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Greenville Community Church

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Are You Bored with Church?

Sometimes we get bored with church. We lose interest in the hymns. We don't connect with the prayers. The sermons are of no interest. Has this every happened to you?

As a result of such boredom, we can make dramatic conclusions about God. We might conclude that God does not exist. Or we might decide that the Bible is full of silly myths and childish fairy tales.

Then it is vital to recognize that God is beyond our thoughts and feelings. While our thoughts and feelings are important, God dwells beyond them. God is not bound by what you and I feel. God is not limited by what you and I believe.

God, who is always generous and caring, sometimes calls us to a greater faithfulness. This greater faithfulness is to trust in God even when we are bored with God.

What can we do about spiritual dryness? Perhaps the best thing to do is keep going to church. That is my suggestion. Sing the hymns. Join in the prayers. Ponder the sermons. And then, in the fullness of God's time, boredom will pass and you will be joyful again.

Edward

CELEBRATION SUNDAY is coming up on November 7. On that day, we will celebrate the 168th anniversary of Greenville Community Church. We will also receive pledge cards in support of our church budget. Please prayerfully consider how you can support our general fund

A CONSISTORY MEETING will be held on Saturday, November 13, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the lounge.

SEAN FALLEN will present a musical recital on November 14 at 4:30 p.m. Sean's concert is part of the 6th season of outstanding concerts at Greenville Community Church. Sean is a tenor and a frequent singer in our church choir.

CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH US ON NOVEMBER 21

The 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service will be a time to give thanks for our identity as children of God and to celebrate our unique community of faith. The music, which is always excellent at Greenville Community Church, will be a highlight of the service.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**, which will take place this year at the Scarsdale Congregational Church on November 21 at 7:00 p.m. Greenville Community Church is one of the sponsors of the event. It will include Jewish, Christian and Muslim participation. There will be a mass choir made up of singers from multiple congregations. The Scarsdale Congregational Church is located at One Heathcote Road.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUTH? More good times together begin with a planning meeting for all youth and their parents after the worship service on November 14 at 11:30 a.m. in room 17. We will talk about upcoming trips, service projects, monthly meetings, and more.

ADVENT BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 28. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival," and is a season that covers the four weeks prior to Christmas. The focus of the season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his first Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate. Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness and the

hone of eternal life.

SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS will be held on Sunday, November 28, at 11:15. Everyone is invited to attend a meeting, even for only one session in order to participate in the organizational life of



UPCOMING TALENT SHOW: the October meeting of the Church Growth Committee was devoted to the planning of a yet-to-be-named talent show. The show will kickoff Greenville's debut as a food drop-off point for the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless. A donation of food will be the admission to the show. The Executive Director of the Coalition (coordinating body for all of Westchester's food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters) will speak on behalf of this new relationship.

The date for the talent show is the evening of Saturday, January 22, 2011, so be sure to put it on your calendar, and tell your friends. The array of talent is coming from many sources and will offer an entertaining evening for one and all. Watch for future announcements.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet at the manse on November 9 and December 14, at 7:30 both times. If anyone would like to bring goodies to either one of these, please contact the church office. Next, we will switch the December and January books. So, here's the revised schedule:

- Nov. 9 discussion - The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters
- Dec. 14 discussion - The Christmas Candle by Max Lucado
- Jan. 11 discussion - Marcello in the Real World by Francisco Stork

Also, on November 9, let's do a book exchange! Bring any books you would like to get rid of, but just maybe someone else might love to have, and we can switch spots on our bookshelves! If you're interested, do bring some books. Anyone interested may contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is having a great fall. The Education Committee had a very productive meeting back in September and has an exciting year planned. Based on our current ages, we have two very active classes. If everyone was in church on the same Sunday we would have 13 children in the younger class and five students in the older class. In addition to learning about God, Jesus' teachings and the bible, Sunday School offers a unique opportunity for children to develop friendships outside of their circle of weekday school friends. Growing up in a church is an amazing way to learn and experience love and caring outside of one's home boundaries. Just imagine how great it would be to see the first two rows of pews filled with kids during the children's message! "Sunday Surprises" is just around the corner. This is a time after church when the children work on special projects related to Advent and our Christmas pageant. "Sunday Surprises" will begin November 28th and end with the pageant on December 19th. More information will come in the church bulletin. In the mean time, think about how great those first couple of pews could look!

POTLUCK MEAL AND GREENING THE CHURCH: you are invited to a potluck meal to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 10 to be followed by decorating (greening) the church for Christmas. Bring a large dish of food to share. Others will do the same with the result of an international variety of foods to eat and enjoy in Hessler Hall. After the meal, we will proceed to the sanctuary where we will set up a Christmas tree and other decorations.



KID'S CUSHION CONCERT – GREAT SUCCESS

NURSERY SCHOOL 4'S VISITS 200 YEAR OLD

TREE AT THE MANSE

SPRAINBROOK NURSERY did it again! On October 28, Sprainbrook Nursery provided four workers, two large trucks and plenty of equipment to give our church gardens an upgrade. Thank you to Al and Heidi Krautter, owners of the Nursery and members of Greenville Church, for providing this generous gift. Take a walk in the church gardens, sit on one of the wooden benches, enjoy the landscape beauty, and give thanks to God for the glories of nature at our church!

THANK YOU TO ERNIE for providing a fresh, new look at the entrance to the church. Ernie recently volunteered his labor to scrape, repair and paint the portico at the rear of the sanctuary. Most of our church members pass through that entrance on Sunday mornings and now it looks handsome again. Well done, Ernie!

