



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY

April 24, 2022

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and Virtual

10:45 AM

Annual Goepel Memorial
Pancake Breakfast

11:00 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL for Adults

SUNDAY

May 1, 2022

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
Sacrament of Holy Communion
In-Person and Virtual

11:00 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL for Adults

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PRAYER VIGIL: On April 21st the church will hold the first of three prayer vigils in our new community prayer garden. It starts at 7PM and we hope you will join us in this first Prayer for Peace. We'll be sending postcards to nearby neighbors and posting on social media as well, so we're hoping to connect with those in our community. It's important that we have as many members in attendance as possible to welcome those in the community. So please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 21st at 7PM. Remember, from Matthew 18:20, *"Where two or more are gathered in My name, I am there among them"*.



Where Do We Go From Here?

I imagine this was a question that ran through the minds of many, if not all, of the Disciples on the Saturday after Christ's crucifixion. Even after the discovery of the open tomb and the appearance of Jesus in different forms; I am certain there was confusion. Christ was risen but what happens now?

Well, they were to learn and it took some time, but Jesus assured them that he would be with them as they continued his work. He assured them also that he would send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to guide them on their way and to be their strength.

We now see ourselves in such a similar position. We gathered to celebrate the march into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and we were moved as that day evolved into the beginning of the Passion of Christ. We came to the supper before the arrest and trial; and we gathered again the next evening to weep, to mourn and to acknowledge the greatest gift given to mankind. Then came Easter, bright, colorful and alive with Hosannahs and jubilation. We were lifted up and inspired in the largest in person gathering in our regular services in months; and then we went to our homes to be with family and friends. The next day Easter seemed over, but it most certainly is not. When we examine the Liturgical Calendar we notice there are 6 more weeks of Easter, culminating in Pentecost, and we, just like the followers some 2,000 years ago have a lot to do.

As, we mentioned last Sunday, so much is happening in the life of the church. As I write this, I look forward, like many, to Alex Brown's recital this evening and to the prayer vigil tomorrow night in the prayer garden. Come next Sunday we have a speaker from Family Promise and then the Goepel Memorial Pancake breakfast. We witnessed two lovely baptisms a few weeks ago, and more are scheduled in the months ahead. Our YCC will be starting on May 8. On Pentecost they will join the church and we will be honoring 12 50-year members. Bible studies continue to meet and the community dinner is returning to almost normal. There are women's retreats, mission projects and ministries ongoing and all three leadership boards are reorganizing for a new church year. We will continue to do God's will and do so with joyful and loving hearts; because we too have the assurance that the Lord is with us in all things and that we are not alone. Let us honor all the Saints of the Church, by truly being the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Milt Fredericks
Lay Pastor of Congregational Care

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SUNDAY NEWS: In following the guidelines of the CDC, masks are now optional on Sunday mornings and Theo's Café is now open for coffee and tea after worship service.

DEACONS MEETING: Monday, April 25 at 6:30 PM.

SESSION MEETING: Monday, April 25 at 7:00 PM.

COMMUNITY DINNER

May 12, 2022

5:30 PM

HELP AND DESSERTS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and to provide desserts for the Community Dinner. Please sign up or call the church office if you can help.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BLOCK

SCHEDULE: The next block of classes for children and youth will be May 1, 15 and 22.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASS: 11:00 am: "Lessons from the Upper Room" using a 23-minute video teaching by Dr Sinclair Ferguson and group discussion led by Dave Platt. We will explore what it would be like to spend five hours with Jesus the night before He was crucified... from foot washing to Jesus' High Priestly prayer. All based on John 13-17. Join us as a way to have an exciting new perspective on your Lenten journey.

MARDI-BRAS:

What: GWCM Food Pantry will give each woman coming to the food pantry a bra for Mother's Day.

How: Donations of any size new bra/bras deposited in our Mardi BRA box in the Narthex or any monetary donations to purchase bras (See Judy Roberts or if sending a check, specify in the memo line: "BRA GWCM").

When: Collecting the entire month of April.

Thank you very much for continuing to support GWCM.

PHILLIES FUN AND FIREWORKS

GAME: It's back! The annual church outing to Citizens Bank Park to see the Phillies take on the St. Louis Cardinals will be Friday, July 1 at 6:05 PM. Tickets are \$30.00 each. Any questions call Dean Sommers at (856) 534-5722. Sign-up sheet is in the chapel.



THANK YOU to all who donated Memorial Flowers for Easter making our Sanctuary look and smell beautiful and to the Deacons for decorating and delivering them.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- **SUMMER CAMP:** The C. E. Task Force gives scholarships to children of the church going to Christian camps in the summer. Contact the church office for more information.
- **PLAG SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIORS:** Graduating seniors who are going to attend college can apply for the Plag Scholarship. Forms are available in the Chapel and are due back May 1.
- **W. A. SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Women's Association also has scholarship money available for high school seniors.



GUEST SPEAKER: This Sunday, April 24, we welcome Rosemarie Parker, Chief Executive Officer from Family Promise of Southwest NJ as our guest speaker. Family Promise is a nationwide organization whose mission is to help homeless working families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Their vision is a nation in which every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future. The Southwest NJ affiliate was founded in 2003 and welcomed their first family in December of 2005. Family Promise connects the resources of over 500 volunteers throughout our community and partners with a variety of other nonprofit and social service organizations to assist families in reaching their goals of permanent housing.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dick Hill, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Sally Hanna-Schafer. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.