



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, October 15, 2023

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

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The Beauty of God's Creation – by Lily Anderson

In our fast-paced lives, it's easy to overlook the beauty that surrounds us every day. From the smallest dewdrop on a leaf to the grandeur of a mountain range, God's creation is a masterpiece that often goes unnoticed. Let's take a moment to reflect on the wonders of the natural world and the profound lessons it can teach us.

- First and foremost, nature reminds us of the infinite creativity of our Creator. The intricate patterns of a snowflake, the vibrant colors of a sunset, and the diverse species of animals all bear witness to God's boundless imagination. Each aspect of nature is a brushstroke in the grand canvas of life, showcasing the depth of His artistry.
- Secondly, the natural world offers us a sense of serenity and connection. When we immerse ourselves in the beauty of a forest, stand by the crashing waves of the sea, or feel the gentle breeze on our faces, we experience a deep connection to something greater than ourselves. Nature provides a tranquil refuge from the chaos of our busy lives, inviting us to find solace in its presence.
- Moreover, creation speaks of balance and harmony. The delicate ecosystem of a forest, the symmetry of a flower, and the rhythmic ebb and flow of tides all illustrate the divine order that underlies the universe. Just as God brings balance to the natural world, we too can seek balance and harmony in our lives.
- As we look to the natural world, we see a reflection of God's love and care. Every living creature, from the tiniest insect to the grandest elephant, is a testament to His providence. Just as He provides for His creation, we can trust that He will provide for us in our times of need.

In conclusion, the beauty of God's creation is a source of wonder and inspiration. It speaks to us of His boundless creativity, offers us solace and connection, and teaches us about balance and harmony. As we marvel at the intricate design of the world around us, let us also remember that we, too, are part of this divine masterpiece, and our lives have a purpose in His grand plan.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Pray for those whose loved ones have recently died: We have lost many of our members and former members recently. Please keep all those who are grieving in your prayers.

Faye Gillespie: Her brother Keith lost his lifelong girlfriend on Friday, and her mother passed away on Saturday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Peggy Rogers: She passed away on Thursday. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Cathy Servas: Pray for her sister, Ellen, who has an infection in her injured hand.

Elisha Wall: pray for her health to improve.

Giftly Opoku: Pray for the strength to persevere in her studies.

Paul King & family: Continue to pray for Paul's health to improve; also pray for struggling family members.

Chrissi Steiner: Pray for healing from past trauma and the capacity to forgive and find peace.

Virginia Clark, Royalty Fields, Lillie West, Pam Dahlström, Joann Walker: all are battling cancer.

Jan Adair, Bob & Linda Crusco, Faye Hatfield, Agnes Ignudo, Christy Mickowski, Bob & Penny Pennington: all are homebound or have limited mobility.

GriefShare ministry: pray for the program participants as well as for the leaders.

Greenbank church: Pray for godly wisdom and 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 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 and Events

Ladies Bible Study – October 14th – 9AM

Our first ladies' class of the year will meet on Saturday, October 14 at 9:00am via Zoom. This year's study is "Strength in the Struggle" by Lauren Ibach. Get a book from Crystal or purchase one from Amazon. The first lesson will be *Deliverance from Fear*. See the information below, under Bible Studies, on how to connect to class. If you have any questions, speak with Crystal Reyes.

Hymn Sing – Sunday, October 15th, 3-5pm

Some have decided to stay after our morning worship and enjoy a meal together before the hymn sing. If you plan to do that, please bring food to share. There is not a sign-up sheet. Just come with good food! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an uplifting afternoon of music and worship in Spanish and English. We encourage all who will attend to RSVP to <https://tinyurl.com/GreenbankHymnsing>.

Fellowship Luncheon - Sunday, October 29th

We will be cooking up a big pot of stew for our fellowship meal. We need each person attending to bring one can of vegetables – one can per adult and one can per child – to add to the stew. We also ask that you bring additional food to share: salads, breads, and desserts. It is important for all who plan to come to the meal to sign up, so we know how big our pot of stew needs to be! The sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

Adult CPR & First Aid Training – Saturday, November 4th

A training class is being offered for adults to learn CPR & First Aid for both adults and children. The class will be on Saturday, November 4th from 10am – 12:45pm. A discount will be offered to Greenbank members. Contact the office for the code to enter when you register at <https://tfclifesavers.enrollware.com/enroll?id=8608939>

Sunday Meeting Times

In-Person Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m. – including a Spanish-speakers class for adults.

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

The English service is livestreamed with 3 ways to connect:

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. You will need to log in to Facebook to join the live feed.

3) **Zoom:** Meeting ID: 862 5363 5838 Passcode: 123456; Phone In: (301) 715-8592

Bible Studies

English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09>

Spanish Mid-Week – Thursdays @ 6:30 pm at Greenbank. Contact Arturo Gallegos for more information.

Ladies – resumes on October 14 @ 9am via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Lesson 1: Deliverance from Fear. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992> 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

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Paul King.

Young Ladies – will resume sometime this fall – led by Eileen Hence.

SMALL GROUPS

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

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the teen room– led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

North Wilmington – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

Singles – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm – hybrid class; "7 Myths about Singleness" led by Rick Mickowski.

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

Teens – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the chapel; led by Domingo Reyes.

3 Ways to Give

1) **In Person:** Place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed during our service.

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. Click on the "Donate" button And follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week: Attendance: N/A Contribution: \$4,007 Weekly Average: \$5,086 Weekly Budget: \$5,540