

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” John 14:27

“Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? Matthew 6:27

Jesus taught, “Do not worry...can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” Worry, for us, has become a national pastime. We worry over everything from the cleanliness of our homes to the state of the economy. While some of our worries are justified, most of our worries never come to pass. We spend hours fretting over what we fear may happen, and then, so often, it never happens. Instead of adding an hour to our lives, through our worrying, probably most of us have succeeded in taking an hour from our lifespan!

When Jesus said, “Do not worry,” he said it because he knew we all worry. And knowing this, he taught us how to become free from the grip of worry. The point of his teaching is that worry isn’t to be the center of our lives; it isn’t to be the core out of which we live and make decisions. The implication in his teaching is that the core of our lives is to be rooted in trust: trusting life, trusting God, trusting time. Of course, you and I know that this is exactly the opposite of what we are trained to believe by our culture, our entertainment, our media, our schools, and our workplaces. We are taught and even bombarded with the messages that time is running out; don’t trust the stranger or even your neighbor; danger is everywhere. Jesus taught us that the antidote to fear and worry is trust. Trust opens the soul; worry closes and batters it.

Fear is the sibling of worry. Its causes are the same as worry’s, but it is more potent. Notice how many times Jesus said, “Do not be afraid.” He knew the power that fear could have in our hearts. When he taught, “Do not be afraid,” again he did not mean to not experience fear. We will all experience fear in our lives. He meant that fear isn’t to be the place or core out of which we live or make our decisions about life. In other words, fear is not to be the root of our lives. Worry and fear are two highly charged emotions that are helpful in short, tight spots, but they were never meant to be “on” all the time.

So what does Jesus teach us to do? He calls us to trust. To trust in him, in God, and in the life God has so freely given to us. Trust is a verb, and here it also means to find the balance point in our lives so that when worry and fear are with us, we aren’t undone by them. Trust, as Jesus teaches it, is about realizing that we aren’t alone in our lives as if we were Atlas and had to hold the whole thing up by ourselves. Trust in God is what gives us balance in life. Trust lets us respond to the world we live in, with all of its fearful events, without losing our sense of wholeness in Christ. Trust is knowing that at the center of all things is the heart and love of God. When that trust sinks into our lives in real ways, then we begin to trust God for our time on this good earth. We begin to feel a bit of courage and the slow opening of our hearts to others.

Coming to this place of trust, in which we can hold fear and worry but not be overcome by it, may take some people years. For others, it may happen next week. Either way, we are called by Jesus to risk this journey to trust, in faith. For the place of trust is where balance happens in our lives. It is where the wholeness that God calls us to in life is found. It is where our worries and fears are overcome by our experiences of God’s presence in our lives. And all of this stands in full opposition to what we are led to believe by so many others. When trust is at the center of our lives, the tables are turned and the power of God in us and around us becomes the core of our very being. That’s why Jesus could say to us, “Be not afraid. I am with you.”

In Christ’s love
Pastor Kingsley

JANUARY ALLOWS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO GROW IN OUR HEARTS

It was a snowy, stormy Christmas week this year. Mother Nature often has plans that do not coincide with ours, so we yield and do our best under whatever circumstances in which we find ourselves.

We have received the Light of Christ on Christmas morning. His incarnation is complete. Our task now, as we move into the new year of 2010, is to allow this light to grow in each of us, to bring it forth into the world, and to illumine our path as we live each day. Can others see the Light of Christ in us? How can we make a difference in others' lives? How can we bring forth peace in our fractured world?



In Judaism and Christianity, a white dove is generally a sign for peace. Noah released a dove after the Great Flood in order to find land. The dove returned, carrying an olive branch in its beak, telling Noah that the flood had receded and there was land once again for man. The dove in flight bearing an olive branch is a motif representing "hope for peace" and even a peace offering from one to another, as in the phrase "extend an olive branch." Often, the dove is represented as still

in flight to remind the viewer of its role as a messenger of peace. How can we as Christians be messengers of peace to a broken world? Can we bear the olive branch and extend it to others? This Christmas gift from God, the gift of His Son, comes with a responsibility. Let us reflect on what we can do to live peace, to be peace, to spread it in our everyday lives.

