

March 11 - 17, 2024

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N E W S L E T T E R

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, welcome to GPC!

Seeds of Faith



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SUNDAY

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Dedicated in loving memory of Ralph and Deborah Atchue, gratefully remembered by Marge Clark.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

You're invited to join us for Coffee Fellowship immediately after the worship service.

Coffee hour will be hosted by **Jan Anderson** in the friendship room.

Remember to also join us for the delightful **Soup Fest in Fisher Hall!**

Order of Worship

9:30 am Sanctuary | March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Rev. Doug

Prelude

God So Loved the World

Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Doug

*Opening Hymn

#446 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths
its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.*

*O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there
blossoms red life that shall endless
be.*

Passing the Peace

Rev. Doug

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 NRSV | Sheri Kline

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Doug

Doxology

Second Reading

John 12:20-33 NRSV | Rev. Doug

Message

Rev. Doug

Song of Response

Open the Eyes of My Heart/Be Thou My Vision

Invitation to Communion

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

#264 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming light
and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance
streaming adds more luster to the day.*

*When the woes of life o'er-take me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that thro' all time abide.*

Benediction

Change My Heart, O God

Postlude



Maundy

THURSDAY



MARCH 28th
7:00 PM | CHAPEL

Greendale People's Church
25 Francis Street,
Worcester, MA 01606

Believe the Good News?

By Reverend Dr. Doug Cederberg

April 29, 2024

Jesus proclaimed, 'The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news' (Mark 1:15). As it turned out, those who rejected Jesus' good news vastly outnumbered those who embraced it. Why? I am convinced, thanks to Anthony de Mello (a Jesuit priest), that Jesus was rejected not because what he said was good, but because it was new. We hate the new, de Mello claims, because it demands that we change and admit that we were wrong in at least some of our old ideas. Who likes that? So, we reject the new."

De Mello advises that we should attempt to listen better when someone is preaching or teaching. By this he does NOT mean to listen to the words of the preacher. Rather, **listen to yourself as you listen**. Listen to your reactions. Are you agitated? Okay, why? Are you offended? Okay, why? Are you overjoyed? Okay, why? What do these reactions say about you? Listen, learn.

Almost invariably, you will reject preaching because it is new or because it does not make you feel better about yourself in that instant. And you will embrace heartily what you already believe or want to believe about yourself. Do you know that one preacher, preaching one sermon, can cause as many different reactions as there are people in the congregation? Some reject. Some embrace. WHY? Preaching always says as much about the one listening as it does about the one speaking. You can gain great insight into yourself by listening to your reactions to what you hear from a preacher.

Several years ago, I went to a counselor when I was having a tough time in life. The counselor kept asking, when I talked about my circumstances, "how does that make you feel?" Again and again, no matter what I said or what



the topic was, he asked me, "how does that make you feel?" One time, I looked at all the diplomas and certificates on his wall. It seemed to me that he had wasted a lot of time in school and in training to come to the point where all he said was, "how does that make you feel?" He needs some new tools in his toolbox, I thought.

Eventually, I caught on to what he was doing. He wanted me to listen to myself and learn. Socrates said, "Know yourself!" And, "The unexamined life is not worth living." Those who know themselves are able to respond to life in the most appropriate way. They are not tossed about emotionally by everything they see or hear. They can rise above their circumstances rationally, without being so affected by what others say or do.

In summary, you can get quite a lot out of my preaching – not so much by what I say but by listening to your reactions to what I say. You may discover that you are quite an interesting topic to learn. For me, it is fun to gain insights into myself, even after all these years. Try it yourself.

Blessings to each and all!

Doug Cederberg
Pastor, Greendale People's Church

Support our Mission



Your contributions enable us to continue our cherished traditions, support our community outreach, and maintain worship services that bring us together. Every gift, large or small, fuels our mission and touches lives.

For your convenience, you can donate by simply:

- Scan the QR code with your phone,
- Mail a check to 25 Francis Street Worcester, MA 01606,
- Visit our website at www.GreendalePeoplesChurch.org.

Thank you!

Worship News

Join us for worship service on Sunday!

