

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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What Time Won't Heal

"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." (John 5:7)

An oft-cited proverb says that "time heals all wounds." Maybe so, but it also has a way of eroding hope.

In Jerusalem, at the pool of Bethesda, Jesus initiated a conversation with a man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. Thirty-eight years is a long time to sit and wait, watching others move about freely, watching others get to the pool's healing waters quickly and without help.

Jesus wasted no time on small talk, no introductory chit-chat. He goes straight to the one thing that defines this man's life and asks, "Do you want to get well?" The invalid does not answer Jesus' straightforward question with a straightforward answer. Rather, he offers something along the lines of an excuse or explanation as to why he remains in this condition.

Maybe year after year of disappointment has a way of changing what we want. We stop wanting what we don't believe we'll ever get. That's how we protect ourselves against the heartache of crushed expectations.

In her foreword to Jen Pollock Michel's *Teach Us to Want: Longing, Ambition & the Life of Faith*, Katelyn Beaty writes, "to live on this earth means to know about desire dashed...Perhaps you desire something you have been afraid to name because it might set you up for more disappointment" (p. 12).

This seems to be what Jesus exposes with his question to the man by the pool. After thirty-eight years of affliction, rendered immobile apart from help, the invalid has grown accustomed to losing the race to the healing waters. And while he may, at some level, desire healing, his heart has lost any real expectation that it will happen.

Andrew Lester wrote a book simply titled *Hope* in which he set forth the importance of a "future story." Lester explains that most counseling explores the past of an individual — family background and formative life experiences. Equally important, according to Lester, is a person's future story: the narrative they tell themselves about what has yet to be, about what they see when they focus forward. When a person loses their future story, they've lost hope.

The invalid in John 5 seems to be at such a place. He wants to get well, but his future story always has him coming in second or third or tenth in the race for wholeness. But that's a future minus Jesus. Jesus shows up and changes everything.

Is there something you used to want, a future story you used to tell yourself? Is there a place in your life where repeated let-downs and disappointments have changed what you want or what you pray for? Jesus comes to restore your hope. Jesus has a future story that sees you whole and well.

Time does indeed have healing power. But there are some things that time alone simply will not do. Time alone would never make a crippled man walk. And time won't restore hope to those who have lost a story about what awaits them in this life.

We need more than time. We need a savior who seeks us out and makes us whole.
Pastor Kingsley

**The Classic Choral Society
56th Annual Spring Concert**

Purcell Telemann Vivaldi Mozart M. Haydn

*With special guests
The Hudson Valley Spring Quartet*

**Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen**

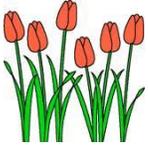
Open to the public
No tickets required Donations appreciated
www.classicchoralsociety.org 845-928-6462

SPRING PLANT SALE IN THE CHURCH PARK

May 1 and May 2 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
May 3 – 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For more information, call Grover vonPentz at 291-1932.

May Opens Our Eyes Anew to the World 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 of new life and let God's magnificent creation warm and speak to your soul.

On May 10 . . .

It's **Mother's Day** or, as I like to think of it, "nurturing Sunday" to celebrate all those who care for and nurture others albeit family members, our friends, or pets. It is about the quality of being a nurturer to others in our lives. The chancel choir will be singing, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."



On May 17 . . .

It is **Celebration of the Ministry of Music** Sunday. The choir will be singing a special anthem, "When I Hear Music;" and Mary Lee Farris and Jen Brody will sing a duet arrangement of Mozart's famous "Alleluia." It will be a time of extra-special music.

On May 24 . . .

We celebrate **Pentecost** – a time in which we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the twelve apostles and other followers of Jesus. It is often called the "birthday of the Church." In addition, it is **Presbyterian Heritage** Sunday in which we remember all those who came before us, who sat in our very pew during wars, who prayed for peace, who came for healing in their lives. We honor them and pass along this heritage to future generations as we support our youth.



On May 31 . . .

