

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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AGENTS OF CARE

Long ago, in stories spoken around the sacred fire, and later, by words written on the sacred page, the idea of stewardship was planted within the Christian faith. The Genesis stories of creation, which were first spoken from one generation to the next, carry the amazing idea that human beings are to share in the creation's glory by becoming its stewards. We alone among all of the creatures which God created were given the challenge to love and care for this entire world. Unfortunately, as our history shows, this amazing gift of trust was translated through human hubris so that instead of learning to care for God's creation, we were told we were given the right to dominate it and even to destroy it if we saw fit. Now within these recent years, forced by the reality of Earth's degradation, we have returned once more to the Genesis idea of stewardship as care and trust.

As I think about stewardship in the life of the church, I think of it far beyond the giving of money. For Christians, stewardship is the process by which we awaken to God's great gift of trust and love to us. Stewardship is God's call to us to learn how to love beyond that which we alone possess. It asks us to reach out to others in care and love; it asks us to use Earth's resources with care and thought for the next generation; it asks us to discover what special gifts God has given to us that we can use to "steward" or care for the community; it asks us to be creative with our time and effort, so that we leave a faithful and fruitful path.

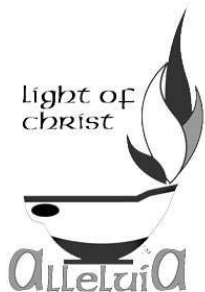
As you and I think about this coming stewardship year, let's reflect on the ways in which we, as a faith community, use our gifts of time, talent, and money for the nurture and care of others and the world. As we use our building in support of dozens of community groups, let's be creative in how we can make the building safer, stronger, and more energy efficient. As we reach out to others, let's consider if there are more or better ways that we can reflect the love and trust of God. As we consider our individual involvement, let's ask ourselves if there are areas in which we need to grow so that we can become better stewards of what God has given to us; do we need to learn more, enter into silence more, participate more, or even rest more?

Stewardship is God's call to you and me to live beyond ourselves. It is God's reminder that each of us is called to participate creatively in the gift of God's creation in such a way that it is at least as strong and healthy as when we found it. Our community of faith is part of that great story of creation, and together we can learn how to be good stewards of all that God has given to us.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Kingsley

DECEMBER IS NEW LIFE!



During Advent, we look forward to Christ coming to Earth and being born as Jesus, who comes to bring us new light and life. It is an exciting month full of anticipation on the spiritual side and full of busyness on the getting-ready-for-Christmas side. Our goal is to keep these two forces in balance and to not lose perspective. Take time to live into the beauty of the season, listen to the words of the carols we sing, and live out our faith daily. It is a time of being grateful and reaching out to others in love.

On December 4, the choir is singing a new Advent anthem, "Advent Celebration;" it is peppy and unique. On December 11, our youth are presenting "The First Christmas." I have seen the script, and it promises to be a faithful telling of the story of the night Jesus was born. Gina Gruber and I are gearing up for the congregational carol-sing as part of the play. It will be an energetic performance as always and will put you right into the Christmas spirit.



During our worship on December 18, the chancel choir will be presenting Christmas music in different forms: a new anthem based on "The Twelve Days of Christmas" tune; a duet of "O Holy Night" with Mary Lee Farris and Pastor Kingsley; a lullaby with flute and choir; a rendition of the old English carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter;" and a specially-written Christmas communion invitation sung by the choir.

We look forward to seeing you, hearing you as we sing Christmas carols together, and reveling in the "ministry of your special presence" during this festive season. Come and share the gift of yourself!

Robert Clooney



THE GIVING TREE IS BACK IN THE NARTHEX!

Every year, we deliver over fifty presents to the Salvation Army in Middletown. In these tough economic times, it's more important than ever to remember those in need – especially during the holidays! Please consider taking a tag, purchasing a present, and making a child's Christmas brighter. If there are no tags left, just bring in any gift. It will go to a child who needs it. Hats, mittens, and gloves are always a great idea, as well. All presents should be under the tree by December 11. Thank you! If you have questions, please call Beth Laskoski at 845-651-3294.



