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Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. *Psalm 119:105*

DIGITAL CHURCH

GPC is now open for in-church worship, however, we will also remain digital for Sunday services! Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 am on Facebook for a service LIVE! You can access all of the previous services here: <https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodpres/live>. Note you do not need a Facebook account to view past videos!

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CHURCH SCHEDULE – OPENING SOFTLY

As a reminder, the Greenwood Presbyterian Church is open again for worship in the sanctuary. Carefully. Safely. Softly, if you will. The guidelines below remain in place to keep everyone safe:

- ❖ We're sitting every third pew - "X" marks the spot where it's safe to sit (however, couples and families may sit together.)
- ❖ Taking temperature with infra-red thermometers at each Sanctuary door.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex.
- ❖ There are greeters, but no handshaking or embracing. Please bow, nod your head, or pat your own shoulders suggesting a hug.
- ❖ The offering plate is on a table in the Narthex just outside the Sanctuary so we don't have to pass it. Bulletins will be on the lectern in the Narthex.
- ❖ We have to wear masks in the church.
- ❖ Communion will be symbolic in the Sanctuary, and virtual at home.

- ❖ There will be no congregational singing. (Singing is a super-spreader of the virus.) If your soul MUST sing, hum or sing under your breath, please!
- ❖ After the Benediction, each row will exit in turn - beginning at the back. Please wait for dismissal from an usher.
- ❖ If we have too many for safety upstairs, overflow will be in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ No Coffee Fellowship

So glad to see you as you come!

SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Lots to do at the August Session meeting. Now that we are back in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and meetings are resuming, things are beginning to get busy again. Attendance on Sunday morning in August ranged from 29-32 with a good number still watching from home. It has been great to see names on the Facebook comments of folks we haven't seen inside the building for some time.

The AA and Scout groups are continuing to meet. The Boy Scouts have been meeting in the parking lot all summer but were given permission to move inside with some restrictions starting in September. With a regular attendance of about 45 they will need to pay close attention to social distancing.

The Nominating Committee is starting its work of finding new officers for next year. Please give serious thought and prayer to saying "yes" if they call you. Personnel is also entering their busy time when they meet with all our staff to review the year and plan for next year. If you want to comment on the work of any of the staff, please contact Judy Lovejoy by September 15th.

Nurture is busy planning for the "new normal" of Sunday morning. Clarence Grelle's Sunday School class is now meeting. Janet Lowes is hoping to start Sunday School for the children in the next couple of weeks. Coffee Fellowship will not meet through the end of the year. Outreach allocated \$4,000 from the Beem Fund to help with the Nutrition Club at Isom (see article elsewhere) and will be buying coats for Isom and Northeast schools again this year. They have also arranged with Greenwood Village to broadcast our service on GVs cable channel as soon as we can solve the sound problems. Lauren Underwood is working hard on that. Building and Grounds continues their excellent work keeping our building safe (thank you Steve for all the extra work sanitizing) and Finance is starting work on the 2021 budget. Budget requests are due by September 16th.

The phone tree is up and running again with a new computer. Susette Blythe is now the editor of the web page and we look forward to it becoming more useful soon. The Deacons have written guidelines for the new Smock Deacons Fund which should be explained elsewhere in this issue. Whew! Those are just the highlights of what's happening. Hope to see you in church soon.

STAFF EVALUATIONS

The Personnel Committee will be meeting with all employees of the church in September to evaluate the past year and make plans for 2021. If you have information you would like to share with the committee please contact Judy Lovejoy by September 15.

ISOM SCHOOL NUTRITION CLUB

Isom Elementary School has many families in need and most of the children receive free or reduced lunches. Many live in families where there is not a lot of nutritious food available. To help provide food for these children on weekends and school holidays several teachers have started a Nutrition Club for sixty of the neediest children. They call it Nutrition Club because they provide easy to make food for the children to take home. During the Club meeting they teach the children how to prepare the food. Membership is limited to sixty of the neediest children.

In the past Gleaners Food Bank has provided the food. Because of the pandemic Gleaners has had to reallocate how they distribute food and will not provide food for the school this year. Because of our long-standing relationship with Isom (tutoring, coats, Chrismon families) we became aware of this need and Session voted to allocate \$4,000 from the Thelma Beem Fund for Children to Isom School to purchase food for the individual bags for the children.

SERMONS AVAILABLE

If you don't have access to the internet to hear the church service and would like a paper copy of the weekly sermon mailed to you, please call Charlotte at the church office. She will be glad to put you on the list to receive a weekly copy of Pastor Peter's sermon.

