

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Psalm 1

*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.*

*The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Years ago I decided I was going to memorize this psalm. I was newly committed to following a life of faith, after I had tried a multitude of other paths.. Even after my decision I was without a church home, feeling unwelcome at the congregations I visited.

So I did what I do when looking for guidance. I read. G. K. Chesterton, C. S. Lewis, Madeleine L'Engle. And I found the Book of Common Prayer and, through that, the Psalms.

These weren't always helpful, to be sure. Often I found them overwhelming. But I continued to read them, and the language and rhythms slowly became part of my being.

The other thing I did back then was look for examples of faithful living in real life. From them I heard the advice to be around people who have what you want. Not necessarily those who believe what you believe or think the way you do, but who exemplify the way of being you wish to have; people who live with courage and honor. Who seek beauty and goodness around them and in others and then reflect that back to the world. Who do not "sit in the seat of scoffers . . ."

In the end, I never committed this particular psalm to memory, as I found other passages that fell more easily into my mind and my mouth. And over time, I found my calling as my life had changed. And between these two streams of wisdom—God's people and God's word—I have been well watered.

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes

I'm looking forward to giving a patriotic organ program during Great American Weekend! On Saturday the 30th, at 11 AM, stop by the sanctuary and experience something wonderful. This church attracts so many people by its sheer beauty, its timeless sense of calm, and its deep historical meaning. Let's build on all of that!

The choir and handbells continue to do a beautiful job. Consider joining us! The summer choir program wraps up its "official" season on June 17, Father's Day. After that, we'll gather on Sunday mornings to do a quick rehearsal and then lead the congregation in song. It's a good time to "dip your toe in the water." Just show up! Or show up this Thursday and join in--6:30 for bells, 7:30 for choir.

Discussions on the organ continue...that's all I can report at the moment.

Lots of ideas are cooking for the 300th birthday celebrations. Look for a concert series! It's nice to be 300 years young.

Wishing you all the best for a safe and happy summer. Remember that the church's needs continue even if you're away. Enjoy some peace and quiet, look at the stars, toast some marshmallows, and thank God for the beauty of His creation.

-- Jonathan



SAVE THE DATE

Great American Weekend Patriotic Organ Concert
Saturday, June 30, 2018
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The concert will be for a half hour. It will begin with the National Anthem and end with *America the Beautiful*. There will be renditions of American patriotic songs and the audience will be encouraged to participate.



News from the Outreach Committee

We have had a busy month. Twenty-two 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 seven letters to visitors thanking them for visiting our church and hoping to see them again.

We have been working on shawls and many have gone out. We gave two to Bill Hodges; one for a friend who has cancer and one for his wife, Kim. Two were given to the sisters of Lisa Scheuermann who recently lost her battle with cancer. Two were given to the sisters of Charles Wesley Price who recently passed away.

We have four babies being baptized in June and we have those blankets ready as well. Our fingers have been busy.

Ashley and Wendy Bynum-Wade will be helping us crochet. We welcome them back to the group.

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 growing as a church family and are actively seeking some fresh ideas/activities. Please let any of the committee members know if you have some ideas.

The Community Dinner was hosted by the Democrat Committee in May and the Girl Scouts will host in June. If you know of a group that would like to host a dinner, we have August and September available. Please let Grover von Pentz know.

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

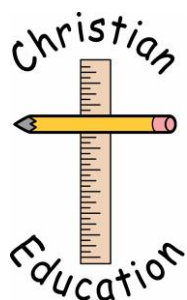
Have a good month.

Darlene Bartley - Chair

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who helped support the Deacons' Fifth Annual Spaghetti Dinner, either by serving, prepping, cooking, cleaning up, or eating. It was very successful, plus it was a lot of fun! Special thanks to our home chef, Carol Gabella and her two sous chefs, Jody Kopec and Mark Glasse! The Lakeville Inn recipe helps pack them in!

Christian Education would like you to know:



The last day of Sunday school is June 10.
There will be an interactive presentation in church!
The Deacons are very kindly providing a picnic after church.

VBS, on the other hand, is endangered.
We still need five or six adult volunteers to be able to have it this year.
There have already been applications from campers.

I was going to remind you to get your applications in – BUT unless some more adults step up, we will have to cancel.

We have kitchen, crafts, one of the younger classes, and storytelling.

We need more and it will have to come from you.

Please help.

Call Linda Boardman at 665-9545 or Allison Csernai at 341-8541 to save VBS this year.

Sadly,
BA Long

Teen Voices

We are finishing up our third year of Teen Voices. We have enjoyed getting to know each other better and we have had a lot of fun! We have been challenged as we learn more about how the teachings of the Bible can guide our lives.

We want to congratulate Haley Wilton and Abby Boardman on their graduation from high school! We will miss them in Teen Voices and hope they come back to visit often!

We look forward to getting to know the incoming seventh graders who will join us in September.

Paty and Mark Glasse'

mpglasse@optonline.net



DEACONS' ANNUAL PICNIC

June 10 is the date set for Children's Day and the Deacons' picnic. We invite everyone to join us on the lawn (weather permitting) for an old-fashioned picnic. The Deacons will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish and a lawn chair. We have ice cream sundaes for dessert.



RUMMAGE SALE

The spring rummage sale is going to be on Saturday, June 23 across the street in the old GOVAC building.

Laura Colacci has once again volunteered to organize the sale. Thank you, Laura!

There are a few changes. She **does not want** any donation of **clothes**; just white elephant items. Please bring gently used, clean items in working condition. Only a limited amount of books will be accepted. Cookbooks are welcome. Any donations can be left in the hallway by the church office. She asks that you bring them on a Friday when she is available to pick them up and they won't be cluttering the hallway for too long. Donations will be accepted through June 18.

