

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hope, peace, joy, and love are the gifts from having Christ enter our world. Often the first response is that these are unattainable ideals or pie in the sky. But they are spoken of in Scripture and Jesus taught about them. Therefore, perhaps we ought to look at them even though they require very hard work.

Hope, peace, joy, and love don't just happen; we have to do them. They are verbs that describe a living and active faith working in the world—our world—right now, whether we're at work, at home, with others, or by ourselves. There is a tension in this relationship because we have these seemingly huge, wonderful things we long for and we associate them with God and heaven, which gives us that pie in the sky idea, but they seem detached from our daily reality. Yet, we also have the Word made flesh, who, just like you and me, was born of a woman. But he was born into poverty and oppression in a dark manger with smelly hay, and then he was killed. The tension is between the great vision and the tension that Jesus himself enfleshed: fully divine and fully human. Look at all of Jesus' parables and read the same tension told in story.

Our western minds reel at such stretching of "reality." There seems to be a tension that is difficult to resolve. There is the realm of God and there is human reality, but can they exist on the same plain? There is justice and there is mercy, but can you have both at the same time? You can live pie in the sky or you can be realistic, but can you be a dreamer and a realist at the same time? We have set rules to reality, and we don't like to have them stretched or changed, and, yet, that is exactly what Jesus did and does. That is also what hope, peace, joy, and love do. If we saw each of these with as much "reality" as we see fear, anger, anxiety, hatred, and doubt, our world would be a different place. After all, isn't that the whole idea - that the coming of Jesus into the world has changed things? That life itself has shifted because now we see the reality of the hope, peace, joy, and love that he made visible?

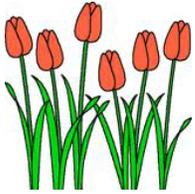
So, do we choose peace or dissention? Hope or despair? Joy or fear? Love or hate? What most of us find is that destroying is easier than creating, and therefore we choose the easier path; we follow others into doubt, cynicism, and despair and learn that if we choose peace, we have to work at it. We have to become peace and bring that peace into our community and world. A peace so rooted in Christ's peace that when we are cut off in traffic, yelled at by our boss, suffering in pain, struggling with debt, or anxiously holding a marriage together, we still hold that peace in our hearts. The same is true of hope, joy, and love. How can we give to others unless we have them in abundance, practice them in our very being, and hold them in our hearts?

By the time you read this, Easter will have passed, the wonderful hymns of resurrection will be passed on until next year. Remember, even though the celebration has calmed into the routine of the Christian year, the presence of Christ and his gifts of hope, peace, love, and joy remain. These are gifts we can and must open every day of the year.

Peace is in you,
Pastor Kingsley

May Opens Our Eyes to the World Around Us

It was a joyous Palm Sunday with procession and palm waving, a solemn Holy Week with a new Maundy Thursday service of light, and our traditional Good Friday service of darkness. On Easter Sunday, we rejoiced as a congregation, joining with other Christians throughout the world, in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. The chancel choir with their cantata, *The Cross*, and our soloists, Sara Simas and MaryLee Farris, provided us with music that spoke to our souls as we moved from Palm Sunday through Holy Week to Easter. We have lived through Lent and self-examination, experienced the joy of the resurrection of our Lord, and now we move outside ourselves to celebrate the bounty of nature around us.



May brings us flowers, green, and relief from the cold and chill of winter. We revel in the warmth, the breezes against the skin, and a feeling of aliveness. Breathe in the freshness.

May Sundays are part of the Easter season still. Mother's Day is on May 8, and we recognize our Presbyterian heritage plus celebrate the ministry of music on May 29.

Please join us for our Sundays in May as we continue the Easter season. We will lift our voices in hymns and praise, offer prayers for others and ourselves, and listen to the Word of God in reading and preaching. The choir will be there, I'll be there, and we look forward to seeing you as well. And after the service, there is always a great coffee hour during which we connect with our neighbors and fellowship together.

Robert Clooney

MIDNIGHT RUN

The Midnight Run will be on May 29. This run will be what is called a "Brunch Run," meaning that it will be held during breakfast hours at a park or similar venue in New York City. We are going to need people to drive, make and distribute the food and coffee, pack the clothing and tables into the cars, etc. If you can help in any way, please contact Lori Baird after service any Sunday or via e-mail (monkeybusinesslori@gmail.com). A list of needed items is on the desk in the church office, and I will also have some copies of the list in the sanctuary on Sunday. Thank you. Lori

FUNDRAISING UPDATE...