SMOCK DEACONS FUND

A family within the Whitewater valley Presbytery named Smock set up a Foundation to help Senior Presbyterians who are in financial difficulty. Thanks to Judy Lovejoy, who wrote a grant request to the Smock Foundation, the Greenwood Presbyterian Church has received \$5,000 – with possibilities to renew later!

Here are the guidelines developed by our Board of Deacons for the use of this fund:

- ❖ The purpose of the Smock Deacons Fund is to provide monetary relief to Seniors who are members, or adherents, or close family to members of the Greenwood Presbyterian Church.
- ❖ The Board of Deacons has oversight and record keeping responsibility for the Fund.
- ❖ The Pastor is delegated responsibility for who receives money from the Fund (anonymously) and in what amount.
- ❖ Current thinking (July 14, 2020) is that, because the Fund has \$5,000 to start, there will be a \$1,000 limit per person per year.

- ❖ Donations from the Fund will be gracious – without specific strings or predetermined reasons for receiving a donation.
- ❖ Whenever possible, donations from the Fund will be given with a “value added” – grocery shopping, light house cleaning, yard work, or something else given to the recipient as an act of additional love, besides just a monetary disbursement.

If you are a Senior in a financial bind, (or if you know of one, or of a family) please let Pastor Peter know of your concern. He'll take it from there. Or tell a Deacon or Session member, and they'll let Pastor Peter know. The Deacons are the Intensive Care Unit of our church, and we want to be in the business of helping!

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October (October 4), declares that Christians around the world join together and affirm that in Jesus Christ, we are one Church, together. Together, in many countries, circling the globe, we celebrate Holy Communion— being joined as one Body in Christ-- no matter the language, gathering place, number of people or country. Our Lord Christ gathers us together and offers more than just the bread and the cup. We are reconciled to God and to one another, and called into God's mission together. For this reason, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) established the Peace and Global Witness Offering as an expression of who we are.

By giving to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, we work together to build God's house where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace, and justice.

25% of this Offering stays with the Greenwood Presbyterian Church to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community

25% of this Offering will go to Synod, to join with other congregations to support peacemaking in our region.

And 50% of the Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

In a time when our nation needs peace, especially between races and ethnicities, and at a time when our Church can make peace there, little by little, bit by bit, won't you support the Peace and Global Witness Offering?

We will collect and celebrate the Offering on October 4, World Communion Sunday. Just the right time, don't you think?

In the Peace and Love of Christ,
Pastor Peter Zinn

BOY SCOUT NEWS



The following BSA Troop #266, meetings are as follows: September 3, 10, 17, & 23 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Thursdays. In Fellowship Hall

Note: A Must! Fellowship Hall Only, MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, No other rooms to be used.

Activities: These may be changed by the Leaders due to the Virus.

- Sept. 11 thru Sept. 13 Wolf Park Camp Out - Leave Church parking lot at 5:30 pm Friday and return Sunday by noon
- Sept. 18 thru Sept. 20 Order of The Arrow (Fall Ordeal) at Ransburg Scout Reservation - Leave Church parking lot at 5:00 pm Friday and return Sunday by noon
- Sept. 21 (Monday) Patrol Leaders Meeting Time is 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Room 16, 18, & 20
- Sept. 21 (Monday) Committee Leaders Meeting Time is 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Room 16, 18, & 20

Notes: Masks will be worn at all times and chairs will be marked for safe distance.

Cub Scout News TBA (MASKS MUST BE WORN)

Thursday in Fellowship Hall only Time is 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and on the 4th Thursday they will meet with the Boy Scouts until 8:30 pm

Brownies/Girl Scouts News TBA (MASKS MUST BE WORN)

Tuesdays the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd Tuesday's of each month in Fellowship Hall Only. Time 6pm to 7:30 pm.

Anybody interested in the BSA Troop #266 or Brownies/Girl Scouts contact the following:
Gayle Talley, Dave Baker, or the Church Office

Dave Baker
Liaison for BSA Troop #266

DISCOVERY CIRCLE

Discovery Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 7pm at the church. The Bible Study workbooks have been handed out and there are a couple extra for those who could not attend the meeting in August. Please read the Introduction and Lesson One before the meeting. Kay Talley will be leading the discussion, Jan McFerran will do devotions and Birgit Kreck will provide the refreshments. If there are any questions, call Kathy Johnson (615-887-5040).

