



Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
WELCOME!



It takes more than food; serving love
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of the community.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 20, 2020 - Virtual Worship

GPC series presents:
"More Than Food: Engaging God's Vision and Mission for GPC
"

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GREENDALE PEOPLE'S CHURCH

**Whoever you are and wherever you are on your life and spiritual journey,
welcome to worship at Greendale Peoples Church.**

Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping virtually with us this morning. We invite you to center yourself and prepare for worship during the prelude. We will celebrate online services at 8:30 am on our website www.greendalepeopleschurch.org and 10:00 am on Facebook Live.

WELCOME

Bob Converse

PRELUDE

"One of Us"

FIRST READING

Mark 12:41-44 The Message
Tori Jones

*OPENING SONG

"When the Poor Ones"

When the poor ones who have nothing share with
strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the wounded in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us, then
we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Hackett

SECOND READING

Romans 14:22-23a
Tori Jones

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

MESSAGE

More than Food: The Big Picture
by Joyce Smith

THIRD READING

Hebrews 10:22-25 The Message
Joyce Smith

**SONG OF
RESPONSE**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" #391

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
here together on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you,
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God and heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

**OFFERING
INVITATIONS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us for virtual coffee hour on Zoom.
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**INVITATION TO
COMMUNION
(KIM PARÉ)**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

**WORDS OF
INSTITUTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

"Shout to the Lord" #94

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
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BENEDICTION

Joanne Wilder

POSTLUDE

"Here to Love"

WORSHIP UPDATES

Virtual Coffee Hour

Zoom / 11 am



Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour at 11:00 am via Zoom

Web Browser/computer instructions:

- 1) Enter the following into a web browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/326302867?pwd=Qmkrbkp5OGNtYoYvdUZqTWZkemhEUT09>
- 2) Enter meeting ID: 326 302 867
- 3) **Enter Passcode: 18950408**

By Phone:

- 1) Dial 1 929 205 6099 or 1 301 715 8592 or 1 253 215 8782
- 2) Enter meeting ID: 326 302 867
- 3) Enter Passcode: 18950408

On the Zoom App: Download the Zoom Cloud Meeting App by ZOOM from the Google Play or Apple store. Open the app, click Join a meeting and enter meeting ID: 326 302 867

Farewell to Reverend Dr. Kevin Downer

BY DENNIS CHRISTO

For some reason, I always called our minister "Pastor", not his preferred "Rev Kev", out of my background experiences and profound respect for the man. He is leaving us after nearly three (3) years. He came into a troubled church struggling with identity and serious questions about our future. Pastor Kevin arrived in our hour of need by the unexpected Providence of God. He helped us clarify who we are as a church and define our Core Beliefs, Vision, Values and Mission. This was a huge task he guided us through with constant encouragement and candor. His Sunday Sermons have been profound, always encouraging, always exploring, always with a powerful message within the spoken message. I always marveled at his ability to give a sermon without notes, speaking for 10-15 minutes, except when quoting a reference source. He could only do so because his heart knows and understands God's message contained in the scriptures. Yes, he didn't use King James or the Revised American Standard Bible versions, but some newer contemporary versions of today's language lexicon. It worked! We could all understand the message!

Remember, "God has given us all we need" to understand and address our challenges. We are God's children, after all, and God does love us!

Pastor Kevin is kind, friendly, approachable, and spiritual. He knows God; he has helped us to better understand ourselves and God in our lives.



Rev Kev was always available, always helping whenever and wherever he could. And so was his spouse, Toby Bishop, who contributed in immeasurable ways on church maintenance tasks, replacing outdated lights with LED fixtures and bulbs, and generally solving plumbing and electrical and facility problems. He is a REAL handyman! And, his financial and computer software expertise was invaluable in addressing and solving many financial and programming problems. Toby, Thank You!

A big THANK YOU is hardly adequate, but we say this with heartfelt gratitude to both Pastor Kevin, our Rev Kev, and to Toby!!! We are sad at this time of transition and change; but, we are excited for your future. We know God has great plans for you and will continue to honor, bless, and use you and Toby as His faithful servants to expand understanding of God's Love for us and others.

