THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Haggai 1:16-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Thoughts

Written in a hopeful period when Jerusalem's inhabitants were returning and rebuilding after the Babylonian exile, the prophet Haggai's book is filled with promises for a new era for the Jewish people. In today's verses, Haggai makes a call back to promises made in the books of Genesis (Abram) and Exodus (Moses) as he makes the case for why the temple should be rebuilt. This "second temple" would lead to the dawning of renewed national hopes of what Israel could be as, to use the words of Isaiah, "a light unto the nations" and would mark a return to glory and status after an event that many assumed would be its end.

However, while Haggai's vision of other nations' wealth flowing to the temple makes sense in the context of the aspirations of a tiny nation trying to rebuild itself, I think it's an important passage to step back and reflect on in an era when many churches are struggling to stay afloat and are investing increasing percentages of their budget into maintaining their property. We aren't exactly "filling our houses with splendor," but the ethics of maintaining property at the expense of an outward facing mission of prosperity for all, is a question that all of us churchgoers need to wrestle with. Is our property helping us fulfill our mission to be "a light unto the nations," or is it hindering it?

Pastor Kingsley

Music Notes



As I write this, I am still coming down from the delightful "Tricentennial Ball" held on Saturday, October 19, at the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame. The conviviality, the food, and the silent auction were all very enjoyable.

I keep coming face to face with all the support and love this congregation has! In particular, right now, the organ project is occupying much of your time and concern. I can't express how grateful and pleased I am. I hope the outcome will be everything you could hope for, and more.

The Austin Company has made a preliminary proposal, involving less digital than before, and some appropriate new pipe work. This is getting cheaper and easier to find, unfortunately! But it could be our gain. It will all depend on price; we can leave room for future growth. I will become much more specific as soon as I can!

Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christ the King, and Advent are coming. On Sunday the 27th, there will be a 3 PM Halloween program in the sanctuary. Costumes are welcome, as are all ages. Looking ahead, the handbell choir will be performing at least once in November. They are doing a great job learning new material and you will be hearing more from them.

Consider singing with the choir during Advent and Christmas. It's a lovely thing to do for yourself as well as for everyone else!

On December 22, we'll have our third annual Christmas carol sing-along. Plan to come!

Jonathan



ANYONE WHO ENJOYS CAROLING

The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Carol Sing-Along at 3:00 PM

Reception following in Fellowship Hall

Bring your voice and sing along or just sit and enjoy the break from your hectic holiday preparations.



News Notes of Presbyterian Women...

Nine ladies came to the November meeting. Discussion was held about the upcoming Holiday Fair and the pie baking a few days before. We thank all those who helped us. The ladies are proud to be part of the fair and to do the soup and chili sales as well. We have requests for certain soups every year which tells us that we sure have some great cooks in our congregation. Those who pre-ordered pies were able to pick them up at the Holiday Fair.

We went through the church membership list to put together a list of those who might appreciate a Christmas basket from the Ladies Association. Boxes to gather these items will be put by the office and in the Narthex. Think of what you might like to find in your basket and drop some items in there for those who cannot attend services. We will probably be delivering approximately twenty baskets (boxes), so please be generous with your donations. We will be packing them on December 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and would appreciate donations of cookies, muffins and bar cookies (like brownies) that day. If you can help deliver some of these, that would be helpful as well. Please come to Fellowship Hall to help the ladies on December 12. More information will be in the bulletins, if necessary.

The ladies will not be meeting in January or February, but will meet on December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. We know it is a busy time for all, but please do come join your sisters in faith for a lovely evening of fellowship.

Thank you.

Presbyterian Women's Association

ONGOING REMINDERS...

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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. There is a box for collection on the table in the Narthex or give them to Carol Gabella.

THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ONGOING!

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. See Mark Glasse' on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week. Any questions contact Mark at (845) 325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

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.