Each year in the liturgical calendar, the Sunday following Pentecost is **Trinity Sunday** – we celebrate the mystery of one God in three persons: God our Creator (crown), Christ our Savior (cross), and the Holy Spirit our comforter (dove).



Let's get outside, enjoy the weather and being outdoors, plant and watch our gardens grow. The Earth has sprung to life; embrace it in joy and celebrate!

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music

Prayer Shawl Ministry News

Once again, we start with thanks. Our bin seems to fill up as fast as the ladies seem to take yarn home to work on a project. We also found some gift bags that are being used as well; so, once again, keep your eyes out for bargains on yarn. Recently, I received a bag of yarn from a lady who was clearing out her mom's apartment who was moving to a nursing facility. Most of the yarn was still usable and the smaller balls were good for edges and pocket shawls.



Several shawls went out this past month as members of the congregation heard of a need at work, in their neighborhood, through their child's school, or in their family. It is nice that the person getting the shawl can personally connect to someone in our church community. We have heard over and over again how the prayers and poems touch the hearts of the receiver. We try to put the appropriate ones in a folder when we give the gift as well. The ministry could also use **pretty file folders** to give the paperwork in. Remember, if you give a shawl, lap robe, or baby blanket - please include the explanation sheet on what the colors represent and the letter explaining our ministry. For those of you who are interested in knowing the meaning of the colors, here is the explanation:

COLORS

REPRESENTING ATTRIBUTES

Ivory

Goodness, Purity, Faith, Safety

Blue /Aqua

Tranquility, Healing, Trust, Balance

Green/Teal

Hope, Peace, Confidence, Protection

Purple/Violet

Wisdom, Creativity, Dignity, Loss of a loved one

Red/Pink/Raspberry

Joy, Friendship, Love

Peach /Orange/ Rust

Compassion, Courage, Goodness

Yellow /Gold

Wisdom, Happiness, Energy

White

Purity, Innocence, Strength, Peace

Tan/Brown/Black

Dependable, Calming, Honesty

Gray/ Silver

Determination, Character, Mindful

More times than not, the ladies make the shawls and hold on to them for a bit until a need arises. Then, often, we can match the need to the shawl color. For example, the loss of a loved one often gets a shawl with some lavender or purples; someone healing from surgery will often get one in the blue range, etc. I have often felt that God knows where the shawl will end up long before it is finished. Each one is a blessing to the receiver but also to the creator who made it. Thank you "shawl ladies" for your continued commitment and determination in keeping these gifts going out. I am just a messenger letting our members know where the gifts go; so please, if you give any away, let me know so we can all share in the joy of this continuing ministry.

Consider yourselves each hugged,

Wendy Paffenroth
Shawl Secretary



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS NOTES

At our April meeting we discussed our May coffee hour... *Derby Day*.

As most of you know, the famous Kentucky Derby is the first Saturday in May and is known as the "Running of the Roses;" so the ladies accepted the men's challenge to do coffee hour and are planning to celebrate May and Derby Day. Ladies will be wearing decorative hats like they do at the Derby and will have some special treats that are eaten there as well. Hope you will all join us in the fun on that Sunday!

Sharlene Bischof brought her amazing afghan that she would like us to raffle off. It is a round afghan, cream-colored, with many unique stitches; it would easily fit a king-sized bed. We can sell raffle tickets starting at Great American Weekend and then finish at the Holiday Fair in November. The money raised will go towards the restoration of the historic Tiffany windows. It is a labor of love, and I hope everyone in the congregation will help by buying and selling chances on this beautiful gift. When it is completed, we will have photos to show, and it will be displayed. Thank you, Sharlene for such a wonderful gift to our church. Your time and talents are abundantly evident in this gorgeous afghan.

The PW Association made a donation to the Outreach Committee for the purchase of supplies for our Sunday coffee hour.

The May 29 bake sale was discussed. We will talk about this more at our May meeting. Each year it is harder to get people to sit and run our booth on the opening day of the Farmer's Market in Goshen.

