

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The other night, my family and I went out for dinner as the wind was howling and the trees were swaying like hula dancers. Undaunted, we enjoyed our meal and made our way back home as the winds were subsiding. Pulling into our driveway we were greeted by a large “hula dancer” laying on its side in our back yard. Its placement was nothing but amazing. For one thing, it did not touch our house or the garden shed. The arch of the trunk even kept it off the newly sprouting patch of grass I had been babying. Others in the area were not as fortunate. We have all seen damage and destruction from the wrath of Mother Nature.

Psalm 121:7 says that the Lord will keep you from all harm. When trees fall on houses we have to wonder about this. It simply doesn't sound true. Does it sound nice? Yes. True? Not so much.

It's no consolation that the tree went down on someone else's house. And while we can be thankful when no one is physically hurt, the trouble is still real and the threat of injury is no less present. Most of us have enough life experience to ask hard questions about Psalm 121:7.

Eugene Peterson explores the meaning of Psalm 21 in his fine volume, “*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*.” Peterson makes this remark about verse 7. “All the water in all the oceans cannot sink a ship unless it gets inside. Nor can all the trouble in the world harm us unless it gets within us.” Psalm 121 does not promise that life will be trouble free or unscathed by pain. What it says is that God will not allow that trouble to be the defining last word on your life. None of it can separate you from his good purposes for you.

This past weekend our attention turned to our Fathers. What I know as a dad is that I'm inclined to make promises that I cannot keep. I want to promise my children Psalm 121:7 – that I will keep them from all harm. I know I can't do that. We've made enough trips to the emergency room and wiped enough tears to know that we cannot shield them from sharper edges of life in this world. But I also know that when the sharp edges cut and draw blood, the fact that they are my children doesn't change. That they are loved does not change. And so it is with you, children of the Heavenly Father.

All the water of all the oceans cannot sink a ship unless it gets inside. God may not keep the trouble from coming to you, but he will keep it from getting inside you. It does not define who you are. Instead, God fills you with his Spirit, his very life.

The trees may come down. God remains faithful.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Kingsley

***IT'S SUMMER – FINALLY!***

So far, it's been a cool spring and early summer but that will quickly change as July and August heat up. Our Christian Education program has just ended, our mission team to Nicaragua has been duly commissioned, and graduates have been sent forth to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance." This time of year is a time of finishing up, closing out, relaxing, and getting recharged for the next phase of our lives. Take stock—what have I completed, how did I do, and where am I headed next? Summer and vacations are times to remove ourselves from daily routines as we "charge down" and also work in some time for reflection and new goal setting for the fall.

I always take time to straighten up the music office, explore new service music, and think about our music plans for the fall. When activities quiet down, it creates space for inspiration and creativity to come streaming in. My themes are *renew, refresh, recharge*.



Our choir season is now over and our **summer choir** starts on **July 14**, the Sunday after Great American Weekend. Each Sunday we put together an anthem with the singers who are able to be there. We invite you to come and sing with us. Come at 8:45 am as we gather around the piano to rehearse.

Get out and enjoy the season, but remember that we will be here each Sunday worshipping together as we sing, pray, listen to God's word, and fellowship with one another at coffee hour. I invite you to allow your presence to minister to others and be part of the "worshipping throng," even in summer.

*Carpe diem* – seize the day!

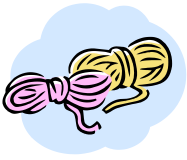
Robert Clooney  
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**PresbyBuild** is organizing a mission trip to rebuild homes destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. A 15-member work crew will be staying at the Jamaica Queens Presbyterian Church from September 15-21 and working in the Rockaways. If interested, contact Sue Varden (845-649-7830) or Jim Ferguson (845-236-7850).

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED**

Coffee Hour after Sunday church services is a great opportunity for fellowship and getting to know our members. But **WE NEED HOSTS FOR THE SUMMER!** Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the lobby of Fellowship Hall so we can continue this well attended and favored fellowship opportunity. If you have any questions, you can contact Sue Varden at 649-7830.



## HUG HAPPENINGS – NEWS FROM THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Once again, summer is upon us and the thought of holding yarn in our laps and crocheting or even knitting is not desirable to many. However, our ladies are the kind of people who let nothing get in the way of making a few more “hugs” to be sent out from the church to those who might just need something special in their lives.

We welcome **Lisa Montalbano** to our ministry. Lisa is an experienced crocheter, who is going to be a wonderful addition to our “*team of holy hookers.*” We would love to choose an evening where we can all get together and crochet and share ideas. Please let me know your availability and hopefully, we can choose a day when we can meet and work together for the good of this wonderful ministry. Welcome Lisa.