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Birgit Kreck

After my last report from July 20th I received donations of \$1,730.00 plus I had a balance carry over of \$43.04, thus a total for \$1,773.04 available. I spent \$1,098.90 on the following items:

24	Pancake Mix	145	Grape Jelly
24	Pancake Syrup	5	Green Beans
29	Sliced Carrots	72	Condensed Cream of Mushroom
110	Macaroni & Cheese	72	Condensed Cream of Chicken
10	Sugar (4lbs each)	1	Sugar (10lbs)
12	Canned Peas	20	Mixed Vegetables
21	Cruncy Peanut Butter	105	Creamy Peanut Butter
33	Chili without beans	17	Chunky Noodle Chicken Soup
2	Cases of Water	24	Applesauce
20	Chicken Breasts	15	Sloppy Joe
8	Vienna Sausage	21	Broths (Chicken, Beef, Veg)
9	Spam	4	Chicken a la Kin
4	Classic Roast Coffee	10	Canned paste
1	Chunky Beef Soup	6	Beef Stew
6	Mandarins	6	Pears
68	Deodorant	62	Toothpaste
72	Toilet Paper rolls	40	Bars of Soap
21	Dish Soap	20	Body Wash
21	Shampoo	10	Toothbrushes (4 packs)

The donors were: Betty Kinnear, Bob & Lynn Jewell, Judy Lovejoy, Jan Mernone, Chuck & Margaret Denlinger, Bill and Jan McFerran, Ebbie Crawford, Jim & Janett Lowes, Judy Spencer, Betty Gilliland, Mark & Ingrid Hensley, Mike & Kathy Wood, Fran Mitchell.

Linda Talley donated several Teabags of various flavors and Jan McFerran donated 4 Toothbrushes, 3 Travel Size Toothpaste and 4 Flosses.

On behalf of Samaritan/Salvation Army, thank you very much.

-Birgit Kreck

SENIOR SOMETHINGS

Senior Somethings will NOT meet in September. We will evaluate future meetings at a later time. Thank you for your understanding!



Dollar matching continues for the Presbyterian Women's Virtual Church Rummage Sale! Remember, thanks to an anonymous donor, **every dollar that you give will be matched by up to \$2,500.**

As of this past weekend, donations were nearing \$1,200!

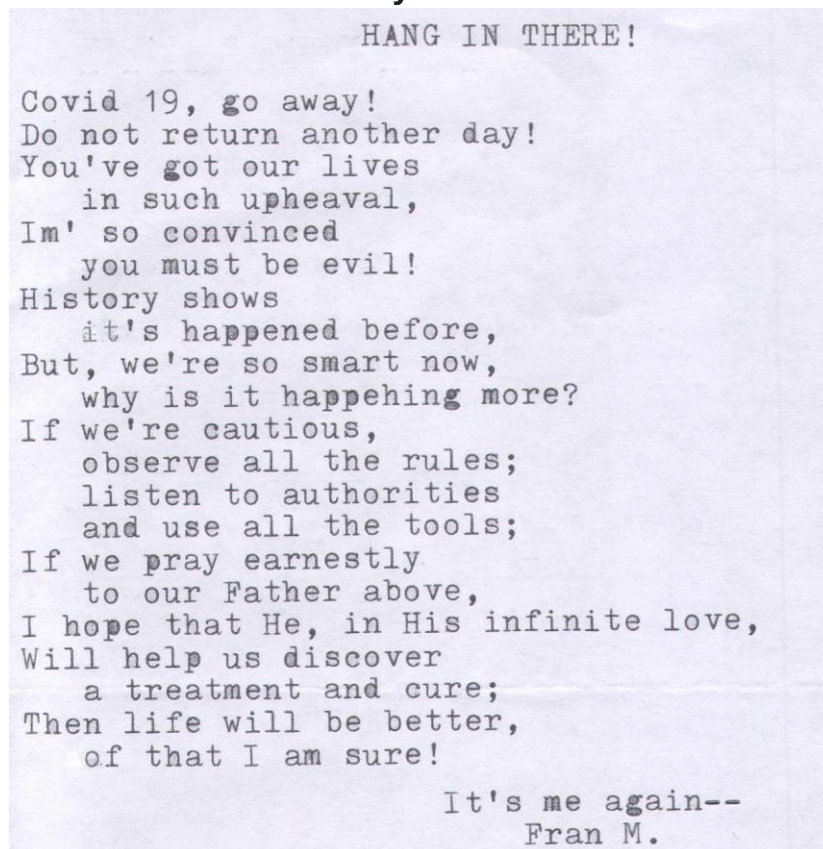
We know that this "virtual sale" will not replace the fellowship, food and fun we have doing the rummage sale, but it will allow Presbyterian Women to continue to support the important work that various organizations are doing—especially now.

