

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each summer, for years, I would sneak away for a couple of weeks and go camping. I would usually head for the mountains or a lake, where nature is still wild and the crowds are a bit scarcer. Although I lived in beautiful locations and loved the mountains, valleys, streams, rivers, and trails in my own backyard, I always looked forward to discovering new places to explore, mountains to climb, lakes to kayak, and vistas to view.

When I'd walk the trails of national and state parks, I was always amazed at how infrequently I would run into anyone. I knew there were people in the park. I would see them at the campground, shop with them at the camp store, and even get into conversations when we were brushing our teeth at the community "rest" facilities. So I knew they were there. Then I headed out on a hike and...nobody. It was not uncommon for me to spend hours on a marked and mapped trail and not see another human being.

Although I did enjoy the quiet of nature, I always felt a sense of loss that so few people get to experience what I had seen on these trails: the amazing flora and fauna, incredible rock structures, cool caves, tranquil pine barrens, and scenic overlooks. I would spend hours and hours wandering through the amazing trails of our nation going, "Wow," and it seemed like everyone else was missing it.

I know that nature isn't for everyone, but when I'm on a rock ledge looking down at a canyon five hundred feet below, or when I'm watching a stream heading to a waterfall, I get it. I get the wonder, power, and perfection of creation. I respect the gift we've been given. I want to make sure that I am always a good steward of what God has given us, and I so want to share it with others.

As I think of the Stewardship Campaign we'll hold in the near future, I feel the same way. I want to be a good steward and support what is so important to me, and I also want to share it. Over the next few weeks, we'll talk about our 2011 budget, our hopes and dreams for the coming year, and how we all can be a part of the life of this place in so many different ways. We will focus on our church building and all the things that go on inside it, and I want to share that. I want people to understand how important church is, how wonderful it is to worship, to sing, and to pray. I want them to know that there are great learning opportunities, times for fellowship and spiritual growth. I want to be a good steward of the gifts we've been given, and I want others to experience these for themselves.

Just as our world offers trails full of beauty and wonder, our church provides us with a path no less amazing. And while each of us could walk that path alone, we will get so much more from the experience when we can share the hike with the rest of our church family within a growing faith community.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Kingsley

## **NOVEMBER BRINGS THE CHURCH YEAR TO A CLOSE**



In November, we can feel the darkness and cold of winter setting in. It is in this month that we give thanks for our blessings as we gather together on Thanksgiving. On Sunday, November 21, we come together to offer our corporate thanks to God for his blessings. Daily, we experience the beauty of nature, nurturing relationships, our ability to earn a living, good food, music, the sun that rises each new day, the fact that we wake up in the morning, and the fact that we still have our wits about us. We have renewed opportunities to improve our lives and love more in our relationships and interactions with others. Isn't that what it is all about? Let us come together to offer praise, worship, and thanksgiving to our God who has so richly blessed us.

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson*



On Sunday, November 28, we begin the new church year as we celebrate Advent I. The Sundays of Advent lead us to prepare for the birth of Christ as he incarnates upon the Earth. There is an air of expectancy as we look forward to his birth, which culminates in the celebration of Christmas.

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!*



### **Advance Notice:**

The choir is preparing for a Christmas music sing-along, which will be held on Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 p.m. We are learning four of the easier chorales from *The Messiah* plus fun Christmas carols. We'd love to have you join us!

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

*The Presbyterian Women (PW) will be meeting on Monday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. All women of the church are invited. Please join us.*

### **CRAFT FAIR BAKE SALE**

*Anyone who is interested in baking or working the Bake Sale table at the Craft Fair on Saturday, November 20, please contact Gina Gruber at 987-8606 or Betty Lobb at 294-6344.*



## HUG HAPPENINGS

### *News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry*

As we start our fourth year of this ministry, I am often reminded of how much the little things we do are appreciated by the recipients. A friend of mine on the West Coast told me of her childhood friend who is suffering from multiple sclerosis. She is one of eight siblings and in her early sixties. Five of her siblings have already died of the disease, so Jane certainly needed some hugging. I sent a shawl of green and raspberry for my friend to deliver it. She sent an e-mail back, wrote that Jane loved it and that she would write a note to us (as difficult as that is for her). The card arrived the other day, and you can tell that it was written with love, but that it was probably a struggle to hold the pen.