Recently, I was asked for a lap robe for a lady who is going to have brain surgery at the end of June. She is going to need some loving while being in a wheel chair. Joan Howell took on the project and is making a very bright and colorful gift that will be sent to Donna at Westchester Medical Center for when she comes out of surgery. Donna’s birthday is the day after her surgery, so this gift will have a double meaning for her. Diane, her twin sister, will deliver the lap robe and place it on her bed, so when she awakens she will see it. I know this will be a wonderful gift for her and thank you, Joan for taking this on.

I have become a *shawl lady*, as well as many of you. I met substitute teacher one day and she asked me about our ministry. Someone in the school had told her about what we do. She attends a very large church in Rockland County and she thinks it might be something they would want to start, also. Esther took some information about how our ministry works and will give it to her church in the next few weeks. She also borrowed some of our prayers to show them just how loving this gift can be. Next, she will try to recruit some “busy bees” to start knitting and crocheting. I told her that we would love to give them some guidance if they need any help. She will keep in touch.

Once you hand out a few shawls, the word gets around. I was approached by a friend who said a dear neighbor of hers named Ruth, had a stroke and she doesn’t have a lot of family left. She is ninety years young. I suggested that maybe a “hug” would be nice to take to her as the air conditioning in the hospital is quite cool. This idea was accepted joyously and I looked through our supply to find a nice blue one, (Ruth’s favorite color), to package and send to the rehab hospital at Helen Hayes. This will be delivered soon, along with a folder of prayers in a beautiful gift bag. By the time this newsletter gets to your mailbox, Ruth will be wearing it.

We thank whoever left the beautiful gift bags in our bin in the Narthex a few weeks ago. They will be used to send out our gifts. They are so pretty and will bring joy to the person who receives the gift in them. Remember, we have the pocket shawls still available and you are welcome to take what you need and pass them on to those who might need a little caring. We also thank Lisa Montalbano for her donation of yarn to our bin.

Thank you again to everyone who works so hard to keep the “***hugs***” going out from the church. Each of you ***are a blessing*** to our congregation for your time and effort and most of all, the **LOVE** that you put into your gifts. We ask that if you hear of a need, let us know or Pat in the office and she will pass the word on to us.

**Have a wonderful summer and “keep those hooks flying.”**

Consider yourselves hugged,

*Wendy Lee Paffenroth –PSM Secretary*



## **Presbyterian Women's Association (PW) News**

It's hard to believe that half the year has passed already and we are making plans for upcoming events. The ladies met on June 3 in the church parlor and had a lovely evening of fellowship.

Unfortunately, we had a rainy bake sale on May 24 and we have now been called: "Have Bake Sale will Travel" as the inclement weather got to be too much and the sale was transported to the lobby of the Fellowship Hall, also the day of the Rummage Sale. The leftovers were donated to the Sunday coffee hour. Even though this was a miserable day to sit outside and sell baked goods, we actually did better than the year before. Thank you to everyone who so patiently worked and for those who baked those outstanding goodies for the ladies to sell. We still can brag we have the best bakers around.

We are thrilled to announce that our "**HONOREE OF THE YEAR**" is our wonderful Sunday School Superintendent, **LINDA BOARDMAN**. There was discussion about the event to honor Linda. We hope by the time you read this, you have made your reservation with Fran Hoffmann, our Moderator for the special day. We will have a luncheon at the Glen Arden Hospitality Room on Sunday, July 21 shortly after the church service. When you confirm your reservation, you will be given the time. The cost is \$25.00 per person (cash or a check made out to Fran Hoffmann). We would like all reservations by July 10 if possible, so we can give a head count to Glen Arden. You are welcome to bring a neighbor or friend for this lovely afternoon of fellowship with the ladies in your church. See Fran or quickly drop your check in the mail to her at: P.O. Box 58, Goshen NY 10924. **Congratulations Linda – a very well deserving Honoree!**

The ladies discussed Great American Weekend and our usual coffee sale. We will set up early in the morning and have coffee, tea, hard rolls and bagels for sale. A notice has been in the bulletin for possible donations of items needed to offset the cost to PW. We thank you if you made a donation to this event. All help is greatly appreciated. Those of you who are early risers will enjoy the morning working with your sisters.