PURCHASE CHANCES TO WIN A COLONIAL DOLLHOUSE

(Raffle by the Presbyterian Women's Association)

Chances will be sold at coffee hour and at the Santa Breakfast

\$1.00 each / 6 for \$5.00

The drawing will be held on December 11 following church services.

FUNDRAISING

As I reported in last month's Tower Tie, we brought in a total of \$10,700 from the October 1 Tiffany Ball. Thanks to B.A. Long, that profit has been doubled, making the grand total \$21,400! This is the second time B.A. has matched the profit brought in by the Tiffany Ball. She does it in honor of her parents and brother. B.A., we wholeheartedly thank you for your generosity!

When reporting on those who contributed to the items sold in the silent auction at the Tiffany Ball, I neglected to mention the beautiful stained glass window provided by Cecile and Dick Ayres. It was the big ticket item in the silent auction that night! Thank you, Cecile and Dick!

Close to \$400 was taken in at the holiday fair this year from the sale of the 5 x 7 "Harriman Fountain in 1011" pictures and tiles and the profit from the "cash for gold." A thank-you is extended to Darlene Bartley and Barbara Thompson for overseeing that effort. By the way, the tiles and 5 x 7 prints are available for \$10 each and make terrific Christmas gifts. If you would like to purchase some, please see Pat in the church office. The money will go into the window fund.

Kathy Stringer is busy at work on this year's Breakfast with Santa. It is coming up quickly and will be a wonderful event for our church and community's youngsters. Thank you, Kathy, for chairing this event for us!

Loretta Richner
Fundraising Chair



Report of the November 19 Quilt Show

“AMAZING!” That was the word most spoken during our annual quilt show this year. It was amazing, too. The committee believes it was the very best show we ever had.

Not only were the quilts beautiful, but so were the stories behind them. The treasures were enjoyed by hundreds of people who took the time to read the cards and talk with many of our members. Many of those who came wanted to know when we would do it again, as they wanted to come back, bring friends, or even share treasures of their own.

A member of the Warwick Quilter’s Guild took many pictures to share with her group. She told us that this was a “kinder and gentler” way to display them, as they are often hung on quilt racks, which put stress on the threads. She has been to many quilt shows but has never seen so many displayed at once.

We can’t begin to thank everyone who helped, so if you were there, know that we appreciate your generosity of your time and special talents. **Project Linus** sincerely thanked us for the opportunity to spread the word of their good work in getting blankets to children in need. They donated a shawl to our ministry as they always do, and we had some lovely conversations about the work that we all do to help others.

Our shawl ministry displayed what we had stored in the “shawl room,” and seven shawls and a baby blanket were given out. Prayers and poems from our increasingly vast collection accompanied the shawls. Personally, I was the lucky one who received many hugs back for the good work our group does. I guess I am glad winter is coming so that some of us will have more time to restock our tubs with the shawls for those who will need hugs down the road.

We especially want to thank our **Minister of Music, Robert Clooney**, and member **Gina Gruber** who took time to share their wonderful talents and played the organ for our show. So many people came up to me and said that the music put them in the Christmas spirit and also said how much they appreciated hearing that magnificent organ played.

On a side note, one little girl about seven years old, who was looking at every quilt with such interest, came over to me and asked me if Laura Ingalls Wilder of the “Little House on the Prairie” fame had made any of the quilts. She was letting her imagination go wild as she was deciding which one was probably used on that famous author’s bed. Before she left, she not only thanked me, but also told me that she is going to learn how to sew and wants to someday display a quilt of her own in the show. So, our show sparked some interest in quilting in a very bright and beautiful young lady. I certainly hope that someday she will come back and display her talents with us.

Many photographs were taken of the sanctuary, and we would be remiss if we didn’t thank our **dedicated Deacons** for the lovely Christmas decorations. We also thank our **secretary, Pat**, who ran off flyers of information about the show and the church. I saw many pink and green papers being put into pocketbooks and pockets to be read later on. Also, several people asked me for information about our church and its groups. After our conversation, they were appreciative to take home a copy of the latest Tower Tie. I am hoping we might see some of those faces with us on Sundays in the future.

