

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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## “Faith Matters”

“Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 John 4:8 NRSV)

“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me,  
and the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:9)

Dear Friends in Christ,

A new year begins, and with it comes opportunities to Renew our faith. One way we hope to achieve Renewal is through worship. The report we received after the completion of our Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) last summer indicated that a good number of us would like to participate in services that are in some way different from the usual Sunday morning fare. So, we will be offering family-friendly worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening of most months for the year 2022. Each service will have a theme and will explore alternative worship styles. (There may be a few services that are not so family oriented; we will let you know of these ahead of time, as the planning takes shape.)

For January, our service will be held on the weekend we honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Gathering in the sanctuary at 5pm on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we will share in worship around themes of peace, justice and love. Using *song, story, and prayer*, we will lift up the call of Christ to love our neighbors and be peacemakers in his name.

Dr. King understood that the way to address matters of racism and inequality in our nation was to make productive changes in the way we live as individuals within a broader community. Recognizing that such changes do not come about in a void, nor through violence, King tutored under Mahatma Ghandi and learned methods of peaceful intervention which he believed sprang from the deep pool of love which God imparts upon human hearts.

Dr. King once said, “Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” Hatred is a breeding ground for anger, resentment and violence. Hatred also leads to a path of destruction and suffering, which is why King chose another path: “I have decided to stick with love....Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

As Christians, we resonate with Dr. King and his ministry because we believe that love is a defining characteristic of God. And we believe that God would want us to receive and share that gift of love by welcoming and modeling the Spirit of peace.

Many years ago, I had the privilege of working for Children's Songwriter and Folk Music Artist Red Grammar. At the time, Red had just released his "Teaching Peace" album and I was delighted to offer my support. Red moved from Sugar Loaf to California quite some time ago, but I've heard him perform several times over the years and his message has never faltered. These are a few of his song lyrics:

Teaching peace all the world around, You and me every city every town;  
One by one in our work and in our play, We are teaching peace by what we do and what we say.  
It's up to us to show we care. Reaching out to everybody everywhere;  
Heart to heart and friend to friend, Circling all around the world and back again.

Red sings it. Dr. King preached it. And we know it to be true: peace is an outgrowth of love and care. And when we work for peace, and "do justice" as the prophet Micah emphasized, we share the love of God in ways that confess the true value of "everybody everywhere." I hope you can join us on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Looking ahead, our February 20<sup>th</sup> evening service will include a Renewal of Vows celebration in honor of Valentine's Day. And our March 20<sup>th</sup> evening service will honor Mr. Fred Rogers (a Presbyterian pastor and t.v. host whose birthday fell in March) with an emphasis on Neighboring. I hope you'll join us!

*Pastor Rhonda*

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### **Shop Rite Cards are Back !**

We all must eat so why not spend our grocery money for a cause?  
For every dollar spent, FPC will receive 5% back. NO extra cost to you.

This summer (July 24-27<sup>th</sup>) we are hoping to send our youth and young adults to Indianapolis, Indiana to Triennium.

Triennium, is a life-changing event for thousands of Presbyterian youth and young adults across the country.

The 2022 version of Presbyterian Youth Triennium will feature a Matthew 25 framework. They will be asking: "Lord, When Did We See You?"

This will be the first time FPC will be participating. Help us make this happen for our youth. To purchase your Shop Rite card, see Mark Glasse.

For more information on Triennium see: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>

## **Please Pay Your Per Capita Assessment For 2022**

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 **268** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2022 is \$38.83**, which is a total of **\$10,406.44** 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, 2022. Thanks for doing your share.

## **Masks in Worship**

The Session asks that everyone entering the church building wear a mask and make a strong effort to social distance as a way of keeping everyone safe from disease. We have all tired of COVID-19 protocols like these, but we never tire of loving our neighbors. Thank you for doing your part to put love into action.

## **Financial Commitments**

If you haven't made a financial commitment for 2022 but would like to support this congregation in fulfilling its work of worship, education, mission, outreach, care and fellowship, consider making a pledge using a commitment card found on the table in the Narthex or see Deb Hourahan.

