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"Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness."

Isaiah 43:18-19

DIGITAL CHURCH

We continue to remain digital for Sunday services. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 am on Facebook for a service LIVE! Note you do not need a Facebook account to view past videos! You can access all of the previous services here: <https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodpres/live>.

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SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

Thanks to Jan Mernone for serving as clerk at the December meeting. I had a shot in my eye earlier that day and wasn't seeing very well. All is well now. Probably the most important things to share from the meeting are all the upcoming meetings that were scheduled.

Called meeting of the Congregation after church on January 3rd

Installation of New Officers during worship on January 10th

Annual Reports due to the office by January 17th

Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 7th

The Annual Meeting will be a virtual meeting and a packet of reports will be sent to everyone before the meeting with instructions on how to vote.

The Deacons are changing their meeting time. Starting in January they will meet on the first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. I believe this is the first change in their schedule for at least 150 years. If we can do this, folks, we can change anything!

The Girl Scouts will not be meeting in January but will be back in February. The Cub Scout Pack is disbanding. The Boy Scouts continue to meet regularly while maintaining COVID restrictions. Neighborhood Outreach is planning to mail a survey to 400 addresses near the church asking residents what they see as needs in the community that we might meet. Thanks were expressed to Lauren Underwood for her good work with keeping our Sunday service on Facebook and to Eleanor Mitchell for the great bulletin boards she has been doing, even while most of us aren't in the building.

CHRISMON REPORT 2020

Submitted by Betty Gilliland

This is definitely a year to remember. When we began talking about how we would be able to adopt Isom families this year and how we would get the gifts and monetary donations for Kroger and Aldi gift cards it seemed like an impossibility. "BUT" then the generosity of our church family began to shine through. Santa shoppers suddenly appeared when Joyce and Steve Baker and Kathy and Fred Johnson volunteered. They did all the shopping for the 10 children on our list. Then Santa sent wrapping elves, (Betty Kinnear, Birgit Kreck, Carole Stockton, Gloria Redhead, Helen Banton, Joyce Baker, Margaret Denlinger and Richard Gray) to wrap all the gifts and ready them for pick up by the families. On the following two days, Fred and Richard helped load the gifts in the cars of the recipients.

This year the Happy Stitchers donated a pillow pup for each child. In past years we have presented each family with gift cards from Aldi and Kroger grocery stores. I worried 😞 what if we didn't get enough money this year. I am sure God was gently saying "do not fear my child" because we ended up with enough money to cover expenses for all the gifts, wrappings and for gift cards for our three families and 15 additional Isom families will receive \$100.00 Aldi gift cards.

I wish that everyone could have the opportunity to see the appreciation on the faces of these families; and again this year a few tears were shed as they picked up the presents for their children. You are the most loving and sharing congregation ever. Thank you everyone.

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR

Beginning Balance	909.85
2020 Donations	2205.00
<u>Memorial Donations</u>	<u>430.00</u>
Total	\$3,544.85

-Gifts, wrappings, food cards for our 3 Isom families 1976.17
Balance \$1,568.68

-15 additional Aldi cards 1500.00
Balance \$68.68

(Any donations after Dec. 13 will be a carryover to 2021)

FEATHER IN YOUR CAP

I would like to nominate Eleanor Mitchell for a feather in your cap this month. Even though we are not regularly walking the church halls like normal, Eleanor has continued to keep the bulletin boards up to date with current events, happenings of the sewing group, and seasonal decorations. I know this must take a considerable amount of time to decide what to display and then get it up on the bulletin boards. Thank you Eleanor!! - Betty Gilliland



TASSEL ON YOUR CAP CONGRATULATIONS TO LYRIC MEEK



Lyric Meek graduated from Greenwood High School on December 18, 2020. She is now working full time in childcare and starts classes at Ivy Tech in January. Having watched her grow up at Greenwood Presbyterian, it is wonderful to share the news of this significant accomplishment in her life. If you would like to send her a note of congratulations, her address is: 732 Alexander St., Greenwood, IN 46143.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE WEBSITE

Suzette Blythe is posting for us on the GPC website. If you have an event, information, etc. that should be shared on the website please send it to Suzette at suzibly@gmail.com by the 5th of the month. Please be specific with the date of the event so it can be removed when it is over and we can keep our website current. If you can't send it by email then call her at 630-379-2838.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BOY SCOUT NEWS

BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are
Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

NOTE: Limited to 35 Scouts and Parents

(per the State of Indiana and GPC requirements until further notice)

All people entering GPC must wear a MASK & follow the rules set by the State Board of Health.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- ❖ January meetings are: January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th
- ❖ Friday January 15 - Sunday January 17th - Troop Lock-In at Mr. Schmo's Farm. - Leave GPC Friday at 5:30 pm and Return to GPC around Noon Sunday January 17th.
- ❖ January 16 is the Adult Committee Meeting for the month.

CUB SCOUTS - TBA

BROWNIES – See Leaders for information

Want to say a Big Thank to Mr. Stu Keller for his Leadership in our Boy Scout Troop.
Want to welcome our **new Scoutmaster** starting the first of January, Chris Hoffee.

Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Church Office.

Dave Baker
Liaison for BSA Troop #266

JUST FOR TODAY

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle all my problems at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that “Most folks are as happy has they make up their minds to be.”

