

# THE SPIRE



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**TO:**

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday** Worship – 10:30 AM

**Wednesday** Women's Bible Study – 5:00 PM  
(September 9, 16, 23, 30)

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### SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

**September 6** – Rob Prestowitz, Executive Director, UrbanPromise Wilmington Preaching;  
Trumpeter during Worship; Outdoor Worship, Weather Permitting

**Monday, September 7** – *Labor Day*

**September 13** – Elder Mark Douyard Preaching; Barbara Bayers Organ/Piano Duets with Bruce Fine

**September 20** – Rev. Charles Gilmore Preaching

**Tuesday, September 22** – NC Presbytery Meeting, via Zoom, 4:00 PM

**September 27** – Guest Preacher

## From the Session – June 23, 2020

The Session met via Zoom in a Special Meeting on June 23, 2020 to discuss two items. A motion was passed to set July 26, 2020 as the date for a Congregational Meeting to hear the candidate sermon during worship, and vote on the candidate presented. A motion was passed to accept the COVID-19 Protocol as proposed by the Worship Committee.

Jane O. Reed  
Clerk of Session

## From the Session – August 24, 2020

1. A financial status of the renovation project was given by the Treasurer.
2. Rob Good, President of the Board of Trustees, reported on several expenses which have occurred at the rental house. He indicated that the roof needs replacement and the chimney should be repointed. Several quotations on the former have been received, and the trustees are waiting for quotations on the chimney.
3. The pastor's moving expenses will be handled by the Treasurer, Charles Reed, per motion.
4. Session approved reservation of April 23, 2021 as the date for a wedding at the church.
5. The Worship Committee is looking into a way to serve communion consistent with COVID-19 guidelines.
6. A motion was passed to allow member groups to use the facility provided that social distancing guidelines are observed.
7. A motion was passed to change Rally Day to October 4.
8. Organist, Bruce Fine, has contacted the Eve Eve music directors and they indicated that they would not be participating in a Thanksgiving service this year. Green Hill was to host the event.
9. The Green Hill Church audit was completed by Kathy Dugan, and all seemed to be in order.
10. There are commitments (pledges) for \$117,843.50 in the Capital Fund. At this date, \$55,000 has been received.

Jane O. Reed  
Clerk of Session

## Ways to Serve



Would you like to serve as a **reader** during worship? Would you be interested in serving as a **greeter** or **head usher**? Please let Allison Brokaw, Chair of the Worship Committee, know.

## *Deliver Us (Psalm 3)*

Psalm 3:5 ***“I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.” (RSV)***

Psalm 3 is of the class of psalms identified as liturgical prayers or “laments of the individual”. It expresses a grievance, verses 1-2; followed by a statement of trust in the Lord, verses 3-6; and concludes with a final plea for help and confidence in deliverance, verses 7-8.

The psalm’s heading attributes this historically to David when he fled from Absalom, his son. The story of Absalom is found in the 2 Samuel, chapters 13-18. In these chapters we find King David, who has committed several contemptible acts, being plotted against by his mischievous and rebellious son and who has convinced many in Israel to form an army and abandon David. Thus, the opening verses; ***“O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying to me, “There is no help for you in God.”*** Many of his formerly close friends and associates deserted him and joined the ranks of those who supported Absalom.

The teaching of these first two verses lies in the fact that trouble drove David toward God in prayer, and not away from God in disbelief. David has sinned and those around him believed this was God’s punishment. Martin Luther wrote that the purpose of this psalm is to impart a confidence for those who consider themselves followers of YHWH to call on him, verses 3-4: ***“But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill.”*** This is the emphatic testimonial of believers.

In verse 7 the words, ***“Arise O Lord! Deliver me, O my God!”*** echo the calls of Israel’s ancestors in the days of the Wilderness Wanderings, when they claimed the aid of the Lord (Numbers 10:35). This plea for salvation along with the emphatic statement that deliverance comes only from the Lord in verse 8a ***“Deliverance belongs to the Lord”***; recognizes that saving grace only comes from God. We are not saved by our actions, our accomplishments or our friends, but through the mercy of God. The psalm ends with a short benediction, verse 8b; ***“Thy Blessings be Upon Thy People!”***

This psalm is a personal appeal to God – who answers the prayer of the afflicted soul. The reader is encouraged to consider that when disaster strikes and everything seems to be going wrong, it is never a time to fall into a spirit of bitterness, depression, or unfaithfulness; but a time for prayer and for casting ourselves upon the mercy of God.

