

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Not long ago, I had a conversation with someone that said she was surprised to hear that the New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration was connected with Lent; she didn't see how that was possible. So, since we are now in the season of Lent, I thought we might review how all this works.

First, we need to remember that the Christian seasons are not biblical; the church created them many years after the apostles took to the highways and bi-ways to create the Christian movement as a way to mark the major events in Jesus' life. Although not strictly "original," Lent, a forty-day period before Easter (not including Sundays), has a long and detailed history. Lent is a time of reflection on our sins, penitence, prayer, and remembrance of the passion, death, and purpose of Christ. This period is often seen as an opportunity to renew our own baptisms, deepen our convictions, and seek to be more faithful to our Lord.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which was named for the tradition in the First Testament of placing ashes on the head as a sign and symbol of repentance (sack cloth and ashes). Receiving ashes during the time of Lent goes back to the very early church. Traditionally, the ashes are from the palm fronds used the previous Palm Sunday. The sign of the cross is a symbol of sorrow as we meditate on Christ's sacrifice, a reflection of our own nature, and a mark of our frailty and need of God.

So, what does Mardi Gras have to do with all of this? Over the years, new traditions formed in the church. One of these traditions called for everyone to confess his or her sins on the day before Lent so he or she would be properly prepared to begin the season. In England, confession was also called *shriving*, and on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, many churches would ring the "shriving bell" to remind the faithful to go to confession. That is why the day before Lent is called Shrove Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday is also called Fat Tuesday because of other traditions that emerged. Lent was seen as a time of physical and spiritual penitence, humility, and sacrifice. Therefore, within the Catholic Church, Lent became a time of purification and physical abstinence from all things luxurious. Clothes were mended, houses and kitchens were cleaned out and purified of the past year's accumulations, and all "luxury" food had to go (including meat, fish, eggs, milk products, and fat). Since people didn't want to waste all that tasty food, Shrove Tuesday also became Fat Tuesday, celebrated with great feasts during which all those fattening products could be consumed and used up. Pancakes and meat were often served because they incorporated many of the "had-to-go" ingredients.

As the feast day of Fat Tuesday grew, games and festivities were added, turning the meal into a huge event called "Carnival." It didn't take long for the celebration to extend beyond a one-day event, and it grew to become the carnival season it is today, stretching from January 6 (the twelfth night of Christmas) until Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Whether it's observed on one day or for a whole season, the celebration is a worldwide party and has various names like Carnival (*carnival* in Portuguese, made famous in Rio de Janeiro), Fastnacht/fasnacht (*feast night* in German), and Mardi Gras (*fat/grease Tuesday* in French, made famous in the French quarter of New Orleans).

Well, there you have it. That's why a great number of churches have pancake dinners on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and why we place ashes on our heads on Ash Wednesday.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Kingsley

## **MARCH—LENT CONTINUES INTO HOLY WEEK AND RESURRECTION**

In March, we continue our Lenten journey for the first two Sundays, still reflecting upon our lives and changes we might need to make as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. In our daily meditation, we are still mirroring the reflective time spent by Jesus as he fasted in preparation for the agony of the Cross.



On **Palm Sunday**, our chancel choir invites you to follow them on a *Lenten Journey— from Jerusalem to Calvary*. I have written a guide that will lead us on a journey together. We begin with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We then follow his steps through Holy Week and his ultimate death. Our journey begins with a festive Procession of the Palms followed by the anthem "The Messiah Has Come." Then, midway into our service, the tone shifts to a more somber one as we begin to reflect on the events of Holy Week.

We know the story well, but I want us to think about our response to what we witness. One of our anthems is "Before the Cross of Jesus" (however, we are used to singing "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"). This anthem removes us from the scene as observers and asks us to stand before the cross and respond. Given what we see, what do we do about it? How does this act of Jesus change our lives?

Expanding on this theme is the plaintive "Father, Forgive Us" as our shortcomings are brought before our eyes and we plead for forgiveness. It asks us to identify with his suffering and live as if it mattered. Finally, our journey comes to a close with a spirited "Mary, Don't Listen to the Hammer Ring." We can leave on an uplifted note as we look forward to Easter.

For those who are able to get out, please join us for the **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday** services. Yes, it is a somber time, but it gives us the space to move into and share in the sufferings of our Lord as we recall his passion, death, and resurrection on our behalf. This can be a special time of response on our part in gratitude for our salvation.

