

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Psalm 8

*O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

*You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.*

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?*

*Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

*O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

What a wonderful way to start a morning!

For many, Monday morning is the beginning of the work week. Psalm 8 is a helpful tool in framing what we should be about: whose we are, what our work is, and why we should do it confidently.

Praise is a good way to begin. Our God is more than we can imagine: more energy, more love, more justice, more mercy, more connection. Our Muslim brothers and sisters count ninety-nine names for God, and they are wonderful reminders of the attributes that we are to learn and emulate: “The Most Gracious,” “The Ultimate Provider of Peace,” “The All-Aware,” “The Steadfast,” “The Real.”

What God has created, we are to steward. How will we care for creation as we go through this week? How will we use (or misuse) air, water, earth? What about creatures—beasts, birds, fish—and our fellow human beings? According to the psalm, we have “been given rule of the works of [God’s] hands.” Our mandate, no matter what else is on this week’s to-do list, is the protection of God’s handiwork.

Think about that. It can seem daunting. But if God thinks we can do it, who are we to claim otherwise? Being “crowned with glory and honor” means that we have been given a share in God’s creative power. We have the ingenuity and compassion and perseverance to assess reality and solve problems. Claiming that power can help us commit, stay at the table, begin again—despite the obstacles and disappointments that may arise.

Pastor Kingsley

Music Notes



There are two wonderful upcoming musical programs in July!

First, there will be a recital and patriotic sing-along during Great American Weekend. On Saturday, July 6 at 11 AM, join me in the sanctuary to sing some favorite songs of our nation and hear some of our musical creativity. The program will not be too long, and tours will happen before and after.

Secondly, the Powers and Hall Duo will be giving a Concert in Honor of Mother Nature on Sunday, July 14, at 3 PM. Our theme is music inspired by the natural world God has given us. There will be music about owls, the moon, streams full of fish, and all sorts of other lovely things...all played on the magical combination of organ and saxophone. A lemonade social will follow on the lawn, weather permitting (Fellowship Hall otherwise).

Please come to both, and bring all your friends!

Finally, a word of well-deserved thanks to our choir and handbell choir, who serve us so beautifully week in and week out. What a great community of musicians, and what a great community of ministers of gospel joy. Please consider joining us--the summer is a great, informal way to get started. There are no weeknight rehearsals over the summer--just show up on Sunday morning at 8:45 (please!) and we will show you what to do.

I hope you enjoy some really good hammock time in the days to come.
See you in church.

--Jonathan

NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE...

Paul E. Wright Organ Fund Raffle

Raffle tickets are now on sale to raise funds to repair our beloved organ. You can purchase tickets at the church office, during coffee hour, at the Goshen Farmer's Market on Fridays and during Great American Weekend. Tickets are available for purchase until July 31. Winners will be announced daily throughout the month of August. The cost of tickets are: 1 for \$10, 3 for \$25, and 5 for \$40. Each ticket will have 31 chances to win a variety of gift certificates and gift cards from local merchants!

Volunteers are needed during Great American Weekend and at the Goshen Farmer's Market to help sell tickets. To sign up, you can contact Lisa Montalbano directly at (845) 800-0819 or follow the links below to Signup Genius online:

Signup for GAW raffle table here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054EA8AE2AA46-great>

Signup for Farmer's Market ticket sales:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054EA8AE2AA46-goshen>

Thank you in advance for your support!

~ Lisa Montalbano

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Anna Boese, Maggie Calzaretta, Stephen Serkes, and Hannah Taylor on their graduation from Goshen High School on June 28.*
- *Steven Van Doran, son of Felicia, on his graduation from law school.*

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

I'm happy to announce that Robyn Farley will be taking over the Breakfast with Santa. She also is in charge of the Bunny Breakfast so her experience will be valuable. Volunteers are the back bone of this event. I've always been fortunate to have a great group of people to come forward to help out. When she reaches out for help, please step forward. It's a great way to start off the Christmas season. Thank you, Robyn for this service to our church.

Kathy Stringer



NOTES FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

The ladies met in the parlor on June 3 and nine ladies attended. Discussion was held about the Great American Weekend drink tent and it was decided just to do the coffee/tea/bagels and hard rolls each morning. Help is needed on Friday night to set up the tent and bring out the tables and chairs. Also, help will be appreciated in the early morning to carry out the coffee pots and to clean up at the end of each day. Thank you to those in advance for your help with the church sisters.

Those who like to go to garage/yard sales and flea markets too, keep your eyes out for bargains. The ladies are still looking for Pyrex/ceramic/pie plates and also for quart jars and smaller jelly jars. Please consider donating those for the fall bake sale at the Holiday Fair. We are hoping to have another pie baking day prior to the sale...keep it in mind.

