

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, December 7, 2025

Office hours: Mon / Wed / Fri 9:00am-3:00pm.

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FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG

As the year winds down, I find myself grateful. God has been good to our congregation. We've seen new people added, friendships formed, prayers answered, and lives strengthened. I'm thankful for every person who has found a home here.

But I don't want us to coast into the finish line.

December gives us two great opportunities:

- our sermon series, Finding Joy in Unexpected Places
- and our Christmas Eve service

Both of these are perfect moments to invite someone to church. Some of us feel awkward about evangelizing, and that's okay. We don't all have the same gifts. But an invitation is something all of us can do.

In Scripture, the invitation was simple: **"Come and see"** (John 1:46). God used those words to change a life. He can do the same today.

Let's finish this year strong. Keep praying. Keep showing up. Keep reaching out. God is not done with us, and I believe there is more ahead.

Paul reminds us, "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion" (Philippians 1:6).

Thank you for the way you love, serve, and encourage. I'm grateful to be part of this church family, and I look forward to seeing what God has in store in the coming year.

See you Sunday — and if you can, bring someone with you.

Domingo

Praise and Prayer Request

Praise: Yoselin Rivas Boj was baptized last Sunday. Keep her lifted in prayer she begins her new life in Christ.

Aniqua Price: prayers for strength in times of challenge.

Taylor McPherson: family member dealing with mold in her apartment affecting her and her children. They had to throw a lot of personal items out and do not have resources to move.

Benita Baines: for Brad, husband, to find new work.

Patty Conway: Kings, Youngers, Davis, Bramble families, and Cathy Servas.

Jenn Ring: prayers for my brother Jim's safe travels back to Ohio this week, my sister, Lorri, and for all health struggles impacting those in our church.

Elisha Wall: health of both parents who are under the weather and health of family.

Himelia Williams: for speedy recovery of knee surgery she had two wks ago.

Rose Mohsen: continued prayers, is on treatment and is having a full scan on December 15th.

Remember our members who are homebound due to serious illness or have limited mobility and are unable to attend.

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders, minister, and deacons as they lead our congregation. **Greenbank missions:** Eduar Morales (Oxford, PA), Chad Westerholm (Mozambique), Edmund Borfay (Liberia), Samuel Agbeta (Ghana), Camp Manatawny, Reflect Campus Missions/BHC.

If you have an item for prayer or praise, please email it to office@greenbankcoc.org for inclusion in our weekly list. To view previous prayer requests and those on our ongoing lists, please visit the Weekly Bulletins page on our website www.greenbankcoc.org.

Announcements and Events

Sermon Series: Finding Joy in Unexpected Places

Join us for Domingo's December sermon series and a special Christmas Eve service. Visit https://www.greenbankcoc.org/special-sermon-series to see the video announcement. Please share with your family and friends on your social media platforms.

2026 Communion Schedule

We need volunteers to assist with communion preparation for our worship services next year. Please sign up on the sheet located on the large bulletin board. Individuals who have not previously prepared communion but are interested are welcome to sign up. A training session is being planned for January. See Susan Johnson if you have any questions.

Greenbank Monthly Food Drive

Thanks to your generosity, in November we donated 414 snack bars, 72 boxes of raisins, 88 fruit snack pouches, and 12 canned vegetables. Your ongoing support helps fight hunger in our community. This month, we are collecting canned fruits (preferably in own juice or light syrup). Please leave donations in the foyer bin.

Security Training-Saturday December 20th 5:00 (approx. 1 hr)

This hands-on training is about situational awareness and critical thinking. The training is to better the team in any type of situation. All security personnel, members with interest and greeters who are available are greatly encouraged to attend. Contact Stanley Bernard with any questions.

Combined Bible Study Classes-December 21 & 28th at 9:30

You are invited to attend a bilingual (Spanish/English) class focused on the birth and death of Jesus. The classes will be held in the auditorium. For more information, see Rory Irwin.

Sunday Meeting Times

In-Person Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m. - including a Spanish-speakers class for adults.

In-Person Worship Services @ 10:30 a.m. - English & Spanish

The English service is livestreamed with 3 ways to connect:

- 1) Facebook Live: http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist
- **2) Greenbank Website:** www.greenbankcoc.org Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. You will need to log in to Facebook to join the live feed.
 - 3) Zoom: Meeting ID: 862 5363 5838 Passcode: 123456; Phone In: (301) 715-8592

Bible Studies

English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09

Spanish Mid-Week – Thursdays @ 6:30pm at Greenbank. Contact Arturo Gallegos for information. **Ladies** – 2nd Saturday each month @ 9am -hybrid class (in person & online) via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992 or dial in (301) 715-8592. Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992.

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Mark Ray.

Youth – Thursdays @ 6:30pm at Greenbank – led by Eileen Hence

SMALL GROUPS

Greenbank – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 12:30 pm in the building after services– hosted by Kamal Wall **North Wilmington** – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm – led by Mark Ray.

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the small chapel– led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

Teens – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the small chapel – led by Domingo Reyes.

3 Ways to Give

- 1) In Person: Place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed during our service.
- 2) By Mail: Send your contribution to 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.
- **3) Online:** using our website, <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>, go to "Give" at the top of the page, scan the QR code or select "give online". (Note: with PayPal there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)



Last Week: Attendance: 140 Contribution: \$2,392 Weekly Average: \$5,490 Weekly Budget: \$5,443