

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. (Psalm 34:9)

In Psalm 34, David is an aging teacher offering the wisdom of his life to a gathering of children and young adults. He begins by charging them to:

Fear the Lord.

We know that *the fear of the Lord* is not dread, *but reverence*. So why use the word *fear*? In part it is because of the visceral intensity that the word *fear* carries. Similarly, God intends for our relationship with Him to be more than just a pleasant association, but rather a life-and-death passion. This kind of fear-packed reverence has been illustrated in this way:

An unfaithful husband fears that his wife WILL come home while a faithful husband fears that his wife WON'T come home.

A fear-shaped reverence for God cannot conceive of life apart from God.

David goes on to make the curious announcement that those who fear the Lord *lack no good thing*. Is he kidding? *Lack no good thing*? Need has a different shape in every person's life. Every person you will ever meet and every person you will encounter today is a beggar at some life-and-death point in their life. D.T. Niles used just the right words to describe us:

Christianity is one beggar telling another where he found bread.

This sense of beggarly-lack ignites in us all sorts of explosive habits, fears, perversions, heartaches, and desires. Friends of mine once hauled their tent trailer and four children 3 ½ hours over a rutted road in the wilderness of northeast Nevada. People had told them of a beautiful, remote campground. The last half mile descended a treacherously steep and twisting ribbon of road and they were afraid to start down for fear the weight of the trailer would push them over the cliff. But their friends had included a penciled map and in caps had written with exclamation points, "YES, YOU CAN!!" That's what David means when he says; you will lack no good thing. God will supply you with just exactly what you need at the moment you need it. Every word in the Bible is part of God's great YES, YOU CAN assurance to all us beggars.

David goes on to add that this YES, YOU CAN from God is so profound that it elevates the way we speak and purifies our behavior.

And when the Christmas season ends, be careful not to tone down the intensity of your life with Jesus and pack it away in the attic until next year.

Take this from King David, a man who as much as anyone who ever lived, had been bullied about by his inner-beggar and had learned that *the fear of the Lord* was God's way of saying, YES, YOU CAN!

Pastor Kingsley

SANTA SAYS THANKS...

Our annual Breakfast with Santa was yet again a huge success!

Grover and his kitchen crew served up his yummy pancake breakfast and served over 200 guests. All the children went home with a gift for someone special that was wrapped by our friendly volunteers. Of course, the highlight of everyone's morning was their visit with Santa Claus! Thank you to Richard and Robin Paulus on their 18th year serving the church at Christmas time. I was blessed with an abundance of volunteers this year, and I can't possibly name everyone. But, I am forever grateful for your time.

Thank you!
Kathy Stringer

The logo for MidnightRun.org features the text "MidnightRun.org" in a stylized, handwritten-style font. The "Midnight" and ".org" are in a dark color, while "Run" is in a lighter, possibly white or light grey, color. The text is set against a dark, textured background that looks like a piece of wood or stone.

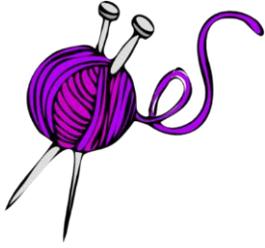
We had a very successful Midnight Run on December 10. There were eight cars and about 20 people, including several Anne Wood rounded up from churches in Sullivan County. They were really amazed at what they saw, especially the gratitude of those we served. They are hoping to begin doing runs on their own after a few more with us.

We still have coats that won't be used until next year--our next run is already confirmed for March 11, 2017. Mark your calendars now. We are trying to find an organization that could use the extra coats. So far, the Middletown Warming Station already has more than they can use, and we are still waiting to hear back from Honoreg in Middletown and the warming station in Monroe. If anyone has other ideas or suggestions, please let me know. Once we find a home for them, I may ask for help getting them to their new home.

