

# THE SPIRE

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**TO:**

## July/August, 2020

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### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday** Worship – 10:30 AM  
No After-Worship Lemonade

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### **JULY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day**

**July 5** – Rev. Susannah Tulloch Preaching; No Communion; Outside Service Weather Permitting

**July 12** – Guest Preacher

**July 19** – Guest Preacher

**July 26** – Rev. Nancy Anderson Preaching; Call Sermon; Congregational Mtg. Following Service

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### **AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS**

**August 2** – Guest Preacher; No Communion

**August 9** – Guest Preacher

**August 16** – Guest Preacher

**August 23** – Guest Preacher

**August 30** – Guest Preacher; Service of Wholeness & Healing during Worship

## From the Session – June 8, 2020

1. The Capital Campaign to fund the construction project has started and a letter of solicitation will be sent to the congregation soon.
2. Thanks go to Kathy and Dan Dugan (and celery people) for preparing and delivering the third month of food to EDR. They have worked around the construction and the virus and the others on the monthly team are grateful.
3. Our dear friend and former member, Ray McConemy, was buried in our cemetery on May 13, 2020.
4. The 2020 Green Hill Flea Market has been canceled.
5. Session voted to open the church for worship on June 28, with Rev. Charles Gilmore preaching.
6. The Spring Clothing Drive and the Hope Totes collection are “on hold”. Hopefully information will be available in September.

Jane O. Reed  
Clerk of Session

## Pastor Candidate Call Sunday

The Green Hill Presbyterian Church Session has voted to reschedule the **Pastor Call Sermon to Sunday, July 26**. The candidate, **Rev. Nancy Anderson**, will preach the call sermon and a congregational meeting will be held following the service to vote on the call. A brief brochure about Rev. Nancy Anderson and the Pastor Nominating Committee process has already been shared with the Congregation and copies will be available in the sanctuary during July.

## Nut Sale in Late Summer



If you are looking through this issue of The SPIRE expecting to find a coupon for purchasing nuts from the Craft Group to benefit Green Hill Church, do not be concerned! We expect the **Nut Sale** to happen **later in the summer** with delivery at our normal time ahead of the Holidays. This will give our supplier some time to confirm pricing in these highly unusual times and for us to make sure we are ready to receive delivery of the nuts. Almonds, cashews, unsalted pecans, and deluxe mixed nuts will be available for sale. We anticipate having an order form in the September issue of The SPIRE. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Marquardt at (302) 478-6695.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>GREEN HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> <b>COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR WORSHIP SERVICES</b></p>
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1. Attendees must wear masks upon entering the sanctuary and throughout the entire worship service.
2. Greeter will distribute Bulletins as usual at entrance, but will wear a mask and gloves.
3. Congregants are to practice social distancing and maintain a distance at least six (6) feet apart, especially when sitting in the pews. Family members may sit together.
4. The church will be air-conditioned as usual during the summer months.
5. Hymns and Bible verses will be printed in the Bulletin. All hymnals and Bibles will be removed from the pews.
6. Head usher may choose to light chancel candles during chimes and extinguish after the Benediction, as per tradition, wearing a mask and gloves. Or -to light and extinguish before and after the service.
7. Pastor and Reader will not be required to wear a mask when reading from the Bible, preaching and leading worship, but must to wear one at other times around the church. If pastor chooses to greet congregants, he/she must wear a mask; No handshakes and hugs. Greeting outside the church, weather permitting, is preferable.
8. Organist and any soloist are not required to wear a mask when sitting at the organ/piano and in the choir pews, but must wear a mask at other times around the church.
9. Offertory baskets will not be passed during worship service. Any offering (cash or envelopes) are to be placed in a basket at the back of the church.
10. The sanctuary, elevator and bathrooms will be cleaned each week prior to Sunday services. Head usher will wipe down the elevator after each use, including the button, rail and walls, as well as door handles and any other frequently touched surfaces in the sanctuary.
11. If bathroom use is required during the worship service, passage through Fellowship Hall, to reach these facilities, will be permitted. Fellowship Hall and meeting rooms will not be open to the congregation for meetings and gatherings until later in the summer.
12. No refreshments will be provided following services until further notice.
13. No Communion will be served until further notice.
14. Outdoor services will be held as weather permits.
15. Hand-sanitizer will be provided at back of the church.

## *A New Beginning “Let God Arise!” (Psalm 68: Part 2)*

Psalm 68:19-20 ***“Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves; who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.” (NIV)***

Psalm 68 begins with the petition ***“Let God Arise!”***. To the Israelite, this exclamation became a shout for forward progress, for change. It was the starting call for moving from one camp to another. This phrase exhorts us to allow God to take over our lives and lead us; lead us into new territories with new challenges and understandings.

