

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Genesis 11:31–12:3

Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there. The days of Terah were two hundred five years; and Terah died in Haran.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Call stories are some of my favorite stories in the Bible. Although every story is unique, I am always intrigued by God's request that someone take a leap of faith and drastically change their life. I have to admit that sometimes I'm envious when I read these stories. I think about how amazing it would be to hear God speak that directly to me and to choose me for something so important.

When I catch myself thinking like that, there are two things of which I like to remind myself: (1) Dropping everything to follow God isn't easy—even if you get to take your family with you and even if you know where you're going. Giving up that much control over my life would be incredibly difficult. And (2) God *has* chosen me for something important; God has called everyone for something important, and we are all called to contribute to God's kingdom in our own ways.

Furthermore, God will call us to different things at different times. At this point in my life, I feel called to work toward everyone having access to good health care regardless of their financial capability. Years from now, the way I feel called to help God's people through my career may be different. And I know God has, and will continue, to call me to contribute to God's kingdom outside of my day job.

What do you hear God calling you to do?

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes

Easter is late this year. As I write this in the latter part of March, the moon is just about full—it will be full tomorrow right on the spring equinox. But the paschal full moon must come *after* the equinox, so Easter has to wait. That means I have more time to get ready, hurray!

How we determine the date of Easter is a long story, rooted in our Jewish history as well as several centuries of fruitful debate in the early church. Not surprisingly, I agree with the system we have inherited in the west. Like so many things we have inherited, they don't make 'em like that anymore!

My work as a musician is directly impacted by decisions made while the Roman Empire was still going strong. All of us can say the same: how the church is decorated, what we wear, when we celebrate, a lot of it was determined during the time of the Caesars.

I love the *Old Farmer's Almanac*. My oldest copy dates to 1845, and it's amazing how little it's changed, except for all the advertisements. But all of the obscure technicalities which the Almanac provides—the Golden Number, Dominical Letter, epact—all relate to the date of Easter. This is all part of the *computus*, the figuring of that all-important date.

Does it matter? Yes, actually, it does. The Christian faith was foretold in the Old Testament, and the feast of unleavened bread—the Passover—finds its fulfillment in the "unleavened bread of sincerity and truth," the feast of the New Law. The two testaments are entwined by the fulfillment of one in the other, in one long history—really, a symphony-- of human salvation. As the Passover was (and still is) observed on the 14th of Nisan, under a full moon, so Easter is on the Sunday following the full moon, not of Nisan but of the spring equinox. As an incarnational faith, our Christianity blooms in the divine petri dish of time and space.

Turns out Easter is right on time after all.

--Jonathan



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 14 – 9:30 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE – APRIL 18 - 7:30 P.M.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS - GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 19 – 7:30 P.M.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT THE HISTORIC TRACK –
APRIL 21 – 6:30 A.M.**

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – APRIL 21 – 9:30 A.M.



THE LADIES WISH LIST...

Presbyterian Women are seeking pie plates for our fall bake sale.

Pyrex/ceramic/whatever will hold a pie, is welcome. Please consider picking them up in your travels and donating them to PW. Also needed – quart size jars for the chili and soup sale and smaller type jelly jars for the chutney.

See Carolyn Keller or Wendy Paffenroth if you have questions.

Thanking you in advance. PW



WOW! A Big Thank You for being so generous! As a group, we have enabled CWS to provide a blanket for comfort/shelter to **119 and 7/10ths** needy people.

Well done!

Thank you,
Mission Committee

A NOTE FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE...

Our church is a large building to take care of and so often problems arise that need to be tended to in a timely manner. From now on, if you see something around the church that needs attention, please let Pat know in the church office. There is a yellow pad that she will use to write down all things that need fixing, etc. The Property Management Committee will look at this pad on a regular basis and try to stay on top of the most urgent needs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

COMING EVENTS.... MARK YOUR CALENDARS



DEACONS' PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH – APRIL 14

Please join us in the sharing of food and fellowship following the worship service. - The Board of Deacons

