

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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"Follow me and I will make you fish for people." (Mark 1:17)

What if you say "Yes?"

What if you hear the simple call of Jesus and respond just like those fishermen who heard it by the Sea of Galilee? What happens next? What will your life look like?

When Simon Peter and his brother Andrew heard the call they left their nets (1:18). Mark omits much as he tells this story, but we're not wrong to assume that fishing was more than a livelihood for these men. It was a way of life. To leave the nets meant more than walking away from a job. Following Jesus meant trading a life they knew for one they didn't.

The response of James and John was no less dramatic. Mark's mention of leaving their father and the hired servants implies a family business (1:20). To walk away from that in order to trail along with a rabbi-carpenter is almost beyond imagining.

What Changes?

So when we read the story of Jesus calling his first disciples, we see something dramatic, life-change on a grand scale. We listen to the same call and conclude that to say "yes" will mean something equally dramatic for us. Maybe we leave one kind of work for another kind of work, something we typically call "the ministry." Or maybe we need to trade one group of friends for another group of friends so that we can experience "Christian community."

Not so fast.

Those things might happen. Sometimes following Jesus does mean a new vocation. Sometimes following Jesus does change relationships. But the emphasis of Mark's story and the nature of Jesus' call do not focus on the changes we make. The real drama has to do with the changes that Jesus makes in us.

The words "follow me" are not coupled with instructions about what we need to change. Rather the invitation is coupled with a promise about what Jesus will do in us. "I will make you fish for people." Many English translations gloss over this phrasing, but the word "make" is significant.

The Slow Work of Making

Yes, following Jesus may change things, but the most profound change is not something we do. It is not ours to accomplish. It is Jesus' work. To say 'yes' to the call is to become someone: someone who increasingly resembles the one we follow--and that takes time. Spend some time thumbing through the gospels, watching those first followers of Jesus, and you'll see plenty of evidence of this gradual "becoming." After considerable exposure to Jesus, James and John were ambitiously clamoring for places of honor, grabbing rank over the other ten disciples (Mark 10:35-37). Upon being rejected in a Samaritan village, it is James and John who ask Jesus if

they can call down fire to consume obstinate villagers (Luke 9:54). And of course, in his denial of Jesus, Peter ends up being afraid of people, not fishing for them.

Following Jesus might change your vocation and your relationships – but it will most definitely change you. Not necessarily because of something you do, but because of what Jesus is doing in you. You are becoming what Paul called a “new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17). If you’ve decided to follow in Jesus’ way, this is happening in your life today and every day.

And remember, Jesus is extremely patient in your “being made.” Maybe you can be patient with yourself. Maybe you can extend that patience-in-becoming to someone else.

Pastor Kingsley

JULY -- IT'S SUMMER – FINALLY!

Summer is heating up fast. Our Christian Education program just wound up in June, graduates were sent forth to the strains of “Pomp and Circumstance,” the mission team to Newburgh took off, then Great American Weekend ushered in the month.



This time of year is one of activity but also finishing up, closing out, relaxing and getting recharged for the next phase of our lives. Take stock—what have I completed now, how did I do, and where am I headed next. Summer and vacations provide us with opportunities 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.



Our choir season is now over and our **summer choir** starts on **July 10**, 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 -- just be there 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 in our **cool air-conditioned sanctuary and Fellowship Hall**. I invite you to allow your presence to minister to others and be part of the “worshipping through” even in summer. You matter!

Carpe diem – seize the day!

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music



The *NEW* Church Photo Directory

Portrait Session On-line Sign-up is Active Now!

The excitement is rising as plans move forward on our new church photo directory!

Scheduling a portrait session is easy. Go to our church website: <http://fpgoshen.org> and on the right you will find a direct link to the Lifetouch appointment scheduler.

