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**PASTOR’S COLUMN**

**REV. DR. ROBERT COOK** *Interim Pastor*

**Looking Back and Looking Ahead**

When I get in my car and turn on the engine, I always check my rear-view mirror. Putting the car into reverse also turns on the rear-view camera. Between the rear-view mirror and the rear-view camera, I get an accurate picture of what is behind me. After backing up, I look ahead, shift into drive and I’m on my way. I don’t need but to glance at the rear-view mirror except when it’s important to know what is behind me or to the right or left rear. But I do need to continually look ahead.

Looking back on 2024, it was a good year for the members and friends of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church. We faithfully met to proclaim and live out the Gospel. We did this not just on Sundays, but every day of the week. Pretty much, something good is going on here every day. The Food Pantry put meals on a lot of tables. We provided for many a nights’ stay for travelers, transients and the homeless. Lent was meaningful, and sharing Maundy Thursday with our sister congregation, Grace U.C.C. and their pastor, the Rev. Mark Ruzicka. We awarded seven Matthew Anderson scholarships to worthy students. We had a very wonderful Day Camp in June, sharing Christ’s love with about 40 children. We had a fine September Sunday picnic in the park. We said goodbye to some members as the Lord released them from this life and received them

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home to Heaven. There was so much going on in what was a busy year.

Looking ahead in this new year of 2025, we can expect again to help strangers, share food and hospitality. We will meet each Sunday to sing our hymns of faith, give praise to God and be renewed in grace. We will have a lot of meetings with a wide variety of committees. We will make many decisions requiring our prayerful discernment over the issues that will come before us. We will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee and they will begin their work. We will observe and celebrate the special days and seasons of the church calendar. Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Advent will receive our creative care and attention. The Day Camp for children will be planned, organized, carried out and celebrated as we again seek to lead and guide our children into a life of faith. Old Home Week in August will offer opportunities to be involved in the greater community. And they will know us by our love for Jesus Christ. And we will bless our pets in October—of course!

But we cannot know or anticipate everything that lies ahead of us in this new year. That requires our trust in the leading of the Holy Spirit. As the saying goes, ***“you can’t step into the same river twice.”*** As each day in each year is new and different from the previous one, our experiences in this new year will also be unique to us.

Isaiah 43:1-3 speaks to us of where we will find our security and trust in this new year:

***But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;***

No one knows what a day will bring. But the One who brings the day is the One who is with you

every day to guide and bless you. And that is also true for the entire GPC congregation.

This biblical truth invites us to approach the year with hope and to renew our vision for sharing Christ in our community. It’s a powerful thing when a congregation is unified around a goal. Vision and mission statements give us a common purpose which can create an environment of unity. Unity within our church will carry us further than a constant flurry of activity ever will. Besides everyone appreciates moving forward in unison with the help a common goal. Unity within a church is a sign of good leadership by both laity and clergy and it guides the small and great goals we prayerfully craft together.

We look forward with expectation for what God will do through us in this year. We look forward in faith, as well, trusting that the God who has guided this congregation since 1737 will faithfully guide us daily.

The British writer, C.S. Lewis wrote: ***“There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”*** It is my prayer that this may prove to be true for every one of us, and especially for the Greencastle Presbyterian Church. ■



*“Freddy” primes the pump for Sofiya to go up front. Rice Krispies treat sealed the deal.*



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**KERI PAPA** *Acting Director of Christian Education*  
**RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN** *Moderator*

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday, January 7th @ 6:30 pm

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help in the Sunday School classroom this Fall. We are currently filling spots for the new year. Our prayer is that you will consider helping us. The children are a blessing and our future.

### YOUTH GROUP

January 5th Confirmation Meeting  
 January 19th Bowling 3 pm  
 February 2nd Confirmation Meeting  
 February 16th Regular Fun Meeting  
 March 2nd Confirmation Meeting  
 March 16th Regular Fun Meeting

All children in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. Youth Group Members are welcome to bring a friend. Any questions, see Pastor Bob or Scott Peterson.

