

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As most of you are aware, our congregation has been making a concerted effort to offer our Lord's Supper more frequently, joining a great many Presbyterian churches in reuniting Word and Sacrament. Acceptance is moving quickly within our denomination and here at First Church we are becoming more comfortable in the return to practice patterned by the early church.

The separation came about at the time of the Reformation because many reformers felt the sacraments had been used by the Roman Catholic Church to control and manipulate the people of God. Therefore, many during the Reformation wanted to separate from all that looked like that power structure and they moved to a less frequent observation of the Eucharist. Not all agreed with that separation. One person who did not agree was John Calvin, Presbyterian's number-one theologian. He lost the vote to the majority, but now, these many years later, the church is looking once again at the whole of sacramental practice and is finding a rebirth in the rich, meaningful words and symbolism of these acts of faith.

In order to help congregations transition to more frequent celebrations of our Lord's Supper and increase the visibility of the place of baptism in the life of the church, it formed within the Office of Theology and Worship a helpful site called "Font and Table." Below are two sections from their most recent e-mail concerning celebrating the Eucharist through the Easter season, Easter to Pentecost. I thought you might find them informative and helpful.

Why celebrate the Lord's Supper each week?

Word and Sacrament belong together in the life of the church. As our *Book of Confessions* and *Book of Order* affirm, the church is defined by the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments, and a disciplined life in covenant community (see Scots Confession 3.18 and Foundations of Presbyterian Polity 1.0303, as well as numerous references in the Form of Government). When we gather for worship each Sunday, we should practice these elements of our common life and show forth these signs to the world. Contrary to popular thought, weekly Eucharist is hardly a new idea for churches of the Reformed tradition. John Calvin called for the Lord's Supper to be "set before the church very often, and at least once a week" (*Institutes* 4.17.43). Commenting on Acts 2:42, Calvin observed that among the earliest Christians "it became the unvarying rule that no meeting of the church should take place without the Word, prayers, partaking of the Supper, and almsgiving" (*Institutes* 4.14.44). The *Book of Order* says, "It is appropriate to celebrate the Lord's Supper as often as each Lord's Day. It is to be celebrated regularly and frequently enough to be recognized as integral to the Service for the Lord's Day" (W-2.4009). In other words, the Service for the Lord's Day is incomplete without the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Won't weekly Eucharist make our worship services longer?

Not necessarily. With a little planning and coordination (as should be the norm in any service!), the Eucharistic liturgy can be relatively simple and succinct. At the same time, don't short-change it; celebrate the Lord's Supper in a way that is unapologetically rich and full, a feast of God's grace. It helps to have a clear sense of the big picture and overall flow of the Service for the Lord's Day: think of the Word as the first half of the service (beginning with Gathering) and the Table as the second half (concluding with Sending). You might find other ways to trim time from the service — eliminate unnecessary announcements, long explanations of the liturgy, and any ornamental elements that don't serve to promote the people's participation in prayer and praise. Having said all of this, if the service runs a little longer than usual, what's so wrong with that? Remember that time in the presence of God and the communion of saints — preparing for an eternity of worship around God's throne — is time well spent.

Won't weekly celebrations of the Lord's Supper make the Sacrament seem less special?

Yes and no. On one hand, seeing the Lord's Supper as something less "special" — as in occasional, unusual, or out of the ordinary — would be a good thing for the church. As noted above, the celebration of the Sacraments (along with the proclamation of the Word and the exercise of discipline) is supposed to be one of the defining features of Christian life. We ought to experience the Lord's Supper as an ordinary and integral part of what we do when we gather for worship in Jesus' name. On the other hand, the practice of celebrating the Eucharist on a regular basis will help us to appreciate more fully how truly special it is. Or to put it another way, if we really understood and appreciated what a gift Christ has given us in the Lord's Supper, we would want to celebrate this meal as often as possible! Think of the manna God showered upon the people of Israel each day as they journeyed through the wilderness: on one hand, a thing so simple, so ordinary — daily bread, a fine flaky substance as common as the morning dew; on the other hand, a thing so amazing, so extraordinary — bread from heaven, the life-saving, life-sustaining grace and providence of God.