In-person sign-up will continue in the Narthex before church service and during coffee hour on:

In-Person Sign up Dates

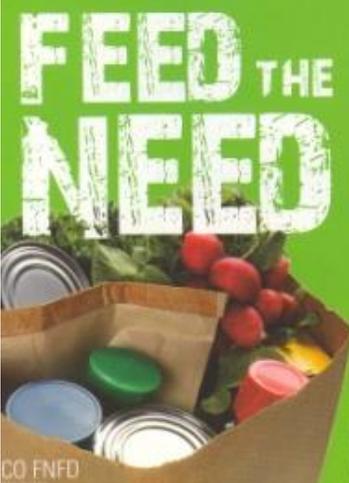
June 26 th	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour
July 10 th	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour
July 24 th	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour
July 31 st	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour

Book early to get the time slot you desire.

Portrait Sitting Dates

Thursday	August 4 th	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Friday	August 5 th	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday	August 6 th	10:00 am - 5:00 pm

- Refreshments will be available while you are waiting.
- You will have an opportunity to review the portrait packages available for purchase from Lifetouch while you wait. There is no obligation to buy.

 <p>TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD DONATION PLEASE ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE FOR</p> <p>\$5 off your Lifetouch portrait order</p> <p><small>This offer is only valid for Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits. Must present at time of portrait sitting. One \$5 off "Feed the Need" offer per family. May be combined with other offers. Void where prohibited. No cash back. Not applicable to tax and handling. Expires May 31, 2011.</small></p>	<p><i>A \$5 off certificate applicable towards your optional portrait order will be issued to families bringing food items for the Food Pantry at the time of their appointment.</i></p>
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Questions for the Directory Committee can be directed to:

Lisa Montalbano

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You had us at “hello!” We had been Lutherans all our life, but when we found this church we knew it was something special.

You have given us so much support and showed great love in so many ways during the past year. We honestly felt your sincere prayers and it was a great comfort in the fight.

Bob was a “spiritual” person in every way; so kind, thoughtful, and strong in his faith, a great example to follow. When he was inducted as an Elder, he said it was one of the most touching events in his life.

The Memorial Service was beautiful. I thank all who made it so special.

To all who helped with the wake and reception, my sincere gratitude. It was above and beyond, is all I can say. You all made a special effort that was very obvious.

Bob’s entire family thanks you. I appreciate and hold dear all of your condolences.

***God bless,
Maureen Johnson***

Thank You!

Thank you all for helping out at the Deacons’ picnic and making it such a great day to enjoy friends and family. We especially appreciated all those folks who helped us set up the tables and chairs and break them down again, and for the many terrific side dishes and desserts we had to share. To our great grill masters... Brian, Dom and Mark... you out did yourselves! To Grover and Charlie, thanks for bringing your grill from home so we could have yummy grilled nectarines and pineapples. See you next year!

- The Board of Deacons

Congratulations to Sam Boese, Matt Kopec, and Hannah Warner on their graduation from Goshen High School on June 24.



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED US ON “ASHLEY’S JOURNEY”

A big heartfelt thanks to all who either joined us in person or in spirit for the Goshen Relay for Life event at Goshen High School on Saturday, June 11. It was a marvelous day for Ashley, who led the Survivor’s Lap as Grand Marshal for this year’s event. As of the cut-off date for Tower Tie, “Ashley’s Journey” has raised a little over \$1100, with more still coming in. Anyone who would still like to donate, you can do so by going to www.relayforlife.org; search 10924 and then “Ashley’s Journey.” Donations will count for the 2016 Relay through the end of August.

For those of you who were praying for us when “Ashley’s Journey” began with her diagnosis of Ewing Sarcoma on 11/3/11, we’re sure you can appreciate how surreal it is for us in 2016 to see her up, walking at the Relay as if she owned the track and in general, acting like a survivor. There were many days during 2011 and 2012 that we weren’t really sure if she’d be alive in 2016, much less wearing 5-inch heels with her prosthetic leg. Without a doubt, the prayers and support of our church family and our own faith in God’s plan for Ashley were the only reasons we were able to take this journey with her.