To this I say; ***“Let God Arise! Amen!”***

*“Psalms”* by James Limburg published by Westminster John Knox Press  
Biblical Ref. Revised Standard Version (RSV)

**Bruce Fine**  
Music Director

## Guest Pastors in September

Leading our worship services during September will be:

Sunday, September 6: Rob Prestowitz, Executive Director, UrbanPromise Wilmington

Sunday, September 12: Elder Mark Douyard, CRE

Sunday, September 20: Rev. Charles Gilmore

Sunday, September 27: Guest Pastor

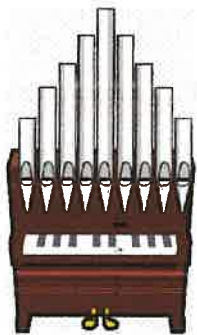
## Special Music during September

During this time of pandemic in 2020 we have not had the opportunity to enjoy musical guests. In September, we are honored to host two musicians who have played for us before.

On Sunday, **September 6**, **Amy Bland**, trumpeter, will play for us during a planned outdoor service under the trees in the Memorial Garden. This will be a patriotic service in honor of Labor Day. She has played at Green Hill Presbyterian for many years with the Capitol Brass Quintet. She holds a Master's degree in horn performance and is a member of the Kennett Symphony and Bay Atlantic Symphony. She recently retired from directing bands and teaching general music, Ms. Bland will be building on her thirty years' experience in brass music as performer, accompanist, arranger, teacher, and contractor.



On Sunday, **September 13**, **Barbara Bayers** will be joining our worship service as she plays organ / piano duets with Bruce Fine, Music Director. Barbara and Bruce played organ/piano duets for us in September, 2019 to much enthusiasm and fanfare.



Barbara has a BS/MS in Music Education, an MA in Leadership, and has been a church organist and/or Music Director in various denominations for 55+ years in her home state of Connecticut (CT) before re-locating to the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area and again to the Hudson Valley, New York area. Permanently relocating to Smyrna, Delaware four years ago, she immediately was tapped to become the Interim Music Director at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. Active now as a substitute organist, Barb specializes in interim music ministry.

Ms. Bayers is a Past Dean of the Greater Bridgeport (CT) Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), a charter member of the New Haven (CT) Chapter AGO and is currently a member of both the Delaware and the Southern Delaware Chapters of the AGO. She and her husband, Mark R. Douyard, a Commissioned Ruling Elder or lay pastor, are members of The Presbyterian Church of Dover. Elder Mark Douyard will lead our worship service on Sunday, September 13.

## Update on Our Capital Campaign

We began the year with bright hopes of new, committed leadership for our congregation, as well as the prospect of improving our facility to shape a more vibrant future. Before the spring even arrived, we were quickly sidelined and shut down due to a global pandemic. While we shuttered in our homes and learned how to “Zoom” to communicate, our Green Hill family continued forward. We moved ahead with plans and action to renovate our facility and to launch a Capital Campaign to cover the costs. Our congregation has always been faithfully generous, and during this very stressful time, the devotion of this family has been a shining beacon! The construction project was completed in June, prior to our reopening, with an initial budget of \$187,520.00 and additional changes totaling \$18,545.00 for a cost of \$206,065.00. To date, our capital campaign has had members and friends commit \$117,843.50 in pledges and with the church commitment of \$35,000.00 that brings the total commitment to \$152,843.50. Income received to date includes \$55,343.68 in paid pledges and Ventresca Bros., Inc., has credited the church \$10,000.00, toward the costs as a gift back to Green Hill.

Pledge commitments may be spread over a three-year term, and we are still in need of \$43,221.50 in pledged income to cover the building costs. It is certainly not too late for anyone to make a commitment to the Capital Campaign. You may outline any gift you are willing to pledge by providing information by mail to Green Hill Presbyterian Church, Attn. Financial Secretary (Capital Campaign), PO Box 3892, Wilmington, DE 19807, or you may place it in the offering plate made available during worship.

As you may contemplate a pledge to the campaign, recall this from 1 Peter, 4:10: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

JoAnna Ventresca  
Stewardship Committee/Capital Campaign Chairperson

## Rally Day – October 4



**Rally Day** this year will be **Sunday, October 4**. It will coincide with the arrival of Rev. Nancy Anderson and will be her first Sunday preaching for us as our new called Pastor. This is the time of year that we return to church revived and refreshed, to begin a new year of joyful worship, study, and prayer. **It seems fitting that this year we choose to celebrate Rally Day on Sunday, October 4, with Rev. Nancy Anderson leading us in our worship.** Please join us!!

Normal festivities usually planned for Rally Day, such as a meal following the worship service, will not take place due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We will look forward to future opportunities to have fellowship safely in the future.

