

VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the

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From our Resident Minister

2025 will be a rare year: despite our different ways of determining it, the date of Easter will be the same for both Western (Catholic and Protestant) and Orthodox Christians this year! On April 20th, Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox Christians will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord together. This will only happen three more times in the next decade: in 2028, in 2031, and in 2034. What will be different by then? Who will we be? What will the world be like? Come what may, my prayer for all of us is that we will embody Christ's sacrificial, life-giving love more and more each year.

God and Father of us all, we thank you for the new life which we have in your Son, Jesus Christ. As we walk with him along this path - through the gates of Jerusalem, to the upper room, to the cross, to the grave, and, finally, to that first sunrise upon the empty tomb - we pray that you would fill us with boldness to proclaim his resurrection, and compassion to live as his risen Body in the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP IN APRIL

- April 6** **5th Sunday in Lent**
Holy Communion
Sermon: Blessed are the Prophets of Righteousness
Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-11
- April 13** **Palm Sunday**
Rev. Eli preaching
Children's Processional, Hymn 88
All Glory Laud and Honor
Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40 Triumphal Entry
- April 17** **Maundy Thursday**
Zoom Service 6:30 PM
- April 18** **Good Friday**
- April 20** **EASTER** (No Church School)
9:00 Easter Breakfast
10:30 Worship Service
Holy Communion
Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 Resurrection
- April 27** **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Rev. Eli preaching
(Pastor Dee away)

Live Stream West Granville

Live Stream will open 10 minutes before the start of service

Phone-in service is no longer provided
Thank you to Jacques and our Stream Team during an up-grade of modem, routers and equipment.

- **West Granville Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel**
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPrOpTv3k_4JE8gYRM4-Dw

Habitat for Humanity Dedication Sunday
West Granville presented a \$1,000 Mission Gift. The Presbyterian Coalition has built 30 homes and contributed over a million dollars.



Habitat Build Day with Christine Schneller, Pastor Dee, and thank you to Tom Ramlow and Tammy Wood for providing lunch



Welcome New Members

Thompson Asiedv, his wife *Linda Annor*, and their children: twins *Daniel Kwadwo Asiedv* & *Daniella Adwoa Asiedv*, and daughter *Albright Nana Yaa Asiedv*.

Linda is a new MPS Teacher of culinary arts at James Madison High School.

Enoch Pusu is a Milwaukee Public School Chemistry teacher at Obama High School.



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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

In Sympathy

We give thanks for the life and witness of our beloved *June Audrey Herman*, who Entered the Church Triumphant, March 20, 2025 at the age of 96.

June was a former member of Perseverance Presbyterian Church and joined West Granville in 2005. June's beloved husband, Robert, passed away in 2012.

June had worked as an Executive Secretary where she excelled in communication, proof reading, and attention to detail. June was a person of deep and devoted faith. She had lived in the Sheboygan Senior Community.

We pray in this sacred time for her daughter Leah (John) and their family.

The Funeral for June will be at 2:00 on Thursday, March 27 at the Heritage Funeral Home in New Berlin, 16880 W National Ave.

Thanks be to God, Who Gives us the Victory.

We give thanks for the life and witness of our beloved *Mary Budde Roberts*, who Entered the Church Triumphant, peacefully, on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the age of 82.

Mary was a person of kind-hearted compassion, for people and for animals; of boundless energy whose welcoming spirit gave hope and hospitality to all she met.

We give thanks that she is reunited with her beloved Tom. We lift up in prayer Mary's family during this sacred season.

We say the Blessing, Thanks Be to God, who gives us the Victory.

God Bless...

God Bless to Dr. Christy Prill and Matt Smith (and big sister, Sienna) on the birth of Marlo Dillon Smith. Marlo was born March 3, 2025. Everyone is doing well and adjusting to home life. We share the joy of this special time in their lives.

Military

Abraham Cosico (husband of Kali Grogan-Cosico) United States Navy
Major JT Lorbiecki of the Wisconsin Air National Guard 115 Air Wing in Madison.