Volunteers are needed to help the week of set-up and the day of the sale. Please call Laura for more information at 845-988-7657 or e-mail heavensgategarden@gmail.com.

"Seeking to put God's love into action Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

2018 Mission Trip

WHEN: Tuesday through Saturday, June 26-30.
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Lunch provided
We will carpool
Sign up for a day or several

WHERE: Newburgh, N.Y.

Skilled and unskilled are welcomed. If you don't have a skill...you will be taught one on site.

Ages 16-18 will need a parent signed permission slip/waiver.

Sign up now - Contact: Sue Varden at svarden@hvc.rr.com.



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

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
Meeting Dates



Meetings are held in the church parlor at 7:00 p.m.

- June 4 - **Important Meeting**
- July GAW – Watch Bulletin for Details
- August – No Meeting-Summer Break
- September 10 (2nd Monday due to Labor Day)
- November 5
- November 17- Holiday Fair-Bake sale/Soup Chili Sale
- December 3
- December ? – Pack Christmas Boxes/ Need Cookies, etc.

Please watch bulletin for any changes. All ladies in the congregation are members of PW. Don't wait to be asked – Please come and share fellowship with us at the meetings and bring a friend, too.

Thank you, PWA

Great American Weekend is Coming!

Friday June 29 th	Rides and Set Up for Presbyterian Women (PW) booth
Saturday June 30 th	Rides, Tours, PW booth, Food Tent, Concert
Sunday July 1 st	NO CHURCH, Rides, Tours, PW booth, Food Tent

Great American Weekend is our biggest annual church fundraiser. This money helps to support our operating budget. We need as many volunteers as possible to support this weekend. Volunteers are needed to sell ride tickets, cook/serve/sell French fries and chicken nuggets. Sign-ups can be made online or by contacting the church office or Mark Glasse'. Volunteers to help the PW women can contact the church office.

Thank you in advance!

Mark Glasse'
Fundraising Chair
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845-325-4439



TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Benjamin Walsh</i>	14	<i>Rob Warner</i>
3	<i>Kate Laskoski</i>	15	<i>Joy Phelan</i>
4	<i>Dave Paffenroth</i>	17	<i>Sophie Fontana</i>
5	<i>Allison Csernai</i>		<i>Heather Johnson</i>
	<i>Shannon Countryman</i>	20	<i>Carly Glassé</i>
6	<i>Gary Laskoski</i>		<i>Evan McDowell</i>
	<i>David Totten</i>	21	<i>Carol Phelan</i>
9	<i>Jane Geyer</i>		<i>Carter Person</i>
	<i>Charlie Phelan</i>	22	<i>Anne Wood</i>
10	<i>Robert Boardman</i>		<i>Orra Wood</i>
	<i>Deb Hourahan</i>	28	<i>Sue Varden</i>
	<i>June Kreutz</i>	30	<i>Cecile Ayres</i>
11	<i>Lauren Panebianco</i>		
13	<i>Maggie Calzaretta</i>		
	<i>Brad Mc Leland</i>		
	<i>Charles Quick</i>		

HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES TO:

4	<i>Jeff and Donna Totton</i>
12	<i>Craig and Sara Benson</i>
21	<i>Ken and Carol Phelan</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.

NEW ADDRESS

Barbara Drake
Belle Reve Senior Living Center
404 E. Hartford Street
Milford, PA 18337



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	Ron and Kathy Alevras	Cliff Bartley's cousin, Jackie
Ed Berry	Ann (Strong) Blake	Sarah Bohling
Susie Bohling	Hannah Boorse	Marilyn Borth
Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs	John Burleson	Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla
Laura Colacci	Lawrence Colacci	Suzanne DeBlock
Barbara Drake	Everyone serving in the Military	Judy Hankins Feragola
Mary Lee Farris and her sister	Judy Fazio	Esther Glassé
Miko Graham	Lynne Gregor	Barbara and George Hankins
Kevin and Sara Hankins	Georgia Hickey	Jennifer and Andy Hine
Susan Johnson	Joseph	Rosemary Joy
Regina Kenny	David Kingsley	Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy
Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott	Brenda Kujawski	Margo Kumpf
The Family of Ann Lavell	James Lowry	Karen Magee
Kelly Magee Thrush	Evelyn Mercado	Richard Montalbano
Eileen Myslinski	Amy (Thompson) Nguye	Dean Oberg
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth	Richard and Robyn Paulus	Josephine Pecoraro
The Family of Charles Wesley Price IV	Carlos and Miarose Reyes	Maritya Reyes
Marge (Chasen) Rolan	Tom Sawyer	The Family of Lisa Scheuermann
Gary Smith	Louise Spencer	Peggy Srirach
Sue Stenson's brother-in-law, Leo	Lori Steven's children	Kathy Stringer
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch		Christopher Tucker
Danny Tucker and Family	Cindy Vanderplaat	Kenneth Van Etten
June Vautin	The Wade Family	Doris Weinberger
Jo Wolfe	Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis	Sandra Wood
Orra Wood	Phyla Wright	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.)



Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

JUNE 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.

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 JUNE/ early JULY Steward's Schedule:

Bill Eustance	June 1 – June 15
Beryl Yungman	June 16 – June 30
Barbara and George Hankins	July 1 – July 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.

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 2018

**Kathleen Alevras
Mark Glasse
Bill Hodges
Elizabeth Long
Scott Roper
Orra Wood**

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**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2018

**Wendy Bynum-Wade
Laura Colacci
Donald Dinsmore
Wendy Donohue
Paty Glasse
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller**

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**

**Moderator of Deacons:
Presbyterian Women:**

Carolyn Keller

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