**THANK YOU... for helping us collect over 30 Operation Christmas Child boxes and over 90 Angel Tree Gifts. What a blessing our congregation is to children both near and far. We appreciate your support of these programs.**

### FAITHFUL FAMILIES

**BOWLING** whether you are 7 or 70, you are invited to join us at Nellie Fox, 3587 Molly Pitcher Highway, in Chambersburg for our annual Bowling Event- Sunday, January 19th at 3 pm!

**VALENTINE CARD MAKING** This event is open to all congregation members. A potluck event, Valentine Card Making for a local nursing home, and ending with a sweet treat- ice cream! Details to follow.

**COMMUNITY CAMP 2025** Our theme this year will be TRUE NORTH by Group Publishing. Children will be guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As

campers trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Planning will begin this month for our Summer Camp 2025. Help us make it the best one yet! There is a job for everyone, no matter your strengths. If you are interested in being a part of this awesome week, please join us at the CE meeting. We will discuss camp at the beginning in case you choose not to stay for the entire meeting. Please see Racheal or Keri with questions.

*A great group for a fun night.  
 Thanks to those who joined us for caroling!*



## PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

**DAVID LINDECAMP** *Moderator*

We hope that you all have had a wonderful holiday season and send our best wishes and blessings for the coming year. Even though spring is a far ways off, it still does not hurt to plan for it. Please mark your calendars for the following.

**Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at 9am –**

Spring Clean-up at the Church and at the Moss Spring Cemetery We would appreciate any and all support to keep our properties looking their best.

A brief update on our activities:

### PROJECTS STARTED:

- Last month I mentioned how we had begun to gather quotes for repairs to the roof of the Education wing of the church. Review of the quotes led to more questions and those answers have led to additional questions on how to move forward. We are still working on the best path and we will update you as we have more direction with this project.
- Also, we have been discussing improving the right-of-way at the Moss Spring Cemetery. We have quoted work to tailgate a 2-3" layer of stone on the road at the cemetery. This information has been presented to the Session and this motion was approved at the December meeting. I have notified the contractor of the approval and I am waiting for a reply. Again, we will update you as we have additional information.

### PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- Fall clean-up at the Moss Spring Cemetery occurred on Saturday December 5th. Thanks to BSA Troop 99 and their families and to Bryan Larew and Brian Rice for their time and effort. Also, a special note of thanks to Brian and Bonnie Rice for all of their advance work in prepping the MSC for the workday!
- Fred Davison came in to the Sanctuary on November 22 to turn on the heat in advance of having the piano(s) tuned and found that the baseboard heaters were not warming up as needed. Fred called Eberly's, who came in and found that one of the zone valves in the heating system was not opening as required. Eberly's replaced the head on that particular zone valve.

Until next month, Peace and Love in Christ!

## Thanksgiving Dinner

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Thanksgiving Dinner outreach another huge success. Whether you donated food, helped make dinners, packed dinners, handed them out, or donated money to purchase turkeys, we could not have coordinated this outreach without you.

Every year for the past five years, GPC has made Thanksgiving meals for anyone who asked for one. Sometimes it is for someone with very little resources; sometimes it is for someone alone for the day; either way, our church touches their life with some holiday hospitality.

This year we served 218 meals to those around us and donated leftovers to those in need. We cooked 31 turkey breasts and over 100 pounds of corn and green beans. In addition, we had stuffing balls, mashed potatoes, rolls and, of course, pie.

We are already making plans for next year with the goal of serving at least 225 meals. If you would like to be a part of this outreach next year, please let us know. Thank you all again for supporting us each year.

Jim & Keri Papa



Although ALL non-perishable donations are always appreciated, the list below shows our current need.

Monthly more than 120 families are blessed when they visit the Food Pantry. Thank you for the generosity you show to the people who rely on the Food Pantry to help feed their families.

CEREAL  
PASTA SAUCE IN CANS OR PLASTIC  
RICE MIXES  
PASTA MIXES  
POTATO MIXES  
CANNED PASTA (Chef Boyardee)  
SOUP



## GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

717-597-8333 ext. 2  
gafoodpantry@gmail.com

*Call or email to schedule a time  
to drop off the food donations.*

ALL MONETARY AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY AT 57 W. BALTIMORE STREET, GREENCASCADE, PA 17225.



