



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, May 14, 2023

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

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### **Celebrate Family! Celebrate Mothers!** by K. Kehler

***“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).***

Mom’s eighty-third birthday! I almost forgot. This could very well be her last birthday, so we better celebrate – to show honor to a wonderful mother, grandmother, and a faithful servant of God. I quickly phoned my sister-in-law and suggested we invite all our children, their spouses, and the grandchildren for an evening of fun at the seniors’ hospital where Mom was living.

We made arrangements with the hospital to use the open area for the party, called all the kids and grandchildren, baked the cake, and packed forks, plates, and napkins. Whew! We made it. Most of the local family members were there. Her son and daughter wheeled her into the room as we sang “Happy Birthday!” She looked so frail and small in her wheelchair, but she was so pleased that we were there. I could see that it would not be long before the Lord would take her home to be with Him. That would be a great day for her.

What I remember most vividly about that evening was watching her as we began to sing her favorite hymns. Even though she wouldn’t remember the party five minutes after we left, in that moment she was singing with us. She lifted her arms in praise to her Heavenly Father as we all sang her favorite, “God is so good! God is so good! God is so good, He’s so good to us.” That party was in the middle of June. The Lord took her home in July.

When I think back to Mom’s last birthday, I recall it being a very busy day. It would have been so easy to think, “She won’t know the difference. Why bother?” But God put the thought of a birthday party in my heart, and I am so glad I made it a priority. Celebrate family! You never know how long they will be with you.

*Father, I thank You for godly mothers and fathers. Thank You for family. Thank You for children and grandchildren. Show us ways to demonstrate that we love and appreciate them. Cause us to remember to celebrate. Amen.*

### **Praise & Prayer Requests**

**Richard Lewis:** weakened condition after having Covid; still at Manorcare for rehab after hip surgery.

**Cathy Servas:** pray for Christian medical coverage acceptance.

**Anna DaCunha:** pray for her Uncle Jim who is in the hospital with kidney failure and seizures.

**Ed Maynard:** pray that he will regain his strength after his recent hospital stay.

**Paul King:** continue to pray for healing and strength.

**Virginia Clark, Shelley Irwin, Lillie West, Kristin Farraday, Pam Dahlström:** all are battling cancer.

**Brasefield family:** continued prayers for Alijah’s growth, Chelsea’s recovery, and strength for the whole family.

**Faye Gillespie** has been diagnosed with kidney problems; pray for complete healing.

**Doug Johnson** has Parkinson’s Disease and is now in a nursing home; he is Walter Johnson’s brother.

**Remember our members who are homebound or have limited mobility: George & Jan Adair, Bob & Linda Crusco, Faye Hatfield, Agnes Ignudo, Ed & Sue Maynard, Christy Mickowski, Bob & Penny Pennington.**

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

**Greenbank missions:** Eduar Morales (Oxford, PA), Chad Westerholm (Mozambique), Edmund Borfay (Liberia), Samuel Agbeta (Ghana), Camp Manatawny, Reflect Campus Missions/BHC.

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**

#### **Food Pantry Update**

In the month of April, we served 221 families made up of 527 adults and 311 children. Our crew collected 10,162 lbs. of food from nine markets through the Food Bank of Delaware’s Sister Share program. We are thankful for our newest volunteers, Arturo and Mike, who help drive the van. In addition, we picked up 10,297 lbs. of food from the Food Bank at no cost to us... a savings of more than \$5800.

Each Thursday evening, we have about 17 volunteers who help us put food boxes into the cars of these families in need. We want to thank all who answered the call for help when several of our regulars were absent. You are welcome back anytime! We give praise to God that we have been so blessed to be able to serve the community in this way.

#### **Married Couples Small Group – Summer Break**

The small group for married couples will take a break during the summer months and resume meeting in September.

### **Men's Breakfast – Saturday, June 3 – 9:00AM**

All men interested in attending the breakfast should sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board so we will know how to prepare. If you will be bringing others, please indicate how many. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, 5/28.

### **SAVE THE DATE – High School Graduate Recognition**

At the end of our service on Sunday, June 4, we will recognize our 2023 high school graduates: D.J. Anderson, Maria Gallegos, and Nicole King, followed by a cookie reception. The card boxes will make an appearance very soon!

### **Events at Camp Manatawny**

**Family Camp – May 26-29** – If you are not familiar with Camp Manatawny, this is the perfect opportunity to introduce yourself and your family to Camp. Enjoy summer camp activities and re-energize your family's walk with God. The cost is \$130 for a family of 4 – includes summer cabin lodging, meals, and all activities. (+\$20 for each additional family member ages 5 and older) Upgraded lodging is available for an additional cost, and there are also options for camping in your own tent or RV. Additional information, a sample schedule, and a link to register can be found here:

<https://www.manatawny.org/familycamp>

**Open House – Saturday, May 27 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** – If you are unable to attend the full weekend of Family Camp, consider Camp for a Day. During your visit, camp staff will be happy to give you a tour of the camp and answer any questions you may have. Rain or shine! No reservations are required. For more info go to:

<https://www.manatawny.org/openhouse>

**Camp Sonshine – June 3-4** – Camp Sonshine is two days and one night of camp experience for children ages 8 to 18 with special needs whose challenges prevent their participation in the traditional summer camp setting. Everything is customized to make camp accessible, from specially trained staff, to activities, to meals. We meet varying needs of campers diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities who may also use wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches. Our goal is for campers to be engulfed by God's love and to have the time of their lives! If you know a special needs child who would like to attend as a camper, or if you would like to be a volunteer for Camp Sonshine, go to <https://www.manatawny.org/campsonshine> for more information.

### **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 Meeting ID: 862 5363 5838 Passcode: 123456**

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

**English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm** – Study of 1 Corinthians; hybrid class (in-person & online) Facebook Live or this Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTog>

**Spanish Mid-Week – Thursdays @ 6:30 pm** at Greenbank. Contact Domingo Reyes for more information.

**Ladies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month @ 11am** on Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Contact Crystal for the Zoom link.

**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** at Greenbank led by Eileen Hence.

### **SMALL GROUPS**

**Bear/Glasgow – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 2pm** – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

**Married Couples – on break for the summer; will resume in September** – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

**Newport – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 12:30pm** – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker.

**Singles – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 7pm** – hybrid class (in person & Zoom); current study: various topics led by Mark Ray.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

**Teens – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month @ 7pm** in the chapel; 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: 163 Contribution: \$8,391 Weekly Average: \$5,370 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**