



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, December 31, 2023**

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

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### **Thank You, Lord!**

I can hardly believe this is the last Sunday of 2023. As we gather for worship on this final day of the year, let us take time to reflect on all God has done over the past 12 months. There have been blessings and victories worth celebrating. But also, trials, losses, and uncertainties that confronted our faith. Yet, through it all, we've seen God's loving arms underneath us, carrying us through by His grace.

As your minister, I am so proud of the spiritual growth and acts of service I've witnessed in this congregation in 2023. Your passion for prayer, worship, generosity, and caring for others has inspired me more than you know. God is doing a mighty work in our midst. But there is still more He wants to do in and through us.

So, as we step into a new year, I challenge all of us to seek God like never before. Let's begin 2024 with a renewed commitment to pursuing intimacy with Christ through Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and obedience to His commands. I pray that our genuine love and devotion to Jesus will deepen and overflow.

Keep your eyes focused ahead, church family. The best is yet to come! God has new adventures, breakthroughs, and opportunities in store for every one of us. Approach 2024 with expectancy and hope. God promises that if we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. I'm believing Him for greater things in the year ahead as we fix our eyes on loving and serving Jesus wholeheartedly.

*Domingo*

### **Praise and Prayer Requests**

**Walter Johnson:** his brother, Douglas, passed away last week from complications of Parkinson's disease.

**Susan Rector:** her husband, Mark, passed away last Sunday; Susan and Mark are dear friends of the Barkers.

**Elisha Wall:** pray for family health, and wisdom in spiritual outreach and growth.

**Gifty Opoku:** pray for God's blessing on my life.

**Patty Conway:** recovering from knee surgery.

**Moises Phillips:** pray for spiritual guidance.

**King family:** continue to keep us in prayer.

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

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

**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](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**

#### **New Years Eve Game Night**

All Greenbank members and friends are invited to the New Years Eve Game Night, Sunday, December 31, 8pm to Midnight in the church Fellowship Hall. Attendees should bring snacks and games. Contact Chrissi Steiner with any questions.

#### **Married Couples Small Group**

The January meeting for this small group has been cancelled. The first gathering in 2024 will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

A congregational meeting will be held immediately after service on January 21<sup>st</sup>. All members are asked to attend.

### **Church Anniversary**

We will be celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Greenbank Church of Christ on January 28, 2024. This will serve as our bilingual service for January and February. More information will be coming soon.

### **Food Pantry Volunteer Dinner**

In appreciation of 12 years of service to the pantry ministry there will be a dinner for all past and current volunteers and their spouses on Thursday, January 4 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Room. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. See Sue Maynard or Wilma Blue if you have questions.

### **Winterfest – February 16-18, 2024**

**All those who are going on this trip need to turn in their registration forms and payments as soon as possible.** The cost of the trip is \$200. If you need to make smaller payments, speak with Lisa Reed to work out a payment schedule. Financial assistance is available for anyone who needs it. If you have any questions, please ask!

### **Camp Manatawny Update**

Camp Manatawny is holding their end of year fundraising drive to support camp projects. There is also an upcoming Winter Retreat (LIFTU) for college age adults and high school seniors, December 29-January 1. See the bulletin board for more information or go to [www.manatawny.org](http://www.manatawny.org).

### **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](http://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 @ 6:30pm** at Greenbank. Contact Arturo Gallegos for more information.

**Ladies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month @ 9am** via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month @ 10am** at Greenbank led by Paul King.

**Young Ladies** – will resume at a later date – 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month @ 7pm** in the teen room– led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

**North Wilmington – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays @ 2pm** – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

**Singles – taking a break through the end of the year**

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 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](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: 146    Contribution: \$4,693    Weekly Average: \$5,445    Weekly Budget: \$5,540**