Thanks.
Wendy Bynum-Wade
Midnight Run Coordinator
First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2017

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 **357** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2017 is \$34.10**, which is a total of **\$12,173.70** 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

December draws to a close and again the ministry is busy sending gifts from our doors to many parts of the country. Here are a few recent thank yous:

- *To Lisa Montalbano and the Prayer Shawl Ministry: Thank you so much for my prayer shawl. Its beauty comes from the prayers and the dedication of its members and came at a perfect time for me. May God bless you. Prayerfully, Judy Morgan.*
- *To the Prayer Shawl Ministry: On behalf of the O'Keefe and the Seger families, thank you so very much for the prayer shawl. Mary was wearing the shawl when she passed, and it had been a source of comfort for the entire family. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and kindness during this difficult time. The family of Mary O'Keefe Seger*
- *Thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl. As the weather gets colder I will be using it more and more. Thank you also for all your prayers and your love. With My Thanks, Anita G.*

Several shawls were delivered to the widow of Lewis Myruski recently in Goshen (and her granddaughter). They were most welcomed as they said goodbye to their loved one. A large lap robe was sent to a young lady on our prayer list in Ringwood, NJ who is fighting for her life against a difficult cancer to treat. The family is most grateful for the love from our church as they help Hannah face each day what comes her way.

January is usually the big sale on yarn in the stores. Please consider buying a few skeins and adding it to our "stash" so that more shawls can be sent out. In nine years we are well into 2,500 gifts sent out from our church to help others.

God bless each of you in 2017 and please continue to support this ministry.

Consider yourself hugged,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth - Shawl Secretary



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A small and dedicated group of women met in the parlor on December 5.

Discussion was held about getting the Christmas packages out to those who need a little cheer during the holiday season. Weather permitting, we will be putting them together in Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 16 in the afternoon. We want to thank all those who made donations to this wonderful fellowship gift and those who so kindly baked cookies and treats to send along with them. God bless each of you.

Our yearly donation to the **People to People Fund** and **St. Margaret's Kitchen** in Middletown will be sent. This is greatly appreciated by the less fortunate.

We decided not to meet in January, but we have to meet in February so we can plan the **World Day of Prayer** to be held in our church the first Friday in March.

We will be looking for ladies to do a reading. More details on this will be forthcoming as we get it. Watch the church bulletins as well for information.

We discussed the Holiday Fair and were overwhelmed by the generous donations you made to our soup/chili and bake sale. The pies were the first to go. As the year goes on and if you are a "garage sale/yard sale" seeker, keep your eyes out for glass pie dishes to donate. The pecan pie I bought, made by Carol Gabella, went to Dave's hunting camp and Dave said it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. They told Dave to bring two next year! WE DO HAVE GREAT BAKERS!!! Again, thank you to all who contributed and to those of you who also manned the table. We also want to thank Glynnis Jorgensen and those who helped her at the "White Elephant Table" at the Holiday Fair. These high-end items help to bring in some extra cash for PW. Some people got some very good bargains that day.

We are still working to find an item that will be perfect for the memory of Jean Strong. Part of the donation from her family replaced the communion pitcher. Any ideas?

We were visited by "Charlie" an adorable dachshund, that came with Carol Gabella and made us all smile. Bless the beasts and the children always.

Please consider joining us in February at our meeting. We are always looking for some new ideas and ways to do things around the church. Have a happy and healthy 2017.

Prayerfully,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth – PW Secretary



SHARE PAGE

If you have something you want to share -- a recipe, poem, prayer, or something that touched your heart -- email me by the 15th of the month, and we will try to get it into the next newsletter. Email me at: wendypaffenroth@gmail.com

I've had three or four requests for this cake in the past few months. The recipe is originally from the WWII era. It was a cake that held up well when shipped to the soldiers and sailors and was often shared so it didn't last but a few hours.

VINTAGE CAKE

(A version of the cake made during WWII)

INGREDIENTS:

FOR CRUST:

½ cup brown sugar with 2 Tbsp. molasses
1 cup butter, softened
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. vanilla extract

FOR FILLING:

4 large eggs
2 tsp. vanilla extract
3 cups of brown sugar
½ cup flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 ½ cups of flaked coconut
2 cups pecans or walnuts, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Blend all ingredients for the crust and spread in a 13x9x2 inch pan sprayed with vegetable spray (Pam). Press in the crust mixture. Bake 10 minutes, then remove.

