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**The Greencastle-Antrim
Ministerium and
Greencastle-Antrim
Christian Women's
Fellowship**

PRESENTS THE

**74th Annual
National Day
of Prayer**

**Greencastle
Presbyterian
Church**

11:00 a.m.

POUR OUT TO THE
GOD OF
HOPE
AND BE FILLED

ROMANS 15:13



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

March 13, 2025 at 6:35 p.m. in the Social Room

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the candle.

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

Clerk: Jenn Robertson

Ruling Elder JoAnne Lewis offered a devotion. Pastor Bob opened with a prayer.

NOTE: Prior to the Session Meeting, Jim Papa, Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee provided an update on the Committee's work and their upcoming plans. He also shared the duties of the Session concerning the call process.

Clerk's Report: Approved minutes of the February 13 2025, Regular Session Meeting. Church Roll through February 28, 2025, is 142. Worship attendance on Sunday, March 2, 2025, was 95 with Communion celebrated by 91 and 22 joining by livestream.

ACTION. Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report February 2025

Beginning Balance	\$29,563.93
Receipts	\$19,473.99
Disbursements	\$18,323.72
Ending Balance	\$30,714.20

ACTION. Approved the February 2025, Financial Report.

Virtual Motions: ACTION. On February 24, 2025, approved the Mission and Outreach Committee's request for a Special Collection on March 9, 2025, Disaster Relief Sunday, to provide financial support to the Presbytery Disaster Relief Fund supporting the needs of the recent flood victims in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Moss Spring Graveyard Association: ACTIONS:

Approved motion to move to Joint Meeting of Moss Spring Graveyard Association (MSGA) Directors and Session at 7:32 pm. The MSGA Board and Session reaffirmed Ed Wine's authority to sign (as agent for both MSGA and GPC) the Easement Agreement and any related documents concerning the easement/right of way with the affiliate of Inch & Company (of York, PA) which owns the land under the crushed stone lane providing the access to the Moss Spring Cemetery from the closest public street (which is Grant Street Extended). Approved returning to Session Meeting at 7:38 pm.

Personnel: ACTIONS: Approved an increase in Pastor Bob's "Housing, Utility and Furnishings Allowance" (Line 2) portion of his 2024-2025 Covenant of Agreement from \$13,377 to \$17,000. This increase is intended to allow him to utilize IRS rules to exclude from his taxable income up to \$17,000 in documented expenditures for housing, utility, and furnishing work/items. It is understood, though, that this increase to \$17,000 will not alter his "Total Effective Salary" (Line 7) (\$85,359) but will lower his "Annual Cash Salary" (Line 1) to \$53,134. Authorized Ed Wine, for GPC, to file the 2025 Annual Report for GPC with the Pennsylvania Department of State under its new annual reporting requirements. The Officers (or those whose responsibilities most closely match the traditional duties of President, Secretary, and Treasurer) listed in the Report will be:

President: Vacant (once Fred Young officially submits his resignation)

Secretary: Jenn Robertson, as Clerk of Session

Treasurer: JoAnne Lewis as Moderator/Elder of Finance

Pastor's Report: Continuing to officiate Funerals, number 15 and 16 scheduled for week of March 16. Confirmation Sunday will be moved from June 8 to a time in September, maybe Rally Day.

Old Business: Moss Spring Graveyard

Association: ACTIONS: Approved motion to move to Joint Meeting of Moss Spring Graveyard Association (MSGA) Directors and Session at 7:44 pm. Approved moving forward with signage for the Memorial Garden. With GPC's Clerk of Session

now being Jenn Robertson, not Chris Johnston, approved Jenn to work with GPC's Investment Advisor (Fred Young) to complete any Charles Schwab documentation in order to indicate she (Jenn), as the current Clerk, is GPC's authorized Agent to sign any investment documents Schwab may require in the future. Approved returning to Session Meeting at 7:59 pm.

New Business: ACTION. Approved enhanced signage for the Church marquee to include our internet address and Sunday worship time.

