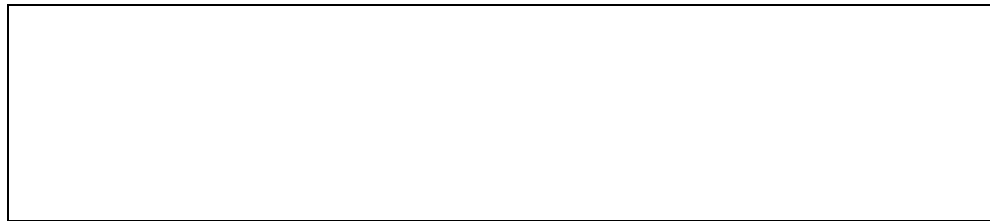


GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
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JUNE 2017

We extend our warmest welcome
and invite you to join us each week
in praise and worship.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.



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From the Pastor:

“Without solitude it is virtually impossible to live a spiritual life. Solitude begins with a time and place for God, and for him alone. If we really believe not only that God exists but also that he is actively present in our lives – healing, teaching, and guiding – we need to set aside a time and space to give him our undivided attention.” Henri Nowen

I am writing this just a few days before beginning the first week of my two-week vacation, which will be followed by a three month clergy renewal leave. I have been trying to make sure that all of the administrative details are taken care of, that my desk is clear enough for the sabbatical interim, Don Rasmussen, to use, and to take from my office the books I would like to read during my time away from pastoral duties.

One of the books that I will be reading for the third time is the Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth, by Richard J. Foster. It was first published in 1978, revised and expanded in 1988, and a 20th anniversary edition published in 1998. This “modern” guidebook on Christian spirituality has sold well over a million copies to date. Foster is a Christian Theologian and Author in the Quaker tradition.

Foster discusses twelve classic spiritual disciplines as “a door to liberation.” In the opening chapter, he says: “The purpose of the Disciplines is liberation from the stifling slavery to self-interest and fear. When the inner spirit is liberated from all that weighs it down, it can hardly be described as dull drudgery. Singing, dancing, even shouting characterize the Discipline of the spiritual life.”

Foster places the Disciplines in three categories, or as he describes them, three movements of the Spirit:

The Inward Disciplines: Meditation; Prayer; Fasting; Study

The Outward Discipline: Simplicity; Solitude; Submission; Service

The Corporate Discipline: Confession; Worship; Guidance; Celebration.

As I read this classic once again, I plan on using a journal to make notes and record my thoughts and new insights from the book. I will also be using the study guide, which offers scriptural references, reflection questions, and suggested activities to practice the Disciplines.

I encourage you to consider reading Celebration of Discipline. It can be purchased on-line or at bookstores. It may not be the traditional “read at the beach” book, but it may be a blessed addition to your devotional readings. Perhaps I will lead a study based on the Disciplines, using Foster’s book. I am also hoping that it will be an inspiration for a sermon series in the fall. Why not consider delving into the “ancient” disciplines of the faith in the context of our modern world?

Enjoy your summer. I’ll see you in September!

Peace,

Pastor Wendy

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Maintenance and repair issues continue to dominate our agenda. Following approval by the church membership at a special meeting held on May 6th, the Trustees have authorized the re-glazing as necessary, priming, and painting the exterior of twenty-four (24) windows and three (3) doors in the Sanctuary, Lower Vestry, and Church Office. The work is currently scheduled to begin during the week of June 5th, and it is expected to take two to three weeks to complete.

A report regarding the conversion of our facilities to more efficient lighting has been received from National Grid/RISE. As a result of a detailed inventory of our lighting fixtures and usage, our church building has been divided into two areas identified as “high” and “low” usage (hours per day). The high usage area includes, generally, Fellowship Hall lower level, stairwell to upper level (north), upper hallway (north), hallway at office, office, lower vestry (all), and exterior lights (all). The remainder of our church building was identified as low usage. The board has voted to proceed with the conversion in the high usage area. The proposed contract prepared by National Grid/RISE is being negotiated.

The existing sign board at the intersection of Putnam Pike with Church Street has been the topic of discussion at both the Board of Trustees and Executive Board meetings for a number of months. One issue raised is the lack of information provided on the sign. The Diaconate has formally requested that the Trustees consider a new or revised sign board at this location. It has been suggested that the sign could provide more information and that it might be illuminated. Several concerns including zoning issues, traffic safety, readability by moving traffic, and providing electric service to this location were raised. Board members will review the existing conditions for further discussion at our next meeting.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIACONATE

SABBATICAL AND VACATION – The pastor is on vacation May 22-June 4. The sabbatical begins June 5 through September 4. Rev. Dr. Don Rasmussen will begin as interim on June 5. **If a pastoral emergency arises during vacation or sabbatical** please take the following steps. Call the church office at 949-1134, **PLEASE NOTE** that the church office answering machine is monitored Monday – Friday, 9 am-2:30 pm. Any message left after 2:30 on Friday will not be received until Monday. **If there is no one in the office or it is after hours, please call Chair of Deacons, Sue Guilmain.**

Sue’s cell: 401-935-1492. During the sabbatical period, members of the congregation are not to contact the Pastor. If a message must be gotten to her, there are three people to approach who will then discern if the message is to be delivered: Paula DiLuglio (Chair of Pastoral Relations), Sue Guilmain (Chair of Deacons), and Don Rasmussen (Summer Interim Minister).

