

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Music Notes...



I write this on the day after the first Live Nativity and Caroling Caravan. Both events were huge successes. Kudos to John Redman for setting up the nativity scene in front of the church, complete with wonderful live animals, and to all the actors, youth and adults, who made the scene come to life.

Thanks to the choir members who braved the cold, and a double thanks to those who braved icy streets and gathering darkness to carol at friends' homes. The community is hungry for this! Across from one house, a family called out to us: "Come to us!" So we did. They are members of St. John's and absolutely loved our caroling. That's what it's all about. "My sheep hear my voice." Indeed they do!

This morning (December 21), I produced a Christmas music video for the enjoyment of the church. Thanks to Bill Powers, yet again, for contributing his great musical talent.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and remember that the Twelve Days of Christmas run from Christmas to Epiphany. We get to say "Merry Christmas" and revel in the Yuletide spirit right into January. Lucky us!

As the Whos down in Who-ville sang, "Christmas time will always be, just as long as we have we." Amen.

Jonathan

On this date, 50 years ago, my husband, Richard, and I joined this church. In 1971, I joined the Nicean Circle and it was there that I met Mary Gray Griffith and over the years Richard and I became adopted members of the Griffith family. In 1977, I taught a Sunday school class of 3 and 4 year olds for one year, before there was any dedicated program for them. In the 80's, I became a bell ringer and our bell group became so good that we were able to take the show on the road. We played at the wedding of Grace Lanuti's daughter at St. Paul's Catholic Church, at a Goshen High School Concert, at a nursing home during the holiday season and took part in a competition with other bell ringers throughout the Hudson Valley. I am a Deacon and an Elder. I have served on Session a few times, filling terms of members that were unable to complete their term. I was on the Tiffany Ball committee and the committee for the repair of the Redfield Window. Richard was very active also, as an Elder, but he especially loved being a Deacon! I have helped this Church in many different ways over the years and I will continue to do so until.....The End.

Cecile Ayres

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	Steve Coon	14	Alexandria Cox
	Stephen Serkes	17	Sam Fontana
5	Wayne George	20	Laura Pietropaolo
8	Hannah Warner	25	Sam Boese
10	Audra Cox	31	Alexander Begnoche
12	Scott Roper		Maddie Laskoski
13	Don Dinsmore		Sara Laskoski
	Molly Farley		Richard Paulus
	Ryan Farley		
	Whitney Schindley		



HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY TO:

3 Heather and Brian Case

*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 Commander James Paffenroth and Dr. Melissa Egan who got engaged on December 19, 2020. Jim is currently stationed at Newport Naval Station in Rhode Island and Melissa works and lives in Massachusetts. Plans have not been made for the wedding as of yet.*
- *Thank you so much to those of you who donated to the Lap Robe Raffle. We raised \$300, to be divided between Fearless! and The Neighbor Fund. The person who won the lap robe has asked that it be donated to Fearless!, for someone as a Christmas gift. Orange and Rockland's shareholders will match our gift which means that the effective donation will be \$300 for The Neighbor Fund and \$150 for Fearless!
Happy New Year to you all.*

Preachers for January

January 3	Anne Wood, CRE
January 10	Rev. Peter Johnson
January 17	Rev. Peter Johnson
January 24	Lynn Costa, CRE
January 31	Edgar Hayes, CRE



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
Louise Spencer
Christopher Tucker
The Family of Charles Velzy
Jerry Westphal
Linda Clark's nephew, Sean Zwart

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
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg
Kenneth Van Etten
Jo Wolfe

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
Gary Smith
Sam Wallis
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.)

2020 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY JANUARY 3, 2021

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2021



Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

JANUARY UPDATE

As the winter 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).

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 2nd and 3rd columbarium wall soon.
The estimated cost for these two new walls is \$40,000+.***

“Stewards of Our Garden”

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

The JANUARY/early FEBRUARY Steward's Schedule:

Bill Eustance	January 1 – January 15
Barbara and George Hankins	January 16 – January 31
Bill Eustance	February 1 – February 15

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.

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
Bill Hodges
Lori Kilmer
Ken Phelan
John Redman
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

**Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
William Kozireski, Church Sexton**

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Make a Stained-Glass Candle



You will need:

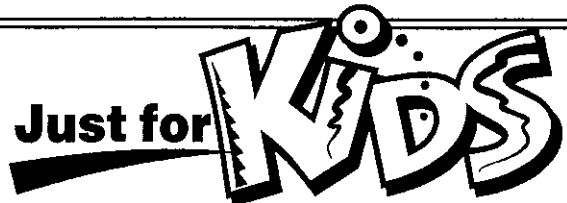
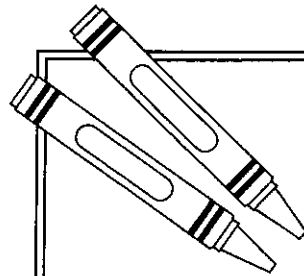
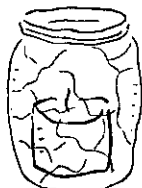
- an empty glass jar
- colored tissue paper
- white glue
- paint brush
- votive candle



How to make it:

- Cut the tissue into small pieces.
- Paint the jar with glue.
- Arrange the pieces on the jar on the wet glue. Do not leave any empty spaces.
- Paint over the tissue with more glue. Let dry.

Place candle inside.



Worship and Celebrate

In our many different denominations and congregations, we worship in many different ways. Although we may worship differently, we believe in the same God! We go to one God in worship and celebration!

Use the code to find words and phrases of things that God's people do in worship.

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B	Q	G	Q	L	Q	Q	Q	V	Q		
C	Q	H	Q	M	Q	R	Q	W	Q		
D	Q	I	Q	N	Q	S	Q	X	Q		
E	Q	J	Q	O	Q	T	Q	Y	Q		

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1. Praise, 2. Pray, 3. Light Candles, 4. Play Music, 5. Give Offerings, 6. Sit Quietly, 7. Communion, 8. Lift Your Hands, 9. Read Scriptures, 10. Sing, 11. Say "Amen"