Please join us on **Easter Sunday** as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, the foundation and heritage of our Christian faith. We always have an expanded congregation with music and flowers filling the sanctuary. We assemble all our musical resources to make this a beautiful time of worship and music befitting this celebration.



**PALM SUNDAY   MAUNDY THURSDAY   GOOD FRIDAY   EASTER SUNDAY**

*A time for strength and renewal as we contemplate  
Christ's suffering and death and how it teaches us to live and love.*

Robert Clooney  
Director of Ministry of Music

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

It may be the “bleak mid-winter,” but volunteers are needed to serve as greeters and lay readers. Please sign up on the sheets that are to the right of the center door in the narthex, or call Bruce Crandall at 651-1483. A greeter is responsible for being in the narthex around 9:30 a.m. on Sunday to welcome parishioners as they arrive for the service. A lay reader can usually obtain the materials from Pat by mid-week so that he or she may become familiar with that part in the service and practice the occasional strangely-named place or person from the First Testament.

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL SERVICES



WEDNESDAY AT THE WELL  
Every Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 16 - 10:00 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE - MARCH 20 - 7:30 P.M.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS - GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 21 – 7:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – MARCH 23 – 7:00 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – MARCH 23 – 10:00 A.M.

## **COME JOIN US! EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

**Sponsored by the Deacons**

**MARCH 16**

**SERVING FROM 7:45 to 9:30 A.M.**

**(Non-early risers, please  
join us for Coffee Hour)**

**\*See your Deacons in action\***

# Presbyterian Women's Association (PW)

## -----News & Notes-----

The ladies met on Monday, February 4. Everyone in attendance decided that the bake sale raffle, which was held after church the day before, was a success. The raffle brought in \$117 toward the spring installation of the carpet in the church offices. We thank all the bakers. There were some outstanding, "super" desserts for that evening's Super Bowl parties. Ideas about possibly doing a "casserole raffle" were also discussed. The winners of this raffle could have a night off from cooking. More on this in the future...

Several greeting cards were signed and sent to the members of the congregation that needed a bit of cheer. If you ever hear of someone that might enjoy receiving a card (such as "Get Well," "New Baby," "Congratulations," etc.), tell Fran Hoffman or drop a note in the office and we will get the information. Many of our cards are handmade, and we try to have everyone at the meeting personally sign them or write a little note on them.

*Calling all stitchers!* If anyone in the congregation likes to sew but cannot attend our meetings, let us know. Dorothy Sevcik will be getting together some sewing (usually the trim on baby flannel, hospital-type gowns, or blanket edgings) for Church World Service. Believe me—sewing is quite simple and even enjoyable to do, but the more of us who sew, the more we can contribute to this worthwhile cause. We will be starting this project shortly.

Barbara von Pentz thanks all who helped with the January Presbytery luncheon. There were many great compliments that day, and we couldn't have looked so good or done so well without the help. We thank everyone that came and supported us in any way.

World Day of Prayer will be held in our sanctuary on Friday, March 7. Information will be spread among our congregation by the time this reaches your mailbox.

We hope that you will place an Easter lily in the sanctuary for our Easter celebration on March 23. Lilies are placed in memory or honor of someone dear. Forms will be in the bulletin weekly. You may place more than one. Please help us make our sanctuary beautiful again this Easter.

At the meeting, the ladies decided on a "Baking Basket" for our donation to the Tricky Tray fundraiser, which will be on April 13. Since we are the Queens of Bake Sales, we thought this might be appropriate. We have a big, beautiful baking book for the center of our basket, and we are asking any lady in the church that would like to donate something (e.g., a bottle of extract, a container of spice, a set of dishtowels, a spatula, etc.) to give it to Barbara von Pentz, Betty Lobb, or Wendy Paffenroth by the first Monday in April. Let's do a great big basket that will be fun to win.

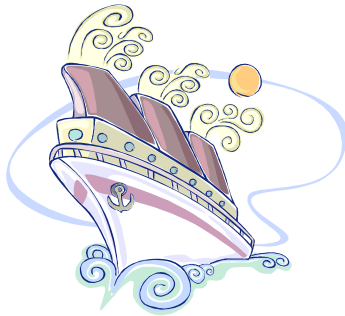
Our next meeting is on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. Come out and join us for a fun evening.