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN CARING – If you know someone who is ill and in need of a visit or longer term visitations, please call the church office or let one of us know and we will coordinate visits from the rest of this group of caring individuals. Call Ginger O’Shan, Sue Guilmain or Ann Gardner

FROM THE MISSION BOARD

The next **Mission Board** meeting will be on **Monday, June 12th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church office.

St. George's Soup Kitchen will be this Sunday, June 4th. We will be serving lunch. If you like to bake a dessert and/or serve at the Soup Kitchen please sign up at the Lower Vestry table. If you have any questions, please see Carla O'Neill.

COMMUNITY COOKOUTS BEGIN JUNE 28TH

What says summer more than a cookout? Weekly summer cookouts at GBC! Starting Wednesday, June 28th, and every Wednesday through August 23rd from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM, we will have fun raising funds for the building of Cofradia Church in Honduras. We've put the roof on. Now they need a floor and doors. Ticket prices will be \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and kids 5-12. Children 4 and under are free!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday, June 11th is Children's Sunday. BIBLE R.E.A.D. has been working hard to prepare for the morning service. Please make every effort to see that your children can come to be a part.

The All Church Picnic will be Sunday, June 11th immediately following morning worship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please sign-up in the Lower Vestry to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

Thinking about going to summer camp? There are brochures, forms and a display in the Lower Vestry for those who might be interested in **Camp Canonicus** this summer. Camperships are available.

Due to the low turnout we have had for the past 3 or 4 years at Vacation Bible School, we will not be doing the traditional VBS. We are looking into doing a fun-filled, educational overnight at the church for all ages. More details and information will follow.

Opportunities for Outreach

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS – Lunch with Friends will be held Tuesday, June 27th.

Join us, 11:30 – 1:30 for food and fellowship. Bring a friend!

Nursing Home Ministries:

- Every Sunday at 12:45 pm at the **Lodge at the Village at Waterman Lake.**
- First and third Tuesdays at 10:30 am at the **Courtyard at the Village at Waterman Lake.**
- First Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm and every other Thursday at 2:30 pm at **Cortland Place.**
- Every other Friday at 10:30 am at **Brookdale Smithfield.**

Would you be interested in helping with one of the nursing home ministries?
 Speak with Janet Whalen about the Tuesday Courtyard Services
 Wayne Brown about the Sunday Lodge Services
 Ginger O'Shan about the Cortland Place and Brookdale Services
 Your presence can make a difference to the residents!

Opportunities for Growth

Daily devotional booklets are available:
The Secret Place – June/July /August .

The Upper Room – May/June edition available.

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at 1:00 pm in the Church House through June 28.

Greenville Baptist Church --50 years ago

June of 1977 was busy with a Children's Day program under the leadership of Barbara Arnold. It was successful and well received by the congregation. Also a Church Family picnic was held at Baptist Camps. Sunday School Superintendent, Barbara Brush was disappointed as only 30 people attended.



The Senior High BYF had also been busy throughout the year and raised enough money to send three delegates, Susan Leonard, Tom Waldron and Stewart Robinson to Greenlake, Wisconsin to attend the Youth Conference there.

A few other interesting items-----There was an "Ushering Committee" consisting of 20 members--all MEN!

The Board of Deacons included 9 men: The Board of Deaconesses had 6 women.

Annual salaries were quite a bit lower--The Pastor's salary and travel expenses were \$8000.00, the Asst. Pastor's total was \$2023.00 and the Church Secretary received \$2825.00.

To be continued next month,
 Jeanie Buckley, Historian



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“I was hungry and you gave me food”
Matthew 25:35

This offering began sixty-eight years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Today, One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by nine Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service, One Great Hour of Sharing makes sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development.

The World Relief Committee of the American Baptist board of General Ministries reviews each development request for funding from the One Great Hour of sharing offering received from American Baptists. Gifts reach the ministries and people in need through a network of regional and international partnerships with the following:

- American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
- American Baptist Home Mission Societies
- Baptist World Aid – the compassionate arm of the Baptist World Alliance, supporting three areas of ministry: relief, development, and support of national partners.
- Church World Service – Founded in 1946, Church World Service is a relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry supported by 36 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations in the United States. Working in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries, CWS works to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world.

We will be receiving OGHS offering throughout the month of June

Are you missing glass baking dishes, plates, platters, plastic containers? Have you baked for a church function? Please check out the assortment of dishes, plates and containers in the kitchen. Some have been left for many months and may be donated if they cannot find their way back home.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Applications for Greenville Baptist Church Memorial Scholarships for college students are available in the church office. The committee requires that you write an essay and submit it with the application. The application and essay must be submitted to the church office by noon on Friday, June 23rd at the latest. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.



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4 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 am Coffee Hour Noon Soup Kitchen 12:45 pm Village 2:30 pm Cortland Place	5 7:00 pm Executive Bd. 7:00 pm Quilting	6 10:30 am Village 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7 7:00am MPB 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	8 2:30 pm Cortland Place 7:00 pm Free at Last	9 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop 10:30 am Brookdale	10 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop
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