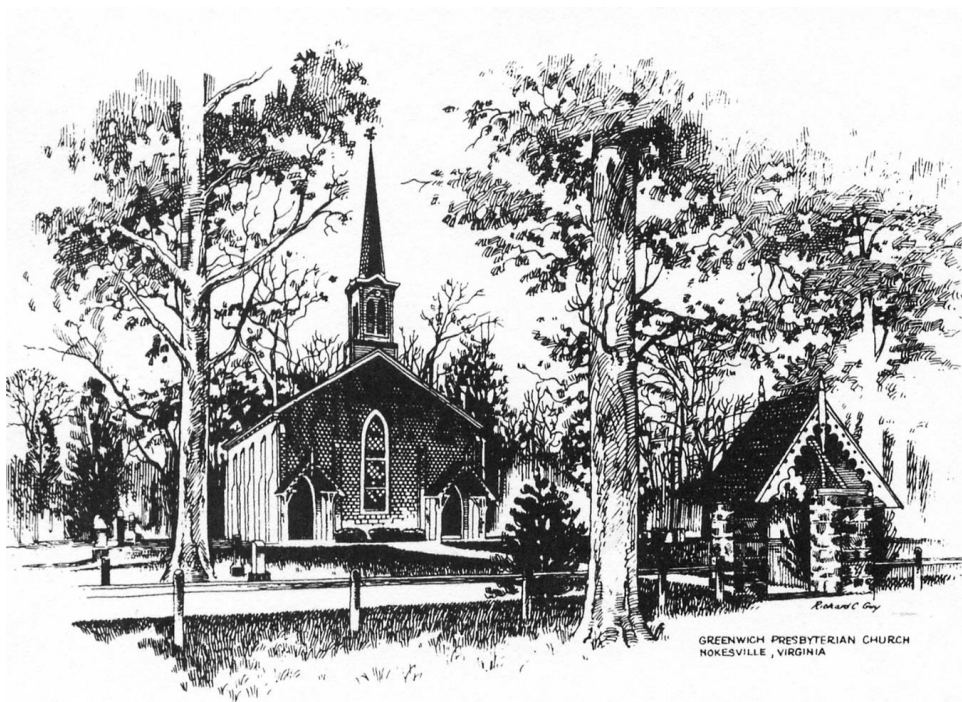

Steeple News

A Newsletter of
Greenwich Presbyterian Church

April 2019



GREENWICH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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HOKESVILLE, VIRGINIA

Worship Schedule

8:45 and 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Nursery provided

**Greenwich
Presbyterian Church**

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**Please be in prayer this month
for our church family & friends...**



Dixie Baker, the family of Joyce Banton, the family of Nancy Berry, Tom Brown, Susan Diederick, David & Teresa Edwards, Kevin & Janeanne, Kim, Bill Lover, Toni Mitchell, Jennifer Mitchell, Judit Platt, Betty Price, Brady Russell, Diane Sinclair.

For Continuing Care

Angie Arnold, Edith Bailey, Bill Barber, Jr., Vanetta Boughan, Sam Bunch, Mary Ann Cockerille, Jim Cole, Bob Colucci, Ayla Cummings, Audrey Ann Edwards, Leon Eggers, Tim & Margaret Everett, Linda Griffin, Susan Hellerman, Barbara Jackson, Tom Knoll, Pam Lynn, Jacquie Meeks, Christine Mills, Toni Mitchell, Marie Phillips, Judit Platt, Elsie Shrewsbury, Phil Swinford, Jennifer Wengert, Pat West, Becky Whitelock.

Praises

The faithful ministry of our ushers and greeters who help to make Sunday mornings a positive experience for the Greenwich family and guests.

Serving our Country

Earl Arnold, Brendan Binniker, James Binniker, Dakota Brown, Haley Champion, Jordan Champion, Ray Franze, Timothy Healy, Russell McMillan, Jason West, Jacob Yates.

To request prayer or join our email prayer team, send a message to our prayer team at prayers@greenwichpres.org.