ANNUAL WALK FOR HOUSING

The annual Walk for Housing for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh is Sunday, **April 28** at 1:30 p.m. Live music, kids activities, and a gift basket auction with race start at Washington's Headquarters Park. We will be walking by many of the houses Habitat has built. Please consider joining our team to help raise funds for this worthy cause. Please see team captain, Lori Kilmer for additional information and fundraising sheet.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE May 4, 2019 9am- 2pm

First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

33 Park Place, Goshen, New York 10924

For more information:

bthompsonlrt@gmail.com or the Church Office 845.294.7991

WORSHIP AND MUSIC UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, **May 12** – Classic Choral Society Concert at 4:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Sunday, **May 19** – Organ and Saxophone Concert at 3:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019

To celebrate the church's 300th Anniversary, a Triennial Ball at the Hall of Fame in Goshen is being planned. We're looking for members to be on the committee to share ideas. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Linda Clark at 283-2122 or BA Long at 343-7571.



News from the Outreach

Getting Through Together

This group continues to meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the parlor. If you know someone that could benefit from this group, please share.

Post cards

We care about our members and when we do not see you or you are not signing the red books in the pew, you will get a post card from us letting you know that we miss you. We know lives get busy and sometimes you do not make it to church, but we really do miss seeing you. So if there is something going on, you need help, someone is ill, please let us know so we can help.

Visitors/Members

In each pew there are red registers for you to sign to acknowledge your presence with us. When visitors sign the register and leave their address for us, we like to respond with a letter of thanks for joining us. The red register serves as a tool for us to know who may not have been in church for a while and need a card or a call to let them know we miss them. The Outreach Committee asks members if they sit near someone new, please ask them to sign the register, invite them to come to coffee hour, and if they are interested in joining to seek out one of the committee members or call the church office and speak to Pat. The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who seeks out our visitors and makes them feel welcomed.

Prayer Shawls

Shawls continue to fly off the fingers of the creators and are sent to those who need hugs and warmth. If you know someone who needs a shawl or lap robe, please feel free to take one from the bin kept in the choir robe closet in the parlor. You will find bags, tissue paper and prayers. We ask that you please leave the name of the person for whom you took a shawl and how many shawls were taken. We are always looking for people who can crochet to make shawls and lap robes. We have plenty of yarn at church if you need some.

Community Dinner

Community dinners continue to be well attended. We are still in need of a group to host the August dinner. If you know of a group that would be interested, please contact the church office or see Grover von Pentz at church.

PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2019

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 **314** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2019 is \$38.80**, which is a total of **\$12,183.20** to be taken from our operating budget. If you haven't already done so, 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.

First Presbyterian Church
Annual Spring Community Yard Sale
Saturday May 4, 2019 9am-2pm
Set-up 8am

Bring your items to sell, we will do the advertising!

Cost of 12'x 12' space is \$35.00

Limit 2 tables per space (tables not included in fee; available for additional \$5.00)

Deposit fee of \$30.00 that will be refunded when your space is cleaned up. (please send a separate check.)

Tables are available for rent at \$5.00 each

**Please return the bottom of the form to First Presbyterian Church in Goshen,
33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924**

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Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	
# Spaces @ \$35/each	
# Tables @ \$5/each	

Plus additional check of \$30.00 for deposit/clean up fee (refunded at end of day)

Questions Bthompsonlrt@gmail.com or church Office : 845-294-7991



Mission Trip Tricky Tray

We are currently gearing up in preparation for our mission trip Tricky Tray fundraiser on June 1, 2019 and need your help! We would appreciate any donations of baskets that can be made. We are also hoping to secure some bigger ticket items for this event. There are many examples of Tricky Tray baskets on Pinterest, but below are a few suggestions if you are crunched for time.

- Movie Night basket – sample items needed: gift certificates to movie theater, popcorn, candies, donated DVD movies, movie tickets.
- It's Italiano basket – sample items needed: pasta, pasta sauces, pasta utensils, cheese graters, gift certificates to Italian restaurants: Olive Garden, etc....
- Game night – sample items needed: Jenga, bingo, decks of cards, monopoly, etc...
- Chocolate Lovers - sample items: variety of chocolates
- Coffee basket – sample items: coffee mugs, coffee, gift cards
- Fun in the Sun – sample items: Frisbee, water bottles, beach towels, sun glasses, disposable camera, etc...