The women will be collecting quart-sized canning jars throughout the year. We use them for the soup/chili sale at the fall Holiday Fair. Last year, we were fortunate to have had a large number of them; however, we sold everything – so we can't have too many! If you are at thrift stores or garage sales and see good useable quart-sized canning type jars, please consider purchasing them for us. We thank you in advance!

We discussed a bit about the Honoree Luncheon and when to have it, etc. We will announce more information about the luncheon in upcoming Tower Ties.

Please join us for our May meeting on May 4 in the church parlor at approximately 7:00 p.m.

God bless each of you,
Wendy Paffenroth
PW Secretary

THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

May 1 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Evangelist Church at 71_Murray Avenue in Goshen.
For additional information call Fran_Warren at 294-6891 or Kitty Irons at 294-9462.

SHARE PAGE - - -



If you have something you want to share -- a recipe, poem, prayer, or something that touched your heart - - just email me by the 15th of the month, and we will try to get it into the next newsletter. Email me at: wendypaffenroth@gmail.com

Thank you, Wendy Lee Paffenroth



This month is "Presbyterian Women's May Coffee Hour," and this year our theme is "Running for the Roses- Kentucky Derby Day." We plan to highlight our coffee hour with some specialty foods served at the Derby. Here are a few recipes to share.

Benedictine Sandwiches *(This recipe was concocted by Jennie Carter Benedict at her Louisville, Kentucky restaurant called Benedicts. It can be a turned into a dip by simply adding more sour cream to the mixture.*

Benedictine Sandwiches

Ingredients:

1 lg. cucumber seeded and grated; lay on paper towels and remove as much of the moisture as possible.
¼ medium white onion – chopped finely
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
¼ cup sour cream
1 tbsp. Green Jalapeno Pepper Sauce
1 ½ tsp. Kosher salt and some fresh ground pepper
Pumpernickel bread

To make: Take grated cucumber and onion, mix together, and set aside. Take sour cream, cream cheese, pepper sauce, salt and stir until mixed. Add in the cucumber/onion mixture then add some freshly ground black pepper. Chill 30 minutes to 24 hours. Serve on pumpernickel bread cut into small sandwiches.

Pimento Cheese and Crackers

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups grated cheddar cheese
12 oz. whipped cream cheese
4 oz. pimentos, drained
¼ tsp. Tabasco sauce
Coarse salt and fresh ground black pepper
Crackers for serving

To make: In a food processor place all the ingredients (except salt and pepper) and spin until all ground together. Transfer to a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Serve with fancy crackers.

These are just two recipes that will be served at Derby Day Coffee Hour. Hope to see you there.

Christian Education Committee Report

I am happy to report that we will be presenting nine Bibles in church this May.

We are gearing up now for **Vacation Bible School** which will run this year from July 6 to July 10.

To pull this off, we need many willing hands, and hope you will consider helping with the sanctuary transformation on Sunday, July 5 before VBS begins as well as helping with donated food items and clean-up Friday after the closing picnic.



We would welcome volunteers for a few specific spots we need to fill yet -- not to mention our helpers who prepare the craft kits to be used. Please call Linda Boardman (469-6063) or BA Long (343-7571) if you can offer your creativity and/or time -- or better yet BOTH!

The food donation list will come out in a few weeks. It is fascinating to see the clever connections the VBS snacks have to the theme of the week -- G-Force! Our "kitchenmeister" and crew make connections for the kids right on their plates! That's why the requests are so specific -- to create a visual and edible point. Please consider making a snack donation this year.

Though we hosted 140 kids last year, we plan to scale back to 100 this year so we newbies can get our sea legs, so to speak. So, please be prompt about reserving your child's spot.

The registration fee will include the music CD, the traditional photo in a hand-made frame, the T-shirt for Friday, and a backpack to be decorated, as well as snacks and nice crafts - - and most importantly, a really great time learning a good message!