Not that’s it’s been smooth sailing since remission. Anyone who attends church on a regular basis knows that she’s been in and out of the hospital for a myriad of reasons since the cancer packed up and went home. Some of her troubles have been caused by residual effects of chemotherapy; some have been the result of genetics and late-blooming autoimmune disorders; still others have been because if there’s a bug out there to be caught, Ashley has a way of catching it, lucky girl! Throughout it all, the love from our church family has kept her (and us) going, and we thank you for that. We know we’re not done yet; we’re sure that “Ashley’s Journey” includes more trips to the hospital for who knows what. We just wanted everyone at First Presbyterian Church how much we appreciate you all; we couldn’t have done it or continue on this path, without your prayers.

Douglas V. Wade
Wendy Bynum-Wade

We give thanks for your service.....

The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful to those Deacons who finished their terms of service in 2016. Thank you to **Carol Gabella, Bill Eustance, Gina Gruber, John Gruber, Hannah Warner, Tina McCloud, Lisa Montalbano and the late Lori Baird.**

We are equally grateful to those Elders who served on the Session, the church body that exercises leadership, government, spiritual discernment and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of the congregation as well as the whole church. Thank you **Cliff Bartley, John Redman, Geri Corey, Jo Wolfe, Anne Tuthill and the late Robert Johnson.**



PRESBYTERIAN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Summer is upon us and, although the thought of working with yarn in the heat doesn't sound pleasant, the need continues. Our ladies will find an air-conditioned spot and continue our mission of making shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets for those who need a hug or just to know someone cares. As usual, several notes have shown up to let us know the gift was received and appreciated. While we don't have the space to put all the notes, here are several that came in since the last Tower Tie came out. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did.

- *Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry: The shawls you have given to us during Bob's illness have been very comforting. Your thoughts and prayers have blessed us through the year. Bob was a very loving person, and I am sure most of you received a 'hug' from him at one time or another. All of you will remember how much he loved and cared for the support you gave from our church. With Love, Maureen (Johnson) Goshen NY*
- *Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry: Thank you so much for the prayer shawl and the words of inspiration and the love. I will certainly use the shawl to keep me warm. Reading each prayer has helped me find peace and love. We never know why god puts obstacles in our life's journey. Only he knows why and perhaps he is testing us. It is not for us to know. I'm in my second round of chemotherapy (for pancreatic cancer) as the first ones didn't work and the new treatment is intense and aggressive. So far I've had no negative responses. I only pray it will work. Again, I thank each of you so much for your thoughtfulness. Yours in Christ, peace and love to all, Sharon Frankenfield, Emmaus PA (Friend of Wendy Paffenroth's Sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Jim Grippe)*
- *Dear Wendy and Prayer Shawl Ministry: The blessings of old age arrive in many forms. My shawl will never get folded and tucked away – it is for constant use. I am so very pleased with my shawl and the beautiful messages. Thank you again, Barbara Wagner, "Mimi"; Fort Meyers - Florida (90 yrs. young and fighting lung cancer)*
- *Dear PSM: Thank you so much for the shawl and the lap robe. The kindness of the people in our church overwhelms us. Sincerely, Carolyn and Bill Keller (given on the passing of Bill's mom).*

Pam Pylant has made two beautiful mirrored-in-colors pink and white baby blankets for pastor's soon-to-be twin granddaughters. A pretty pink and white shawl will be sent along for the new mother made by Elfriede Johnson who crochets when she travels. We hope that Pastor Kingsley will be able to deliver them in person and will take photos to share with all of us.

As you can see, we again have touched the hearts and souls of people who need a hug. Please continue to support this wonderful ministry and if you want to join us, you will be most welcome. God bless and consider this a summer Hug...

Wendy Lee Paffenroth – Shawl Secretary



MIDNIGHT RUN

As many of you are aware, First Presbyterian Church in Goshen is committed to continuing the amazing job Lori Baird has done in recent years spearheading our efforts with Midnight Run. Although no one person could hope to do the work Lori did, there are a core group of volunteers willing to make sure our mission with this incredible organization continues. We are looking for more bodies to help, in whatever way you can.