Respectfully,  
*Wendy Lee Paffenroth*  
Secretary

<b><u>Monday, March 3</u></b>	Council Meeting Parlor	7:30 p.m.
<b><u>Monday, March 5</u></b>	Prayer Circle Parlor	12:00 p.m.
<b><u>Friday, March 7</u></b>	World Day of Prayer First Presbyterian Church	1:30 p.m.
<b>Please join us as we gather together with all of Goshen's church women to observe this important day.</b>		
<b><u>Monday, March 17</u></b>	Nicean Circle Parlor	2:00 p.m.

## ABOUT WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is an annual, worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions. The women come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the WDP worship service. For 2008, the WDP Committee of Guyana developed the theme "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding." This year's service will be held on March 7 at the First Presbyterian Church at 1:30 p.m. Women of all churches are invited. There will be refreshments following the service.



## DON'T MISS THE BOAT

The Balmy Bahamas Cruise (Murder Mystery Dinner Theater) is set to depart on Saturday, April 19, from Fellowship Hall. *A wonderful dinner of chicken marsala with all the trimmings* will be offered, along with some great tropical drinks. Tickets are offered on a first come, first served basis and are only \$25 each. April 10 is the deadline for buying tickets, which can be picked up at coffee hour or at the church office. The cruise will have a variety of "local talent." Seating on the deck is limited to the first one hundred paid travelers, who are in for one wild evening. Get away for an evening on the Balmy Bahamas Cruise, and don't forget to wear your cruise wear. Get your tickets now. If you have any questions, please see Chairperson Darlene Bartley.

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We are looking for kitchen helpers and decorating and set committee people for the Murder Mystery Dinner. Please place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office.

I will volunteer as:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kitchen Helper**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Set and Decorating Committee**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

After church on January 27, the Times Herald Record interviewed the Prayer Shawl Ministry while we crocheted. At that point, we had probably given out about thirty shawls and over thirty lap robes since we started in September. By the time you read this, we should have given out close to one hundred. We hope the newspaper article will appear before you get this Tower Tie.

We had a shawl presentation in church on February 3 during the service. We surprised Deb and Jon Hourahan with our first, white wedding shawl; the couple was wed in our church in December of 2007. The surprise was on us, though, as only Deb was present; Jon was home "getting better." They sent us a lovely thank-you note that will eventually go into the *Prayer Shawl Scrapbook* with the other notes that we received. That morning, we also presented several other shawls, including four to Orra Wood for residents in her assisted-living home. An additional six shawls were given out the next night after the PW meeting.

Baby shawls will be given to the children that are baptized in our church. If you know of an upcoming baptism, please tell our shawl group so we can make a prayer shawl for the infant.

Each shawl is unique in that many of us do not use patterns and simply let the shawls grow from our "hooks." The colors we use have been very different as well. We have a wonderful time with each Other and are a multi-generational group. Each person has contributed so much, and we are growing in number. When we started, we had just a handful of crocheters. Now, we are closing in on fifteen or more. Even some neighbors of some of the ladies have contributed to our "box of shawls."

The prayers and meanings of the shawl colors are in folders with the extra shawls, which are located in the gift room above the office. If you need a shawl or a lap robe (which is more of a square size, often used by a sitting person), please do not hesitate to take one. Just leave us the names of who you are and for whom you took it. You see, we have begun a journal of sorts. Dave Paffenroth bought and donated a journal to our group so that we can keep track of our efforts and how far our outreach has gone. When full (years from now), our journal will be given to our church as a legacy of our group.

When you begin spring-cleaning and come across some yarn you no longer need, please think of us. We take all types, big and small amounts. Mention this to your neighbors as well. We would like to start a "Yarn Drive," as each shawl can cost close to \$20 to make, depending on the type of yarn that is bought. **Donations of yarn are cheerfully accepted.**

Come and join us after church on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. We usually meet in the parlor but have been found working away in Fellowship Hall or even in the sanctuary. We meet wherever space is available. **Beginners are more than welcome.** Come and learn the art of crocheting, and make something that will be a blessing to another person.

If you have any questions, see Darlene Bartley or any of the ladies that are busy with those crochet hooks.

# BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008

TIME: 8:30-10 A.M. OR 10-11:30A.M.

WHERE: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GOSHEN

COST: \$6.00 PER PERSON, PAID IN ADVANCE



Included in the price of each paying child's reservation will be games, crafts, storytelling, and an outdoor egg hunt.

The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet everyone.

***QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CATCH THAT SPECIAL MOMENT ON THE EASTER BUNNY'S LAP!***

*Pictures will cost \$5 and can be paid for at the time of service.*

***LIMITED SEATING; DON'T DELAY!***

*Reservations accepted in the church office through March 10th.*

*Questions? Call Beth Laskoski 651-3294 or Jeanette McDowell 294-8334*

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## **RESERVATION FORM for "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Seating Time:

on **Saturday, March 15th** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 to 10:00 **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 to 11:30

Number of adults  
and older children \_\_\_\_\_

Number **AND AGES** of children participating  
in breakfast and activities \_\_\_\_\_

(Activities include an outdoor egg hunt. Please bring your own baskets and dress for the weather.)

TOTAL NUMBER X \$6.00 COST PER PERSON = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Tickets will be available for pick-up at the door on the morning of the event, March 15th.*

Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924.

Forms and checks can be dropped off or mailed to 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:**

Vince Ahrens	Cynthia Atterbury	Haley Buckley
Sarah Burrows	Barbara Caruso	Mel Case
Susan Caslick	Grace Cook	Jean Crandall
Carman Cross	Hannah Crossley	Phyllis Cummings
Richard Damiani	Sylvester Damiani	Bob Dennis
Amy DePew	Everyone serving in the Military	Pat Farley
Steve Fischbein	Ben Fisher	Albert Gabella
Carole Garling	Luke Garofalo-Wade	Fran Genovese
The George Family	Ann Graham	Barbara and George Hankins
Kevin and Sara Hankins	Pete Howell	Walter Jensen
Jessica	Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen	The Keller Family
Kim	Evelyn Kingsley	Joseph Klugerman
Lyndsay Krutki	Carol Lewis	Marni Lewis
Rick and Betty Lobb	BA Long	Margaretta Macica
Karen Magee	Helen Matthews	Evelyn Mercado
Jeff Monroe	Barbara Morgiewicz	Eileen Myslinski
Robert Neil	Janet Oberg	Claire O'Brien
Ann Ott	Amy Pemberton	Peter
Phil Pines	Jack Richner	Trudi Roach
Robyn	Dorothy Rose	Kevin Ross
Ted Sandstrom	Eleanor Schmick	Kevin Schuler
Fred Schwarz	Alice Shadoian	June Siematkowski
Valerie Simonian	Walter and Louise Spencer	Peggy Srirach
Bill and Jean Strong	Amy Thompson	Judy Thompson
Lori Turner	Bob and Florence Tyler	Jim Vande Berg
Tim Varden	Ashley Wade and Family	Jean Wade
Eugene Walters	Dorothy Weinberger (Bob's sister)	Orra and Dale Wood
Becky Wright	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.)***

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

It is that time of year again when the Nominating Committee will be meeting and looking for elders and deacons for the class of 2011. If you would like to be considered, please fill out the bottom of this form, and leave it in the collection plate or the office. Please remember the following: the term is for three years, the deacons meet on the first Wednesday of each month, and the elders meet for session on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Elders also meet with their respective committees once a month. The committees hope that, after accepting these honors, you will be able to attend the meetings and be supportive. It is truly an honor to serve your church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**

## **HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO:**

1	<i>Gina Gruber</i>	9	<i>Karen Magee</i>
2	<i>Josephine Bartley</i>	11	<i>Patrick Farley</i>
4	<i>Deborah Spencer</i>	13	<i>Matthew Quinn</i>
5	<i>Wendy Paffenroth</i>	26	<i>Robin Paulus</i>
7	<i>Betty Lobb</i>	29	<i>Kay Kent</i>
8	<i>Robert Lobb</i>	30	<i>Grace Cook</i> <i>Michael Roper</i>

## **HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES TO:**

15 *Bill and Carolyn Keller*



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- *Brenda Johnson and Dr. A.R. Sitaram on the birth of their son, Ramachandra Zackary on February 19, 2008 at Albany Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. The proud grandparents are Carl and Elfriede Johnson.*
- *Paul Boese and Nikolas Vanderhoof on being selected to participate in the band at the Elementary All-County Music Festival to be held in May at the Newburgh Free Academy.*