Meanwhile, beat eggs and add other ingredients until well blended (it will be a thick mixture). Then spread on the crust and bake an additional 45 minutes. Let cool and cut into squares.

*This is similar to the cake that was mailed in WWII to soldiers and sailors---they wrapped it in layers of waxed paper and shipped it. Very rich and wonderful. Take it to a friend next time you are invited to tea or to visit. You will get raves.

DINNER CLUB AT THE LANDMARK INN

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR DINNER AT THE LANDMARK INN**

**Route 94
Warwick, New York**

**Sunday, January 29, 2017
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 Gorgonzola 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.



THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ON GOING!

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. If you buy groceries at ShopRite, PLEASE purchase gift cards from the church. If you spend \$100, the mission fund will grow by \$5. We all buy groceries so why not help fund our mission trip in the process? See me on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week.

Any questions/please feel free to contact me.

Mark Glasse' (845)325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This year Pastor Kingsley has asked me to chair the Stewardship Committee again. The goal this year is to continue "our commitment giving" progress as we did in 2016. I am pleased to chair the committee and trust that our efforts will be rewarded.

*December 20, 2016, **ONLY** 47 out of approximately 90 (2016) Giving Families had pledged for 2017. *

You are aware of the needs of the church and can make your prayerfully-considered commitment to keep God's work moving forward in our church, community, and the world. In addition to your monetary commitment, please make the effort to commit your time and talents as well. To renew Christ's new covenant he made with us at the Last Supper, we are asked to give of ourselves.

We ask you to consider tithing a portion of your income to the church.

We are always best when we are working together for a common cause, especially if that cause is to help our fellow voyagers on this God-created earth.

Sincerely,
William E. Eustance
Stewardship Chair



PLEASE SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you do not already save your box tops for anyone, I would appreciate you saving them for me to give to my niece who is trying to get much-needed supplies for her kindergarten classroom in Liberty, or to treat them to an educational program. 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. I also will take Campbell soup labels.

I have a box for collection in the back of church by the yarn basket, or you can hand them to me in church.

Thanks so much! Carol Gabella

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Steve Coon</i>	14	<i>Alexandria Cox</i>
	<i>Stephen Serkes</i>	16	<i>Ed Berry</i>
	<i>Chris Viebrock</i>	17	<i>Sam Fontana</i>
5	<i>Wayne George</i>	18	<i>Michael Brooks</i>
	<i>Jeffrey Markel</i>		<i>Tanya Hagopian</i>
6	<i>Will Bush</i>	20	<i>Logan Diglio</i>
	<i>Elise Esposito</i>		<i>Laura Pietropaolo</i>
8	<i>Alayna Fuller</i>	25	<i>Sam Boese</i>
	<i>Hannah Warner</i>	26	<i>Emmanuel Phillips</i>
10	<i>Audra Cox</i>	27	<i>Meghan Fenner</i>
11	<i>Susan Stewart</i>	29	<i>Laura Bryson</i>
12	<i>Scott Roper</i>		<i>Christopher Paulus</i>
13	<i>Molly Farley</i>	30	<i>Jenna Bush</i>
	<i>Ryan Farley</i>	31	<i>Maddie Laskoski</i>
	<i>Whitney Schindley</i>		<i>Sara Laskoski</i>
			<i>Richard Paulus</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 Heather and Curtis Johnson on the birth of their son, Evan Gary Johnson on November 24, 2016. Proud grandparents are Grover and Barbara von Pentz and Gary and Deborah Johnson and great grandfather, Steve Coon.

2016 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY JANUARY 8, 2017

Teen Voices...

We will **not be meeting** the first week in January since it is New Year's Day!

Get your hunger on!!!

On Saturday, **January 14** the teens will participate in a fundraiser to support Teen Voices. We are hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Applebees at the Woodbury Common from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon and drinks!

Tickets are **ONLY \$6** per person. Teens will have fun while serving and cleaning up. Come out and support our teens!