This is a wonderful psalm with many distinct pieces, each with its own merits. This psalm has been described as “a liturgical collection of short songs and hymns”.<sup>1</sup> Perhaps this is because this psalm was composed over hundreds of years and was a “traveling song”; that is, a song that the people sang as they traveled from captivity in Egypt to the promised land in Canaan. It may have started as they traveled from Mount Sinai, then verses were added when they walked through Edom and Moab, and then the mountain area of Bashan (probably the Golan Heights area); and finally into Canaan. As verses were added over time, the language changed a bit, and they didn’t exactly tie in with the previous verse.

Another unique feature of this psalm is that it uses several of the Hebrew words to designate God including Elohim (all powerful creator); Adonai (master, total authority); El Shaddai (all-sufficient) and Yah (the One, the I Am). Although, this is not noted in many English translations, this helps make the point that this psalm is probably a collection of psalms.

One can read the psalm as a poetical recounting of historical events. For that purpose, I invite you to read it slowly and to follow each of the references to Old Testament passages; especially the references to events in Exodus, Deuteronomy, Judges and Joshua. It is an interesting and informative exercise.

Another way to read this psalm though, is to put yourself on the trail with this ancient Jewish caravan on the journey to their promised land; and carefully listen to the words. The psalm can come together when you do this, and you realize the psalm is about a faith journey, and the obstacles and difficulties of that journey.

In verses 24-27, the psalm describes the people concluding their journey by arriving at the sanctuary in joy and celebration for bringing them together in worship; ***“Your procession, God, has come into view, the procession of my God and King into the sanctuary. In front are the singers, after them the musicians; with them are the young women playing the tambourines. Praise God in the great congregation; praise the Lord in the assembly of Israel.”***

The psalm concludes by proclaiming an awesome God in verses 32-35; ***“Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice. Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens. You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!”***

To all that I say; ***“Let God Arise!”***

<sup>1</sup> *The Interpreter's Bible Vol. 4* published by Abington Press  
Biblical Ref. *New International Version (NIV)*

**Bruce Fine**  
Music Director

## Capital Campaign in Full Swing

By now, all members and many friends of Green Hill Church have received a letter outlining the important elements of our **church construction project**. The letter offers members and friends the opportunity to make **financial pledges and contributions to the capital campaign**. Some highlights of the letter from JoAnna Ventresca, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, are reprinted below. Please consider prayerfully our request for you to participate. We hope to hear from you very soon! If you need pledge materials, please see JoAnna Ventresca or Evelyn Williams.

Dear Friend,

**For over 170 years Green Hill Presbyterian Church** has been a vibrant congregation, as well as host and contributor to numerous community partners. These improvements will offer increased capacity for participants to find the help and guidance they seek through Green Hill community partners.

After much value-engineering, **the cost for improvements to our facilities is scheduled to be \$187,520.00**. The update will include the addition of a fully ADA-compliant bathroom facility and an enlargement of our existing lavatories with much needed enhancements for our church family and numerous facility guests. In addition to needed comfort updates, our historic property will also receive some **very necessary maintenance updates**.

We are now engaging a Capital Fund Drive to raise funds for the project and hope that you will prayerfully consider a gift. While we understand that launching this endeavor during a time of such uncertainty may seem lofty, but we believe that we must still aspire toward a future in which **faith and hope abound, granted by our Lord**. The drive is also an important step in maintaining the historic sanctuary of which we are the current stewards.

As of the current date we have already been blessed by early commitments of pledges and donations for the project which amount to \$50,000.00, as well as a commitment from the Church from our investment account of \$35,000.00. We now have a remaining campaign goal of \$102,520.00. We continue to be so grateful for our very faithful and generous members and friends. (6-12-2020)

Yours in Christ,

*JoAnna Ventresca*

JoAnna Ventresca

Stewardship Committee Chairperson

## A Note from Jeff Somers, Chair PNC

Dear Members of Green Hill,

It has been over three months since the planned **Candidate Sunday and Congregational Meeting** for the consideration of a call to the **Rev. Nancy Anderson** was postponed. Since that time, Rev. Anderson has been kept up to date with the happenings at Green Hill and has remained isolated at her home in Iowa as we have in Delaware.

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Session, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), and Nancy, we are finally able to reschedule the Candidate Sunday for **Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to seeing you.

Please see additional information regarding Rev. Anderson and the call process which is available in the sanctuary during July.