We move through January with the celebration of Epiphany on Sunday, January 3 (it actually falls on Wednesday, January 6—twelve days after Christmas), a feast day on which we commemorate the coming of the Wise Men to present their gifts to the Christ child. They recognized his divinity and responded with gifts of gratitude. Can we do no less in response to the birth of Christ in our hearts?



Our music ministry program continues as we live through the darkness and cold of winter. We will rejoice and sing our way through the winter, bringing joy and lifting spirits as we come together in our corporate worship on Sunday mornings. We hope you will be there to support the choir with your presence as we lead the congregation in song and combine our voices in making a "joyful noise."

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



HABITAT CHILI CHALLENGE: The Mission Committee has decided to have a chili contest as a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. First, we'll have a trial run in January within the church. Cooks will enter their best chili efforts, and the congregants get to vote on which is the best. Then, in a future month, we'll open our "spicy" contest to the outside—all churches in the area and the fire departments.

So begin thinking about making your family's favorite chili (that they all claim is the best), or look for a fantastic new recipe. The Chili Challenge will be a lot of fun! Lori Turner is the chair of this "tantalizing" contest. The date will be announced soon.

A special thank you to Reverend Kingsley, the Women's Association, and the Congregation for all the kindness and help given during our recent bereavement.

The Johnson and Lee Families

Thank you to all who donated their time and wonderful talents to the Presby-Crafters table at the craft fair in November. The table was quite busy, and we made a grand total of \$415.10, which is earmarked for the restoration of the Tiffany windows in the sanctuary. Nice job, ladies!

Lori Turner

Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Giving Tree this year. Over fifty presents (including lots of clothes, coats, and even two bikes!) were delivered. Every Christmas, the Salvation Army serves over eight hundred children in our area. They really appreciate the generosity of our congregation. THANK YOU!

I would like to take the time to thank all of the deacons for their hard work, encouragement, and support this past year. You have made the moderator's position that much easier for me. When I was offered my position, I wanted to do my best and give it my all. Throughout this past year, I have had a lot of curveballs thrown my way, and through it all, I must say that all of you picked up where I could not. You did what needed doing and did a fine job of it. I have a lot yet to learn as a deacon and look forward to gaining that knowledge with all of you by my side. May this year to come be filled with all the best for each of you!

Lori Turner

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Thank you to all of the volunteers and families who attended Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5. We hope that you enjoyed yourselves and that you will join us again next year for this wonderful event. Special thanks to Grover vonPentz and the kitchen volunteers who helped to prepare the delicious breakfast. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

With sincere appreciation,
Kathy Stringer and Rachael Quick, Co-chairs

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (PW) **NEWS NOTES**

We will be having a community dinner on March 13 at the church, and the theme will be "St. Patrick's Day." More information will be available as the date gets closer.

We will be taking a break during the bad weather, but we'll resume again in March with enthusiasm and plans for an exciting spring.

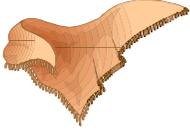
Meeting Dates for 2010

March 1

April 5

May 3

June 7



HUG HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our prayer shawl ministry continues to grow and flourish, but we are in need of your help to keep moving forward. Since February is the "*month of love*" with Valentine's Day, we are asking each of you to do something for us, so that the love can continue flowing from our church doors. It takes approximately fifteen to eighteen ounces of yarn to make a nice-sized shawl or a lap robe, and we are hoping that each person in the church would buy just one skein for the ministry. Now, you don't have to make it...just supply us with some nice acrylic yarn, and we will do the work.

We are challenging each member or visitor that comes to our services to bring just *one skein of yarn* (color of your choice) in the month of February. That gives you twenty-eight days to purchase a skein of yarn. We will collect them all and then the challenge of the shawl ministry will be to create wonderful and colorful shawls to distribute to those who need hugs. Just think, each time we get three skeins of yarn, we will be able to help someone who needs a little love. The more yarn we collect, the more hugs that will leave our church doors. Of course, our ladies will be working their magic hooks to get the job done, but it is a pleasure for all of us. Up to this point, over 425 hugs have been distributed from Goshen, and we want to get to the 500 mark before December of 2010.