03 . 17 . 2024
Sanctuary | 9:30 a.m.

Hunger in Action

Breakfast Program

Production line: Sundays

We warmly invite you to join the production line for 'Breakfast for the Homeless' in Fisher Hall, which convenes every Sunday after worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread holiday cheer and make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. For more details on how you can become involved as a donor, shopper, or delivery ambassador, please reach out to Lyn Wasilewski at omealaw@charter.net.



Thursdays Cafe

Thursday, March 28th, 2024 | Genesis R.

Join us Thursday, **March 28th at 10:30 am** in the Genesis Room to pack lunches for those in need.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Janet Whittall at teacup057@charter.net



Nourish the Need! GPC Food Pantry

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | 1st level

In our mission to combat hunger and bring joy to tables in need, we are continuing our weekly donation campaign. Our hero of hunger this week is: **Chef Boyardee**



Contributions can be made this Sunday by bringing your cans to the chapel, or on the following Wednesday, during the pantry's hours of operation from 10am to 12pm. For those who wish to contribute from the comfort of their house, online donations are accepted at greendalepeopleschurch.org/give, or if you prefer, checks can be mailed to 25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA 01606.

NEXT WEEK'S CAMPAIGN:
Cereal!!!

Upcoming Events

Prayer Shawl

Saturday, March 16, 2024 | 10:30 am | Library

Join us for a **Prayer Shawl Gathering on Saturday, March 16th at 10:30 AM in the church library**. We welcome individuals of all skill levels to come together to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those in need, offering comfort and solace through our crafts.

Whether you're an experienced crafter or new to knitting and crocheting, we provide a space for fellowship, learning, and sharing. All are welcome!



Soup Fest is back!

Sunday, March 17, 2024 | 10:30 am | Fisher Hall

Dive into a bowl of warmth and community at our annual "Soup Fest" on Sunday, March 12th, in Fisher Hall, immediately following the church service. This beloved event promises a delightful array of homemade soups, chowders, and

community at our annual **"Soup Fest" on Sunday, March 17th, in Fisher Hall.**



This beloved event promises a delightful array of homemade soups, chowders, and chili, crafted with care to nourish both body and spirit.

Your support to this fundraiser, strengthens our community initiatives. We look forward to celebrating this day of delicious comfort food, fellowship, and generosity together!

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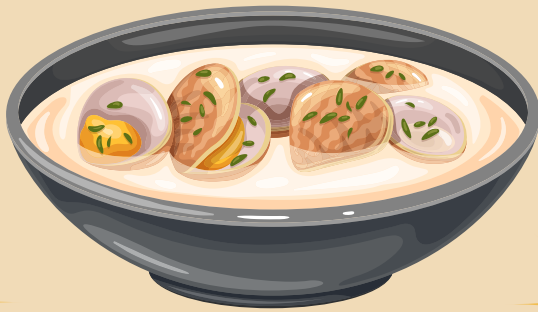
Monday, March 18, 2024 | Fisher Hall

Proto 4 will meet on Monday, March 18 in Fisher Hall. Please contact Deb Richards for more details.



SOUP FESTIVAL

HOMEMADE SOUPS, CHILLI, CHOWDER



17
MARCH

FOLLOWING
WORSHIP

2024

MINISTRONE MASTER

LEAGUE OF
NUTRIFORCE ALLIANCE



GPC Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 10am-12pm
(508) 852 7727
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JOIN OUR **CHEF BOYARDEE**
DONATION CAMPAIGN!!!
AND HELP FEED OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY!

March GB Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 | 6:35 pm | 2nd CR

The next Governing Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm** in the conference room. You can also attend via zoom. Instructions available on GPC's website, "My GPC" section.



Church News

Altar Flowers 2024

Bulletin board outside of Fisher Hall

Grace your Sundays with a beautiful dedication of altar flowers at GPC. We invite you to visit the bulletin board located just outside Fisher Hall, where you can reserve your dedication for any Sunday from March 2024 onwards.

A dedication fee of **\$35 per Sunday** helps us ensure the altar is adorned with fresh, beautiful blooms each week. Please make your checks payable to Greendale People's Church and kindly note 'Altar Flowers' in the memo line.



