



Prayer List



Our Nation
 Those Affected
 by COVID
 Our Church Families
 GLC
 Chris Carlson
 Katie Corson and Family,
 Frances Lowery
 Dawn Myers
 Patty Prout, Lacye Ryan
 Roy Roberts
 DaJuan Rushing
 Arline, David and
 Carroll Shafer,
 Jackie Schultz
 Carolyn Smith
 Amie Thomas
 Linda Townshend

Using Your Gifts

By Steve Stalnaker

The late president John F. Kennedy famously said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

Since that inaugural speech, JFK’s quote has been applied over and over again to countless situations. Our faith is no different. We should always be asking ourselves what we can do for the Body of Christ (the Christian church) generally and the United Methodist Church and Greenwood UMC in particular.



One of the great strengths of Greenwood has always been the many church family members who are constantly doing things for the church, behind the

scenes and without fanfare. We have a number of church members who apply the gifts of the Spirit with which God has blessed them to the overall enhancement of the church. All their work is done to the Glory of God, through the gifts of God’s Holy Spirit.

New Testament Scriptures are replete with admonitions to apply the Fruits of the Spirit. One such instance is what the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth:

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the

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From the Pastor

Too Much Noise

During the season of Lent, believers are invited to dig deep into their faith practices and determine whether they're on the right path to becoming disciples of Christ. We are encouraged to look at our whole lives and then to lay them alongside the life of Christ and see how we measure up. That is where the scary part comes in. Being honest with ourselves is a difficult exercise; that's part of why we need forty days to do it.

One of the things I have always admired about the life of Christ is His discipline. He modeled for us habits needed for a healthy life. He got away from crowds to rest, to eat, and to spend quality time with His disciples. But most importantly He understood the need for regular and significant time spent away from the noise to hear from God, His Father. At the top of His list was making time for God. Not a few minutes, but hours, even days. Christ retreated often.



The gospel of Mark records the time Jesus went to a deserted place in the morning, while it was still very dark, to get quiet time with God before He went into the towns throughout Galilee to proclaim the message (Mark 1:35). And the Gospel of Matthew records the forty days fast Jesus took in the wilderness before the devil came to Him to tempt Him (Matthew 4). Christ was very hungry at the time the devil came to Him. The devil knew this, so he tempted Christ by daring Him to command the stones to become loaves of bread. But Christ responded saying, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread

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*Greenwood's March
Communion Offering:
The LAMB's Basket*



Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Planning continues for this year's Greenwood Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, set for Saturday, April 16 on the church lawn.

In addition to that traditional Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages, we'll have a beanbag toss and an egg-in-a-spoon race with prizes galore. We're also looking into other activities. Because of Covid protocols, we're planning on an all-outdoor event. Anyone with any outdoor type games or activities — no "lawn darts" please — should let members of the Willing Workers circle know.

The circle will be asking folks to bake cakes and cupcakes for the event.

Everyone is invited to fill some plastic Easter Eggs for the hunt. Pick up packages of plastic eggs from the box in the narthex, or buy some at local retailers. Fill the eggs with candy — no hard candy, please — and return them to the church by Sunday, April 10.

Then, tell your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbor kids, the paper boy and anyone else to come enjoy some fun and fellowship at the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt — sponsored by the Willing Workers Circle.



Finance Committee Update

By Finance Chair Adamarye Patteson

On the recommendation of the finance committee, the Greenwood church administrative council voted to split the \$1,500 raised at our stew sale equally between Shalom Farms and the scholarship fund at Aggies Attic. This fund goes to students in Henrico County who are going on to a technical school after high school.



United Methodist Family Services

Inspiring New Art Helps Healing at UMFS

Contributed by Susan Johnston on Behalf of the United Methodist Women

Art has been part of the healing process for many children at United Methodist Family Services. UMFS was therefore thrilled to be able to incorporate art into their recently opened new Child & Family Healing Center building.

This beautiful new facility serves youth ages 11 through 18 who are struggling with acute mental health challenges. The youth living in the new building are now able to enjoy artwork from local artists Merrill Moore and Alfonso Perez Acosta.



Merrill and Alfonso created original works of art aimed at inspiring a sense of calm, joy, and hope for the young people.

Merrill's paintings are entitled "Breathwork." These beautiful painting illustrate the transformative effect of conscious breathing.

Alfonso's paintings represent the interactive path to healing through three intricate and unique mandalas.



Food Donation Connection

March Pick Up Rotation

Wednesday, March 2: Charley Banks; Thursday, March. 3: Gay and Bob Stapleton; Friday, March 4: Josette Franklin.

Wednesday, March 9: Jean Mowatt and William Gibbs; Thursday, March 10: Susan Johnston; Friday, March 11: Josette Franklin.

Wednesday, March 16: Charley Banks; Thursday, March 17: Gay and Bob Stapleton; Friday, March 18: Josette Franklin.

Wednesday, March 23: Jean Mowatt and William Gibbs; Thursday, March 24: Susan Johnston; Friday, March 25: Josette Franklin.

Wednesday, March 30: Charley Banks; Thursday, March 31: Gay and Bob Stapleton; Friday, April 1: Josette Franklin.



MARCH SCRIPTURES

Colossians Series 2022: "The Answer Is Jesus Christ"

March 6	Colossians 2:16-23	"Substance Over Form"
March 13	Colossians 3:1-11	"New Life"
March 20	Colossians 3:12-17	"Clothing for the Chosen"
March 27	Colossians 3:18-4:1	"Rules of Engagement"
April 3	Colossians 4:2-6, 16-17	"Watch Your Language"

What Can You Do For the Church?