See you in church,
BA Long

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to the prayer list in the bulletin each Sunday, there is another smaller list maintained by a group of women called the Prayer Circle. These women meet on the first Wednesday of each month to review most recent or immediate prayer needs and alert a prayer chain for daily prayers. You may reach this group by calling Mary Gray Griffith (294-9288), Louise Spencer (615-0983), or Fran Hoffmann (294-6470 – home; 381-3474 – cell).

If you need a prayer or have concern for another, or if you want a more active part in the prayers of the church, contact any of the above. They will alert the prayer chain especially for you.

From the Circuit Rider - - Jeffersonville is thawing out!

We've been busy welcoming spring. First, we had our own version of a Chili Challenge - - with 7 contenders - - to benefit the **Kingfisher Project**. Kingfisher was formed last June after a young woman who grew up in the Jeffersonville church went off to college, got hooked on heroin, and was killed for her addiction. She'd been living with her grandmother while going to school. Her uncle, who lived there as well, introduced her to heroin and was her supplier. Last June, after he'd given her some bad heroin, she confronted him, whereupon he shot and killed her. The Kingfisher Project was named for a paper she had written during her senior year in high school. Its goal was to fight heroin addiction throughout Sullivan County.



Despite a cold and rainy day, which kept people away from the St. Patrick's Day parade in town (our Chili Challenge's main drawing point), we managed to raise a nice sum to donate to Kingfisher Project - and everyone had a good time in the process!

Our next event was a Maundy Thursday Seder, which has become a tradition at Jeffersonville. Twenty people enjoyed the Christian Seder service and an excellent Seder meal.



It snowed on Easter, but the service was well-attended. And last weekend, we participated in a countywide All Night Prayer Vigil followed by a prayer breakfast the next morning. The sanctuary was open for prayer, and we had a "lock-in" for kids. They drew and colored their prayers following the book *Praying in Color*. I slept on a pew - - fortunately, the cushions were in good condition! For breakfast, we cooked pancakes and bacon (with real congregant-made maple sugar!).



This coming weekend, April 18, is our annual Chicken Barbecue - - a feast with LARGE portions of chicken, salad, and strawberry shortcake for a very nominal fee.

After that, I'm going on vacation!
Blessings to all - come visit us,
Anne Wood

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

There is going to be a spring rummage sale. A BIG THANK YOU to Laura Colacci for volunteering to chair this important fundraiser for the church in Glynnis' absence. The dates are June 19 and 20. Please contact Laura at 845-988-7657 if you have any questions.

7th Annual Community Yard Sale

The First Presbyterian Church is holding its

7th Annual Community Yard Sale

Bring your stuff and set up and we will do the advertising.....

The proceeds will be going toward the mission trip to Nicaragua.

Date – Saturday May 16, 2015

(rain date Saturday, May 23, 2015)

From 9am – 4pm

Set up – 8am

Cost of space - \$25.00 – (12’ x12’)

There is also a deposit fee of \$25.00 that will be refunded when your space is cleaned up.
Please send two checks for \$25.00 each.

We also will have tables for rent for your items for \$5.00 each.

Please return the bottom portion with your checks to

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

of spaces _____ @ \$25.00 each Total _____

of tables _____ @ \$5.00 each Total _____

**Plus – separate \$25.00 deposit for clean-up (check returned
when you leave).**

Further information: tom@sescalfold.com or church office: 294-7991

MIDNIGHT RUN

Our next Midnight Run will be a brunch morning run on Saturday, May 16. We will need drivers and co-pilots to make the journey to New York City to feed and clothe those most needy. The list below is what we will need to take with us. If you can help in any way, please contact Lori Baird at 845-200-5640.