### LOCATION

Greencastle Presbyterian Church  
57 W. Baltimore Street (Lower Level)  
Greencastle, PA 17225



In the event of inclement weather, notification will be on the Food Pantry voice mail 717-597-8333 ext 2, the Facebook page, and WRGG 93.7 FM radio.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Greencastle-Antrim-Food-Pantry-100068316596839/>



### HOURS OF OPERATION

**First Thursday of each month**

JANUARY 2

6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Second & Third Wednesday  
of each month**

JANUARY 8 & 15

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

### TO REGISTER FOR SERVICES

Must reside in the greater Greencastle-Antrim area with verification of name and address. Provide number and amount of total income of all persons living in the household.





## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

**DR. J. FREDERICK DAVISON** *Director of Music Ministries*

With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

The Advent/Christmas season was one filled with rich musical offerings at GPC due to the time and talents shared by the musicians of our congregation and guests. I am sincerely thankful for the faithful dedication, hard work and artistry of all those who participated in worship during this holiday season and throughout the entire year 2024. They are:

### GPC Bell Choir

Mary Ann Ackerman  
Patti Divelbiss  
Brian Keck  
Kelly Kerstetter  
Barry Leap  
Kaylynn Leap  
Liam Papa  
Dee Patton  
Dorthalee Wilson

### Piano and Organ

Patti Divelbiss  
Barbara Lange  
Barry Leap  
Liam Papa  
Harrison Scott  
Ken Shockey  
Brenda Slick  
Dorthalee Wilson

### GPC Chancel Choir

Randall Ackerman  
Margery Benson  
Roberta Biesecker  
Barbara Grane  
Donna Grosh  
Brian Keck  
Barry Leap  
Patsy Lee  
JoAnne Lewis  
Tom Thomas  
Rebecca Wertime  
Allan Wilson  
Dorthalee Wilson

### Soloists

Marisabel Cordova, *soprano*  
Paul Grane, *clarinet, soprano saxophone, alto saxophone*  
Barry Leap, *trombone*  
Kaylynn Leap, *clarinet*  
Patsy Lee, *soprano*  
Brian Keck, *tenor, baritone horn*  
Liam Papa, *piano, alto saxophone*  
Alicia Shemon, *flute*  
Ken Watkins, *guitar*  
Allan Wilson, *tenor*

I am delighted that soprano Marisabel Cordova has been willing to share her beautiful soprano with us for multiple worship services in 2024. In addition to singing in the Chancel Choir, her solo work has been inspiring. I am also delighted that Kaylynn Leap continues to return, when her schedule allows, to ring with the Bell Choir and to share her beautiful playing of the clarinet. It is also a blessing to have Allan Wilson back singing with us on a regular basis.

The most improved musician in 2024 happens to be our youngest participant Liam Papa. Liam is doing great work with the Bell Choir and recently expanded his musical gifts by learning to play the alto saxophone. He continues his studies on the piano and played for the Easter Sunrise Service again in 2024.

The most dedicated member of our GPC musicians happens to be our oldest. Whether ringing bells, singing in the Chancel Choir or playing the organ and piano, Dot Wilson is always well prepared and is usually the first one to arrive for rehearsals. She continues to be an inspiration to me and to the entire GPC music community for her dedication and many years of service to our church.



Lord,  
Thank you for the musicians sharing  
their gifts that bring JOY to our souls!

I am particularly grateful for all that Barry Leap continues to contribute to the music program at GPC. In addition to a full time job, Barry rings bells, sings in the choir, plays trombone and serves as pianist/organist when needed. I know I speak for all when I say THANK YOU Barry for all your outstanding contributions to the music ministries at GPC.

Our situation at GPC is unusual in that we have a rotating group of keyboard artists who support our worship rather than a full-time pianist or organist. Each one of these talented keyboard artists brings to us a unique blend of gifts and musical styles that brings us variety that greatly enriches our worship experience. In 2025, Ken Shockey will be taking a sabbatical for several months. However, we are blessed to have our own Patti Divelbiss able to play the organ and piano for us once again.