## **Electronic Giving Cards**

There are giving cards for use during the offertory for those who give electronically each week/month/year. Your gifts are meaningful and necessary, and you should be able to participate in our weekly presentation of our offerings to the Lord.

## **Livestreaming Worship**

If you are unable to join us in person for worship, watch on our YouTube channel.  
If you need help finding the Livestream, use the link on our Weekly Tower Tie.

## **2021 Annual Reports**

Due in the church office by January 16, 2022

## **The Annual Congregational Meeting**

Scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2022

## **MIDNIGHT RUN**

THE NEXT EXCURSION INTO NYC FOR MIDNIGHT RUN WILL BE ANOTHER BREAKFAST RUN ON SATURDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will need drivers and helpers to help on site in the city. We will depart Goshen at 7:15 am (arrive at 6:45 am to pack) and can expect to be back in Goshen by 1:00pm or before. We will not have to move from one site to another so if you've wanted to see what happens on a run, this is a good way to get your feet wet.

Teens can come with a parent; it's a great way to pick up community service hours.

We will be serving breakfast casseroles, coffee, bottled water, lunch bags (with hard boiled eggs, sandwich, fruit), goodie bags and toiletry bags.

### **We need the following food donations:**

Heat and serve sausages - 100 links

Hard boiled eggs - (6 dozen)

Bread - 150 slices

Jelly -1 large jar

Deli meats:

Ham - 2 lbs.

Turkey - 2 lbs.

American cheese - 3 lbs.

Boxes of raisins - (snack size, 75 individual count)

Powdered creamer - 1 large

Sandwich bags (plastic zip lock) - 150 Count

If you can help in any way, please contact us via email or text/voice calls.

Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration in helping us continue with this mission.

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Co-coordinators

Midnight Run @

First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

All volunteers must wear masks while we are at our designated spot in NYC.

**THERE ARE BINS IN THE NARTHEX AND NEAR THE OFFICE TO DRIP DONATIONS.  
PLEASE DROP OFF CLOTHING BY JAN. 9<sup>th</sup> if possible.**

Other needs for clothing are listed below.

**WE need:**

**Hand sanitizer (pump bottles)**

**Small bottles (individual size) of hand sanitizer**

**Washcloths**

**Hand wipes for help**

**Shaving cream (small size)**

**Sanitizer cleaning wipes**

**Tooth paste and tooth brushes**

**Combs**

**Feminine hygiene pads**

**Deodorant**

**2 rolls wide masking tape**

**4- 6 permanent markers**

**Womens**

**sml./med./lg. panties**

**Women's socks**

**Men**

**Med., L, XL. & XXL. undershirts/briefs**

**Specific Fall/Winter clothing needed: Gently used and clean items:**

**Men's** pants and jeans, jackets/coats, sweat shirts, sturdy shoes ,boots, hats and gloves

**Ladies:** slacks, jeans, sweaters, jackets/ coats, sweat shirts, gloves, hats, sturdy walking shoes/sneakers, functional boots, warm socks

Blankets, sleeping bags

**Please**

**NO dresses, blouses, bathing attire, sandals, shorts, high heel shoes or boots**

**NO children or baby clothing**

## **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**



### **HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

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

### **HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES 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.*

*To all of my brothers and sisters of the First Church,*

*You cannot know what joy it brought me when the entrance of my Dad's home was filled with baby gifts from my church. Thank you all so much; everything means a lot. This has been my church since I was four months old. I have learned from all of you to reach out with love. Although I've been going through a rough period in my life, with medication and therapy I am improving every day.*

*Deacon Mitch was the loving ambassador for all of you and it was incredible.  
Thank you so much.*

*Much love,  
Kathleen Kingsley*



## **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 Alevras  
Janet Begnoche  
Scott Brinkley  
Lynn Costa and Son  
Everyone serving in the Military  
Judy Fazio  
Marlene Gaynor  
Susan Johnson  
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy  
Patricia Lawlor  
Kelly Magee Thrush  
Richard Montalbano  
Amy (Thompson) Nguye  
Josephine Pecoraro  
Karen Saleski  
Mary Rita Schlagel  
Louise Spencer  
Christopher Tucker  
Kenneth Van Etten  
Orra Wood