We will have several collection baskets in the church in February for the yarn. You are not limited to one skein each, either, if a family might want to donate more than that. We will take *all we can get*. Yarns can be purchased at stores such as Walmart, Target, AC Moore, Michaels, and Jo-Ann Fabrics, among others. Colors aren't important, as each color represents something. For example, blue is *healing*, green is *hope*, pink is *friendship*, red is *love*, white is *peace*, yellow is *happiness*, and so forth. We usually find wonderful combinations of colors in which to make the shawls so that each is unique. No two are ever exactly alike.

So, take the challenge, buy a skein of yarn, bring it to church in February, and help us to continue to spread some love. We will sincerely appreciate your support.

Consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth
Journal Keeper, Prayer Shawl Ministry

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:



<i>Vince Ahrens</i>	<i>Jefferson Billings</i>	<i>Lorraine Boardman</i>
<i>Karen and Paige Brooks</i>	<i>Janice Broderick</i>	<i>Haley Buckley</i>
<i>Sarah Burrows</i>	<i>Cheryl Campbell and Family</i>	<i>Mary Carr</i>
<i>Barbara Caruso</i>	<i>Susan Caslick</i>	<i>Nancy Chase</i>
<i>Jessica Chasen</i>	<i>Dan Conley</i>	<i>Grace Cook</i>
<i>Ethan Cox</i>	<i>Bruce and Jean Crandall</i>	<i>Phyllis Cummings</i>
<i>Sylvester Damiani</i>	<i>The Family of Tom Dawson</i>	<i>Mary DeFreece</i>
<i>Bob Dennis</i>	<i>Amy DePew</i>	<i>Joshua DePew</i>
<i>Joe Destefano</i>	<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>	<i>Pat Farley</i>
<i>Kevin Fenner</i>	<i>Judy Hankins Feragola</i>	<i>Steve Fischbein</i>
<i>Ben Fisher</i>	<i>Gabby</i>	<i>Fran Genovese</i>
<i>The George Family</i>	<i>Ann Graham</i>	<i>Mary Gray Griffith</i>
<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>	<i>David Jacks</i>
<i>Carl Johnson and Family</i>	<i>Kay Kent</i>	<i>Carolyn Keller's father</i>
<i>The Family of Brian Kilpatrick</i>	<i>Kim</i>	<i>Carol Kingsley</i>
<i>Evelyn Kingsley</i>	<i>Lyndsay Krutki</i>	<i>Charles Li</i>
<i>Margaretta Macica</i>	<i>The Family of Melissa Martucci</i>	<i>The Family of Anita McCarthy</i>
<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>	<i>Jeff Monroe</i>	<i>Lisa and Bob Montalbano</i>
<i>Richard Mudrick and Family</i>	<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>	<i>Richard Nash</i>
<i>Toni Neidel's mother</i>	<i>Steven Neil</i>	<i>Nina and Jason</i>
<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguyen</i>	<i>Janet Oberg</i>	<i>Ann Ott</i>
<i>Amy Pemberton</i>	<i>Peter</i>	<i>The Family of Marina Petersen</i>
<i>The Family of Madeline Pillmeier</i>	<i>Jack Richner</i>	<i>Trudi Roach</i>
<i>Robyn</i>	<i>Dorothy Rose</i>	<i>Kevin Ross</i>
<i>Robert Ruckdeschel</i>	<i>Ted Sandstrom</i>	<i>Kevin Schuler</i>
<i>Fred Schwarz</i>	<i>Barbara Scott and Family</i>	<i>Dorothy Sevcik</i>
<i>Marguerite Shaw</i>	<i>Walter and Louise Spencer</i>	<i>Peggy Srirach</i>
<i>The Smith Family</i>	<i>Bill and Jean Strong</i>	<i>Shawn Thatcher</i>
<i>Braiden Thew</i>	<i>Judy Thompson</i>	<i>George Tietz</i>
<i>Donna Totton</i>	<i>Brenda Travers</i>	<i>Lori Turner</i>
<i>Kim Valentini and Family</i>	<i>Kenya VanZandt</i>	<i>Wendy Bynum-Wade and Family</i>
<i>Jean Wade</i>	<i>Molly Wanat</i>	<i>Orra and Dale Wood</i>
<i>Paul and Phyla Wright</i>	<i>Judy and Wayne Yendall</i>	<i>Cheryl and Rebecca Zis</i>