The meeting was closed in prayer with The Lord's Prayer in unison at 8:47pm.

Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week August 2-9, 2025

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.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted after Memorial Day Holiday.

One such event that will have a *GREAT* need for volunteers, will be the Ice Cream Social. It's a huge crowd pleaser as everyone loves a cup of free Lizzy's ice cream!

OHW Sub-Committee is very excited to announce that we sold 59 shirts. It's going to be just wonderful seeing our church represented so colorfully. We will be able to spot a helpful hand much easier just looking for our blue shirt in the crowd during the OHW festivities. Thank you, thank you to everyone who ordered.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE

DAVID LINDECAMP *Moderator*

Our spring clean-up last month was modified due to the wet weather. Thanks to the usual suspects for lending a hand. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following.

Saturday, July 12th, 2025 at 9am –

Summer Clean-up at the Church and at the Moss Spring Cemetery. Rain date will be the following Saturday, July 19th, 2025 at 9am. Since this year is Old Home Week, this clean-up could use the extra hands to prepare the grounds for our visitors during this event.

A brief update on our activities:

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- Our flag mounting bracket outside of the east vestibule had loosened from the wall, likely from the wind. Brian Rice updated the anchoring hardware to the exterior wall.
- We replaced a few additional ceiling tiles in the education wing and church office that had water marks.
- One of the light diffusers at the elevator landing in the basement has been broken for some time. We finally ordered and installed a replacement diffuser panel.
- The lantern lights in both vestibules have been replaced with LED bulbs.

PROJECTS STARTED:

- A request was made to address the stripping and waxing of the tile floor in the basement near the elevator, but the issue is more involved than just a waxing repair. The tiles in this section are lifting and shrinking due to moisture. We are exploring what options would adequately address these issues.

Until next month, Peace and Love in Christ!

LITURGISTS FOR MAY

May 4	Racheal Marconi Bowman
May 11	Scott Peterson
May 18	Mary Ann Ackerman
May 25	Anne Larew

CALLED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GREENCASTLE, PA 17225

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

11:23 AM

The Called Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday, April 6, 2025, in the Sanctuary following the worship service. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Robert Cook. It was established by the Clerk that a quorum was present.

Ruling Elder JoAnne Lewis presented a review of the 2024 financial records and shared observations concerning necessary financial support for 2025 and 2026. An offering for questions was made with none received. **MOTION:** Accept 2024 Annual Report as presented. **ACTION:** Approved 2024 Annual Report with no questions received. Gratitude extended to Ruling Elder Lewis for her and the committee's stewardship of the church's financial resources.

Remembered our dedicated members Russell Everetts, Herb Layton, Michael Schnebly, Mary Steel and Bernice Walck who joined the Church Triumphant in 2024.

Ruling Elder Anne Larew, Moderator of the 2025 Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations for the Board of Deacons: Emily Jones (Class of 2028), Brian Rice (Class of 2028); Ruling Elders: Mary Ann Ackerman (Class of 2028), Anne Larew (Class of 2026) and "Phil" Pearce (Class of 2028) and for the Nominating Committee's Congregational Members-At-Large: Sue Bell, Sheila Gates, Albert Miller and Marcie Tinninis (all Class of 2026). Pastor Bob opened nominations from the floor for an open, three-year Deacon term, no nominations offered and a three-year Ruling Elder term, no nominations offered. **MOTION:** Accept names as presented on ballot. **ACTION:** Approved unanimously all as presented by voice vote.

Thanked with gratitude those concluding their terms of service: David Lindecamp, Scott Peterson and Ed Wine as Ruling Elders; Deb Shank as Deacon.

Jim Papa, Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) provided a summary of the actions of the PNC to date. Additionally, shared information concerning upcoming milestones in the call process. The PNC plans to share information prepared for the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) with the Session for their review and approval at the May Session meeting. Following this review and Session approval, select representatives from the PNC will present the MDP to the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) on June 12, 2025, with anticipation for approval to move forward with the call process. COM's approval will authorize GPC to start our calling process to post our position, receive matches and referrals from call seekers through the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) application. The members of the PNC in attendance were recognized.

Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session Jennifer Turner Robertson presented the following Bylaw change for consideration and vote: **MOTION:** 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 minutes of the meeting.

ACTION: Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Pastor Bob reiterated his commitment to Greencastle Presbyterian and his gratitude for everyone's commitment to GPC.

No other business was presented for discussion.

MOTION: Adjourn meeting.

ACTION: Approved unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was closed at 11:47 AM by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Robert Cook in prayer.

Respectfully Attested by,
Jennifer Turner Robertson
Clerk of Session

MISSION COMMITTEE

POLLY COULTER *Moderator*

A Bright Future with Energetic Scholars

Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson was the “keynote” speaker for Old Home Week 1905. In his address, he described Greencastle when he was a boy. *“The Greencastle which he knew when a boy may not have had in its possession great wealth, but it had a noble people of high moral Christian character, honesty of purpose and kindness of heart who are not surpassed by any other people in this country.”*

It was at the Presbyterian School in Salisbury, NC that his life’s ministry began in 1869. On page 161 of his life’s story, Matthew wrote, *“Never have we seen brighter and more energetic scholars than some at this school. ... The people all around us were crying for intellectual and spiritual bread and there were at that time but few of us to furnish it.”*

As Matthew Anderson was beginning his ministry establishing his school and giving young minds an opportunity to learn in the years just following the Civil War, we are still carrying on his love for education and the love for Christ as we reviewed scholarship applications at our April 2025 meeting. Colleges the aspiring graduates are attending are in no certain order Allegany College of Maryland, Grove City College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Eastern Mennonite University and Penn State University.

We reviewed a future math teacher, civil engineer, speech and language pathology educational specialist, dental hygienist, data science major w/ sports studies minor, and a music and psychology major. As you can see, it was a very eclectic group of applicants.

While their fields of studies are varied, there were some common threads and descriptors that we found through many of them. Most all were described as ambitious, inspiring to others, relentless, passionate to helping, compassionate, resilient, having a heart to serve, thinking critically, commit-

ted to use the talents God gave them, and young people of passion and purpose. As you can see these students came to us very highly recommended and met all the educational requirements as well. They are all very active in their respective home church. Many have done mission work either locally or abroad, worked with children and youth, volunteered in many different capacities in many different settings.

After close examination, deliberation and discussion, the six applicants who submitted their packets in a timely manner that met all the requirements were awarded \$1,000 Matthew Anderson Scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded to the students on awards day at the GAHS on May 22, 2025. Ms. JoAnne Lewis will represent our church and present the awards on that day. They and their families have been extended an invitation to join us at our church to be celebrated and recognized on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

In my research of the Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson, I think he would approve of these young scholars who are seeking to further their education and bring glory to God as they complete their goals. I leave you with this quote from one of the essays which I found very inspiring and encouraging for our young men and women starting a new chapter called, “the college years”.

“My faith drives me to approach this work with a heart of service, always seeking to uplift others and demonstrate Christlike love in all aspects of life.”

On behalf of the Mission/Outreach Committee, we thank you for your continued support of this very important scholarship fund.

Sidewalk Days Yard Sale

We know you’ve all started Spring cleaning, don’t forget to set aside your things you may want to donate to our July Yard Sale during Sidewalk Days. Sidewalk Days will be Friday July 11-Sat July 12th. As the date gets closer, we will finalize the hours and let you know when we will be selling all those treasures you donate. **Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted after Memorial Day Holiday.** Keep watching for more information as it draws closer.

Mission/Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

In Attendance: Polly Coulter, Chair, Brian Rice, Bonnie Rice, Scott Peterson (Elder), Debra Miller, Mary Ann Ackerman, Debbie Wine, and Debbie Young

Absent: Ginny Vallillo, Pastor Bob Cook, Jo-Anne Lewis, Candace Rutherford

Items Discussed

Polly welcomed all to the meeting and opened with prayer.

