

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me ([Psalm 19:12-13 NIV](#)).

As citizens of this nation, we are a free people. We boast in this regularly. Every summer for one day (or weekend), we celebrate this openly. Though governed by laws, we are free to pursue our dreams, free to say what we think, free to travel and move about, free to vote for our leaders, free to worship or not worship. Our culture presents us with a lengthy menu of choices in many aspects of life—and we are free to choose. Indeed, we have much to celebrate.

And yet we know that living in the land of the free and the home of the brave makes us neither free nor courageous. As citizens, we are free. As human beings made in God's image, we are not as free as we might think.

These days, our free land is inhabited by many who live each day anxious and fearful. While free to do whatever we can dream, the dream seems to be dying a slow death for many. Loss of work has sharply curtailed a life of freely making choices. Many who have work are enslaved to their jobs or employers. Hoping desperately to perform well, they carry the daily burden of doing what they need to do to hang on.

The pressure of this kind of life can easily open the door to other things that steal freedom. Addictions can begin to take root in the soul: addiction to a substance that eases the fear, addiction to pleasures that distract, addiction to busyness that exchanges intimacy for the kind reward that comes to those who work hard enough.

In the weeks ahead, we will be thinking about our freedom. We get some help today from Psalm 19. The end of Psalm 19 invites us to examine our freedom, recognizing that freedom is diminished by anything that gains mastery over us. Two phrases capture what those things might be. We can be ruled by our "hidden faults" (v. 12) and "willful sins" (v. 13).

Sometimes our freedom is limited by things we willingly and knowingly do. Whether an inclination we know we have or a habit that we've never been able to break, we know this thing has us. We keep gravitating toward it, repeating the same behaviors over and over again. We can tell ourselves that these things are harmless, that no one else is being hurt—but that doesn't change the fact that we are not truly free.

And then there are our hidden faults. Our freedom can be diminished by things of which we are not aware. Others who are close to us may see how these things hinder us. If we are lucky, they will lovingly tell us the truth. While we claim to be free, we are sometimes bound by attitudes that are deeply ingrained, patterns that are self-destructive, expectations of ourselves and others that are unrealistic. Not only are we not free, we also don't know that we're not free.

The prayer of Psalm 19 is simple: "May they not rule over me." The psalmist knows that freedom is not a right that comes to us by the laws of the state. True freedom is a gift that comes to us by the grace of God.

Pastor Kingsley

JUNE IS A TIME OF WRAPPING UP

Here we are leaving May behind and moving into June, a month of wrap-ups. School gets out, the Christian education season finishes, and plans to enjoy the summer are made. It's a time to move outside and enjoy the bounty of God's creation. Take some time to sit in the meditation garden (consider signing up to take a turn at being a Steward of the Garden) or walk the labyrinth; it is a place of beauty and sacredness. You will be blessed.



Our dedicated chancel choir continues to bring music all summer. We may be outside during the week enjoying warm weather pursuits, but we're here on Sunday morning observing the rhythm of the week. We pause to reflect, sing, pray, listen to God's word and enjoy fellowship together at coffee hour. That hour on Sunday mornings is special, and it can send us into the week refreshed and energized.

Soak up the joy, breathe the fresh air, walk your worries away.

Robert Clooney

The Presbyterian Women are happy to announce that Wendy Paffenroth will be our honoree for 2012. Our annual Spring Fling luncheon in her honor will be held at Glen Arden on Sunday, June 3. See Betty Lobb, Carolyn Keller, or Fran Hoffmann for reservations. The cost is \$25. Please make the checks out to "cash."

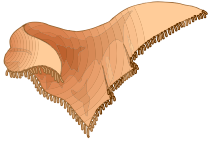
JOPLIN MISSION TRIP

IT'S NOT TOO LATE – If you are interested in joining us on the mission trip to Joplin, Missouri from **August 13-August 17** (the work week). Over 100,000 volunteers have come to the aid of Joplin since the tornado hit a year ago, killing 161 people and destroying 8,000 structures. Each time a new house is built or a business reopens, it offers people hope that a brighter future is ahead.