(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.)

2009 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 10, 2010.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2010.

There will be a potluck luncheon. Watch the bulletin for more details.

FUNDRAISING

Within a few days, the Fundraising Committee will meet to focus on our upcoming plans to raise some money, primarily for the restoration and repairs of our church with an emphasis on the windows. In the planning stages is a new event, which is to have a dinner and dance on June 5 at the Hall of Fame of the Trotter. The annual Tricky Tray Tea will be held on April 10 at the C.J. Hooker Middle School. We will also begin to plan for the 2010 Great American Weekend. So a busy time is ahead! We certainly welcome new people to help us out with all of this! Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to join our committee. I can be reached at 294-8206.

The Breakfast with Santa was a successful event. Kathy Stringer and Rachael Quick did a wonderful job of planning and running that event. THANK YOU, Kathy and Rachael, for a job well done! I also thank ALL of you who helped make Breakfast with Santa such a nice morning for many children and their families!

Loretta Richner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday school Christmas pageant was held on December 20. It was beautifully done! Congratulations to Susan Pierce, the Sunday school's staff, and all of our children, who performed so well for us! Seeing and hearing our children sing and say their speaking parts is always a heart-warming experience. Thank you, boys and girls, for doing a GREAT job!

Loretta Richner

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2010

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 2010 is \$26.51***, which is a total of ***\$9,225.48*** 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. **Thanks for doing your share.**

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please don't forget to pick up your 2010 offering envelopes on the table in the Narthex. If you don't find a box with your name and you would like envelopes, contact Nancy Smith at 360-5082.

EXTRA MILE GIVING TREE

Our Extra Mile Giving Tree still stands in the Narthex and continues to be a great source of giving opportunity for many of our members and friends. Check out the Giving Tree located on the table by the front entrance and make your donation toward a special project of your choice. There are envelopes beneath the tree and can be used to either mail back to the church or place in the offering plate. **Thanks for you support.**

Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10b

NEWS ABOUT MISSION OPPORTUNITIES IN 2010

The First Presbyterian Church of Goshen, through its Mission Committee, is arranging two opportunities for members of its congregation to volunteer in the United States in 2010.

A church work team will be organized to help rebuild and restore homes in New Orleans, where the needs are immense as a result of the 2008 hurricanes that hit the Gulf Coast. Working through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, and partnering with the Presbytery of South Louisiana, the work team will stay at Olive Tree Presbyterian Volunteer Village in a former Presbyterian church in east New Orleans. A worksite manager will assign the work for the week (June 28–July 1) depending on the skills of the team. Anyone in the congregation, sixteen years of age and older, is invited to join the church work team.

A “closer-to-home” opportunity is being arranged for families with younger children (under sixteen years of age). Holmes Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center, about forty miles from Goshen on the east side of the Hudson River, is in need of work teams to help refurbish and prepare the buildings and grounds for another busy summer camp season. The work will be needed in the spring months before summer camp opens. Bunk housing is provided.

**To learn more and to let us know you are interested,
come to an informational meeting
on Sunday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

Please see the related story on Olive Tree Village below...

