

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, November 27, 2020 (Early Edition)

Do you know someone in need? Contact the church office, and we will find a way to assist. office@greenbankcoc.org or 302-994-3800. Office hours: Wednesday Only, 9:00am-3:00pm
Email and phone messages will be accessed remotely throughout the week.

Reflection:

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

To say that 2020 has been a challenge would probably be the understatement of the year. Most of us are dealing with Covid fatigue and cannot wait for this year to be over.

Yesterday, Crystal and I told our friends and family that there will be no Thanksgiving dinner at our house. Our home has served as a hub for many family gatherings. The circumstances of this year have definitely altered many of our plans, hopes, and wishes.

With so much disruption to our normal routines and so much uncertainty, you may wonder; How is it possible for us to obey 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and “give thanks in all circumstances?”

Here are 5 ways that Ryan Fehr recommends:

Step 1: Put your gratitude on paper

Write down the names of three people or things in your life you are grateful for, and why.

Step 2: Have a gratitude conversation

Have a conversation with a friend, family member, or coworker to share what you’re most grateful for.

Step 3: Tell someone you appreciate them

Identify a specific person in your life and tell them why you are grateful for them over phone or video chat.

Step 4: Pay it forward

Find a way to show your gratitude to someone in your life by helping them in some small way.

Step 5: Reflect and repeat

Take a few moments to reflect on how your gratitude exercises went and commit to at least one act of gratitude every week.

As we draw closer to Thanksgiving, I encourage you to follow these 5 steps, as well as praying, reading your Bible, and remembering your standing with God.

May your Thanksgiving be full of hope, encouragement, and most of all gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

God bless you.
Domingo

Lifting in Prayer

Many of our members have lost loved ones recently. Please keep all grieving families lifted in prayer.

Gaynor family: Joan Gaynor passed last Sunday. They have lost both parents within a few weeks of each other.

Mattis family: Sherrie’s mother, Connie Dowds, passed a few weeks ago.

Bobbie & Dave Cross have Covid-19; **Bobbie** was admitted to the hospital on Sunday evening; pray for healing.

Jamie Jones will have back surgery on Wednesday, 11/25.

Bob Crusco: had surgery on his fistula to insert stents in his artery to strengthen it for dialysis.

Dick Loveless: stage 4 melanoma that has spread to his brain.

Central America countries that have been affected by recent hurricanes.

Lakeisha Smith, Kristin Farraday, & Leo Miller have recovered from Covid-19.

Greenbank church: Pray that all who attend our worship services remain healthy.

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

Mozambique Mission Month

If you would like to support the mission work in Mozambique, please make your donations this week. Payments can be made through the PayPal link on our website or checks can be mailed to the church office. Please designate if your donation is for the Westerholm family or for refugee relief so we can direct the correct amount of funds to the appropriate place.

Office Hours

The office will be closed for the remainder of this week. Next week hours will return to one day a week, Wednesdays, 9am-3pm. We will let you know of any changes to this schedule during the upcoming holidays.

Housing Need

A Christian sister is looking for a 1-2 bedroom apartment or house to rent. If you know of anything that is available, please contact the church office and we will put you in contact with her.

Phased Return to In Person Worship

The state of Delaware has put a cap of 50 people on indoor public gatherings. We will adjust our list of worship attendees to stay within this recommendation. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we do our best to navigate this difficult situation. Strict protocols of wearing masks, maintaining healthy physical distance, no physical contact (hugs, handshakes, etc.), good hand washing/sanitizing practice, etc. remain in place. Those who are not feeling well or who have been in recent contact with anyone who is unwell are asked not to attend. **Online streaming of our service will continue for those not physically attending.**

11/29 Worship Leaders

Song Leader – Mark Ray
Scripture Reading & Prayer – Paul King
Communion & Offering – Jeff Clark
Sermon – Domingo Reyes
Closing Comments & Prayer – Paul King

Worship with Us Online

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

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:** If you do not have internet access, you can dial in on your phone to connect.
(301) 715-8592 Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992

Online Bible Studies

Wednesdays @ 7PM: Facebook Live <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>

Ladies & Young Ladies Classes: 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Online using the Zoom platform. Register for class here: : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845AFAE2EA6FB6-ladies>

The book for the ladies class is Honorable and Dishonorable Women of the Bible by Crystal Reyes. It is available on Amazon Kindle for \$2.99. (It will be \$0.99 for 30 days starting October 4th.) Purchase it here: https://www.amazon.com/s?k=honorable+and+dishonorable+women+in+the+bible&rh=n%3A154606011&ref=nb_sb_noss

Options for Giving

We appreciate those who have been able to maintain regular giving. Ways to contribute:

- 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: \$1,605 Weekly Average: \$4,210



Happy Thanksgiving!