Toiletries
Men's/Women's underpants - sizes M/L/XL
Orange Juice – 2 gallons
Milk – 2 gallons
Jelly – 2 large jars
Sliced Deli Ham – 6 lbs.
Slice Deli Turkey – 6 lbs.
Sliced Deli Cheese – 5 lbs.
Long White Sandwich Bread – 20 loaves
Bagels – 75
Donuts – 100
Cream Cheese Packets – 1 box from Sam's Club
Butter Packets – 1 box from Sam's Club
Raw Eggs – 15 dozen
Hard Boiled Eggs – 12 dozen
Breakfast Sausage Links - 200
1 Can of Coffee
Black Lawn/Leaf Bags – 100

CHILI CHALLENGE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your help and support in the Mission Committee's latest fundraiser, the Goshen Chili Challenge. About \$1,000 was raised that night for Habitat for Humanity of Newburgh. The prizewinners were: Best Individual Chili by Popular Vote, **John Wylar**; Best Organization Chili by Popular Vote, **Delancy's**; and the winner of the Judge's Superchef Award, **Heath House**. Thanks again...see you next year!

PresbyBuild Talent Show – May 9

Pastor Kingsley will be among the voices heard at the 10th Annual PresbyBuild-Habitat Talent Show when he joins with other Presbyterian clergy in the debut of "The Singing Sadducees." The talent showcase will be held May 9 in Cornwall-on-Hudson at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church, 222 Hudson Street. It begins with a dessert social at 6:00 p.m. followed by the talent show at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and sold at the door. Proceeds will be used in the building of our 7th PresbyBuild house with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Carol Gabella</i>	16	<i>Glynnis Jorgensen</i>
3	<i>Barbara Munhall</i>	17	<i>Morgan Serkes</i>
5	<i>Haley Wilton</i>	19	<i>Mary Kate Dickover</i>
6	<i>Matthew Csernai</i>	20	<i>Joan Butensky</i>
7	<i>Christine Hahn</i>		<i>Bill Gruber</i>
	<i>Kaeli Varden</i>	21	<i>Analiесе Boardman</i>
9	<i>Aaron Bush</i>	22	<i>Doris Weinberger</i>
	<i>Scott Dickover</i>	23	<i>Paige Brooks</i>
	<i>Jack Meek</i>	26	<i>George Hankins</i>
	<i>Erica Walsh</i>	28	<i>Brian Diglio</i>
11	<i>Riley Grob</i>		<i>Susan Sitler</i>
12	<i>Joseph Gruber</i>	30	<i>Kayla Fenner</i>
	<i>Charlie vonPentz</i>	31	<i>Jennifer Fitzpatrick</i>
13	<i>Kate Skyer</i>		<i>Mary Kingsley</i>
15	<i>Evelyn Kromm</i>		
	<i>Barbara vonPentz</i>		

HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES TO:

3	<i>Chuck and Lori Kilmer</i>
13	<i>Gregg and Jennifer Piller</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 Michele White</i>
28	<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:

- *Amber and Kyle Vangrol on the birth of their daughter, Mia Grace born on March 21 and weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Darlene and Cliff Bartley and great grandma, Josephine Bartley.*
- *Rachael and Logan Quick on the birth of their daughter, Lilah Debra born on March 25. She joins her brothers, Charles, Jack and Lucien.*
- *Sue and Adam Whitson on the birth of their son, David James. He was born on March 27 and weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Wendy and Dave Paffenroth.*

**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
WHO JOINED THE CHURCH ON APRIL 19:**

*Jane Geyer, Justin and Kelly Lehrer,
Victoria Manteau, and Chris and Sarah Misir (sons, Everett and Aidan)*

WE LOVE OUR COFFEE HOURS!

Spring has sprung, kid's sports are being played, parents and grandparents are running around with busy schedules, travel is on the rise, gardens have to be planted, but we still **need some Coffee Hour Hosts!** And we do enjoy our coffee hours... it's such a wonderful time to catch up with folks.



It can be as easy as going to our local Freihofers outlet or grabbing a Duncan Donuts box of holes and donuts. Whatever you want to serve is fine by us... we just need you! Coffee and paper goods are supplied. Most of the time our members will leave treats to serve that morning. If everyone could take a moment and commit to one Sunday a year, that would only be 52 families or individuals needed! Directions are on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet on Sunday or contact Robin Knoblock at 845-313-1319 (robinknoblock1@me.com)

Robin Knoblock
Outreach & Fellowship

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS FOR SALE

Would you like to help support our church's upcoming mission trip? Do you buy groceries at ShopRite? Then we have an easy solution for you! Purchase ShopRite gift cards from FP Goshen at full face value. The church receives 5% back from ShopRite. You can buy \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100 gift cards. Cards are available during coffee hour on Sundays and during office hours at the church office during the week. Ask your relatives, friends, and co-workers. The more we sell, the more money we raise! Contact Mark or Paty Glasse with questions at 845-986-1460 or mpglasse@optonline.net

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2015

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 **345** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2015 is \$31.00**, which is a total of **\$10,695.00** 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.



