannis, Deb Wilson, and myself, all of whom bring years of experience and knowledge to this subject. We will be putting together a policy over the summer, with the expectation of presenting it to the Session for approval in September and implementation shortly thereafter.

It is good to know that, no matter how frightening the world we live in is, we are a church community that puts our children and young people at the top of the list in importance. I am so honored to be a part of a church family with a history of deep commitment and concern for its people. May we continue to grow in faithfulness to Christ and one another.

- Rev. Rebecca Segers

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- *Our 275th celebration continues*
- *Youth Group happenings*
- *Presbyterian Women events planned*

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An Opportunity to Say: “Here I Am, Lord”

Unlike virtually every other church denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a democracy. The Presbyterian system is actually the one that the United States used as its model in developing the bi-cameral Congress. Here at OGPC, the two bodies that oversee our church family are the Session and the Board of Deacons.

The Session has twelve members, known as Ruling Elders, who each serve three years on a rotating basis so that four officers are elected annually by the congregation. The Book of Order, which is part of our PC(USA) constitution, states: “Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (the PC(USA) name for pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.” Session responsibilities at OGPC include the ordering of worship, the governance of the church, including its finances, the care of the church buildings and grounds, the keeping of our records and history, and outreach to the community and world.

The Board of Deacons has fifteen members, also serving three years on a rotating basis, so that five officers are elected annually by the congregation. They are responsible for the nurture and care of the congregation, as the Book of Order states: “The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.” At OGPC, you will find the deacons organizing and often serving at our coffee hours, as well as hosting the annual Roast Beef Dinner, visiting our homebound congregants and those in the hospital or rehabilitation centers, joining Pastor Rebecca in taking the Lord’s Supper the first Monday of the month, fulfilling the flower and card ministries, and administering the Richard B. Gibbins Scholarship Fund.

The Nominating Committee is starting the process of looking for those with the skills, gifts, talents, and call to serve as Elders and Deacons. If you are interested in participating more fully in the life of the Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church as a church officer or would like to recommend someone, please speak with Nominating Committee Chair, Jennifer Miller, members Barb Frinzi, Eve Hart, Sue Rutan or Pastor Rebecca.



Tony Procita; Pastor Rebecca’s friend, Carol Keil’s brother and friend, Maureen Sansone’s father; the family of Dawn Davis; Jinny Guthardt (Bridgeway Reh. Ctr.); Dick Gibbins (Lopat Care Ctr.); the family of Gertrude Woolf; the Maso’s friend, Toni Keiderling; Sally Reinhard’s cousin’s family; Carol Lee Doeringer and friend, Richard; *sister of Walt Campbell, Elaine Loveless*; Harry Pursel; Mary Laubach; Don Reinhard’s cousin, Pam Reinhard; Pat Fisher; Evan Newbrough; Terry Lee; Jack Reinhard; Ed Gardner; Shelly Papp & family; Brian Petras; Joanne Macdonald; Marie Heritage Smith; Betsy Gaston’s cousin, Tracie; Katy Davis; Doris Bartholomew; the Tumaini Church in Kenya and those serving in our Armed Forces: Jack Buckwalter, Matt Chambergo, Will Rimmler, Ashley Heritage-Kiyonaga, Darren Pursel, Manuel Velez-Toledo

A FINANCIAL PUZZLE

The following is a direct quote from Rev James Chesnutt, pastor of Old Greenwich from 1957 to 1967, found on page 21 of OUR GREENWICH HERITAGE II.

"I had majored in accounting before I went to seminary. Because of this, I kept close tabs on our finances. A minor error in the treasurer's books had the auditing committee stumped, so they brought the books to me. In searching for the error, I inadvertently discovered that every July and August, when funds dwindled, unexplained deposits for thousands of dollars were entered. Every September there would be error corrections in our statements which totaled the exact amount of these deposits. Carrie Hawk Shipman was the church treasurer, like her father and her grandfather before her. When the church ran out of money, Carrie put in her own. She would pull it back out as soon as we had enough to balance the books. When asked to, 'Please tell us when we're out of money,' she replied, 'But I didn't want to bother anybody. I knew it would come in.' She floated this church for years!"

