

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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July/August 2023



The adult choir is done with Thursday evening rehearsals till the fall. However, the Sunday morning singing will continue. At our final session on June 15, we worked on several anthems that will carry us forward a while, and celebrated our year with “bubbly” (non-alcoholic sparkling apple juice), cookies, and assorted snacks.

Handbells are also on vacation till the fall. Thanks to them for another year of great musical growth and service.

It’s fun to be a musician, and fun to sing in a choir. My own choral experience dates back quite far in my life. Though turned away from the children’s choir at my parish on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, without so much as eye contact (“boys don’t sing”), I joined an Irish dance group in third grade and learned quite a few classic Irish songs along with the jigs and reels. We danced and sang for our school on an “Irish Night” that spring.

Afterwards my brother and I were treated by our parents to a feast at the Blimpie on Third Avenue. We were the only two boys who had persevered all year, but we proved the point: boys *can* sing...and frankly, they should!

Later, there were high school choruses, the parish choir, summer theater, and eventually voice lessons and big choral opportunities. I have sung in the chorus for the Beethoven Ninth, the Mahler Second, the Brucker *Te Deum*, Haydn’s *Creation*, the Bach *Magnificat*, several Gilbert and Sullivan operas, and more. I have even stood in the “friendly confines” of Wrigley Field and sung the national anthem as part of a choir. It’s all been enormously enjoyable.

When you are really in the singing “zone” you feel like you are floating. There is a sense of pure physical joy that quickly turns into something spiritual. And no, I don’t mean you run out of oxygen. I mean that you can feel the deep union, the deep marriage, of body and soul that characterizes the human person. St. Augustine says that “the glory of God is man fully alive,” and surely music is a way to be fully alive!

So consider having a “bubbly” experience in our music ministry! You don’t have to wait till fall. Feel free to join in on any Sunday morning you like. If you don’t know the anthem you can simply join with the hymns and get comfortable. After we sing through the backlog of repertoire we will be picking up simple songs on Sunday, so you might prefer to join perhaps halfway through July or any time in August.

I hope to have news about organ recitals soon. Stay tuned for a musical summer!

—Jonathan

## **Prayer Chain**

It is vital for any congregation to be in prayer for the church and for individuals affiliated with the church who have a need for God's intervention in some way. This is why churches such as ours have prayer chains. But the prayer requests must stay current if individuals are to be asked to pray for everyone on the list. So, as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be changing the way we update the prayer chain. Once a request has been made for a member of the church, a friend, a neighbor, a family member, etc. to be met with prayer, that name will remain on the prayer chain list for 2 months. If you want continued prayers for another 2 months, please contact the church office to make that request. Use the church email address [fpgoshen@gmail.com](mailto:fpgoshen@gmail.com) or phone the office with your request at 845-294-7991.



### **PRAYER CHAIN**

***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:***

*The Family and Friends of Andrew DeBlock  
The Family and Friends of Norman Jones  
Louise Spencer  
Natalie Signorelli*

### **Supply Ministers for the Summer**

July 2 – No service; Great American Weekend

July 9 – Bill Powers

July 16 – Rev. Jeff Leininger; there will be a baptism

July 23 – Jody Kopec

July 30 – Bill Powers

August 6 – Rev. Jeff Leininger

August 13 – Rev. Glenn Henricksen

August 20 – Rev. Glenn Henricksen

August 27 – Rev. Glenn Henricksen

The Fellowship Committee invites you to attend



July 15, 2023, 7pm

For \$16 (plus processing fees) you receive:

A box seat ticket to Capitols @ Boulders

Each \$16 ticket purchased gives back \$5 to First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, and once 100 tickets are sold each ticket retroactively gives back \$10! Every ticket comes with a complimentary Boulders Promotional Cap

To purchase tickets: <https://fevogm.com/event/Firstpresbyterian7>

Or scan the QR code:



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914-443-4704 \* Feliciav99@yahoo.com



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GOSHEN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

(One form per child, please)

\*Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just finished: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Issues or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent(s) Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_

\*State: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pickup (first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pickup Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff \_\_\_\_\_ to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Release: I hereby grant the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen permission to use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the FPG church.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Vacation Bible School 2023 Mighty Fortress

July 11-13, 2023 5-8 PM

Vacation Bible School is an amazing week where kids and volunteers come together to explore God's Word, praise His name, and experience lessons through games, dinner, songs, and crafts.