Questions can be directed to Robyn Boardman, Paty Glasse' or Mark Glasse'

Paty and Mark Glasse'

mpglasse@optonline.net

845-325-5229 Paty Cell

845-325-4439 Mark Cell

COFFEE HOUR

The first Sunday of every month the congregation is asked host coffee hour. Members of the Fellowship Committee will be there to help set-up and clean-up, but help from the congregation is always appreciated. The committee has come up with a list of themes for the Congregational Coffee Hours.

January 8 – Crockpot Soups – (for those who don't make soup, please bring cheese, crackers, fruit breads, rolls or fruit and recipe card)

February 5 – **Men's Super Bowl Coffee Hour**

March 5 – Recipes made with chocolate

April 2 – Decadent Desserts

May 7 – Mother's Day – Need a few men to volunteer!

June 4 – Recipes made with strawberries

July – Great American Weekend

August 6 – Picnic Foods (chicken salad, tuna salad, deviled eggs, fruit, etc.)

September 3 – Potluck



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 and Kathy Alevras

Sarah Bohling

Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs

Sharon Conlon

John DeGroat

Everyone serving in the Military

Esther Glasse

Barbara and George Hankins

Andy Hine

Laura and Tom Kennedy

James Magee

Diana, Riley, and Gavin Martin

Evelyn Mercado

Amy (Thompson) Nguye

Josephine Pecoraro

Rachel Reeves

The Family of Dorothy Sevcik

Peggy Srirach

Gary Swinger

The Wade Family

Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis

Phyla Wright

Ed Berry

Susie Bohling

John Burleson

Bruce and Jean Crandall

Ian Depew

Mary Lee Farris and her sister

Matthew Gould

Kevin and Sara Hankins

Susan Johnson

Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott

Karen Magee

Nancy Mason

Richard Montalbano

Dean Oberg

William John Pink

Maritya Reyes

Kendra and Tim Schust

Elmer Stevens

Christopher Tucker

Doris Weinberger

Sandra Wood

Vicki Yost

Ann (Strong) Blake

Hannah Boorse

Laura Colacci

Suzanne DeBlock

The Family of Anna Duncan

Judy Fazio

Mary Gray Griffith

Edith Hausmann

Rosemary Joy

Brenda Kujawski

Kelly Magee Thrush

The McCloud Family

Eileen Myslinski

Dave and Wendy Paffenroth

John Redman

Tom Sawyer

Gary Smith

Virginia Stubenrauch

Cindy Vanderplaat

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.)

PRAYER HOTLINE –

Continuous Prayers When You Need Them

If you have a sudden need for prayer – an emergency, an accident, an illness, a fear – start a prayer chain by calling:

Fran Hoffmann – 294-6470

Louise Spencer – 615-0983

Mary Gray Griffith – 294-9288

Orra Wood – 374-6611



Prayer contacts will begin immediately.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

JANUARY UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

Place your orders for a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one. Five NEW paver orders have been placed. We will order engraving after we have ten orders on hand.

To order a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office.

The cost of each paver is only \$100.

8 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 JANUARY and early FEBRUARY Steward’s Schedule:

Barbara and George Hankins

January 1 – January 15

Bill Eustance, Jen and Gregg Pillar:

January 16 – January 31

Beryl Yungman:

February 1 – February 14

Anyone can be a Steward of Our Garden any day of the week! 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 too can help keep our garden beautiful!

Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our 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 2017

**Darlene Bartley
Deborah Hourahan
Robin Knoblock
Karen Magee
Grover vonPentz
Rob Warner**

Class of 2018

**Kathleen Alevras
Mark Glasse
Bill Hodges
Elizabeth Long
Scott Roper
Orra Wood**

Class of 2019

**Adam Boese
William Eustance
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Thomas Sawyer
Malcolm Stewart**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2017

**Diana Bowe
Diane Church
Lori Kilmer
Mary Kingsley
Charlie vonPentz
Nancy Warner
Cheryl Zis**

Class of 2018

**Wendy Bynum-Wade
Laura Colacci
Ian Depew
Wendy Donohue
Paty Glasse
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller**

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