If you have church concerns you want to talk about to someone, please talk with Pastor Kingsley or a Session committee chairperson. The list of the committees and their chairs are below and on our website.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Linda Boardman	845-665-9545	Christian Education Committee
Brad McLeland	845-782-5273	Fellowship Committee
Scott Roper	914-426-8574	Finance and Administration Committee
Barbara Thompson	914-443-3741	Fundraising Committee
Lori Kilmer	845-692-0426	Mission Committee
Ken Phelan	845-986-3203	Outreach/Communications Committee
Sue Varden	845-649-7830	Personnel Committee
Brian Meek	845-294-2859	Property Management Committee
George Hankins	845-294-8410	Worship and Music Committee

POINSETTIAS to adorn our Sanctuary ORDERING DEADLINE DECEMBER 9

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 Sunday, December 22 and remain for the Christmas Eve candlelight service. One may take them home after the evening Christmas Eve 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 MONDAY**, **DECEMBER 9.** All orders must be accompanied with a check. Please complete the form below and submit with your payment of \$13.50 per plant made payable to the *First Presbyterian Church in Goshen* (put **Poinsettias** in the memo). You many send in your order, drop it off at the church office from Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., or put into the collection plate on Sunday.

Thank you for helping us honor Christmas with festive flowers!

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PAUL E. WRIGHT ORGAN FUND

Raffle winners are being announced daily on the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen Facebook page throughout the month of December. Come check it out to see if you are a winner!

The Avon Fundraiser is still ongoing. You many go to https://www.avon.com/fundraiser/pipeorgan to place your order. There is free shipping with a \$40 order. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Lisa Montalbano at 845-800-0819.

Thank you for your support! ~ Lisa Montalbano

A UNIQUE GIFT IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog is available now in Pat's office or on the table in the Narthex. It includes a range of gifts from \$25 and up that provide meaningful items for nourishment, income producing, and continued self preservation for our neighbors in need. They can be purchased in honor of a friend or family member. The catalog can also be viewed at website: presbyteriangifts.org or to order you can call 1-800-872-3283. The mission committee will be pooling money and choosing a gift this Christmas. This could be a lasting Christmas or birthday gift! If you need further help with this, call Diane Church at 845-294-5398.

A DEACON'S HOLIDAY FAIR THANK YOU II who helped make the Appual Holiday Fair a suc



Thanks to all of you who helped make the Annual Holiday Fair a success. We appreciated the help greening the church, setting up and breaking down the tables, the kitchen cooks, the bakers, the soup makers, the quilt docents and those who supplied their works of art, the volunteers who manned the tables, and all those who participated or

supported the event in any way. Many, many thanks to Lori Kilmer who was this year's organizer. Terrific job, Lori!

Most Grateful!

The Board of Deacons

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	Roger Tuthill	16	Linda Boardman
2	Joy Kissane		Marilyn Velzey
3	Fiona Keahon	19	William Person
4	Greg Sitler	20	Nancy Leech
5	Kari Taylor	23	Barbara Schust
6	Lisa Montalbano	25	Jennifer Serkes
9	Beryl Yungman		Wesley Sproul
	Christopher Misir		Mal Stewart
12	Bruce Crandall	27	Barbara Heiser
	Sadie Hankins		Kevan Ottochian
14	Rob Dickover		Kayla Farley
	Jeanette McDowell	29	Geri Corey
	Ken Skyer		Ethan Cox
15	Rachael Quick	30	Graham Glasse

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

- 12 Logan and Rachael Quick
- 17 Robert and Rebecca Boardman
- 18 Bruce and Jean Crandall
- 23 Bill and Gina Gruber
- 28 Jon and Deb Hourahan
- 29 Tom and Jeanette McDowell Greg and Deb Spencer

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 Join Us On Christmas Eve



The service begins at 6:30 p.m. with a program of holiday music followed by the Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols.

THANK YOU

As I sit in my new home waiting for the home in Goshen to sell, I have a lot of time to reflect on my past. What always comes to mind first, after my children and Cliff, is my church. We have been members of the First Presbyterian Church for 37 years, and I know there are many members who have been here much longer than us. I sit and think of how I could have done something better or maybe had taken more time to think things through. But as I reflect on the people, the pastors, and the friends we have made, I have to say we are very blessed. We feel honored to have been able to serve this church in many capacities and thankful for the members of the congregation to accept the many ideas I had come up with. Some have worked and some have not.

