

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Advent are almost here! As all of us enter into this season that is so beautiful and celebrative, as well as intense and often overwhelming, it's good to begin with thanksgiving, the verb. If we look at Luke's Gospel and the story of the Last Supper, we find that Jesus gave thanks (thanks + giving) to God for the bread as he broke it. The word thanksgiving in Greek is eucharistia which is where we get the word Eucharist. That's one reason why we call communion the meal of thanksgiving and celebration.

But what was Jesus thanking God for? In his life, Jesus always reflected two great realities. The first was the reality that his life and our lives are created, loved, and sustained by God. The second reality was that Jesus knew that the bread he held in his hands didn't just fall from heaven. He knew that bread was a practical reality of his life and that someone grew the wheat, harvested it, threshed it, ground it by hand, bought it, mixed it with muscle and skill into dough, shaped it into loaves, baked it with wood that had been gathered, and then finally, cooled before it was ready to sell. Bread was something to be thankful for.

As we enter into Advent and look both to the past of Christ's birth and to the future hope of his return, we often think about Jesus in ways that are mixed with heavy doses of fairytale-like thinking about his life. But Jesus giving thanks can help us find a stronger and more helpful rock to stand on during the holiday season. When we imitate him in our lives, as he asked us to do, we find that giving thanks to God for the daily care and sustenance of our lives creates a whole new way of relating to God and to our lives. Giving thanks daily, in spite of circumstances, helps us to begin to rest in God more fully. In addition, we discover that giving thanks is an attitude of the mind that reflects the reality of the heart. As we know, the attitude of our mind is something we choose every morning. It's one thing to know that our lives are rooted in God as if that was a piece of information from the library, but it is another thing to respond to that knowledge by being open to its reality and choosing to trust in it by the simple act of giving thanks to God.

Jesus knew the reality of putting bread on the table and even going without bread. But he also knew that the greater part of life's reality is God's love for us, daily. So in his simple act of giving thanks, Jesus showed us the attitude of his mind that was rooted in the knowledge of God's love in his heart. So, may we give thanks for the bread on the table and the love of God all around us and within us.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Kingsley

*Anne Wood will be covering for Rev. Kingsley during his medical leave.
If you have a pastoral need, you may call her at 294-3207.*

ADVENT – A SEASON OF PREPARATION



We completed the church liturgical year on the last Sunday in November with Christ the King. Our national Thanksgiving holiday has been celebrated, and now we begin a new church year as we look forward to the coming of the Messiah to Earth as incarnated in Jesus the Christ. As we prepare our hearts inwardly, we also see the Advent wreath in the sanctuary -- a visual reminder of the season. Each Sunday, we light a different candle on the wreath and sing our hymn of preparation for that Sunday. The sanctuary is swathed in greenery, the tree goes up, and our music helps us to focus on the coming of Jesus to earth. It is a beautiful time of year.

The choir will be opening our Advent season with *Advent Celebration* and *Advent Prayer* – two very beautiful moving anthems focusing our hearts and minds on the coming of the Christ.

On Advent III, December 15, we will hear from the spirited youth in our Christian education program, who always reflect the joys of innocence in their exuberant expressions of faith. When I see shepherds, angels, and all the costumes, they always take me back to another time -- “Ah, yes, I did that, too, once upon a time.”

On Advent IV, December 22, the choir will be presenting a **Celebration of Carols**. We open with the Swedish carol *Rejoice, It Is Christmastime* followed by choruses of *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*, the French carol, *Sing We Now of Christmas*, and the beloved Polish melody *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*. It is the final Sunday before we celebrate together the Nativity of our Lord on Christmas Eve. We welcome you to come hear the carols and enjoy the music of Christmas. Catch the spirit!



We are again presenting our traditional candlelight **Service of Lessons and Carols** on Tuesday evening, December 24. This service originated on Christmas Eve 1880 and has been repeated worldwide by Christians down through the ages. The most famous service is conducted annually in Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, England. The famous boy choir was first broadcast by the BBC on Christmas Eve 1928 and can now be heard worldwide. I will be listening to the service on my computer or PBS radio on Tuesday morning, December 24. Historically, the service begins with singing, *Once in Royal David's City*.



The Presbyterian Church (USA) follows the same format of readings and carols as well. We will be joining our voices with Christians around the world as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Hearing *O Holy Night* sung by Mary Lee Farris and singing *Silent Night* together with our candles raised are highlights of the service for me. The luminaries will be lighting the path to the church doors, and it will be a special time for all.