Peace,

David

NOVEMBER BRINGS THE LITURGICAL YEAR TO A CLOSE



The long-established church calendar, which takes us each year through the cycle of Christian observance, comes to a close on Christ the King Sunday, November 20. At this time, we pause, and the church gives thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ. We sing together the traditional Thanksgiving hymns we have known and loved over the years: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing," and "Now Thank We All Our God."

The very next Sunday, November 27, is Advent I, when we begin the cycle once again with "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Just as our daily calendars remind us to observe birthdays, anniversaries, and things to do, the church liturgical calendar provides a time for worshippers to observe, commemorate, and celebrate events relating to the life of Christ on Earth from his birth (Advent and Christmas) to his death and resurrection (Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter). In Advent, we look forward to the birth of Jesus and his coming to Earth to walk amongst us and, ultimately, redeem us from our sins and show us a new way of living.



We are a church family who comes together to worship, sing, listen, pray, and serve as we live out our Christian lives. Come be with us and share the special gift of your presence.

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is offering a special class to students in 7th and 8th grades. This class will allow open faith-based discussion of topics that are relevant to the lives of middle school students. The class will meet twice a month to allow students to also attend the church services. Teachers are Jeanette McDowell and Beth Laskoski.

DATES AND TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER:

November 6: Gossip

November 20: From Christmas to New Year's Day

MIDNIGHT RUN

The date of our next Midnight Run has not yet been determined, but we WILL be going this fall. As we normally do, we will need to make sandwiches, soup, and coffee and pack clothing and toiletries on the night we go into New York City. I am beginning to collect the following items of clothing and toiletries needed:

Men's underwear/undershirts, sizes M, L, and XL (NEW ONLY)

Men's long-sleeved shirts/pants, sizes M, L, and XL

Men's socks, all sizes

Travel size soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant

Washcloths (NEW ONLY)

Please do not bring ladies' or children's clothing, as these will not be needed. We rarely see women or children. We will be asking for donations of food as we get closer to the actual date.

Thank you for any help you can give. If you have questions or wish to leave a donation, please contact me at 845-200-5640 or at monkeybusinesslori@gmail.com. Clothing, toiletries, and washcloths may be left in the hallway by the office.

Please watch for the date of our next Midnight Run in future Tower Ties and Sunday bulletins.

Lori Baird

Midnight Run Committee

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be back in the narthex on November 20! Every year, we deliver over fifty presents to the Salvation Army in Middletown. In these tough economic times, it's more important than ever to remember those in need - especially during the holidays! Please consider taking a tag, purchasing a present, and making a child's Christmas brighter. If you have questions, please call Beth Laskoski at 845-651-3294.

FUNDRAISING HAPPENINGS.....

The past sixteen months have been productive as far as raising funds for the restoration and repair of the Tiffany windows and the other windows in our sanctuary! With \$26,500 made from the first Tiffany Ball, \$15,000 from the art raffle, and \$10,700 from this year's Tiffany Ball, we have brought in a hefty portion of what is needed to get the work done on the windows. Additional money for the windows has come from the sale of coffee and bagels during Great American Weekend, tickets from the Galleria's Day of Giving, and the tiles/5 X 7 prints of Harriman Fountain. It will be wonderful to see the work on the windows get done!

The October 1 Tiffany Ball was an enjoyable evening for all who attended. I would like to thank all the following committee members for their work on this event: Barbara Hankins, George Hankins, Wendy Bynum-Wade, Bob Aglione, Darlene Bartley, Barbara Thompson, Lori Turner, and Cecile Ayres. Great job, everyone! The following people and businesses contributed to the silent auction: Delancey's Restaurant, Tony Boffa's Restaurant, Tool Factory Outlet, Vitamin Shoppe, Kerri Stroka, Consumer's Discount Liquors, The Vineyards Liquors, Scott's Corners Liquors, High Wither's Liquors, David and Mary Kingsley, Dr. and Mrs. Alamar, The Gould Family, and the Brotherhood Winery. We are grateful to Linda Mabee for donating her services to copy the journal and to all of those who purchased ads for the journal. We were fortunate to have the contribution from Michelle Koury and Craig Calzaretta for the open bar, the services of Steve Serkes for a delicious meal, and Chris Tucci as the DJ. We are truly blessed to have so many people contribute to such a special event. I humbly thank each and every one of you!

The fall rummage sale is underway as this edition of the Tower Tie goes to press. The money raised by Glynnis Jorgensen and all who volunteer to help with the rummage sale will go into the church's operating budget. Thank you, Glynnis, for overseeing this endeavor once again!

