



GPCC eUpdate

This e-mail is intended to help keep members and friends informed about what's happening in and around the congregation.

Greendale People's Community Church

Where Christ is central and diversity is cherished
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Have a church news item to submit? The deadline for submission is Wednesday at 3:30 pm. Please state your information as succinctly as possible to allow these eUpdates to remain brief and informative.

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FEBRUARY

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Saturday, February 4th
Kitchen Clean Up!

Our kitchen management crew will be in on Saturday, February 4th from noon until 2 to clean the kitchen.

If you're interested in assisting them, please join them.



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Sunday, February 5th is Scout Sunday

Please join us at our annual "Pancake Breakfast" Fundraiser.

1st Seating: 7:30AM-10:00AM

2nd Seating: 10:45AM-11:30AM

For Tickets in Advance Contact Jean Ingellis at 508-340-8025 by February 2nd.

Cost: Adults: \$6.00, Child (under 10) & Senior: \$5.00

The Boy Scouts Troop 9 will be selling their 2nd annual "We Bake for You" Boy Scout Bread again this year. This year's

"recipe" is an Applesauce Spice Bread and will be available for \$5.00 ea. at the Scout's Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 5th. They

can also be pre-ordered for pick up on that day by calling Jean @ (508)340-8025.

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Sunday, February 5th is Super Bowl Sunday

New England Patriots vs. New York Giants

And that means "Super Bowl Subs". Have you placed your orders yet?

Super Bowl Sunday is this weekend, and the youth group is looking forward to providing your sandwich feast of the day.

Don't forget to pick up your orders

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Sunday, February 5th



HAND BELLS

Anyone interested in playing Hand Bells, please see Wilson McLaren after church on Sunday, February 5th

in the Conference Room.

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Now thru Sunday, February 12th

"Hug a Vet"

Well, it is snowing... and it is winter and it is cold! The Deacons are sponsoring "Hug a Vet" Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012. To show our gratitude we are collecting donations, for women and men veterans....hats, mittens, gloves, white socks, \$5 Dunkin Donut gift cards, toiletries-toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, hairbrushes, combs, lip balm, shampoo, conditioner and plastic closable soap dishes. Donations will be accepted through February 12th and may be placed in the boxes in the Friendship Room. Be sure to check out the "Hug a Vet" tree! The Deacons thank you for your continued support of our GPC outreach projects.

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Sunday, February 12th is the Reception of New Members

Greendale People's Church will receive new members at both services on Sunday, February 12th.

We receive members in the following manner:

- By confession of faith. This would be by baptism.
- By reaffirmation of faith. A person who has been baptized but does not hold membership in any congregation at this time.
- By transfer of membership from another church. A person who presently holds membership in another congregation and wants that membership to be transferred to Greendale People's Church.

As one joins this congregation they are asked to accept with the rest of the congregation the Church Covenant.

The Covenant

We accept as the guiding principles of our lives and conduct the teachings of Jesus, who, when asked what the greatest

commandment was, said, "You shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second is like unto this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. We believe in a church that will work in Christian unity

in harmony with Christ's Prayer, "That they all may be one," a church whose only label is Christian and whose only head is Christ.

If you are interested in being received into membership, please fill in the reverse side of this form and place it in the offering plate.

The Board of Deacons



Sunday, February 12th ~ It's time to fill the ...

COOKIE WALK

A delicious cookie sale will be held on Sunday, February 12th as another fundraiser for our church. All cookie donations may be dropped off and left in the kitchen

at the designated area. Thank you in advance for your cookie donations in supporting this fundraising event.

The Special Projects Committee

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February 22nd, Ash Wednesday

Our Lenten Series begins..

Lenten Suppers are at 6PM followed by a study of the book of Nehemiah

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GENERAL NEWS

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GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Celebrate the Girl Scout Centennial 1912-2012!

Girl Scout Cookies are here!

Come support Cadet Gisele Paré by purchasing Girl Scout cookies after the family service.

There are eight different varieties to choose from at \$4/box.

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HOPE FOR HOUSING

Look what's NEW! In February, Hope for Housing will have CVS gift cards added to those from Big Y, Hannaford, Shaw's and Stop & Shop. The CVS cards will be for \$10 and \$25 and special orders may be placed for \$100 ones. Remember that 5% of the monies collected through this program go to help the homeless in Worcester County. You have the convenience of using the gift cards and helping others at the same time. Thanks.

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In The Know!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Get the current church news and events via the weekly E Blast! Just e mail your name and e mail address to the church office at...office@greendalepeopleschurch.org

Don't miss out...tell all your friends! Thank you...the Board of Trustees

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Did You Know That We Don't Always Know?

This message is to alert all church members that in the event of you being admitted to the hospital, unless you or a family member tells the registration clerk that you belong to Greendale People's Church, we will not learn of this from the daily call (Monday-Friday) to

St. Vincent's, U MASS Memorial and University campuses. Thank you and remember to keep us informed.

Please note that it was recently learned (1/17/12) that UMass is in the process of a systems transition which means we will not be able to call them for notification, etc. until this transition is completed. (Date unknown) So if you know of anyone hospitalized at the Memorial or University campus please call the church office to make them aware.

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"We Miss You"

We have noted that some members of our congregation have been missing from church in recent months. Do you want to come to church, but you cannot drive due to age, illness or disability? Do you feel uncomfortable asking someone to bring you for important communion and fellowship with friends and other believers? Call the Church Office and give them your name, address and phone number and which service or event you would like to attend. Every effort will be made to find a way to get you to Sunday church service on time, and take you back home.

Volunteer drivers are needed so please call the Church Office and provide your name, address and phone number to provide this loving service for your church family.

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"Help Us Plan our Future"

On Saturday, February 25th, from 9 AM to 2 PM, there will be a Strategic Planning Workshop to help develop a five year plan for

our church. We expect members of the Church Council and members of all Boards and Committees to attend, but everyone

in the congregation is invited and encouraged to participate to help address important issues facing our church and its future. This will

be working strategy sessions so come and contribute your voice and ideas to help develop our direction for the next 5 years.

We will focus on addressing four future critical areas:

GPC Mission Areas - Ideas for Mission Work within our Community and the World Financial Management - How Do We Keep Our Church Home Financially Secure?

Membership Development - New Ideas to Boost Membership Boards and Committees Enhancement - How Can We Develop/Increase Participation?

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Child care and child centered activities will be provided so young parents who are forming ideas as to the importance of church for their family's future can attend and participate.

We will need a headcount, so please call or email the Church Office and inform MaryAnn if you will attend so we can plan accordingly. The phone number is 508-852-7727 and the email address is office@greendalepeopleschurch.org.

Dennis Christo

Your Servant Moderator

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Reminders!

Bulletin/Link articles

Please note that all requests for items to be included in weekly bulletin must be received in the office by Wednesday. All requests for March LINK should be in the office by February 21st.

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Parking Lot

Please make note that those of you who are here at the church on Tuesday mornings, **please do not park** in the handicapped area or the space in front of it in the lower level entrance as your vehicle blocks the access to the dumpster pick-up scheduled from Waste Management.

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CHURCH EMERGENCY CLOSING

In the event of services being cancelled due to inclement weather or for any other emergency please listen to
WTAG 1030 AM or WSRS 96.1 FM or view channel 4 or 5 for notification.

WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 AM Communion Service

10:00 AM Family Service