



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 24, 2022

Office hours: Mon / Wed / Fri 9:00am-3:00pm.

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### The Most Important Thing of All by Katherine Loop

On his way to work one morning, John noticed the hedges around his property desperately needed trimmed. The hedges in the front, in the back, and on both sides of the house all resembled a partially overgrown jungle. That evening, John headed toward the shed and began rummaging through his tools. He would need his electric trimmer, gloves, a hat, a bag—the list went on and on. After several minutes, John set out for the front hedge, confident he had everything he needed. He managed to juggle all his supplies safely through the yard. Upon arriving at his destination, he set the tools down on the grass with a sense of accomplishment. He had everything he needed and was ready to begin.

He was just about to turn the trimmer on when he heard his son David saying, “Daddy, are you planning on trimming that hedge?” John paused and replied, “Yes, I am. I have everything I need right here.” David’s forehead wrinkled in a perplexed expression. “But Daddy, aren’t you forgetting the most important thing?” “The most important thing?” John laughed. “The most important thing right now is to get these hedges trimmed.” David shook his head and smiled. “There’s something more important.” “Oh? And what’s that?” His father asked.

David pointed to the trimmer. “You need to plug in the trimmer.” John shook his head in disbelief. How could he have forgotten the most important thing of all! He could not expect to get anything done without first plugging in the trimmer!

Domingo's Commentary: This short illustration demonstrates the need to stay connected to God. Through worship, bible reading, study, prayer, fasting, and acts of service we stay connected or “plugged in” to God. These activities provide us with spiritual enrichment, spiritual and physical health benefits, as well as social opportunities. By implementing these spiritual disciplines in our lives, we can connect with God in a deeper way.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

### *Praise & Prayer Requests*

**Ed Maynard:** currently at Encompass Rehab in Middletown; scheduled to go home on Monday.

**Chris Steiner:** tested positive for Covid.

**Jane Phillips:** Pray for relief from pain in her knees.

**Jimmy Viola:** health struggles; he is Eileen Khan’s brother.

**Bryant Bond:** had a heart transplant last week; he is Penny Price’s grandson.

**Hickson family:** pray for Terrence Sr’s health, and for justice for the family.

**Lawrence McLaughlin:** pray I stand strong to walk and talk as Christ would have me.

**Leila Rahman:** 11-year-old undergoing radiation treatments for cancer.

**Cory Bartschi:** blood clots in his leg.

**Ken Essex:** his wife passed away and he also has health needs.

**War in Ukraine:** pray for a peaceful resolution to be desired and pursued; pray for all who have been displaced.

**Greenbank church:** Godly guidance for our elders, minister, deacons, and ministry leaders.

**Greenbank missions:** Westerholm (Mozambique), Borfay (Liberia), Agbeta (Ghana), Camp Manatawny, Reflect Campus Missions/BHC. Pray for a new mission work that reflects the interest of our members.

If you have an item for prayer or praise, please email it to [office@greenbankcoc.org](mailto: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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).

### *Announcements and Events*

#### **School Supply Drive – Make Your Selections Today**

We have extended the deadline for school supplies. Please look at the list posted at the Welcome Center to see what you can contribute. Bring in donations by next Sunday, July 31. If you have questions, speak with Fern Davis.

## **Blue Rocks Night – Friday, July 29**

See Fern Davis today to pick up your tickets for the game. Cost per ticket is \$15. Please pay cash or make checks out to Greenbank and put “Blue Rocks” in the memo.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bilingual Service & Fellowship Meal**

On Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> we will have a combined worship with our Spanish-speakers followed by a fellowship luncheon. All are encouraged to attend and bring food to share – main dishes, salads/vegetables, and desserts! We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship.

## **Workday – Saturday, August 6 – 8am**

There are several projects that need to be done before our community day. We will be working inside and out. Please plan to come help. Questions? Speak with George Kirkland.

## **Community Family Fun Day – Saturday, August 13 – 11am-3pm**

We need two pop-up canopies for our fun day. If you have a canopy we can borrow, please contact the church office. We also need lots of help to oversee game stations, food stations, and help with the backpack giveaway. This is a great community outreach opportunity. If you are available to help, contact Marlin Johnson.

## **SUNDAY MEETING TIMES**

**In-Person Bible Classes for All Ages @ 9:30 a.m. including a Spanish-speakers class (adults).**

**In-Person Worship Services – English & Spanish @ 10:30 a.m.**

**The English service is live streamed with 3 ways to connect:**

- 1) **Facebook Live:** <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>
- 2) **Greenbank Website:** [www.greenbankcoc.org](http://www.greenbankcoc.org) Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. You do **NOT** need a Facebook account to view the service through our website.
- 3) **Phone In:** (301) 715-8592 Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

**Mid-Week (hybrid class) – Wednesdays @ 7pm** – The Greek of the New Testament led by George Kirkland.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTog>

**Mid-Week Online – Wednesdays @ 7pm** – The Parables of Jesus led by Domingo Reyes. Connect as on Sunday.

**Spanish (In-Person)– Thursdays @ 6:30 pm** – Contact Domingo Reyes for more information.

**Ladies** – on hiatus for summer; will resume in October – led by Crystal Reyes.

**Men** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Paul King.

**Young Ladies** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month @ 11am on Zoom led by Eileen Hence. Contact Eileen for the Zoom link.

## **SMALL GROUPS**

**Bear/Glasgow** – on hiatus for summer – led by George & Sherry Kirkland

**Ladies Online** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 4pm – hosted by Alethia Jones; current study: Bind Us Together

Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88051700840?pwd=bVNsUnlkSnRXNlkyUiguaVVyNG5kZz09>

**Married Couples** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the blue room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes

**Newport** – on hiatus for summer; will resume 9/25 – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker

**North Wilmington** – on hiatus for summer – hosted by Eileen Khan

**Singles** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 7pm – in person and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 876 7070 2282 Passcode: 263755

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

**Teens** – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month @ 7pm in the blue room; led by Domingo Reyes

## **3 Ways to Give**

- 1) **In Person:** Place your offering in one of the wooden boxes located in the back of the auditorium.
- 2) **By Mail:** Send your contribution to 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.
- 3) **Online:** PayPal has been set up on our website [www.greenbankcoc.org](http://www.greenbankcoc.org). Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

**Last Week: Attendance: 148 Contribution: \$3,883 Weekly Average: \$5,262**