Ron Alevras  
Ann (Strong) Blake  
Laura Colacci  
The Family of Bruce Crandall  
James, Max, and Liam Feragola  
Charles Fritz  
Barbara and George Hankins  
Rosemary Joy  
Jeff Kott and Natalia  
Maggie and Quinn  
Evelyn Mercado  
Kevin Murphy  
Owen  
Carlos and Miarose Reyes  
Tom Sawyer  
Eva Sickler  
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch  
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg  
Sam Wallis

Susan Ambrsino  
Richard Brahs  
Barbara Cody  
Dori Dodson  
Mary Lee Farris and her sister  
Carol Gabella's brother, Clarence  
Kevin and Sara Hankins  
Regina Kenny  
Maria Kurt  
James Magee  
Dolores Mollicone  
Eileen Myslinski  
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth  
Carolyn Reynolds  
Matt Skyer  
Gary Smith  
Jerry Westphal

***(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



### **JANUARY UPDATE**

**Our garden welcomes us all (even when it's cold outside!).  
Spend a quiet moment with our God and celebrate the New Year.**

#### **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 have **FIVE** orders).

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#### **Only 3 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 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 14

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

***"Helping Hands" are always needed and certainly welcomed to help maintain the garden. Just reach out to 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 2022**

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

### **Class of 2023**

Nancy Buckley  
Jennifer Ellis  
BA Long  
Kevan Ottochian  
Sue Varden

### **Class of 2024**

Marlene Gaynor  
Rick Heal  
Bill Powers  
Mal Stewart  
Anne Wood

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **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

### **Class of 2024**

Allison Csernai  
Brendan Donohue  
Pat Ellis  
Sheila Heal  
Bill Keller  
Barbara Schust  
George Schust

Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller

## **STAFF**

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

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## Make a Stained-Glass Candle



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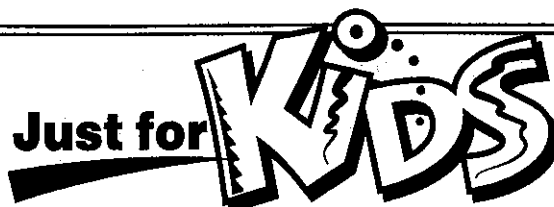
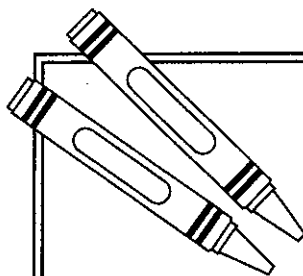
- an empty glass jar
- colored tissue paper
- white glue
- paint brush
- votive candle



### 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.



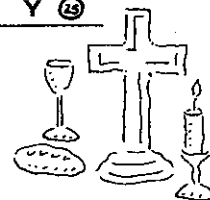
## Worship and Celebrate

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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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"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship	27 12:30pm - NA @ FH	28 9:30am - Food Pantry	29	30 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Choir	31 Day off for New Year's New Year's Eve 12:30pm - NA @ FH	1 New Year's Day
2 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Deacon's	3 12:30pm - NA @ FH	4 9:30am - Food Pantry 7pm - Worship/Music	5 6:30pm - NA @ B 7pm - Mission	6 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Choir	7 12:30pm - NA @ FH	8 9:30am - Food Pantry 1pm - Performing Arts
9 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship	10 12:30pm - NA @ FH	11 9:30am - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Outreach	12 7:30pm - Finance	13 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7:30pm - Choir	14 12:30pm - NA @ FH 6pm - Friday Night	15 7:15am - Midnight Run 1pm - Performing Arts
16 Annual Reports Due Tower Tie Articles Due 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship 5pm - MLK Special	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Office Closed 12:30pm - NA @ FH	18 9:30am - Food Pantry	19 7pm - Session Mtg. @	20 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - GAPNS Mtg. @ 7:30pm - Choir	21 12:30pm - NA @ FH	22 1pm - Performing Arts
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