Budget Review: Polly passed out copies of the budget and it was briefly reviewed.

Old Home Week Sub-Committee Report: The GPC shirt order time period has ended and shirts will be ordered later this week.

Ongoing Business

- a. **Tub of Warmth** – Debra will pick up the remaining tub at the library. Tags have been given to Nancylee for her hand knitted items that she donates to this cause.
- b. **Little Free Library** – Mary Ann March/April, Debbie Young May/June, a request for more donations of books for adults was made.

New Business

- a. **Sidewalk Sale Days Yard Sale** – Possible Hours: Friday, July 11, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Saturday July 12, 8 a.m. -noon. Proceeds will go to the MASF. All items will be “sold” by donation only.
- b. **Laurel Mission Trip** – Sept 20-27, 2025

MASF – Scholarship applications were reviewed by all committee members present. Six applications were received and after the review, a motion was made and approved that all 6 met the requirements to receive the scholarship. A motion was also made and approved that each applicant would receive \$1000. There is \$55,239 in the MASF investment fund. A motion was made and approved to use \$2,247.65 from MASF Designated Funds + \$3752.35 from the investment fund to equal the \$6,000.

The committee did discover that the computerized form GAHS has needs revised under the section that is titled Essay Topic. It should state as follows: “Please state your education goals; how this school will assist you in achieving these goals; and **how Matthew Anderson’s life story and principles will influence your future.**”

Polly closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Ann Ackerman

Next Meeting Date: May 20, 6:30 p.m.

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, May 1

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, May 14 & 21

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

*If you experience food insecurity
prior to those dates,
call 717-597-8333, Ext. 2.*

*Leave your name, a phone number
and a brief message.*

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS

Cereal

Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic
Rice Mixes, Pasta Mixes, Potato Mixes
Soups, Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee)
Canned Vegetables and Fruit
Peanut Butter

Any non-perishable food items
are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

ANNE LAREW, CAROLE MALIN *Moderators*

He is risen indeed!

Thank you to all who were able to adjust to challenging conditions (no power!) to make our Easter services happen. This includes our youth who led our sunrise outdoor service, the Special Events committee, who provided a delicious hot breakfast, our musicians, bell ringers, choir, soloist and organist, who were prepared for anything, and the tech team, who jumped in as the power was restored just before 10am! Thanks also to the members of the Worship Committee, who greeted worshipers. Brian Rice and Pam Price helped with decorating the sanctuary, as did all of you who purchased flowers. Julia Herrmann and Pastor Bob lovingly led us in worship, and our communion servers and preparers made it possible to share the sacrament. We had 40 people attending the Easter Sunrise at 7:30 am and 143 people worshipping in the sanctuary. Also thanks to Children's Church leaders Mindy Barnhart and Sue Bell.....we had 15 children up front for Children's time.....amazing. And thanks to Keri Papa for organizing the Easter Egg hunt and preparing activity bags for the young children. It was an Easter to remember!

Pastor Bob will take a well deserved week off in May. Rev. Dr. Mike Koplitz will fill our Pulpit on May 4. The session decided to cancel the pre-approved communion in May with the Pastor's absence. We will have communion again on June 1st.

We now look forward to Pentecost Sunday on June 8th. Come Holy Spirit, come! In the meantime, let the Easter Season abide in your hearts as we rejoice in His resurrection!

Rejoice, I say rejoice!

Easter Day April 20, 2025

John 20:1-18

The Eighth Day of Creation

It is no wonder that Easter has been referred to as the "Eighth Day of Creation."

The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus, who was crucified, dead and buried, appeared to Mary Magdalene and then later in the evening to the Disciples. (Jn. Ch. 20) How could this be?