The jobs are many; we will need volunteers to:

- **help** make sandwiches, soup, whatever we're taking to NYC on a particular run
- **donate** food supplies
- **donate** underwear, socks, gently worn hand-me-downs (especially in men's sizes)
- **help** organize donations prior to/after each run
- **drive** to NYC or ride along to help at the various NYC stops
- **donate** money if you aren't able to help with any of the above

We will be doing our next Midnight Run as a brunch run, leaving early in the morning and visiting our destinations during daylight hours. We are thinking this might be less daunting for first time participants. Watch for the September Tower Tie for confirmed dates for prep and the run. It will either be mid-September or early October.

First Presbyterian membership is NOT a requirement for service; all that is needed is a willing heart to help individuals far less fortunate than any of us. If you're interested in helping in any way, please contact Wendy Bynum-Wade at wendybynumwade@gmail.com, leave a note in collection plate, or leave a message at the church office with Pat. Invite your friends and family members; helping with any of the components of our efforts will satisfy community service hours needed for school/college. By the way, it's also a great way to have fun while earning a warm and fuzzy feeling for doing something so worthwhile. Members of other churches (or groups within those churches) are welcome to join us as well. Many hands will make light work.

Pass the word.

Wendy Bynum-Wade





WHO NEEDS UBER WHEN WE HAVE “CHARIOTS TO CHURCH”

At First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, we are creatures of habit. I’m sure it’s the same at many churches. Sometimes that can be a hindrance, keeping us from trying out new ideas. But it can also be very helpful, especially in the introduction of a new program called “Chariots to Church.”

Since we all usually sit in the same place week after week, it becomes easier to notice who sits with you, near you, in front or in back of you and your entourage. The Board of Elders and the Board of Deacons have decided to put this knowledge to good use and create a formal plan to help out our fellow congregants who may be able to attend church but don’t have a way to get there.

We are looking for volunteer drivers who may have a few extra minutes before and after church each week to help with this program. If we have many drivers, no one will be assigned to drive more than once a quarter. We are also looking for people who need rides; we know you’re out there! If you notice that someone’s been absent for a while or only attends sporadically, please let Pat in the church office know (294-7991). You can also call her to volunteer to drive or leave a note in the offering plate.

Or, email Wendy Bynum-Wade at wendybynumwade@gmail.com or call at 294-0583.

We could also use this program to bring folks to church outings like the dinner club. Please give it some thought and reach out to help out. Thanks in advance for your participation in this project.

Wendy Bynum-Wade

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2016

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 **354** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2016 is \$31.50**, which is a total of **\$11,151.00** to be taken from our operating budget. As of May 31, 2016, **\$6,733.80 has been collected**. 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.



PRESBYTRIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

News Notes...

The few and mighty came out to the June meeting of PW, and we tried to finalize what we need to do for our drink tent at GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND! Missing a few of our key people didn't seem to hinder the group, and we thank Carolyn Keller for taking great notes and looking back to what we did last year.

We each want to thank Dave Paffenroth (our auxiliary), who purchased a second *EZ-UP Pop Up Tent* to match the one he bought several years ago. So, rain or shine, we will be protected. Betty Lobb and Carolyn Keller are going to see to the stenciling of our name on the edge of the top of the tent. We will set them up on Friday night with whoever can help. We will also prepare our items for sale under the tent at that time. Some of our women will be helping "Outreach" with church tours and ringing of the bell every so often to gain attention to the fact that a church whose congregation is going on 300 years old wants to show off our beautiful sanctuary. Hope you will take a tour if you haven't already; there is always something new to learn.



Our treasurer, Jen, told us that the check for our part of the doors has been written and given to the church. Please notice how nice they look next time you go to Fellowship Hall.

We are still waiting on figures for a new silver chalice in memory of our friend, Jean Strong. We want to make sure it is the perfect piece to honor her. We thank Sandy Soons for the donation for us to be able to do something in Jean's memory.

At this point the ladies will dispense with having meetings during the summer months and pick up again in September. Don't think we aren't around, though, if needed. Pat in the office knows how to get us if something comes along for us to do.