Again, on behalf of Barbara Hankins, Kathy Alevras, myself, and everyone who helped in any way, **thank you once again** for your time and talents spent on November 19 with us.

Wendy Paffenroth
Quilt Show 2011



Presbyterian Women's Association (PW)

News Notes

The ladies met on November 7 in the parlor, and I am happy to report that we had to bring out some extra chairs. We had fourteen ladies in attendance, the most in a long while. We had a lovely evening and discussed a lot of things.

Our moderator, Fran Hoffmann, kept us rolling along as we discussed our upcoming events. While doing this, we passed around greeting cards for everyone to sign. The cards were for several of our church members who need a little joy in their lives and who need to know that we are thinking and praying for them.

Colonial dollhouse...Members Betty Lobb and Carolyn Keller have put together a beautiful, wooden dollhouse, complete with all the furniture, for the ladies to raffle. If you haven't taken a chance yet, don't wait. You can buy tickets at coffee hour or at the Santa breakfast. The drawing will be on December 11 at coffee hour, and you do not need to be present to win. Each ticket is \$1, or you can buy six tickets for \$5. Thank you, Betty and Carolyn, for the beautiful work and the time it took to make the dollhouse. It was truly a labor of love.

Bake Sale/Soup Sale...The Presbyterian Women's Association's (PW) November 19 baked goods and soup sale was an **outstanding success**. We thank everyone who baked or cooked and want you to know that the money will be staying in the church for banisters for the sides of the chancel steps. We sincerely appreciate your support of PW and look forward to our future sales. Also, thank you to all who bought the goodies that day. We are sure you enjoyed them.

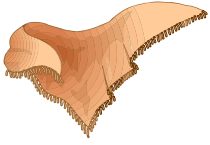
Christmas boxes...Items to be donated for the Christmas boxes can be left by the office for the PW ladies. We are still collecting calendars, slipper socks, ChapStick, word and puzzle books (large print), small tissue packages, teas, and anything else you think might make a nice addition. If anyone can bake a couple dozen cookies to be put in the boxes for distribution, it would be *greatly appreciated*. We have a dozen boxes being sent to members of our church. **If you can help assemble the boxes, please come to Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on December 16** (with cookies, if possible). We thank you all in advance for helping us make the holiday a little brighter for some of our members who can't always get to services.

Our next meeting will be on December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor. All ladies in the church are more than welcome to come and be with us.

Thank you,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth

**Please join us for the
Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols
With Christmas Meditation from Pastor Kingsley
December 24 7:00 PM**



Hug Happenings

News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)

As another month rolls by, so do our gifts from the church. The cards and notes still roll in, telling us how wonderful our “hugs” have been received and how much they are appreciated. Even people who got them a year or two ago still tell us how they use them.

We continue to thank everyone for the donation of yarn and gift cards which help us to purchase the yarn that becomes shawls or lap robes.

I recently found that there is something else, a little easier, that we can do to use up our leftover yarn. It is called a “pocket prayer shawl.” It is about five inches squared and usually has either a cross crocheted into its center or a charm attached to it. The pocket prayer shawls are given to the military; many of them place them inside their helmets or into pockets on their pants legs so the prayers for safety go with them. They are also given to nursing home patients who might leave a large shawl on their bed but like the security of carrying one with them during the day. They are also given to those facing surgery, as they can usually hold one as they enter the operating room and find it with them when they wake up in recovery. I am gathering some patterns, but I know, with our ladies talents, we will be designing and making up our own.

The poem below was found by Nancy Mason and shared with us. Since we love to call our shawls “hugs,” I found this poem very appropriate to go with our folders when we give them out. Nancy said someone gave her a copy of it on a wallet-size card, which she photocopied and shared with me at church. I hope you like it as much as I do. Thank you, Nancy, and to everyone who so kindly keeps us (and our nimble fingers) in your prayers and who always looks to see how we can make our ministry better and better.



