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CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Holy Week 2025

April 13

Palm Sunday

Worship Service

10:00am

Coffee & Fellowship

April 20

Easter Sunday

**Resurrection
of the LORD**

Sunrise Service 7:30am
followed by Breakfast

Worship Service

Communion 10:00am
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
One Great Hour of Sharing

April 17

Maundy Thursday

Combined Worship Service at
Grace United Church of Christ
128 E. Baltimore St, Greencastle
Communion 7:00pm



HE IS RISEN

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

DAVID LINDECAMP *Moderator*

After what seemed like a long and very cold winter, I am sure that all of you are looking forward to the Lenten season and the warm weather to follow. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following.



**Saturday
April 5, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

at the Church and at the Moss Spring Cemetery

We would appreciate any and all support to keep our properties looking their best.

Have you ever wanted to be a Fred or a Brian/ Bryan for a few hours? Well, then come on out to the spring cleanup and I may be able to arrange for you to get a photograph with your favorite one. We gladly welcome all Frida's/Freda's and Brianna's, as well. After all, the Fred's and Brian's are used to being supervised. We would appreciate any and all support to keep our properties looking their best.

A brief update on our activities:

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

Speaking of Brian's, a shout out to Brian Rice for sharpening the blades and changing the oil in the push mower to get Bryan Larew ready to go this spring.

Until next month, Peace and Love in Christ!



CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

February 13, 2025 at 6:32 p.m. in the Social Room

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Carole Malin, Anne Larew, JoAnne Lewis, David Lindecamp, Dee Patton, Scott Peterson, Jenn Robertson, Ed Wine

Absent: Racheal Marconi Bowman

Clerk: Jenn Robertson

Ruling Elder Carole Malin offered a devotion and a prayer.

Clerk's Report: Approve minutes of the Regular Session Meeting January 9, 2025.

Church Roll through January 31, 2025, is 142.

Worship attendance on Sunday, February 2, 2025, was 84 with Communion celebrated by 82 with 35 joining livestream. Approve minutes of the Special Called Congregational Meeting February 9, 2025.

ACTION. Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report January 2025

Beginning Balance	\$11,283.50
Receipts	\$41,670.47
Disbursements	\$23,390.04
Ending Balance	\$29,563.93

ACTION. Approved the January Financial Report.

Year End Reporting: Submitted Annual Reports to the Presbytery and General Assembly: 2024 Church Statistical Report, 2024 Presbytery of Carlisle, PA Necrology Report, 2024 Church Indebtedness Report, 2024 Church Insurance Report, 2025 Annual Report on Terms of Call, and 2025 Per Capita Commitment and Mission Pledge Form.

Attendance: Company of Clerks Meeting on January 13, 2025; *Book of Order* Amendments and Ecclesiastic Agreement Information Meeting on January 15, 2025; Presbytery Meeting on

February 8, 2025; Informational Session with Rev. Kristal Smith, Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership on February 11, 2025 concerning Clerk of Session's duties for the Pastor Nominating Committee, Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting on February 11, 2025.

Virtual Motions: ACTION. On January 20, 2025, approved use of the Sanctuary on the morning of Thursday, May 1, 2025, for the Greencastle-Antrim National Day of Prayer Service sponsored by the Greencastle Ministerium and the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship Service to begin at 11:00 am. **ACTION.** On January 21, 2025, approved Special Called Congregational Meeting for February 9, 2025, to present the slate of members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. NOTE: Rescheduled from January 19, 2025, because of cancellation of Worship Service and Special Called Congregation Meeting due to snow. **ACTION.** On February 1, 2025, approved Rev. Dr. Michael Koplitz to fill our pulpit on February 2, 2025, with assistance from Kelsey Marhsall, MDiv. to officiate Communion due to Pastor Bob's unexpected absence because of sickness.

Worship: ACTIONS. Approved recognition of Technology Team members with gift cards (\$100.00 each) to local restaurants to be presented in front of congregation on a Sunday. Approved Kentucky Mission presentation by Polly Coulter, Mission Committee Chair, on Sunday, February 17, 2025. Approved commissioning members of the Pastor Nominating Committee on Sunday, February 17.

Christian Education: ACTIONS. Approved Sunrise Service for April 20, 2025, at 7:30 am. Approved funding the enrollment fee for participants of the Chambersburg Project; July 6 – 11, 2025.