Ticket sales for the art raffle are progressing. The raffle will take place at Great American Weekend, and the days are flying by! If you plan to purchase a ticket, please see Pat in the church office and she will take care of that for you. It would be awesome if one of our members ended up with the original painting! The two prints for the second and third prizes are also beautiful.

Craig Calzaretta, Robert Gould, and I have been making the rounds to talk about the history of Goshen and our church and to provide information about the Tiffany windows and the Harriman Fountain. We have done presentations at the Goshen Chamber of Commerce and the Goshen Rotary Club, and we have a date to meet with the Goshen Lions Club in early May. It's been fun to share this information with community members.

The committee for the October 1 Tiffany Ball has met and plans are underway. I am also thinking about what has to be done for Great American Weekend. Please let me know if you can help out under the food tent on July 2 or 3. Many hands make light work! Thanks!

Loretta Richner
Fundraising Chairperson



ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
May 27 and 28, Friday and Saturday
(Mark your calendars now!)

It is that time again—with spring cleaning starting, I am sure many of you are putting away items to donate to the annual church rummage sale. It is possible that maybe your neighbors or co-workers have items they would like to donate as well. The chairperson for the event is again Glynnis Jorgensen. Glynnis would be grateful to anyone who can help with this annual event, as many hands are needed to set up during the week of the sale and also to clean up on Saturday, May 28, in the afternoon.

Remember, items can be brought in from the evening of Monday, May 23 through Thursday, May 26. **We need saleable items, no junk.** Please do not bring us things just because you don't want to throw them away. Items brought in should be **CLEAN**, not broken. We cannot sell chipped glassware, toys with missing parts, books without covers, items with missing pieces, or items with frayed electrical cords. We also cannot sell used computers or exercise equipment.

The better the items look, the more money we can get for them, so run those excess dishes through a wash cycle before you donate them, and try to pack items that are similar in the same boxes. This makes it so much easier for those setting up. In the past, we noticed that the jewelry table does well, so clear out that costume jewelry from your jewelry boxes. New and usable items are always welcome as well. We accept toys with all the parts and furniture that is still in good condition.

Watch the bulletin for any last minute information about the rummage sale. Please offer a few hours of your time to this good fundraiser for your church. All church members should be able to donate an hour or two to help. Don't wait for a personal invitation to come. Remember that **All HELP** is greatly appreciated, and you can bring a friend or coworker, too. Come out and share this fellowship with other church members.

Thank you again.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP WITH SET-UP, SALE & CLEAN-UP

Please mark your calendars now for the week of May 23 – 28.

Sale set-up: May 23 – 26.....5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sale: May 27.....8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

May 28.....8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Clean –up: May 28.....2:00 p.m. - ? (more hands make light work)

Please call Glynnis Jorgensen (914-804-5476) and let her know how you can help.



Hug Happenings

News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)

Dear Friends,

The months of 2011 seem to be flying by, and as they do, the “hugs” seem to be flying out the door of our church. For some reason, the need seems to be greater than ever lately. Some of us have gotten a reputation of being “shawl people,” and we are approached at different locations to see if we “might have an extra shawl.” Someone always seems to know someone who can use a hug. For that reason, more shawls than usual were sent out in April. Our wonderful group has been able to meet the demand so far. Of course, we count on you to help. We are always in need of yarn to continue this wonderful outreach, so anytime you want to drop off a few skeins at the church, know in your heart that you have dropped off a potential hug that will wrap someone’s shoulders or drape on someone’s lap to show that we care.

Recently, some of our shawls were sent to a mother with lymphoma, a ninth-grade girl who had serious sinus surgery at Westchester Medical Center, a sixth-grade young lady who has a tumor on her leg bone (it is yet to be determined what kind of tumor), several people who have been diagnosed with cancer, a first-time mother to wrap her with her new son, a caregiver taking care of her parents, a woman who is facing forced retirement a few years earlier than planned, and a first-time grandmother of twins. In the works are several wedding shawls for summer weddings, and we are always trying to keep a supply of blankets for christenings.