HUGS

**It's wondrous what a hug can do;
A hug can cheer you when you're blue.
A hug can say, "I love you so,"
Or, "Gee, I hate to see you go."
A hug is "Welcome back again!"
And "Great to see you" or "Where've you been?"
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after the rain.
The hug! There's no doubt about it,
We scarcely could survive without it.**

A hug delights and warms and charms;
It must be why God gave us arms.
Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers.
And chances are, some favorite aunts
Love them more than potted plants.
Kittens crave them, puppies love them,
Heads of state are not above them.
A hug can break the language barrier
And make the dullest day seem merrier.
No need to fret about the store of 'em,
The more you give the more there are of them.
So stretch those arms without delay,
And give someone a hug today.

God bless you. Enjoy your hug from: The Prayer Shawl Ministry-First Presbyterian Church, Goshen, NY

Thank you again for keeping our ministry moving forward. Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season from all of us.

Consider yourselves hugged and please pass it along,

Wendy Paffenroth
PSM Secretary

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED

Coffee Hour after Sunday church services is a great opportunity for fellowship and getting to know our members. But **WE NEED HOSTS!** Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the lobby of Fellowship Hall so we can continue this well attended and favored fellowship opportunity. If you have any questions, you can contact Sue Varden at 649-7830.

LAY READERS NEEDED

The Lay Reader assists Reverend Kingsley in the worship service by reading some of the service segments and the First Testament reading or the Gospel reading. The readings are available in the church office on the Tuesday preceding the service or it can be e-mailed directly to you. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or speak with Karen Magee.

UPDATES ON STEVEN AND DAVID WRIGHT

Dr. Steven Wright, Professor of Physical Education at the University of New Hampshire, has been editor of the International PE Journal and recently switched to become vice president of that organization (they call it Secretary of State). He will be the Head of Programs, so he'll be in Egypt, where the president lives, during Christmas to plan the next full membership meeting that he hopes will be in Buffalo.

David Wright lives in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where he has been the Athletic Director at the college. He has just become a vice president at the college. With his help, the college has a brand new athletic building that his wife, Cindy, Director of Intramurals and Recreation, manages. David will work in both capacities until a new athletic director is hired.

Phyla Wright would like to thank all those who sent cards and prayers her way during her month in the hospital. She felt a great sense of love and caring which was so helpful during recovery.

She would also like to thank the women of the prayer shawl group who sent the beautiful product of their handi-work. She used it almost every day and was thankful to have it.

THANK YOU FROM THE WADE FAMILY

A heartfelt thanks to our entire "church family" for the love, support, and prayers coming to us on behalf of our daughter, Ashley. No one wants to hear a diagnosis that includes cancer with a capital "C," especially if the doctors are talking about your sixteen-year-old daughter. It doesn't seem fair, especially in light of all the other medical difficulties she's conquered, but then again, when is it fair? There isn't anyone who "deserves" cancer; it just happens. We firmly believe that there was divine intervention involved in the actual diagnosis, which would not have happened in time if she had not already been hospitalized with pancreatitis. The Lord works in mysterious ways, and although we have no idea why this was a path chosen for Ashley, we do believe that our faith, coupled with the abundant prayers from our family and friends, will see her through to recovery. It means a great deal to all of us that our "church family" is always ready, willing, and able to lend their support. Ashley's treatments will put us in New York City every other week (sometimes every week for checkups and blood work), and although there will be many unpleasant days ahead, her prognosis is excellent. She is a fighter and so are we; this is one fight where failure just isn't an option. We appreciate the continued prayers. "Ashley's Journey" will include chemo through June or July, and we will truly need those prayers to carry us through 'til then.