*Do you have some good news (a birthday, anniversary, wedding, special accomplishment, etc.) you'd like to share with your church family? If so, just write it down and hand it in at the church office (or call the office at 294-7991) so it can be included in the "Tidbits From The Tower" section of our newsletter.*

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## **NEW ADDRESS**

**The McDowell Family  
Tom, Jeanette, Evan, Darcy & Sarah  
and the Guinea Pig too!**

**15 Camelot Drive  
Goshen, New York 10924**

**Phone number and e-mail address are the same.**



## Tricky Tray Event

Several people came forward and told the Tricky Tray Committee that they plan to donate baskets. (“**Thank you**” *in advance*.) However, we need many, many more. Lori Turner has done an outstanding job; she’s been going to businesses and gathering gift certificates and items for the day. Even some of the organizations that use our church for meetings have started bringing in containers with items.

Please get together with a few of your friends and donate a basket. It is even great to donate one from your family. You can put a “Donated by...” tag on your donation, and you can also give your basket a name (such as “Movie Night,” and the basket might include a DVD or two, some popcorn, and other snacks). Let your imagination go wild. Pick a theme and run with it.

Presbyterian Women (PW) will be doing a “Baking Basket” (quite appropriate for those ladies behind the bake sales). They are asking each woman of the church to donate one item for the basket. The item can be as simple as a bottle of vanilla extract, a set of measuring spoons, a set of tea towels, or even a baking dish. The items will go into one nice basket.

We are hoping you will come up with some unusual items. We also hope that you will spread the word so that people will save the date of Sunday, April 13. The Tricky Tray will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a fundraiser for “Outreach.” Darlene Bartley has once again volunteered to chair this event and would welcome any church member who would be willing to help her.

We are also gratefully accepting donations of new items, ribbons, bows, and clear wrap in which we can put those wonderful prizes. If you have anything to donate, give it to Darlene at coffee hour or bring it (*marked* for the Tricky Tray Committee) to the church office.

Thank you in advance for making this Tricky Tray another successful fundraiser for our church.

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### *Easter Lilies*

*If you are interested in ordering an Easter lily for the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please do so by Palm Sunday, March 16, 2008. Just fill out the form below and place it in the box on the table as you leave the sanctuary, give to Barbara Hankins or Carol Coon, or place it in the offering plate. The price for each plant is \$12.99 and they can be taken home after the Easter morning service. Checks should be written to Presbyterian Women.*

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

Number of plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Text to be printed in the bulletin

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## MARCH IS COLORECTAL AWARENESS MONTH

**Over 90 percent of all colon and rectal cancers could be prevented if everyone followed the American Cancer Guidelines and went for testing (screening) when it was deemed necessary.** This is because most colon and rectal cancers start as a small polyp (abnormal growth) that takes years to grow and possibly cause cancer. Not all polyps are cancerous, but only after having them removed and the tissue analyzed can one know if they were “bad” or not. Most times, the removal of the polyps will be the only treatment necessary; the interval between repeat screening will be determined in part by whether or not polyps were present.

For most people without a family history of colorectal cancers or inflammatory bowel disease, testing should begin at age fifty. For those with risk factors, screenings are usually recommended at an earlier age. Speak with your family doctor to determine which testing is right for you and at what age it should begin.

The “golden standard” for detection and removal of polyps is the colonoscopy. This procedure allows a flexible tube with a camera to be passed through the rectum and large intestines. It requires a one- or two-day preparation in order to clean the bowels properly.

For comfort, sedation is given during the procedure. A colonoscopy can be done in either a doctor’s office or in a hospital setting as an outpatient. Usually, a patient can receive heavier sedation if the procedure is done in a hospital setting. A specialized doctor called a *gastroenterologist* or a colorectal surgeon can perform this procedure, which lasts about ten to thirty minutes. Before scheduling a colonoscopy, one would have to make an appointment to see the gastroenterologist. After examining you and gathering a medical history, the procedure will be explained, the preparation for the colonoscopy will be reviewed, and a date to have the exam will be set. Be sure to bring a list of all your medications to the doctor’s office and on the day of the procedure.