This year, the Galleria's "Day of Giving" will take place on Sunday, November 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The \$5 ticket, which you must have with you while shopping at the mall that day, gives you the opportunity to take advantage of special sales that will be announced throughout the day. The stub from the ticket should be filled out and put into the door-prize box, as prizes will be awarded throughout the day as well. This is a nice way to get some holiday shopping done and to contribute to the church at the same time. The proceeds from this "Day of Giving" will go toward the window restoration project. Tickets can be purchased at coffee hours or in the church office.

Loretta Richner
Fundraising Chair

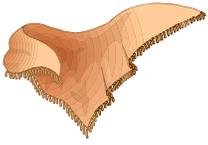
**The Board of Deacons is sponsoring their
ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
HARVEST BAKE SALE
QUILTS OF THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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



Hug Happenings

News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)

The months seem to be flying by this year, but that isn't to say that our gifts aren't flying around the country as well. Seems we are doing what Pastor Kingsley said in his wonderful sermon on October 9: we are "reaching out." With this reaching out, we are spreading the love.

I want to share with you some of the lovely cards that have recently come in and some of the stories behind them.

Member Beryl Yungman asked me if we had a shawl she could send to her daughter, Bry, for one of her friends who has cancer. I immediately stopped by Beryl's home and gave her a shawl. She packaged the shawl and sent it, along with a folder of our prayers and poems, to Colorado. This card recently came to us:

"Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you for the beautiful shawl. I was so excited when Bry gave it to me. I couldn't believe all the work and love that went into making it. I also enjoyed reading the spiritual papers that came with the shawl. It was so comforting. How nice it will be to take the shawl with me for my four-hour chemo treatments. It's always my shoulders that get so cold. I'll be nice and warm now. Thank you for your kindness and love that you have sent me. God Bless, sending love from Colorado, Marlene Dunbar."

Then one day, Pat got a call from a lady in Washingtonville. We had given shawls to some of her family members in the past and she needed six more. Lori Baird and Barbara Hankins checked the shawl room and found six suitable shawls to give her. This card was given to us:

"Oct. 3, 2011. To the wonderful ladies responsible for the Prayer Shawl Ministry at the First Presbyterian Church, Goshen - Enclosed please find a donation to your wonderful project. I am now en route to pick up six loving shawls to present to members of my family & special friends - all who are in need of a warm hug these creations will impart. Thank you for helping me to say "I love you" in a very special way, Dori Alius, Washingtonville, NY."

Her donation has been used to purchase some pretty gift bags and other items we need to keep the ministry moving forward. Thank you, Dori, for letting us help you spread the love.

Then from Port Orchard, Washington:

"Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry at the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, NY, Thank you. We wish to thank you for your expression of love during this difficult time. We know Dale is with the Lord and take comfort in God's promise that He will turn our grief into joy - John 16:20. The Macomber Family."

On a personal note: *"My dear, dear Wendy and all the wonderful ladies at the First Presbyterian Church, You have touched my wounded heart and those of my family as we both struggle with our grief. We are suffering, but are clinging to God and one another. Your blankets for the boys and the prayer shawls have felt like a hug from God. We thank you. Debbie Macomber*

(Debbie Macomber's book *Back on Blossom Street* inspired us to start this ministry.)

These are just several of the notes we have been sent recently. They are truly written to all the members of the church who so lovingly support our work.

Remember, if you know of anyone who needs a hug or a boost, you are more than welcome to come to the church and pick out a shawl or lap robe to present to that person. Pat will direct you to the place they are kept. You can choose any that are in the bins, and there are gift bags, tissue paper, and a box with folders containing prayers and poems for almost any occasion. You may take one or several prayers to fit the occasion. The blessings will come back to you threefold. We promise this to you...the person on the receiving end will appreciate the thought, and you will feel so good deep down in your soul for making a difference.

We continue to thank the congregation for supporting us in other ways. Louise Spencer, Betty Lobb, and several others left us bags of yarn, which will be made into hugs to pass out. We can *never* have enough yarn. Even the small balls of leftover yarn can go around an edge or be woven somewhere in a shawl. Our ladies have a great sense of color, so we are grateful for all those gifts you leave for us. Thanks also to several in our congregation who have been able to make extra copies of the prayers we distribute. So often the people comment that not only is the shawl comforting, but that the words are, too. Thank you for helping in this way.

