

Greenbank Weekly Update – Friday, May 22, 2020

Do you know anyone in need? Please contact the church office, and we will find a way to assist.

Contact info: office@greenbankcoc.org or 302-994-3800. Office hours: Monday Only, 9:00am-3:00pm

Email and phone messages will be accessed remotely throughout the week.

Prayer & Praise

Swanson family: Lisa & Joel Swanson passed away last weekend. They are the daughter and grandson of Newark church members, Darrell & Janet Swanson.

Sherry Kirkland has bacterial pneumonia.

Patty Conway continues to recuperate in rehab after having an allergic reaction to some medication.

Joe Sullivan is in the hospital. He is Billy Holland's sister-in-law's father.

Greenbank church: Pray for one another daily. Pray that we can fully prepare our facility to begin meeting together again soon.

Reopening of businesses: Pray for wisdom for business owners to know the best way to proceed to protect employees and customers.

Essential Workers: Doctors, nurses, law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, postal & transit, grocers, etc.

Our Government Leaders who are working to find a balance of restrictions and cautious reopenings.

The most recent requests are listed above. If you have an item for prayer or praise, please email it to office@greenbankcoc.org for inclusion in our weekly list. To view previous prayer requests and those on our ongoing lists, please visit the Weekly Bulletins page on our website www.greenbankcoc.org.

Reflection: The Sound of Silence by Mike Barker

Have you ever considered this question during a quiet time of reflection: "Is there sound in silence?" I thought it over when suddenly (in my often-disheveled thoughts), I remembered the folk song "The Sounds of Silence." Performed by Simon and Garfunkel, this popular song of the 1960s highlighted the distant cries of those people who found themselves on the outer fringe of society not being heard. It is no wonder the lyrics, combined with their dissonant vocalization, propelled this duo to widespread fame when the song was released in 1964.

There is, however, a remarkable truth to this oxymoron in another application. Nature is filled with phenomenal "sounds of silence." Think of the morning dawn and evening dusk. The morning dew glistens as light is reflected by the sun, and the sparkling moonlight illumines the darkest night aided by starlight. While never uttering a sound, they each speak volumes of our orderly universe so uniquely placed in the Milky Way Galaxy. The British essayist, Joseph Addison, echoed this message more than 300 years ago in his poem "The Spacious Firmament."

The spacious firmament on high, With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame, Their great Original proclaim:
Th' unwearied sun, from day to day, Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land the work of an Almighty Hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail, The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth Repeats the Story of her birth:
While all the stars that round her burn, And all the planets, in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll, And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though, in solemn silence, all Move round the dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice nor sound Amid their radiant orbs be found?
In reason's ear they all rejoice, And utter forth a glorious voice,
Forever singing, as they shine, The hand that made us is divine.

The unwearied Sun by day, the Moon by night, and all the Planets in their turn; each one gallantly proclaims the inevitable truth that the hand that made us is Divine. What a marvelous poetic verse that was also set to music by Franz Joseph Haydn. What an astonishing world that boldly proclaims this message in, the “sounds of silence.”

Announcements

Office Closed for Memorial Day: Due to the holiday, the office will be closed on Monday but will be open on Wednesday from 9am – 3pm.

Mobile Food Pantry – Tuesday, May 26th: We need volunteers to help with the Food Bank of Delaware’s mobile pantry. If you are available to help, please contact Sue Maynard at yachtmax@msn.com not later than Monday. Those who could benefit from receiving food need to register in advance at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greenbank-church-of-christ-mobile-food-distribution-tickets-105020743872>. On the day of the event, they must bring their Delaware ID, empty out their trunk or back seat so food can easily be placed inside, and stay in their car. They will be instructed how to proceed on site.

High School Graduate – Madison Naseery: Madison is graduating from Mount Pleasant High School’s International Baccalaureate program and will be attending Lipscomb University in the fall. An email was sent out with Madison’s address so those who would like to send a card of congratulations can do so. Since we are not able to have our regular senior recognition, we want to do what we can to recognize Madison’s accomplishments and wish her well as she heads off to college.

Baby Bottle Benefit: We are almost halfway to our goal. Share our donation link to help us raise funds for A Door of Hope Pregnancy Centers that operate two locations in New Castle County for expectant mothers who may be at risk for abortion. They also have a Bible study that offers healing and forgiveness for women who struggle after having an abortion. Our private donation page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greenbank-church-bbb-2020> is an easy and secure way to donate. If you prefer to use a check or money order, make it out to Greenbank Church of Christ, put “BBB 2020” in the memo, and mail it to the church. We encourage you to “do what you can.” Every dollar makes a difference!

Online Bible Studies

NEW! Young Ladies Class on Zoom: Our first class will be tomorrow, Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. Eileen Hence will lead our young ladies’ class on Zoom once a month. Parents are asked to access the materials on our website’s resources page <http://greenbankcoc.org/resources/> before the day of class so you can gather needed materials. Scroll down the page to the Young Ladies Class section. The link to log into Zoom will be emailed the day before class.

NEW! Ladies Class on Zoom: Also on Saturday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m., Crystal Reyes will lead a ladies’ study on Zoom. This study will be for six consecutive weeks. To see the full schedule of topics, and to download lesson materials, go to our website’s resources page <http://greenbankcoc.org/resources/>. Scroll down to the Ladies Zoom Lessons section. The link to log into Zoom will be emailed the day before class. Join us to discuss Who’s on First!

Gospel of John: Boyd Reed continues to host this online study. Passages are posted weekly along with questions to prompt discussion. You can access the lessons at any time convenient for you, read other’s comments, and post questions or comments you have for each lesson. Access the lessons here: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjUyNzlyMTI2MTda> **Class code: 7s2upmd**

Connect with Us Online

Sunday Worship: Spanish service @ 9:00 a.m. English service @ 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (English only)

1) **Facebook Live:** <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>

2) **Greenbank website:** www.greenbankcoc.org Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. PLEASE NOTE: You do NOT need to have a Facebook account to view the live feed through our website.

3) **Conference call:** Dial +1 (646) 749-3122 Enter Access Code 947 684 973#

Options for Giving

We appreciate those who are able to maintain regular giving. Ways to make a contribution:

1) **Write a check** and mail to 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808, or hold all checks until we begin meeting again.

2) **Cash givers** can set aside your contributions and bring them when we begin meeting again.

3) **Online giving:** A PayPal option has been set up on our website www.greenbankcoc.org. Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week’s Contribution: \$2,214

Weekly Average: \$4,362