

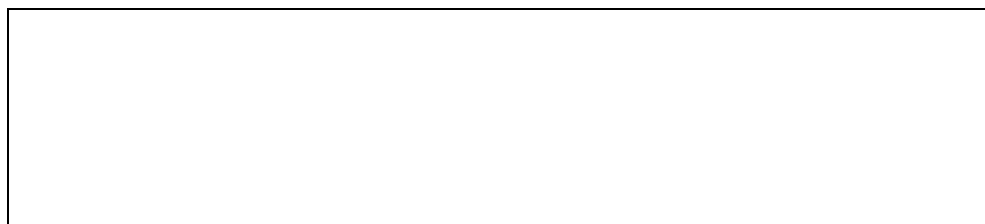


GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
582 PUTNAM PIKE
GREENVILLE, RI 02828

JULY/AUGUST 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:

I was pleased to receive the email from your pastor last winter asking if I would fill in with you during her summer sabbatical. I agreed to Sunday mornings plus a half day during the week. I will be at the church by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, (except for August 2), so if you'd like to talk with me, I'll be available then. When possible I will leave the office for late afternoon pastoral visits. In an emergency, when my presence would be helpful, call the church office or Sue Guilmain for my contact info. My phone numbers are available in the church office and my cell (401-359-2584) is listed in the weekly bulletin. I plan to attend the Wednesday cook-out picnics when I am able.

My wife, Ginny, will be in worship here when she isn't in another church functioning as president of the American Baptist Women of RI. Many here know her better than you know me but I hope that by the pastor's return, that score will be leveled up a bit.

I have a keen interest in the mission of the church and I'm so pleased with your work each year in Honduras. Toward the end of my interim during worship, I will focus on mission and tell a couple of remarkable stories – one that began right here in Rhode Island.

It's a wise church that offers a pastoral sabbatical – Phillips Memorial provided one for me in 1990. The president of the Baptist Seminary in Stockholm Sweden and I exchanged homes for four months, May – August. During that time away, Ginny and I worked on hospitality and visioning our future and how we could best serve the future of the church. It resulted in building an addition to provide access for all via a campaign titled "Reaching for Tomorrow". The campaign was easily subscribed and created great enthusiasm and a wonderful sense of future promise. So, when your pastor returns, be prepared for new, creative visions for the future.

After three weeks I have found a cordial welcome here and have been quite impressed with the church leadership and program. This church is a stand-out in the life of ABCORI and it is an honor to be asked to serve God alongside you this summer.

Rev. Don

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The re-glazing, priming, and painting of the exterior of twenty-four (24) windows and three (3) doors in the Sanctuary, Lower Vestry, and Church Office is scheduled to be completed before the end of June.

The National Grid/RISE project to refurbish or replace lighting fixtures with LED components in the Fellowship Hall lower level, stairwell to upper level (north), upper hallway (north), hallway at office, office, lower vestry (all), and exterior lights (all) is underway. The materials were delivered on June 20th, and the actual installation will continue in July.

Discussion regarding the existing sign board at the intersection of Putnam Pike with Church Street continues. Pictures of existing church signs will be taken. Smithfield zoning regulations will be reviewed, and a possible sign location will be marked on the ground for further review.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIACONATE

Our Organist, Anne Goodreau, will be moving to Vermont and has let us know that July 23rd will be her last day at Greenville Baptist. Music Committee co-chairs, Elizabeth Gates and Moira Cameron, with input from Wes Woolmington, choir director, will be coordinating substitutes to provide music for the next few months while they search for the right person for our church.

Please join us to celebrate Anne's 5 years of music ministry with a cake and special time at coffee hour on the 23rd of July.

The Deacons, Christian Caregivers Group and Rev. Don Rasmussen are all available for anyone who is ill, lonely or just needs to talk or visit. Call the church office (949-1134) if you or someone you know would like a visit, a call or a cup of soup!

FROM THE MISSION BOARD



COMMUNITY COOKOUTS

Have you been to a GBC Wednesday Night Cookout yet? Cookouts continue every Wednesday through August 23, 2017 from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. We are having fun raising funds for the building of Cofradia Church in Honduras all summer long.