Our group is still trying to find a time to get together so we can exchange ideas and learn new patterns. Hopefully, as the weather gets better, we will find a day or a date after church when we can meet. Barbara Hankins and I have both recently taught classes outside of the church. One nurse that I taught was so thrilled with the prayer shawl idea that she made seven of them in a short time to give to some of her long-term patients who have little or no family to speak of. She said the smiles on their faces were great gifts, and she is so excited about learning a new skill. This, of course, made it all worthwhile to me as well.

Remember, if you find the need to send a shawl, we keep extras at the church, along with folders, prayer inserts, gift bags, etc. You may just go and take the one you like from the supply room that is up the stairs from the office.

Thank you again for praying for our group, that we will continue to fill the need. God bless each of you and, until next month, consider yourselves hugged.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth
PSM Secretary

THANK YOU!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was held on April 16 and was a big success in spite of the very cold weather! A good time was had by all the attendees and by the volunteers, who looked lovely in their bunny ears! Many, many, many thanks to all who helped make the breakfast successful. Many hands make light work!

Thank you to the following people for taking the time to help out: Pat Schwetje; Sharlene Bischof; Loretta Richner; Tom Broere; Lorenzo Hernandez; Tom, Darcy, and Sarah McDowell; Betty Lobb; Susan Pierce; Gina and John Gruber; John and Shane Bruno; Dave Castellano; Diana Bowe; Barbara and Grover vonPentz; Cheryl and Rebecca Zis; Cecile Ayres; Gary, Kate, and Jonathan Laskoski; Alexander and Kristen Gotsis; Carissa Cuccia; Nicole Glade; Nancy and Hannah Warner; Lauren Branigan; Mary Loram; The Boardman Family Cutters; Patty Brandl; Margareta Macica; Jenn, Morgan, Stephen, and Daniel Serkes; Christina Stamos; Ashley Wade; Steve Coon; Charna and Tara Jordan; Kathy, Mackenzie, and Jack Kurek; Shannon Doherty; and Elizabeth Sproul. Special thanks to Michele Meek for sharing her artistic talents and to Lori Baird and Linda Boardman, who—from start to finish—were exceptionally hardworking and dedicated bunnies!

See you all next year,
Dick Ayres, Jeanette McDowell, and Beth Laskoski



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE...

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was a wonderful success! Our committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked because the outcome could not have been the same without you! A huge thank you is extended to Beth Laskoski, Jeanette McDowell, and John Bruno for taking on the chairmanship of this event. Dick Ayres stepped up to take charge of the kitchen crew, and we are also grateful for that! Great job to you all!

Loretta Richner
Committee Chairperson

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	Dedra Altizer	Fran Backofen
Lori Baird	Dennis Baker and daughter	Emily Barry and Family
Mary Lee and Ted Berry	Gabriel Bittner	Lorraine Boardman
Karen, Michael, and Paige Brooks	Haley Buckley	Our brothers and sisters in Haiti & Chile
Sarah Burrows	Winnie Bynum	Mary Carr
Grace Cook	Scott Cortor	Bruce and Jean Crandall
Wesley Cudrow	Phyllis Cummings	Shannon Decker
Mary Jane DeFreece	Bob Dennis	Amy Depew
Joe Destefano	Everyone serving in the Military	Evie and Family
Molly Farley	Pat Farley	Kevin Fenner
Ben Fisher	Norm and Sharon Frelinger	Gabby
Fran Genovese	The George Family	Barbara and George Hankins
Kevin and Sara Hankins	Tomas Healey	David Jacks
Our brothers and sisters in Japan	Robert Jensen	Martin Johnson and Joy Johnson
Carolyn Keller's parents	Kim	Don and Ella Kimble
Roberta and Larry Kinnamon	Lyndsay Krutki	Grace and Jerry Lanuti
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva	Charles Li	Robert Lobb
B.A. Long	Margaretta Macica	The Family of Melissa Martucci
Andy Marussich	The Family of Anita McCarthy	Evelyn Mercado
The Family of Alfred Merenda Sr.	Jeff Monroe	Heather Mustavs
Eileen Myslinski	Richard Nash	Steven Neil
Nina and Jason	Amy (Thompson) Nguyen	Oretsky Family
Ann Ott	Leon Paffenroth	Amy Pemberton
The Family of Marina Petersen	Jack Richner	Trudi Roach
Ted Sandstrom	Sandy	Tom Sawyer
Kevin Schuler	Fred Schwarz	Bryan Scott and Family
Dorothy Sevcik	Marguerite Shaw	Sara Simas
Walter and Louise Spencer	Peggy Srirach	The Smith Family
Kathy Stringer	Bill and Jean Strong	Shawn Thatcher
Judy Thompson	George Tietz	Brenda Travers
Caroline Urbanski	Kim Valentini and Family	Kenya VanZandt
Ashley Wade	Wendy-Bynum Wade	Jean Wade
Molly Wanat	The Weinberger Family	The Family of John Wildschut
Jo Wolfe	Anne Wood	Orra and Dale Wood
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.)