Most of us are driving (1250 miles), and we will be staying in the First Presbyterian Church of Joplin (\$10 a night, plus food). Fifteen people have signed up. To sign up, please contact: Sue Varden at 845-649-7830 or at svarden@earthlink.net. You must be at least sixteen years of age.

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2012

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 **340** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2012 is \$29.25**, which is a total of **\$9,945.00** 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.



HUG HAPPENINGS

News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)

Once again, we want to thank everyone who is donating yarn to this ministry. What a great treasure trove to dig into each week when entering the narthex! So many gifts will be made from all of these contributions. I know Darlene Bartley was given some great yarns for us to use as well. Thanks again to all who keep us moving forward.

We hope by the time this gets to your mailbox we will hear that Barbara Hankins is up and “dancing” on her new hip. Of course, we are sure that while Barbara was recuperating from her May 9 surgery, she was busy working on more gifts to send from our church. We know she can whip up those gifts very quickly when she feels the impulse to do them.

Laura Colacci has been busy making some shawls for us and mentioned she would also be willing to pen in calligraphy some of the prayers we add with our gifts. This, of course, will make the prayers so beautiful, and we can then copy them on lovely paper for our folders. We do have a request, or maybe it is a wish...If anyone has a calligraphy set or calligraphy pens you no longer use or want, we would be glad to find a home for them. Just see any of the shawl ladies at church, or, better yet, just pass them on to Laura.

Several of our gifts were sent in May. Jimmy Curran, aged 24 and a former Orange County resident and Navy Seabee, was tragically killed in the Norfolk/Virginia Beach area in April. Jimmy was a 2005 graduate of Warwick High School. He leaves behind his young wife of a year and family to mourn. Shawls were sent to Alana Curran in Virginia and his mom, his sister, and his mother-in-law, all of the area. They were all deeply touched by our generosity. Jimmy was laid to rest in the Veteran's Cemetery in Goshen. It seems like a short while ago that we presented his bride with a wedding shawl. This certainly makes you learn to appreciate every day. Another gift was sent to Orra Wood's daughter, Sandy, who suffered a neck injury in a horseback riding accident early in May. From what we learned from Orra, she is very lucky and will only have to be in a brace for a few weeks. We all know from history that this accident could have been so much worse. We wish you rapid healing, Sandy. Several other shawls were mailed also.

Those little balls of leftover yarn are being used by several of the ladies, including Barbara Hankins and Jo Wolfe, to make hats. Each one is so unique, and they are all beautiful. There are so many sizes, and we know every one of them will warm someone's head when that winter chill sets in. It reminds me of the old saying I heard often while growing up: “Waste not, want not.” Those small bits of leftover yarn will continue to be useful. Keep up the great work, everyone.

Again, thank you to the congregation for encouraging us to keep this ministry moving forward. We feel the blessings all the time and know that our gifts are appreciated.

Consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth
PSM Secretary

GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND **CARNIVAL**

At Great American Weekend this June 29, June 30, and July 1, our church will once again be selling the tickets for the carnival rides. We have hired a new carnival this year and have been promised a **merry-go-round**, a **Ferris wheel**, and other rides. Wendy and Dave Paffenroth will be manning the ticket booth, but help is needed to run specific game booths, from which all the proceeds (minus the prizes given out) will come to the church. One of the two booths we may get may be a dunking booth, for which we will need volunteers to both run it and to be dunked.

If you have always dreamed of running away to “join the circus,” this is your opportunity to give it a try for a few hours without actually running away! If you want to work in pairs, that is great, too. All help is appreciated, and remember, the more people we get to play our booths, the more money we can make for the church. The opportunity is there for us; let’s not let it get away. If you can give several hours of your time to help, please contact Dave and Wendy Paffenroth at 845-258-4826, or see them at service on Sunday. Thank you in advance.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONCESSION

Once again, the church will be having a concession under the food tent at Great American Weekend on June 30 and July 1. We will be selling French fries, onion rings, and sweet-potato fries. We need volunteers to run, serve, cook, act as cashiers, and clean up. We have a lot of slots to cover and need your help!