## In Sympathy

On July 9, 2020, former member **Walter Brinton (Brit) LeCompte (1919-2020)** died at his home in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was just 22 days shy of his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, and was surrounded by his friends. Brit LeCompte loved God, people, and Green Hill Church, and he shall truly be missed by all of those whose lives he touched.

Brit and Gladys LeCompte joined Green Hill Church on February 1, 1981, and were active until they moved to Chestertown, Maryland in January, 1990. When Gladys died, Brit was instrumental in the financing of the Green Hill Church Memorial Garden in her memory, and he shall be joining her there soon. Gladys was one of the original Radio City Music Hall "Rockettes", and was very special in her own right – they were a fun couple!

Brit had been a Steinway Piano salesman on the East Coast, among other things, but when we knew him he owned a marvelous Oriental Rug Gallery in Rockland, Delaware near the Post Office. He rented some space to Jean MacDonald, wife of our Pastor, Charles MacDoanld, for her needlework store, and was always there helping people get started in a new endeavor.

Brit was actively involved on the Green Hill Board of Trustees and continued to be a benefactor. When he moved to Chestertown he was active in the startup of the new PC (USA) church there.

Mr. Brit LeCompte was a fine gentleman and we are honored to have known him. He was a true Friend.

by Jane Reed

## Positions Open at Supported Ministries



A Door of Hope is a Christian pregnancy ministry that operates two centers in Northern Delaware, one in Middletown and one very near us at 3407 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. It is one of the local missions Green Hill supports financially. We also conduct the Baby Bottle Benefit fundraiser each year. Their Executive Director, Sharon Vickers, has informed us that they have a staff opening and are seeking applications.

Their job posting states: We are currently seeking a **part-time Nurse Manager** to oversee and grow our **ultrasound ministry**. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone to use their medical skills to serve our community while advancing A Door of Hope's mission.

If you would like more information, you can go to [www.adoorofhope.org/jobs](http://www.adoorofhope.org/jobs) or contact Sharon Vickers at 302.998.9000 or email [Svickers@adoorofhope.org](mailto:Svickers@adoorofhope.org).

**UrbanPromise Wilmington** has let us know that it has **many open staff positions from entry level to executive leadership**. They are looking for people who *delight* in Christ, *care* about youth, *live* as servant leaders, and are *passionate* about Wilmington. Anyone interested may find further information at [www.urbanpromise.org/job-openings](http://www.urbanpromise.org/job-openings). Green Hill supports UrbanPromise Wilmington financially.



## Mission & Prayer Page

### Daily Bread Ministries



Most of us know the *Daily Bread Ministries* from their small daily devotional pamphlets which Green Hill makes available on the back table in the sanctuary. Each booklet covers a three month period of daily devotional topics. We offer them free for you to take and use. This ministry states that: Our mission is to make the life-changing wisdom of the Bible understandable and accessible to all. Their theme is Love God. Love Others. *Our Daily Bread* is published in 55 languages and is one of the most widely read Christian devotionals.

*Our Daily Bread Ministries* is a Christian organization founded by Dr. Martin De Haan in 1938. Dr. De Haan was a Bible teacher, radio Bible host, pastor, and physician. Our Daily Bread Ministries is based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with over 600 employees. It produces several devotional publications, including *Our Daily Bread*. It also produces radio and television programs, and an online university program, Our Daily Bread University. The University offers a Certificate in Correctional Ministries, a large library of online Bible courses for all learners including teachers and administrators, and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. The publishing arm of Our Daily Bread Ministries is called Our Daily Bread Publishing. It publishes Bible-based books for adults and teens as well as audio books, CD's, and DVD's.

*Daily Bread Ministries is supported by your cash or check contributions at Green Hill when you take a Daily Bread daily devotional pamphlet.*

### September Prayer Emphasis

Lord, Be Our Strength...

<sup>2</sup>LORD, be gracious to us;

we long for you.

