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NEWSLETTER


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SUNDAY

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ALTAR FLOWERS

"In celebration of Bob Converse's birthday" By his wife, Betsy

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

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

Coffee hour will be hosted by **Jan Andersen.**

Order of Worship

9:30 am Chapel | July 14, 2024 | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Rev. Doug

Prelude

Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Doug

***Opening Hymn**

#24 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.

*You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship,
joined in one community.*

*God, your will is still creating,
calling us to life made new,
now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.*

We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be of
your justice, grace, and mercy,
and the truth that makes us free.

When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole,
healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.

*Keep us clear of all distortion,
fashion us with loving care, thus,
new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.*

Passing the Peace

Rev. Doug

First Reading

Amos 7:7-15 NRSV | Betsy Converse

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Doug

Doxology

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 NRSV | Rev. Doug

Message

Rev. Doug

Song Of Response

"Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Doug

Announcements

Karen Allen

***Closing Hymn**

#426 Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

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Benediction

Postlude



RUMSPRINGA OF FAITH:

The Revival of Christian Commitment

By Reverend Dr. Doug Cederberg

During the recent theology class, renowned theologian Nancy Cimato told the class about her period of wandering from the traditions of the Christian religion in the 1960s as a young adult and testing freedom instead. She ended up concluding that freedom and noncommitment were not all they were cracked up to be. She came home to Jesus in full commitment and has never regretted her decision. Bravo, I say!

In the Amish tradition, children are set free from rules and parental control when they reach their late teens. This rite of passage from childhood to adulthood is called *Rumspringa*, which is a German word meaning “to jump around.” The idea is to allow pretty much whatever the child wants to do so that they can decide if they want to leave the Amish community for good or come back to it as adults in full commitment to its rules and ways.

The Christian faith went through its own *Rumspringa* during the 1900s. Theologians reveled in freedom from the supposedly restrictive ways of the Christian faith. They rejected, half-rejected, and questioned the claims of Jesus to be the Son of God and the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection.

They mostly replaced Jesus the Redeemer with Jesus the moral teacher. And they replaced the Gospel of Jesus with various social causes. The result has not been good. Membership in Christian churches has plummeted from the 1980s to now. Ugh.

The last significant theological work of the 1900s was *Systematic Theology* by the prominent German theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg. It was as if he spoke the last word in the century of *Rumspringa* when Christianity reveled in freedom to the point of rejecting many of its central and historical claims. He spoke a warning to Christian preachers:

“If theology does not properly face its particular task regarding the truth claims of the Christian tradition, then it easily happens that the clergy of the church are the first to become insecure and evasive about the message they are supposed to preach. When they become doubtful about the truth claims of the gospel, they will tend to replace it with other ‘causes,’ and the believers will be disturbed because they no longer get to hear in church what they rightfully expect to be taught there.”

Let me explain what Pannenberg meant. Basically, all the “jumping around” concerning what is true about Jesus, all the *Rumspringa* freedom that had been practiced among 20th-century Christians, has led to a great weakening of Christianity. Everyday people are no longer able to come to church and hear a preacher confidently proclaim Christ. Instead, they hear preachers promote various causes (liberal and/or conservative, often quite political). Therefore, in the one place in their lives (church) where they could hear something of eternal value, they hear no such thing. And where there is no longer a word from the Lord, people starve spiritually as if in a land of famine (Amos 8:11).

Please, if you don't believe me, believe Nancy Cimato. It is a joy to come home to Jesus, to be committed and glad for it. All the allures of freedom from commitment to Christ are not what they are cracked up to be. With Nancy, me, and countless people throughout the ages, you will not regret it. ✦

Rev. Doug Cederberg

Pastor, GPC

DO NOT LET SCAMMERS RUIN YOUR SUMMER!

“Hello. Do you have some time. I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am currently busy, no calls so just reply my email.
Rev. Dr. Doug Cederberg
Pastor”



Protect yourself from scams

If you receive an email from Reverend Doug or any staff member asking for a “discreet favor,” “personal information,” or “financial contributions,” please do not respond. Always verify the sender’s email address and contact the alleged sender directly through a separate channel, such as a phone call or in person.