*Dennis Christo,
Chair, Board of Directors*

Participate in an upcoming service!

We are working on the Fall schedule for readers for our online worship services. If you are interested, please contact **Bill Hackett**, bhackett@qbdstrategies.com, or 508-864-0966. We will confirm the dates and send you the readings ahead of time. To alleviate any confusion, please do NOT contact the church office.

We wish everyone a healthy and safe time!
- The Diaconate.

Online Ministry

Are you interested in helping with our online worship service, zoom streaming or hosting our Sunday's virtual coffee hour? Whether you are experienced or willing to learn, we have a place for you on this team.

Interested in volunteering? contact **Carolina Mata**, *Communications Coordinator* at Carolina@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Team TLC



“It takes more than food; serving love to feed the hearts, minds and spirits of the community”.

Team TLC has asked a lot of our congregation. We've held meetings, lectured, sang, acted, and even zoomed. We are grateful for your feedback and hope there will be more responses as we "wrap up the package" that is Greendale People's Church. You can email us your thoughts and ideas at teamtlc@greendalepeopleschurch.org

We've presented bedrock beliefs, core values, vision, and mission. This is the WHOLE package that identifies who we are.

Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe God creates everything. God created us, lives in us, strengthens and sustains us
- We believe God sent Jesus to teach and guide us in our daily lives and we honor each individual's personal relationship with Jesus.
- We believe that God has many names and can be worshipped in different ways.
- We believe God's presence is reflected everywhere and in everything; in the power, majesty and beauty of nature, and in many faith symbols.
- We believe prayer is a conversation with God. Prayer inspires, transforms, and heals us through inspirational thoughts, comforting words, music and expressions of faith.
- We believe fellowship is an expression of God's love for us, and our love for each other. We demonstrate this reflection of God's love through the practices of being and working together, service to our

community, and acts of compassion and forgiveness.



Core Values

Spirituality, Healthy relationships, and Inclusivity.

- We value spirituality. We gather together to enrich our faith. Our faiths are diverse. We respect each other's unique spiritual journey and what that means to each person. We support each other on that journey. We create opportunities to examine our faiths, serve each other, practice spirituality and participate in a diverse faith community. In these ways, we learn and grow as individuals and as a people. We are a dynamic faith community.
- We value healthy relationships in all aspects of community life. We foster opportunities to create and strengthen bonds with God, our church family, and the community.
- We value inclusivity. We are a welcoming church. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your life or spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Mision

How God is calling us to further Christ's ministry today

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Vision

A visual expression of who we are

The vision and mission complete the “package” and illustrate how we do more than just “feed people physically” (food pantry, meals at the church, mustard seed, etc.) but serve spiritual nourishment (God's love) to our community and beyond. It's what we've been doing all along, but expressed in new ways. That's all folks!! It's a “wrap” ...

God bless,

Joyce, Jan, Nancy, Joanne, Sarah, Ray and Fran

[CONNECT & SERVE](#)

Food Pantry

BY JOYCE, DONNA & TORI

It's been a slow summer and mid September at the Food Pantry. We are hoping this means our usual visitors are doing better and don't need us so often.

We had several people drop by for a chat and drop off donations this week. Thank you all for taking the time! We enjoy visits from people we know. This week we notice the **peanut butter and pasta sauce** are getting low. We hope there are good sales coming up for those items.

Again, thank all of you for your continued support!



REM Scholarship recipients:

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It is time again for schools to be back in session and for those going to college to receive their scholarships from GPC. The recipients this year are:

*Jared M. Giurleo,
Eli M. Paré,
Todd R. Vickstrom and
Jacob Jewers.*

Blessings to all these young people for a great year and thanks to all who have donated to the REM Scholarship Fund to make these grants possible.

125th Anniversary Celebration

Firming the foundation for the Future

BY KAREN ALLEN

In preparation of our next 125 years, we are commemorating this milestone by sprucing up some items in the church including the heating boilers, the retaining wall near the garden, signage and funds for our Designated Term Pastor. Our campaign will start *October 1* and will run for up to three years. One may make a lump sum donation at any time or a donation may be made each month during one, two or three years. These will help Greendale People's Church to continue with its missions long into the future.