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2011

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 **341** and **our assessment per member** (not per family)

for 2011 is \$28.00, which is a total of **\$9,548.00** 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.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

MAY UPDATE

**A sincere Thank You to everyone who supported
the Twist & Shout Benefit Concert for the Garden!**

We had one of our most successful benefit concerts to-date. With about 170 folks attending, we were able to raise \$2,100 for the Meditation Garden!

Thanks to Stewart's Shops (Darlene Bartley) who donated ice cream for the intermission!

We are now able to remove the dead maple tree and plant a new Stellar Pink Dogwood this spring. Funds raised will also allow for monthly maintenance of the garden through 2011.

The tailgate party, donated by "Big Dave's Family Bar-B-Q," raised an additional \$305 for our church's mission trip to Nicaragua this summer! Thanks to all our volunteers!

A VERY SERIOUS REQUEST...

**There are FAR TOO MANY cigarette butts being found in the garden area.
Please make every effort possible to keep cigarette butts AWAY from the garden.
If you see someone smoking near the garden, please TELL THEM ALSO! Thank you.**

MEMORIAL PAVERS

The new order for memorial pavers will be placed in early May and installed in late spring. Anyone with a last-minute order, see Pat in the church office ASAP. The cost of each paver is \$100.

"Stewards of the Garden"

Special thanks to Diane George who spent several hardworking hours at the garden in April, cleaning-up the entire area to make it beautiful and ready for the springtime bloom!

The May/early June schedule is below for our Stewards.

SCHEDULE:	Loretta and Jack Richner:	May 1 – May 15
	Barbara and George Hankins:	May 16 – May 31
	Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	June 1 – June 15

This schedule will be posted outside the church office.

If you are interested in becoming a "Steward of the Garden," see Pat in the church office.

Niches AVAILABLE in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche is 11¼ inches cubed, allowing for double or single interment.

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 additional information you may need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Elizabeth Conley</i>	15	<i>Evelyn Kromm</i>
	<i>Barbara Lippert</i>		<i>Barbara vonPentz</i>
3	<i>Barbara Munhall</i>	16	<i>Glynnis Jorgensen</i>
5	<i>Haley Wilton</i>	17	<i>Morgan Serkes</i>
6	<i>Matthew Csernai</i>	19	<i>Mary Kate Dickover</i>
7	<i>Christine Hahn</i>	20	<i>Joan Butensky</i>
	<i>Kaeli Varden</i>		<i>Bill Gruber</i>
9	<i>Aaron Bush</i>	22	<i>Doris Weinberger</i>
	<i>Scott Dickover</i>	23	<i>Paige Brooks</i>
	<i>Erica Walsh</i>		<i>Paul Wright</i>
11	<i>Riley Grob</i>	26	<i>George Hankins</i>
12	<i>Joseph Gruber</i>	28	<i>Brian Diglio</i>
	<i>Charlie vonPentz</i>		<i>Susan Sitler</i>
13	<i>Kate Skyer</i>	30	<i>Kayla Fenner</i>
14	<i>Ray Ruckdeschel</i>	31	<i>Jennifer Fitzpatrick</i>
			<i>Mary Kingsley</i>

HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES TO:

3	<i>Charles and Lori Kilmer</i>
12	<i>James and Beth Chevalier</i>
20	<i>Kevin and Christine Fenner</i>
21	<i>Michael and Tanya Hagopian</i>
22	<i>Ron and Kathy Alevras</i>
23	<i>Dave and Michelle White</i>
28	<i>Richard and Cecile Ayres</i>
	<i>Brian and Danielle Diglio</i>
	<i>Mal and Sue Stewart</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:

Ingrid Warner who will be graduating magna cum laude on May 21 from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. With a dual major, she received a BA Degree in Government/Law and History. She was offered and has accepted a teaching position with "Teach for America" and will be going to Indiana in June.