Timely screening prevents most types of colon and rectal cancers from occurring. Get your butt in gear and get going!

Carol Gabella  
Mission Committee

P.S. My husband would never go for a colonoscopy, and he is now fighting colon cancer. One cannot wish cancer away; regular screenings of the colon, breasts, cervix, and prostate are lifesaving. Love yourself and go! (All your help, prayers, and support have been appreciated greatly; thanks much!)

### **PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT**

Every year the Presbytery of the Hudson Valley charges every member church an assessment according to the current active membership. Our recorded active membership number is currently **337** and *our assessment per member* (not per family) for **2008 is \$26.00**, which is a total of **\$8,762.00** 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.

*(In 2007, the per capita assessment per member was \$19.99 for a total of \$6,436.78 to be taken from the operating budget. \$2,598.69 was received.)*

### **EXTRA MILE GIVING TREE**

Our Extra Mile Giving Tree still stands in the Narthex and continues to be a great source of giving opportunity for many of our members and friends. Check out the Giving Tree located on the table by the front entrance and make your donation toward a special project of your choice. There are envelopes beneath the tree and can be used to either mail back to the church or place in the offering plate. **In 2007, \$2,750 was given toward special projects! Thanks for you support.**

## **MISSION POSSIBLE NOTES FROM OUR 2/10/08 MEETING**

**We welcomed new member Donna Totton! Hazing begins in March!**

**ARMED SERVICES PACKAGES**—January’s package was sent to Scott Hamilton. No, not *that* Scott Hamilton. The package was sent to Goshen’s Scott Hamilton, who is a member of St. James across the street, a friend of our church, and a donator to the food pantry! February (the shortest month of the year) will see two packages mailed out to our very own heroes, Luke Garofalo-Wade and Carol Gabella’s nephew. Both are serving in Iraq.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**—Carol Gabella will be our spokesperson for this project. She will be talking about it on the two Sundays before Easter. Envelopes for cash or checks will be in the bulletin.

**LINUS PROJECT**—Betty Lobb will attend the Linus workshop and bring three blankets we’ve collected from church members.

**HABITAT & PRESBYBUILD**—The committee members and their families will be taking part in the Habitat Walk, which will be held on Sunday, April 27, at Downing Park. This, of course, is open to ALL our church members; we hope you will join us in a wonderful day out. It’s a highly recommended activity for families! We also plan on taking the “Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” tour to view completed houses. It’s great to see where our raised money goes.

**EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE & TEA**—Pat continues to sell our specialty bagged coffee, tea, cocoa, and chocolate bars in the office. Our next big event for coffee sales will be Great American Weekend. We will ask that announcements be put in the bulletin to remind people that coffee, tea, and chocolate are available at all times. We continue to keep the coffee hour cupboard supplied with coffee.

**FOOD PANTRY**—A BIG THANKS TO EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH!! We collected 261 cans of food and \$203! This was double last year’s numbers and our best ever. What great support! OUR BEST EVER! (That deserves repeating!)

The temple and our church are responsible for the March 8 breakfast. We’ll be serving French toast. We’ll also be hosting the community dinner on April 12 (there is no truth to the rumor that we’ll be serving leftover French toast). **THIS IS NOT JUST FOR THE NEEDY; THIS IS FOR ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY. BRING YOUR FAMILY. HELPERS EAT HERE, TOO!**

**FISH DINNER**—Lori Turner is looking into the fundraising possibility of having our committee host a fish dinner on a Friday during Lent next year.

**MIDNIGHT RUN**—We would like to get more involved with the Midnight Run. Ceil and Carolyn will look into the possibility of joining the confirmands when they participate in the run. **WE’LL LET EVERYONE KNOW WHEN THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE NO FAMILY SHOULD MISS OUT ON THIS POSITIVE, LIFE-AFFIRMING ACTIVITY. NOTHING HELPS YOU MORE THAN HELPING OTHERS.**

**BLOOD DRIVE**—Carol Gabella will look into the possibility of having another blood drive using the Bloodmobile. Our two favorite Bills, Gruber and Keller, were voted down on having a bat drive in the hopes of seeing the Batmobile.

**TRICKY TRAY**—Our basket theme is “gardening,” and items will be brought to the next meeting. Donna and Betty will put the basket together.