Here's a link to the online sign-up sheet we're using to get people signed up:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9AB22AB9-great1>. You can see the jobs and the timeslots for which we still need help. If you have any trouble with the sign-up sheet, you can e-mail Tyler Cox at tylercox1969@gmail.com, and he will fill it in for you.

Please take a moment to see if you could help cover any of these slots. We will also need donations of propane tanks to run the fryers.

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

RIDES, RIDES, RIDES

We have a new amusement company this year. We will be selling wrist bands for the entire weekend along with single tickets for the rides. Please contact Wendy and Dave Paffenroth at 845-258-4826 to sign up to help with sales and the running of a “game-of-chance” booth.

Grover C. vonPentz III
Fundraising Chairman

Presbyterian Women's Association

The monthly meeting of PW was held on May 7 in the parlor, and twelve women braved the rainy night to attend. Fran Hoffmann again led our meeting as our moderator. Thank you, Fran; you are always on top of everything.

We began by signing cards and writing notes to several people from the congregation who are in need of a greeting from the church.

All who attended the tea on May 3 commented on how wonderful and how very ELEGANT it was. Fifty women were in attendance, and it was so nice to meet and chat with the women from the other community churches. Jean Strong out-did herself with the lovely decorations; everyone commented on them. The food was much more than a few finger sandwiches; in fact, it was a meal in itself. We had so much, we actually ran out of room on the food table. We sincerely appreciate all the wonderful and favorite specialties that were donated. The tea was a huge success!

Memorial Day Bake Sale: As this is written a few weeks before the sale and you won't receive it until after the event, we want to thank all of you (whoever you are) that helped and contributed to this annual event. The ladies always have a wonderful time and we usually sell out. Remember, we are the BEST BAKERS around.

Spring Fling: I was personally blown away when I learned that I was chosen as the honoree this year. I am truly honored that you think this much of me, but I don't feel I have honestly done enough to deserve this accolade. I will accept on behalf of all of my sisters in the church, as I feel that each of us is so important to the mission we are on together. I hope many of you will be with me on June 3 and will spend some time at this wonderful luncheon I hear PW is planning. God bless all of you.

Great American Weekend: Great American Weekend will be on June 29, June 30, and July 1. The women have decided once again to sell bagels, hard rolls, and coffee on Saturday and Sunday. Anyone who is an early riser and wants to work the table is more than welcome. We could also use some help from some strong Presbyterian men or women to bring the heavy coffee pots from the kitchen to the table each morning. Please volunteer—it may take only thirty minutes of your time. **We also have a wish list.** If anyone wants to help us defray our costs, we are accepting donations of coffee cups with lids, napkins, creamers, butter packets, and cream cheese packets. If you think you could donate any of these, please see Betty Lobb or Carolyn Keller soon. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Help us plan our July get-together. All are welcome to come out and join us for an evening of fellowship.

Wendy Paffenrot
PW News

DEACON'S DOINGS...

The Deacons have been very busy lately. We have been ushering and caring for Communion as usual, but we have also been hard at work with our Tricky Tray and upcoming fundraisers.

Our Tricky Tray generated over \$600 for the Minister's Discretionary Fund, and plans are in the works for another Tricky Tray next April. There were many donations of wonderful items for this event as well as donations of time and money. From all of the Deacons, THANK YOU very much for your generosity of time, money, and gifts.

Our next item of interest is our annual Deacons' Picnic, which will be held after service on Sunday, June 24 in Fellowship Hall. Traditional picnic fare of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and ice cream will be on the menu, and there will be activities for the little ones. So, come one, come all, and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon!

Next up is our Presby Idol on September 29. Details for this sure-to-be-entertaining event are still in the works, so keep a lookout for updates in the Tower Tie and Sunday bulletins.