Rev. Nancy Anderson

## New Photos of Completed Construction

Enjoy these photos of the completed construction in Fellowship Hall and in the new Unisex handicap accessible bathroom. **On Friday, June 26, we received notice from our general contractor, Ventresca Bros., that Fellowship Hall and bathroom areas are available to members and employees of Green Hill Church.**



Fellowship Hall June 23, 2020

Photo by John Hartman



Unisex Rest Room Photo by John Hartman

## Our Pastor Candidate – Rev. Nancy Anderson

**Please welcome Rev. Nancy Anderson to our pulpit for her Call Sermon on Sunday, July 26, 2020.** Most recently she has been pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Manning, Iowa. Previously she has held various pastoral positions at churches in Washington State. She has a BA in studio art from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts and a Master of Divinity from Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Nancy writes the following message to us: “I have been interested in serving God at Green Hill Presbyterian Church because of your many wonderful qualities such as a good range of age groups in the congregation; your joyous traditional worship; members with whom I can actively partner in outreach to the community; a staff I can collaborate with; and a growing congregation.

I am encouraged by your interest in studying the word of God and a desire on your part to reach out to your neighbors with the gospel.

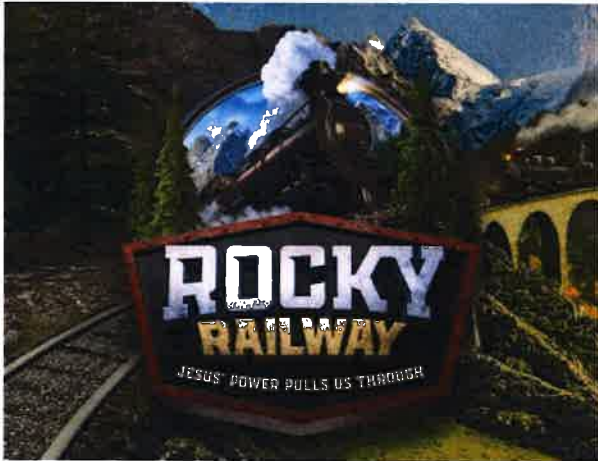
I will bring a mix of experience to Green Hill as a pastor in small churches, and as a worshiper and staff member in larger churches in major urban communities.”

In her free time, Pastor Nancy enjoys painting, drawing, reading mysteries, knitting, and traveling and camping with her husband, Jeff.

## Guest Pastor on July 5

**Rev. Susannah Tulloch** will lead worship for us on **Sunday, July 5, 2020**. This is the Sunday we will celebrate with a patriotic service in honor of Independence Day. We plan to offer an **outdoor service on July 5**, weather permitting. Chaplain Tulloch is a member of the 166th Airlift Wing, Chaplain Corps, Delaware Air National Guard. She has preached for us several times before, most recently on November 10, 2019.

## Virtual Vacation Bible School by Lower Brandywine PC



Plan to have the kids join the fun when Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church hosts Vacation Bible School (VBS) from Monday, July 27, to Friday, July 31, 9:00 AM to noon. This year VBS will be held virtually, via Zoom. It is for your kids and grandkids age 5 and older. The theme is **Rocky Railway – Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through**. If you are interested, please see the Lower Brandywine PC website at <http://lowerbrandywine.org/connect-2/2019-vbs/> for more information and to register. Cathy

Maxwell from Green Hill will be one of the VBS leaders.

## Hope Totes Campaign Completed



“Thank you” to all who donated personal care items during February and early March to fill Hope Totes for distribution by the **Sunday Breakfast Mission (SBM)**. Deacons consulted with their representative from Sunday Breakfast Mission who suggested that the Mission could use all the Hope Totes items that Green Hill had already collected. **It was a substantial pile!!** SBM came and retrieved our Hope Totes contributions during the week of June 8. If anyone has already purchased items for the Hope Totes drive, please bring them to church or call Gail Heath for a home pick up. We will get any new donations to SBM this summer.

## Women’s Bible Study News



Women’s Summer Reading Club is off to a good start. We do a bi-weekly Zoom conference in which women participate either via computer or telephone. The Book Club selection is ***You Can Understand the Book of Revelation, revised 2020, by Skip Heitzig***. He is the pastor of Calvary Chapel, a mega-church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The book contains a brief study guide and those questions will be used during the every-other-week review sessions. **During the Zoom meeting on July 1 we will discuss Chapters 4 and 5.** We plan to discuss two chapters every two weeks going forward. We have suspended our bi-weekly chat Zoom conferences.

**Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge**



The Delmarva Adult and Teen Challenge's **Home of Hope** in Bridgeville, Delaware, is for women age 18 and up who are recovering from addiction. The Home of Hope was one of 13 non-profit organizations who received a grant (theirs was \$25,000) from the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund. The money is being used to address a broad range of needs during the pandemic. The Delaware Community Foundation administers the Fund.

Delmarva Adult and Teen Challenge has a **Mega Thrift Store** in Seaford, Delaware. This Thrift Store receives donations and schedules local pick-ups of larger items. They had a lengthy closure during the stay-at-home phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, but have reopened for shopping and donations as of Monday, June 1, 2020. This huge store is a major fund raiser for the Delmarva Adult and Teen Challenge Christ-centered addiction programs and it is a welcome event to have it reopen to the public. CDC guidelines for masks and social distancing are in effect and the staff is sanitizing carts and surfaces frequently.

Delmarva Adult and Teen Challenge has a **Crisis Referral Office at The Well, 6949 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, Delaware**. They have a weekly support group which meets at The Well on Wednesdays at 6 PM. If you or a loved one is having trouble with addiction and is seeking a loving, Christian post-detox treatment program, you may phone the Northern Delaware office at (302) 234-8007.

*Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge is one of Green Hill's local supported missions.*

**July/August Prayer Emphasis**

**Joy and Hope**

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)



# Signs of Serving

*From the Green Hill Deacons*



## Back-to-School Rally



Sunday Breakfast Mission (SBM) will be providing backpacks filled with school supplies to needy children (kindergarten thru Jr. High) in our area. We are collecting the new items listed below from now until **Sunday, August 2, 2020**. Please place items in the labeled basket at the back of the sanctuary. Due to unusual circumstances this year we are also **offering home pick up** for your Back to School items. Please contact Gail Heath, (302) 528-2034, if you prefer a home pick up for these important items:

- Backpacks-children and youth
- Pocket folders
- Scissors, blunt and sharp
- Notebook paper (College or Wide Ruled)
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- College-ruled spiral notebooks
- 3-ring binders
- Erasers, rulers
- Pens and pencils
- 24 Pack Crayons
- Pencil Cases
- Sharpeners
- Glue sticks & Washable glue
- Washable markers or colored pencils
- Tissue packs

SBM will hold their annual Back-to-School Rally on Saturday, August 8, 2020, if

appropriate. Thousands of neighbors have joined in a festive celebration and meaningful Gospel message in years past. Hundreds of people – adults and children – make the decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior at the Rally.



## Men of the Church Recognized on Father's Day

The Deacons honored the men of Green Hill with a special electronic (or paper) card on Father's Day. They also plan a special gift to the men who attend worship on June 28. Thank you to all fathers and "fathers in the church" for the important work that they do!

## EDR & Meals on Wheels

**Kathy & Dan Dugan** have been our "go to" team during COVID-19 and downstairs construction. Friday, June 19, marked the fourth month in which the Dugan family prepared and delivered our meal for EDR. Thank you, Dugans!

We appreciate the work of our **Meals on Wheels** delivery volunteers in June. They were: **Allison Brokaw, Rita Rutherford, Jen Galvin, Gail Heath, Kathy Dugan, Evelyn Williams, and Dan Dugan.**

Representatives from both EDR and Meals on Wheels have been extremely appreciative of our continuing service to the community during this difficult period with COVID-19.

*During June we contributed coffee, pancake mix, and syrup to EDR for their breakfast meal at the 2<sup>nd</sup> & Jackson Streets Dining Room.*

## Spring Clothing Drive Canceled



**THE MINISTRY OF CARING INC.**

Due to the logistics of collecting clothes in the spring related to suspension of in-person worship and construction at Fellowship Hall, Deacons have, sadly, canceled the spring Clothing Drive. We hope to be ready in the fall for a great clothing collection. Please put aside your unneeded clothes for all seasons! More details as we know them.