They must have found a solution judging from this quote from Jim on page 20. "I found this congregation highly committed to the gospel and the life of the church. A goal, established before I came, was to give one third of our budget to General Mission. Although it took a few years to reach that level, we held to it the last five years I was here. We had a real sense of optimism about the future."

Submitted by Sue Tintle for the History Committee
~ Gregg Pacifico, chairman; Sue Tintle, Sharon Rimmler, Walt Campbell

275th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

at

OLD GREENWICH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

and

GREENWICH CEMETERY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015 10:30 am to 5:00 pm

Tour a cemetery that pre-dates the Revolutionary War with JOHN O'BRIEN, renowned cemetery expert.

Thrill to the drills and on-site camping of MAXWELL'S BRIGADE (Revolutionary War re-enactors)

Food, games and music

Pot Luck dinner at 5:00 PM, featuring recipes from a 1938 Greenwich Cookbook

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

- Church service - 10 to 11 am
- Remembrance Ceremony at the gravesites of General Maxwell and family - 11:15 am
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - Warren County Chapter
- Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) - Colors (flags) and Cannon
- Maxwell's Brigade

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MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST:

01	Sharon Ciavarella	15	Mabel Snyder
	William Proehl		Rev. Rebecca Segers
	Jay Hill		Jonathan Davidson
	Missy Lemons	16	Alyssa Reindel
	Sarah Papp		Caleb Pritchard
02	Mark Lizotte	17	Amy Ahart
	Tylor Lee		Katya Tetzlaff
03	Jean Meckley	18	James Todd
	James Shook		Kristin Yock
04	Andrew Powers	19	Ryan Cimmino
05	Ottilie Coe	20	William Lee
	Karen Kane		Scott Brown
06	Marlin Quick		Zachary Bishop
	Lukas Aloisio	21	Eric Lee
07	Jason Kolterjahn	22	Christine Lee
	Lisa Kolterjahn	23	Terrance Lee
08	Marie Rush		Tyler Conrad
09	Mary Pritchard	24	Melissa Hixon
	Katherine Robbins	25	Tyler Torcivia
10	John Menzak		Noah Conrad
	Olivia Powers	26	Erik Yeager
	Leah Riewerts		Grace Segers
11	Victoria Nagy	27	Tara Stahlecker
	Jeremy Slaven	28	Patricia Fisher
12	Dawn Ruzich		Diane Bouton
	Ryan Lacamera		Scott Parker
13	Robert Shappell		Paul Stahlecker
	Anthony Ciavarella		Sandy Trstensky
	Emily Slack		Katie Stocker
	Dylan Poliseo	29	Gretchen Long
14	Lane Wolfe		Evan Newbrough
		30	Barbara Heater
			Janine Herb

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST:

Shannon & Steven Bakros	08/01/2009
Erik & Laura Hawk	08/02/2003
Donald & Elizabeth Metz	08/03/1957
Deborah & Kenneth Wilson	08/04/1979
Jennifer & Jeffrey Miller	08/04/2001
William & Karen Lee	08/07/1971
Frank & Amanda Ricci, Jr.	08/12/2006
Jon & Jessica Cantagallo	08/16/2008
Joan & Bradford Holloway	08/17/1975
Edward & Catherine Ahart	08/21/1971
Donald & Joan Pozsonyi	08/28/1965
Ashley & Chris Kiyonaga	08/30/2011

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

02	Robin Glosser	16	Morgan Morrow
	Emily Brown		Ryan Lee
03	Andrew Stetler	17	Emily Petras
04	Derek Rindock	18	Kalla Barrett
05	Robert Tintle	21	Sara Brown-Campello
	Deborah Wilson		William Rimmler
06	Janet Morrow		Andrew Reinhard
07	Bruce Gaston	22	Christine Mette
08	Juanita Freeman	23	Joshua Tirado
	Samuel Jagiello		Travis Torcivia
09	Michael Forgione		Kayla MacKinnon
	Kali Cook-Grisewood	24	Phyllis Schroeder
10	Elias Slack		Andersyn Menzak
12	Craig Smith		James Donnelly
	Michael Slaven		Hayden Hawk
13	Adrian Wolfe	27	Charles Muehlen
15	Michelle Tirado		Jolie Golebowski
	Brian Petras	28	Karen Lee
	Brycen Kreichelt	29	Gail Sulla