We hope to display some of our shawls at the quilt show, and often some of them get distributed that day. Thanks again to all of our "holy hookers" for keeping those crochet hooks flying and for the wonderful results that come from that work. With winter coming, I am sure the need will continue.

God bless each of you and consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Paffenroth
PSM Secretary

Many people asked for the recipe of the salad that Jeanette McDowell served at coffee hour on October 16. She found this recipe on Yummly.com, but they got it from Allrecipes.com. On this site you can adjust the quantities depending on how many servings you want.

APPLE WALNUT SALAD WITH CRANBERRY VINAIGRETTE

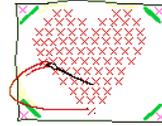
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Servings: 10

Ingredients:

½ cup chopped walnuts	1 cup vegetable oil
¼ cup cranberries (Jeanette used a bit more)	salt and pepper to taste
¼ cup balsamic vinegar	10 cups mixed salad greens, rinsed and dried
1 cup red onion, chopped (Jeanette used a little less)	2 Red Delicious apples, cored and thinly sliced
1 tablespoon white sugar	(Jeanette used Braeburns)
1 tablespoon Dijon-style prepared mustard	Jeanette added Feta cheese

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Spread the walnuts out on a baking sheet in a single layer. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly toasted.
2. In a food processor, combine the cranberries, vinegar, onion, sugar, and mustard. Puree until smooth; gradually add oil, and season with salt and pepper.
3. In a salad bowl, toss together the greens, apples, and enough of the cranberry mixture to coat. Sprinkle with walnuts, and serve.



Quilts of the Congregation & Friends

The fourth annual quilt show is just around the corner. Is it time for the anxiety attack yet? I know everyone will come through as they always do. The show is a great gathering of not only magnificent handiwork but also the sharing of the stories about them. Each year, I have been blown away by the beauty and quality of the show items, and I am sure this year will be no different.

I will be placing QUILT CARDS in the narthex for anyone who plans to display on November 19. You can take as many cards as you need, fill them out in advance, and bring them to the setup. These cards will also be used for the sampler and needlework items that will be added this year. Remember, we also will take tablecloths, placemats, or anything handmade. Just because it was in a previous show doesn't mean we don't want it again. We get a different group of people each year, and some people return with family members who didn't make it to a previous show so they can also see the fabulous items. It is overwhelming just listening to the "oohs" and "ahs" of those who walk in and see the display.

We plan to set up the church on Friday, November 18 from about 5:00 p.m. until we are done. Usually within a few hours, we transform the sanctuary into the "show of shows." If you cannot bring an item until Saturday morning, we should be putting on the finishing touches by 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. and will be happy to add your item then. We are also glad to borrow quilt racks to display some of the smaller items.

So this is just a "heads up." Kathy Alevras, Barbara Hankins, and I will also accept help from anyone who wants to be a part of this wonderful experience. Each year, we learn new and different things about the treasures that are shared with us. It becomes a history lesson that enhances our lives.

Thanks in advance for all your help.

Wendy Paffenroth
Quilt Show Coordinator

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED

Coffee Hour after Sunday church services is a great opportunity for fellowship and getting to know our members. But **WE NEED HOSTS!** Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the lobby of Fellowship Hall so we can continue this well attended and favored fellowship opportunity. If you have any questions, you can contact Sue Varden at 649-7830.

LAY READERS NEEDED

The Lay Reader assists Reverend Kingsley in the worship service by reading some of the service segments and the First Testament reading or the Gospel reading. The readings are available in the church office on the Tuesday preceding the service or it can be e-mailed directly to you. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or speak with either Tyler Cox or Barbara Hankins.

Quilts of the Congregation & Friends

November 19 - First Presbyterian Church

Quilt

owner: _____

Needlework

owner: _____

Church member: _____ or

friend: _____

Name of item (ex: "Sun-Bonnet Quilt"):

Please share any facts about the item (who made it, the year it was made, how you came to own it, where it was made, etc.):

On behalf of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, New York, we thank you for sharing your treasure with us and our guests.