Updates will be made at least once a month by publishing a picture of the poster that is being developed.

The Stewardship will be building its own wall using lego blocks so watch for the construction in the coming weeks. Please contact *Karen Allen* of the *Stewardship Team* if you have any questions or if you need another form by calling 508.942.2401 or by email at karenallen2006@aol.com.

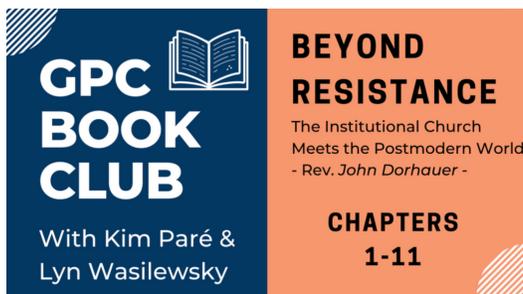
Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Conversation & Prayer

To connect with others from the GPC community through a group or individual conversation and prayer contact:

The Deacons: Deacons@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org
Care Ministry: CareMinistry@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Virtual Book Club



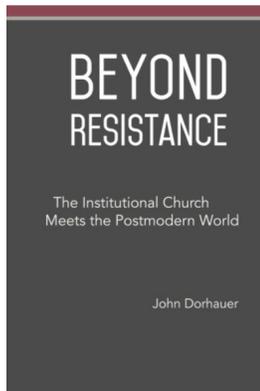
You can watch all episodes of GPC Book Club "*Beyond Resistance, The Institutional Postmodern World*" by Rev. John Dorhauer.

To watch visit:
www.GreendalePeoplesChurch.org or
 our YouTube channel.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

Bible Study

Women at the Well



During the summer, Lyn Wasilewski, Kim Paré and Janet Ordway read this book to those interested in listening. Due to the pandemic, there was little chance for discussion so we will take time at our bible study to discuss some

interesting influences on the church today and why things don't look the same.

Please buy a copy of this book on Amazon or check your local bookstore. Our first class will be on **Monday, October 12 at 7 p.m.** on Zoom.

Watch this newsletter or contact Karen Allen at 508.942.2401 or by email at karenallen2006@aol.com so you are sure to receive the Zoom hookup or if you have any questions.

Beginner Crochet

Do you want to learn how to crochet? Learning the skill of crocheting is exciting, and a great way to use our time while we stay at home. In this DIY series, Lyn Wasilewski teaches how to crochet for absolute beginners.

Watch part 1 and 2 at www.GreendalePeoplesChurch.org our YouTube channel.



Worcester Food Hub

Local food pick-up

The Food Hub is providing a food pick up opportunity every Wednesday featuring products from local farmers and food producers.

PICK UP TIME: Wednesday, September 24th, from 12 to 5 PM

PICK UP LOCATION: Greendale People's Church
25 Francis St. Worcester

You can find this week's list here:
<https://www.worcesterfoodhub.org/foodtogo>



COMMUNITY NEWS

Prayer Chain

Please carry this with you or place it on your table or beside your bed. As you include the following names in your prayers remember that your brothers and sisters in faith are also praying with you.

Edith King
Nancy Raphael
Beverly
Janice
Stephanie Kissiday
Jessica Angers
Jim & Marie Wilmont
Bette Staruk
Brandon S.
Cecil Everett
Teresa LaFleur

June Ayres
Don Hebb
Bob & Betsy Converse
Don Fair
Raymond LeBlanc
Ryan Lohnes
Harold Supernor
Kathy & Amy
Cyndi Ryan
Belhumeur Family
Russ Vickstrom Senior

Ellen
Burt
Beth's Daughter
Sheri's Daughter in law
& friend's daughter.
Jerry
Don Wilbur
Curtis Berry
SonySummers
Brandon
Bob Devio

Care Ministry

During COVID-19 we should practice social distancing however, phone calls, texts, video-calls and emails are also ways to connect with your loved ones across-distance. Tell them how much you care and ask questions like: Are you okay? Is your family okay? Do you need anything? or join in a virtual collective prayer.

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Ministering to the Congregation

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