



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 22, 2024

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

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Unity in Diversity: A Christian Call to Stand Firm in Faith and Love

In times of increasing division, the story of the Four Chaplains stands as a powerful reminder of unity, sacrifice, and shared humanity. On February 3, 1943, as the transport ship *Dorchester* was struck by a German submarine, chaos ensued as soldiers scrambled to find lifeboats and life jackets in the icy waters. Amid this panic, four chaplains—Father John Washington, Reverend Clark Poling, Reverend George Fox, and Rabbi Alexander Goode—rose above fear to embody their calling.

These men, representing different faiths and backgrounds, worked together to calm the soldiers, guide them to safety, and even gave up their own life jackets when supplies ran out. They locked arms, prayed together, and went down with the ship, leaving behind a legacy of courage and selflessness.

As we reflect on their ultimate sacrifice, we are reminded that true unity transcends differences. Whether we worship in different ways, come from diverse walks of life, or hold varying political views, we are all children of the same Creator. The chaplains showed us that in moments of crisis, what truly matters is our shared humanity.

This story calls us to set aside our divisions and embrace compassion, even for those who may not share our views. As Malcolm Forbes said, “Diversity is the art of thinking independently together.” May we seek to live in unity, as the Four Chaplains did, serving others and honoring the divine image in all.

“Are we not all children of the same Father? Are we not all created by the same God?” – Malachi 2:10

Diversity does not mean we abandon our doctrinal teachings; in fact, this is our calling as Christians. We are called to stand firm in our beliefs while showing the love and unity that Christ taught us, without compromising the truth that guides us.

Domingo Reyes

Praise and Prayer Requests

Virginia Clark: continue to pray with her as she starts to take a new cancer drug.

Anna DaCunha: friend's mother Naomi is going through health issues.

Patty Conway: Reyes Family, Stevens Family, Sharon King, and Cathy Servas.

Cox Family: Prayers for Timmy Brannock (heart issues).

Mona Newsome: pray for upcoming procedure on 9/25.

Shantale Seeney (visitor): pray for shelter and employment for her and her children.

Loretta Johnson has throat surgery this week on the 20th.

Barbara Wallace: Pray for her and her family as she cares for her sister until she is placed in assisted living as well as caring for her husband with his upcoming radiation and Parkinsons.

Bev Abosch: son Kyle has an orbital fracture and concussion, pray for healing.

Cathy Servas: pray for world peace.

Stanley Bernard : pray for my family and I especially with my job.

Elisha Wall: priorities and wisdom.

Chrissi Steiner: children's church this fall and children's ministries at Greenbank.

Dawn Dorrell: Thank you for prayers for my surgery. Prayers for Barbara Wallace.

Sick and Shut In: pray for all members who are battling cancer, covid and other serious medical issues and those who are unable to attend due to illness or 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 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

Membership Roles

To properly reflect our membership, we are asking you to help us update our records. The next two Sundays we will use the Connection cards to gather the information. If you are in attendance, please fill out the Connection Card. For those not in attendance, please email your desired membership role to the office. We appreciate your assistance.

Children's Church Ministry Information Session

The Children's Church Ministry team will be holding an Information Session in the Blue Room/Chapel after service today. Parents who have children that attend, teens that assist, and adults wanting to learn how they can help should attend this hour-long session. Pizza will be provided.

Back to School Fellowship Skating Party

We have reserved the Christiana Skating Rink on September 23 from 6:30-8:30 pm for a Back-to-School Fellowship event. All ages are welcome. Please invite your family and friends for a free night of fun and fellowship. Contact Shelley Irwin with questions.

Song Sunday-September 29th

Join us for an uplifting afternoon of music and worship! Like to sing? Come sing some old songs and learn some new ones. Don't like to sing, come listen and be filled with a songful spirit. Our Song Leaders will be leading us in an afternoon of worship through song from 3:00-5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Digital Picture Boards

We are excited to announce that digital picture boards will soon replace the current photos in the church foyer. You can keep your current photo, submit a new one, or have your photo taken. If you'd like to submit a photo, please send it to office@greenbankcoc.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 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.

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Mark Ray.

Youth – Thursdays @6:30pm at Greenbank – led by Eileen Hence

SMALL GROUPS

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

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

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: 178 Contribution: \$7,867 Weekly Average: \$5,399 Weekly Budget: \$5,435