Be our strength every morning,

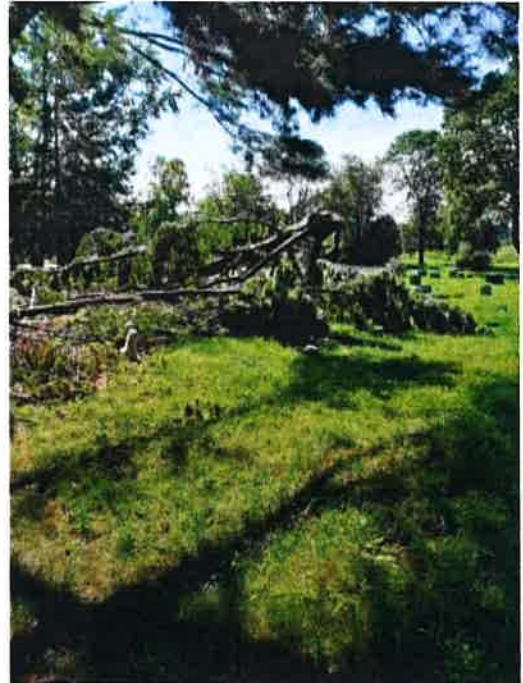
our salvation in time of distress.

Isaiah 33:2 NIV

## Storm Damage at Green Hill Friday, August 7, 2020

After escaping damage from the highly anticipated Tropical Storm Isaias which hit Delaware on Tuesday, August 4, we were blindsided by a very severe storm on Friday afternoon, August 7. It was reported to have had straight line winds up to 105 mph and rainfall of one inch in 5 minutes and 6 inches in 30 minutes at the official weather station at Winterthur. A tornado was also confirmed in the area. The Green Hill Church grounds did not fare so well during the Friday storm. We can report the good news that our antique church building sustained only minor damage of broken and cracked windows in the Board Room, but nothing more substantial. Our office computer system did suffer from the significant, multi-day power outages which occurred twice, once with the Tropical Storm Isaias and then again with the unnamed severe Friday storm. The photos below show some of the tree damage we sustained. Bids for removal are being received.

All photos by Diane Shorter





## Annual Nut Sale

Craft Group is pleased to bring to Green Hill Church our annual fundraiser nut sale. This year we will run the sale during September. Available, as usual, will be **salted cashews, salted almonds, deluxe mixed nuts, and unsalted pecans**. The price remains the same from last year at **\$14.00 per one-pound zip sealed bag**. Your payment is not required until nuts are received in November in time for use at the Holidays.



We ask that you please think about your nut order very carefully and **place your order in advance**. Unlike other years, we will have very limited opportunities to display the nuts for purchase after our main order has been received. We will also ask this year for you to consider being generous to our Delaware Air National Guard troops who are on-duty during the Christmas season. We will offer the opportunity to sign up for "Nuts for Troops" during the September ordering period.

We ask this year that you send your **advance order for nuts to Margaret Marquardt** in one of three ways: by phone: (302) 478-6695, by e-mail: [m.marquardt1@verizon.net](mailto:m.marquardt1@verizon.net), or via US Postal mail: 1415 Athens Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Final date for ordering will be Wednesday, September 30.

## Nuts for Troops



For the last several years an important component of our annual nut sale has been the donation of many bags of nuts to the soldiers in the **Delaware Air National Guard** who are serving away from home during the Christmas season. Their service may be overseas or at a domestic posting. This is a favorite Christmas time Deacons project. Please pre-order nuts you plan to donate along with your personal nut order. The troops will appreciate our "care packages" from Green Hill Church very much!

## Order Form for Nuts

To: **Margaret Marquardt**

Pecans (\$14.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Nuts (\$14.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Cashews (\$14.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Almonds (\$14.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nuts for Troops** (\$14.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Signs of Serving

From the Green Hill Deacons



## Back to School Rally



The Deacons send special heartfelt thanks to those who donated school supplies or cash for the Sunday Breakfast Mission's **Back to School Rally!** We supplied 5 big containers of back packs and school supplies plus \$275.00 cash. More than 225 backpacks stuffed with school supplies were given away on Saturday, August 8, to participants who braved the mask and social distancing requirements at Sunday Breakfast Mission. The Gideons were on site to hand out Bibles and talk about our Lord. Sadly, the free dental clinic was not able to be part of this year's event, but this popular part of the Rally is expected to return in 2021. Thank you again to those who donated this year!

## Looking Forward: Fall Clothing Drive



It is nearing that time of year as we switch from the heat of summer to cooler weather in upcoming months. The Deacons will be collecting clean clothing and coats for all ages during the month of October for the Ministry of Caring. Please keep in mind those who are less fortunate and bring in your **fall and winter items**. They can be placed in the corner vestibule in Fellowship Hall. Reminders will be in the Sunday Bulletin. Contact Amy Baun for more info at 302-798-4447.

## EDR & Meals on Wheels

Thank you to all who participated in the preparation of the meal for EDR during the summer months. The Saturday, July 18, EDR prep was the first one done by the assigned team since the COVID-19 pandemic altered our methods in March. The Team was **Ellen Grubbs, Herbert Maar, Cathy Maxwell, and Kathy Dugan**. On Wednesday, August 19, the Team included: **Ellen Grubbs, Gail Heath, Cathy Maxwell, Jane Reed, and Kathy Dugan**.