The Presbyterian Women will meet again the Monday after Labor Day at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Remember, all ladies of the church are considered members and we sincerely hope you will be able to join us for the fall meetings. Here's hoping you all have a wonderful summer and to those of you going on vacations, have safe trips. Have a happy and healthy summer and make some great family memories to last your lifetime.

God bless,

Your Church Sisters of Presbyterian Women

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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. There is a box for collection on the table in the Narthex or give them to Carol Gabella.

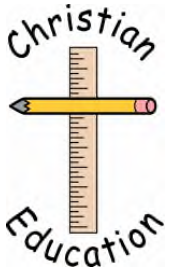
THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ONGOING!

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. See Mark Glasse' on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week. Any questions contact Mark at (845) 325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2019

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 **314** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2019 is \$38.80**, which is a total of **\$12,183.20** to be taken from our operating budget. **If you haven't already done so**, 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.

Christian Education News:



- Friday Night Friends ended a very successful first year. We will pick up again in October. Thank you to all who have helped make this such a success.
BA Long
Barbara and George Schust
Carolyn Keller
Diane Church
Paty and Mark Glassé
Allison and Mike Csernai
- Thank you to all the Deacons for a fun end of our Sunday school year.
- Vacation Bible School is July 8-12. Help is needed setting up and decorating on Sunday July 7 starting at 2:00 p.m. Meet in Fellowship Hall, various decorating tasks will be posted. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Contact Allison Csernai at (845) 469-6063 or aac0605@gmail.com
- Book study will resume in the fall.

Confirmation Class 2019-2020

Confirmation class will be starting this fall. Details to follow as they become available.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Boardman
Chair Christian Education

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

On behalf of those people going on the Mission trip to the Dominican Republic, thank you for the congregation's support and the support of our fundraisers. With your generous help we have reached our goal.

We have four teens and two adults who are joining us who have never gone on a mission trip before.

Thank you.
Mark Glassé

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>
7	<i>Felicia Van Doran</i>	24	<i>Jody Kopec</i>
12	<i>Donna Totton</i>		<i>Lucien Quick</i>
	<i>Kenneth Phelan</i>	25	<i>Bill Eustance</i>
13	<i>Colin Boardman</i>		<i>Curtis Johnson</i>
16	<i>Mark Glasse</i>		<i>Ashley Wade</i>
18	<i>Lori Kilmer</i>	26	<i>John Gruber</i>
19	<i>Logan Quick</i>	31	<i>Lynn Healey</i>
			<i>Shannon Roper</i>



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

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

HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARIES TO:

8	<i>Patrick and Jennifer Ellis</i>
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>
22	<i>Rob and Christine Person</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
Sharlene Bischof
Susie Bohling
Richard Brahs
Barbara Cody
James, Max, and Liam Feragola
Judy Fazio
Barbara and George Hankins
Joan Howell
Rosemary Joy
Linda Koch
Brenda Kujawski
Kelly Magee Thrush
Richard Montalbano
Amy (Thompson) Nguye
Jane Pines
Carolyn Reynolds
Eva Sickler
Sue Stenson's brother-in-law
Laura Traynor
Cindy Vanderplaat
June Vautin
Sue Whitson
Orra Wood

Ron Alevras
Ann (Strong) Blake
Marilyn Borth
John Burleson
Peter Coyne
Robyn Farley
Esther Glassé
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Susan Johnson
Regina Kenny
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy
James Lowry
Jack McCloud
Kevin Murphy
Dean Oberg
Carlos and Miarose Reyes
Tom Sawyer
Gary Smith
Kathy Stringer
Christopher Tucker
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg
The Wade Family
Jo Wolfe

Ed Berry
Sarah Bohling
Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs
Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla
Everyone serving in the Military
Mary Lee Farris and her sister
Charlene Gooden
Georgia Hickey
Joseph
David Kingsley
Jeff Kott and Natalia
Karen Magee
Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski
Josephine Pecoraro
Karen Saleski
Mary Rita Schlagel
Louise Spencer
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch
Danny Tucker and Family
Kenneth Van Etten
Jerry Westphal
Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis

(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



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.

Consider a Donation to

Support Your Meditation Garden

Your garden operates on 100% donations (not part of the church's operating budget). Consequently, any and all donations will be used to maintain and beautify your garden. Remember, eventually we will need to construct a 2nd columbarium wall...

Only 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)

“Stewards of Our Garden”

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

The JULY/EARLY AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER 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

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We could certainly use a few extra “Helping Hands”...

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 Steward's schedule.

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.

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Rob Person**

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Presbyterian Women:**

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