Blessings,

Wendy Bynum-Wade/Douglas Wade
Ashley, Luke, Heather
Charlie/Winnie Bynum

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In honor of the birth of our Savior and in celebration of this glorious season, please consider helping us to decorate our Sanctuary with beautiful red, white, pink, and mixed poinsettias. They will be placed in the church for Christmas Eve, December 24 and may be taken following the 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service. Kindly consider ordering a plant in honor of or in memory of a special person(s) or loved ones, or simply to the Glory of God and in celebration of Christ's birth. **The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, Dec. 13.** Please complete the form below and submit with your payment of \$12.99 per plant made payable to the First Presbyterian Church (put PW in the memo) or call the Church Office (294-7991), Betty Lobb, 294-6344, Carolyn Keller 294-5508 or Carol Gabella (after 4PM) 342-4367.

Thank you for helping us honor Christmas with festive flowers!

Yes, I would like to order Christmas poinsettias for the Sanctuary as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Color</u>
_____	Red
_____	White
_____	Pink
_____	Mixed
_____	Total @ \$12.99 each = \$_____ due

Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church (put PW in the memo) and place in the offering plate or give to Betty, Carolyn, or Carol

Given by: _____

(Kindly PRINT as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)

To the Glory of God and:

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In celebration of: _____

To honor the birth of Jesus Christ: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Habitat and PresbyBuild News

“Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Tour” for Presbyterians Saturday, January 21

PresbyBuild and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh are sponsoring a “Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Tour” on Saturday, January 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Aboard a comfortable Leprechaun bus, the tour begins with a presentation at Habitat’s Kimball Building, then joins Habitat volunteers on their morning break, and then tours Habitat sites, including all of the PresbyBuild’s sites and a working site.

This is a great opportunity to see the extraordinary work of Habitat Newburgh and PresbyBuild. Habitat recently dedicated its fiftieth house, and PresbyBuild will be starting its fifth house in 2012!

Please contact Sue Varden (Mission Committee) to make reservations for the tour.

Sometimes a simple act of kindness takes on a life of its own.

That’s the message in the illustrated children’s book The Carpenter’s Gift, which is the story of Henry, a young boy growing up in Depression-era New York. At the end of a day selling Christmas trees in Midtown Manhattan with his out-of-work father, Henry gives a leftover tree to nearby construction workers. The workers decorate it on the spot with tin cans and paper garlands, and the tree becomes the very first Rockefeller Center Christmas tree. That moment ends up changing Henry’s life.

The story celebrates the magic of an American icon, the annual Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center. Each year, that tree is milled into lumber that Habitat volunteers use to build a home for a family like Henry’s. The book honors the fruitful partnership and shares a lesson about the importance of generosity and helping our neighbors.

The 2010 Rockefeller Center Christmas tree was used this year in the construction of a Habitat home at 46 East Parmenter Street in Newburgh. The “Rockefeller tree house” will be dedicated December 10. The author of The Carpenter’s Gift will be present.

If you are interested in buying The Carpenter’s Gift for Christmas, the book can be ordered through Sue Varden with a \$20 check made payable to “Habitat Newburgh.”

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
Lori Baird
Mary Lee and Ted Berry
Sarah Burrows
Grace Cook
Mary Jane DeFreece
Joe Destefano
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
The George Family
Tomas Healey
Carolyn Keller's parents
Kim
Lyndsay Krutki
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva
Margaretta Macica
The Family of Anita McCarthy
Heather Mustavs
Steven Neil
Oretsky Family
Amy Pemberton
Trudi Roach
Kevin Schuler
Dorothy Sevcik
Walter and Louise Spencer
Bill and Jean Strong
Judy Thompson
Kim Valentini and Family
Wendy-Bynum Wade
The Weinberger Family
Orra and Dale Wood

Dedra Altizer
Dennis Baker and daughter
Gabriel Bittner
Winnie Bynum
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Bob Dennis
Everyone serving in the Military
Mary Lee Farris' brother-in-law
Gabby
Barbara and George Hankins
Martin Johnson and Joy Johnson
Laura and Tom Kennedy
Ella Kimble
Captain Steven Legion
Charles Li
The Family of Melissa Martucci
Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski
Nina and Jason
Ann Ott
The Family of Marina Petersen
Ted Sandstrom
Fred Schwarz
Sara Simas
Peggy Srirach
Mark Thabet
George Tietz
Kenya VanZandt
Jean Wade
Jo Wolfe
Paul and Phyla Wright