We want to thank our church for being there for us; for supporting us when we were ill and going through the issues with our water. We really appreciated it. There have been many ups and downs, as with any family, whether it be with church or personal. We all make mistakes and we are not perfect. I have to say that in this church we all know when to pull together and we do it well.

I would like to leave this thought with you as we go through this Thanksgiving, Christmas, and throughout the New Year to remember the awesome gifts that God has given us, to do the things we enjoy, the people we love, the places we can call home and worship. When we are asked to give of ourselves, whether it be time, talent or monetary, we need to remember how grateful we are for what God has provided.

Wishing you all a holiday season filled with love, peace, joy, family and friends.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Love, Peace, and Hugs,

Darlene and Clifford

I would like to thank Mark Glassé and the youth group for the box of goodies I received. It was an awesome surprise and I appreciate the kind words. You will always be in my heart.

Darlene



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 Alevras Ed Berry Sharlene Bischof

Ann (Strong) Blake Richard Brahs Children separated from their mothers at the border

Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla Linda Clark's brother, Bill DeBlock Barbara Cody
Peter Covne Jean and Bruce Crandall Matt Csernai

Jon Dollar Everyone serving in the Military James, Max, and Liam Feragola

Rosemary Joy

Mary Lee Farris and her sister Judy Fazio Charles Fritz

Charlene Gooden Barbara and George Hankins Kevin and Sara Hankins

Carol Hoffman Susan Johnson

Regina Kenny Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy Jeff Kott and Natalia

Brenda Kujawski The Kurdish People James Lowry
Karen Magee Kelly Magee Thrush Maggie and Quinn
Ruth Maney Evelyn Mercado Richard Montalbano
Kevin Murphy Eileen Myslinski Amy (Thompson) Nguye
Owen Dave Paffenroth Josephine Pecoraro

Carlos and Miarose Reyes Carolyn Reynolds Karen Saleski Tom Sawyer Mary Rita Schlagel Eva Sickler

Gary Smith Louise Spencer Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch

Christopher Tucker Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg

Charles Velzy Kenneth Van Etten The Wade Family

Jerry Westphal Sue Whitson Jo Wolfe

Orra 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.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

DECEMBER UPDATE Thanks to Our Friends!



We would like to thank our dedicated and concerned friends who attended the annual fundraiser concert for the Meditation Garden on November 9. Despite being few in number, we had a great evening of music and were able to raise \$1,000 towards the annual maintenance of this sacred space.

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. We will place an order when we have 10 requests (right now we only have one).

Consider a Donation to Support Your Meditation Garden

Your garden operates on 100% donations (not part of the church's operating budget). Consequently, any and all donations will be used to maintain and beautify your garden. Remember, eventually we will need to construct a 2nd and 3rd columbarium wall!

Only 4 Niches Remain Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment with three purchase options:

Payment in Full = \$2,800

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

18-Month Payment Option = \$180 / month for 18 months (\$3,240)

"Stewards of Our Garden"

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

The DECEMBER/early JANUARY Steward's Schedule:

Bill Eustance December 1 – December 15
Barbara and George Hankins December 16 – December 31

Bill Eustance January 1 – January 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 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
George Hankins	Mark Glassé	Linda Boardman
Deb Hourahan	Bill Hodges	Geri Corey
Barbara Thompson	Lori Kilmer	William Eustance
Sue Varden	Ken Phelan	Brad McLeland
Rob Warner	John Redman	Brian Meek
	Scott Roper	Rob Person

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Diane Church	Michael Coyne	Liese Boese
Carol Gabella	Allison Csernai	Margaret Dickover
Jane Geyer	Don Dinsmore	Jon Hourahan
Gina Gruber	Patrick Ellis	Jody Kopec
Mary Kopec	Paty Glassé	Logan Quick
Betty Lobb	Barbara Schust	Felicia Van Doran
Charlie von Pentz	George Schust	Mitch Weintraub