And sincere thanks to Mary Ann and Randall Ackerman for not only their active participation in the music program, but for hosting two social events at their home for those who are participants in the GPC Music Ministries.

Last but not least, I thank our Pastor Bob, Office Manager Sue Miller, Business Manager Bonnie Speaks, Worship co-Chairs Anne Larew and Carol Malin, and the members of the GPC Worship Committee for all they do to support the Music Ministries at GPC.

## CLERK'S REPORT

**ANNE LAREW** *Secretary Pro Tem*

**The Greencastle Presbyterian Church REGULAR SESSION MEETING was held on November 17, 2024 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary**

**RULING ELDERS PRESENT:** Racheal Marconi Bowman, Anne Larew, Carole Malin, Scott Peterson, Ed Wine.

**ABSENT:** JoAnne Lewis, David Lindecamp, Dee Patton, Jenn Robertson

**SECRETARY PRO TEM:** Anne Larew

A quorum was declared by the Moderator, Rev. Robert Cook.

**ACTION:** Approved tabling all business until the December Session Meeting, with two exceptions.

**Worship: ACTION:** Approved youth participation during Holiday Worship Service on December 15, 2024.

**Mission and Outreach: ACTION:** Approved passing out popcorn and hot cider on the square during Heritage Christmas December 6 and 13.

The meeting was closed at 11:10 am.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|--|----|-------------------------------------|
| 4  | Beverly Leap                               | 21 | Linda Tarr                          |
| 8  | Chelsea Johnston                           | 22 | Emily Jones                         |
| 9  | Berry Kline                                | 23 | Paige Widder                        |
| 12 | JoAnne Lewis                               | 27 | Patti Divelbiss                     |
| 14 | Max Houck                                  | 29 | <b>David &amp; Evelyn Lindecamp</b> |
| 14 | <b>David Rutherford &amp; Carole Malin</b> | 30 | Chuck McClain                       |
| 18 | Mindy Barnhart                             |    |                                     |
| 18 | Chris Johnston                             |    |                                     |
| 19 | Darlene Kline                              |    |                                     |
| 21 | Sally Snyder                               |    |                                     |



## GPC Deacons:

## Where service meets purpose

<b>Deacon Doodles</b>	Minister to the needs of the congregation and those in need.	Deepen the spirituality and outreach of the church.	Inspire, inform, instruct, guide and bond our church family with God's love.
Serve with compassion.	Host coffee hour to connect with families and friends after worship.	Helping Hands Ministry Meals delivered to two families supporting those with medical needs	Yellow cards from the pew requesting prayers for healing and guidance.
Service through witness and connection with others.	Care Cell reports to keep Deacons informed so support can be directed to areas of need.	Christmas cards to celebrate the blessings of the Advent season.	Chancel flower deliveries lift up those celebrating joys and experiencing challenging times.
Share in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.	Take members of the congregation to appointments.	Training for serving home communion.	Boundary Training helps establish appropriate expectations for those serving and leading.

We prayerfully reflect on these highlights from the past month:

1. Heritage Christmas hot cider and popcorn on Dec. 6 and 13.
2. Advent Potluck Dinner and PSU-Mont Alto Chorale on Dec. 8.
3. Caroling, Cocoa & Cookies on Dec. 14

We look forward to these upcoming events:

1. Praying for the Nominating Committee to discern the next step of discussing the process to form a PNC.
2. Praying for the upcoming events and leadership of 2025.
3. Continued mentorship and study for our confirmands.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**ANNE LAREW** *Moderator*

We have a slate for a Pastoral Nominating Committee!

