

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When King James VI of Scotland succeeded Elizabeth I, the last Tudor monarch, in 1603, one of the better things he accomplished was a translation of the Bible from the Greek, Hebrew, and Latin translations they had at that time. It is a beautifully written translation, and when I was growing up in western Pennsylvania, it was the text for my Bible memorization. Because King James paid for the work, the translation was titled after him. Most scholars believe that this was his chief aim, since he was a rather scandalous individual, having had many affairs during his reign while fathering six children with his queen, Anne of Denmark. Nevertheless, he did place a very readable translation into the hands of the people. The oldest manuscript in the original language available to the translators when the endeavor began (1607) was an eighth century document, and when this document varied with Saint Jerome's Latin translation, the latter was referred to.

Archeology since 1607 has revealed a host of older manuscripts than those available to the translators of the King James Version (KJV). By the time the Revised Standard Version (RSV) was translated in the 1950s, many manuscripts from the second and third centuries were used, along with a multitude from the later centuries. So, while the KJV is an older translation, the older texts used to obtain that translation are in the RSV. That is important because, obviously, the older texts are closer to the source and less likely to have scribal errors. The RSV is a better translation than the KJV.

The Didache (Greek meaning *teachings*) is, with little doubt, the earliest writing in Christendom and is considered the oldest example of the genre of Church Orders. It instructs that the Eucharist be celebrated every Sunday. Since the Didache was written around the year 50, it predates the Gospels and most of Paul's writings. It seems very clear that the earliest church that still had many of the apostles alive in its midst understood the importance of weekly celebration. That earliest form of the worshiping community practiced a communal life in which all goods were held in common, a meal was prepared every day, and the Eucharist (Thanksgiving) was celebrated every Lord's Day. We are doing just that. Paul writes to the church at Corinth, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." And, indeed, we do.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Kingsley

APRIL MOVES US FORWARD INTO SPRING

We have made our Lenten journey, lived with our Lord through Holy Week, and celebrated the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. He is alive! We continue our journey with Jesus during the seven-Sunday season of Easter, which starts on Easter, March 31, and continues through Pentecost, May 19.



The world around us is awakening from winter slumber; we sense our inner being becoming more alive; we feel the longing to get outside and soak up the warmth. Yet we also pause weekly to recharge and reenergize as we come together to worship and fellowship with one another. I still hold to the dictum that our weekly coming together provides the stability, the structure, and the renewal that we need to face whatever may confront us in our daily lives. If we listen closely to the joys and concerns each week, we learn that, out of the clear blue sky, any number of things can happen to us when we least expect it. If we are vigilant in the practice of our faith, we can be better prepared for life's unexpected events.

On Sunday mornings, there is a well of strength to be gained by thoughtfully participating in our worship service together. We hear the terms "be fully present," "be mind-full," and "be open." It is easy to become distracted by looking around at others, by not really listening, by just mouthing the words to hymns, and by yawning and waiting for it all to be over. However, we can gain more if we center our awareness on each element of the service as it unfolds.



The service actually begins when you walk through the front door and are confronted with the baptismal font, which reminds you of your own baptism and being marked as "Christ's own forever." Next, there is the scripture of preparation found at the top of each service bulletin; the scripture establishes the tone of our service from the very beginning. I then read a centering prayer, quieting our hearts and calming our distractions as we meditatively prepare our hearts for worship during the organ prelude.



It takes effort on our part to concentrate, to really listen, to focus on what we are hearing and singing. It is so easy for the words of familiar hymns to glide off our tongues. The famous Riverside Church organist, Virgil Fox, used to tell his organ students to read slowly through all verses of a hymn, contemplate what is being said, and only then go to the organ to practice using sounds that illustrate the tone or emotion of the hymn.

The "soul food" we so desperately need is right before us: prayer, readings from scripture, reminders of our fellow Christians in need of prayer and healing, hymns of faith, and words of wisdom from the sermon. Our services are deep wells from which we can drink, and we follow Jesus' command and take Communion for our hungry souls to nourish us spiritually for the week ahead.

As we allow the Holy Spirit to indwell us and open our hearts, we are promised in Galatians 5:22-23:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance . . .

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This past month, the shawls once again found their way to the shoulders of those in need of a hug.

Several shawls were given to our church members for their family members or friends who needed support. Many beautiful shawls have been made in the past four weeks, and they certainly didn't last long. (Some showed up at church on a Sunday, and by the time we were heading to coffee hour, they were already heading to another place to bring warmth and comfort to others.)

A red, white, and blue shawl was given to a friend in Warwick. Her husband was a lieutenant colonel in the Army and served for a long time. They were married sixty-six years, and he passed on recently. The shawl will serve as a reminder of how her husband loved his country and served it so gallantly. She was very honored to receive the gift, and I am sure she will think of the places they went to represent the United States in his Army career.

Carol Gabella wrote that her mom just loved the white, aqua, and peach shawl we sent to her when she had a fall recently. She also appreciated the prayer that came with the shawl and thought it was so special. We helped to brighten up her day.

Another shawl was sent to Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the request of another shawl ministry that was temporarily out of them. Marsha Kloster, the lady who requested the shawl, presented it to her friend, who is like a sister to her and who is undergoing a fourth surgery. She said the shawl was loved and that her friend appreciated the kindness of strangers. We are glad we could help and get the shawl sent out immediately.

Thanks again for the yarn that was brought to the church. As you can see, we go through it quite fast. Pocket shawls are also in the narthex for anyone who knows someone who might appreciate something to hold on to. It is a simple gift, but it lets a person know that he or she is not alone.

God bless each of you, and consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Paffenroth
PSM Secretary

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The Fellowship/Outreach Committee invites you to a potluck luncheon on Sunday, April 28 in Fellowship Hall following the church service. We ask that everyone please bring your favorite dish to share, according to your last name:

A – G – Main Dishes/Sandwiches

H – P – Desserts

Q – Z – Side Dishes/Vegetables/Salads

All are welcome! Hope to see you there!



Presbyterian Women's Association (PW) News

The March meeting was held on Monday, March 4. Thirteen ladies and one guest attended.

We signed and sent cards to several of our church women who needed a boost. It seems that, each month, we are sending more and more of these cards. We know that they are appreciated, as we received several thank-you notes, which were read to the PW members.

We discussed the bake sale, which will be held on Friday, May 24. We will again be looking for donations of baked goods.

We also discussed the World Day of Prayer, which was held on March 1. This was a lovely event, and women from all the churches in Goshen attended. Every church had a reader, and there was lovely fellowship and a wonderful "meet & greet & eat" in Fellowship Hall after the service. Everyone who attended said the afternoon was wonderful as well as inspirational. We thank everyone who took part in any way.

We also talked about upcoming events in the church and possibly donating to a need financially.

We celebrated Betty Lobb's and Wendy Paffenroth's March birthdays with three beautiful cakes and drinks (coffee and apple juice). Everyone wants the recipes for those cakes, and we know they would be a hit at one of our bake sales.

Our next meeting is on the day after Easter (April 1). We will discuss more of the year's events. We hope you will take a break from the jelly beans and come out and meet with your sisters of the church.

Wendy Paffenroth



Spaghetti Dinner \$8.00 May 18 5-7PM Benefit Deacon's Fund
Tickets available in the office 294-7991 or see a Deacon at church

Thank you for your support!



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY – MAY 4, 2013

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – PARKING LOT

33 Park Place, Goshen NY 10924

845-294-7991

- ❖ **9 am to 4 pm**
- ❖ **Minimum - 12'x12' spot**
- ❖ **\$25.00 per spot**
- ❖ **Plus \$25.00 deposit (Check returned when area is cleaned)**
- ❖ **Bring your yard/garage sale to our Community Sale - **We will do the advertising!!!!****
- ❖ **Deadline to secure your spot - - 4/26/12**
- ❖ **Set up 8-9 am --- cleanup 4-5 pm**
- ❖ **8' tables available for rent @\$5.00 each**
(First come first served basis for table rental)

Return slip to hold space by: 4/26/12

(Send to: First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen NY 10924 - with 2 checks)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

of spaces _____ @ \$25.00 each// Tables: # ___ @ \$5.00 each\$ _____

Plus – separate \$25.00 deposit for clean up (check returned when you leave)

Further information: bartley51@yahoo.com or church office: 294-7991

SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY APRIL 26

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S TRICKY TRAY

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M. AND CALLING BEGINS AT 7:30 P.M.

***EVENT HOSTED BY THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE GROUP OF YOUTH AND ADULTS
GOING TO NICARAGUA IN JUNE TO BUILD LOW INCOME HOUSING***

ALL BASKETS ARE WORTH \$25 EACH

THERE WILL BE A SWEEPSTAKES TABLE AND 50/50

TICKETS ARE \$3 PER SHEET OR \$5 FOR 2 SHEETS

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH

50/50 TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH

THERE WILL ALSO BE REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE

TIFFANY BALL DANCE LESSONS

As a run-up to the Tiffany Ball, there will be dance lessons on Thursdays April 11 and April 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$15 per person, per lesson. No partners are necessary for the lessons, which will be taught by Cuban-born dance instructor Maria Gutierrez-Ferrar. Chris Tucci, who will be the DJ at the Tiffany Ball, said that he will play some of the tunes that the dance instructor will be using to teach.

For those who wish to attend the Tiffany Ball but are unsure of their dancing skills, this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn or brush up on those skills.

The Tiffany Ball will be on Saturday, May 4 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the Harness Racing Museum. Tickets are \$100 each. Please make the checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church and mail to Cecile Ayres - 114 Murray Ave. - Goshen, NY 10924.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Green at 294-3330.

April 28—Youth Sunday

The youth of our church will take part in the church service on April 28. Some of their contributions will include greeting at the door, ushering, collecting offering, and presenting some music. Please take a moment that day to appreciate the future of our church and community as they go about these activities.

MURDER ON THE PRAIRIE

DATE: Saturday, April 20

PLACE: First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

TIME: 6:00 p.m. 'til the murder is solved...

This fundraiser will help those who are going to Nicaragua this summer to build low income housing.

Gather up your friends; come out for some fun, laughs, and good food; and help figure out who the murderer is. Please come decked out in your best prairie outfits.

The dinner will be a buffet—chuck-wagon style. We will be serving chicken, franks and beans, corn bread, chili and rice, corn, oven-roasted potatoes, tossed green salad, rolls, coffee, tea, and desserts.

The cost of event is \$50 per couple, \$30 per person. If you would like to attend, please complete the bottom of this page and return it to the church with your payment by April 5.

Name: _____

Number of tickets: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

(Please make checks payable to *First Presbyterian Church*, and please write "Murder Mystery Dinner" on the memo line.)



ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25
(Mark your calendars now!)

The chairperson for the Rummage Sale is again Glynnis Jorgensen. Glynnis would be grateful to anyone who can help with this annual event, as many hands are needed to set up during the week of the sale and also to clean up on Saturday, May 25, in the afternoon.

Remember, items can be brought in from the evening of Monday, May 20 through Thursday, May 23. **Please do not put anything on the stage before May 20. The stage is used every Sunday evening.**

We need saleable items, no junk. Items brought in should be **CLEAN**, not broken. We cannot sell chipped glassware, toys with missing parts, books without covers, items with missing pieces, or items with frayed electrical cords. We also cannot sell used computers or exercise equipment.

The better the items look, the more money we can get for them, so run those excess dishes through a wash cycle before you donate them, and try to pack items that are similar in the same boxes. This makes it so much easier for those setting up. In the past, we noticed that the jewelry table does well, so clear out that costume jewelry from your jewelry boxes. New and usable items are always welcome as well. We accept toys with all the parts and furniture that is still in good condition.

Please offer a few hours of your time to this good fundraiser for your church. All church members should be able to donate an hour or two to help. Remember that **All HELP** is greatly appreciated, and you can bring a friend or coworker, too. Come out and share this fellowship with other church members.

Thank you again.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP WITH SET-UP, SALE & CLEAN-UP

Please mark your calendars now for the week of May 20 – 25.

Sale set-up: May 20 – 23.....5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sale: May 24.....8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

May 25.....8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Clean –up: May 25.....2:00 p.m. - ? (more hands make light work)

Please call Glynnis Jorgensen (914-804-5476) and let her know when you can help.

Dear Church Family,

Here is an update from the Fundraising Committee:

On March 3, we had a successful baked potato coffee hour. We sold about sixty-five baked potatoes (regular and sweet with all the toppings), and we made a profit of \$267 to go toward the new furnace.

The St. Patrick's Parade was held on March 10. We sold hot dogs, hamburgers, corned beef sandwiches, French fries, and onion rings. We send a big "thank you" to Stewarts for donating 120 hot dogs, 120 hot dog buns, and 120 hamburger buns. ShopRite donated a \$25 gift card, which was used for the rye bread. Liese and Adam Boese donated the ice, and Darlene Bartley donated the corned beef and condiments. Thanks to all who set up, cooked, cleaned up, and purchased food. After expenses, we realized a profit of \$905, which will go toward the Nicaragua trip.

Coming up in April are two fun events:

The Murder on the Prairie is on **Saturday, April 20**. This event should be a lot of fun; we hope to see the Fellowship Hall full. For more information, please see the flyer in this Tower Tie.

A **Tricky Tray** will be held on **Friday, April 26**. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and the calling will be at 7:30 p.m. There will be food for sale. For more information, please see the flyer in this Tower Tie. We would greatly appreciate donations of themed baskets valued at \$25 each or items for the door prizes. Please leave any donations in the office or give them to me on Sundays.

Please save the dates of May 3 through May 5 (Friday through Sunday) for the annual plant sale and a community yard sale. If you know anyone who needs a place to have a yard sale, space can be rented here on May 4 at the community yard sale.

Also, we are up to \$3,400 in the roof fund. Great job, everyone, and thanks for your support!

Thank you,

Grover vonPentz, Fundraising Chair

Darlene Bartley, Fundraising Co-Chair

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2013

Every year, the Presbytery of the Hudson River charges every member church an assessment according to the current active membership. Our recorded active membership is currently **348** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2013 is \$30.00**, which is a total of **\$10,440.00** to be taken from our operating budget. Please assist with this expense and write a check for your family assessment, if you haven't already done so, and either mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks for doing your share.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Carol Coon</i>	16	<i>Kaitlyn Gati</i>
	<i>Ingrid Warner</i>	17	<i>Ian Depew</i>
4	<i>Heather Case</i>		<i>Emma Hourahan</i>
	<i>James Magee</i>	18	<i>Gregg Piller</i>
	<i>Jackie Quinn</i>		<i>Mark O'Hern</i>
6	<i>Marge Chasen</i>	25	<i>Barbara Bruno</i>
8	<i>Ryan Fitzpatrick</i>		<i>Tina McCloud</i>
	<i>Stephen Quinn</i>	26	<i>Emmanuel Phillips</i>
9	<i>Jackson Diglio</i>		<i>Moses Ukejianya</i>
11	<i>Bob Weinberger</i>	27	<i>Blayne Gibbons</i>
14	<i>Gabby Donohue</i>	29	<i>Elizabeth Sproul</i>
15	<i>Rebecca Zis</i>		

HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARIES TO:

4	<i>Gene and Myrna Tucker</i>
13	<i>Brian and Michele Meek</i>
	<i>Dale and Orra Wood</i>
24	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>
28	<i>Steve and Carol Coon</i>

If you are also celebrating a special day, we wish you much happiness. If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary included, please give your dates to Pat in the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *The Odyssey of the Mind's Rookie team, which included our own Sarah McDowell and Kiersten Holt, who took 3rd place at the competition on March 2.*
- *Kate Laskoski and Darcy McDowell's Odyssey of the Mind team who placed first and went on to the State Competition on March 23. Their team also won the Ranatra Fusca Award for exceptional creativity. It's the Odyssey of the Minds highest honor!*
- *Pat Green who was recently honored at a luncheon hosted by the Warwick Union A.M.E. Church. Nine women were honored and celebrated for exemplary community service and accomplishments. Pat always wanted to be a nurse and after graduating from nursing school, she worked in various hospitals. In 1998, Pat toured two hospitals in Kathmandu, Nepal as part of a neuroscience nursing delegation. Since 2006, she has made two trips to Cameroon, Africa and two trips to Mexico working with various charities. On a local level, she is soon to be president of the Monroe Rotary, International Director and liaison for the Interact Club at Monroe-Woodbury School and works at St. Anthony's Hospital. She is an Elder and chairperson of the Tiffany Ball. She also reaches out to the community by showing films that raise public awareness regarding education, violence, and empowerment of women. The film "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" continues to be shown and is praised by those who see it. Pat plans to return to Mexico and will always be helping those less fortunate.*
- *Richard and Cecile Ayres who participated in the recent Trivia Contest, sponsored by the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society. Seven teams participated with Richard's team (the Goshen Lions) coming in second and Cecile's team (Goshen Restoration) coming in third. The Town of Goshen's team took first.*



