Feb 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:30am - Church	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ FH	9am - AA @ FH	8am - GAPNS Book
9:30am - Worship/N	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - GAPNS Book	9am - GAPNS Book	9:30am - AA @ FH
10:30am - Coffee	7pm - AA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - Audubon	12:30pm - NA @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ FH	1pm - AA @ FH
1pm - Landon		6:30pm - NA @ FH		6pm - Food Pantry	6pm - NAMI @ FH	8:30pm - AA @ B
5pm - Girl Scouts @				6:30pm - Bell Choir		
				7:30pm - Choir		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Souper Bowl of	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9:30am - AA @ B
9:30am - Church	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food
9:30am - Worship/C	6:30pm - Girl Scout	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - Friday Night	1pm - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	7pm - AA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ FH		6:30pm - Bell Choir	6pm - NAMI @ B	5:30pm - Communit
11am - Deacon's	7:30pm - Book	6:30pm - NAMI @ FH		7pm - NA @ FH		8:30pm - AA @ B
				7:30pm - Choir		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am - Church	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	Valentine's Day	9am - AA @ B	Talent Show @ FH
9:30am - Worship/C	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - AA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - AA @ B
10:30am - Deacons	6pm - NA @ FH	10am - Bible Study	6:30pm - OutReach	9am - Inspire @ FH	6pm - NAMI @ B	1pm - AA @ B
11am - Mission	7pm - AA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	7:30pm - Committee	12:30pm - NA @ B		8:30pm - AA @ B
11:30am - Teen	7:30pm - Book	6:30pm - NA @ FH		6:30pm - Bell Choir		
5pm - Girl Scouts @		7:30pm - Getting		7:30pm - Choir		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Tower Tie Articles	Office Closed	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	Elder Retreat	Elder Retreat
9:30am - Worship/C	Presidents' Day	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	9am - AA @ B	9:30am - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	9am - AA @ B	12pm - Clergy Mtg.	6pm - Audubon	12:30pm - NA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	1pm - AA @ B
10:30am - Congrega	12:30pm - NA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B		6:30pm - Bell Choir	6pm - NAMI @ B	8:30pm - AA @ B
	7pm - AA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ FH		7:30pm - Choir		
	7:30pm - Book					
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
9:30am - Church	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	Set-up for Dinner	9:30am - AA @ B
9:30am - Worship/C	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	World Day of Prayer	1pm - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	7pm - AA @ B	10am - Bible Study	7:30pm - Session @	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - AA @ B	5pm - Chili Dinner @
5pm - Dinner Club	7:30pm - Book	12:30pm - NA @ B		6pm - Food Pantry	12:30pm - NA @ B	8:30pm - AA @ B
		6:30pm - NA @ FH		6:30pm - Bell Choir	6pm - NAMI @ B	
				7:30pm - Choir		

THE KID'S PAGE

Let Your Light



Make a heart-shaped candleholder for a special person.

You will need:

- wax paper to work on
- ♥ air-dry clay
- ♥ candle (6" or votive)
- **♥** paint
- ♥ paintbrushes
- ♥ glitter
- ♥ glue



How to make it:

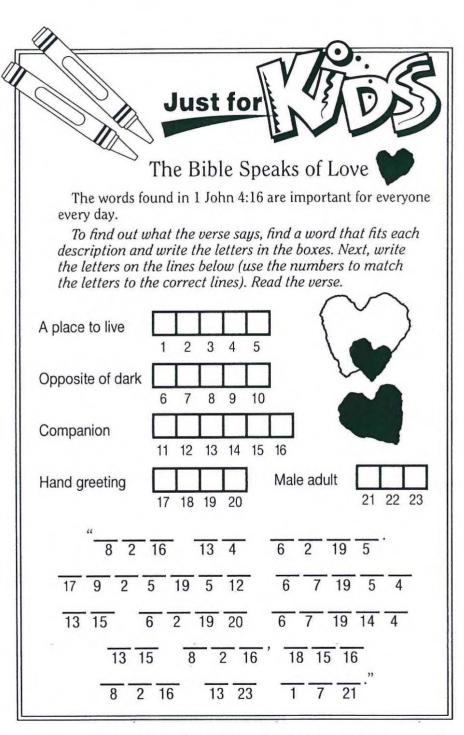
- Use the wax paper as a working surface.
- Mold a 3" ball of clay into the shape of a heart. (Make sure it will lie flat on the table.)
- ♥ Press the base of the candle into the center of the heart.
- Let the clay dry.
- Paint the heart and decorate with glitter.