Have a wonderful summer. Hope to see many workers at GAW and don't be afraid to *jump in* and help at any time. We are all in this together.

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 - just 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

Thank you, Wendy Lee Paffenroth

*With Church Tours coming up at **Great American Weekend**, I thought I would share some interesting facts about our church found in recent research. Enjoy!*

Church Mouse

Do you know when the Tower Tie actually got its start? It was begun around 1949 by Pastor Brindisi, our 15th Minister. He felt that a monthly calendar would help the congregation to know what is going on. It also introduced a “church mouse” who was a figment of the pastor’s imagination. The church mouse knew what was going on all around the church - whether it was a meeting, a gathering, a luncheon, etc. She observed, reported back, and then it was published in the Tower Tie; which also gets its name from the book Mildred Parker Seese wrote about Goshen and the Tower of the Lord. (as documented in the local history collection of the Goshen Public Library):



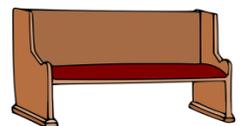
A Tower of the Lord in the Land of Goshen prepared by Mildred Parker Seese.

A history written in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen, New York 1720 – 1945.

Unfortunately, when Pastor Brindisi moved to his new church in Utica, the little mouse went along with him. Maybe someone in our congregation can find a new church mouse and write a page for the monthly newsletter.

Pew Rentals and Presbyterian Women

In the early days in many churches, pews were rented to members as a way of raising income for the church. Families paid a fee for their pew and often held a “deed” to that said pew in the church. Did you ever notice the numbers on the edges of the pews? The more money they gave, usually the closer to the front was the pew deed. Ministers knowing that not all could pay kept about 20% of the pews free, usually in the back of the church. Somewhere around the 1880’s, this practice was abandon, but then came the issue of fundraising for the church to stay solvent. Our church did away with the practice under Pastor Clark, our 10th minister. He then turned to the women of the church, and a group was formed called the **Ladies Aid Society**. These women raised money and turned it over to the church. After WWII, the women were often called upon by service organizations in the town to do a meal for an event they were having. The organization hired the “good cooks from First Presbyterian” to do the meal and, the money made from their being hired, came back to the church. It was not unheard of for these ladies to do a wedding meal or to do a meal for the local Rotary Club. Today, our ladies are known as **Presbyterian Women’s Association**, and they are still doing receptions and functions; and money raised often comes back to the church in one means or another. The costs of the brass banisters on the chancel steps and half of the cost of the new doors leading to Fellowship hall were made possible by our current ladies.



Music at First Church

At one time the church had an abundance of singers. When the choir lofts were added, there was hardly a Sunday that both sides were not filled. I remember one choir I was in used to have chairs below the choir lofts, and that is where we sat throughout the entire service. Each fall was robe fitting time where many of the moms had us come to the church to be fitted for our robes, as many of us had had a growth spurt over the summer; the ladies wanted the robes to all be the same length off the floor as we came down the aisle.



Choir robes were first purchased in the early 1950's; and, at one point, there were six choirs. Each choir had their own color or style. Of course, some choirs only sang once a month and the little children every holiday. You would come to Sunday school around 9:30 am, and at 11 o'clock you got in your robe and sang in the service.

The following were the choirs we had: **Chancel Choir** (Adults); **Crusaders** (high school students); **Carol Choir** (girls in grades 5-8); **Westminster** (boys in grades 5-8); **Choristers** (grades K-4); and, of course, the **Hand Bells** which were added later and members of the high school choirs came up and also played them.

I remember singing in three of these choirs when I was growing up; and yes, it helped to teach me to read music.



Elder Chairs

At one point the Elders (and possibly the Deacons), serving communion sat in a semi-circle of chairs on the chancel during the entire service. I believe these are the same chairs in front of the first pew. In 1954, Mrs. Haakmeister and Mrs. Dorothy (Smith) Gott took it upon themselves to recover each chair -- **ALL 13 OF THEM** - with the material that was left over from the new pew cushions. This was quite a task to be undertaken, but we know it was a labor of love and probably the last time those cushions were updated.