The card said this: *“Thank you to Wendy and all. Trying to compose all the words I need to express my gratitude for the hug shawl—a gift so overwhelming. Thank you, sweeps it up, and it says it all. Jane.”* (from the state of Washington)

In my travels, I recently heard of a daughter taking care of her senior-citizen mother, who has Alzheimer’s disease. They live in the Goshen area. Her father is recovering from heart surgery. John, the daughter’s husband, said that his wife is trying to hold it all together, but that it is most difficult. A few days later, I dropped off a hug for Catherine and another for her mother. With them, I put the following words to help her through this difficult period:

#### *Prayer for the Caregiver*

*Hold me up a little longer, Lord, for I am tired. The day seems endless and I still have hours to go.*

*Give me the strength to put a smile on my face and to be tolerant.*

*When the weariness begins to overcome me, put a happy memory in my mind. Take me back for a brief moment when I found JOY, LAUGHED, SMILED, and FELT CAREFREE.*

*Help me to find the patience and understanding. Let me show gratitude, as you have asked us to help each other, and it is my turn to do just that. Let my touch be gentle and kind—as someday I, too, may be the one needing the care.*

*When things feel impossible, let me wrap this beautiful shawl that I was given around my shoulders and feel your warm hand of love and understanding. Let me remember that you will not give me burdens too heavy that we cannot carry together.*

*Be by my side, Lord, and help me over this rough time in my life. Let me look for the rainbow that shines after the storm. Let me remember that the flowers bloom after the rain and the clouds pass by.*

*God bless the person I care for. Let her feel your gift of peace and help her along her journey in life. Let her soul feel your love.*

*Tonight, when I lay my head on my pillow, please grant me a restful slumber. Restore my strength, so I may face the new day refreshed and ready for each challenge that is before me. Thank you for being with me.*

AMEN

I understand that this gift from our ministry showed up at just the right time. The older lady wasn't sure what the shawl was at first, and the family just left it next to her on the chair. When they came back into the room, they were surprised. She had placed it around her shoulders and was stroking the stitches. Who knows, maybe this woman once crocheted and gave away similar gifts. Our hug helped them through a difficult day.

The ministry recently sent more shawls to Orange Regional Medical Center for the maternity unit. Occasionally, there is a stillborn birth or a child with some serious problems at birth. In this way, we can give a little comfort to the mother. We appreciate the labor and delivery nurses who donated yarn to our ministry as well. Thank you all, and thank you, too, Dr. Deborah Spencer, for being our "Delivery Gal."

Again, we sincerely appreciate all who donated gift bags, tissue paper, ribbons, folders for prayers, and yarn to our group. We always have the need for more. Also, thank you for getting some of our prayers copied on a color copier.

Please remember, we are here if you need us. Please let us know if we can help you comfort someone or celebrate a special occasion with a shawl. Shawls take some time to make, but we try to keep a supply at the church for emergencies. Pat, *our lovely and helpful* church secretary, can direct you to the "shawl stash." Watch for our meeting dates in the bulletin and join us.

God bless each of you. Come visit us at the quilt show, where we will display some of our creations. Circle the date on your calendar...November 20.

Consider yourselves hugged,

*Wendy Paffenroth*

PSM Secretary

### **News for Christian Education...**

We are fortunate to have so many people step forward to help with our Sunday school program this year! While Susan Pierce is recovering from her heart surgery, Bob Aglione, Audra Cox, and Linda Boardman have volunteered to oversee the program with assistance from Beth Laskoski and Jeanette McDowell. Thank you all for this!

The following people are currently our Sunday school teachers: Pre-K to Kindergarten—Jenn Serkes, Robin Boardman, and Allison Csernai; Grades 1 to 3—Audra Cox, Krista Hludinski, Bob Aglione, Claudia Donahue, Liese Boese, Tom McDowell, and Robert Boardman; Grades 4 to 6—Mary Kingsley and Dave Hludinski. Linda Boardman has assumed the responsibility for the Christmas pageant and will be assisted by her family. Michele Meek has done a great job with the Sunday school bulletin board, while both Jonathan Laskoski and Evan McDowell have a plan to recognize perfect attendance and to have students bring food for the food pantry. I cannot thank all of you enough for working together to keep our Sunday school program going!