Finance: Because no Worship Service was held on Per Capita Sunday due to inclement weather, reminders about this opportunity for stewardship will be made from the pulpit and in various media venues.

Personnel: ACTION. Approved hiring a Youth Group Leader to plan, coordinate and supervise the activities of the Youth Group (grades 6 through 12), generally every other Sunday evening for 9 to 10 months during the school year with salary not to exceed \$5,000.00 annually.

Property & Maintenance: Roof of the Educational Wing was replaced.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bob and Scott Peterson will be in front of the church on Wednesday March

5th from Noon to 12:30 Pm to do "Ashes to Go". Session to begin the development of a transition plan over the next few months as the PNC begins its work. We hope to have a smooth pastoral transition and that happens best as we plan it out. Session members are invited to come up with plans.

Pastor Bob will be offering a Lenten Bible study the six (6) Thursday mornings of Lent at 10 AM. We hope to hold these studies at the Brio Coffee Shop. Pastor Bob will assist in a Bible study with Presbyterian Women one Thursday each month at 1 pm in the Edwards Room. ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) has the legal authority to come into houses of worship to conduct immigration raids, arrests and other enforcement actions even in churches which traditionally have been places of sanctuary. The PCUSA has joined with other Church bodies in a suit to oppose this.

Pastor Nominating Committee: The first meeting of the Pastor Nominating Committee was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, with the Rev. Kristal Smith, Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership, the Rev. Dr. Jamie McLeod, Presbytery Leader for Transformation and Vision and the Rev. Vern Gauthier, Commission on Ministry Liaison for Greencastle Presbyterian Church. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 7:30 pm

New Business: ACTION. Approved bringing forward a motion at our April 6, 2025 Congregational Meeting for our membership to vote on a change to our Bylaws so GPC's Bylaws mirror the form of government identified in our Book of Order, G-1.0506. Current Bylaws state "The Clerk of Session shall be secretary of the meetings of this Congregation. In his/her inability to attend, the Session shall designate a secretary pro tem." Recommendation: The Clerk of Session shall serve as secretary for all meetings of the congregation. If the Clerk of Session Is unable to serve, the congregation shall elect a secretary for that meeting. The secretary shall record the actions of the congregation in the minutes of the meeting.

The meeting was closed in prayer with The Lord's Prayer in unison at 8:00 pm.

MISSION COMMITTEE

POLLY COULTER *Moderator*

BLUE FOR THE WIN!

On behalf of your Mission Committee, we want to thank everyone who supported "Blue Out Sunday" on March 9th. Thanks to the generous hearts of our wonderful congregation, we raised \$1,535 for the Disaster Relief Fund for the flood victims of KY, WV, TN, and VA. Everyone showed up in a preverbal blue rainbow of shades to support the cause and it was WONDERFUL!

Sidewalk Days Yard Sale

As you start your Spring cleaning, don't forget to set aside your things you may want to donate to your July Yard Sale during Sidewalk Days. Who knows what wonderful treasures you may want to part with that will be of wonderful help to someone in our community. Just set it aside for our upcoming sale. Keep watching for more information as it draws closer.

Old Home Week News

August will be here before we know it and that means lots of Old Home week excitement, fun activities and events for everyone. To make this event successful, we will be asking for volunteers for different events during that week.

One such event that will have a GREAT need for volunteers, will be the ice cream social. Sign up sheets will be posted starting in July asking for help with that event. It's a huge crowd pleaser as everyone loves a cup of free Lizzy's ice cream!

The Old Home Week Committee is happy to introduce the sale of GPC collared & t-shirts to all interested members and friends. Use order form on the next page; pick up in the vestibule; or download from our website visitGPCpa.org.

Shirt orders will be taken from March 16 – April 7. All shirts are Royal Blue with the NEW church logo on the upper left front. Men's & women's collared shirts cost \$31; adult & youth t-shirts are \$8. Feel free to direct any questions to our shirt committee, Sue Thompson, Cindy Marconi or Randall Ackerman.