Scammers often use email addresses that may look similar to the person they are trying to impersonate but have small variations or different domain names and grammatical errors. Additionally, **do not click on any links or open attachments in emails you weren’t expecting.**

Report the email to the FTC at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/>.

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Support our mission

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

For your convenience, you can easily donate by scanning the QR code with your phone. We greatly appreciate your support

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CONNECT AND SERVE

FOOD PANTRY

Wednesdays, 10 am - 12 noon | Parking lot entry



This week needs: Peanut Butter.

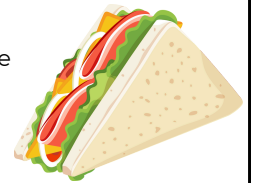
Next week needs: Chef Boyardee.

Please bring your donations this Sunday or on the following Wednesday, during the pantry's hours of operation from 10am to 12pm. Or donate from the comfort of your house, at greendalepeopleschurch.org/give, or if you prefer, checks can be mailed to 25 Francis street, Worcester, MA 01606.

THURSDAY CAFÉ: Is taking a summer break!

Back September 2024

The Thursday Cafe will be taking a break for the summer and will return in September. Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy your summer!



MUSTARD SEED

Third Thursday of the month | Kitchen

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, Jan Anderson, Joanne & Mike Wilder, Sherrill McKeon, and Bill Trippi prepare a nutritious meal of meatball soup and salad delivered to the Mustard Seed by Kim Paré.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Production line: Sundays



We warmly invite you to join the production line for the 'Breakfast Program' in Fisher Hall, which convenes every Sunday after worship. If you see any of these on sale when shopping we'd appreciate your donations:

- Extra-large (or sometimes called Jumbo) lunch bags.
- Wrapped miniatures of candy bars as put out by Hershey, Nestle.
- Napkins and plastic spoons.
- Wrapped granola/breakfast bars.
- Serving size juice and juice-like (punch, Sunny D) beverages - between 6-10 oz.

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.

CAPTAIN P.B.

PEANUT BUTTER
FEDERATION



GREENDALE
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GPC Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 10am-12pm
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JOIN OUR **PEANUT BUTTER**
DONATION CAMPAIGN!!!
AND HELP FEED OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY!

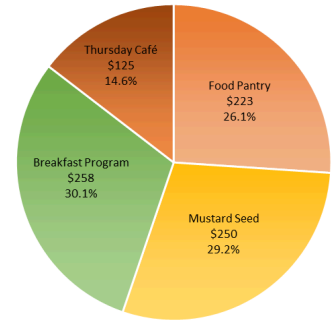
HUNGER ACTION

Greendale People's Church proudly serves our community through the **Hunger Action** initiatives, aiming to combat hunger and alleviate food insecurity. Our programs, including the **Food Pantry, Mustard Seed, Thursday Café (which provides sandwiches for All Saints' Church), and the Breakfast Program**, have made significant impacts over the years.

How can you help?

- **Volunteer:** Your time is invaluable. Assist with food distribution and meal preparation by contacting our program coordinators for more details on how you can get involved.
- **Donate:** Every contribution—whether it's your time, food goods, or monetary donations—makes a profound difference. For monetary donations, please mail a check to 25 Francis St, Worcester, MA 01606. Specify the program you wish to support in the memo line. Online donations can be made via our website at www.greendalepeopleschurch.org/give.
- **Pray:** Keep our programs and the individuals we serve in your thoughts and prayers.

Hunger Appeal Monthly Expenses



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering fosters a sense of community and offers opportunities for congregants to connect, collaborate, and support each other. **Please consider volunteering!!!**

- **DIACONATE:** Would you like to assist worship services, including scripture reading, leading prayers or communion offering? Please contact Bill Hackett at bhackett@qbdstrategies.com or Dave Raphael at dr@raphael.com for more information.



- **WORSHIP STREAMING:** We urgently need volunteers to help with our Sunday worship live streaming. If you're interested, please contact Carolina at carolina@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org.