Give your valentine to someone you love.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please don't light the candle unless there is an adult with you to help.



Answers: house; light; friend; wave; man; "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Hebrews 1:1–10

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands." (NRSV)

With a wide variety of scriptural allusions and rhetorical flourish, the letter to the Hebrews is an impressive work—even more so given that many scholars believe that it was written as a sermon to be shared among churches. Little is known about this author or the communities to which he or she intended this letter to circulate, but hints within the wider text seem to suggest that it comes from the "second generation" of Christianity, meaning after the ministries of Paul and the twelve disciples. It was a difficult time period for Christians, one that saw the beginning of persecutions under Nero and a painful fracturing of the relationship between Jews and Christians as the first century came to a close.

With this context in mind, the letter's beautiful opening takes on additional layers of meaning. Using language that is reminiscent of John's Gospel, the author quotes numerous psalms to emphasize that Jesus is more than just a messenger (an angel) of God; he is heir to the kingdom, creator, sustainer, and the exact imprint of God's being. As the world around these early Christian communities became increasingly hostile and dangerous, the author emphasizes Christ's lordship as a means of comfort and promise.

Through Christ, we have direct access to—and a new relationship with—God. However, this changed relationship with God was not only meaningful for that community; it remains one of the hallmarks of this Epiphany season we are currently in. So as we continue to celebrate Christ's manifestation of God's great promises, may we too be comforted and challenged by our close relationship with God through Christ.

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes

Happy Valentine's Day! We have finally put Christmas back in boxes for next year, the last cookies have been eaten, the scented candles are down to stubs, and dieting has begun.

As the sun starts to return, we color the days with pink and red hearts. We may also observe Candlemas, February 2, a day when lit candles are a tradition (as is eating crepes!). There's more to that day than Punxsutawney Phil.

Ash Wednesday isn't until March, but Lent is coming, and the choir and handbell choir are gearing up. Consider joining one or both ensembles! It's a wonderful ministry and you'll work with some of our very best and hardest-working members.

If you would like to share musical talent on Sunday, please let me know and we will work something out. I'd love to have you play or sing.

A fun program is coming up on the 16th in Fellowship Hall—read all about it and ask Bill Keller or Jody Kopec any questions you may have!

Other programs are coming this spring, including a nature-themes program by your very own Powers and Hall duo. Organ, harpsichord, piano, sax, clarinet, flute—all singing the joys of God's creation in recital.

The roof needs fixing, and so does the organ. Your generosity is stunning, and also very necessary to our continuation. Let's think of our upcoming anniversary as the <u>first</u> three hundred years.

Jonathan



NOTES FROM the Presbyterian Women's Association...

ATTENTION ALL YOU THRIFT STORE/GARAGE SALE/BARGAIN HUNTING SOULS!

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

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS - A Mission Opportunity

Comfort, Warmth, Compassion

A CWS blanket can provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care.

From January – June 2018, 19,201 blankets were distributed in United States alone.

CWS envelopes will be in the church bulletin on January 27 and February 3, 2019. Kindly put your donation in the envelope (or use the special offering envelopes in the pews) and place in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to "First Presbyterian Church in Goshen" and write "CWS Blankets" in the memo section.

Every dollar donated will make a difference. Whether you donate a dollar or one hundred or more, all money will go towards the purchase of the \$10.00 CWS blankets.

BOOK STUDY

We are very excited that Pastor Kingsley will be leading our next book study!

We will be exploring a book called, "Saving Jesus From the Church" by Robin R. Myers. We will meet on Mondays starting February 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. We hope you can make time in your busy lives to be part of this study. You can join us even if you can't make every week.

Please contact Paty and Mark Glasse' with any questions or to let us know you are interested in joining this discussion and to buy a copy of the book. We need an idea of how many people will be participating.

mpglasse@optonline.net

845-325-4439 (Mark's cell)

845-325-5229 (Paty's cell)

DINNER CLUB AT THE LANDMARK INN

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR DINNER AT THE LANDMARK INN Route 94 Warwick, New York

Sunday, February 24, 2019 5:00 p.m.

