

Greenbank Weekly Update – Friday, June 19, 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.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads!

Reflection – On the Wings of Eagles by Rory L. Irwin

Recently I heard a chaplain speak about how an eagle uses a storm to rise above it. I thought about a verse in Isaiah and how it has given me comfort.

*“But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.”* Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

Three things we can learn from the eagle:

- 1) An eagle prepares for the storm before it actually arrives. They fly to the highest point and wait.
- 2) When the storm hits the eagle sets its wings, and the wind carries it upward. They use the storm's power to rise and float above the chaos happening below.
- 3) The eagle is not escaping the storm; it simply uses the power of the storm to rise above it. Picture the storm raging below, as the eagle soars above it all.

The thought that God promises to lift us up with His strength in the presence of the storms of life should offer us encouragement. Storms do not have power over us; they do not weigh us down. If we prepare for them, we are promised that God's power will lift us above them. If we are set in God's word, it will carry us in our times of need.

Solomon said it well:

*“When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this:
God has made the one as well as the other.”* Ecclesiastes 7:14

God enables us to ride the winds of storms that bring sickness, tragedy, failure, and disappointment in our lives. We cannot escape life's storms, but like the eagle we can, with God, rise above them.

Prayer & Praise

Jared Hill family: Jared was the son of Robin Huff-Jordan. His death happened on the one-year anniversary of Robin's passing. Please keep this grieving family in prayer.

Joanne Pagano suffering with anxiety and depression.

Lelah Addicott, Sherry Kirkland's cousin, was diagnosed with ALS less than a year ago. She has already lost use of her arms and legs and was recently put on a feeding tube.

Shelley Irwin recovering from shoulder surgery.

Greenbank church: May we be an example of love and unity to our community. Pray for one another daily. Pray that we can fully prepare our facility to begin meeting together again soon.

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 reopening.

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.

Announcements

Worship Service Resumes July 5th at 10:30AM: We had a successful meeting last Saturday to discuss and plan the best practices for reopening our building. For now, we will only have a worship service. We will add Bible classes at a later date. Additional information about what we are doing to prepare and what we will need our members to do will be sent out next week.

Zoom Youth Night June 25, 6:00PM: This special Zoom event for all our kids will include a group activity followed by breakout rooms for grades 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12. One lucky student from each age group will receive a free pizza delivery during our Zoom session. Registration is required. Please click on the following link to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSee199tvJgViXwn1mS0_j3Tjh5dqaH50bpHTyUXWobnAGEqHA/viawform If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to lead a group, please contact Janell Anderson at 302-494-7705 or whiteja@yahoo.com.

College Graduates: Congratulations to Mackenzie Naseery and Priscilla Sanichar who graduated from college this spring. Mackenzie received a BS in Physics from the University of Massachusetts. She will begin graduate studies in physics at Syracuse University in August. Priscilla graduated from Delaware Technical Community College with a degree in Human Services. She will be working in the Wilmington area while she makes a decision on where to pursue her master's degree.

Employment Opportunity: Do you know anyone in need of a job? The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring in its Wilmington office. Apply now at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html> or **text jobs2020 to 313131**. For more information about available jobs or assistance with applying online call 1-855-562-2020.

Online Bible Studies

Ladies Class on Zoom – Saturday, June 20 @ 1:00PM: Crystal Reyes continues to lead our online ladies' study. This week we will discuss how we Communicate Openly and Honestly to build stronger communities. To see the full schedule of topics, and to download lesson materials, go to our website's resources page. If you need the Zoom link for class, please contact Crystal.

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 (301) 715-8592 Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992

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: \$7,396

Weekly Average: \$4,316