The process of discernment went more smoothly than we could have ever dreamed. The Holy Spirit was surely with us as we went through our process. We had three meetings, and every person we asked said YES! Our committee decided that seven was the optimal number, and we added two youth advisors, who will be a part of the discussions, but will not be voting. We believe the demographic makeup of the committee reflects the makeup of our congregation. We have four women and three men. We have three members over 60, and four members under, and our youth advisors are young adults. We have former Deacons, Elders, long-time members and newer members. Agreeing to be on our slate are:

Mindy Barnhart, Erin Herrmann, Brian Keck, Albert Miller, Diane Mills, Jim Papa, and Pamela Price. Our Youth Advisors are Luke Barnhart and Julia Herrmann.

Their biographies are as follows:

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**Mindy Barnhart** I became a member of GPC in the Spring/Summer of 2020 along with my husband Petey. I have grown up in the Greencastle community and currently work as a Nurse Practitioner for a local family practice. I have two children Luke-age 19 and Brooklyn-age 12, both have been baptized at GPC. Luke is a confirmed member of GPC and Brooklyn is a current confirmand.

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**Erin Herrmann** My husband, Ben and I, have been members at GPC since 2001. We have three children who were baptized here and have grown up (and are still growing!) in our church. I served as the Christian Education Director for ten years and have served as an Elder for six years. I have also served on our PNC committee before and am looking forward to serving again!

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**Brian Keck** I have been a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church, and a member of the Greencastle Presbyterian church for approximately 30 years. I am an installed Elder, having served several terms on Session at GPC. Over the last 20 years, I have served on and also chaired the GPC Finance and Personnel Committees. My deepest faith connection is through my love of music, which was nurtured in my youth at First Presbyterian Church of Wellsboro, PA. I have been active in the GPC music ministry through participation in choir as well as instrumental music. I also support the Property & Maintenance Committee and Moss Spring Graveyard Association.

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**Albert W. Miller**

**PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE:** Albert has been a lifelong Presbyterian

In 1950 he was born into Timber Ridge Presbyterian near Lexington VA that was established in 1747. He was confirmed into the church at age 12. His parents, maternal grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles were Presbyterian with several serving as Elders and Deacons.

In 1980 Albert joined the Presbyterian Church of Hagerstown where he was later elected to serve as an Elder. As an Elder he served as Chairman of the Administrative and Finance Committee which had responsibility for personnel matters, managing the approved budget and overseeing the Endowment fund.

In approximately 1996 Albert joined Covenant Presbyterian Church in Hagerstown.

In 2022 Albert joined Greencastle Presbyterian Church and currently serves on the Nominating Committee.

**CIVIC PARTICIPATION:** Albert was elected to the Borough of Greencastle Council in 2022 and served as Council President for years 2022 and 2023.

From approximately 1992 to 2000 Albert was on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County MD. He served as President

of the Board from 1994 to 1996 with a goal to expand the club from one location in Hagerstown to multiple locations in the county.

**EDUCATION:** In 1969 Albert graduated from Rockbridge High School in Fairfield VA where he was elected Senior Class President and graduated 3rd in the class. As a senior he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track and was voted 3rd team all-state in basketball.

Albert graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (better known as Virginia Tech) in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

**ENGINEERING CAREER:** Albert started his engineering career in 1973 in Roanoke VA and later continued by moving to Hagerstown MD in 1975. He did structural engineering design for temporary bridges for the Corp of Engineers, highway bridges for various states, and subway structures for the Washington DC transit authority.

He obtained his Professional Engineering License in 1978 in multiple states and retained these licenses until 2023.

#### CONSTRUCTION CAREER & BUSINESS

**OWNERSHIP:** Between 1980 and 1989 Albert worked for several construction companies in MD where he did project management, cost estimating, and provided pre-construction services.

In 1989 Albert founded Antietam Construction, Inc. in Hagerstown MD and continues to serve as President. Between 1989 and 2003 Antietam performed concrete construction, bridge construction, and commercial construction projects including offices, churches, schools, detention facilities, and manufacturing. These projects were for the private sector as well as for local, state, and the federal government in the states of MD, WV, and PA

In 2003 Antietam changed its core business to become a concrete pump rental company and continues to provide this service to residential concrete foundation contractors in the tri-state.

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**Diane Mills** I've attended GPC since 2008. I became a member after many years of attending children's programs with my kids (now college students). Officially, I have been on the Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee and involved with Christian Education.