2nd Annual Community Yard Sale

The First Presbyterian Church is holding the second annual community yard sale. Bring your stuff and set up and we will do the advertising.....

Saturday - May 7, 2011 8AM-4PM

(SET UP AT 7AM)

12' X 12' Space = \$25.00

There is also a fee of \$25.00 that will be refunded when your space is cleaned up. Please send 2 checks for \$25.00 each. We also can have tables for rent for your items for \$5.00 each.

Proceeds from the sale will go for a Youth Mission Trip to Nicaragua - August 2011

Please return the bottom portion with your checks by May 1st

First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924

Questions call 294-7991 or Jeanette McDowell at 294-8334.

Name _____

Address _____

of Spaces _____ # of Tables _____ Check Amount: \$ _____

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER AT

WARD'S BRIDGE INN

Montgomery, New York

- DATE:** Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
\$27 includes tax and gratuity
Cash bar
- CHOICE OF APPETIZERS:** Mozzarella Cheese & Tomatoes
Fried Calamari
French Onion Soup

Salad and Dinner Bread
- CHOICE OF ENTREES:** Sweet Potato Encrusted Salmon
New York Strip Steak
Chicken Marsala
Pasta Dish – Chicken, Sausage, Broccoli Rabe over Rigatoni
- CHOICE OF DESSERT:** Apple Crisp
Chocolate Mousse Cake

Coffee, Tea, Soda

(soda and bar drinks extra)

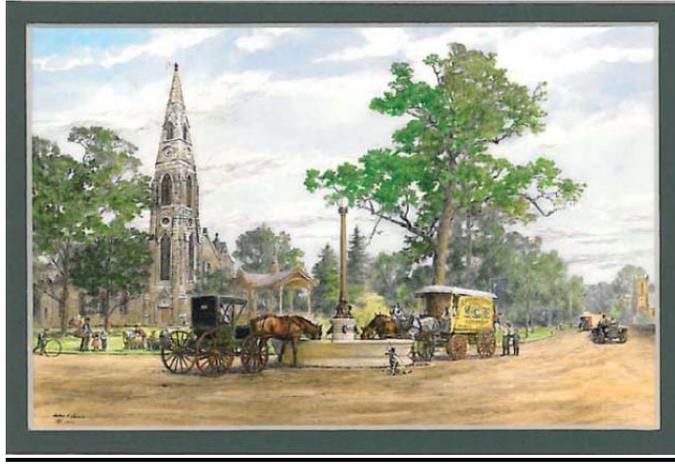
Please call Linda Clark (294-7488) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652) for reservations by May 8, 2011.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

All church women are invited to attend the Christian Women's Fellowship Tea on Friday, May 2, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the church hall at St. John the Evangelist Church on Murray Avenue in Goshen. For further information, please call Fran Warren at 294-6891.

BLANKET DRIVE UPDATE...

\$1,316 was collected for the Church World Service Blanket Drive. Thank you for your support!



The Harriman Fountain

The Good Old Days in Goshen, New York

Anyone who has ever lived in Goshen, or even just visited, will be nostalgic about the perspective of life in Goshen at the beginning of the twentieth century. Back then, the First Presbyterian Church, with its surrounding park, was the focal point and defining structure of the Goshen “villagescape.” Now, First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, in conjunction with The Bethlehem Art Gallery, will be giving you a chance to take home the original painting by renowned artist John Gould. What a wonderful slice of Goshen for your home, not to mention a great investment. Close your eyes and think of your time in Goshen. Whether you’re a third-generation resident or a visitor, the image you’ll see in your mind will be very similar to the one above, with perhaps a lot more traffic in the Village Square! Don’t miss out on your chance to own your piece of Goshen history. Fill out the order form below and return to:

First Presbyterian Church
33 Park Place
Goshen, New York 10924

If you have any questions, call the church office at 845-294-7991

Gould’s View of Goshen Raffle Tickets * * * \$100 each

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL _____

Total tickets _____

Total enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church in Goshen” and write “Gould raffle tickets” in the memo area.)

Tickets may be purchased during coffee hour or at the church office during the week.

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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