As you can see, the possibilities are endless and we would like you to feel free to come up with your own creative ideas. If you are not feeling creative, we will accept monetary donations or portions of baskets and we will make a basket for you!

We appreciate your participation and any assistance you are able to give. Please let us know in advance which baskets sound like fun for you. This will help us to know what we have and what we still need.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help!

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TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

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

13	<i>Brian and Michele Meek</i>
24	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>
30	<i>Bob and Becky Santangelo</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.*



Easter Lilies

If you are interested in ordering an Easter lily for the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, **please do so by Monday, April 8.** Just fill out the form below and give it to Betty Lobb, Carolyn Keller or Carol Gabella , or place it in the offering plate. The price for each plant is \$12.99 and they can be taken home after the Easter morning service. **If you do not plan to take the plant, please indicate that on the order form so that we may pass it on to a shut-in or leave it to continue to beautify the Sanctuary for a few more Sundays.** Checks should be written to "First Presbyterian Church" with the words "Easter Lilies" in the memo.

Thank you,

Betty, Carolyn, and Carol, co –chairs

Name: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____

Text to be printed in the bulletin



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:

Colin Alevras
Sharlene Bischof
Susie Bohling
John Burleson
Everyone serving in the Military
Mary Lee Farris and her sister
Matthew Gould
Georgia Hickey
Joan Howell
Rosemary Joy
David Kingsley
Jeff Kott and Natalia
Karen Magee
Jack McCloud
Eileen Myslinski
Josephine Pecoraro
Carlos and Miarose Reyes
Jennifer Serkes and Family
Peggy Srirach
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch
Laura Traynor
Cindy Vanderplaat
June Vautin
Sue Whitson
Orra Wood

Ron and Kathy Alevras
Ann (Strong) Blake
Marilyn Borth
Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla
James, Max, and Liam Feragola
Judy Fazio
Barbara and George Hankins
Kris Hill
Susan Johnson
The Keahon Family
Linda Koch
Brenda Kujawski
Kelly Magee Thrush
Evelyn Mercado
Amy (Thompson) Nguye
Ken Phelan and Family
Carolyn Reynolds
Gary Smith
Sue Stenson's brother-in-law
Christopher Tucker
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg
The Wade Family
Jo Wolfe
Vicki Yost

Ed Berry
Sarah Bohling
Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs
Robyn Farley
Esther Glassé
Kevin and Sara Hankins
The Family of Glen Holt
Joseph
Regina Kenny
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy
James Lowry
Ruth Maney
Richard Montalbano
Dean Oberg
Jane Pines
Tom Sawyer
Louise Spencer
Kathy Stringer
Lise Suenson
Danny Tucker and Family
Kenneth Van Etten
Jerry Westphal
Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis

(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

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

Consider a Donation to the Meditation Garden

Your church's sacred outdoor space can always use a contribution to keep it beautiful, well-funded for the future and well maintained in the present. **PLUS: it's tax deductible!**

Garden Benefit Concert: Saturday, May 18th

Save the date! A benefit concert to support the garden maintenance will be performed by Wayne George and Friends (looks like Twist & Shout!) on: **SATURDAY, MAY 18th @ 7:00 p.m.**

5 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

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We could certainly use a few extra "Helping Hands."

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 Steward's 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 2019

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

Class of 2020

**Darlene Bartley
George Hankins
Deb Hourahan
Barbara Thompson
Sue Varden
Rob Warner**

Class of 2021

**Mark Glassé
Bill Hodges
Lori Kilmer
Ken Phelan
John Redman
Scott Roper**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

