

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

## 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

*But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.*

*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

I love how this passage is grounded in a deep and profound sense of hope. "We look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen." It's easy to feel hopeless. With all the pain, suffering, violence, oppression, and corruption in the world, it takes a special kind of something to stay hopeful. I see hope as different than positivity. There really isn't a bright side to everything, and sometimes forcing a shallow positivity can be more harmful than helpful to a suffering friend. Have you ever heard "It's all part of God's plan" in response to a recent diagnosis of yourself or a loved one? I don't think all this suffering in the world is part of God's plan at all.

And then there's hope. A hope that in the midst of tragedy through gun violence, we see youth share powerful and inspiring stories that mobilize us. *I believed and so I spoke*. A hope where just when it feels we cannot go on, a friend notices we're upset and we cry a relieving cry on their shoulder. A hope that as babies giggle at the simplest things and with new life so beautiful and precious, how can we not *believe* and then *speak*. As Christians, our job is to maintain hope together, hope that the world doesn't have to be as it is.

What cannot always be seen is God's hope for us. It's that inkling of the Spirit present in the moments where we find hope. Where can you find hope today? And if you can't, give me a call, and we'll search together.

Pastor Kingsley



## Music Notes

As the beautiful summer enfolds us in greenery and warmth, it behooves us to thank our hard-working and talented choir for another year of fabulous music. What joy they give us week after week! The handbells, too, are wonderful. Our ringers (and their director) continue to learn and grow. We will all continue to grow together.

There is much music to be made here! All of it is to God's glory, but in that endeavor we find a deep delight.

Starting in 2019, we will start to host musical and cultural programs to celebrate our 300<sup>th</sup> birthday. We have a lot of good ideas for a broad variety of events that are sure to please.

Have a wonderful, quiet, and safe summer. De-stress and tap into happiness. I plan to take my own advice.

-- Jonathan

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## Are You Lucky? Limited Time Only!

Our church is sponsoring a raffle for the benefit of the rebuilding of a school in Albania. The proceeds will help to fund a trip organized by Carly Glasse' (Limoncellos at the Orange Inn). This August a dozen or so volunteers will be traveling to Albania to rebuild a school that was destroyed by fire. The tickets are \$20 each and the prizes are as follows: \$2500 cash, \$1000 cash, Mac Book Air, 50 inch SONY 4k television, 5x\$100 cash prizes, 5x\$50 cash prizes.

Please note: Our church will also benefit financially from the proceeds.

\*Tickets are available from Pat in the church office, Limoncello Restaurant, Mark or Paty Glasse'.  
The drawing is scheduled for July 13 at Limoncello Restaurant. Winner need not be present.

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## Be Not Afraid – Overcoming the Fear of Death

We have completed a book study on Be Not Afraid by Johann Christoph Arnold. Using this book, we explored our experiences of death and grief. We looked at respect of death and respect of life. Study groups are a great way to learn more about yourself and others and to explore how your faith informs the way you live. It is also a good opportunity to get to know other church members in a way that you wouldn't know them otherwise. Thank you to all the wonderful people that attended and opened their hearts and minds to meaningful discussion. We are hoping to undertake another study in the fall. We are currently looking for topics and books for this. Please make any suggestions to us or another member of the Christian Ed. Committee.

Paty and Mark Glasse'



## **News from the Outreach Committee**

We have been having a busy month. Thirty-one post cards have gone out to members we have not seen in a while. If you have not seen someone, please let us know so we can send them a card to let them know we miss them.

Lisa has sent out five letters to visitors thanking them for visiting our church and hoping to see them again.

We're working on shawls and several have gone out. One was given to a friend of Lisa who has cancer. Three went to friends of Darlene. One was to a mom and her daughter who has a brain tumor and another to a friend that is dealing with cancer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. If you like to crochet or would like to learn, please let Lisa or I know and we would be happy to teach you. We have plenty of yarn that has been donated.

We are planning a new member class in September. If you know of anyone interested in joining the church, please either see one of the committee members or leave the name at the church office.

In June, the Community Dinner was hosted by Girl Scouts and fifty-five people were served. If you know of a group that would like to host a dinner, we are in need of hosts in August and September. Please let Grover vonPentz know.