We've put the roof on. Now they need floors and doors. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and kids 5-12. Children 4 and under are free! Choose a hamburger, cheeseburger, veggie burger, or hot dog then fill your plate with delicious side dishes and desserts. See you Wednesday!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



This year we will not be having our traditional VBS week. Attendance has dropped and the program requires many planning hours, set up hours and is not cheap. In its place, we will be doing an overnight retreat. **Save the date now: Friday, August 4th-Saturday, August 5th.** We are still working out the details, but we hope that all of the youth of our church will plan to attend. It is open to all of our youth from the youngest to those in High School. We are hoping to get our whole group together and have fun, play games, eat yummy food, learn more about God, and get to know each other a little more. We will have some surprises also. A packet will be sent to each family with children with all of the details. If you are young at heart and would like to come and share a talent, game, story, songs, or a craft, we would love to add you to our program. Please see Kelly Woolmington if you are interested. We are hoping this will be a nice change and a different program for the children.

The Board of Christian Education is working on the **Bible R.E.A.D.** program for the fall. Due to the ages of our children, we will be splitting the group to better reach them with lessons at their grade level. To do this, we are in need of more teachers. The thought is that we need a group of 20 adults that are willing to help teach Bible R.E.A.D. We will be having 2 classrooms and Ms. Nancy will have the little ones in Room 202. We need two teachers in each of the other classrooms. If we have a pool of 20 teachers, you would only have to teach on Sunday every 6-7 weeks. There would be two teachers in each class, the lesson plans will be given to you weeks in advance. Most Sundays will allow 40-45 minutes of lesson time. If you have someone you would like to teach with, that is great. Please prayerfully consider helping out. If you want to help, but not sure if you can commit to every 6-7 weeks, we would love to have you as often as you are able. If you are interested, please speak to Kelly Woolmington, Elizabeth Gates, Shelly Lanni or Priscilla Stanziale.
Thank you, Kelly Woolmington



Rally Day and the start of Bible R.E.A.D. will be Sunday, **September 10th**. Please plan to attend.

The Greenville Baptist Church Choir is scheduled to start rehearsals on Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. The first time that we will sing in church is September 10th at 10:00 a.m. (rehearsal starts at 9:00 a.m.). Several people have approached me about wanting to join the choir. This is a great time to make a decision. If you have any questions please see Wes or one of the current choir members. We hope you can join us in the fall.



Opportunities for Outreach

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS – Lunch with Friends will be held Tuesday, July 25th. There will be no lunch during the month of August. 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**. There will be no service during the summer. Service will resume on the third Tuesday of September.
- 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 – July/August edition available.



A RARE RED SOX FENWAY OPPORTUNITY!! On July 31st, the Red Sox are offering a package of events celebrating Rhode Island superstar professional player Napoleon Lajoie.

- A. First a lunch and presentation by Greg Rubano on Lajoie in the State Pavilion Club at Fenway Park (World Series trophies will be on display). Starts at Noon and goes to 2:00 p.m.
- B. A special tour of the field with photo in front of the Green Monster. Time 2:15-3:00 p.m.
- C. A box seat to the game against the Cleveland Indians. 7:05 p.m. Game Time.

Cost: A & B -- \$40.00

A, B, C -- \$100.00

Please contact Greg at 231-6559 or email grujake@verizon.net for more details. He has a limited number of tickets before they go on public sale, July 1st.



Looking through the Annual Report for 1967, I found a few interesting facts from the Board of Memorials. There were donations from various people towards the refurbishing of the church house as well as donations for windows (I am assuming the sanctuary windows) in memory of or in honor of William, Henry and Stephen Brown, Nahum Leach, Mary Hurdis, Franklin Lockwood, Charles J. Needham, Wayland Fiske, Lester Leonard and John McGrillies (John created and installed all of the stained glass windows).

Fran and Walter Green donated the hymnal boards and numerals, which are still in use today, in the sanctuary. The flower stands, in the pulpit area were given by Jim and Ethel Cummings. (Sue Caffeso's parents).

This last donation, I found quite unexpectedly, "A gift towards the ELEVATOR FUND was given in memory of Earl Knight". (Finally used 48 years later)

These names might be forgotten but I'm sure that some of our "senior" members may remember a few. Next 1967 Memories will be in the September Newsletter. Enjoy the summer!

Jeanie Buckley



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