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**

Class of 2021

**Michael Coyne
Allison Csernai
Don Dinsmore
Patrick Ellis
Paty Glassé
Barbara Schust
George Schust**

**Moderator of Deacons:
Presbyterian Women:**

Carolyn Keller

STAFF

**Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**

First Presbyterian Church Goshen-NY, Holidays in United States

Apr 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship/C 10:30am - Coffee 2pm - Mike Coyne @	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - Girl Scout 6:30pm - PW 7pm - AA @ B 7:30pm - Book	9am - AA @ B 9:30am - Food 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - NA @ FH 6:30pm - NAMI @ B	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - NA @ B	9am - AA @ B 9am - Inspire @ FH 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Choir	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6pm - NAMI @ B	8:30am - Bunny 9:30am - AA @ B 1pm - AA @ B 1:30pm - NA 2:30pm - NAMI @ B 8:30pm - AA @ B
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9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship/C 10:30am - Coffee 10:30am - Deacon's 11:30am - Retreat	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7pm - AA @ B 7:30pm - Book	9am - AA @ B 9:30am - Food 10am - Bible Study 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Getting	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - OutReach 7:30pm - Finance	9am - AA @ B 9am - Inspire @ FH 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Choir	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6pm - Friday Night 6pm - NAMI @ B	9:30am - AA @ B 9:30am - Food 1pm - AA @ B 1pm - Memorial 2:30pm - NAMI @ B 5:30pm - Communit
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Palm Sunday 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship/C 10:30am - Deacons 11am - Mission	Tax Day 9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 7pm - AA @ B 7:30pm - Book	9am - AA @ B 9:30am - Food 12pm - Clergy Mtg. 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - Mark 6:30pm - NA @ FH	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B	Maundy Thursday 9am - AA @ B 9am - Inspire @ FH 12:30pm - NA @ B 7:30pm - Maundy	Good Friday 9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6pm - NAMI @ B 7:30pm - Good	9:30am - AA @ B 10am - NA @ FH 1pm - AA @ B 2:30pm - NAMI @ B 8:30pm - AA @ B
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter Sunday Tower Tie Articles 9:30am - Worship/C 10:30am - Coffee	Easter Monday Office Closed 9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 5:30pm - Classic 7pm - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B 9:30am - Food 10am - Bible Study 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7pm - GAPNS Mtg. @	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 7:30pm - Session @	9am - AA @ B 9am - Inspire @ FH 12:30pm - NA @ B 6pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Choir	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6pm - NAMI @ B	9:30am - AA @ B 1pm - AA @ B 2:30pm - NAMI @ B 8:30pm - AA @ B
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9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship/B 10:30am - Coffee 11am - Fundraising 5pm - Girl Scouts @	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 7pm - AA @ B 7:30pm - Book	9am - AA @ B 9:30am - Food 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - NA @ FH	9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - NA @ B	9am - AA @ B 9am - Inspire @ FH 12:30pm - NA @ B 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Choir	Plant Sale 9am - AA @ B 12:30pm - NA @ B 6pm - NAMI @ B	Plant Sale 9am - Community 9:30am - AA @ B 1pm - AA @ B 2:30pm - NAMI @ B 8:30pm - AA @ B

THE KID'S PAGE

Make a celebration snack!



You need:

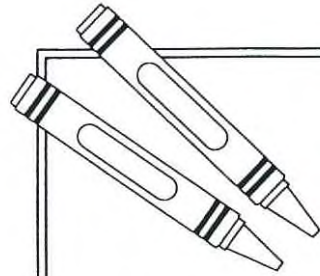
- * 4 boxes of gelatin dessert in any flavor (4-serving size)
- * Boiling water
- * 9" x 13" pan
- * Cookie cutters
- * Measuring cups
- * Spoon
- * Large bowl



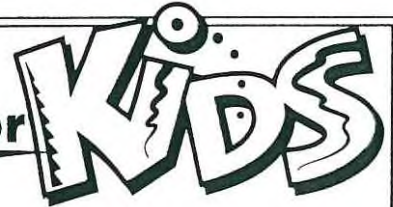
How to:

Put dry gelatin in large bowl. Mix in 2½ cups of boiling water. Stir until dissolved completely. Pour into a pan. Refrigerate until firm (at least 3 hours). Cut spring & Easter shapes with cookie cutters.

Enjoy!



Just for Kids Easter



Easter is a special day for Christians. The days before are dark and sad, but on that special day – we celebrate! Why do we celebrate?

Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer.

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17	18	19	20

great happiness

a place where plants grow

opposite of evening

a shape that means love

it rises every morning

a close companion

Jesus was nailed to it

it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb



1 12

11 20 16

13 7 6

15 9 19

8 4

10 18 17

3 5

14 2



Jesus rose from the dead!

joy, garden, morning, heart, sun, friend, cross, stone