- **BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Do you enjoy fixing things? We need your help on the building maintenance team. Your assistance will ensure our facilities remain welcoming and functional for everyone. For more details, please contact Carlo Cimoto at carlo33@verizon.net.



- **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Coffee Fellowship is a wonderful time to connect with friends after the service. **We need volunteers to host, manage the coffee pot, and arrange some treats. To sign up, call the office at 508.852.7727 or visit the coffee table on Sunday to check for available dates.** You can team up with a friend or someone from your pew to share the duties. For questions or concerns, please see Karen Allen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

REM Scholarship

Deadline: July 22nd



We are excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for the REM Scholarship.

How to Apply:

1. Fill out the form included on the next page. Alternatively, download the application form from our website.
2. Email your completed application to: office@greendalepeopleschurch.org or when you visit the church.
3. Submit your application in person.

Applications will not be accepted after July 22, 2024. We look forward to receiving your applications!

Jewelry Crafters

2nd Conference Room



Join us for another exciting Craft Day on **Saturday, July 13 from 10 am - 12 noon!** We will provide the jewelry and glue guns—all you need to bring is a picture frame or any item you'd like to decorate, along with your creativity.

You can choose to keep the item you create or donate it for sale at our next church fair. It's a wonderful opportunity to have fun, express your creativity, and contribute to our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Note: There will be no Governing Board meeting in July.

Please be informed that there will be no Governing Board meeting in July 2024.

If you have any urgent matters that need attention during this period, please feel free to reach out to the Governing Board at us via email at BoardChair@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org. Thank you.

Sharing Table

Fisher Hall

Please check out the Sharing Table in Fisher Hall when you visit the church. There are books, greeting and note cards, pamphlets about Greendale People's Church and even some calendars for 2024. You are invited to bring in any small items that you receive and do not want to keep but may be of use to someone else. Please bring these items in and place them on the table. If you have any questions, please call the office at 508-852-7727. Thank you for your help in this form of recycling and conservation.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

WOMEN AT THE WELL

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



Women at The Well classes are officially on summer break. The next session will begin again on **October 14 meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.** For more information please contact Karen Allen at karenallen2006@aol.com or call her at 508.942.2401.

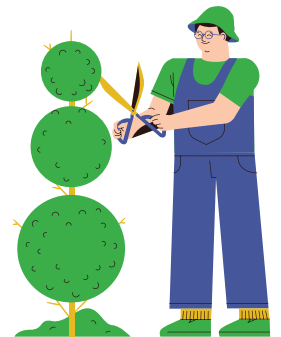
Theology II

YouTube and GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Theology II classes culminated on Wednesday, June 26, with the presentation of the students' final essays. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated, whether by attending the class in person or by watching our live stream. If you missed any sessions, you can catch up on our YouTube channel: [@greendalepeopleschurch1828](https://www.youtube.com/@greendalepeopleschurch1828).

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Marge, Wendy, and Mary Ellen for their efforts in watering, weeding, mulching, and helping with the landscaping. Your help is greatly appreciated!!





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R.E.M. SCHOLARSHIP FALL 2024

Ralph E. Marsden Scholarship Fund

Applicants must complete this form and email it to the church office at **office@greendalepeopleschurch.org** or deliver it in person to GPC, located at 25 Francis St. Worcester, MA 01606. Please ensure that your application reaches us before the deadline of **JULY 22, 2024**.

Please note that the R.E.M. Scholarship is specifically designed for full-time students who actively participate in, are members of, or have family members affiliated with Greendale People's Church

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to the church office. We are here to assist you throughout the application process. ***Best of luck with your application for the R.E.M. Scholarship!***

Full Name

Address

Phone Number E-Mail

College/School

Year in school

Major

Are you a GPC member? Yes No

Is anyone in your family a GPC member? Yes No

If yes, please write their name

How have you been active at GPC?

Community News

Let's get active this summer!

JUNE 10 - AUGUST 31

Worcester Fitness in the Parks is a free 12 week program presented by the City of Worcester, Department of Health and Human Services and Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA, in partnership with the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. The goal of the program is to create a healthier Worcester by providing residents with opportunities to engage in healthy eating, active living, and community building. For more information please visit worcesterma.gov/summer-fitness.