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER:

Shelly & Michael Papp	09/04/2002
Liz & Jeovanny Rodriguez	09/05/2003
J. Roger & Claire Simonds, Jr.	09/07/1985
Karen & Paul Kane	09/07/1991
Edward & Jennifer Cichone	09/11/1998
Beverly & Keith Stocker	09/14/1974
Andrew & Susan Powers	09/14/1996
Thomas & Susan Beacht	09/15/1990
Harry & Joan Pursel, II	09/20/1969
Charles & Edith Slamp	09/22/1951
Robert & Barbara Heater	09/22/1973
Michael & Meredith Jagiello	09/22/2000
Craig & Sharon Smith	09/23/1989
Carl & Virginia Guthardt	09/24/1960
Regan & David Aloisio	09/24/2011
Robert & Diane Bouton	09/26/1981

- IN MEMORIAM -

Dawn B. Davis
June 8, 1954 – July 13, 2015

MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP NEWS - CONT'D

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO HEIFER INT'L – THE WAY IT (REALLY) WAS

At Heifer International, we fed animals, participated in the lethal Spanish custom of the running with the goats, gardened, used unorthodox means to chop firewood, stacked hay bales, became world-renowned Peruvian flutists, birthed a Ghanaian child (it was a water balloon, relax), swam in a lifeguard-infested lake, ate economical local ice cream, break danced for a discount on baby bottles, and indulged in food that was so delicious and healthy that in spite of all the traveling, we were regular.

- submitted by Abe Frey



SEE YOU IN OCTOBER...



As summer starts to wind down, many church functions begin to start up again and things revert back to normal. The choir returns, Sunday school goes back into session, and the church congregation stabilizes as families return from summer vacations. With these upcoming changes, our church's youth group, OGPYG (pronounced 'ogg-pig,' which stands for **Old Greenwich Presbyterian Youth Group**) is starting up as well. We are comprised of youth between the ages of 11 to 18, and our first meeting of the 2015-16 Church School year will be on Sunday, October 4. You may have heard of our recent mission trip to Heifer International. (If not, see the article above this one written by my brother, Abe.) Also, by the time you are reading this, we will have gone to the Jersey Shore to help rebuild houses wrecked by Hurricane Sandy.

When not on mission trips, we will be having meetings, two or three weekends each month. Beginning in October, OGPYG will meet the first weekend of the month for a community service project, and on the third Sundays of the month we will have group fellowship time, including a family-style dinner. If a month has a fifth Sunday, then we will have a fun-day, such as a party or a snow tubing trip. At our first meeting October 4, we will be building the OGPYG fire pit and discussing our plan for a club government.

OGPYG needs more members from Old Greenwich, so come on out... and bring a friend if you can.

- submitted by Caleb Frey

Thank You! to: **Howard Bell** for painting the tables and benches in the picnic area; **Sandy Frey** and **George Bradlau** for harvesting weeds in front of the manse (Looks much better. Thank you Sandy & George); **Ed Cichone**, **Tim Newbrough** and **Linda Tetzlaff** for donating equipment and setting up new PC systems in the Pastor's and Administrative Assistant's offices; **Boy Scout Troup 63** also did weeding in the Mission Garden. Thank you Scouts.

A thank you card has been received from: **Marcia Taylor**. It is posted on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall.

BULLETIN BOARD

Let the Children Come to Me!

The Christian Education Committee is looking for teachers to work with children from pre-school to 7th grade. Lesson plans and supplies provided. Our change to team teaching worked well this year, building the relationships between teachers and children, and we would like to continue these relationships.

Please feel free to talk to a current teacher, or Jennifer Miller and Cathy Ahart about the program and joys of spending time with the younger members of our congregation.



If you need transportation to and from Old Greenwich to attend the service on Sunday mornings, the Deacons will be happy to accommodate you.