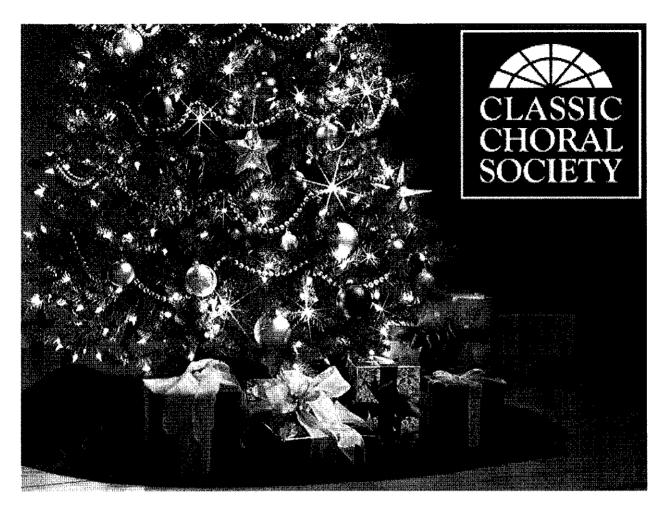
Co - Moderators of Deacons: Carol Gabella and Paty Glassé

Presbyterian Women:

STAFF

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9:30am - Church	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - Santa
9:30am - Worship/C	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	3:30pm - NAMI @ FH	10am - GAPNS @ FH	6:30pm - Bell Choir	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - NAMI @ B	1pm - AA @ B
10:30am - Deacons	6:30pm - PW	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - NA @ FH		8:30pm - AA @ B
	7pm - AA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B	7:30pm - Choir			
		6:30pm - NAMI @ B				
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10:30am - Coffee	5:30pm - Classic	10am - Bible Study	6:30pm - Bell Choir	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - Friday Night	1pm - AA @ B
11am - Mission	6:30pm - NA @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - OutReach	3pm - Christmas	6pm - NAMI @ B	5:30pm - Communit
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		6:30pm - NA @ B				
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11am - Fundraising		12:30pm - NA @ B		6pm - Food Pantry		
3pm - Carol Sing-a-		6:30pm - Christmas				
		6:30pm - NA @ B				
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Concerts at Christmastime

Choral Music for the Holiday Season

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4:00 PM*

First Presbyterian Church

33 Park Place | Goshen NY

*Audience is invited to enjoy a catered 'Meet & Greet' Reception Following the Goshen concert – Compliments of Mr. Alan D. Thompson

Sunday, Dec. 22 at 4:00 PM

United Church of Christ
2 Old Dominion Rd. | Blooming Grove NY

NO TICKETS NEEDED Like us on Facebook INFO: 845-713-4543
Visit www.ClassicChoralSociety.org

ADMISSION IS FREE Hear us on YouTube

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Someone Special

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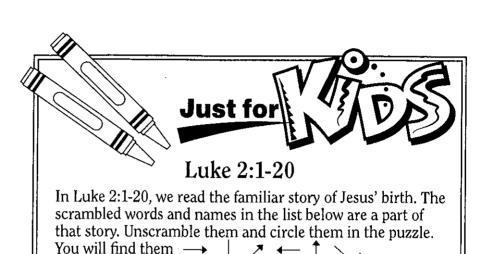
- ▲ a pie/wedge-shaped plastic container with lid
- ▲ an empty thread spool
- ▲ green felt
- ▲ brown felt
- ▲ craft glue
- ▲ scissors
- ▲ variety of trims beads, glitter, sequins, etc.
- ▲ nuts or candy



How to make:

- 1. Cut green felt to fit lid of container.
- 2. Glue in place.
- 3. Cut brown felt to cover spool.
- 4. Glue it on to spool.
- 5. Decorate "tree" with trim.
- 6. Glue "trunk" in place.
- 7. Let dry.
- 8. Fill with nuts or candy for a special gift.





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There will be 14 uncircled letters. Write them in order from top to bottom on the lines. They will spell a special message to you.

NAZARETHMADSR

Мепу Спізітая

Caesar, Manger, Calilee, Son, Birth, Atraid, Clory, Harth, Peace, Mary, Joseph, Judea, Census, Fields, David, Joy, Firstborn, Inn, Mazareth, Augustus, Shepherds, Bethlehem, Angel, Night, Born, Decree