Standing outside on a clear night and looking up we see the moon and stars and the vastness of space. We are filled with awe and a question may go through our minds, "Why is there something instead of nothing?" The question is raised when we forget that God is The Creator God who calls all things into being and makes existence itself possible.

The Creator God is still at work as the process of creation continues, even in spite of human arrogance and folly. We are surrounded by wisdom and mystery.

There was a time when you did not exist. You have gone from being an embryo to being an adult. You are a work in process and the Spirit is still at work. God is at work in you. God is at work in the earth and in the cosmos.

When we celebrate Easter, we celebrate something that we do not understand. On that first Easter, people did not understand it either. Something had happened that they could not comprehend. Jesus was alive! The resurrection is the 8th day of Creation. God's creative work continues in you and in the life and work of the church. We have been given gifts to be used for the common good and to the Glory of God and the fullness of Creation. Praise Be to God. Amen!

*Creator God, you love us beyond our understanding.
Help us to look to you as our sure foundation. Amen.*

Larry A. Deyss, Pastor Emeritus
Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delmar, NY
[Presbyterians for Earth Care.](#)



While Memorial Day is reserved for remembering and honoring fallen military personnel we recognize all veterans, living or dead, who have nobly served our country.

Frank Chamberlin

1922 - 2014

Navy, WWII

long standing member

Anthony F. Coulter

Navy, Petty Officer 1st Class, 15 yrs

current member

Justin S. Coulter

Air Force, Captain, 10 yrs

Tony & Polly Coulter's family

Dr. James H. Craig, Jr.

1934 - 2017

Army, Lieutenant Colonel, 2 yrs

Air Natl Guard 1972-1992

long standing member

Floyd "Floaty" Crider

1923 - 2006

Air Force, Corporal, 3.5 yrs, WWII

Cora's husband

Dr. J. Frederick Davison

Navy, E6, 4 yrs

current member

Mark Divelbiss

Army, Captain, 11 yrs

current member

Patrick J. DuBoyce

Army, Captain, 6 yrs

Bill & Kathryn Greene's grandson

Craig Felty

Air Force, Senior Airman, 5 yrs

Debbie Young's son

Charles E. Fitz

1914 - 2001

Navy, Domestic Services, 2 yrs

115th Seabees

long standing member

Edwin F. Fox, Jr.