Lent!

February 14 - March 28



And Lent begins... Ash Wednesday has passed and this starts the season of Lent. As we embark on the reflective season of Lent, we invite you to deepen your participation through a special act of giving. This period of contemplation and renewal offers a unique opportunity to extend your generosity beyond regular contributions.

Should you feel called to make an additional donation during Lent, please kindly specify **"Lent"** on the memo line of your contribution.

For those combining this with their regular offering, we ask that you also indicate the portion designated for the Lenten donation.

Your thoughtful consideration and generosity are deeply appreciated, helping us to continue our mission and work during this sacred season. Thank you!

Sharing Table

Fisher Hall

When you next visit our church, we warmly encourage you to explore the **Sharing Table located in Fisher Hall**. This space is thoughtfully curated with a selection of books, greeting and note cards, informative pamphlets about Greendale People's Church, and even calendars for 2024.



This initiative is not just about sharing but also about sustainability and community support. Should you have any inquiries or need further information, feel free to contact the church office at 508-852-7727. Your participation is greatly appreciated,

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as it embodies our commitment to recycling, conservation, and the spirit of giving. Thank you for your generous support and for being an integral part of this meaningful project

In Memory of C. Ronald Wilson

Our former interim pastor, Ron Wilson, passed in November 2023; his service will not occur until the spring. He will be buried at the Mass. National Cemetery in Bourne, MA. If you wish to make a donation to a memorial gift, please make the check out to Greendale People's Church with the notation of "IMO Ron" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this donation.

Spiritual Growth

Women at the Well Bible Study

2nd & 4th Monday of month | 10:30 am | 2nd CR

The group started classes again on Monday, January 8. We will continue our study about some of the women in the bible.

The contact for the class is Karen Allen at karenallen2006@aol.com or call Karen at 508 942 2401



if you have a suggestion for our studies or wish to join. We look forward to seeing you!

Listen to Positive & Encouraging K-LOVE

K-LOVE Radio 893

Encouraging **music** when you need it most. **Listen** to Positive & Encouraging **music** on K-LOVE!

Prayer Chain

Care Ministry

March Birthdays!

Beverly
Janice
Stephanie Kissiday
Jessica Angers
Jim & Marie Wilmot
Teresa LaFleur
June Ayres
Don Hebb
Don Wilbur
Laura Giurleo
Astrid Essex
Patty Harnois
Lorna Rollins
Kathy Freeburn
Sheri Kline
Charlotte LeBlanc

Dave Raphael
Carolina Yanez-Mata
Tori Jones
Brenda Kennedy
Sue Sundquist
Dennis Christo
Pierce Family
Linda LaPrade
Bob Converse
Scott Olsen
Robert Mahoney
Becky Welter
Donna Fife
Marc
Fran Langille
Andrea Marsden

Forge meaningful connections with fellow GPC members through our Care Ministry. Extend your warmth and compassion by sending personalized postcards that beautifully convey just how much you care.

Kathy Freeburn

10 Sherbrook Ave.
Worcester MA 01604

Harold Supenor

Sterling Village Nursing Home
18 Dana Hill Road
Sterling, MA 01564-2414

Join us in celebrating the special days of our cherished members! Wishing a week filled with joy and blessings to those marking another year of life. **Happy Birthday to one and all!** 🎉

Astrid Essex	03/03	Joanne Wilder	03/14
Victoria Jones	03/04	Richard Grayson	03/17
George Warden	03/05	Laura Giurleo	03/18
Carolina Mata	03/06	Verlaine Sobi	03/19
Elise Dubrulle	03/08	Marcia Hartleb	03/21
Marjorie Clark	03/09	Carlo Cimato	03/21
Janet Whittall	03/11	Jennifer Schlegel	03/21
Samuel Debrule	03/12	Rowena Warden	03/23
Karl Putnam	03/13	Earline DeSalvo	03/26
Diane Morin	03/13	Padiaig Daley	03/30
Logan Grensavitch	03/13	James Blodgett	03/31

Ministering to The Congregation

OUR TEAM

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Jan Andersen as alternate.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