FREE SUMMER FITNESS SERIES

June 10 - August 31, 2024

Day	Time	Park	Class /Activity
Monday	5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Elm Park	Yoga
Tuesday	5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Elm Park	Breathwork & Meditation supported by Synergy of Sound
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Peace Park	Zumba
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.	Vernon Hill	Tai Chi
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Worcester City Common	HIIT
Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Lake Ave Park	*Awaken and Ignite: Enlivened Drumming and Meditation
Thursday	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	University Park	Dance Kraze
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Vernon Hill	*Morning Mantra
Friday	3:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.	Crompton Park	Basketball Drills
Saturday	12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Fuller Park	Zumba

*Classes will start week of June 17

FITNESS PARKS
eliminating racism
empowering women
the **YMCA** of Central Massachusetts
the **CITY OF WORCESTER**
MASSACHUSETTS
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Calliope 2024 Summer Teen Production

GREASE

JULY 17, 18, 19 & 20

Wed - Fri at 7:30 pm; Sat at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Calliope Theatre
150 Main Street, Boylston, MA
Tickets available at: Ticketstage.com/CALLIOPE

TICKETS:
\$20 Regular
\$17 Stu. & Srs.

Prayer Chain

- 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
- Linda Manna
- Sheri Kline
- Charlotte LeBlanc
- Dave Raphael
- Tori Jones
- Sue Sundquist
- Dennis Christo
- Fran Langille
- Raymond LeBlanc (son)
- Margaret J Perez
- Lynda & Bob Chysna
- Steve
- Alice Holden
- Lyn and Al

Care Ministry

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.

Rob Lonnroth
573 Prospect Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

Cecil Everett
25 Saratoga Drive
Worcester, MA 01606

July Birthdays!

Join us in celebrating the special days of our cherished members!

Deborah Richards	07/02
Dennis O'Malley	07/08
Ralph Priest	07/08
Judith Pearson	07/10
Daniel Wolanski	07/11
Robert Converse	07/16
Douglas Spooner	07/18
Michelle O'Malley	07/19
Megan O'Shea	07/22
Prisca Benime	07/23
Jonah Wood	07/23
Erica Marsden	07/29

Ministering to The Congregation

OUR TEAM

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg
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Annie4music@gmail.com

Communications Director:

Carolina Mata
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Office Volunteers:

Mondays: Karen Allen, Tuesdays: Jan Whittall,
Wednesdays: Robert Converse, Thursdays:
Marion McLaren.

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Food Pantry:

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Custodian: Matt Duhamel

Custodian@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

GOVERNING BOARD

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Camp Selah Use Liaison:

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Building Use Reservations:

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Facilities:

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Bob Converse,
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Lyn Wasilewski,
omealaw@charter.net
Jan Andersen as alternate.

Join our Social Media Community!

@GreendalePeoples



JULY 2024

GREENDALE PEOPLE'S CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>9:30 am Worship Service, Chapel and online. Breakfast Outreach Program, During Coffee Hour 12:00 pm WIMS, Sanctuary 12:00 pm NA Meeting, 1st CR 1:30 pm Girl Scouts, 1st CR, Eden and Genesis Room.</p>	<p>1 10:00 am You're With Us!, 1st CR, Eden Room 6:00 pm NA Group, 2nd Fisher Hall</p>	<p>2 10:00 am, Food Pantry, 1st FI</p>	<p>3 10:00 am, You're With Us!, 1st CR, Eden Room 5:30 pm, Cub Scouts Mtg., 1st CR, Eden & Genesis room 6:00 pm, WIMS Bible Study Sanctuary</p>	<p>4 Independence Day Office Closed </p>	<p>5 10:00 am You're With Us!, 1st CR, Eden Room 6:00 pm WIMS Praise & Worship Sanctuary 7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous 1st CR</p>	<p>6 10:00am You're With Us!, 1st CR, Eden Room 7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous 1st CR</p>
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Summer

