

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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## Music Notes...



I recently spoke with Jake Dowgewicz, our contact person at Austin Organs in Hartford. As always, he was accessible, cheerful, and forthcoming with information.

Bear in mind that Austin has been hit like everybody else, and is running slowly and trying to catch up. Despite that, they have a console for us. It is a vintage 1931 console, beautifully built and ready for complete rewiring and keyboard refurbishments. The hope is that the reeds of the organ (the Oboe, Clarinet, Tuba, etc.) will go out sometime early this year for their cleaning and rebuilding. After 90 years, they are tired, and reed pipes are delicate and do need attention eventually. The console will be fitted with the correct drawknobs for our stoplist, and prepared for the massive rewiring project that awaits.

When all is said and done, the organ will be back to its full 1931 specifications. Every stop will be usable again for the first time in about fifteen years. It will sound better than it has in almost a century. We are foregoing expensive "bells and whistles" in favor of integrity. When it comes to digital devices, my attitude is more or less "bah humbug."

Still, the instrument will have flexibility. We will have space to add mixtures, which we will want to do at some point. We could add a digital package if we wanted. No options will be ruled out, foreclosed, or engineered out of possibility. The key in organ restoration is flexibility, modularity, modifiability, and reversibility.

As to a timeline, it's very hard to say right now, again for obvious reasons. Their hope is to begin sometime in the coming months, as soon as schedule, shop space, personnel, and everything else permit.

I wish I could give you an exact date. Please be assured things are moving ahead, and are "on schedule." Remember schedules?

I appreciate seeing some of you on Sunday mornings. Worship is quiet, but meaningful. Online worship continues, and I assure you I am not giving up on choir or handbells.

Yesterday (as I write this), Bill and I went up to Herkimer County, where we have often visited. Every time it seems there is one restaurant fewer, one more empty shop, one more "for rent" sign. Things were precarious enough before 2020, and the people there really need your prayers now. So do your neighbors, and so does your church!

My mother used to say, "He never promised us a rose garden." How true. But let's remember that where there are thorns today, there may be blossoms tomorrow. Live for that, and keep weeding!

Thanks again for all of your support.

Jonathan

## **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**

### **HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

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

### **HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES TO:**

9	Mike and Allison Csernai
14	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.*

~ **Congratulations to Kaeli and Dan Jones** on the birth of their son, Zachary James on January 17, 2021. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. He joins brother, Cameron. The proud grandma is Sue Varden.

### **Preachers for February**

February 7	CRE, Anne Wood
February 14	CRE, Edgar Hayes
February 21	Rev. Peter Surgenor
February 28	CRE, Lynn Costa

## **THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

### **2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

You can pick-up your 2021 offering envelopes on the table in the Narthex. If you don't see a box with your name on it and would like one, contact Deb Hourahan at 914-850-4833 or email her at debhourahan@yahoo.com



## **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  
Janet Begnoche  
Robert Clooney  
Jean and Bruce Crandall  
James, Max, and Liam Feragola  
Charles Fritz  
Charlene Gooden  
Susan Johnson  
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy  
Maria Kurt  
James Magee  
Richard Montalbano  
Amy (Thompson) Nguye  
Josephine Pecoraro  
Karen Saleski  
Mary Rita Schlagel  
Gary Smith  
Christopher Tucker  
Kenneth Van Etten  
Jo Wolfe

Susan Ambrsino  
Ann (Strong) Blake  
Barbara Cody  
Dori Dodson  
Mary Lee Farris and her sister  
Carol Gabella's nephew, Frank  
Barbara and George Hankins  
Rosemary Joy  
Jeff Kott and Natalia  
Patricia Lawlor  
Kelly Magee Thrush  
Kevin Murphy  
Owen  
Carlos and Miarose Reyes  
Tom Sawyer  
Eva Sickler  
Louise Spencer  
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg  
Sam Wallis  
Orra Wood

Linda and Tom Chiappardi  
Richard Brahs  
Peter Coyne  
Everyone serving in the Military  
Judy Fazio  
The Family of Ed Garling  
Kevin and Sara Hankins  
Regina Kenny  
Brenda Kujawski  
Maggie and Quinn  
Evelyn Mercado  
Eileen Myslinski  
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth  
Carolyn Reynolds  
Matt Skyer  
The Family of Fred Smith  
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch  
Jerry Westphal  
Linda Clark's nephew, Sean Zwart

***(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 2021**

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 **270** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2021 is \$38.83**, which is a total of **\$10,484.10** to be taken from our operating budget. 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. We ask that you pay this by February 1, 2021. Thanks for doing your share.



## Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

### **FEBRUARY UPDATE**

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As the cold brings us snow, the Meditation Garden brings us peace and tranquility.  
Bundle up and enjoy the deafening sounds of silence...

#### 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 (as of now we only have one order).

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#### **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)

***We will need to consider constructing a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> columbarium wall soon.  
The estimated cost for these two new walls is \$40,000+.***

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#### **“Stewards of Our Garden”**

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

##### **The FEBRUARY/early MARCH Steward's Schedule:**

Bill Eustance	February 1 – February 14
Barbara and George Hankins	February 15 – February 28
Bill Eustance	March 1 – March 15

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### **CALLING ANY & ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

***“Helping Hands” are always welcome. Contact Pat in the church office to sign-up and be added to our Stewards schedule.***

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Call the church office (845-294-7991) 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 2021**

**Mark Glassé  
George Hankins  
Bill Hodges  
Lori Kilmer  
Ken Phelan  
Scott Roper**

### **Class of 2022**

**Linda Boardman  
Geri Corey  
William Eustance  
Deb Hourahan  
Brad McLeland  
Brian Meek  
Rob Person**

### **Class of 2023**

**Nancy Buckley  
Jennifer Ellis  
Kevan Ottochian  
Kenneth Skyer  
Sue Varden**

**Clerk of Session: Sue Varden**

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **Class of 2021**

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

### **Class of 2022**

**Liese Boese  
Margaret Dickover  
Jon Hourahan  
Jody Kopec  
Logan Quick  
Felicia Van Doran  
Mitch Weintraub**

### **Class of 2023**

**Diana Bowe  
Jane Geyer  
Gina Gruber  
Carolyn Keller  
Mary Kopec  
Jonathan Laskoski  
Cheryl Zis**

**Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller**

## **STAFF**

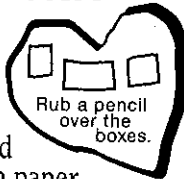
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# THE KID'S PAGE

## Make a Valentine for Someone Special

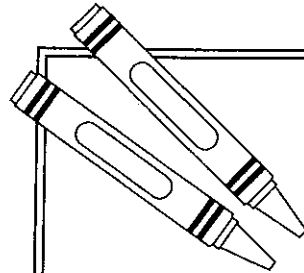
You will need:

- ♥ a sheet of red construction paper
- ♥ a sheet of white copier paper
- ♥ glue or a glue stick
- ♥ scissors
- ♥ pencil
- ♥ red marker
- ♥ fine-point black marker



How to make it:

1. Cut a large heart out of the red paper.
2. Using the leftover scraps, cut out letters (about 1 inch high) to spell "I LOVE YOU" or "GOD LOVES YOU." Glue the letters in the center of the heart.
3. Cut a heart out of the white paper. Make it about 1 inch smaller than the red one.
4. Glue the white heart on top of the red one so that a 1 inch red border shows and the letters are covered.
5. Feel where the red letters are under the white paper and draw a box around each word using the red marker. Below the last box write: Rub a pencil over the boxes to find a special message!
6. Sign your name.



Just for

# KIDS

## A Message of Love

*Luke 10:27 has a wonderful message to live by.*

Find the message by writing the opposite words next to the ones given. Then transfer the letters to the numbered lines they match below.

cool    1 2 3 4  
under    5 6 7 8  
out    9 10  
large    11 12 13 14 15  
quiet    16 17 18 19

soft    20 21 22 23  
old    24 25 26 27 28  
after    29 30 31 32 33 34  
false    35 36 37 38

" 14 5 6 7 35 20 7 15 17 36 23 24 5 18 8 28 17 23  
1 9 35 20 2 16 14 24 5 18 3 20 7 13 8 35 2 10 23  
1 9 35 20 13 14 16 24 17 37 36 11 5 18 14 2 27 19  
1 9 35 20 21 15 16 24 17 18 36 11 35 3 30 10 28 35 20  
2 10 23 1 9 35 20 21 14 15 24 5 37 8 4 9 10 23;  
21 27 23, " 16 32 6 7 24 5 18 22 10 34 9 28 20 29 17 33  
13 11 24 25 26 22 11 7 14 31 "



Answer:  
warm; over; in; small; loud; hard; young; before; true; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind," and, "love your neighbor as yourself."