Army, Lieutenant Colonel-05, 14 yrs

Reserves - 24 yrs

friend of GPC

Zach Gates

Marines, Ch Warrant Officer 2, 15 yrs

Gabe & Shelia Gates's son

Harold C. Gayman

1927 - 2011

Navy, 2 yrs, WWII

long standing member

Joseph Hayden

1919 - 2011

Army, 3 yrs, WWII

long standing member

Tom Herrmann

Army, Ch Warrant Officer 4, 15 yrs

Ben & Erin Herrmann's family

Harold Hoover

1922 - 2011

Army, WWII

long standing member

Orland "Bud" Jr. Ingream

1920 - 1997

Army, Staff Sergeant, WWII

Ami Myers's grandfather

Jack L. Irwin

1926 - 2016

Navy, 2 yrs, WWII

Enid Irwin Madaras' father

John Kershner

Navy

long standing member

John Kinney

1917 - 2021

Air Force, WWII Bomber Pilot

long standing member

Michael Koons

Army, E5, 6 yrs

current friend

Ted Larew

Army, Colonel, 26 yrs

Anne & Bryan Larew's family

Herb Layton

1926 - 2024

Air Force, 3 yrs, Army Air Group

long standing member

Carlton Lutz

1926 - 2011

Army, WWII

long standing member

Ryan Marconi

Army, 2nd Lieutenant,

Active, Army Rangers

current member

June Marshall

Air Force, Corporal, 2 yrs

current member

W.B. "Bud" Marshall

1931 - 1921

Air Force, 1st Lieutenant, 3 yrs
long standing member

Richard McClain

Navy, Lieutenant Commander, 10 yrs
current member

Mark Metz

Army, Lieutenant Colonel, 3 yrs
Reserves - 28yrs, Vietnam
current member

Hazel Morton

Army, Major, 20 yrs
Ben & Erin Herrmann's family

Eldon Newcomer

1945 - 2021

Army, Reserves, Vietnam
Ami Myer's uncle

Daniel R. Patton

Marines, L-CPL, 4 yrs
current member

Richard Penney

1938 - 2018

Navy, Navy Band-Sea Chanters
long standing member

Walter Pollock

1917 - 2010

Army, 3 yrs, Army Air Corp
long standing member

George Price

Air Force, E4, 4 yrs
current member

James W. Purvis

1911 - 1993

Warrant Officer, 3 yrs, WWII
long standing member

Jack Quigley

1937 - 2009

Army, Army National Guard
long standing member

Ruth Rinehart

1924 - 2018

Army, Cadet Nursing Corp, WWII
long standing member

William H. Sachs

Army, Lieutenant Colonel, 4 yrs
Jan Eppleman's father

Dr. Fred Schaff

1899 - 1991

Army, Private, WWI
long standing member

Betty Schnebly

1919 - 2012

Army, Physical Therapist, WWII
long standing member

Leighton "Lee" Scott

Army, Captain, 2 yrs
Ordnance Corp - Vietnam
friend of GPC

Emily Seidel

Army, Sergeant,
Army National Guard
Marcie Tinninis' daughter

C.B. "Lee" Shank

1927 - 1999

Army, Private First Class, 2 yrs
long standing member

Joseph Snyder

1925 - 2017

Air Force, Technical Sergeant, 2 yrs
Gunner/Flight engineer
long standing member

Dr. John Stauffer

Navy, 2 yrs
friend of GPC

Robert C. Streeper, Sr.

1926 - 2001

Navy, AM3, 2 yrs,
WWII - USS Boxer - CV21
long standing member

Alan Sucke

Navy, Petty Officer 1st Class, 6 yrs
current member

Montgomery Bell Turner, Jr.

Army, Staff Sergeant-Infantry
WWII, Medic, 5 yrs
Jenn Robertson's father

Tony Vallillo

Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel, 27 yrs
current member

Ralph Walck

Navy, Cook on USS Fechtler
Tim Walck's father

Sean Walck

Air Force, Senior Airman, 5 yrs
Tim Walck's son

Denver Weigel

1941-2022

Navy, E5 Interior Comm, 4 yrs
Electrician
long standing member

Craig Welterlen

Navy, Captain, 27 yrs
current member

John E. Wene

1922 - 2007

Navy, 3 yrs, Armed Guard -
South Pacific
long standing member

John A. Wine

1922 - 2010

Cavalry, PA National Guard, WWII
Ed Wine's father

Tom Zullinger

1901 - 1996

WWI
long standing member

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KERI PAPA *Acting Director*

RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN *Moderator*

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

THANK YOU

- We appreciate the donations to our egg hunt to help make it a sweet morning for our youngest members.
- Thank you to everyone who signed up to help in the Sunday School classroom this year!! The children are a blessing and our future.



COMMUNITY CAMP 2025 Our theme this year is TRUE NORTH by Group Publishing. *The curriculum will 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 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, May 6th 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. Please see Racheal or Keri

with questions

- As of the submission of the newsletter, we have five spots left for campers this summer. Please register ASAP if you would like your child to attend and have not registered him/ her yet.
- If you are planning to volunteer and have not messaged Keri with your t-shirt size, please do so ASAP.
- If you plan to volunteer and have not completed your clearances yet, please complete them as soon as possible.
- If you are unable to help in person but would like to make a donation to camp, you can check our [wishlist on Amazon](#), or you can make a monetary donation labeled Community Camp by placing it in the offering basket.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Our last day of class will be held on May 18th, 2025. The nursery will be open each week through the summer as we are able to staff it. There is a tv there for watching the service online if anyone would like to use the room. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help teach/ assist this school year.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US:

+*Check 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*

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



BOARD OF DEACONS

DEB SHANK *Moderator*

Deacon Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:30pm Edwards Room

Attendance – Moderator, Deb Shank, Pastor Cook, Polly Coulter, Brian Rice, and Debra Miller

Absent: Ben Herrmann, Kelly Kerstetter, Virginia Vallillo, and Candace Rutherford

Opening devotion and prayer – Deb Shank, Moderator

Pastor's report – Formal Pastor's Report submitted to Session. Pastor Cook shared he has officiated sixteen funerals this year, served communion to June Marshall, provided counseling, reports persons in need of God's healing and other concerns. Pastor Cook is leading a book study during Lent, which began March 6 at 10:00AM at Brio Coffee. The group (6-9 attendees) is studying the book *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Treasurer's report – Deacon Budget for 2025 is \$2,000. As of this date \$275 has been expended. Easter cards were purchased via Polly Coulter and Sue Miller. Brian Rice will follow up with Sue Miller for purchase information to create a purchase order.

Yellow cards, Prayer Requests and Care Cell

Reports: Praises and thanksgivings, petitions for healing, health concerns, and those family grieving the loss of friends and family were shared by Pastor Cook and Deacons.

March chancel flowers were delivered by Debra Miller.

Sue Bell continues to mail books and pamphlets to grieving family members who are in varying stages of grief.

Jim Papa is leading an adult Lenten Sunday School class (8 to 10 attendees) that began Sunday, February 23 and will end Sunday, March 30.

Old Business:

Easter Cards for Congregation – Deb Shank provided the Easter flyer to be included in the Easter cards Deacons will be mailing to Care Cell members. Cards are scheduled for mailing the first week of April. The flyer lists Church Services scheduled during Holy Week 2025. The Deacons appreciate Sue Miller, church secretary, for preparing the flyer.

Last meeting Pastor Cook and Deacons discussed church attendees who may wish to be added to our Care Cells as well as adding them to GPC mailing and email lists. This remains in progress and follow up by Pastor Cook and Deacons is needed. Deb Shank, Moderator, asks that we let Sue Miller know of anyone that wishes to be added to the mailing and email list by completing "Deacon Care Cell" forms which can be found in the Deacon file cabinet.

Currently, Deacons do not plan to host a "Deacon Meal" for the congregation. Should a request or need arise, Deacons will participate. Each month one Deacon Care Cell hosts "Coffee and Fellowship" after Worship.

New Business:

A question arose concerning providing "love gifts" as special needs arise within our care cells. Deacons agreed to discuss as opportunities arise. We will add "love gifts" to next month's agenda for further discussion to include thoughts of other Deacons unable to attend this month.

Deacons are asked to prayerfully consider becoming Deacon Moderator for next year beginning July 2025 and ending June 2026. This timeframe coincides with GPC election of new classes of Elders and Deacons.

April devotion and prayer: Debra Miller

April 6 Chancel flower delivery: Debra Miller and Deb Shank

April coffee hour: April 27, 2025, CC 2, (Deb Shank and Debra Miller)

Close with prayer: Deb Shank, Moderator

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 Sandra 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