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same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 7 NRSV.)

Every Sunday we are blessed by the appearance of the Sanctuary altar which is always so beautifully organized by the Greenwood altar guild. Every Sunday we're blessed with the music presented by Pastor Josette, Jackie, our choir and the congregation as we all make a joyful noise to the Lord – whether we can actually sing or not.

A dwindling number of people step up each week to collect food for the hungry through our participation in the Food Donation Connection.

Volunteers run the church office and help out with the Greenwood Learning Center (our after-school ministry.) Repairs are made to the church buildings and the church grounds are kept looking neat. All this done by folks who are using their talents – gifts of the Spirit – for Greenwood.

So, reflect on the Scriptures and catalog the talent(s) God has given you through His Holy Spirit and ask yourself how you can best apply those gifts to God's glory and the benefit of the Body of Christ.

See you in Church.

Say Your Prayers

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:17-19

“Whether you like it or not, read and pray daily. It is for your life; there is no other way; else you will be a trifler all your days ... Do justice to your soul; give it time and means to grow. Do not starve yourself any longer.” — John Wesley



Greenwood Stewardship



Despite COVID quarantines and restricted gatherings, Greenwood's expenses still must be paid. We need \$2,489 per week to meet expenses. In February, our weekly giving average was 1,589 or 64% of what's required each week.

Greenwood's Women's Circles

The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, March 1 in the home of Adama-rye Pattenon at 1 p.m.

The Willing Workers are meeting on Friday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Just Friends Sunday School classroom at Greenwood. We'll be continuing our planning for the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt ([see page 2](#)) and other mission projects.



Communion Elements

Pre-packaged, already-consecrated Communion elements are available for those not planning to attend in-person Communion services. Pick up elements Wednesday through Friday at the Greenwood church office, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the last week of each month for the next month's Communion.



Sunday Worship

Every Sunday at 11 a.m. at Greenwood
And on Zoom (click [here](#)) or dial 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 829 5710 1589; password: 929829

Also on Facebook Live

Tuesday Prayer Call

Every Tuesday, 8 to 8:15 a.m. on Zoom (click [here](#)) or dial 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 851 1374 4202; password: 452446



Greenwood Church Family Birthdays



Janet Pittman.....	3/10	Austin Stanley.....	3/18
Jeffrey Patteson.....	3/12	Roger Robillard.....	3/20
Samantha Stanley.....	3/15	Amanda Banks Langston.....	3/21

Anniversaries



Dean & Janet Pittman3/11

Don't see your birthday or wedding anniversary in The Twig Bender and would like to have us publish it? Send your dates to admin@gumcva.org or call the church office at 804-266-5341; likewise, let us know if you'd like your birthday or anniversary removed.



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Greenwood United Methodist Church

March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH</p>		<p>1 Mardi Gras 8 a.m. Prayer Call 1 p.m. Ruth Circle</p> 	<p>2 Ash Wednesday 12:45 p.m. Ash N Dash</p> 	<p>3 Star Spangled Banner Day</p> 	<p>4 1:30 p.m. Willing Workers Circle 6 p.m. Food Distribution</p>	<p>5 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p> 
<p>6 11 a.m. In-Person and Virtual Worship</p>	<p>7 Nat'l Cereal Day</p> 	<p>8 8 a.m. Prayer Call 6:30 p.m. Pray & Go</p> 	<p>9 Barbie Day</p> 	<p>10 Popcorn Lover's Day</p> 	<p>11 6 p.m. Food Distribution</p> 	<p>12 Girl Scouts Day</p> 
<p>13 2 a.m. Daylight Saving Time Begins 11 a.m. In-Person and Virtual Worship</p>	<p>14 Nat'l Pi Day</p> 	<p>15 Ides of March 8 a.m. Prayer Call 6:30 p.m. Pray & Go</p>	<p>16 Freedom of Information Day</p> 	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day 7 p.m. Richmond Beekeepers</p> 	<p>18 6 p.m. Food Distribution</p> 	<p>19 Nat'l Quilting Day</p> 
<p>20 11 a.m. In-Person and Virtual Worship</p>	<p>21 World Poetry Day</p> 	<p>22 8 a.m. Prayer Call 6:30 p.m. Pray & Go</p> 	<p>23 Nat'l Puppy Day</p> 	<p>24 Nat'l Chocolate Covered Raisin Day</p> 	<p>25 Feast of the Annunciation <i>Twig Bender</i> Deadline 6 p.m. Food Distribution</p>	<p>26 Live Long and Prosper Day</p>
<p>27 11 a.m. In-Person and Virtual Worship</p>	<p>28 Something on a Stick Day</p> 	<p>29 8 a.m. Prayer Call 6:30 p.m. Pray & Go</p>	<p>30 Nat'l Mom and Pop Business Owners Day</p>	<p>31 World Backup Day</p> 		

Mark Your Calendars

April 15..... Good Friday
 April 16..... Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt
 April 17..... Easter Sunday
 May 8 Mother’s Day
 June 5 Pentecost
 June 16 – 18 VAUMC Annual Conference
 June 19..... Father’s Day
 July 4 Independence Day



Greenwood UMC Mission

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. — Matt. 28:19

Greenwood Vision

<p>Loving Learning to love and connect with God and People</p>	»	<p>Growing Acquiring tools for being transformed into the image of Christ</p>	»	<p>Serving Participating in church ministry and community outreach</p>
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