Fran Backofen
Emily Barry and Family
Haley Buckley
Mary Carr
Shannon Decker
Amy Depew
Evie and Family
Ben Fisher
Fran Genovese
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Alan Jorgensen
Kay Kent
Roberta Kinnamon
Marni Lewis
Robert Lobb
Andy Marussich
Jeff Monroe
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Leon Paffenroth
Jack Richner
Tom Sawyer
Bryan Scott and Family
Megan Slasinski
The Smith Family
Shawn Thatcher
Brenda Travers
Ashley Wade
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood

(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.)

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2011

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 **341** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2011 is \$28.00**, which is a total of **\$9,548.00** 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.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

DECEMBER UPDATE

Our Meditation Garden is especially beautiful and peaceful during the evening hours throughout the holidays. Bundle up and enjoy a tranquil moment...

Memorial Pavers

If anyone is interested in purchasing a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100. A new paver order will be placed in the spring.

Niches Available in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment, and the following four purchase options are available:

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 the Garden”

As always, anyone who would like to lend-a-hand and spend a few minutes cleaning up any dead leaves (or litter) seen in the garden area is welcome to do so. All efforts to keep our church grounds clean are very much appreciated!

The December/early January schedule for our “Stewards”:

Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	December 1 – December 15
Loretta and Jack Richner:	December 16 – December 31
Barbara and George Hankins:	January 1 – January 15

This schedule will be posted outside the church office.

If you are interested in becoming a “Steward of the Garden,” please see Pat in the church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Dispose of cigarette butts in the trash can, not the garden!

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.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Roger Tuthill</i>	15	<i>Rachael Quick</i>
2	<i>Joy Kissan</i>	16	<i>Linda Boardman</i>
3	<i>Craig Benson</i>	17	<i>Sergio Maturana</i>
4	<i>Greg Sitler</i>	18	<i>Barbara Thompson</i>
5	<i>Erica Gati</i>	19	<i>Joe Pietropaolo</i>
	<i>Kari Taylor</i>	20	<i>Nancy Leech</i>
6	<i>Lisa Montalbano</i>	25	<i>Jennifer Serkes</i>
9	<i>Beryl Yungman</i>		<i>Wesley Sproul</i>
12	<i>Daphne Castellano</i>		<i>Mal Stewart</i>
	<i>Bruce Crandall</i>	27	<i>Kayla Farley</i>
14	<i>Rob Dickover</i>		<i>Paul Gruber</i>
	<i>Elise Frederick</i>		<i>Barbara Heiser</i>
	<i>Jeanette McDowell</i>	29	<i>Geri Corey</i>
	<i>Ken Skyer</i>		<i>Ethan Cox</i>

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

14	<i>Dave and Michele Castellano</i>
17	<i>Robert and Rebecca Boardman</i>
18	<i>Bruce and Jean Crandall</i>
23	<i>Bill and Gina Gruber</i>
28	<i>Jon and Deb Hourahan</i>
29	<i>Tom and Jeanette McDowell</i>
	<i>Greg and Deb Spencer</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:

- *Julie Turi whose son, Brett, was married to Elizabeth Willard on October 22 at St. James' Episcopal Church in Goshen.*
- *Scott Turi who is vice president of a jewelry company in New York City. He was awarded national "Vendor of the Year" by JC Penney, whose CEO flew in to sing his praises.*

NEW ADDRESS

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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 2012

Wendy Bynum-Wade
Craig Calzaretta
Tyler Cox
Bill Keller
Tom McDowell
Sue Varden

Class of 2013

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Barbara Hankins
John Redman
Loretta Richner
Scott Roper
Rob Warner

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Dom Fontana
Pat Green
Bill Hodges
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Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

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Glynnis Jorgensen
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Marni Lewis
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John Gruber
Kari Taylor
Moses Ukejianya
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