Our next meeting will be after church on Sunday, March 9, in the Bradner room. Celebrate daylight savings time with us. We’re the fun group. All are welcome.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Four major events that will enable us to bring in money for our church and its activities are coming up. With the support of our church family and our community, we will be able to make all of them successful.

The Murder Mystery Theater “Balmy Bahamas Cruise” will be presented in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and are limited to the first one hundred sold. A delicious chicken marsala dinner, with all its trimmings, and an evening of delightful fun await all who plan to attend this event. We are looking for adult actors, kitchen helpers, and volunteers that would like to create a “Love Boat” setting and decorations for Fellowship Hall. Please contact Chairperson Darlene Bartley to let her know how you can help with this activity. Wendy Paffenroth has made attractive promotional flyers for distribution throughout the community or your place of work. You can obtain one of these flyers from Wendy or from Loretta Richner.

This year’s spring rummage sale will take place on May 23 and May 24. Things that you would like to bring to the rummage sale from your spring-cleaning efforts should be brought to the church during the week of the rummage sale and not before; there is no space for storage within the church. Volunteers will be needed for the set-up, the sale on both days, and the clean-up during the afternoon of May 24. Glynnis Jorgensen will once again be chairing this event.

It is time to turn our planning efforts toward Great American Weekend, which will be upon us before we know it. Loretta Richner is seeking individuals that will assume the responsibilities of overseeing the kitchen (purchasing the food and getting people to assist in its preparation) and overseeing the selling of the chicken sandwiches under the food tent (making a schedule for selling and getting people to work). Darlene Bartley has volunteered to oversee the Kiddie Rides.

Plans are also underway to create a cookbook to sell at Great American Weekend and during the various activities that will take place to celebrate Goshen’s Bicentennial. Recipes will be requested from restaurants and from members of our church and its community.

Each one of these activities depends upon the participation and support of a lot of people. Please share your time and talents so that some wonderful fellowship, and money, can be generated for our church!

### **DINNER AT CATHERINE’S!**

**A pleasant surprise is coming our way for March! Our Fellowship Dinner Club is getting together at Catherine’s, which is located right on Main Street in Goshen. Catherine’s is happy to have us come, and we’re happy to go, as this restaurant offers some of the best food in the state of New York!**

**Plan on joining us on Saturday night, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of good fellowship, good food, and lots of fun.**

**Separate checks will be offered, so there’s no need to give money beforehand. If you will be attending, let Geri Corey know by Wednesday, March 26. Everyone is welcome. This is a special night out!**

**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.

**ELDERS**

**Class of 2008**

Cecile Ayres  
Darlene Bartley  
Geri Corey  
Alan Jorgensen  
Toni Neidel  
Julie Turi

**Class of 2009**

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Bill Keller  
Karen Magee  
Tom McDowell  
Cathy Wade  
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**Class of 2010**

Loretta Richner  
Scott Roper  
Barbara Skyer  
Doug Wade  
Rob Warner  
Orra Wood

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

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John Knox  
Denise Quinn  
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Deb Spoor  
Lori Turner  
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Presbyterian Women:

Richard Ayres  
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**STAFF**

Robert J. Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music  
Pat Schwetje, Church Secretary  
Barbara Skyer, Church Treasurer  
Nancy Smith, Financial Secretary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	March 1
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7:00am Sunrise Service (Church Park) 7:30am Sunrises Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Worship Service (S) 11:00am Easter Celebration/Coffee Hour (FH) 12:00pm Crochet Group (FH)	Office Closed 12:00pm NA (B) 7:00pm Lyme Disease Support Group (B)	9:15am Food Pantry Shelving 10:00am Bible Study (P) 12:00pm NA (B) 3:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6:30pm NA (B)	12:00pm NA (B) 12:00pm MADD (FH) 6:00pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00pm Wednesday at the Well (S) 7:30pm Session meeting (P)	12:00pm NA (B) 4:00pm Brownies (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 7:00pm AA (B) 7:00pm Crew (FH) 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (P) 7:30pm Family Anonymous (classroom)	10:00am Tai Chi (FH) 12:00pm NA (B) 4:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 8:00pm AA (B)	9:30am RRP Club (B) 9:30am RRP Club Parent's Mtg. (FH) 4:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 12:00pm AA (B) 8:00pm AA (B)	
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