2025 GPC Shirt Orders

Name:

Phone:



Embroidered **Staff Shirts** (Synthetic, moisture-wicking, non-transparent, Royal Blue, with full color embroidered church LOGO)

Adult Mens Collared Staff Shirt

3-button pullover

Sm	Md	Lg	XLg	2X	3X	Total \$\$

\$31 Per shirt - Add \$2 for XL+

Adult Womens Collared Staff Shirt

Tapered cut, 3-button pull over,

Sm	Md	Lg	XLg	2X	3X	Total \$\$

\$31 Per shirt, Add \$2 for XL+

Screened **T-Shirts** (50/50 Poly-cotton, Dry-Blend, non-transparent, Royal Blue, white screened logo on upper-left-front)

Adult T-Shirt

Sm	Md	Lg	XLg	2X	3X	Total \$\$

\$8 Per shirt - Add \$3 for 2X+

Youth T-Shirt

Sm	Md	Lg	XLg			Total \$\$

\$8 Per shirt

***Grand Total of Order = \$ 0.00**



SPECIAL EVENTS

DEE PATTON *Moderator*

GPC's Special Events Committee met on Monday morning, March 3, 2025.

Those in attendance were Kim Morrison, Dee Patton, Becky Sucke, and Sue Thompson.

Easter Sunday on April 20 will start with the Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. Immediately following the service, Special Events will provide five different egg casseroles, fruit, yogurt, and juices to enjoy.

Coffee hour will be provided by the committee on May 4.

Lemonade on the Lawn will be lemonade and cookies starting on June 1 and will be the first Sunday throughout the summer.

Refreshments will be provided for the confirmation class at a date yet to be determined.

Communion Servers and Liturgists

LITURGISTS:

April 6	Debbie Young
April 13	Liam Papa
April 20	Julia Herrmann
April 27	David Rutherford



APRIL 6 COMMUNION SERVERS:

Sue Bell, Diane Mills,
Deb Shank, Marcie Tinninis

APRIL 20 EASTER COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mary Ann Ackerman, Randall Ackerman,
Gabe Gates, Sheila Gates



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mary Ann Ackerman
- 2 Jane Everetts
- 2 Gabe Gates
- 3 Vasilija Milanovic
- 6 Ed Wine
- 7 **Randy & Susan Miller (46)**
- 8 Dottie Davison
- 8 Anne Larew
- 12 **Tony & Polly Coulter (39)**
- 12 Ashley Widder
- 14 Liam Papa
- 18 Deb Shank
- 19 Julie Craig
- 19 Rick McClain
- 20 David Lindecamp
- 21 **Paul & Barbara Grane (52)**
- 21 Evelyn Lindecamp
- 21 **Dan & Dee Patton (35)**
- 22 Tylar Nitzke
- 23 Polly Coulter
- 23 Amber Kerstetter
- 23 Bonnie Speaks
- 24 Kay Barnhart
- 24 Morgan Johnson
- 26 **Mark & Margaret Metz (33)**
- 26 David Rutherford
- 27 George Price
- 29 Kaylee Papa

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KERI PAPA *Acting Director*

RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN *Moderator*

Our next committee meeting is on
Tuesday, April 1st @ 6:30 pm

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help in the Sunday School classroom so far. We have a few spots left for spring. Our prayer is that you will consider helping us. The children are a blessing and our future. [Click here to sign up.](#)

YOUTH GROUP

April 6th Confirmation Meeting

April 13th 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.

EASTER

- Sunrise Service hosted by our Youth Group will take place on Easter Sunday at 7:30am, outside on the side lawn - weather permitting
- please bring a lawn chair.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held after Easter service at 11am.
 - Donations of small, individually wrapped candy are being accepted. Please place your donations in the basket by the elevator. Thank you to everyone who has already donated or is planning on donating!
- One Great Hour of Sharing collections due on Easter Sunday; collection boxes were handed out in Sunday School. Please ask your Sunday School teacher if your family hasn't received one yet.



COMMUNITY SUMMER CAMP 2025

Our theme this year is TRUE NORTH by Group Publishing. Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids 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 has begun for our Summer Camp 2025. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30pm. If you are interested in being a part of this awesome week, please join us on this date! We will discuss camp at the beginning in case you choose not to stay for the entire meeting.
- Camper spots are almost filled - only five spots remain! Reminder—registration is not complete until payment has been received.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US

- + Check out our wishlist on Amazon. Choose something to donate by going to Amazon.com. Choose Registry from the top menu bar. Search Greencastle Presbyterian Church. There you will find our list titled True North Community Camp. [You may also follow this link \(click here\).](#)
- + Make a monetary donation to help cover camp costs (you can put donations in the offering plate labeled Community Camp)
- + Help us create decorations for the week
- + Donate newspapers and other packing materials that you have leftover
- + Signup to volunteer that week as a snack helper, craft helper, crew leader or assistant

