

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Music Notes...

Handbells are back, Thursdays at 7 PM in the sanctuary. If you are interested, let me know!

I am hoping to do a Lenten service of music and scripture. More details as soon as there is a decision from Session.

My personal Lenten practice this year is to read one chapter of the Bible each day, including Sundays (which in my tradition are "of" Lent). The catch is that it's the *first* chapter of a different book each day. That might sound fragmentary or arbitrary, but it's amazing how well it's worked so far.

My plan is:

- First five days (Ash Wednesday through First Sunday), the first five books, or Torah.
- Then, all 27 books of the New Testament (that encompasses the whole of 3rd John!)
- for the remaining days, I'll choose among my favorites back in the Old Testament.

So far, the first-chapter method has been amazing. There is so much to gain from this kind of purposeful skipping around. Even a chapter full of apparently "boring" material, such as the census in Numbers chapter 1, is full of spiritual food. God's creativity--Pharaoh's cruelty--the laws of worship--the need to organize--the demands of justice--it is such a feast--and that's just the first five books.

In other news, I'm in a waiting, Lenten "desert" (not "dessert") mode regarding the organ. I know it's underway and I am just anxious to see it all happen. Thanks again to Brian Meek for fixing the poor old console yet again. Once the project is done we will be raising the roof with music, more than ever before.

I am looking forward to resuming concerts, sing-a-longs, and spooky Halloween programs soon. Keep the faith and happy Lent!

Jonathan

THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS SEEKING DONATIONS

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Spring Cleaning collection for the Goshen food pantry. Cleaning products are not often donated to the food pantry, but are often asked for. We are looking for donations of items such as dish detergent, Comet, Clorox wipes, paper towels, sponges, window cleaner, toilet cleaner, scouring pads, furniture polish, kitchen size garbage bags, bathroom cleaner, and light bulbs. We will be taking donations until Sunday, March 7th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and may be left in the Narthex.

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2021

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 **270** and *our assessment per member* (not per family) **for 2021 is \$38.83**, which is a total of **\$10,484.10** 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, 2021. Thanks for doing your share.



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 Wednesday, March 24**. Just fill out the form below and give it to Carolyn Keller or Carol Gabella, or place it in the offering plate. The price for each plant is \$13.99 and they can be taken home after the Easter morning service. **If you do not plan to take the plant, please indicate that on the order form so that we may pass it on to a shut-in or leave it to continue to beautify the Sanctuary for a few more Sundays.** Checks should be written to "First Presbyterian Church" with the words "Easter Lilies" in the memo.

Thank you,

Carolyn

Name: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____

Text to be printed in the bulletin

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Gina Gruber</i>	16	<i>Bill Powers</i>
2	<i>Josephine Bartley</i>	22	<i>Paige Gallet</i>
	<i>Stella Lemmon</i>	24	<i>Maureen Johnson</i>
4	<i>Deborah Spencer</i>		<i>Emily Straube</i>
5	<i>Wendy Paffenroth</i>	25	<i>Lilah Quick</i>
7	<i>Betty Lobb</i>	26	<i>Robin Paulus</i>
9	<i>Karen Magee</i>	28	<i>Tyler Cox</i>
	<i>Logan Fuller</i>	30	<i>Michael Roper</i>
11	<i>Patrick Farley</i>	31	<i>Jack Quick</i>
	<i>Ally Phelan</i>		

HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES TO:

15 *Bill and Carolyn Keller*

*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.*

Preachers for March

March 7	CRE, Edgar Hayes
March 14	Rev. Peter Johnson
March 21	The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers (Our new Interim Pastor)

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

You can pick-up your 2021 offering envelopes on the table in the Narthex. If you don't see a box with your name on it and would like one, contact Deb Hourahan at 914-850-4833 or email her at debhourahan@yahoo.com



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
Janet Begnoche
Robert Clooney
Jean and Bruce Crandall
James, Max, and Liam Feragola
Charles Fritz
Barbara and George Hankins
Rosemary Joy
Jeff Kott and Natalia
Patricia Lawlor
Kelly Magee Thrush
Murphy
Owen
Carlos and Miarose Reyes
Tom Sawyer
Eva Sickler
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg
Sam Wallis
Orra Wood

Susan Ambrsino
Ann (Strong) Blake
Barbara Cody
Dori Dodson
Mary Lee Farris and her sister
Carol Gabella's nephew, Frank
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Regina Kenny
Brenda Kujawski
Maggie and Quinn
Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth
Carolyn Reynolds
Matt Skyer
Gary Smith
Jerry Westphal
Linda Clark's nephew, Sean Zwart

Linda and Tom Chiappardi
Richard Brahs
Peter Coyne
Everyone serving in the Military
Judy Fazio
Charlene Gooden
Susan Johnson
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy
Maria Kurt
James Magee
Richard Montalbano Kevin
Amy (Thompson) Nguye
Josephine Pecoraro
Karen Saleski
Mary Rita Schlagel
Louise Spencer
Christopher Tucker
Kenneth Van Etten
Jo Wolfe

(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

MARCH UPDATE

As the winter winds down, the Meditation Garden continues to bring us peace and tranquility. Bundle up and enjoy the quiet...

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 MARCH/early APRIL Steward’s Schedule:

Bill Eustance	March 1 – March 15
Barbara and George Hankins	March 16 – March 31
Bill Eustance	April 1 – April 15

CALLING ANY & ALL VOLUNTEERS!

“Helping Hands” are always welcome. Contact Pat in the church office to sign-up and be added to our Stewards schedule.

Call the church office (845-294-7991) 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 2021

**Mark Glassé
George Hankins
Bill Hodges
Lori Kilmer
Ken Phelan
Scott Roper**

Class of 2022

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

Class of 2023

**Nancy Buckley
Jennifer Ellis
Kevan Ottochian
Kenneth Skyer
Sue Varden**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

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**

Class of 2023

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

Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller

STAFF

**Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
William Kozireski, Church Sexton**

Look up the verses below to find the missing person in each pair of friends. Write the circled letters on the blanks at the bottom.

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Exodus 4:27

Proverbs 17:17a

"A friend loves at all times."

Answer: Hushai; Hestus; Ruth; Silas; Caleb; John; Bildad; Elisha; Job; David; James; Mary; Martha; Paul; Lazarus; Elizabeth; Eliphaz; Moses

You will need:

- 2 colors of embroidery floss or yarn
 - scissors
 - a friend
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Here's how to make it:

1. Cut a 24" piece of each color floss or yarn.
2. Each person takes an end of both pieces in one hand.
3. Hold the two pieces together and pull to tighten.
4. Each person twists their end to the right. Keep it tight.
5. When it's twisted as much as it can be, fold the twisted rope in half.
6. Twist to the right again.
7. Tie around your friend's wrist.
8. Make another for yourself.