Contact the church office at (908) 479-4449 to make arrangements.

SAVE THESE DATES for *History Sunday Socials*

Historical presentations will be made during Fellowship Time in Memorial Hall, after the worship service on the following Sundays: **November 22 & January 24, 2016**. These will be informal and informative gatherings to provide insight into the history of Old Greenwich, helping us to remember our heritage and build anticipation for our future together.

The morning session of the **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 11, at 11:30 am at a member's home. For more information, please contact Renee Herb at 454-0494.

On **Tuesday, September 8, we will meet at 11:30 am** in the Resource Room at the church. We will be discussing Chapter 7 in our study, "Heaven: Finding Our True Home." Please bring a bag lunch and a beverage. Delicious desserts will be provided. We eat first, and usually start the Bible study at 12:30 pm. It's a friendly and talkative bunch, and welcome new members! Please contact Renee Herb if you are interested in joining us.



Family Promise of Warren County

**Our next week as host church is:
SEPTEMBER 13 - 19, 2015**

Our next week of hosting Family Promise at Old Greenwich will be the week of September 13 - 19. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sharon Smith at (908)875-6784 / ssmith@nhvweb.net.

We are in need of breakfast and lunch food (to be delivered to the church the day before, clearly marked IHN), dinner and company from 5 - 8 pm, and overnight hosting starting at 8 pm.



ACOLYTES

HELP WANTED:

ACOLYTES NEEDED for Sunday worship services. 5th - 7th graders are welcome to volunteer. This is a simple but

meaningful ministry for any girl or boy, allowing them to participate in the worship service each Sunday. Their role is to light the candles on the altar before the service and to extinguish them after the service and to then 'send the light' after the closing prayer.

Scheduled servers will be listed in the announcements. Each young person will be instructed on what to do until they are confident and comfortable with their responsibilities.

USHERS NEEDED for Sunday worship services. Any member may sign up as a regular usher, (serving once a month) or as a substitute usher

(covering for regular ushers when they're out). This is an easy, fun and important role in the life of the church. Ushers work on a team of three or four to greet people - with "a smile, a hello and a handshake" - as they enter for the worship service. Ushers also hand out bulletins, count and record how many people are in attendance at the service, collect the offering, and collect the pew pads.

Contact William Hart (908) 479-1344 or email him at wjhart5@gmail.com



USHERS

BULLETIN BOARD - CONT'D

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

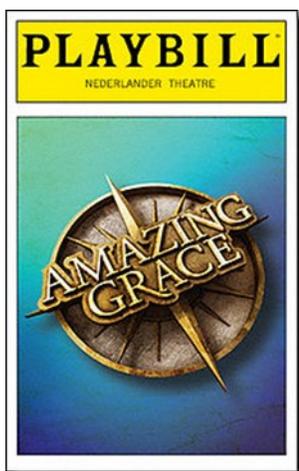
+Save the date of October 16 -17 for a **WOMEN'S RETREAT**, "O Taste and See," which will be led by Pastor Rebecca. It will be at Mt. Eden Retreat House in Washington, NJ. This idea was generated from the "Intentional Fun" ladies meeting, but all women are invited to come and taste the presence of the Lord. Rumor has it there will be chocolate tasting also. The fee is \$150 and includes shared rooms, Friday night dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch. There are plans to have fundraisers so we can offer scholarships to those who are in need. Watch for more information on a restaurant night, Shammy-Shine carwash, or bake sale. Please see Lisa Gray, Lisa MacKinnon or Sharon Bell with ideas or to assist with fundraising.

+The **WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY**, Come to the Waters, will be held in conjunction with United Presbyterian Church in Alpha. It is a nine lesson study that Pastor June Heyer will lead at their church at 859 High Street in Alpha, NJ. **It begins Wednesday, September 9, at 7 pm.** The women are welcoming and looking forward to having us add to their numbers. To get a copy, go to PCUSA.org.webpage- Presbyterian Women-bible study. Lisa Gray can also order a batch (\$8 each) if you let her know by mid-August.