PASTOR'S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

Holy Week and Easter offer all Christians opportunities to dive deeper into why they believe in God, in Jesus and in the way of life that Jesus lays out for us when Jesus calls us to follow him,

In I Peter 3:15, he wrote to the early Christian community, ***"...But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you."***

There is a fancy theological word for this: Apologetics. That word does mean apologizing for your faith as if it's an embarrassment. Quite the opposite. An apologetic aims to defend and explain the Christian faith and its core beliefs to those who just don't know the Christian story or to those who doubt its truthfulness. An apologetic seeks to provide a rational and compelling case for belief.

Jesus demonstrated the truth of his message and his identity over and over again, using nearly every method at his disposal, including miracles, prophecy, a godly style of life, authoritative teaching and reasoned debate.

In Acts 17:2–4 Luke notes that Jews, God-fearing Greeks, and many women in Thessalonica were persuaded that Paul's message was true. Here, he spent three days in a Jewish synagogue reasoning from the Scriptures "explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead" and demonstrating that "Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ" (v. 3).

Church people miss significant opportunities to share their faith. It might be shyness; or perhaps some don't have the facts of faith at hand. Many churches and pastors may never even use the word "apologetic" much less define what it means. Well-trained and well-versed Christians learn to know how to share their faith and explain what their hope is all about in intelligent, sensitive and respectful ways. And, since six out of ten people

who would come to a church service attend because a relative or friend invited them, it is wise for everyone in our congregation to know how to give an answer for our faith.

So, where do we begin? First of all is a familiarity with the Bible. It can be hard work in a way. Nonetheless, it is good work to do. Simply reading the Bible just as it is will give you a lot of questions for you to follow up on and research. There are many good books that will help you understand the important questions every Christian should deal with for themselves. Questions such as, "How can I understand the existence of God? Or, *"why if God is good do bad things happen to good people?"* Is Jesus just a storybook character or was he a real person 2000 years ago:"

How can I understand the existence of God?

I think it is important to study about Jesus' death and resurrection. Many will say that he was never raised, but the disciples stole his body and buried it. Or, that after being taken down from the cross and then placed in a cold tomb, Jesus revived and made his way out of Jerusalem. Or, others might say that the Holy Spirit came upon the human Jesus at his baptism and left him as he died on the cross. (I will say that anyone tortured near to death, brutally crucified and with a deep spear wound into their chest cavity—the blood having separated—would not have climbed out of a tomb a few hours later—because they would actually be dead!) If Jesus wasn't raised from the dead, then what? Because Jesus was raised from the dead, then what is our response?

Apologetics is directed towards doubt. One engaged in such a conversation needs to keep in mind that your direction is to counter doubt. It is never to try to bully a person with whatever your

facts may be. Deep respect for what the person with whom you're conversing is everything. Frankly, this faith is not so much about facts. We cannot prove the existence of God. It is an article of faith. But there is a very credible argument for the truth of Christianity in the lives today whom Jesus has transformed.

Of course, some will say that there are too many hypocrites in church. While that may be true, there are very many hypocrites in every other part of a community. That direction always gets you off into the weeds, so to speak. The point to make is about the goodness of God who came to us in love and sends Jesus to reveal the love of God to a world in confusion. Stay on track. It's about Jesus and not the church person you know who is a regular rummy. The Bible gives a very robust presentation of God's work through history and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection is the fulcrum upon which this faith rises or falls.

If nothing else, Jesus' teaching and person challenge how we live our lives in a world that increases in violence, confusion and self-centeredness—leading to further violence, fear, and war. Jesus offers a transforming way to live that brings peace and positive transformation to an entire society.

If this congregation will continue and thrive in a world indifferent or even hostile to our faith; or worse—co-opt it into something with no purpose or message, it is your task and mine to be able to give a good and wise answer for our faith.

— Pastor Robert Cook

Love Repairs the Breach

In Isaiah 58, we are called to be repairers of the breach. Showing our love, sharing our love, is how we are repairing the breach in so many of our interactions in this world; opening the path to a new season of justice, freedom and peace.

"Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in."