Come prepare your hearts with prayer and longing for the coming of the Messiah. In the midst of the frantic season, take time to be quiet and reflect on the true nature of what is taking place -- we are getting ready for the birth of a child. This is a season of hope, joy, peace, and love. Let us feel those themes in our hearts as each week passes and leads up to Christmas Eve's celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music

An interesting link about the Kings College service:

www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/chapel-services/nine-lessons.html



Prayer Shawl Ministry News – December 2013

As another year wraps up, we think of all the shoulders we have wrapped and comforted in 2013. Shawls went out again in November. Betty Lobb received two shawls for her neighbors that needed some comforting. How great that at coffee hour Barbara Hankins had just finished one in the perfect color that Betty needed. Elfriede Johnson gave one to a recent widow, Tony Neidel presented one to a friend who needed some comforting, and Orra Wood gave one to Dr. Gil who was so touched, she sent a lovely thank you note with yarn for another shawl. Wendy gave several baby blankets and prayers for some newborns in the area. I always said that when a shawl is started God has plans for where it is to go, even if we don't know ourselves. The blessings continue to come back three-fold.

Thank you letters were received this month from several people who received our gifts.

- ***Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry: Thank you so much for the lovely shawl for my husband. We are so thankful Orra helped us when we had such a need. Thank you so much, Irene Gil*** (with three skeins of yarn for another shawl to be made for someone else.)
- ***10-30-13 – Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry: Thank you very much for the beautiful purple and lavender blanket. When I first got it I read all the papers that were in the folder. Then when I got home I used it right away. It is super soft and one of my favorite blankets. Every night I always use it. Thank you again, Sincerely, Mary Regelski.*** (Mary is Elfriede and Carl Johnson's granddaughter. She is going through a tough time as her mother, the Johnson's daughter Susan, was recently diagnosed with a serious illness. Joan Butensky made the special blanket for Mary in her favorite color, purple. The young lady wrote us a beautiful note that needed sharing with the entire congregation.)

Our condolences go out to our PSM member, Joan Howell and her family, on the recent passing of her wonderful husband, Garry. Joan, always remember how much Garry enjoyed watching you make the shawls and baby blankets. He knew you were making the lives of others better. He was proud of your talents and we know he will be missed by many.

My friend Ruth passed away the end of October. Before she died she mentioned to her husband that there were several boxes of yarn in her attic that he needed to donate to our ministry. There were no services or memorials for Ruth. Several days after her passing, her husband Mark came with two boxes of yarn for us. He said it was one of Ruth's last wishes that we would continue to comfort others just as we had comforted her. God bless you, my friend in heaven, and thank you from all of us.

In February, we will do another yarn drive. Winter is a very good time to continue making and putting away extra shawls so that we have them when the need arises. Remember, all members of the congregation may take a shawl and prayers to give to someone who has a need.

For those that make the shawls, here is a prayer for you.

Prayer for the Shawl Maker

As I make this shawl for one of your lambs, please Lord-----

Bless my hands - that they will start with nothing and create something warm and comforting.

Bless my mind – that I will create something beautiful.

Bless my imagination – that my finished product will be useful.

Bless my heart – that some of it will go with this hug to let the receiver know it was made with love.

Bless my patience – that I will continue to move forward, even when distracted, so that this gift can be finished and go to a person who will enjoy it.

Bless my soul – that it is open to continue making gifts and fill a need.

Bless my family and friends – who encourage me to continue making these gifts of hope, faith and love.

Bless the one that receives this gift. May it remind them of your love each time it wraps around their soul.

Most of all, thank you for the ability to make these hugs. Thank you for the blessings you surround me with. Let this gift bring hope, love, and comforting to the receiver and let it bring some joy to them, as well. Let it remind them that they are not alone and that someone cares. Thank you, too, for the opportunity to share your love.

Amen.

(composed by Wendy Paffenroth)

Please continue to let me know where the shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets go, so we can share it with the congregation. Thank you again for the yarn, gift bags, folders, and tissue paper so that our gifts are presented beautifully to those in need. God bless each of you. Have a wonderful and safe holiday (if you are traveling) and may 2014 prove to be a wonderful year filled with more blessings than we can count.

*Consider yourselves hugged,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth – Shawl Secretary*

MEMORIAL GARDEN

At the Twist & Shout concert on November 9, \$840.00 was raised at the door and \$115 at the intermission for a total of \$955.00. This money will go toward the maintenance of the Memorial Garden.