Presbyterian News Service

March 28, 2009

Monday mornings with a mission

Olive Tree Village Gears Up Volunteers for a Week In the Gulf

**By Bethany Furkin
Presbyterian News Service**

New Orleans, LA – For some, Monday mornings signal the end of fun, relaxing weekends. But for the volunteers gathered here March 9, it was the energetic beginning of a week filled with mission.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Olive Tree volunteer village is in the former Eastminster Presbyterian Church here. Located about 30 minutes from the French Quarter, south of Lake Pontchartrain and north of the Lower Ninth Ward and St. Bernard's Parish, Olive Tree is in the heart of much of the worst hurricane impact.

The village can house 90 people at a time and is equipped with shower and bathroom trailers as well as a large indoor kitchen.

“If you weren’t here, people would go without homes,” PDA Coordinator Randy Ackley told a group of volunteers on a recent visit here.

During a brief orientation, leaders explained the basic organizational structure of Olive Tree’s operation: A construction manager oversees four to six houses at a time, traveling back and forth between them during the day to make sure all is running smoothly. Each site also has two construction assistants who stay at the houses all day and provide instruction to volunteers. Also at each house is a folder that includes contact information for managers, assistants, and homeowners as well as maps to local supply stores and notes from past groups about progress or problems.

After the orientation, groups headed outside, where they had a quick session with their construction assistants to learn about the week’s tasks. From there, they piled into trucks and vans and headed out to get to work.

“A fun challenge”

At one house that day, volunteers were learning how to hang sheetrock. Robinson Warner, one of the construction assistants and a Louisiana Delta Service Corps volunteer with the Presbytery of South Louisiana’s Project Homecoming, used a fun and knowledgeable teaching style, answering questions with skill while putting first-timers at ease.

Just eight months ago, Warner himself was new to construction work. After graduating from college, he answered a Project Homecoming ad on Craigslist and ended up moving from New Hampshire to Louisiana. Although he had no construction skills when he arrived, he credits his construction manager and Project Homecoming co-workers as being great trainers.

Working with all levels of skills is part of the job, Warner said, adding that he wants to make all volunteers feel confident and at ease.

“It’s a fun challenge to be able to mesh those levels of experience,” he said, pausing to offer guidance to volunteers using a new tool. “You have to be a teacher and a student when you’re in this job.”

Warner had been to New Orleans before, both prior to and after Hurricane Katrina, and was interested in doing recovery work. He said he didn’t do enough community service in college and was motivated to give back.

“Why not do something for someone else? I feel spoiled. I feel almost too lucky,” he said, adding that he’s considering staying another year. “I’m hopelessly head over heels for this city and the people of New Orleans.”

Since starting with Project Homecoming, Warner has worked on six houses and been part of the completion of four. One of the best parts of the job is interacting with homeowners, especially seeing their reaction to a rebuilt house, he said.

“When we come into the house, it’s still only a dream for them,” he said. “It’s a blessing to have them be part of the work.”

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

JANUARY UPDATE

Sixteen niches are available for sale in our columbarium wall.

Each niche is 11¼ inches cubed and allows for double or single interment.

Four purchase options are available to make owning a niche more affordable:

Payment in Full = \$2,500

12-Month Payment Option = \$255/month for 12 months

24-Month Payment Option = \$125/month for 24 months

36-Month Payment Option = \$90/month for 36 months

“Stewards of the Garden”

The schedule for January and February is below. During your winter volunteer period, simply remove any debris from the beds and perform a general “tidy-up” of the area. *Don't hurt yourselves!* It's not necessary to complete the work in the garden on any particular day, only when you deem it's needed during your scheduled time.

SCHEDULE

Diane and Wayne George

Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden

Loretta and Jack Richner

Barbara and George Hankins

January 1–January 15

January 16–January 31

February 1–February 14

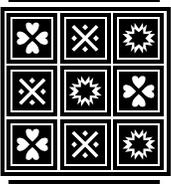
February 15–February 28

This schedule will also be posted outside the church office. If anyone is interested in joining the “Stewards,” please contact Wayne George.

Memorial Pavers

At the end of February, we will be ordering the next round of inscribed pavers, which will be installed in the spring. The cost of each paver is \$100. Please see Pat in the church office to order pavers to remember or honor loved ones.