—Isaiah 58

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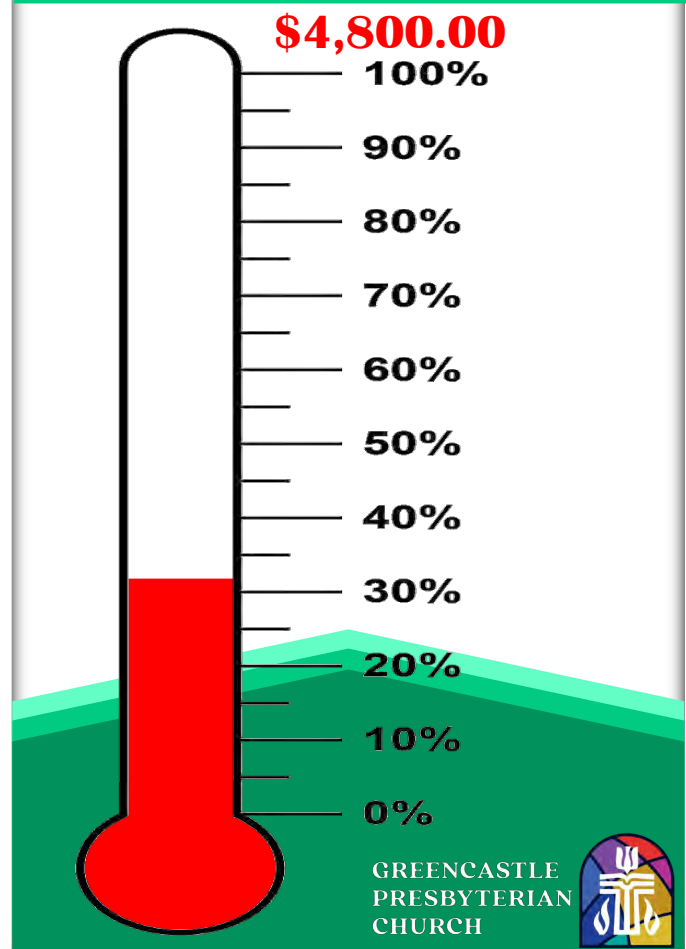
The Presbyterian Per Capita

Each year all members of Presbyterian Churches (PCUSA) are asked to give a small but special offering call the "per capita." The Presbyterian per capita is an annual contribution that supports the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It's based on the number of members in a congregation. So, where does the money go and what does it do?

- Supports the work of the General Assembly, including the biennial General Assembly meeting (our national body)
- Supports the work of the Synod (our regional body)
- Supports the work of the Presbytery (our local body)
- Supports calling and supporting pastors
- Supports encouraging those called to church leadership with training for Ruling Elders and Deacons, and with financial help for seminary education for future pastors.

The per capita is a way for Presbyterians to share the costs of the church and to show their unity and commitment to their shared mission. Our Presbytery of Carlisle asks all of the members of our congregations to contribute \$34.04 this year. Please share in giving this small amount that makes a big difference. ***Thanks to all who have met their commitment for 2025.***

Help Us Meet Our Goal!



GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

717-597-8333 ext. 2

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Thursday, April 3 • 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9 & 16 • 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS

Cereal

Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic

Rice Mixes, Pasta Mixes, Soups, Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee)

Salad Dressing, Peanut Butter

Any non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE FOOD PANTRY!





Good and gracious God,
we surrender all worries and concerns
to you, knowing that we are
your beloved children. Our faith compels
that we rest in your infinite mercies.

June Marshall 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*)

Cullen Gaston young child with Leukemia

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 (*Nancylee 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*)

Frank & Tracey Toston health concerns
(*Scott Peterson*)

Archer Hohl young child with seizures
(*Mary Ann Ackerman*)

Sally Snyder health concerns

Chelsea White diagnosed with breast cancer,
mother of young twins (*Emily Jones*)

Tim Reed health concerns

Lynne Leap recovering from a fall (*Barry Leap's mother*)

Gail Guyton diagnosed with brain tumor (*Diane Mills*)

Marvin & Nancy Rice health concerns (*Linda Thomas*)

David Myers health concerns (*Sue Myers*)

Virginia Vallillo health concerns

Frank Marconi health concerns (*Racheal Marconi Bowman*)

Kenny Reed cancer diagnosis

Todd Smith health concerns (*Marcie & Chuck Tinninis*)

John Stanton brain cancer (*co-worker of Scott Peterson*)