Hope you enjoyed this trip down memory lane. If anyone has anything they want to share, please drop it in the office or send it to me.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth



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

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Brian Meek</i>	19	<i>Logan Quick</i>
4	<i>Judy Green</i>	20	<i>BA Long</i>
5	<i>Grace Benson</i>	22	<i>Everett Misir</i>
7	<i>Felicia Van Doran</i>	24	<i>Lucien Quick</i>
10	<i>Dorothy Gott</i>		<i>Jody Kopec</i>
12	<i>Donna Totton</i>	25	<i>Bill Eustance</i>
	<i>Kenneth Phelan</i>		<i>Curtis Johnson</i>
13	<i>Colin Boardman</i>		<i>Ashley Wade</i>
15	<i>Greg Spencer</i>	26	<i>John Gruber</i>
16	<i>Mark Glasse</i>	31	<i>Lynn Healey</i>
18	<i>Lori Kilmer</i>		<i>Shannon Roper</i>
	<i>Scott Markel</i>		

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Cheryl Hinckley</i>	21	<i>Joan Howell</i>
2	<i>Robin Knoblock</i>	22	<i>Jordan Depew</i>
3	<i>Craig Shaeffer</i>	23	<i>Wendy Bynum-Wade</i>
4	<i>Paty Glasse</i>	26	<i>Alexis Dickover</i>
6	<i>Bethany Case</i>		<i>Mark Hahn</i>
8	<i>Joseph Van Doran</i>	29	<i>Carolyn Keller</i>
9	<i>Barbara Hankins</i>		<i>Jack McCloud</i>
13	<i>Jean Crandall</i>	30	<i>Darlene Bartley</i>
	<i>Lucy Viebrock</i>		<i>Robert Clooney</i>
15	<i>Tyler Csernai</i>		<i>Amber Van Grol</i>
	<i>Jonathan Laskoski</i>		
18	<i>Alan Sproul</i>		
19	<i>Alan Jorgensen</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:

Ron Alevras
Sarah Bohling
Jean Crandall
Everyone serving in the Military
Jane Geyer
Matthew Gould
Barbara and George Hankins
Bill Howell
Rosemary Joy
Brenda Kujawski
Kelly Magee Thrush
The McCloud Family
Jean Musgrave
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth
Tom Sawyer
Elmer Stevens
Cindy Vanderplaat
Jo Wolfe
Orra Wood

Ed Berry
Susie Bohling
Suzanne DeBlock
Mary Lee Farris and her sister
Carly Glasse
Gary Greenwald
Kevin and Sara Hankins
The Family of Bob Johnson
Laura and Tom Kennedy
James Magee
Victoria Manteaw
Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski
William John Pink
Dorothy Sevcik
Gary Swinger
The Wade Family
Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis
Phyla Wright

Ann (Strong) Blake
Sharon Conlon
John DeGroat
Judy Fazio
Dorothy Gott
Mary Gray Griffith
Andy Hine
Susan Johnson
Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott
Karen Magee
Diana, Riley, and Gavin Martin
Richard Montalbano
Amy (Thompson) Nguye
Rachel Reeves
Peggy Srirach
Christopher Tucker
Doris Weinberger
Sandra Wood
Vicki Yost

(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

JULY/AUGUST UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

Place your orders for memorial pavers to honor or remember a loved one! Two 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.

9 Niches Are 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”

Thank you to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The JULY/AUGUST and early SEPTEMBER Steward's Schedule:

Barbara and George Hankins:	July 1 – July 15
Bill Eustance, Jenn and Greg Piller:	July 16 – July 31
Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende:	August 1 – August 15
Barbara and George Hankins:	August 16 – August 31
Bill Eustance, Jenn and Gregg Piller:	September 1 – September 15

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 can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up.

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

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

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Jon Hourahan
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Jody Kopec
Logan Quick
Felicia Van Doran**

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STAFF

**Robert Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**