April Birthdays

Apr 1	Steve Jester	Apr 18	Michael Kroskie
Apr 2	Richard Taylor	Apr 18	Adam Duffus
Apr 3	Jennifer Boyer	Apr 18	Jason West
Apr 3	Karolyn Gardner	Apr 19	Molly Peele
Apr 3	Nancy Wiita	Apr 19	Laura Spota
Apr 3	John McMillan	Apr 20	Tracey Halstead
Apr 4	April Franqueza	Apr 20	Mark Hermes
Apr 4	Steve Henson	Apr 21	Ira Arbus
Apr 5	Laura Crigler	Apr 21	Karson Hawkins
Apr 5	Vivian Clark	Apr 21	Andy Marshall
Apr 5	Lauren Zavattieri	Apr 21	Tom Sandifer
Apr 6	Ruth Hill	Apr 21	Greg Stanley
Apr 6	Barbara Holt	Apr 22	Drew Yates
Apr 7	Susan Boyd	Apr 23	Teresa Keller
Apr 8	Jon Crater	Apr 24	Tom O'Neill
Apr 9	Lauren Boyer	Apr 24	Liam West
Apr 9	Brenda Loger	Apr 25	Richard Bowers
Apr 9	Jay Yankey	Apr 26	John Wood
Apr 9	Bailey Meeks	Apr 27	Claire Zavattieri
Apr 10	Sam Bunch	Apr 28	Aibhinn Perrius
Apr 11	Samantha Walchli		
Apr 13	Tyler Tobolewski		
Apr 14	David Lonie		
Apr 14	Aprill Place		
Apr 15	Haley Beals		
Apr 15	Polly James		
Apr 16	Bob Donaldson		
Apr 16	Kyle Pullin		
Apr 16	Andy Zwirko		
Apr 17	Ana Perrius		



April Calendar of Events at Greenwich

*To view full calendar of events,
be sure to visit the church website: greenwichpres.org*

Mon.	Apr 1	Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study – 7:30 PM
Tues.	Apr 2	Circle 1 – 12:30 PM Session/Deacon’s – 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:30 PM
Wed.	Apr 3	Handbell Rehearsal – 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 PM
Thurs.	Apr 4	Women’s Precepts Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Fri.	Apr 5	Men’s Bible Study – 6:30 AM Women’s Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Sat.	Apr 6	Circle 5 – 9:00 AM Colson Meeks’ Sr. Recital – 11:00 AM Youth Team Lunch – 12:00 PM
Sun.	Apr 7	<i>Communion</i> Morning Worship – 8:45/11:00 AM Sunday school – 9:45 AM Girl Scouts – 4:00 – 5:30 PM Family Potluck & Egg Hunt – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Mon.	Apr 8	Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study – 7:30 PM
Tues.	Apr 9	Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:30 PM Grief Support Group & Study – 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Wed.	Apr 10	Handbell Rehearsal – 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 PM
Thurs.	Apr 11	Women’s Bible Study – 9:30 AM Circle 2 – 6:30 PM
Fri.	Apr 12	Men’s Bible Study – 6:30 AM Women’s Bible Study – 9:30 AM ROMEO Group (Men’s lunch group) – 12:30 PM
Sat.	Apr 13	Second Saturday – 12:45 PM Benefit for Burma Dinner – 5:00 – 9:00 PM
Sun.	Apr 14	Morning Worship – 8:45/11:00 AM Sunday school – 9:45 AM



Mon.	Apr 15	Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study – 7:30 PM
Tues.	Apr 16	Grief Support Group & Study – 10:00 – 11:30 AM Alcoholic Anonymous – 7:30 PM Women’s Bible Study – 7:30 PM
Wed.	Apr 17	Handbell Rehearsal – 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 PM
Thurs.	Apr 18	MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service – 7:00 PM
Fri.	Apr 19	GOOD FRIDAY Men’s Bible Study – 6:30 AM Prayer Service – 7:45 PM
Sun.	Apr 21	EASTER Sunrise Service – 7:00 AM Morning Worship – 8:45/11:00 AM
Mon.	Apr 22	Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study – 7:30 PM
Tues.	Apr 23	Grief Support Group & Study – 10:00 – 11:30 AM Admin Team – 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:30 PM
Wed.	Apr 24	Quilt Group – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal – 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 PM
Thurs.	Apr 25	Quilt Group – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Women’s Bible Study – 9:30 AM NOVA-HTI Phone Bank – 7:00 PM
Fri.	Apr 26	Men’s Bible Study – 6:30 AM Women’s Bible Study – 9:30 AM St. Michael’s Luncheon – 12:00 PM
Sun.	Apr 28	Morning Worship – 8:45/11:00 AM Sunday school – 9:45 AM Girl Scouts – 4:00 – 5:30 PM Youth Group – 6:30 PM
Mon.	Apr 29	Alcoholics Anonymous – 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study – 7:30 PM
Tues.	Apr 30	Grief Support Group & Study – 10:00 – 11:30 AM Alcoholic Anonymous – 7:30 PM Women’s Bible Study – 7:30 PM



Sunday Flowers

Sanctuary flowers are given each week to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for blessings, or as a memorial for loved ones, or in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries or other joyous occasions. The cost per Sunday is \$40. The following dates are available:



April 21 April 28 June 16
June 30 July 7

You can sign up for these dates, or any other 2019 dates on our website, www.greenwichpres.org/resources/sanctuary-flowers, or by contacting the church office at office@greenwichpres.org or 703.754.7933.