## July 2020 Schedule of Volunteers

Head Usher Rick Baun

Deacon of the Month Carol Hessler

### Acolyte of the Month

July 12 Arabella Hirs  
July 19 Arabella Hirs  
July 26 Arabella Hirs

### Readers

July 5 Sandy Fine  
July 12 Allison Brokaw  
July 19 Ranie Good  
July 26 Kathy Dugan

### Greeters

July 5 Amy Baun  
July 12 Evelyn Williams  
July 19 Denise Snyder  
July 26 Kathy Dugan

Refreshments No Refreshments during July

### Chancel Flowers

July 5 Margaret Marquardt  
July 12 Carol Hessler  
July 19 Parry Wentz  
July 26 Jane and Chick Reed

### Communion Servers

No Communion during July

### Kids Summer Sunday School & Child Care

No Child Care or KSS Available during July

### Meals On Wheels

July 6 Sandy & Bruce Fine  
July 7 Maya Hirs and family  
July 8 Jennifer Galvin and Gail Heath  
July 9 Cathy Maxwell and Evelyn Williams  
July 10 Rita & Matt Rutherford

### Emmanuel Dining Room – Cook Only

Saturday, July 18

Cooks – Ellen Grubbs  
Herbert Maar  
Cathy Maxwell

Kitchen Help – Dan Dugan  
Celery – Ellen Grubbs

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

10 Vera Cincilla  
11 Chick Reed  
13 Kathy Dugan  
14 Laurie Collender  
20 JoAnn Olanyk  
Ava Hirs  
27 Anneliese Maar  
31 Brit LeCompte (100 years in 2019)

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Ellen & Tom Stevens  
7 Amaryah & Frank Bocchino  
12 Laurie & Mark Collender  
Elizabeth & Bill Lamb  
14 Rita & Matt Rutherford

## August 2020 Schedule of Volunteers

Head Usher Rob Brokaw

Deacon of the Month Gail Heath

### Acolyte

August 2 Arabella Hirs  
August 30 Arabella Hirs

### Readers

August 2 Sandy Fine  
August 9 Evelyn Williams  
August 16 Rob Good  
August 23 Talley Brown  
August 30 Amy Baun

### Greeters

August 2 Evelyn Williams  
August 9 Gail Heath  
August 16 Jane Reed  
August 23 Jennifer Galvin  
August 30 Sandy Fine

Refreshments No Refreshments during August

### Chancel Flowers

August 2 John Hartman  
August 9 Evelyn Williams  
August 16 Daurice & Robert Grubbs  
August 23 Rita & Matt Rutherford  
August 30 Allison & Rob Brokaw

### Communion Servers

No Communion during August

### Kids Summer Sunday School & Child Care

No Child Care or KSS during August

### Meals On Wheels

August 3 Allison Brokaw and Rita Rutherford  
August 4 Maya Hirs and family  
August 5 Jen Galvin and Gail Heath  
August 6 Kathy Dugan and Evelyn Williams  
August 7 Kathy Dugan and John Hartman  
  
August 31 Sandy & Bruce Fine

### Emmanuel Dining Room – Cook Only

Wednesday, August 19

Deacon – Gail Heath  
Cooks – Cathy Maxwell  
Jane Reed

Kitchen Help – Ellen Grubbs  
Celery – Jane Reed

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 William Applegate  
5 Elinore Saddler  
6 Matt Rutherford  
8 Harrison Maxwell  
10 Bill Maxwell  
14 John Stevens  
16 Clayton Maxwell  
Arabella Hirs  
Robert Galvin  
18 Herbert Maar  
19 Erin Monaghan  
20 Parry Wentz  
24 Daurice Grubbs  
26 Talley Brown

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

10 Maya & Don Hirs  
14 Ginine & Bill Maxwell  
22 Ellen & Stephen Grubbs

# July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:00 PM Women's Summer Book Club	2	3	4 Independence Day 
5 10:30 AM Worship; Rev. Susannah Tulloch Preaching; Outdoor Service Weather Permitting; No Communion	6 10:40 AM MOW Deliveries	7 10:40 AM MOW Deliveries	8 10:40 AM MOW Deliveries	9 10:40 AM MOW Deliveries	10 10:40 AM MOW Deliveries	11
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19 10:30 AM Worship; Guest Preacher	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 AM Worship; Rev. Nancy Anderson Preaching; Call Sermon 11:30 AM Congregational Mtg.	27 9AM-12PM Virtual VBS from LBPC	28 9 AM-12 PM Virtual VBS	29 9AM-12PM VBS 5:00 PM Women's Summer Book Club	30 9 AM-12 PM Virtual VBS	31 9 AM-12 PM Virtual VBS	

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16 10:30 AM Worship; Guest Preacher	17	18	19 8:15 AM EDR Prep	20 1:00 PM Worship Mtg.	21
<b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b>					
23 10:30 AM Worship; Guest Preacher	24	25	26 5:00 PM Women's Summer Book Club	27	28
30 10:30 AM Worship; Guest Preacher; Service of Wholeness and Healing 12:00 PM Mission & Prayer Committee Mtg.	31 10:40 AM MOW Deliveries				