Prayers

Chris Pogorzelski's mother, Marianne Pogorzelski, is receiving hospice care. May God the Good Shepherd give grace and peace in this sacred season.

Long Term Prayers

Tony Anderson, treatment for prostate cancer.
Nicki Rupke, special care.
Ruby Tylanda-Emmons, special need.



The Meaning of Faithful Community
West Granville Presbyterian Church

In March Session's 5-person Interim Pastor Search Committee of Marna Tess-Mattner, Tony Anderson, Jean Casey, Yaovi Ekue, and Logan Cannestra presented their Ministry Discernment Profile to Session. This profile describes West Granville to potential new pastors. Session has approved the profile. Now the Team can post our opening for an Interim Pastor on the Presbyterian pastor search website.

We invite you to pray for this team as they guide our congregation.

SPRING CLEANING TO BEAUTIFY CHURCH

All are welcome, encouraged even!, to join us on **Monday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.** to help clean the sanctuary, narthex, and entry way. Bring your rubber gloves if you usually use them. Please come and help ~ many hands make light work!

OPEN CIRCLE EVENTS

BLANKET MAKING and SALAD LUNCHEON

Date: **Saturday, April 12, 2025**

Time / Place: 9:30-1:00ish / Perseverance Hall

All ladies of the church are invited to join Open Circle for a morning of making tied fleece blankets that we will donate. No special craft experience or sewing is needed. Bring a sharp scissors if you have them. Several yard sticks, scissors, and the fabric for 9 blankets will be provided.

After we make the blankets we will share a salad lunch. A sign-up sheet for salad fixings will be posted in the Narthex. See Patti Lorbiecki for more information.

Next month we will have a book discussion on "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby van Pelt. We will be hosted by Terry Mikec at her lovely home in late May. Stay tuned for details.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee would like to thank the members who have given legacy gifts. A legacy gift is a wonderful way to make a long-lasting difference for our church. It is also a way to ensure that ministries near and dear to your loved one continue to thrive. When the church receives an undesignated legacy gift, careful consideration is given to ensure the ministry selected is congruent with the member's passions and values. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity!

REQUEST FOR PICTURES

We are creating a video slideshow for Pastor Dee's retirement party! If the spirit moves you, please send Angie up to 3 of your favorite photos involving Dee from over the past 40 years. Please label the back of your hard copies if you want them returned to you. You can send digital photos to Angie Snowden's email at ladyonthelake79@gmail.com

PERSEVERANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2025

Thanks to a generous endowment from the former Perseverance Presbyterian Church, West Granville is pleased to announce three 2025 Perseverance Scholarship awards. When Perseverance Church closed, West Granville received money to assist students in furthering education beyond high school training for new employment. That money was placed in a special growth fund, and each year a percentage is set aside to be divided among church members who apply for the scholarship. The amount awarded varies from year to year, depending upon the number of recipients and the amount of the proceeds from the fund.

The following students each received an award of \$2,000 this year: **Evan Carpenter, Charlie Ramlow, and Sarah Wood**. Each of these students has a strong work ethic, is dedicated, and highly motivated to pursue the degree in their field.

Evan Carpenter is a freshman at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education degree, plans to be a music teacher and enter the professional music world. He was accepted into the Symphony Orchestra as a bassoon player his freshman year after only one semester. Evan's references praised his grades, organization,

reliability, self-discipline, and patience. He says that it is a dream come true for him to go to a university and become a teacher. Evan started attending West Granville 2 years ago and is now part of a Christian group on campus.

Charles (Charlie) Ramlow is a senior at Homestead High School in Mequon. He is planning on attending Northcentral Technical College in Wausau this fall in their Pasture to Plate Butchery program. He has taken courses in statistics, economics, social studies, and science. He is a gifted metal artist, took AP Art and Design, and helps to design and build sets for the high school drama productions. He also works part-time and is on the honor roll. His references praise his problem solving and communication skills, critical thinking, and persistence. Charlie says that he likes working with his hands and wants a skill that could be his job.