I would like to thank Barbara, Grover and Charlie vonPentz and Barbara Thompson for their help and donations and to the following people for their donations: Bill Hodges, Orra Wood, Beth Laskoski, Diane George, Linda Boardman, Rev. Kingsley, and Lori Baird.

Your support was greatly appreciated.

Darlene



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - NEWS NOTES

By the time you receive this newsletter, we should all be recovering from our big **Bake Sale** on November 23. The PICK-A-PLATE campaign went well with distributing our excess plates, baskets, pie dishes, etc. at coffee hour for a few weeks. We appreciate all who donated odd dishes so that our baked goods could go on REAL PLATES, which so many people appreciate. We also gave out quart jars for the **Soup and Chili Sale** on the same day. We decided to raffle a few teapot centerpieces to see if we could get the bank account a little fuller at the same time. Each year we try to do a little something to "change up" the regular pre-Thanksgiving bake sale.

St. Stanislaus Church in Pine Island had a huge Tricky Tray on November 8. Several baskets were donated in honor of PW with the understanding that they would hand out our Craft Fair/Bake Sale/Quilt Show brochures. Well, I wish I had brought more. They gave out well over 150 to the crowd of 400 and announcements were made several times about the happenings at our church on November 23. They were most appreciative of our gifts and it was a big event with well over 240 baskets. We thank them for helping us. We also thank the Christian Reformed Church on Route 17A who distributed our flyers at their thrift store for two weeks and to the many locations around town who put them out on their counters. As of writing this, we don't know how many people will attend, but we have spread the word further than we have in the past. We hope to see many people.

We want to thank all those who helped bake and donate items to our bake sale. We couldn't do it without you. Soons Orchard again donated cider for the sale and we thank Jean Strong for getting that for us. It is always a big hit and we appreciate it; plus it smells wonderful when you enter the lobby.

We will be working on the Christmas gift bags and are accepting donations to fill them. Our shut-ins who cannot attend church are so grateful that we remember them. The little items in the bags help to brighten their days. A box for donations will soon be in the Narthex. We are accepting all types of items; large print puzzle books, nail files, hot cocoa mix, teas, instant coffees, playing cards, bath products such as soaps, lotions etc., mints, gums, sugar free items, powders, small packages of tissues, mini flashlights, greeting cards and note cards with stamps, and anything else you can think of that might be appreciated. Please continue to check the weekly bulletins for information. We will also be looking for about a dozen warm scarves and for people who would be willing to make some nice holiday cookies that we can add to the bags. Also needed are some Christmas tins to put the baked items. Thank you in advance for helping us to make Christmas brighter for some of our members.

Our next meeting is planned for December 2 in the parlor at 7:30 p.m. We encourage all women in the church to join us. We welcome any new ideas you might have for our group.

God bless all,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth --PW Secretary



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 marbled 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, DECEMBER 3.** All orders must be accompanied with a check. Please complete the form below and submit with your payment of \$12.99 per plant made payable to the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen (put **Poinsettias** in the memo) or call the church office (294-7991), Betty Lobb (294-6344), Carolyn Keller (294-5508) or Carol Gabella (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 **Poinsettia** 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:** _____

GREETINGS FROM CHRISTIAN ED!

The Giving Tree is now in the Narthex. Please take a tag or two and enjoy the process of making Christmas a bit brighter for someone you don't know. This year the tags mostly have younger children on them. Bagged (not wrapped, please) presents need to be under that tree in time for Wednesday, December 11. Thanks!

The pageant is shaping up nicely. Students will rehearse during the entire worship service December 8. The children will present the pageant on December 15.

The Santa Breakfast is on December 7. There are two seatings: 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Kathy Stringer may need some volunteers. Registration forms have been in the bulletin. Reservations fill up fast.

The Sunday School Christmas Project was modified last year to accommodate the realities of Hurricane Sandy. We sent compact, mostly sturdy or washable toys to the Far Rockaway collection point and a huge homemade Christmas card.

This year, we think we had better continue the collection of non-perishable items for the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry that we began in time for the pre-Thanksgiving distribution.

Please contribute to the Christmas paper-covered boxes either in the Narthex or outside the Sunday school office downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We need the food in time for the December distribution on December 14 (second Saturday).

Access to nourishment has become more fragile with recent cutbacks and we are so lucky to mostly be able to buy what we need and want.