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any additional information you may need about the garden.



Quilts of the Congregation & Friends Report

Barbara Hankins and I are so very happy to report that our SECOND quilt show was an outstanding success. We gathered quite a lot of food for the food pantry and some nice donations of cash. The sanctuary was beautiful. We displayed approximately sixty of your lovely heirlooms and treasures from twenty-three exhibitors.

The people who came in were very respectful of the treasures and also admired the sanctuary. We met so many nice people who had "always wanted to see the inside of the church," and some great outreach was done with the show. Next year, we may add other handiwork, such as samplers and other items. Please keep your eyes open during the year for items that friends might own or relatives' homes that might be loaned for a future show.

Barbara talked with the "Quilt Lady," who herself was a treasure, and got some great information about the quilts that were on display. In the future, we may have her come and do a talk about that bit of Americana.

Hats off to all the displayers and those who graciously helped us set up and take down the show in record time. Thank you to those wonderful ladies who manned the donation table for the food pantry. Barbara and I also want to thank Kathy Alevras for working the entire day. She has moved from volunteer to a quilt show coordinator for 2010. Thanks, Kathy. Thanks to our members who chatted with our guests and also to Project Linus for their lovely display. It is always so nice to help them help the children of the world.

We are looking forward to making this an annual event.

Thanks again, everyone,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth & Barbara Hankins
Show Coordinators

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Steve Coon</i>	14	<i>Alexandra Cox</i>
	<i>Stephen Serkes</i>	17	<i>Samuel Fontana</i>
2	<i>Joan Schaeffer</i>	18	<i>Michael Brooks</i>
5	<i>Wayne George</i>	20	<i>Dan Conley</i>
	<i>Jeffrey Markel</i>		<i>Laura Pietropaolo</i>
6	<i>William Bush</i>		<i>Logan Diglio</i>
	<i>Elise Esposito</i>	25	<i>Sam Boese</i>
8	<i>Susan Pierce</i>	29	<i>Laura Bryson</i>
	<i>Hannah Warner</i>		<i>Christopher Paulus</i>
10	<i>Audra Cox</i>	30	<i>Jenna Bush</i>
	<i>Nicholas Gati</i>	31	<i>Maddie Laskoski</i>
12	<i>Scott Roper</i>		<i>Sara Laskoski</i>
13	<i>Ryan Farley</i>		<i>Richard Paulus</i>
	<i>Molly Farley</i>		

HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY TO:

20 *Walter and Louise 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.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Mike Roper, a member of the Goshen Youth Jazz Band, who played his trumpet with the Jazz Band at the White House National Christmas Tree Music Program on December 5th.*
- *Barbara and George Hankins on the birth of their great grandson, Tristan Matthew Ketcham. Tristan is the son of Dane Ketcham and Ashlee Heasley and the grandson of Jeff and Meredith (Hankins) Ketcham.*
- *Lee Bush, who once again, placed second in the nation for Division III (grades 6-8) in the 2009 School Bus Safety Poster Contest, coordinated by the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT). This is the second time he has placed second in the national competition; he had accomplished this feat as a sixth grade student in 2007.*

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.

ELDERS

Class of 2010

Loretta Richner
Scott Roper
Barbara Skyer
Doug Wade
Rob Warner
Orra Wood

Class of 2011

John Bruno
Linda Clark
Geri Corey
Dominick Fontana
Bill Hodges
Kathy Stringer

Class of 2012

Craig Calzaretta
Tyler Cox
Bill Keller
Tom McDowell
Sue Varden

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2010

Diana Bowe
Andrea Branson- Snook
Deb Hourahan
Jon Hourahan
Lori Turner
Cheryl Zis

Class of 2011

David Castellano
Jean Crandall
Patrick Farley
Barbara Lippert
Ken Skyer
Grover vonPentz

Class of 2012

Linda Boardman
Jessica Bowe
Glynnis Jorgensen
Carolyn Keller
Marni Lewis
Rebecca Zis

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Lori Turner

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Barbara von Pentz, President

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