Sarah Wood is a senior at Muskego High School. She is planning on attending the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater this fall and majoring in Marine Biology. She would also like to study abroad. She has taken culinary arts classes and is described as creating unique baked goods and having an advanced knowledge of the food industry. Her references describe her as reliable, hardworking, organized, inventive, and an independent worker. Sarah describes the church as her family and community and her faith helps to guide her in decision making. She is our Nursery Attendant every Sunday and the children love to hang out with her.

West Granville is extremely proud of these talented, intelligent, hard-working and dedicated students, and we wish them success as they continue their education journeys!

MAY NEWSLETTER CHANGES

I will be out of the country and without reliable internet service during the time I would otherwise prepare the May Newsletter and therefore Sara Nygaard will be finalizing same. Please forward submissions for May Newsletter by April 6 to me at cagbuck@sbcglobal.net and later by April 27 to Sara Nygaard at secretary@westgranville.org.

Carol Buck, Newsletter Editor

THANK YOUs

WGPC ~ I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization. I was just discharged from Home Health Care this morning and hope to be back in worship soon.

Sally Tarvid

Thank you for your generous donations of \$160.96 and \$150.00. We appreciate your continual help feeding our neighbors in need of food.

*God bless you for caring!
St. Peter-Immanuel Food Pantry*

~notes are posted in Narthex

BOOK NOOK

Take a book ~ leave a book. There is a wide variety of books with many new titles since you last browsed as well as jigsaw puzzles! There are also review slips to use for each book you've read so that you can note comments and recommendations to help potential readers. Take a look, read a book! Have a jigsaw puzzle!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Charles Ramlow
- 3 Lori Hrovat
- 4 Mark Savage
- 5 Jeff Ellner
- 5 Janet Beltman's 104th Birthday
- 8 Tammy Wood
- 11 Christina Tarvid-Lawrence
- 11 Kent Tess-Mattner
- 13 Amy Tess-Mattner Mikec
- 13 Phillip Jones
- 14 Steve Otten
- 17 Amy & Jim Rhines, 2004
- 19 Rev. Dee Anderson
- 20 Jim Rhines
- 23 Gabrielle Cannestra
- 24 Sue Berray
- 27 Deb Bascom
- 30 Lane Grigg
- 30 Ethan Pogorzelski

If your dates are missing or in error,
please inform the church office.

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Please submit May newsletter articles to Carol by 4.6.25

and later to Sara, secretary@westgranville.org by 4.27.25

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Teams: 6: Ed Kress, Maureen Jones, Sarah Ramlow 20: Tammy & Patrick Wood, Mawuena Alogavi Ushers: 13 and 27: Afi Alogavi, Mawuena Alogavi		1	2 6:30 Bells	3	4	5
6 – 5th Sunday in Lent 9:15 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Holy Communion	7 6 - Spring clean 7 – Worship *	8	9 6:30 Bells	10	11	12 9:30 Open Circle makes no-sew blankets and salad luncheon
13 – Palm Sunday 9:15 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Rev. Eli preaching	14 7 – Finance *	15	16 6:30 Bells	17 6:30 Maundy Thursday Zoom Service	18 <i>Good Friday</i>	19
20 – Easter Sunday 9:00 Easter Breakfast for all 10:30 Worship Holy Communion Adult Choir	21 7 – Session *	22 Earth Day ~ be good stewards for the beauty of the earth 7:00 Property *	23 6:30 Bells	24	25	26 <i>May Newsletter deadline is tomorrow</i>
27 – 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Rev. Eli preaching	28	29	30 6:30 Bells			

Recorded sermons and videos may be found at our YouTube channel – https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPrOpTv3k_4JE8gYRM4-Dw
 Zoom links may be found on our www.Westgranville.org website under the *Events* tab.

*Meetings may be via Zoom or may have been date- and/or time-changed, please stay tuned.

Coffee Hour hosts: 6: Bledu family 13: Bichler family 27: Daniel family