So bring your cash or send your check payable to Greenwood Presbyterian Women to the church office. Call me if you have any questions.

And save your stuff for next year.

Bev Fiandt, Moderator

POETRY
Submitted by Fran Mitchell



ONLY GOD KNOWS
Submitted by Rita Kistner
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God is beyond both Space and Time.
God is beyond Reason and Rhyme.

God is the Answer that we seek.
God is the Strength when we are weak.

God looks down from Heaven above
And tells us that we need to love.

Who else can see all that we do?
Who else can still forgive us too?

Who else knows the extent of Space?
Who else loves the whole human race?

Who else can say which way Time goes?
Who else, my friend? Only God knows.

- Bill Glass, Author

JUST FOR FUN

DEAR GOD...

(From the September 2020 issue of the Reader's Digest)

Sometimes kids have such big questions that not just anyone can answer them. Boredpanda.com collected a few such queries from third graders.

- ❖ **Dear God:** How come you didn't invent any new animals lately? We still have just all the old ones.
- ❖ **Dear God:** Is Reverend Coe a friend of yours, or do you just know him through business?
- ❖ **Dear God:** Who draws the lines around the countries?
- ❖ **Dear God:** How did you know you were God?
- ❖ **Dear God:** I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family, and I can never do it.
- ❖ **Dear God:** I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions!



THE HEART OF A CHILD

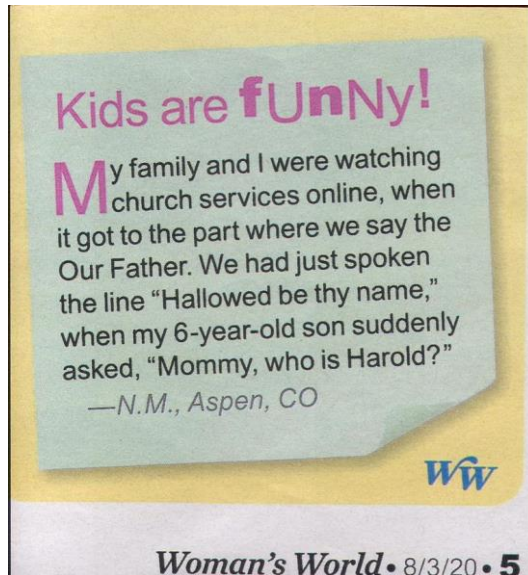
(From "Our Daily Bread" 7/31/20)

The story is told of a small boy who came home from church on a Sunday. When his father asked him what he had learned in Sunday school, the boy responded, "We learned about the twenty-third Psalm."

This prompted his dad to probe a bit further. "What did you learn about it?"

The boy's answer was priceless. He said, "The Lord is my shepherd. He's all I want."

That is the lesson. ***He's all I want.***



Recipe of the Month

Church Supper Spaghetti

From TasteofHome.com

Ingredients:

- 1lb ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 can (14 ½ oz) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 package (10oz) frozen corn, thawed
- 1 package (10oz) frozen peas, thawed
- 1 can (4oz) mushroom stems and pieces, drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 12 oz spaghetti, cooked and drained
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided

Directions:

- In a large skillet, cook beef, onion and green pepper over medium heat until meat is no longer pink.
- Add tomatoes, water and chili powder.
- Cover and simmer for 30 minutes.
- Add the corn, peas, mushrooms, salt and pepper. Stir in spaghetti.
- Layer half of the mixture in a greased 4-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with 1 cup cheese; repeat layers.
- Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20 minutes or until heated through.



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please email gpc.presbypress@yahoo.com, put it in the Presby Press mailbox in the office, or call/give to Lauren Underwood.

BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
3	Fran Mitchell	3	Shirley Aldenderfer
12	Ethan Talley	6	Dave Baker
	Kate Talley	10	Betsy Wilson
14	Charm Davis	11	Annabel Robison
17	Alta Dunlevy	12	Brad Deck
	Mitchell Marcus	14	Betty Gilliland
19	Tom Davis	18	Larry Morgan
22	Pete Aldenderfer	26	Dana Baker
	Caroline Zeigler		
24	Charlotte Deeter		
27	Janelle Bergfield		