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my “luck” as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least

two things I don't want to do—just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, keep my voice low, be courteous, criticize not one bit. I won't find fault with anything, nor try to improve or regulate anybody but myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

POETRY

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

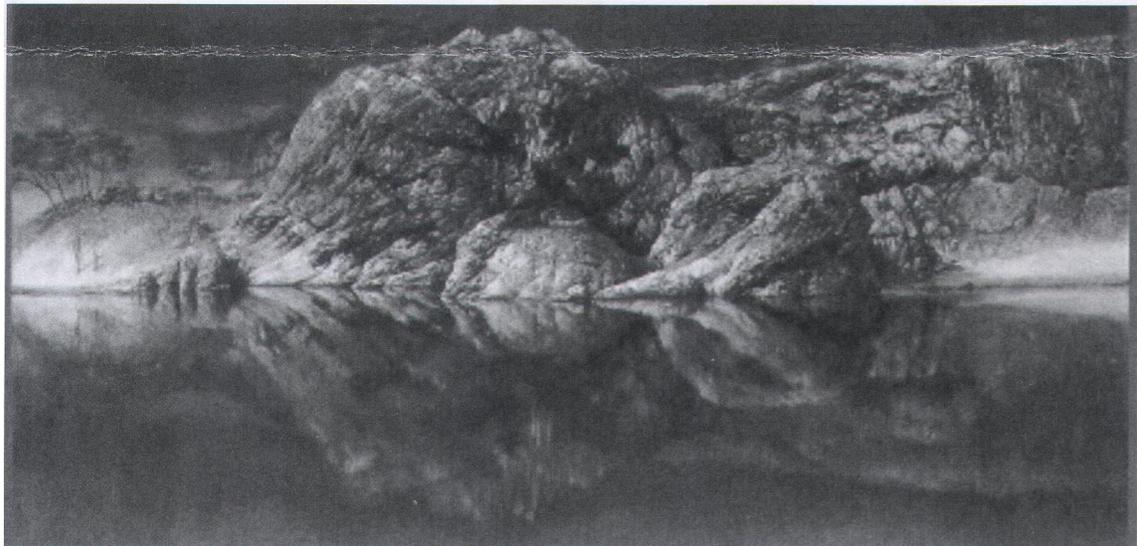
HI--GH HOPES!

I have hi--gh hopes,
I have hi--gh hopes,
said the little ant
to the rubber tree plant!
The year from Hell
is finally past;
Hope for the future
more sunny, at last.
Vaccines are coming,
Co-vid will come down;
Churches and schools will reopen,
family gatherings, businesses, too;
You can see people's faces,
tell if they're smiling or mad;
give friends a big hug,
and feel oh, oh so glad!
God is still with us,
with blessings galore,
now, who could ask for anything more?
So, keep up the Faith,
hang on a while more,
Better days are coming--
of that, I am sure!
Have a happier, healthier,
hi--gh"hopefuller" New Year!
Fran M.

A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Submitted by Fran Mitchell

Tip your head to the left and you will be able to appreciate the picture!



Recipe of the Month



CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE Happy New Year!

Submitted by a (hungry) Lauren Underwood from Allrecipes.com

Ingredients:

- ❖ 3lbs corned beef brisket with spice packet
- ❖ 10 small red potatoes
- ❖ 5 carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch pieces
- ❖ 1 large head cabbage, cut into small wedges



Directions:

- ❖ Place corned beef in large pot or Dutch oven and cover with water.
- ❖ Add the spice packet that came with the corned beef.
- ❖ Cover pot and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer.
- ❖ Simmer approximately 50 minutes per pound or until tender.
- ❖ Add whole potatoes and carrots, and cook until the vegetables are almost tender.
- ❖ Add cabbage and cook for 15 more minutes.
- ❖ Remove meat and let rest 15 minutes.
- ❖ Place vegetables in a bowl and cover.
- ❖ Add as much broth (cooking liquid reserved in the Dutch oven or large pot) as you want.
- ❖ Slice meat across the grain.

JUST FOR FUN

Ready for the Mane Course

Two men are walking through a game park when they come across a lion. The lion starts chasing them. They run as fast as they can, but soon one of the men starts praying: "Please, God, turn this lion into a Christian!" He turns to see if the lion is still chasing them, and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he gets closer, he hears it saying a prayer, "Thank you, Lord, for the food I am about to receive."

Heal Him So He Can Do It Himself

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes." — *Reader's Digest, Rachel Nichols*

Church Signs



BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
2	Debby Meek	1	Larry Fulkerson
8	Clarence Grelle	5	Bob Stockton
12	Emilyann Grelle	7	Stuart Laughlin
15	Joyce Todrank		David Paquette
17	Debbie Deck	14	Andy Barnes
20	Julie Hayes		Geraldoine Sullivan-Clark
22	Morris Conley	27	Jim Duke
27	Lauren Underwood		
31	Tracy Nelson		

THANK YOU GPC

Bulletin Board by Eleanor Mitchell

Thank you cards and letters from several organizations GPC has has donated to. Including, but most definitely not limited to: Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County, Westminster Neighborhood Services, Habitat for Humanity, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and so many more! The board is located directly across from the church office – check it out!

