

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (v. 5) by Folliott Sanford Pierpont
Hymn 14, *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*

The melody and opening verses of “For the Beauty of the Earth” echoed in my mind as I sat down to ponder the concluding verse. The first two are a tribute of praise for the wonders of creation. The second two verses proceed to the rich human experiences of everyday. All these matters of creation and humanity comprise the common graces (by no means commonplace) that nurture and uphold us.

Today’s final verse turns to the source of all these graces, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: “For thyself best gift divine.” This is the special grace that touches and transforms our entire experience, here and in the hereafter. Our deeply faithful goal of peace on earth—shalom, compassion, and justice undergirding the reconciliation of humanity and all creation—leads to choruses of joy in the heavenly realm among the saints who have gone before us. The conductor of these choirs is none other than Jesus, our brother and our Savior, the very embodiment of that “great, great love” of our one God.

May we join together in the everlasting refrain: “Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.”

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes

It seems that every time I turn around, our wonderful Pat is reminding me that I owe her a Tower Tie article. Where does the time go?

Here's a website for you: www.hymnary.org. It contains more information than you'll ever need about hymns--their composers, authors, history, everything. It's considered an invaluable treasury of information for church organists and all those interested in the wonderful subject of Christian hymnody.

I appreciate your words of appreciation about the music in the videos. To avoid the wrath of YouTube and copyright holders, all music and words must be in public domain--in other words, as they were printed before 1920-something. That's why you are seeing such early editions of our favorite songs! I'm also careful to use organ voluntaries of sufficient vintage. Such is the pitiless algorithmic age we live in.

I look forward to resuming my regular work as soon as possible. In the meantime, I enjoy being part of the community of First, and of this wonderful area in general. It's a relief to be done with all the online teaching, I hope once and for all...and I'm already starting to enjoy the summer. The milkweed is poking up, and that means butterflies. Hummingbirds are buzzing and the phlox is creeping.

Stay in touch...watch the Sunday services...take part in the coffee hours...and let's hope no more snowfall till Christmas! I can't wait to see you all in person again.

As ever, Jonathan

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO:

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



HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES TO:

21	<i>Ken and Carol Phelan</i>
30	<i>George and Barbara Hankins</i>



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:

Ron Alevras
Richard Brahs
Barbara Cody
Jon Dollar
Mary Lee Farris and her sister
Charlene Gooden
Carol Hoffman
Carolyn Keller and Family
Jeff Kott and Natalia
Patricia Lawlor
Richard Montalbano
Amy (Thompson) Nguye
Josephine Pecoraro
Karen Saleski
Eva Sickler
Sue Stewart
Christopher Tucker
Charles Velzy
Sam Wallis
Jo Wolfe

Susan Ambrsino
Linda Clark's brother, Bill DeBlock
Peter Coyne
Everyone serving in the Military
Judy Fazio
Barbara and George Hankins
Susan Johnson
Regina Kenny
Evelyn Kromm
Maggie and Quinn
Kevin Murphy
Owen
Carlos and Miarose Reyes
Matt Skyer
Gary Smith
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg
Kenneth Van Etten
Jerry Westphal
Orra Wood

Ann (Strong) Blake
Jean and Bruce Crandall
James, Max, and Liam Feragola
Charles Fritz
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Rosemary Joy
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy
Brenda Kujawski
Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski
Dave Paffenroth
Carolyn Reynolds
Mary Rita Schlagel
Louise Spencer
The Wade Family
Sue Whitson
Cheryl Zis

(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

The Meditation Garden will be there for us all as we begin to return to a more normal social schedule. When it is allowed, please feel free to return to the garden to reflect on God's many blessings.

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 (as of now we only have one order).

Only 4 Niches Remain Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment with three purchase options:

Payment in Full = \$2,800

12-Month Payment Option = \$250 / month for 12 months (\$3,000)

18-Month Payment Option = \$180 / month for 18 months (\$3,240)

We will need to consider constructing a 2nd and 3rd columbarium wall soon...

The estimated cost for these two new walls is \$40,000+.

"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
Barbara and George Hankins	June 16 – June 30
Bill Eustance	July 1 – July 15

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

As the spring arrives, we ALWAYS NEED 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.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2020

**George Hankins
Deb Hourahan
Barbara Thompson
Sue Varden
Rob Warner**

Class of 2021

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

Class of 2022

**Linda Boardman
Geri Corey
William Eustance
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Rob Person**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

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 Glassé
Barbara Schust
George Schust**

Class of 2022

**Liese Boese
Margaret Dickover
Jon Hourahan
Jody Kopec
Logan Quick
Felicia Van Doran
Mitch Weintraub**

**Co -Moderators of Deacons: Carol Gabella and Paty Glassé
Presbyterian Women:**

STAFF

**Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
Billy Kozireski, Church Sexton
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**

THE KID'S PAGE

Make a Fruity Treat



Make this delicious dip to share with your family and friends.

You will need:

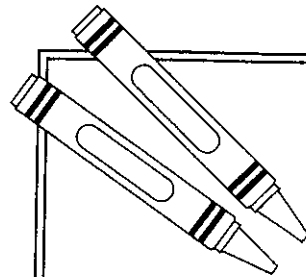
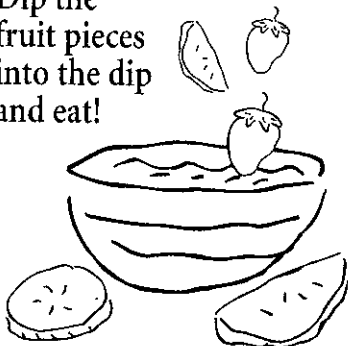
- small bowl
- spoon
- wire whisk
- cutting board
- knife
- 8-ounce carton of orange yogurt
- 1/2 of an 8-ounce package of pineapple-flavored soft cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- variety of fruits



How to make the treats:

- Put yogurt, cream cheese and sugar in bowl.
- Mix with whisk until smooth.
- Cut fruit into pieces. (Ask an adult to help with the knife.)

Dip the fruit pieces into the dip and eat!



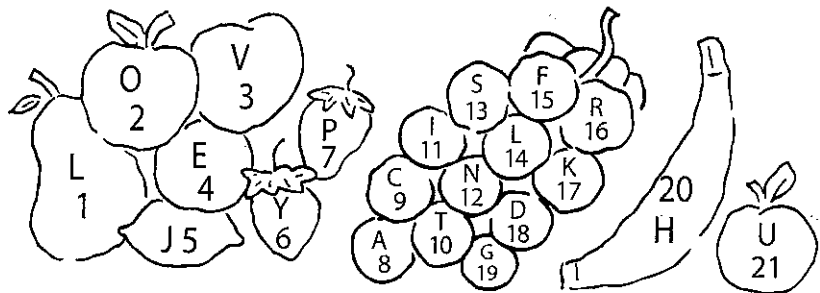
Just for KIDS

Fruit of the Spirit

In the summer we watch flowers, vegetables and fruit grow from tiny seeds and buds. That is also how we grow as children of God – from tiny beings. And as we grow, we need to grow “fruit of the Spirit.” In Galatians 5:22-23 we read about those “fruit of the Spirit.”

Find the “fruit of the Spirit.”

Write the letter from each fruit onto the numbered lines below.



1	2	3	4								
5	2	6									
7	4	8	9	4							
7	8	10	11	4	12	9	4				
13	4	14	15	9	2	12	10	16	2	1	
17	11	12	18	12	4	13	13				
19	2	2	18	12	4	13	13				
15	8	11	10	20	15	21	14	12	4	13	13
19	4	12	10	14	4	12	4	13	13		

Answers: love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.