Finally, every year, a new class of Deacons is installed to replace those that have fulfilled their terms. This year, we will lose Linda Boardman, Jessica Bowe, Carolyn Keller, and Rebecca Zis. Thank you to all of you for your contributions of time and energy. You will be missed!

The Deacons would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy summer. We will be here every Sunday all summer, and we hope to see all of you with us!

Lori Baird
Moderator of Deacons

LAY READERS NEEDED

The Lay Reader assists Reverend Kingsley in the worship service by reading some of the service segments and the First Testament reading or the Gospel reading. The readings are available in the church office on the Tuesday preceding the service or it can be e-mailed directly to you. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or speak with Karen Magee.

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!** 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.

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
Emily Barry and Family
Gabriel Bittner
Sarah Burrows
Jessica Chasen
Shannon Decker
Amy Depew
Evie and Family
Ben Fisher
Fran Genovese
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Carolyn Keller's parents
Ella Kimble
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva
Robert Lobb
Kerry Maddlone
Andy Marussich
Jean Musgrave
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Leon Paffenroth
Tim Richardson
Ted Sandstrom
Kevin Schuler
Dorothy Sevcik
Gloria Spradlin and Jimmy
The Smith Family
Judy Thompson
Kim Valentini and Family
Ashley Wade
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood

Dedra Altizer
JoAnna Becerril
Brandy Bond
Winnie Bynum
Grace Cook
Mary Jane DeFreece
Joe Destefano
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
The George Family
The Hartzel Family
Laura and Tom Kennedy
Roberta Kinnamon
Patty Lewis
Steven Longobardo
James Magee
Evelyn Mercado
Heather Mustavs
Steven Neil
Oretsky Family
Amy Pemberton
Jack Richner
Tom Sawyer
Fred Schwarz
Sara Simas
Louise Spencer
Bill and Jean Strong
George Tietz
Joe and Mark VanZandt
Wendy-Bynum Wade
The Weinberger Family
Orra and Dale Wood

Lori Baird
Mary Lee and Ted Berry
Haley Buckley
Mary Carr
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Bob Dennis
Everyone serving in the Military
Mary Lee Farris' brother-in-law
Gabby
Barbara and George Hankins
Martin Johnson and Joy Johnson
Kim
Lyndsay Krutki
Charles Li
Margaretta Macica
The Family of Melissa Martucci
Jeff Monroe
Eileen Myslinski
Nina and Jason
Ann Ott
The Family of Marina Petersen
Trudi Roach
The Family of Joan Schaeffer
Bryan Scott and Family
Megan Slasinski
Peggy Srirach
Shawn Thatcher
Brenda Travers
Kenya VanZandt
Jean Wade
Jo Wolfe
Paul and 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

JUNE UPDATE

Thanks to EVERYONE who volunteered and attended the Twist & Shout Meditation Garden Benefit Concert on April 21! The event raised \$1,606!

That allows for the installation of new LED lighting and monthly maintenance of the garden for another year (as always, without using any funds from the church's operating budget).

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE JOINING, WILL YOU?

"Stewards of Our Garden"

Please consider lending a hand in keeping the church's garden neat!

It only takes a couple of minutes each month to pick up any litter, pull a weed, and maybe sweep a few pavers clean. You can even do it after a church service!

See if you can find 10 - 15 minutes in your busy schedule, once a month to help out.

The June/early July schedule for our Stewards:

Jen and Gregg Pillar:	June 1 – June 15
Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	June 16 – June 30
Barbara and George Hankins	July 1 – July 15

Contact Pat in the church office to sign-up: 845-294-7991

Memorial Pavers

Are you interested in purchasing a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one? If you are interested, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100, and a new order will be placed in early summer.