Note of thanks

I would like to express a special thank you for all the prayers and cards and the many meals prepared for Judy and myself. I am so blessed to have such caring friends at Greenwich, an extra special church family.

I am sure it is the prayers that has made my recovery so successful. Plan to be back in church very soon.

Most sincerely,

Bob Colucci



Scripture Memory Challenge

When Jesus taught his first followers what kind of people will produce fruit in his kingdom, he said it is *"those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."* (Luke 8:15). We want to be that kind of community! Each month, our church family strives to memorize a key verse from the Bible and learn what it means.

April Scripture Memory Challenge

Philippians 2:9-11

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."



Love. Grow. Serve.

Church Family News and Opportunities



We celebrate the baptism of:

*Kiernyn Harper Rennick Mello,
daughter of Sam and Cari Mello,
baptized on Sunday, March 24, 2019.*

Interested in Membership at Greenwich?

Have you thought about making Greenwich your church home? Interested in learning more about what membership at Greenwich involves? We are looking to schedule our next adult membership class and would love to be in conversation with you about how you can take the next step toward membership. We do not have a date set, but would appreciate your letting us know your interest by emailing Lucille Marciano, Director of Congregational Care, at lmarciano@greenwichpres.org.

2019 Greenwich Softball

The 2019 Manassas Church Softball League season is rapidly approaching, so dust off your cleats and gloves! The Greenwich team is co-ed, ages 15 and up, and all skill levels are welcome! If you are interested in playing, please email Jesse Spittle at jesse.spittle@lmco.com for more details.

Grief Support Group & Study Begins April 9 (10:00-11:30am)

Join us on Tuesdays for this ten-week series on coping and processing the loss of a loved one. This group is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, friend, etc. We will meet in the adult Sunday School classrooms. An optional workbook is available for \$15. Questions? Contact Susan Amato at rvasda@comcast.net or the office at office@greenwichpres.org or 703.754.7933.

Women's Spring Brunch (Potluck) Saturday, April 27 (9:30-11:30am) Location: Church Fellowship Hall



We hope you plan on joining us for our Spring Brunch! Bring a brunch item to share and join us for a fun spring gathering, including small group discussions, fellowship, and prayer. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Sarah Desmedt at desmedt.sa@gmail.com or 703-851-2576.

CareNet's Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Thank you everyone who participated in CNPRC's Baby Bottle Campaign. So far 125 baby bottles have been returned for a total of \$3,970.04. There are 25 baby bottles that still needs to be returned as CNPRC reuses the bottles for other churches campaigns. You can return them empty or filled with coins, cash or checks to the church office or the basket at the church entrance.

**Family Potluck and
Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 7
(5:30 – 7:30pm)**



We invite you to bring a main dish and side dish or dessert to share. Following dinner, we'll have fun Easter Egg Hunts for kids of all ages...we even have a more challenging hunt for older kids up through high school. Join us for this fun annual tradition!

Save the Dates!

June 22 Vint Hill Special Reunion Tour to benefit Farthest Corners

June 23-27 Vacation Bible School

July 7-13 Inner-City Philadelphia Mission Project for High School Youth.

July 22-27 Great Escape Conference for Middle School Youth.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday

(April 14)

Worship Services at 8:45 & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday

(April 18)

Worship Service at 7:00pm (Chapel)

Good Friday

(April 19)

Prayer Service at 7:45pm (Chapel)

Easter

(April 21)

Sunrise Service at 7:00am (Outdoor Chapel)

Worship Services at 8:45 & 11:00am



Holy Week

Mission Partner Highlight

Farthest Corners 13th Annual Benefit for Burma @ the Inn at Vint Hill Saturday, April 13

Silent Auction opens at 5:00pm, Dinner served at 6:30pm
Tickets (\$50 per person) are on sale in the lobby following
both services!

Tickets can also be purchased online at
www.farthestcorners.org
or from the church office.

Child care will be provided at no cost in the
Greenwich Nursery
(reservations needed & limited space)

Farthest Corners is our mission organization (formed by Austin House, who grew up at Greenwich), expressing God's love in remote regions of Asia where persecution and suffering exist, by providing humanitarian aid, education & development programs, and real hope through sharing the gospel. Over the years, the mission has expanded to include multiple relief programs, evangelism and church development efforts, training & discipling young church leaders, and the work of Happy Home, a residential school for displaced children in Burma.