Gwendelyn Marra (*Gabe & Sheila Gates*)

Tom Clopper health concerns (*Cindy Marconi*)

Leslie Moose (*Patsy Lee*)

Donna & Denny Bingaman health concerns
(*Margery Benson*)

Pete Stamakis health concerns (*Marcie & Chuck Tinninis*)

Chris Miller cancer treatment (*Sheila Gates*)

Cheryl Hill health concerns (*Cindy Marconi*)

Rosie Luzier diagnosed with lung cancer

Irene Blackburn hip surgery (*Linda Tarr*)

Allison & Erica donor and recipient in process of
kidney transplant (*Patti Divelbiss*)

Please remember in prayer the family of
Sandra Meadows who went to
be with Our Lord on January 8, 2025.

We join in mourning with Pam Knepper at the
loss of her brother **Steven Weaver**
who passed away on March 14, 2025.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ANNE LAREW *Moderator*

The Nominating Committee has approved the following slate:

— ELDERS —

MARY ANN ACKERMAN

Class of 2028

I have been a member of GPC since 1986. I am the wife of Randall, mother of Scott and Tyler, Mother-in-Law of Katie and Autumn, and Grammy of Weston and Cole! I am a retired Speech/Language Pathologist. I have served as an Elder, Deacon, on many committees including Mission, Outreach, Stewardship, nominating, PNC, Old Home Week, 275th Anniversary Committee, as Youth Group Leader, Sunday School Teacher, a volunteer for Vacation Bible School and Day Camp, gone on many mission trips, and am a Bell choir member.

ANNE LAREW

Class of 2026 (completing term of Scott Peterson)

I've been a member of GPC since 2002. I have served six years each as an elder and a deacon, going off the Board of Deacons two years ago. I am very gratified to be called to serve again on Session. Please pray for all of our church leaders and staff as we continue to worship, study and pray together.

WILLIAM "PHIL" PEARCE

Class of 2028

William Phillip (Phil) Pearce is a native of North Carolina and has lived in both North and South Carolina. Phil graduated from mortuary college and has been in the funeral home business for over 60 years. He and his wife Debby share 6 adult children and several grandchildren. They have attended Methodist Churches in the past, including the church in Waynesboro, where they came to know Rev Bob Cook. They joined the church in January 2024. This is their first time being members of a Presbyterian Church.

— DEACONS —

EMILY JONES

Class of 2028

I have attended GPC for two years and been a member for one. I've participated in the Worship and Old Home Week committees and was recently invited to become a Deacon. I'm very much looking forward to many more years of participation in our thriving church community. I'm a professional educator and enjoy spending time with my family and friends, especially my Scottish Terrier.

BRIAN RICE

Class of 2028

Born March 23, 1957 in Chambersburg PA; lived in Greencastle PA until 1972 then moved to Ellicott City, MD. Graduated from Mount Hebron High School class of 1976.

Started working at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in 1979 to date as contractor. Studied electronics and mechanical systems at NASA instructed classes. Was Baptized and Confirmed Oct. 3, 1971 at GPC. Returned to Greencastle and GPC in 2012 and now in the process of retiring and moving to Greencastle full time. Married to Bonnie Rice with two adult children and two grandchildren.

This will result in eight Elders and eight Deacons on each board.

Members of the Nominating Committee:
One Year Term

— MEMBERS-AT-LARGE —

SUE BELL

I became a GPC member when I moved to Greencastle in 1987. I have had the privilege of serving as an elementary Sunday School teacher, coordinator of the Women Of Faith Women's group, a volunteer Parish Nurse for 30 years and also as a Deacon. I have already served several terms as a member of the nominating committee and look forward to continuing to serve in this capacity.

SHEILA GATES

I hope to serve a second year on the Nominating Committee as a member-at-large. I have previously served two consecutive terms on Session. My husband Gabe and I have attended GPC since 2006. We are parents of two children and are known as Buddy and Gigi to five wonderful grandchildren.

ALBERT MILLER

I grew up near Fairfield VA, attended Virginia Tech and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. After marrying Debra, we moved to Hagerstown where we've raised three children. We were members of The Presbyterian Church in Hagerstown where I was an ordained Elder and later were members of Covenant Presbyterian Church. We moved to Greencastle in 2006 and joined GPC in 2022. Also in 2022, I was elected as a Councilperson for the Borough of Greencastle. I have been asked to serve as a member-at-large on the Nominating Committee.