\$30.00 per person includes tax and gratuities Cash bar

APPETIZER:

Assorted Hors-d'Oeuvres
Salad with House Dressing

CHOICE OF ENTRÉES:

Pan Roasted Boneless Frenched Breast of Chicken with a Wild Mushroom Madiera Wine Sauce

Sauteed Filet of Sole with a Lemon Tarragon Sauce

Grilled NY Sirloin with a Gorganzola Crust and Port Wine Demi Glace

All served with fresh vegetable medley, rice and potatoes

DESSERT:

Choice of three from the dessert menu

coffee, tea, or soda

Contact Linda Clark (283-2122) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652) for reservations.

MIDNIGHT RUN

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Our next Midnight Run will be an evening run on SATURDAY MARCH 30th.

I know we have all gotten into our post holiday mode and are only concerned with staying warm and dry; but I'm hoping you will take a few moments to consider how you might give thanks for your many blessings and find a little time to help our homeless brothers and sisters in New York City as the winter progresses.

As always, the jobs are many; we will need volunteers to:

donate food supplies (see specific list below)

donate clothes, underwear, socks, gently worn hand-me-downs (especially in men's sizes; shirts, jeans, sneakers, jackets, flannel shirts, sweats

help organize donations prior to/after each run (**the week of**) drive to NYC or ride along to help at the various NYC stops

and/or to donate \$ if you can't help with any of the above or below

Specifically we will need:

Hard Boiled Eggs (12 Dozen) Maureen Johnson
SOUP (homemade or can) enough for 150 servings

Styrofoam cups for coffee and soup (300 count) Darlene
Coffeemate (powdered cream) Darlene

Coffee (2 lbs.) Darlene (women's closet)

Black lawn/leaf bags (39 gal.) 150 count

Sugar pkts./Sweet 'N Lo pkts. Darlene
Long white sandwich bread (300 slices)

Sandwich baggies 300 count Peanut butter (1 large, creamy)

Gallon baggies 300 count Jelly (1 large jar)

Plastic spoons 250 count Sliced deli turkey (6 lbs.)
Napkins 250 count Darlene Sliced deli ham (6 lbs.)
Paper towels 3 rolls Sliced deli cheese (5 lbs.)

Goodie Bags: Halloween size candy; chips, single pkg. juice boxes, trail mix Fresh fruit (apples or oranges or boxed raisins (150 count)

We will also need travel size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes, combs, body wash, washcloths, small tissue packs for men and women)

If you can help with any of the above, please leave a note in collection plate, contact Wendy Bynum-Wade at 845-294-0583 or at wendybynumwade@gmail.com

First Presbyterian membership is NOT a requirement for service; all that is needed is a willing heart to help individuals far less fortunate than any of us. Invite your friends and family members; helping with any of the components of our efforts will satisfy community service hours needed for high school/college (we can provide documentation for any school district). By the way, it's also a great way to have fun while earning a warm and fuzzy feeling for doing something so worthwhile. Members of other churches (or groups within those churches) are welcome and encouraged to join us as well. Why should Presbyterians have all the fun? Many hands will make light work. Please pass the word!

With heartfelt thanks and a grateful heart,

Wendy Bynum-Wade

Midnight Run Coordinator

wendybynumwade@gmail.com

845-294-0583 (home) 845-629-4324 (cell) You can text any time; but please identify yourself in the text. If I don't have your cell in my contact list, I won't know who responded.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	Grover von Pentz	14	Laura Colacci
3	Kat Kingsley		Andrea von Pentz
4	Todd Countryman		Doug Wade
	Garfield Clark	16	Cliff Bartley
	Arlete Shaeffer		Robyn Farley
5	Morgan Case	20	Beth Phelan
10	Linda Clark		Anne Tuthill
12	Jo Wolfe	21	Jack Calzaretta
13	Alice Kwiecinski	24	Mackenzie Sproul
			Amber Countryman

HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES TO:



9 Mike and Allison Csernai14 Sean and Janet Linton

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.

TEEN VOICES COOKING DAY

Teen Voices will be cooking together after coffee hour on February 10th. We will prepare a delicious meal together and share it. We hope all the teens will be there and bring a friend! Please let us know if you can join us.

Paty and Mark Glasse'

MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

We had a great informational meeting on Sunday January 13th on the Bridges to Community trip to the Dominican Republic. The executive director from Bridges to Community joined us and gave us insight into the trip that is coming up in July 2019. It should be an exciting trip! (We may even have indoor showers!)