Respectfully,
BA Long

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next Midnight Run is scheduled for Friday, December 20. If you would like to go or could donate food items for us to make sandwiches, etc. or if you could help with food prep, please let me know. I will also be taking donations of used men's clothing, sizes M, L, XL and **new** underwear/undershirts in those same sizes. Socks, shoes and warm coats are needed, as well. **Clothes are the most urgent need at this time**, but we also need the following items. Travel size is fine as well as full size of: toothpaste/toothbrushes, bar soap, lotion, body wash, shampoo, combs, deodorant, washcloths. All clothing and toiletry donations can be left with Pat in the office or you can call or see me in church. I will update the list of needs for food/clothing/toiletries as we get closer to the date.

Thanks, Lori Baird
845-200-5640

ROOF FUND

To All,

I would like to apologize for a misunderstanding of the funds for the Roof Fund. I had thought that when the roof leaked in the balcony during the previous Twist & Shout Concert in April, the money we started to raise was to help toward fixing the sanctuary roof. Apparently, a part of it went to patch the sanctuary roof, but the remainder is going toward the new roof on the Manse.

We have come a long way, but as of November 12, 2013 we still have 33 tiles to fill for a total of \$3,300 needed to pay off the Manse roof. We are participating in the Annual Night of Giving which takes place on Sunday, December 8 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. All Deacons and Elders were given five tickets to sell. All the money will go toward the Roof Fund. If all 300 tickets are sold, we will have 15 more tiles to put on the roof. I hope that you will purchase a ticket from one of our Deacons or Elders. I will be at coffee hour if you would like to take some tickets to sell to friends. Remember, it is a donation.

Thanks for all your help,
Darlene

The Deacons' Annual Craft Fair was a huge success this year. We saw many new vendors as well as our faithful regulars. The list for next year's event is even larger thanks to the wonderful advertising by Geri Corey and the beautiful flyers that were made by Wendy Paffenroth. A huge thank you to Bill Hodges and John Redman for their generosity in providing the wonderful colored print flyers and to Diana Bowe on the beautiful job she did in creating the vendor layouts.

The bake sale was a hit, as always, due to the talented baking of the ladies of our church. The quilt show has become lovelier each year due to the hard work of Barbara Hankins and Kathy Alebras. Thank you to Michele and Brian Meek for the beautiful painting and restoration job on our Craft Fair yard sign, as well as the newly designed ones. Thank you to all for going out of your way to make this event so special.

Thank you to the Deacons for all of the hard work that was put into setting up, greening the church, serving the vendors a delicious lunch, as well as cleaning up. You all did a phenomenal job as always! As there were many behind the scenes helpers, thank you to everyone who helped make this event so successful. I was thrilled to be a part of the excitement by helping to coordinate this event and am anticipating next year's fun already!

Lori Baird

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO 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. We still owe **\$3,480.00** for this year. 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 DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Roger Tuthill</i>	15	<i>Rachael Quick</i>
2	<i>Joy Kissane</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>
	<i>Sadie Hankins</i>		<i>Paul Gruber</i>
14	<i>Rob Dickover</i>		<i>Barbara Heiser</i>
	<i>Elise Frederick</i>	29	<i>Geri Corey</i>
	<i>Jeanette McDowell</i>		<i>Ethan Cox</i>
	<i>Ken Skyer</i>		

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

17	<i>Robert and Rebecca Boardman</i>
18	<i>Bruce and Jean Crandall</i>
23	<i>Bill and Gina Gruber</i>
26	<i>Bill and Carol Eustance</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:

- *Paul and Sam Boese on receiving their Eagle Scout Award at the Eagle Recognition Ceremony on October 26.*
- *Louise Spencer on the birth of her new great grandson.*



The Giving Tree is back in the Narthex for another Christmas season. Please consider taking a tag, buying a gift (or gifts), and making Christmas brighter for a child in need. All presents should be under the tree by Wednesday, December 11. Gifts will then be delivered to the Salvation Army in Middletown. Since the presents must be checked, there is no need to wrap them, but a gift bag always adds a festive touch. If you have questions, please call Beth Laskoski (845-651-3294). Thanks for participating. Every year, the Salvation Army is so grateful for the gifts!

By Kate Laskoski, Hannah Welshoff and Kristen Gotsis...

There is a new library at the First Presbyterian Church! Hannah Welshoff, Kristen Gotsis, and Kate Laskoski worked together to create this library and a library at HONOR EHG (Helping Others Needing Our Resources, Emergency Housing Group) as their Silver Project for Girl Scouts. The church library will serve children who are interested in learning more about God and the shelter library will help children who need to pass the time in a positive way during a difficult time in their lives.