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

Ed Berry

Sarah Burrows

Jean Chang

Bruce and Jean Crandall

Sally Dorritie

Evie and Family

Norm and Sharon Frelinger

Barbara and George Hankins

Bill Howell

Carolyn Keller's father

Jeff Knox

Kelly Magee Thrush

Andy Marussich

Jeff Monroe

Jean Musgrave

Nina and Jason

Alice Paffenroth

The Ptak Family

Loretta Richner

Bryan Scott and Family

The Smith Family

Jackson Spradlin

Bill and Jean Strong

Butch Turley

Kenya VanZandt

Nancy Warner

Anne Wood's brother-in-law

Phyla Wright

Rosa B.

Ann (Strong) Blake

Anthony Capaccio

Sharon Conlon

Suzanne DeBlock

David Dzierzek

Mary Lee Farris' sister

Kate Goodspeed

Kevin and Sara Hankins

Susan Johnson

Laura and Tom Kennedy

Betty and Robert Lobb

Gavin Martin

The McCloud Family

Joseph Montalbano

Eileen Myslinski

Nick K.

Dave and Wendy Paffenroth

Rachel Reeves

Tom Sawyer

Dorothy Sevcik

Louise Spencer

Peggy Srirach

Jean Stukey

Kim Valentini and Family

The Wade Family

The Weinberger Family

Orra Wood

The Family of Virginia Bennett

Aryanna Brahs

Mary Carr

Steve and Carol Coon

Joe Destefano

Everyone serving in the Military

Ben Fisher

Dorothy Gott

Carol Hoffman

Rosemary Joy

Roberta Kinnamon

James Magee

Riley Martin

Evelyn Mercado

Jude Monteleone

Richard Nash

Amy (Thompson) Nguyen

Velma Peters

Tim Richardson

Fred Schwarz

Matt Skyer and Family

David Paul Spradlin

Elmer Stevens

Christopher Tucker

Cindy Vanderplatt

Molly Wanat

Jo Wolfe

Sharon Worden

(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

MAY UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

To order a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is only \$100. **We just received our 10th paver order, so we will be placing a new order in the next few weeks. If you want to be a part of that order, please get your order in now!**

12 Niches Remain 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”

Thank you to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The MAY and early JUNE Steward’s Schedule:

Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende: May 1 – May 15

Barbara and George Hankins: May 16 – May 31

Jen and Gregg Piller: June 1 – June 15

It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, or sweep a few pavers clean, and you can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up.

FYI – Allegro Landscaping will be doing a spring clean-up of the garden soon!

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 2015

Kathy Alevras
Wendy Bynum-Wade
Elizabeth (BA) Long
Louise Spencer
Sue Varden
Orra Wood

Class of 2016

Cliff Bartley
Geri Corey
John Redman
Tom Sawyer
Mal Stewart
Jo Wolfe

Class of 2017

Robin Knoblock
Karen Magee
Anne Tuthill
Grover vonPentz
Rob Warner

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2015

Laura Colacci
Carol Gabella
Tina McCloud
Gregg Piller
Jennifer Piller
Nancy Smith
Hannah Warner

Class of 2016

Wendy Donohue
Bill Eustance
Gina Gruber
John Gruber
Carolyn Keller
Kathleen Kingsley
Lisa Montalbano

Class of 2017

Diana Bowe
Diane Church
Lori Kilmer
Mary Kingsley
Charlie vonPentz
Nancy Warner
Cheryl Zis

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Presbyterian Women:

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