We are looking to start a share group that will be an informal meeting once a month in the parlor. You can come and meet with other church members who are experiencing some of the same issues, such as a loss of a loved one, divorce, loss of a job, caring for an elderly parent, etc. We are planning to start in September and already have two people who will be there to welcome you and to start the conversation.

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested, please come join us.

Have a good summer.

Darlene Bartley - Chair



### **THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ONGOING!**

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](mailto:mpglasse@optonline.net)

### **PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2018**

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 **343** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2018 is \$36.83**, which is a total of **\$12,632.69** 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.



### **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



## PRESBYTERAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association met on May 7, 2018 in the church parlor. It was brought up that **Jody Kopec** planted two wild cherry trees, a lilac bush plus several other flowering items around the church in memory of our dear departed and longtime treasurer, **Jean Strong**. Jean was a lover of flowers and we know she would be most happy with the final selection. We will put a plaque at the base to honor her memory. We thank Jody for his expertise in finding the right plants to adorn our beautiful church and for making our grounds look spectacular. We are grateful also to the Soons family and Jean's daughters for the donation to make this possible.

The luminaire candles that now adorn the chancel and side windows in the sanctuary were also bought by the donations of the Soons family and Jean Strong's daughters. They look very real with the flickering flame, but are much safer as they run by several batteries which are said to last 175 hours. Thank you again to the Soons family and Jean's daughters.

On October 7, PW will honor **Wendy Bynum-Wade and Geri Corey** with a luncheon at Glen Arden for the work they do in our church. In the fall we will have the information in the church bulletin about signing up to attend this wonderful function.

**November 17 is the Holiday Fair.** The ladies will again be looking for bakers/chili and soup makers. So mark your calendars and start coming up with great new recipes to share.

The meeting on June 4 had six women in attendance. There was a long discussion about the Great American Weekend tent. The ladies of the church need to come out and support PW more. We are responsible to do funeral receptions and we try to raise money for items needed for our church. However, with so few attending the meetings, we aren't sure what direction this group is headed. Please pray on how you can assist your sisters in the next year. So many things we have done in the past have had to go by the wayside due to lack of help. We know everyone is busy, but think how you can squeeze a few hours in now and then for the fellowship of your sisters. Thank you.

PW does not meet in the summer, but will meet again in September. Watch the bulletins for the date and anything else upcoming.

Wendy Paffenroth – PW Correspondent



## ***COME JOIN US FOR OUR 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CLAM BAKE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 300<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH***

Will be held at the ***Long Lot Brewery on Johnson Road in Chester, NY***

**Date** – Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. (last serving at 4:30 p.m.)

**Rain date** – Sunday, September 16, 2018

Price per ticket is \$40.00 per person; kids under 12 - \$10.00.

If you would like to add a lobster the ticket is \$60.00.

If you would like to reserve your tickets, please email Darlene at [bartley51@yahoo.com](mailto:bartley51@yahoo.com)

Tickets are also available in the church office.

There will be a cash bar serving beer and wine.

Menu is as follows:

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

LITTLE NECKS AND STEAMER CLAMS

FRESH FRUIT MEDLEY

RED BLISS POTATOES (HOT OR COLD)

HOMESTYLE BAKED BEANS W/ BACON

GOURMET GARDEN SALAD

CORN ON THE COB W/ PARM & PARSLEY

BBQ GRILLED CHICKEN BREASTS & THIGHS (BONELESS)

ITALIAN SAUSAGE W/ PEPPERS & ONIONS

CONDIMENTS

SODA, WATER, COFFEE AND TEA

OPTION IS TO ADD 1.25# LOBSTER BY PREVIOUS RESERVATION

We hope that you will come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship and kick off this wonderful celebration.

The Clam Bake Committee – Darlene, Cliff, John, Mary Lee, Orra, Wendy, Mark, Linda

# **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**

## **HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

2	<i>Brian Meek</i>	20	<i>BA Long</i>
4	<i>Judy Green</i>	22	<i>Everett Misir</i>
5	<i>Grace Benson</i>	24	<i>Jody Kopec</i>
7	<i>Felicia Van Doran</i>		<i>Lucien Quick</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>
16	<i>Mark Glasse</i>	26	<i>John Gruber</i>
18	<i>Lori Kilmer</i>	31	<i>Lynn Healey</i>
19	<i>Logan Quick</i>		<i>Shannon Roper</i>