Susan Pierce is concentrating on getting well, and we wish her well in this effort. We are striving to "hold down the fort" for you, Susan! We wish you a full recovery!

Loretta Richner  
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  
Emily Barry and Family  
Karen and Paige Brooks  
Sarah Burrows  
Susan Caslick  
Carol Coon  
Phyllis Cummings  
Bob Dennis  
Pat Farley  
Steve Fischbein  
Norm and Sharon Frelinger  
The George Family  
Fran Hoffmann  
Carolyn Keller's parents  
Carol Kingsley  
B.A. Long  
Margaretta Macica  
Andy Marussich  
Josephine and David Medlar  
Lisa and Bob Montalbano  
Steven Neil  
The Family of Janet Oberg  
Peter  
The Family of Madeline Pillmeier  
Robyn  
Ted Sandstrom  
Bryan Scott and Family  
Walter and Louise Spencer  
Bill and Jean Strong  
Judy Thompson  
Lori Turner  
Wendy-Bynum Wade and Family  
Jo Wolfe  
Cheryl and Rebecca Zis

Dedra Altizer  
Gabriel Bittner  
Our brothers and sisters in Haiti & Chile  
Winnie Bynum  
Dan Conley  
Bruce and Jean Crandall  
Sylvester Damiani  
Joe Destefano  
Kevin Fenner  
Ben Fisher  
Gabby  
Barbara and George Hankins  
David Jacks  
Kim  
Evelyn Kingsley  
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva  
Ursula Maletz  
The Family of Anita McCarthy  
Evelyn Mercado  
Eileen Myslinski  
Nina and Jason  
Ann Ott  
The Family of Marina Petersen  
Jack Richner  
Kevin Ross  
Kevin Schuler  
Dorothy Sevcik  
Peggy Srirach  
Shawn Thatcher  
George Tietz  
Kim Valentini and Family  
Jean Wade  
Orra and Dale Wood

Dennis Baker and daughter  
Lorraine Boardman  
Haley Buckley  
Mary Carr  
Grace Cook  
Wesley Cudrow  
Mary Jane DeFreece  
Everyone serving in the Military  
Judy Hankins Feragola  
The Family of Flo Fletcher  
Fran Genovese  
Kevin and Sara Hankins  
Curtis and Heather Johnson  
Don and Ella Kimble  
Lyndsay Krutki  
Charles Li  
The Family of Melissa Martucci  
The Family of Tom McCombs  
Jeff Monroe  
Richard Nash  
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen  
Amy Pemberton  
Susan Pierce  
Trudi Roach  
Robert Ruckdeschel  
Fred Schwarz  
Marguerite Shaw  
The Smith Family  
Braidon Thew  
Brenda Travers  
Kenya VanZandt  
Molly Wanat  
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 2010**

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 348 and *our assessment per member* (not per family) for 2010 is \$26.51, which is a total of \$9,225.48 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.

### **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. Thanks for you support.

# ***Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden***

## **NOVEMBER UPDATE**

### **Memorial Pavers**

Please see Pat in the church office if you are interested in purchasing a memorial paver to remember or honor loved ones. The cost of each paver is only \$100. We are collecting orders through January to place a February order to be installed in the early spring.

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### **Niches ARE 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)**

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### ***“Stewards of the Garden”***

If anyone is interested in simply “lending a helping hand” with the Garden, please feel free to just stop by and do a little clean-up work! The November/December schedule is below. Please remove dead leaves and cigarette butts, pull weeds, and perform a general “tidy-up” of the area.