MARCIE TINNINIS

My name is Marcie Tinninis and I hope to complete my third year as member-at-large. I have served as a Deacon (6 years), taught Sunday School with Sue Bell (Hi Bryan) for many years, helped with Community Camp each year and have also helped with a multitude of Youth Group activities as well as the Food Pantry. Chuck and I have a large family, seven children, (four with spouses/partners) and four grandchildren, all who fill our days with much joy.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Interim Pastor

Dr. J. Frederick Davison
Director of Music Ministry

Keri Papa
Acting Director of Christian Education

Susan Miller – Office Manager

Bonnie Speaks – Finance Manager

Ryan & Debbie Hock – Custodians

Bryan Larew – Groundskeeper

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2025

Anne Larew – Worship
David Lindecamp – Property & Maintenance
Ed Wine – Personnel

Class of 2026

Racheal Marconi – Christian Education
Jenn Robertson – Clerk of Session

Class of 2027

JoAnne Lewis – Finance / Stewardship
Carole Malin – Worship
Dee Patton – Special Events

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2025

Brian Rice, Deb Shank

Class of 2026

Ben Herrmann, Candace Rutherford

Class of 2027

Polly Coulter, Kelly Kerstetter,
Debra Miller, Virginia Vallillo

Greencastle Presbyterian Church



For children who
have completed
kindergarten
through
5th grade

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 3:00pm

JUNE 16-20, 2025

Daily Bible Study!
Play Games!
Sing Songs!
Crafts!
FUN!

Healthy Snacks
and beverages
provided.
Please bring a
bagged lunch.

**Scholarships
Available!**

For more information or to register:

visit GPCpa.org

717-597-8333



CALLING ALL SINGERS

OLD HOME WEEK 2025

Community Worship Service

Adult Choir

Students who have completed at least 9th grade in June 2025
may also join the Adult Choir.

Mr. Dave Besecker – Director

Registration (Deadline: May 15, 2025)

Contact Saundra Wingert (717-597-2644,
spysdirector@yahoo.com) or

Register online at oldhomeweek.org/community-worship

Rehearsal Schedule

Adult Choir (9 Tuesday Rehearsals – Please note 2 locations)

6:15 – 7:40 PM at Otterbein United Brethren Church

146 Leitersburg St., Greencastle

June 3

6:15 – 7:40 PM at Greencastle-Antrim High School Auditorium

June 10, 17, 24

July 1, 8, 15, 22

July 29 (Extended Rehearsal: 6:15 – 8:15 PM)

Adult Choir & Orchestra (Final Rehearsal)

Saturday, August 2 (2:00 – 4:00 PM)

Greencastle-Antrim High School Auditorium

Two Performances - Sunday, August 3, 2025

Greencastle-Antrim High School Auditorium

Arrive by 3:30 PM

First Performance: 4:00 PM

Light Meal: 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Second Performance: 6:45 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2025

Tue April 1

CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 6:30pm

Wed April 2

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur April 3

Lenten Book Study at the Brio 10:00am

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

Sat April 5

Spring Clean-up at GPC and Moss Spring 9:00am

Sun April 6

Worship with Communion 10:00am

1st Sunday Food Drive

Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship

Youth Group Confirmation Meeting 6:00pm

Tue April 8

MISSION/OUTREACH MEETING 6:30pm

Wed April 9

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 April 10

Lenten Book Study at the Brio 10:00am

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING 1:00pm

SESSION MEETING 6:30pm

Sun April 13 Palm Sunday

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Youth Group Meeting 6:00pm

Wed April 16

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

A SHARED WORSHIP

SERVICE HELD AT

Grace United Church of Christ

128 EAST BALTIMORE STREET

Pastor Rev. Mark Ruzicka

Pastor Rev. Dr. Robert Cook

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



Thur April 17 Maundy Thursday

Lenten Book Study at the Brio 10:00am

Combined Worship Service at Grace United Church of Christ 7:00pm

Fri April 18 Good Friday

Sun April 20 Easter

Sunrise Service 7:30am followed by Breakfast

Worship 10:00am followed by Easter Egg Hunt

One Great Hour of Sharing

Tue April 22 Earth Day

Wed April 23

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur April 24

DEACONS MEETING 6:30pm

Sun April 27

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed April 30

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm