

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mark 8:1–10

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance." His disciples replied, "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?" He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

I can be easily overwhelmed by going on one of our Midnight Runs or even exiting a parking lot in Middletown or Newburgh. I see people sleeping in every covered spot I pass. As I walk around, there is a person asking for something on every corner. It can be so overwhelming that it is tempting to assume there isn't anything that I can do to help anyone. There is so much need and I am only one person.

Like the disciples, I am quick to think about the challenges regarding a situation and take more thought and effort to get to creative solutions. "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?" I relate, "How can my change make a difference in a person's situation?"

What if instead of questioning the challenges we face, I gave willingly whatever I had and trusted that God will use that to the greatest purpose. I don't need all the answers before I participate in the solution; all I need is to give willingly. Trust God with the details, there may be a solution that defies everything I think is logical.

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes

On a snowy Saturday in March (weren't they all?), our handbell ensemble, the Emmaus Ringers, made a trek to the Village of Warwick for a handbell workshop. The program was sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America, formerly the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. (An English handbell is different—it's the kind we have at church.)

We met at the Warwick Reformed Church, home turf of another bell ensemble, the Warwick Tintinnabulators. We were cordially greeted and expertly instructed by Carol Roman, who also leads the handbell program at the Goshen Christian Reformed Church.

We were all mightily impressed by the beautiful equipment, and learned an enormous amount in a few short hours. We were challenged, we were stretched, we were encouraged, we were welcomed, and we grew—the director included!

Listen for the results at future appearances of the Emmaus Ringers, and consider joining us!

It's a continuing joy to work with such a talented and energetic choir. Make sure to thank a choir member at coffee hour, and again—consider joining us.

I hope your Easter season is a pleasant one. I write this with over a foot of snow lingering in the front yard. By the time you read it, I hope we are enjoying crocuses and daffodils.

--Jonathan

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE – MARCH 29 - 7:30 P.M.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS - GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30 – 7:30 P.M.

**ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT THE HISTORIC TRACK –
APRIL 1 – 6:30 A.M.**

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – APRIL 1 – 9:30 A.M.



News from the Outreach Committee

Congratulations and welcome to Robert Person, our newest member who joined on Sunday, March 11. We are so happy to have you join us. If you know or hear of anyone wanting to join our church family, please let one of the following committee members know: Cliff or Darlene Bartley, Lisa Montalbano, Steve Coon, Deb Hourahan, Orra Wood, Grover von Pentz, or Wendy Bynum-Wade.

Prayer shawls continue to go out to those who need a hug and for the new babies.

We received two lovely thank you notes:

*Dear Ms. Montalbano and Ladies at the Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Thank you so much for the beautiful lap robe. It warmed my heart to receive such a kindhearted gift. I will cherish this always. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated! I can happily share, after my double mastectomies/reconstruction, that as of now, I am cancer free!! Please continue praying for no recurrence. Again thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

With Love, Shannon

*To the O'Connor Family and Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Thank you for your kind thoughts and beautiful prayers. The shawl is beautiful and very much helped. Right now through the grace of God, I'm cancer free!*

My Sincere Thanks, George

We would like to thank Nancy Mason for her recent donation of yarn. We really appreciate it!

If you know of someone who can use a "hug," please let Barbara Hankins, Lisa Montalbano, or Darlene Bartley know and they will be able to get one for you. You can also contact Pat in the church office.

In March, the Community Dinner was hosted by the Teen Voices. They served 44 people and did a great job... thank you! We are looking for hosts for the August and September Community Dinners. If your committee would like to be a host, please contact Grover von Pentz.

Thank you to all for signing the red register. It helps us to keep track of members who have not been in church for awhile and we can send our "Miss You" postcards and/or have Rev. Kingsley check on them.

Thank you, Wendy for getting the information in the paper for the St. Patrick's Day Parade food tent. They did very well and the proceeds will go towards the mission trip to Newburgh this year.

OUR 2016 WORK TEAM AT HABITAT

*Serve on another with whatever gift each of you has received.
1 Peter 4: 10b*

MISSION TRIP 2018 BUILDING HABITAT HOUSES IN NEWBURGH INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, April 15, 2018
10:45 a.m. in the Bradner Room**

WALK FOR HOUSING

Sunday, April 22, 2018

The annual Walk for Housing helps Habitat Newburgh continue to build homes, communities and hope. It is also their major advocacy event to bring attention to the issue of substandard and poverty housing in the City of Newburgh and around the world.

Walk to raise funds and awareness for safe, decent, and affordable housing for hardworking local families in need. The walking route allows participants to see many of the 90 homes already completed by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh. There is music, surprise performances by high school singing groups and fun at the water stops. It is not only an important way to help; it's a lot of fun!

Join our church walk team. See Walk Captain, Lori Kilmer llkilmer@hvc.rr.com

A PRESSING NEED

HONOR is a facility in Middletown that houses 130 – 150 homeless men, women, and children and is in need of single bed fitted sheets. Donations of sheets would be appreciated. Carol Gabella will be collecting the single bed sheets during the next several weeks and has volunteered to deliver them to the facility. See Carol in church or e-mail her at: calgabel1@frontiernet.net



THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ON GOING!

When you buy ShopRite gift cards through the church you can help fund our mission trips. The church sells gift cards at full face value, and we receive a 5% discount from ShopRite when the cards are purchased. If you buy groceries at ShopRite, PLEASE purchase gift cards from the church. If you spend \$100, the mission fund will grow by \$5. We all buy groceries so why not help fund our mission trip in the process? See me on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week.

Any questions/please feel free to contact me.

Mark Glasse' (845)325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2018

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 **343** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2018 is \$36.83**, which is a total of **\$12,632.69** to be taken from our operating budget. Please assist with this expense and write a check for your family assessment and either mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks for doing your share.



PLEASE SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you do not already save your box tops for anyone, I would appreciate you saving them for me to give to my niece who is trying to get much-needed supplies for her kindergarten classroom in Liberty, or to treat them to an educational program. The box tops can be found on many foods and household supplies such as Progresso soups, Betty Crocker products, Scott paper towels, General Mills cereals, etc. I also will take Campbell soup labels.

I have a box for collection in the back of church by the yarn basket, or you can hand them to me in church.

Thanks so much! Carol Gabella



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Our Ladies Association met on Monday, March 5 in the parlor to discuss upcoming events. We went over the yearly calendar which will be given to the church "Calendar Meeting."

We would like to thank Jody Kopec in advance who is working with us to find some flowering trees or bushes, etc. to be placed around the church in memory of our former treasurer, Jean Strong. Jody is very knowledgeable about what would look good and what will grow where it's planted. Thanks again.

The ladies are going to do the March 11 coffee hour. An email will go out reminding the ladies for contributions. Thank you to our church secretary who will do this for us. She helps us keep in touch with each other and those who can't make services.

Congratulations

The ladies offer congratulations to **Geri Corey** and **Wendy Bynum-Wade** who are our newest honorees for the Presbyterian Women. Fran Hoffmann and several of the ladies are going to arrange the event for some time this spring one Sunday after church. These ladies help make our church the wonderful place that it is and we are thrilled to honor them. Details about the event will be in the upcoming bulletins.

We are sorry that Jenn Piller had to resign as our treasurer. Carol Gabella will fill in until someone offers to take the position – or maybe keep the job. Jenn will be missed by us but, she has promised to keep in touch. Best of luck, Jenn.

We celebrated the March birthdays with strawberry angel food whipped cream cake. Thank you, Carolyn for baking for us.

Our next meeting is the day after Easter- April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Please come out and join us.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth – Presbyterian Women's Correspondent

Volunteers are the backbone of Habitat for Humanity. At the Newburgh affiliate approximately 20,000 volunteer hours are recorded each year.

TEN WAYS TO SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWBURGH

- **Donate to the Restore** (38 S. Plank Rd. in Newburgh). They will even pick up your donations of used furniture, working appliances or building materials. Or shop the Restore and find great stuff and awesome deals. Or help run the store by volunteering a few hours a week. The Restore is a great revenue source for Habitat.
- **Join the Annual Walk for Housing.** Walk to raise funds, form a walker team from your church, from among your friends and family or your co-workers. It's Sunday, April 22, and starts from Washington's Headquarters. Registration is at 12:30. Walk starts at 1:30. It's a 3-mile walk that will take you past about 50 of the 90 homes built by Habitat. There is always music along the way.
- **Be a Walk Volunteer** – Serve on next year's Walk Planning Committee or volunteer to help out the day of the walk. (In April the Volunteer Hub on Habitat Newburgh's website will list the jobs you can sign-up for.)
- **Volunteer at this year's Builder's Blitz** where Habitat partners with local builders to build two houses in five days. Fascinating to watch! Work in the Hospitality Tent a few hours a day serving coffee and food to the local builders. The Builder's Blitz is June 4th through the 8th. (Sign up on the Volunteer Hub)
- **Join our 19th Annual Golf Fore Housing.** The Golf Classic is held at the Powelton Club, a beautiful private country club in historic Newburgh. Register to play or become a sponsor. It's May 21.
- **Take a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Bus Tour.** It's free and you will visit work sites and ride past some of the 90 houses built by Habitat while learning the history of Habitat Newburgh.
- **Donate a car**, whether it's running or not, Habitat can turn your car donation into cash.
- **Join a Committee** that helps find qualified home ownership applicants or a committee that mentors families as they go through the home ownership program.
- **Work on Site.** Sites are open to volunteers from 8 am to 1 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. There are always several open sites. All skill levels are welcome but you must register and sign up on the Volunteer Hub first.
- **Specifically for Women.** Join National Women Build Week - it's May 7-11 this year. Sites will be open all week. You'll meet a lot of fabulous women. Register on the Volunteer Hub.

Interested in volunteering? Visit Habitatnewburgh.org and learn more or talk with Sue Varden, Co-chair of the Mission Committee

11th Annual Community Yard Sale

The First Presbyterian Church is holding its 11th Annual Community Yard Sale.

Bring your stuff and set up and we will do the advertising.....

The proceeds from the spaces and tables will go toward the repairs of the church organ.

Date – Saturday, April 28, 2018

From 9am – 2pm

Set up – 8am

Cost of space - \$30.00 – (12' x12') two tables per space

There is also a deposit fee of \$30.00 that will be refunded when your space is cleaned up.

Please send two checks for \$30.00 each.

We also will have tables for rent for your items for \$5.00 each.

Please return the bottom portion with your checks to
First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

of spaces _____ @ \$30.00 each Total _____

of tables _____ @ \$5.00 each Total _____

Plus – separate \$30.00 deposit for clean-up (check returned when you leave).

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

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Ingrid Warner</i>	16	<i>Kaitlyn Gati</i>
4	<i>Heather Case</i>	17	<i>Emma Hourahan</i>
	<i>James Magee</i>		<i>Tom Sawyer</i>
	<i>Jackie Quinn</i>	22	<i>Mary Kopec</i>
6	<i>Marge (Chasen) Rolan</i>	25	<i>Tina (McCloud) Davis</i>
9	<i>Jackson Diglio</i>	26	<i>Emmanuel Phillips</i>
12	<i>Aiden Misir</i>	28	<i>Carol Hoffman</i>
14	<i>Gabby Donohue</i>	29	<i>Elizabeth Sproul</i>

HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARIES TO:

13	<i>Brian and Michele Meek</i>
24	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</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.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

DEACON'S 5th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

In Fellowship Hall

*****Homemade sauce from former Lakeville In recipe*****

Complete dinner with salad, bread, dessert and beverages and ice cream sundaes for dessert

PAY AT DOOR

\$10.00 ages 12 and up; \$5.00 Ages 4 - 11; 3 and under free

Dine in or take out

Gluten free pasta upon request

Please come out and enjoy a good meal as well as support the good works of the Deacons



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:

Ron and Kathy Alevras

Ann (Strong) Blake

Hannah Boorse

John Burluson

Lawrence Colacci

Everyone serving in the Military

Judy Fazio

Lynne Gregor

Georgia Hickey

Rosemary Joy

Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy

Margo Kumpf

Evelyn Mercado

Amy (Thompson) Nguye

The Parkland, Florida Community

Maritya Reyes

Lisa Scheuermann

Peggy Srirach

Kathy Stringer

Christopher Tucker

Kenneth Van Etten

Doris Weinberger

Sandra Wood

Cliff Bartley's cousin, Jackie

Sarah Bohling

Marilyn Borth

Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla

Suzanne DeBlock

Judy Hankins Feragola

Esther Glassé

Barbara and George Hankins

Jennifer and Andy Hine

Regina Kenny

Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott

Karen Magee

Richard Montalbano

Dean Oberg

Richard and Robyn Paulus

Marge (Chasen) Rolan

Gary Smith

Sue Stenson's brother-in-law, Leo

Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch

Danny Tucker and Family

June Vautin

Jo Wolfe

Orra Wood

Ed Berry

Susie Bohling

Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs

Laura Colacci

Barbara Drake

Mary Lee Farris and her sister

Miko Graham

Kevin and Sara Hankins

Susan Johnson

David Kingsley

Brenda Kujawski

Kelly Magee Thrush

Eileen Myslinski

Dave and Wendy Paffenroth

Josephine Pecoraro

Tom Sawyer

Louise Spencer

Lori Steven's children

Cindy Vanderplaat

The Wade Family

Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis

Phyla Wright

(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

Memorial Pavers

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

6 Niches Remain Available for Purchase 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)

“Stewards of Our Garden”

Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The APRIL/ early MAY Steward’s Schedule:

Barbara and George Hankins	April 1 – April 15
Bill Eustance	April 16 – April 30
Beryl Yungman	May 1 –May 15

YOU can be a Steward of Our Garden on any day of the week! It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, sweep a few pavers clean, or gather a few leaves and you too can help keep YOUR garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our schedule.

Call the church office (845-294-7991), Rev. Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you may 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

Class of 2018

**Kathleen Alevras
Mark Glasse
Bill Hodges
Elizabeth Long
Scott Roper
Orra Wood**

Class of 2019

**Linda Boardman
Geri Corey
William Eustance
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Malcolm Stewart**

Class of 2020

**Darlene Bartley
Robyn Boardman
George Hankins
Deb Hourahan
Sue Varden
Rob Warner**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2018

**Wendy Bynum-Wade
Laura Colacci
Donald Dinsmore
Wendy Donohue
Paty Glasse
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller**

Class of 2019

**Liese Boese
Margaret Dickover
Jon Hourahan
Carolyn Keller
Jody Kopec
Logan Quick
Felicia Van Doran**

Class of 2020

**Diane Church
Carol Gabella
Jane Geyer
Gina Gruber
Mary Kopec
Betty Lobb
Charlie von Pentz**

**Moderator of Deacons:
Presbyterian Women:**

Carolyn Keller

STAFF

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Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**