***We are pleased to accept a donation of a Royal Blue EZ-UP pop – up tent for PW from David Paffenroth.*** Dave had a milestone birthday and decided he did not need any gifts this year and decided to donate a tent to the Presbyterian Women's Association for their outdoor events, such as bake sales and coffee sales. Betty Lobb and Carolyn Keller will put the "PW" name on the tent, which Dave also made sure it came with two and a half removable sides in case of rain. We thank you, Dave for your donation and we will be sure it is put to good use. Look for the tent at Great American Weekend where coffee will be sold under the steeple on Saturday and Sunday morning.

There will be no meeting in August and we will meet again in September to plan the fall events, such as our bake sale at the Craft Fair in November. Again, we welcome all ladies to join us at any time, at a meeting or an event. We are always looking for new ideas and enjoy the fellowship of each other.

Have a wonderful and safe summer and we hope you will consider joining us on July 21 for several hours of fun with our "Woman of the Year," Linda Boardman.

**God Bless each of you.**

*Wendy Lee Paffenroth – PW Secretary*

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

*Route 94*

*Warwick, New York*

*Sunday, July 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.*

**\$30.00 includes tax and gratuities**

**Cash bar**

**APPETIZER:**

Assorted Hors-d'Oeuvres

Salad with House Dressing

**ENTRÉES CHOICE OF:**

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 their dessert menu

Coffee, Tea or Soda

Contact Linda Clark (283-2122) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652) for reservations.

## Stewardship Reminder

Summer services will continue at the usual time at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. As volunteers step forward, there will also be a time of fellowship following the service. If you are at home, please join us. If someone is visiting, bring them along. If you are away, please don't forget us. Drop your commitment contribution in the mail in the envelope provided. God be with you and your family during this vacation period.

Be thinking of how we, The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, can continue Jesus' teaching of helping the less fortunate near to home and in the world community. Throughout the summer and into the fall Stewardship Campaign period, I hope you will have the opportunity to share the treasures that God has given you.

Respectfully submitted,

George Hankins

### PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2013

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 2013 is \$30.00**, which is a total of **\$10,440.00** to be taken from our operating budget. Please assist with this expense and write a check for your family assessment, if you haven't already done so, and either mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks for doing your share.

# TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



## HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Brian Meek</i>	19	<i>Logan Quick</i>
3	<i>Lee Bush</i>	20	<i>BA Long</i>
	<i>Gary Howell</i>	21	<i>Sue Ruckdeschel</i>
4	<i>Judy Green</i>	22	<i>Luis Figueroa</i>
5	<i>Grace Benson</i>	24	<i>Lucien Quick</i>
9	<i>Shaylin Green</i>	25	<i>Jeff Bryson</i>
10	<i>Dorothy Gott</i>		<i>Bill Eustance</i>
11	<i>Steven Neil</i>		<i>Curtis Johnson</i>
12	<i>Donna Totton</i>		<i>Ashley Wade</i>
13	<i>Colin Boardman</i>	26	<i>John Gruber</i>
15	<i>Greg Spencer</i>		<i>Margaretta Macica</i>
18	<i>Lori Kilmer</i>	31	<i>Jason Gardellis</i>
	<i>Scott Markel</i>		<i>Lynn Healey</i>
			<i>Shannon Roper</i>

## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Cheryl Maturana</i>	21	<i>Joan Howell</i>
3	<i>Craig Shaeffer</i>	22	<i>Jordan Depew</i>
6	<i>Bethany Case</i>	23	<i>Wendy Bynum-Wade</i>
9	<i>Barbara Hankins</i>	26	<i>Alexis Dickover</i>
11	<i>Jean Strong</i>		<i>Mark Hahn</i>
13	<i>Jean Crandall</i>	28	<i>Taylor Gati</i>
15	<i>Dick Ayres</i>	29	<i>Carolyn Keller</i>
	<i>Tyler Csernai</i>		<i>Jack McCloud</i>
	<i>Jonathan Laskoski</i>	30	<i>Amber Van Grol</i>
18	<i>Alan Sproul</i>		<i>Darlene Bartley</i>
19	<i>Alan Jorgensen</i>		<i>Robert Clooney</i>

## HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARIES TO:

11	<i>Leroy and Judy Green</i>
	<i>Doug and Wendy Wade</i>
14	<i>Gary and Beth Laskoski</i>
	<i>Grover and Barbara vonPentz</i>
24	<i>Brendan and Wendy Donohue</i>
27	<i>Bob and Laura Pietropaolo</i>
30	<i>Benjamin and Erica Walsh</i>

## HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES TO:

14	<i>Garfield and Linda Clark</i>
15	<i>Robert and Beryl Yungman</i>
18	<i>Brian and Danielle Diglio</i>
	<i>Logan and Rachael Quick</i>
26	<i>Ron and Kathy Stringer</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.*





## 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:**

Vince Ahrens  
The Barron Family  
Mary Lee and Ted Berry  
Haley Buckley  
Laura Colacci's father  
Bruce and Jean Crandall  
Bob Dennis  
Everyone serving in the Military  
Ben Fisher  
Fran Genovese  
Barbara and George Hankins  
The Family of Barry Hoffman  
Rosemary Joy  
Laura and Tom Kennedy  
Mae Kratz  
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva  
Steven Longobardo  
The Family of Melissa Martucci  
Evelyn Mercado  
Jude Monteleone  
Richard Nash  
Oretsky Family  
Velma Peters  
Ilona Reichl  
Ted Sandstrom  
Fred Schwarz  
Megan Slasinski  
Bill and Jean Strong  
George Tietz  
Kenya VanZandt  
Jean Wade  
Jo Wolfe  
Phyla Wright

Dedra Altizer  
Emily Barry and Family  
Gabriel Bittner  
Sarah Burrows  
Grace Cook  
Shannon Decker  
Joe Destefano  
Evie and Family  
Norm and Sharon Frelinger  
The George Family  
Kevin and Sara Hankins  
Don Hoffmann  
Carolyn Keller's parents  
Kim  
Jeff Knox  
Charles Li  
Margaretta Macica  
Donna Masker  
Jeff Monroe  
Heather Mustavs  
Nina and Jason  
Ann Ott  
The Family of Marina Peterson  
Tim Richardson  
Tom Sawyer  
Bryan Scott and Family  
Peggy Srirach  
Shawn Thatcher  
Kim Valentini and Family  
Ashley Wade  
Molly Wanat  
Anne Wood's dad

Millie Augere  
JoAnna Becerril  
Brandy Bond  
Mary Carr  
Carol Coon  
Mary Jane DeFreece  
Sally Dorritie  
Mary Lee Farris' sister  
Gabby  
Kate Goodspeed  
The Hartzel Family  
Audrey Howell  
Bob and Barbara Kennedy  
Roberta Kinnamon  
Lyndsay Krutki  
Robert Lobb  
James Magee  
Andy Marussich  
Lisa Montalbano and Family  
Eileen Myslinski  
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen  
Amy Pemberton  
Eltra Reeves and her unborn child  
Loretta Richner  
Kevin Schuler  
Dorothy Sevcik  
The Smith Family  
The Family of Judy Thompson  
Joe and Mark VanZandt  
Wendy-Bynum Wade  
The Weinberger Family  
Orra and Dale 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.)***



## **Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden**

### **JULY/AUGUST UPDATE**

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#### **“Stewards of Our Garden”**

**Please help keep the garden neat...**

*It takes only a few minutes each month to pick up any litter, pull a weed, or sweep a few pavers clean, and you can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up.*

#### **The JULY & AUGUST Steward's schedule:**

Barbara and George Hankins:	July 1 – July 15
Jen and Gregg Piller:	July 16 – July 31
Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	August 1 – August 15
Barbara and George Hankins:	August 16 – August 31

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#### **Memorial Pavers**

Fourteen new engraved pavers will be installed very soon.

To order a memorial paver for later this year to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100.

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#### **Niches are Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium**

Fifteen niches remain available 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)

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Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Rev. Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you 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 2014**

Linda Clark  
Dom Fontana  
Pat Green  
Bill Hodges  
Karen Magee  
Grover vonPentz

### **Class of 2015**

Kathy Alevras  
Wendy Bynum-Wade  
Elizabeth (BA) Long  
Louise Spencer  
Sue Varden  
Orra Wood

### **Class of 2016**

Cliff Bartley  
Geri Corey  
John Redman  
Tom Sawyer  
Mal Stewart  
Jo Wolf

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **Class of 2014**

Diana Bowe  
Brendan Donohue  
Lori Kilmer  
Brian Meek  
Jude Monteleone  
Richard Paulus  
Cheryl Zis

### **Class of 2015**

Laura Colacci  
Carol Gabella  
Jonathan Laskoski  
Tina McCloud  
Gregg Piller  
Jennifer Piller  
Nancy Smith

### **Class of 2016**

Wendy Donohue  
Bill Eustance  
Gina Gruber  
John Gruber  
Carolyn Keller  
Kathleen Kingsley  
Lisa Montalbano

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Presbyterian Women:

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