## **HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:**

7	<i>Shannon Ottochian</i>	18	<i>Alan Sproul</i>
2	<i>Robin Knoblock</i>	19	<i>Alan Jorgensen</i>
3	<i>Craig Shaeffer</i>	21	<i>Joan Howell</i>
4	<i>Paty Glasse</i>	23	<i>Wendy Bynum-Wade</i>
6	<i>Bethany Case</i>	26	<i>Alexis Dickover</i>
8	<i>Joseph Van Doran</i>		<i>Mark Hahn</i>
9	<i>Barbara Hankins</i>	29	<i>Carolyn Keller</i>
13	<i>Jean Crandall</i>	30	<i>Darlene Bartley</i>
	<i>Lucy Viebrock</i>		<i>Amber Van Grol</i>
15	<i>Tyler Csernai</i>		
	<i>Jonathan Laskoski</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>
17	<i>Marilyn and Charles Velzey</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:**

Colin Alevras  
Ann (Strong) Blake  
Hannah Boorse  
John Burleson  
Laura Colacci  
Jennifer and Patrick Ellis  
Mary Lee Farris and her sister  
Miko Graham  
Kevin and Sara Hankins  
Susan Johnson  
Regina Kenny  
Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott  
James Lowry  
Evelyn Mercado  
Amy (Thompson) Nguye  
Richard and Robyn Paulus  
Maritya Reyes  
Gary Smith  
Kathy Stringer  
Christopher Tucker  
Kenneth Van Etten  
Doris Weinberger  
Sandra Wood  
Vicki Yost

Ron and Kathy Alevras  
Sarah Bohling  
Marilyn Borth  
Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla  
Lawrence Colacci  
Everyone serving in the Military  
Judy Fazio  
Lynne Gregor  
Georgia Hickey  
Joseph  
David Kingsley  
Brenda Kujawski  
Karen Magee  
Richard Montalbano  
Dean Oberg  
Josephine Pecoraro  
Marge (Chasen) Rolan  
Louise Spencer  
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch  
Danny Tucker and Family  
June Vautin  
Jo Wolfe  
Orra Wood

Ed Berry  
Susie Bohling  
Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs  
Barbara Drake  
Judy Hankins Feragola  
Esther Glassé  
Barbara and George Hankins  
Jennifer and Andy Hine  
Rosemary Joy  
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy  
Margo Kumpf  
Kelly Magee Thrush  
Eileen Myslinski  
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth  
Carlos and Miarose Reyes  
Tom Sawyer  
Peggy Srirach  
Cindy Vanderplaat  
The Wade Family  
Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis  
Phyla Wright

***(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**

#### **Memorial Pavers**

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

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#### **5 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)

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#### **“Stewards of Our Garden”**

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

##### **The JULY/AUGUST Steward’s Schedule:**

Barbara and George Hankins	July 1 – July 15
Bill Eustance	July 16 –July 31
Beryl Yungman	August 1 – August 15
Barbara and George Hankins	August 16 – August 31
Bill Eustance	September 1 – September 15

*YOU can be a Steward of Our Garden on any day of the week! It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, sweep a few pavers clean, or gather a few leaves and you too can help keep YOUR garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our schedule.*

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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 2019**

**Linda Boardman  
Geri Corey  
William Eustance  
Brad McLeland  
Brian Meek  
Malcolm Stewart**

### **Class of 2020**

**Darlene Bartley  
Robyn Boardman  
George Hankins  
Deb Hourahan  
Sue Varden  
Rob Warner**

### **Class of 2021**

**Mark Glasse  
Bill Hodges  
Lori Kilmer  
Ken Phelan  
John Redman  
Scott Roper**

**Clerk of Session: Sue Varden**

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **Class of 2019**

**Liese Boese  
Margaret Dickover  
Jon Hourahan  
Carolyn Keller  
Jody Kopec  
Logan Quick  
Felicia Van Doran**

### **Class of 2020**

**Diane Church  
Carol Gabella  
Jane Geyer  
Gina Gruber  
Mary Kopec  
Betty Lobb  
Charlie von Pentz**

### **Class of 2021**

**Michael Coyne  
Allison Csernai  
Don Dinsmore  
Patrick Ellis  
Paty Glasse  
Barbara Schust  
George Schust**

**Moderator of Deacons:  
Presbyterian Women:**

**Carolyn Keller**

## **STAFF**

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