Join us for our annual benefit to learn more about Farthest Corners and our current project, an education center and mission outreach in Kalaymyo, Burma.

For more info, visit www.farthestcorners.org.

2nd Saturday Group

April 13 (12:45pm)

Join us at Regal Cinema as we see the play “Noah” presented by Sight and Sound. Anyone is welcome to join, so be sure to invite friends!

Please purchase your tickets online at **www.sight-sound.org** (zip code 20155) on the right side of the theater (so we can sit together).

Prior to the movie, we’ll have lunch at Grafton Street at 11:30am. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 9, to Lyda Barnhart at lyda4774@verizon.net or Jeanne Edwards at majiedw1@comcast.net so we know how many to expect for lunch. We look forward to a great afternoon!

Pictures for REALM Communication Tool

As you are probably aware, we have a new secure online tool, REALM, that offers helpful ways for our church to connect and communicate, including an online directory, interactive calendar and groups, online giving, and a mobile phone app. If you and your family didn’t get a chance to get your picture taken last month, that’s okay. We welcome you to send in individual and family photos that we will upload to the online directory for you. We are trying to get the online directory populated with your pictures. You can send pictures to: joyyates@greenwichpres.org or feel free to drop a photo by the church office and we can scan the photo if that is easier. Questions about REALM? Contact our Finance & Communications Admin, Joy Yates at the email above or contact the church office at 703-754-7933.

In the Greenwich Gallery

CROSS/PURPOSE

An exhibition

From the Edward and Diane Knippers Collection

The cross is a great symbol of Resurrection and central to what we believe about the world. Since the Christian faith has been the single significant producer of religious images of the three monotheistic religions it is only natural to suspect that cross images might be recurrent in the art made by Christian societies. CROSS/PURPOSE is a sampling of some of the many forms the cross has taken over the centuries and the purposes for which it has been used.

The exhibit begins with a sixth-century coin from Constantinople, jumps to a small fifteenth-century woodcut by an anonymous artist, winds through several works from the Catholic Reformation, runs head-long into the wars and Outside Art of the twentieth century, and ends with some remarkable contemporary pieces by living artists. Along the way you'll encounter figurative, abstract, expressionist, realist, and conceptual art by such masters as Jacques Callot, Marc Chagall, Georges Rouault, Bernard Buffet, Alfred Manessier, Jacques Villon, and Otto Dix.

The collection will remain in our Gallery through Lent.

Easter Memorials

This Easter, you can honor or remember someone special by making a donation to our Mission Fund. If you wish to participate, please fill out the form below and return it with a payment to the offering plate or the church office by Wednesday, April 17.

Given by: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Amount: \$20.00

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

*Memorials will be included in the
bulletins on Easter Sunday.*



Being Mortal

On Saturday morning, March 30, 71 people squeezed into Fellowship Hall to watch and participate in our special seminar “Being Mortal”. We watched a documentary followed by a panel discussion from the medical and caring community. Questions filled the room as people were stirred by what they just watched and heard.

The hour long video, produced by Frontline and PBS, is based on the book written by American surgeon Atul Gawande, and entitled “**Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End.**” The book addresses the current state of care about age-related frailty, serious illness, hospice care, and impending death. Dr. Gawande's reflections are interspersed with personal stories.

It is a gripping movie as we follow Dr. Gawande and other physicians as they care for those with incurable diseases. The video presents questions to consider – How do we deal with the reality of mortality? How far do we go with fighting the incurable consequences of advance disease?

The documentary sheds new light on how our system, which is focused on delivering a cure, neglects the important conversations that need to happen so that a person's true priorities can be known and honored at the end.

Throughout the video, we are encouraged to think through our priorities, our goals, those things what are important to us.

We hope to again show this documentary in the future. Currently, we are in the process of having follow-up gatherings to explore related topics such as estate planning, medical directives, caring for aging parents, etc. As these meetings are scheduled, we will announce them in the bulletin.

In the meantime, if you would like to get together to talk about this subject, just email or call.

Lucille Marciano

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704-453-9221

April Mission Support is for
Fauquier Family Shelter
A local shelter



Emergency Help for FFS

The Fauquier Family Shelter, one of our mission partners, had a kitchen fire last week! While no one was injured and the building will be fine, they are in short-term need of food & supplies to replace what was lost and help as they go without appliances. Our Mission Committee has provided dinner for residents tonight and we are asking for your help to collect: bottled water, packaged drinks, paper towels, disposable paper goods, and non-perishable food items such as box noodles, mac & cheese, cereal, & canned goods. Donations can be made in the lobby or bin outside the church office.