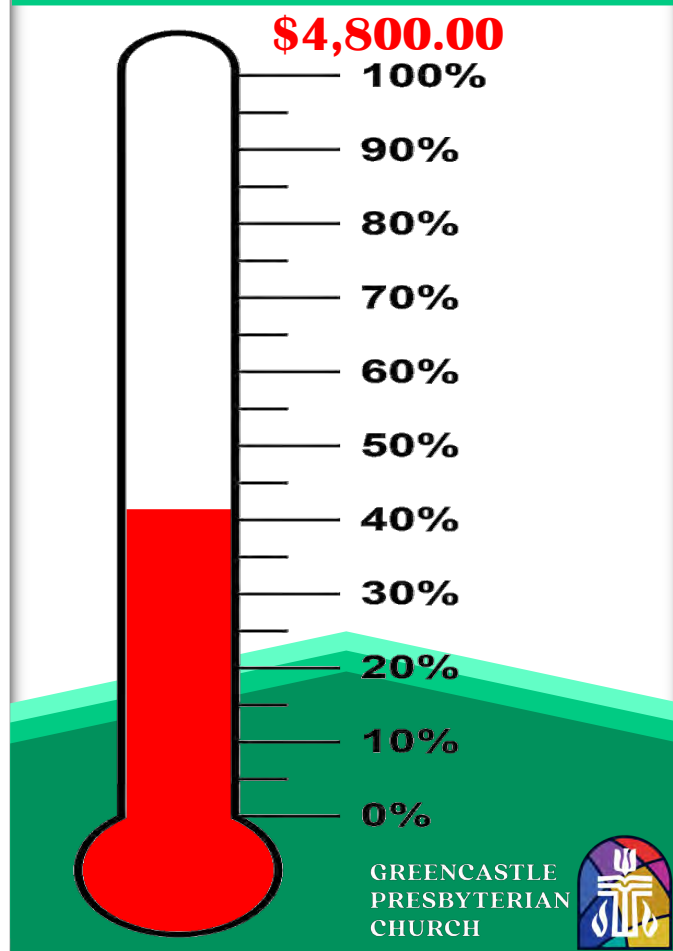
The Presbyterian Per Capita

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!



Pray for Elders & Deacons



May 18, 2025
**Ordination
and
Installation
Sunday**

Pray for Students



June 1, 2025
**Graduation Sunday
and
Matthew Anderson
Scholarship Awards**

Pray for Confirmands



September 21, 2025
Confirmation Sunday
Brooklyn Barnhart
Nate Herrmann
Chloe Kingsley
Liam Papa



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)

Bill & Kathy Kendall health concerns
(Weslie Johnson)

Aaron Frick *(Mary Ann Ackerman)*

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)*

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

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

Jason Kinzer health concerns *(Deb Shank)*

Jane Everetts knee surgery

Emmie White health concerns *(Jan Eppleman)*

Stephanie & Mike Klingensmith pregnancy
complications *(Mary Ann Ackerman)*

Joseph Hams health concerns

Mike Clotzman health concerns *(Debbie Wine)*

Stephanie Beard health concerns *(Sheila Gates)*

Denise Binklley health concerns

Ethel Fisher health concerns *(Debbie Wine)*

Please remember in prayer the family of
Laura Tantillo York who went to be
with Our Lord on March 17, 2025.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2025

Thur May 1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Greencastle-Antrim Christian

Women's Fellowship 11:00am

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

Sun May 4

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

1st Sunday Food Drive

Cumberland Valley School of Music –

Spring Student Recital 3:00pm

Tue May 6

CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed May 7

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur May 8

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING 1:00pm

SESSION MEETING 6:30pm

Sun May 11 Mother's Day

Confirmation Class 8:45am

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed May 14

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Sun May 18

Worship 10:00am – Ordination & Installation

followed by Coffee Fellowship

Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm

Mon May 19

OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Tue May 20

MISSION/OUTREACH MEETING 6:30pm

Wed May 21

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Sun May 25

Confirmation Class 8:45am

Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Mon May 26 MEMORIAL DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wed May 28

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am

Bell Choir 6:00pm

Chancel Choir 7:00pm

Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur May 29

BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING 6:30pm



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Kaylynn Leap
- 2 Susan Miller
- 3 **Fred & Dottie Davison (52)**
- 3 Tim Walck
- 6 Cindy Etchison
- 9 Grace Eby
- 10 Jennifer Miller Smith
- 11 Mark Divelbiss
- 15 Diane Mills
- 16 Fred Davison
- 21 **Page & Cindy Etchison (48)**
- 23 Erin Herrmann
- 26 Jeff Stouffer
- 28 Woody Eby
- 30 **Keith & Cindy Marconi (27)**
- 31 Mary Lou Goetz