Registration opens soon for adult and teen volunteers, as well as for children ages preschool (age 3 - must be potty trained) through grade 6.

- \$15 Registration for each for the first 2 children in a single-family
- \$10 Registration for each additional child from that same family

### Join the Mighty Fortress Crew

See God's love come to life this summer like never before by touching lives, changing hearts and drawing kids and adults closer to Christ.

Combine your talents with our Mini Vacation Bible School Mighty Fortress Crew this year to create an unforgettable 3 days in July. In addition to our Crew Leaders, we need volunteers to help with music, Bible stories, games, music, crafts, dinner and more.

- **Crew Leaders:** You will be assigned your own group to guide through all activities while forming relationships and helping the children learn more about God.
- **Music Leader:** Teach and lead our amazing kids through music and movements that help them love worshiping our awesome God.
- **Games Leader:** Kids have a great time learning different games and running off their energy, guided by our spunky games team! Teach the lesson through movement at this station.
- **Imagination Station (Crafts, Story, & Science) Leaders:** Help our students remember the Bible lesson through tactile learning and exploring.
- **Dinner Leader:** All of this learning creates quite an appetite! Join the Dinner/ Dessert Team and feed the masses while helping them experience the Bible lesson through taste.
- **Teen Helpers:** Most of these teams need excited teens to help with kids of all ages. Responsible teens are invited to register and become a positive influence to our younger grades. You will have loads of fun!

To volunteer, please fill this form out and email to Allison Csernai at

[aac0605@gmail.com](mailto:aac0605@gmail.com) or text a copy to 845-341-8541. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Days Available: \_\_\_\_\_

## **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**

### **HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

1	<i>Rick Heal</i>	18	<i>Lori Kilmer</i>
2	<i>Brian Meek</i>	19	<i>Logan Quick</i>
4	<i>Judy Green</i>	20	<i>BA Long</i>
7	<i>Felicia Van Doran</i>	24	<i>Jody Kopec</i>
12	<i>Kenneth Phelan</i>		<i>Lucien Quick</i>
	<i>Leah Dinsmore</i>	25	<i>Bill Eustance</i>
13	<i>Colin Boardman</i>	26	<i>John Gruber</i>
16	<i>Mark Glasse</i>		



### **HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:**

2	<i>Robin Knoblock</i>	18	<i>Alan Sproul</i>
3	<i>Craig Shaeffer</i>	23	<i>Wendy Bynum-Wade</i>
4	<i>Paty Glasse</i>	26	<i>Alexis Dickover</i>
9	<i>Barbara Hankins</i>	29	<i>Carolyn Keller</i>
13	<i>Matt Begnoche</i>	30	<i>Darlene Bartley, Ed Gallet</i>
	<i>Jean Crandall</i>		<i>Amber Van Grol</i>
15	<i>Tyler Csernai</i>		
	<i>Jonathan Laskoski</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>
30	<i>Benjamin and Erica Walsh</i>

### **HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES TO:**

14	<i>Garfield and Linda Clark</i>
18	<i>Logan and Rachael Quick</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.*

**Did you know** that Session meetings are open to church members. If you are a member, you are welcome to attend regular meetings of the Session which are currently held in Fellowship Hall on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m.

If you attend a Session meeting to express concern about a topic that is before the Session, please let the Clerk and the Moderator know of your desire to speak prior to the start of the meeting.

### **Financial Commitments**

If you haven't made a financial commitment for 2023 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.

### **Please Pay Your Per Capita Assessment For 2023**

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 **206** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2023 is \$39.70**, which is a total of **\$8,178.20** 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, 2023. Thanks for doing your share.

### **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.

### **Please Be Advised That We Do Live Stream Our Worship Services.**

The Live Stream camera generally captures the first 4-5 (rarely 7-8) rows of the sanctuary in its feed. Normally we only see the back of your head. If you would rather stay out of camera range, please know that we do not capture the seating under the balcony (on either side) and we don't capture the back rows at all. Regarding the Children's Message: We keep the camera zoomed out. As children leave to go to Sunday school, we will pan up to the stained glass windows so no children's faces are caught on camera.

### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour will continue on Sundays after the worship service during the summer. Coffee hour hosts are needed. Please contact Diane Church at [dianeschurch@gmail.com](mailto:dianeschurch@gmail.com) or (845) 294-5398 if you would be willing to host one week. There is also a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

**The last Sunday of each month we are asking the congregation to host coffee hour.  
Please bring something to share on that Sunday.**

## **Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden**

### **JULY/AUGUST UPDATE**



**Summertime...and the livin' is easy! Enjoy our Meditation Garden!**

### **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.

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### **The Memorial Columbarium**

All niches in the memorial columbarium wall are sold. The congregation will need to consider if constructing a second/third wall is desired and/or financially possible. If it is, a new, current estimate for the work will need to be created, considered, approved and work coordinated.

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### **“Stewards of Our Garden”**

*Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards who work hard to keep our garden beautiful!*

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

Bill Eustance	July 1 – July 15
Nancy Buckley	July 16 – July 31
Barbara and George Hankins	August 1 – August 15
Bill Eustance	August 16 – August 31
Nancy Buckley	September 1 – September 15

## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

***If you'd like to help maintain our garden, just see Pat in the church office to sign-up and be added to our Steward's schedule.***

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Call the church office (845-294-7991) for any information you need about  
The Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden



## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**We strive to be a welcoming, loving church family united by our faith and committed to service in Christ.**

### **BOARD OF ELDERS**

#### **Class of 2023**

**Linda Boardman  
Geri Corey  
Jennifer Ellis  
BA Long  
Kevan Ottochian  
Sue Varden**

#### **Class of 2024**

**Marlene Gaynor  
Bill Powers  
Mal Stewart  
Anne Wood**

#### **Class of 2025**

**Diane Church  
Mark Glassé  
Jody Kopec  
Scott Roper**

**Clerk of Session: Sue Varden**

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

#### **Class of 2023**

**Diana Bowe  
Gina Gruber  
Carolyn Keller  
Mary Kopec  
Jonathan Laskoski  
Cheryl Zis**

#### **Class of 2024**

**Allison Csernai  
Patrick Ellis  
Bill Keller  
Barbara Schust  
George Schust**

#### **Class of 2025**

**Cecile Ayres  
Michael Csernai  
Carol Gabella  
Jennifer Serkes**

**Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller**

### **STAFF**

**Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music  
Patricia Schwetje, Office Administrator  
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer  
William Kozireski, Church Sexton  
Matt Kopec, Church Sexton**

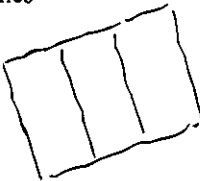
# THE KID'S PAGE



## Make a Travel Brochure

You will need:

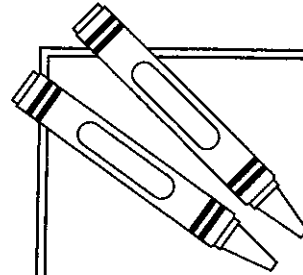
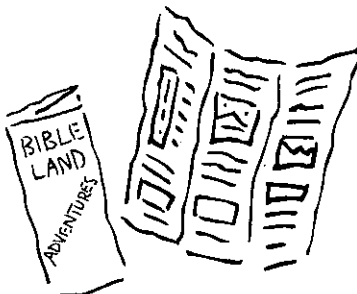
- piece of white/light paper
- old magazines
- scissors
- glue stick
- markers



How to do it:

Fold the paper in 3 parts.  
Use the names of the Biblical places from the puzzle answers.  
Make a section for each of those places. Cut letters from magazines. Cut out pictures to match each one. Glue them on.  
Describe each place.

Make a cover with ticket and travel information, etc....



## Just for KIDS

### "Take a Vacation"

Use your imagination to plan a great "Bible Lands" vacation.  
Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up the verses to find out about each place.

CODE:

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Garden of Gethsemane, Tower of Babel, Lions' Den, Wilderness, Jordan River, Mount Sinai, Jacobs Well, Rome, Sea of Galilee, Eden, Tower of Babel, Lions' Den, Wilderness

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2 Great American Weekend No Worship Service 12pm - Rides	3 Office Closed 12:30pm - NA @ B	4 Independence Day 6:30pm - NA @ FH	5 6:30pm - NA @ B	6 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - NA @ FH	7 12:30pm - NA @ B	8 9am - Food Pantry @
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