PRAYER CORNER

The following members or friends are going through a time in which they have asked for prayer by the church. Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Vince Ahrens
The Barron Family
Mary Lee and Ted Berry
Haley Buckley
Laura Colacci's father
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Bob Dennis
Everyone serving in the Military
Ben Fisher
Fran Genovese
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Rosemary Joy
Laura and Tom Kennedy
Mae Kratz
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva
Steven Longobardo
The Family of Melissa Martucci
Jeff Monroe
Eileen Myslinski
Nina and Jason
Ann Ott
The Family of Marina Peterson
Loretta Richner
Kevin Schuler
Dorothy Sevcik
Gloria Spradlin and Jimmy
Sue Stenson
Judy Thompson
Joe and Mark VanZandt
Wendy-Bynum Wade
The Weinberger Family
Orra and Dale Wood

Dedra Altizer
Emily Barry and Family
Gabriel Bittner
Sarah Burrows
Grace Cook
Shannon Decker
Joe Destefano
Evie and Family
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
The George Family
The Hartzel Family
Carolyn Keller's parents
Kim
Jeff Knox
Charles Li
Margaretta Macica
Andy Marussich
Lisa Montalbano and Family
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Amy Pemberton
Ilona Reichl
Ted Sandstrom
Fred Schwarz
Sara Simas
Peggy Srirach
Bill and Jean Strong
George Tietz
Kenya VanZandt
Jean Wade
Jo Wolfe
Phyla Wright

Millie Augere
JoAnna Becerril
Brandy Bond
Mary Carr
Carol Coon
Mary Jane DeFreece
Sally Dorritie
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Gabby
Barbara and George Hankins
Audrey Howell
Bob and Barbara Kennedy
Roberta Kinnamon
Lyndsay Krutki
Robert Lobb
James Magee
Evelyn Mercado
Heather Mustavs
Toni Neidel and Family
Oretsky Family
Velma Peters
Tim Richardson
Tom Sawyer
Bryan Scott and Family
Megan Slasinski
The Smith Family
Shawn Thatcher
Kim Valentini and Family
Ashley Wade
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood's dad

(If you or someone you know would like to be on this list or if you would like to take a name off the list, please call the church office and the name(s) will be included/omitted next month.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

APRIL UPDATE

Niches are Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Fifteen niches remain available in the memorial columbarium. Each niche allows for double or single interment with four purchase options:

Payment in Full = \$2,500

12-Month Payment Option = \$250 / month for 12 months (\$3,000)

24-Month Payment Option = \$130 / month for 24 months (\$3,120)

36-Month Payment Option = \$ 90 / month for 36 months (\$3,240)

Memorial Pavers

Eleven new engraved pavers will be installed in the spring.

To order a memorial paver for later this year to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100.

“Stewards of Our Garden”

Please consider lending a hand to help our ‘Stewards’ in keeping the church’s garden neat...

It’s really easy!

It takes only a couple minutes each month to pick up any litter, pull a weed, or sweep a few pavers clean, and you can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up.

The APRIL/ early MAY schedule:

Barbara and George Hankins:	April 1 – April 15
Jen and Gregg Piller:	April 16 – April 30
Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden	May 1 – May 15

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we shall seek to use our gifts through worship, ministry, and mission, to gather the Church in from the world, to continue to nurture one another, to serve a world still broken, and to exemplify through common values and purposes Christian discipleship to the greater glory of God.

BOARD OF ELDERS

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Cecile Ayres
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Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

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