+Presbyterian Women will be having their **FALL GATHERING** Saturday, September 19, 9 am – 2 pm, and includes lunch. The participants of the National Gathering will be sharing what was learned, observed and felt. Impressed by how many women were first time attendees, there is hope that PW is still alive and meeting the needs of women and mission/social justice causes. Let's carpool and join the energy of "One Body, One Spirit." Flyers will be posted with more details.

+The Spirit of NJ **GOSPEL LUNCH CRUISE** on Saturday, September 12, is opened to all who would like to attend. Plans are to carpool from OGPC parking lot in time to board at Lincoln Harbor, NJ (Weehawken) at 11:30 am. The ship will have us back to the pier at 2 pm. The fee is \$68 for adults (using our tax free number to save). To ensure seats for the day, tickets need to be purchased in advance. The full fee will be required by August 16th. For more information see the PW bulletin board or speak to Lisa Gray 908-387-8479. Checks are to be made to PW OGPC and given to Sharon Bell.

+We are always collecting **PRAYER SHAWLS** which can be dropped off at the church. Pastor Rebecca would be more than happy to have these for her visitation ministries. There has been an offering of a teaching program by a woman who explained about them and taught Kenyan women how to make them on her mission trip there with our



OGPC Is Broadway-Bound

We're going to see "Amazing Grace" on Broadway and you're invited!

This new Broadway musical tells the story behind the famous hymn and stars Tony Award nominee, Josh Young and Tony Award winner, Chuck Cooper.

For more information, go to <http://amazinggracemusical.com/>

Date: **Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 2:00 pm.**

The cost: \$85 per person, which is a group discount from the regular \$139 price.

If you're interested in going, please let Pastor Rebecca know no later than Sunday, August 9.

AUGUST 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 10 AM Communion Service	3 Vacation Bible Camp 9 am - noon Home Visits/ Communion noon - 4 pm	4 Vacation Bible Camp 9 am - noon Tech. & Comm. e-mtg. 7:30 pm	5 Vacation Bible Camp 9 am - noon	6 Vacation Bible Camp 9 am - noon BS Vent. Crew 7 pm Discipleship Team - 7:30 pm	7 Vacation Bible Camp 9 am - noon	8
9 10 AM Service	10 Deacons - 7:30 History - 7:30 Pastor Rebecca vacation begins	11 Women's Bible Study 11:30 am	12 BS Trn. Comm. 7 pm	13 Build. & Grnds 10 am	14	15
16 10 AM Service Rev. Jeanne Radak preaching	17 Session 7:30 PM	18 Congr. Life 7:30 pm	19 BS Patr. Ldr. 7 pm	20 BS Vent. Crew 7 pm	21 Praise Team Reh. - 7:30 pm	22
23 10 AM Contemporary Service History Comm. Play	24	25	26	27	28	29 Pastor Rebecca vacation ends Choir Party @ Ahart's 3 pm
30 10 AM Festival Sunday - Taizé Svc.	31					

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Chr. Ed. 7:30 pm Tech. & Comm. e-mtg. 7:30 pm	2	3 BS Vent. Crew 7 PM	4	5
6 10 AM Service	7 Boy Sc. - 7 pm	8 Women's Bible Study 11:30 AM Presbyt. Mtg. Alpha	9 BS Trn. Comm. 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	10 Build. & Grnds 10 am	11	12
13 10 AM Communion Service RALLY DAY	14 Pastor Rebecca vacation begins Boy Sc. - 7 pm Deacons - 7:30 History - 7:30	15	16 BS Patr. Ldr. 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	17 BS Vent. Crew 7 pm	18	19
20 10 AM Service Rev. Chuck Colson preaching	21 Boy Sc. - 7 pm	22 Congr. Life 7:30 pm	23 Choir 7:30 pm	24 Pastor Rebecca vacation ends	25 Praise Team Reh. - 7:30 pm	26 Broadway Play "Amazing Grace" -2 pm
27 10 AM Contemporary Svc. Bloodmobile 8 am - noon New Member Class - 11:15 am	28 Boy Sc. - 7 pm Session 7:30 pm	29	30 Choir 7:30 pm	31		