<b>SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>Wayne George:</b>	<b>November 1 – November 15</b>
	<b>Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:</b>	<b>November 16 – November 30</b>
	<b>Loretta and Jack Richner:</b>	<b>December 1 – December 15</b>
	<b>Barbara and George Hankins:</b>	<b>December 16 – December 30</b>

*This schedule will be posted outside the church office.*

*If anyone is interested in joining the “Stewards,” please contact Wayne George (914-213-4093).*

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Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George for any additional information you may need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

## THIRD ANNUAL "QUILTS OF THE CONGREGATION"



NOVEMBER 20

For all members and their friends, the quilt show is upon us again. We need your gifts and treasures to make this show a success. Flyers are out around the county, and we anticipate a good crowd that day. Please help us by displaying a quilt, cross-stitch, lace tablecloth, or something else that you would like to share. You can bring the item to the sanctuary on Friday, November 19, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The item can be picked up at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Although the committee will not sell an item for you, if you have one to sell, you may put contact information on the quilt card. Quilt cards are available in advance at the office or from Barbara Hankins. They will also be available at the time we set up the show.

Remember to pass the word that this is a step back in time and a wonderful way to *de-stress* for a bit. Everyone who came the past two years was very impressed and admired not only the handiwork but also our church. If you displayed a piece in the past, we would like to display it again. Thank you so much. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Help for the show is also welcomed. Please come join us and meet our guests.

Wendy, Barbara, and Kathy  
Show Coordinators

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### **NEWS FROM FUNDRAISING...**

At this writing, we have sold nearly \$400 worth of tickets for the November 14 "Night of Giving" at the Galleria. We can continue to sell these tickets right up to the morning of the event. Join in the fun! For \$5, you can get into the mall to participate in drawings and special sales that will be announced while you are there!

The proceeds from the bake sale, which will take place at this year's church fair, will go to fundraising. We are looking for people to bake items and bring them to the church early in the morning on the day of the fair, November 20. Betty Lobb and Gina Gruber, with the help of Barbara Hankins, will be overseeing the bake sale. Thank you, ladies, for stepping up to make this event happen!

Breakfast with Santa is coming up on December 4 under the leadership of Kathy Stringer. John Bruno has offered to chair Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, which will take place on April 16, 2011. Both of these events require a lot of help, so please step forward to let Kathy and John know that they can count on you. Thanks!

As we go to press, the fall rummage sale is underway. This event could not take place without the dedication of Glynnis Jorgensen and her family. I thank them and all others who are giving their time to make the rummage sale a success.

A new fundraising project is in the works! We will be working with Robert Gould from the Bethlehem Art Gallery to sell a large painting of Harriman Square, which was done by his father, artist John Gould. Our church is in the center background of this lovely painting. The sale of tickets will be done as a raffle, from which we stand to make a good profit if all goes as planned. Stay tuned to hear more about this as we move along with this project.

Loretta Richner  
Fundraising Chair

## **FIFTH “NIGHT OF GIVING” AT THE GALLERIA AT CRYSTAL RUN**

The Galleria at Crystal Run will once again be hosting the Night of Giving.

### **WHAT IS IT?**

The Night of Giving is a special shopping event to kick off the holiday season. The Galleria will stay open late, and ticket holders will have access to exclusive store discounts, special values, and fabulous prize giveaways.

### **WHEN IS IT?**

Sunday, November 14, from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

### **WHY ARE WE DOING IT?**

We sell the tickets for \$5 each, and all the proceeds from our ticket sales will go directly to our church’s Capital Campaign. You can check the Galleria’s Web site to see what stores are involved. Remember, you need tickets to get the discounts.

Many people participated last year; they got great deals and had a great time. We hope you will put the date and time on your calendar and come again. You can purchase your ticket from me at coffee hour or from Pat in the church office during the week. Please tell your friends.

Thank you,

Darlene Bartley  
Fundraising Committee Member

## ***Mission: Fish & Chips Fry Nov 2 \$12.50 per Ticket***

On Election day, the Mission Committee will host a fish fry in Fellowship Hall to benefit PresbyBuild in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for takeout orders, and seating will begin at 5:30 p.m. **Please purchase your tickets in advance.** They will be available at coffee hour and via the church office.

### **THE NEXT MIDNIGHT RUN IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.**

The following are items that will be needed: men’s clothing in large and extra large sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, underwear and socks. The underwear and socks should be new, but everything else can be gently used. We will also be collecting toiletries.

**NEWS FROM DAN CONLEY**

All right, so I guess it's time for another e-mail.

There have been, for the first time in a while, some new things happening here. We have our final exams in two weeks, so we have begun reviewing the material the students will be tested on. School and village life are the same. We are about to enter rainy season; it is getting much hotter and more humid, and it has started raining in the afternoons more often. Luckily, I'll be gone in January and February, the worst two months. But I'm sure I'd rather have the bad heat than the bad cold when I get home.

The new Peace Corps group arrived last Wednesday, October 6. I went in last week for a "guys' night," where they separate the guys and girls of the new group to talk about more gender specific issues. It was pretty cool. There are seven new guys, two of whom are married. They are all young; I don't think anyone is older than twenty-eight. They seemed like a good group, definitely better than the group that came last year. More my kind of guys. But there are twenty-three girls in the new group, which is not the case in my group, but it is the norm throughout the Peace Corps worldwide. I didn't get a chance to meet any of the girls, but according to the girls in my group, they all seem okay.

It was weird being in the position of seniority here. The new guys had tons of questions, the same kinds of things that I was curious about when I got here, but it has been so long since I even thought about any of that stuff. To me, Samoa is just normal; I know it's different, but I don't think about the differences anymore. It's just Samoa. It was also weird having all the answers. Some of the answers were a bit hard to swallow for the new guys, but the other guys from my group doing the "guys' night" and I assured them that within a few months they'll be okay. We have a big party for them this Friday; then they go to their training villages the next day. So after Friday, I'll probably only see them one or two more times.

Dan

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**SANTA'S BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH OUR UPCOMING SANTA'S BREAKFAST  
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm available to help setup on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. (*tree and room decorating*)  
(*we need some men to help put up the tables & chairs, too!*)

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm available to help in the kitchen and will arrive by 7:30 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm available to help the morning of the breakfast and will arrive by 8:00 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm available to help cleanup after the breakfast at 11:30 a.m.



\_\_\_\_\_ I have some gift items or will make a cash donation for the purchase of gift items for Santa's Gift Shop. If you make a cash donation, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Gifts can be left in the church Office.

*(The gift shop is for the children to shop for one gift for a parent or special relative and therefore should be adult items ... a value of \$5 to \$10. Please no dollar store items; they don't go.)*

We are also looking for donations of bows, ribbons, tape and wrapping paper.

Please place in the offering plate or give to Kathy Stringer.  
Thanks for your help.

The Board of Deacons is sponsoring their

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR  
HARVEST BAKE SALE  
QUILTS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
33 PARK PLACE  
GOSHEN, NY 10924**

A wide assortment of holiday gifts and decorations will be offered by local crafters.  
Something for everyone!

If you have any questions, please contact Edith Bush at 695-1763



**THE GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree will be back in the narthex soon! Last year, thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we donated over fifty presents to the Salvation Army. We hope to match that number again this year. Once again, our Sunday school students have decorated bright and cheery tags. Please consider taking a tag (or two, or more!), buying a gift (\$12 suggested price minimum), and making Christmas a little brighter for a child in need. All presents need to be beneath the tree by noon on Sunday, December 12. If you have any questions, please call Beth Laskoski (651-3294). Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

**NEW ADDRESS**

Sue and Bill Stenson  
1500 E. Pusch Wilderness Drive, #6104  
Boulder Canyon  
Oro Valley, AZ 85737

Vonage Phone #845-725-7766



## **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

- ❖ Saturday - December 4, 2010
- ❖ The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen  
33 Park Place - Goshen NY 10924
- ❖ Seatings - 8:30 & 10:00 AM
- ❖ Tickets- \$6.00 Per Person - **PAID IN ADVANCE-**  
*Each child's ticket includes - pancake breakfast, face painting & shopping for a special gift in the North Pole Gift Shoppe for that special someone.*

### ***YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE YOUR OWN PICTURES WITH SANTA***

**Seating is Limited! Reservations required and accepted on a first come – first served basis through November 19, 2010.**

*Mail reservations or stop by the church office (294-7991) – Office hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.*

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#### **SANTA BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Preference: 8:30: \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print information - & circle or check preferred seating time. Thanks)*

Return to: First Presbyterian Church – 33 Park Place- Goshen NY 10924

Attention: ***Santa Breakfast***

Make Checks Payable to: **First Presbyterian Church**

*Second Annual  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
Thursday, November 25*

What are you doing for Thanksgiving this year? Well, if you have nowhere to go or do not want to cook a big dinner but you want to enjoy a great dinner with lots of family and friends, then come on down to First Presbyterian Church and have dinner with us. We will have enough food so that you can take some leftovers home with you.

We ask that all who come bring something to set on the table. We set the table family style with all the trimmings, linens, real dishes, and candles. We even enjoy a few movies and relax. Everyone pitches in a little, and you will go home to a clean house with a full belly. Arrive by 12:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 2:00 p.m.

Just complete the bottom form and give it to me, or Pat in the church office, by November 18.

Thank you,  
Darlene Bartley

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**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number of people attending:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I can bring the following:**

**\_\_cooked turkey \_\_mashed potatoes \_\_sweet potatoes \_\_stuffing \_\_carrots \_\_broccoli  
\_\_apple pie \_\_pumpkin pie \_\_pecan pie \_\_veggie platter \_\_cheese and crackers  
\_\_olives and pickles \_\_cranberry sauce \_\_rolls and butter**

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Many people in our area are currently looking for employment. With a grant from our Presbytery, we are putting together a matching service to connect unemployed workers with people who have short-term work that needs to be done.

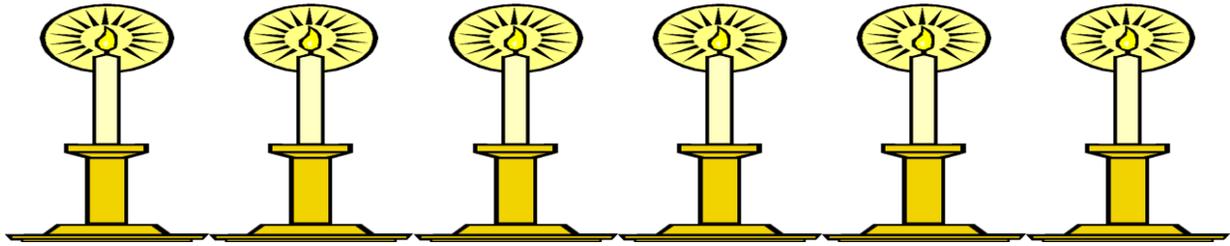
Please fill out the following form if you could benefit from such employment. (And please feel free to pass copies of this form along to any others who might benefit.) You can return your completed form(s) to the church office.

Corresponding "Short-Term Employer" forms will be available shortly.

Since we do have congregation members who make their livings doing jobs locally, we are very conscious of NOT accepting jobs in this program for which these current professionals would be suited.

Thank you for your form contributions!

Sincerely,  
Anne Wood  
Susan Varden



**SPREAD the LIGHT....the word of our Lord! Sign up to serve your church as an acolyte. All children of the congregation in Grade 3 through confirmation age are eligible to serve as acolytes as long as:**

**YOU TAKE IT SERIOUSLY**

**This is an opportunity to serve God and your congregation. The candles are a very symbolic part of our worship service...they represent the presence of Jesus Christ “lighting” our way as we worship together.**

**YOU ARE DEPENDABLE**

**If you sign up for a week, please make every effort to honor your commitment AND be on time. Acolytes need to be in church NO LATER than 9:15 a.m. You will be dismissed from Sunday school a few minutes early to extinguish the candles at the end of the worship service.**

**The students of the Confirmation class are required to serve as acolytes at least once a month. Kathy Stringer will assign to them the Sunday that they will acolyte. If they cannot serve that Sunday, it is up to them to find a replacement.**

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**Yes, I want to be an acolyte**

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

**GRADE \_\_\_\_\_**

**I understand that if I sign up to be an acolyte I will be at church that Sunday no later than 9:15 a.m. and that I will remain in Sunday school until the end of the worship service to extinguish the candles. I also understand that if an emergency arises and I cannot be there for one of my weeks, I will make every effort to find a substitute AND I will notify Mrs. Stringer (496-7765) or the church office as early as possible before that Sunday.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

**Dates I can be available: (please circle as many as you can. You will be notified as to which weeks you will serve as acolyte.)**

November	7	14	21	28	
December	5	12	19	26	
January	2	9	16	23	30
February	6	13	20	27	
March	6	13	20	27	
April	3	10	17	24	
May	1	8	15	22	29
June	5	12	19	26	

**PLEASE RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE or put in the offering plate during worship.**

## **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**

### **HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:**

2	<i>Darcy McDowell</i>	19	<i>Emma Boardman</i>
3	<i>Emily Conley</i>		<i>Beth Laskoski</i>
5	<i>Joan Columbus</i>		<i>Julie Turi</i>
8	<i>Kathy Stringer</i>	21	<i>Robert Fitzpatrick</i>
9	<i>Michael Knoblock</i>	22	<i>Brian Taylor</i>
10	<i>Jeff Totton</i>	24	<i>Kathy Alevras</i>
11	<i>Sarah Grace Puelzl</i>		<i>Amy Fontana</i>
14	<i>Ria Chionchio</i>	25	<i>Elizabeth Ukejianya</i>
17	<i>Taylor Knoblock</i>	26	<i>Jon Hourahan</i>
	<i>Egidio Walsh</i>	27	<i>Beth Chevalier</i>
18	<i>Phyllis Cummings</i>	28	<i>Anthony Chionchio</i>
	<i>David Kingsley</i>		<i>Danielle Diglio</i>
	<i>Bob Montalbano</i>	30	<i>Robert Kingsley</i>
			<i>Sue Stenson</i>

### **HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:**

11	<i>Craig and Arlete Shaeffer</i>
23	<i>Jack and Susan Pierce</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:**

- *Christopher Paulus on being one of thirteen members of the Class of 2010 at the Goshen High School recognized by the College Board for their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) exams. Christopher qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades 3 or higher.*
- *Matt Skyer on receiving his Eagle Scout Rank on October 16.*

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In honor of the birth of our Savior and in celebration of this glorious season, please consider helping us to decorate our Sanctuary with beautiful red, white, pink, and mixed poinsettias. They will be placed in the church for Christmas Eve, December 24 and may be taken following the 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service. Kindly consider ordering a plant in honor of or in memory of a special person(s) or loved ones, or simply to the Glory of God and in celebration of Christ's birth. **The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, Dec. 7.** Please complete the form below and submit with your payment of \$12.99 per plant made payable to the First Presbyterian Church (put PW in the memo) or call the Church Office (294-7991), Betty Lobb, 294-6344, Carolyn Keller 294-5508 or Carol Gabella (after 4PM) 342-4367.

Thank you for helping us honor Christmas with festive flowers!

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**Yes, I would like to order Christmas poinsettias for the Sanctuary as follows:**

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Color</u>
_____	<b>Red</b>
_____	<b>White</b>
_____	<b>Pink</b>
_____	<b>Mixed</b>
_____	<b>Total @ \$12.99 each = \$_____ due</b>

Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church (put PW in the memo) and place in the offering plate or give to Betty, Carolyn, or Carol

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Kindly PRINT as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)*

**To the Glory of God and:**

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In celebration of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To honor the birth of Jesus Christ:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **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 2011**

**John Bruno  
Linda Clark  
Geri Corey  
Dominick Fontana  
Bill Hodges  
Kathy Stringer**

### **Class of 2012**

**Wendy Bynum-Wade  
Craig Calzaretta  
Tyler Cox  
Bill Keller  
Tom McDowell  
Sue Varden**

### **Class of 2013**

**Cliff Bartley  
Barbara Hankins  
John Redman  
Loretta Richner  
Scott Roper  
Rob Warner**

**Clerk of Session: Sue Varden**

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **Class of 2011**

**David Castellano  
Patrick Farley  
Grover vonPentz**

### **Class of 2012**

**Linda Boardman  
Jessica Bowe  
Carol Gabella  
Glynnis Jorgensen  
Carolyn Keller  
Marni Lewis  
Rebecca Zis**

### **Class of 2013**

**Gina Gruber  
John Gruber  
Kari Taylor  
Lori Turner  
Moses Ukejianya  
Ashley Wade  
Anne Wood**

**Moderator of Deacons: Lori Turner  
Presbyterian Women:**

## **STAFF**

**Robert Clooney, Director of Ministry of Music  
Pat Schwetje, Church Secretary  
Kim Hoernig, Church Treasurer  
Nancy Smith, Financial Secretary**