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**Jim Papa** I have served two terms on Session and been the Chairperson of the Outreach and Technology committees. My wife, Keri and I coordinate the Thanksgiving dinner and I was part of Session during our search for an Interim Pastor. Keri and I have been married for 23 years and have three children. We enjoy being active in the church and I look forward to being part of the PNC.

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**Pamela Morris Price** Graduated Clarion University of PA with a BS in Psychology

Work experience:

- Director of Christian Education, First Presbyterian Church, Clarion PA
- Executive Director, Rape Crisis Center of Clarion and Jefferson Counties
- Direct, IU6 Pregnant & Parenting Teen Program
- Director of Board Development Services with Pennsylvania School Boards Association

Volunteer Experience:

- Member, Clarion Area Board of School Directors, including two years as Board President
- Member, Riverview Intermediate Unit Board of Directors
- Member, Middletown Area Board of School Directors
- Member, Dauphin County Vocational Technical School Joint Operating Committee
- English as a Second Language Teacher
- Mariners United Methodist Church After School Program Volunteer

Church Experience:

- Elder, Middletown Presbyterian Church
- Deacon, Ocean View Presbyterian Church, including term as Moderator
- Pastor Support Team Member

**Luke Barnhart** I was confirmed at the Greencastle Presbyterian Church on September 27th, 2020. I have been a community camp counselor for three years. I have served on the worship committee and I was a member of the youth group. I am currently in my first year of college at Penn State Mont Alto majoring in Civil Engineering.

**Julia Herrmann** I have been a committed member of this church since I was baptized in 2006. I had the opportunity to be confirmed in 2020. I have volunteered as a camp counselor for our summer day camp for the past seven years, was involved in youth group from middle school to high school and have written four sermons that I have preached over the past couple of years. I look forward to serving the church in any capacity I'm needed!

**Session has approved a Special Called Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 19 after worship, for the purpose of electing the slate. Pastor Bob Cook will moderate.**

Thank you to the Nominating Committee (Sue Bell, Sheila Gates, Ben Herrmann, Anne Larew, Albert Miller, Brian Rice, Marcie Tinninis) for their careful discernment and diligence. We will begin meeting after the slate has been elected to begin discerning a new class of elders and deacons. Our work is almost never done!

Thanks be to God!



### **Fall Clean-up at Moss Spring**

*Scouts and GPC members enjoying hot chocolate and donuts after a morning of hard work*

## **GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

9:30 am

Greencastle Evangelical Lutheran Church

### **Singing Praise to our Great God**

Guest speaker, Sandra Wingert is a lifelong resident of Greencastle and one of the founding board of GACWF. She will share some of her story and lead us in singing hymns and songs to ring in the new year.

- No reservation necessary
- Free-will offering accepted
- Lunch optional

***All are welcome to attend  
and bring a friend!***

## **WORSHIP**

**ANNE LAREW, CAROLE MALIN** *Moderators*

This article is being submitted before Christmas, so we are hoping for robust attendance and blessed worship on Christmas Eve. Thanks to everyone who has supported worship in the past year, from greeters, liturgists, acolytes, choir members, soloists, musicians, technology specialists, communion servers and preparers, and of course, Worship Committee Members Jeff Stouffer, Pam Price, Linda Tarr, Emily Jones, Carole Malin and Anne Larew. Special shout out to our Director of Music, Fred Davison and Rev. Dr. Robert Cook, on whom we rely.