Those that are interested will need to reserve their spot with a \$200 deposit by the end of February.

What to do now? Make sure your passport is up to date as we will need it to book flights. Check with your doctor to determine if you need any vaccinations. Up to date tetanus shot is a must!









FEBRUARY 3, 2019

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3 tens of millions of people will enjoy the warmth of friendship and the satisfaction of food and drink while watching the Super Bowl football game on television. Unfortunately, at the same time, countless other people will feel cold air against their flesh and hunger within their stomachs. An effort has been born that seeks to transform the Super Bowl into a "Souper Bowl" for the needy. The "Souper Bowl" is a unique interdenominational effort to glorify God and care for our brothers and sisters in need.

Here's how it works: please give five dollars & one canned good as you leave worship on the weekend of the Super Bowl.

Youth from your congregation will collect the money and canned goods and then send the contributions DIRECTLY to the Goshen Ecumenical Pantry. Congregations across the nation are then asked to call "Souper Bowl" headquarters with the results of their efforts so that totals can be promptly determined and released. (Congregations, please call John Strobl at 294-9004 with your totals; he will report the totals to the "Souper Bowl" headquarters for the Food Pantry).

Here's some background: the effort began in a Columbia, SC church in 1990. That year \$5,700 was raised in Columbia. Last Year 3,787 congregations across the nation raised \$8,151,341. The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry raised \$3,635.

Please join in partnership as we seek to *Love the Lord our God...and Love our neighbors...* in this simple yet significant way.

Goshen Ecumenical Pantry, Inc.

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GOSHEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ST. JOHN A.U.M.P. CHURCH

SHEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM





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 AlevrasRon and Kathy AlevrasEd BerryAnn (Strong) BlakeSarah BohlingSusie BohlingMarilyn BorthTommy, Amy, and Makayla BrahsJohn Burleson

Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla Linda Di Meo Everyone serving in the Military

James, Max, and Liam Feragola Mary Lee Farris and her sister Judy Fazio

Esther Glassé Matthew Gould Barbara and George Hankins

Kevin and Sara HankinsGeorgia HickeyKris HillSusan JohnsonJosephRosemary JoyThe Keahon FamilyRegina KennyDavid KingsleyLinda KochMary Kopec's cousin, CathyJeff Kott and Natalia

Brenda Kujawski Margo Kumpf James Lowry Karen Magee Kelly Magee Thrush Ruth Maney

Evelyn Mercado Bob Montalbano Richard Montalbano

Eileen Myslinski Amy (Thompson) Nguye Dean Oberg

Josephine PecoraroRichard PaulusCarlos and Miarose ReyesNatalie RogerMarge (Chasen) RolenJennifer Serkes and Family

Tom Sawyer Gary Smith Louise Spencer

Peggy Srirach Kathy Stringer Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch
Lise Suenson Christopher Tucker Danny Tucker and Family

Cindy VanderplaatKenneth Van EttenJune VautinThe Wade FamilySue WhitsonJo WolfeAnne Wood's brother-in-law DennisSandra WoodOrra Wood

Vicki Yost

(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

FEBRUARY UPDATE



Memorial Pavers

Bundle up and enjoy the serene Meditation Garden in the heart of winter.

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.

Prayerfully Consider a Donation to the Meditation Garden

You 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!

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 FEBRUARY/EARLY MARCH Steward's Schedule:

Beryl Yungman February 1 – February 14
Barbara and George Hankins February 15 – February 28

Bill Eustance March 1 – March 15

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

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

YOU can be a Steward of Our Garden on any day of the week!

It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, sweep a few pavers clean, or gather a few leaves and you too can help keep YOUR garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our 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	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Linda Boardman	Darlene Bartley	Mark Glassé
Geri Corey	George Hankins	Bill Hodges
William Eustance	Deb Hourahan	Lori Kilmer
Brad McLeland	Barbara Thompson	Ken Phelan
Brian Meek	Sue Varden	John Redman
Malcolm Stewart	Rob Warner	Scott Roper

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Liese Boese	Diane Church	Michael Coyne
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Jon Hourahan	Jane Geyer	Don Dinsmore
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Jody Kopec	Mary Kopec	Paty Glassé
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