Niches are Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment, and the following four purchase options are available:

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)

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

A PIECE OF HISTORY

The three story brick parish house of the First Presbyterian Church is being torn down to provide a parking lot for the church. The 1872 building was supplanted last year with an addition to the church known as the John Knox Christian Education Building. The parish house is located at the corner of South Church Street and Park Place, across from the church and Church Park. It was indicated by church officials recently that the site would become a parking lot for parishioners on Sundays and would probably be open for use by persons having weekday business at the adjoining County Surrogate's Building and County Building. It is possible that at a later date, the spokesmen said, that a modern Presbyterian manse would be built on the site. The present manse, at the corner of South Church Street and Parkway, is a 13-room structure built in 1869. The site of the present parish house was a young woman's seminary in 1800 when Montague House was built by Nathaniel Minturn. In 1872, Civil War Capt. Ellis A. Post built the present parish house as a home for himself. Capt. Post engaged P. H. Terhune of Binghamton, the builder of the First Presbyterian Church in 1869, as his builder. Mr. Terhune used the same stone trim, Onondaga limestone, to trim Mr. Post's home as he used for trim on the church. The church committee who acquired the Post home in 1923, renamed it the parish house. As such, the first and second floors were used for meetings, recreation and church school. The top floor was reserved as living quarters for the sexton and his family.

Article from The Evening News dated May 5, 1962.

For pictures of the house refer to page 114 in the book *Goshen* by Edward P. Connor.

Paul and Phyla Wright and children lived in the house prior to its being torn down.

Submitted by Cecile Ayres

NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The following is a list of items that are needed for Vacation Bible School.
You can put any donations in the bins in the hallway outside the church office.

- Paper towel rolls
- Toilet paper rolls
- Wrapping paper rolls
- Tissue paper
- Soda and/or water bottles
- Pool noodles
- Artificial greenery (i.e. ferns, various leaves, long spikes, grass-like)
- Loofahs
- **VERY** large cardboard (6 ft. or more)
- Three fridge boxes

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Benjamin Walsh</i>	13	<i>Maggie Calzaretta</i>
3	<i>Kate Laskoski</i>		<i>Charles Quick</i>
4	<i>Dave Paffenroth</i>	14	<i>Jean Stukey</i>
5	<i>Shannon Countryman</i>		<i>Rob Warner</i>
	<i>Allison Cernai</i>	16	<i>Mark Keller</i>
6	<i>Gary Laskoski</i>	17	<i>Sophie Fontana</i>
	<i>David Totten</i>		<i>Heather Johnson</i>
7	<i>Kevin Fenner</i>	19	<i>Glenn Bischof</i>
	<i>Jessica Spencer</i>	20	<i>Evan McDowell</i>
9	<i>Julia Paulus</i>	21	<i>Luke Garofalo-Wade</i>
10	<i>Robert Boardman</i>	22	<i>Anne Wood</i>
	<i>Deb Hourahan</i>	26	<i>Robert Pietroapolo</i>
		30	<i>Cecile Ayres</i>

HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES TO:

2	<i>Tyler and Audra Cox</i> <i>Robert and Jennifer Fitzpatrick</i>
4	<i>Jeff and Donna Totton</i>
7	<i>David and Mary Kingsley</i>
9	<i>Dave and Laura Bryson</i>
12	<i>Craig and Sara Benson</i>
20	<i>Bob and Doris Weinberger</i>
25	<i>Ray and Sue Ruckdeschel</i>
26	<i>Don and Fran Hoffmann</i>
29	<i>Scott and Mary Roper</i>
30	<i>George and Barbara Hankins</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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Jason Stewart who graduated from SUNY Maritime College on May 4. In addition to his diploma, he also earned a license as a 3rd Assistant Engineer in the United States Merchant Marine.*
- *Dr. Gregory Spencer, chief medical officer of Crystal Run Healthcare, who was awarded the 2012 Leadership Award from Orange Regional Medical Center. The Leadership Award recognizes the development of new or enhanced medical programs, promotion of staff education within the physician's field and the continual strive for professional excellence.*

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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Wendy Bynum-Wade
Craig Calzaretta
Tyler Cox
Bill Keller
Tom McDowell
Sue Varden

Class of 2013

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John Redman
Scott Roper
Rob Warner

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