**Christmas Blessings To All**





## **Penn State Mont Alto Chorale Concert and Ice Cream Social**

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 2024

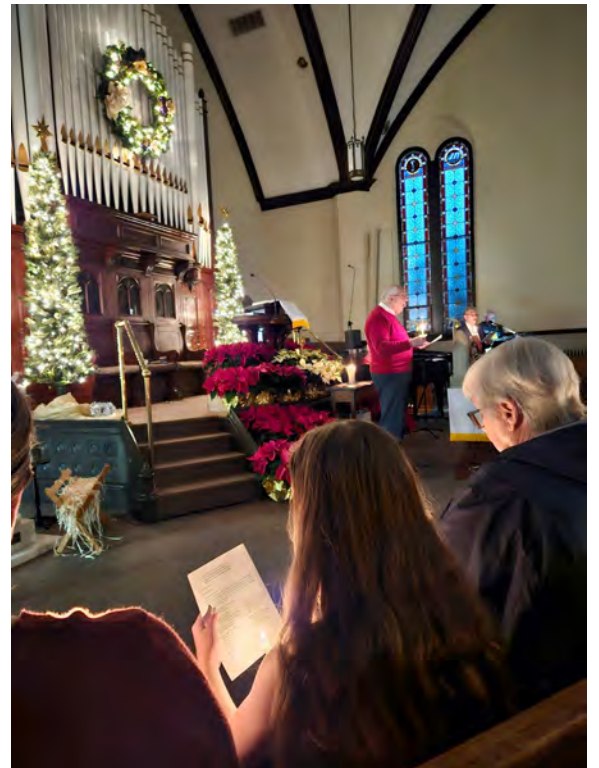






## Family Friendly Christmas Eve Worship

DECEMBER 24 2024 • 4:30 PM





If you find yourself in need of some medical equipment, such as a walker or shower chair, check GPC's "Medical Equipment Available for Loan" list. These items have been made available for members and friends of GPC to borrow. Simply contact the individual owner to check availability and to make arrangements for pick up. The list is currently posted in the church office or contact your Deacon.

The list can updated, so please let us know if you have a piece of equipment that you would be willing to share. Call the church office at 717-597-8333 or Sue Bell at 717-597-3939.

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

### Crutches:

Mary Sauder (717-597-9820)  
Kathryn Greene (301-775-3274)

### Cane:

Kathryn Greene (301-775-3274)  
Mary Ann Ackerman (240-527-5516)  
Jenn Robertson (717-593-9373)

### Walker:

Sue Bell (717-597-3939)  
Kathryn Greene (301-775-3274)  
Sheila Gates (717-404-2282)  
Jenn Robertson *rollator walker with seat* (717-593-9373)  
Mary Sauder *rollator walker with seat* (717-597-9820)

### Shower tub bench, large:

Kathryn Greene (301-775-3274)  
Julie Craig (717-597-7803)

### Shower chair, no arms:

Sue Bell (717-597-3939)  
Mary Ann Ackerman (240-527-5516)

### Elevated toilet seat:

Mary Ann Ackerman (240-527-5516)  
Jenn Robertson (717-593-9373)

### Sitz Bath:

Jenn Robertson (717-593-9373)

### Sling:

Sue Bell (717-597-3939)

### Dressing aid stick:

*for putting on shoes and socks*  
Sue Bell (717-597-3939)

### Knee Immobilizer:

Mary Sauder (717-597-9820)

### Wedge Pillow:

*used for tailbone pain*  
Mary Sauder (717-597-9820)



Evangelical Lutheran Church, 130 N. Washington St.,  
Greencastle, has equipment for loan. The office is open  
Mon-Thurs from 8:30- 3:30. (717-597-3310)





## JOYS, CARES, & CONCERNS

**June Marshall** health concerns  
**Nancy McIntyre** health concerns  
**Patti Sechrist** health concerns (*Marcie Tinninis*)  
**Alan Shope** health concerns  
**Tim Walck** health concerns  
**Mary Lou Riddle** health concerns (*Mary Ann Ackerman*)  
**Mindy Grosh** health concerns (*Dick & Donna Grosh's daughter-in-law*)  
**Michael Paylor** complications from leg amputation (*cousin of Weslie Johnson*)  
**Mary Buhl** health concerns  
**Cullen Gaston** young child with Leukemia  
**Bob & Sandy Seidel** (*Marcie Tinninis*)  
**Bill & Kathy Kendall** health concerns (*Weslie Johnson*)  
**Aaron Frick** (*Mary Ann Ackerman*)  
**Ray Spitz** (*brother-in-law of Ed & Debbie Wine*)  
**Rev. Bill Beck** (*Patti Divelbiss*)  
**Dan Patton** health concerns  
**Bethany Yeager** missionary work in South America (*Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford*)  
**Penny Mohler** battling ovarian cancer (*Nancy Lee Moore*)  
**Cathy Thomas** health concerns (*Beth Taylor's mother / submitted by Sheila Gates*)  
**Sue Lum**, recovering from broken kneecap (*Fred Davison's sister*)