Several years ago the former church library was dismantled and replaced by the cell tower equipment. The girls thought it would be a good idea to get all those books out of storage and back in a bookcase. They sorted through the old books and rebuilt the bookcase. This involved finding usable wood, sanding, painting, and decorating. They worked with the Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Boardman, and members of Session to gain approval for the library and make plans for its installation. The girls are pleased that the books will once again be able to be enjoyed by members of the church and community.

In addition to adding a library to the First Presbyterian Church, Kristen, Hannah, and Kate installed a bookcase at a shelter in Middletown for people in need of emergency housing. The housing is available to men, women, and children. The girls found an old, broken down shelving unit on wheels and refurbished it to make it more cheerful. They then held a book drive at Vacation Bible School and weren't disappointed by the number of books received.

Hannah, Kristen, and Kate came up with some creative and fun ways to involve others in the project and to raise money. To get others involved with the project, the girls recruited volunteers for a fun bookmark making workshop. They taught the younger helpers how to make bookmarks with creative and easy techniques using yarn, colorful beads, and straws. Everybody had a good time...the girls even held a watermelon eating contest to finish out the day! In total, approximately one hundred bookmarks were made for the church library and the mobile bookcase for the shelter. To raise money for the bookmark workshop, the girls held a fundraiser at Shoprite. It was a huge success! Over a hundred-seventy dollars was raised!

Kristen, Hannah, and Kate learned a lot about helping others and built valuable leadership skills through all their work on the Silver Project. When you add up all the hours the girls spent on the project, it's over 150 combined hours! They are so pleased to have re-established the church library and to have donated the mobile bookcase to the shelter. They hope that other churches and shelters will create similar libraries and that more children will enjoy reading because of their project.



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
Rosa B.
JoAnna Becerril
Mary Carr
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Bob Dennis
David Dzierzek
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Fran Genovese
Barbara and George Hankins
Joan Howell and Family
Carolyn Keller's father
Kim
Jeff Knox
James Magee
Evelyn Mercado
Heather Mustavs
Nina and Jason
Jessica (Bowe) and Jason Ptak
Ilona Reichl
Ted Sandstrom
Fred Schwarz
Peggy Srirach
Bill and Jean Strong
Kim Valentini and Family
Wendy-Bynum Wade
The Weinberger Family
Orra and Dale Wood

Dedra Altizer
The Barron Family
Mary Lee and Ted Berry
Grace Cook
Shannon Decker
Joe Destefano
Everyone serving in the Military
Ben Fisher
The George Family
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Susan Johnson
Bob and Barbara Kennedy
Rev. Kingsley and Family
Robert Lobb
The Family of Melissa Martucci
Jeff Monroe
Eileen Myslinski
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Velma Peters
Tim Richardson
Tom Sawyer
Bryan Scott and Family
The Smith Family
Jean Stukey
Kenya VanZandt
Jean Wade
Jo Wolfe
Sharon Worden

Millie Augere
Emily Barry and Family
Sarah Burrows
Carol Coon
Mary Jane DeFreece
Sally Dorritie
Evie and Family
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
Kate Goodspeed
Carol Hoffman
Rosemary Joy
Laura and Tom Kennedy
Roberta Kinnamon
Margaretta Macica
Andy Marussich
Jude Monteleone
Richard Nash
Ann Ott
The Family of Marina Peterson
Loretta Richner
Kevin Schuler
Dorothy Sevcik
Elmer Stevens
George Tietz
Ashley Wade
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood's dad
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

DECEMBER UPDATE

“Twist & Shout” Benefit Concert

We'd like to thank all our friends and church family who participated and helped raise \$955 for the garden on November 9. With this funding, the lighting in the garden will be repaired and upgraded. It is because of people like you that this sacred space will continue to be maintained as it deserves to be. Your love was felt and shared by all who attended the event!

God bless you, Wayne, Diane and Jenna George

NEW Memorial Pavers are INSTALLED!

Thanks to Al Sproul, fourteen new engraved pavers have been installed in the garden. To order a memorial paver for 2014 to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100.

14 Niches are 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”

Thank you to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The December/early January Steward's schedule:

Jen and Gregg Piller:	December 1 – December 15
Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende:	December 16 –December 31
Barbara and George Hankins:	January 1 – January 15

It takes only a few minutes of your time 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.

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Rev. 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.

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