We appreciate the work of our **Meals on Wheels** delivery volunteers in July: **Sandy & Bruce Fine, Evelyn Williams, Jen Galvin, Gail Heath, and Rita & Matt Rutherford**. And in August: **Allison Brokaw, Rita Rutherford, Maya Hirs and family, Gail Heath, Kathy Dugan, Evelyn Williams, and John Hartman**.

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.

## Ongoing Projects



We continue to collect nonperishable food items to support the food pantry at Sunday Breakfast Mission and ground coffee, pancake mix, and syrup at EDR. Drop off your items anytime in the basket located at the back of the sanctuary.

*During July and August, we contributed one big bag of groceries and a case of canned goods to SBM as well as breakfast foods to Ministry of Caring's Emmanuel Dining Room.*

## September 2020 Schedule of Volunteers

Head Usher Evelyn Williams

Deacon of the Month Gail Heath

Acolyte of the Month Arabella Hirs

### Readers

Sept 6 Matt Rutherford  
Sept 13 Allison Brokaw  
Sept 20 Stephen Grubbs  
Sept 27 Denise Snyder

### Greeters

Sept 6 Ellen Grubbs  
Sept 13 Jane Reed  
Sept 20 Ranie Good  
Sept 27 Parry Wentz

### Refreshments

No Refreshments served during September

### Chancel Flowers

Sept 6 Phyllis Shone  
Sept 13 Maya and Don Hirs  
Sept 20 Chandler, Talley, and Barbara Brown  
Sept 27 Stirling Memorial

### Communion Servers

Sept 6 No Communion in September

### Kids Sunday School Teachers + Child Care

No KSS or Child Care during September

### Meals On Wheels

Aug 31 Sandy & Bruce Fine  
Sept 1 Maya Hirs and family  
Sept 2 Jen Galvin and Gail Heath  
Sept 3 Cathy Maxwell and Evelyn Williams  
Sept 4 Rita & Matt Rutherford

### Emmanuel Dining Room – Cook Only

Saturday, September 19

|              |   |               |
|--------------|---|---------------|
| Cooks        | – | Ellen Grubbs  |
|              | – | Herbert Maar  |
|              | – | Cathy Maxwell |
| Kitchen Help | – | Dan Dugan     |
| Celery       | – | Ellen Grubbs  |

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Kristin Poppiti  
4 Kate Grubbs  
Hudson Venet  
5 Phyllis Shone  
6 Emily Schuckert Robinson  
12 Cathy Maxwell  
13 Caroline Beard  
15 Donna Oehling  
Gail Heath  
20 Evelyn Williams  
Melissa Applegate  
26 Sebastian Venet  
28 Rob Brokaw

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11 Sandy and Bruce Fine  
25 Miriam and John Stevens

# September 2020

| Sun  | Mon                        | Tue  | Wed                                  | Thu                             | Fri                             | Sat                    |
|--|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
|  |                            | 1<br>10:40 AM MOW<br>Deliveries              | 2<br>10:40 AM MOW<br>Deliveries      | 3<br>10:40 AM MOW<br>Deliveries | 4<br>10:40 AM MOW<br>Deliveries | 5                      |
| 6<br>10:30 AM Worship Outside<br>Weather Permitting; Rob<br>Prestowitz Preaching;<br>Trumpeter   | 7 <b>Labor Day</b>         | 8  | 9<br>5:00 PM Women's Bible<br>Study  | 10                              | 11                              | 12                     |
| 13<br>10:30 AM Worship; Elder<br>Maik Douyard Preaching;<br>Duets with Barbara Bayers<br>12:00 PM Deacons Mtg.<br>12:00 PM Trustees Mtg. | 14<br>7:00 PM Session Mtg. | 15   | 16<br>5:00 PM Women's Bible<br>Study | 17                              | 18                              | 19<br>8:15 AM EDR Prep |
| 20<br>10:30 AM Worship; Rev.<br>Charles Gilmore Preaching  | 21                         | 22<br>4:00 PM NC Presbytery<br>Mtg. via Zoom | 23<br>5:00 PM Women's Bible<br>Study | 24<br>7:00 Craft Mtg.           | 25                              | 26                     |
| 27<br>10:30 AM Worship; Guest<br>Preacher<br>12:00 PM Christian Ed<br>Mtg.   | 28                         | 29   | 30<br>5:00 PM Women's Bible<br>Study |                                 |                                 |                        |