**Rowan Stotler** recovering from brain surgery (*Mary Ann Ackerman*)  
**Sandra Meadows** oral cancer (*Kim Tarlaglia*)  
**Frank & Tracey Toston** health concerns (*Scott Peterson*)  
**Archer Hohl** young child with seizures (*Mary Ann Ackerman*)  
**Leona Cain** health concerns (*Deb Wine's mother*)  
**Sally Snyder** health concerns  
**Chelsea White** diagnosed with breast cancer, mother of 2-year-old twins (*Emily Jones*)  
**Tim Reed** health concerns  
**Lynne Leap** recovering from a fall (*Barry Leap's mother*)  
**Gail Guyton** diagnosis of brain tumor (*Diane Mills*)  
**Cheryl Luger** breast cancer surgery (*Cindy Marconi & Racheal Marconi Bowman*)  
**Marvin & Nancy Rice** health concerns (*Linda Thomas*)  
**Jon Davis** health concerns (*Margery Benson*)  
**David Myers** health concerns (*Sue Myers*)  
**Liz McCarty** health concerns (*Kim Morrison's sister-in-law*)  
**Cameron Kingsley** auto accident recovery  
**Virginia Vallillo** health concerns  
**Frank Marconi** health concerns (*Racheal Marconi Bowman*)  
**Robin Wingert** health concerns (*Pastor Bob*)  
**Kenny Reed** cancer diagnosis  
**Todd Smith** health concerns (*Marcie & Chuck Tinninis*)  
**For the hungry**  
**For the imprisoned**  
**For those who are alone**  
**For those who are grieving**  
**For those who cannot forgive**  
**For all weighed down by difficulty**  
**For the marginalized and unwelcomed**  
**For all of God's children**

### Please pray for the families of

**Mary Steel** (December 9), **Skylar Sites** (December 13) and **Bill Horst**, father of Cindy Marconi, who have recently passed on to join our Lord in his peace-filled kingdom.

*Good and gracious God, we surrender all worries and concerns to you, knowing that we are your beloved children. Our faith requires we rest in your great mercy. Amen.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# January 2025

## Wed January 1 NEW YEARS DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

## Thur January 2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

## Sun January 5

### **Worship with Communion 10:00am**

Coffee Fellowship / 1st Sunday Food Drive  
Youth Group Confirmation Meeting 6:00pm

## Mon January 6 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Tue January 7

CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 6:30pm  
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

### Wed January 8

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am  
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am  
Bell Choir 6:00pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00pm  
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

## Thur January 9 National Day of Mourning

*In memory of President James Earl Carter, Jr.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING 1:00pm  
SESSION MEETING 6:30pm

## Sun January 12

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Worship 10:00am** followed by Coffee Fellowship

### Mon January 13

OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

### Wed January 15

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am  
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am  
Bell Choir 6:00pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00pm  
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

### Thurs January 16

DEACONS MEETING 6:30pm

## Sat January 18 Ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

## Sun January 19

**PER CAPITA SUNDAY** 2025 Per Capita for  
Carlisle Presbytery Churches is \$34.04

**Worship 10:00am** followed by Coffee Fellowship  
SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIOAL MEETING  
Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm  
Faithful Families Bowling 3:00pm

## Mon January 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

### Wed January 18

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am  
Bell Choir 6:00pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00pm  
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

## Sun January 26

**Worship 10:00am** followed by Coffee Fellowship

### Wed January 29

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am  
Bell Choir 6:00pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00pm  
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

The God of the universe desires to enter  
into our lives in an intimate, eternal way.

Our God is personal and deeply  
concerned with who and what we are.

Our God enters into our stories  
to both find us and to remind us  
that He has been here all along.