Quilts of the Congregation Committee - 2011

Emily Conley and Tim Enright were married on July 30, 2011 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Tim has just begun a two year assignment with the State Department in Afghanistan and Emily joined him at the end of October. She has also accepted an assignment with the State Department and will be a Communications Expert working at a new consulate in western Afghanistan. Emily is the daughter of Susan and Jack Pierce.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST
Saturday, December 3rd

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 2 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 and write "SANTA BREAKFAST" in the memo. 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 \$4 to \$10. Please no dollar store items; they don't go.*)

Donations of gift bags, note cards, and wrapping paper are also appreciated.



Please place in the offering plate or give to Kathy Stringer: mskstringer@gmail.com

Thanks for your help.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

- ❖ Saturday – December 3, 2011
- ❖ 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.

PROFESSIONAL – QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CAPTURE THAT SPECIAL MOMENT ON SANTA'S LAP.

Pictures are \$6.00 and to be paid at the time of service.

Seating is Limited! Reservations required and accepted on a first come – first served basis through November 23, 2011.

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.

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**

PLEASE SUPPORT AND THANK OUR LOCAL SUPPORTERS

I'm sure Loretta will be reporting elsewhere in the Tower Tie about the overall success of the second annual Tiffany Ball. I just wanted to highlight the wonderful support from individuals and businesses within our community who stepped up to insure the success of this venture.

Two businesses need special mention at this time. A&F Tire's ad was somehow unformatted in the process of going from electronic file to print, leaving a rather strange looking ad in the finished journal. Berkshire Bank had a hard time getting corporate approval for their participation; the approval came in too late to be included in the book. They insisted we keep the check, so the least we could do was make special mention in this Tower Tie.

Please patronize A&F Tire, Berkshire Bank, and all of the other advertisers in this year's journal whenever possible. If you don't normally visit these establishments, please make an effort just to drop in and thank them for getting us a little closer to our goal of restoring the Tiffany windows.

Thanks in advance for your efforts.

Regards,

Wendy Bynum-Wade

2011 Tiffany Ball Advertising Supporters

Crystal Run Healthcare*LAN Associates*Wallace & Berry*Donovan's Funeral Home*Thomas E. Griffith Real Estate*Classic Choral Society*Goshen Gulf/Subway*The Daylight Savings Company*Dr. Sharon Valencia*Goshen Plaza Diner*High Withers Wine & Spirits*Garling Associates*Goshen Sunoco*KwikStop Deli*Limoncello*Wood Adult Home*Catherine's Restaurant*Goshen United Methodist Church*Dick & Cecile Ayres*Mike's Auto Care*GAPNS*Mabie Press Ink*A Sproul Contracting*Janet's Quality Baked Goods*Liz's Place Salon*Gloria Gromacki, Linda Clark, Eveline White, Pat Strong - Broker Associates at Griffith Real Estate*The Deacons*Baxter's Pharmacy*Pat Green*Federico's*The Laskoski Family*Glitz*The Garlings*Village Pizza*Tool Factory Outlet*Bernard Brady, Esq.*Goshen Collision*Pudgy's*Jo Wolfe/court reporters*Harmony Salon*Doug Wade/NTSI*James Murray Florist*Laura Bryson Color Stone Portraits*Martha & Company*Hambletonian Auto Spa*Tom's Greenhouses & Florist

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. 13.** 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!

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

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

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:** _____

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (PW)

News Notes

A small group of our lovely ladies met on October 3 in the church parlor to discuss the upcoming events for the rest of the year. First and foremost is the **bake sale/soup sale**, which will start at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, November 19** in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Your help and talents are needed to set up and price the foods we will be selling. We are also collecting odd dishes, small baskets, small trays, and anything that would hold baked items. We have found that people prefer baked goods on "REAL" plates, not Styrofoam or aluminum-covered cardboard. If you have any of these plates, trays, etc., that you plan to get rid of, you can leave them outside the church office door in a box marked "PW Bake Sale," and we will see that they get into the hands of our bakers. What a great way to clean the clutter from your cabinets and also help the church! Thank you in advance.

By now, many of you have volunteered to bake. We sincerely thank you for all your efforts and the goodies you will make for that Saturday before Thanksgiving. Items that freeze well, such as Bundt cakes, seem to sell very well, and pies are always a hit. We will also be selling soups under the supervision of Carolyn Keller. Carolyn will be grateful to anyone who can help with this task. See her at church, and she will fill you in on the details. We sold out last year, and everyone said the sale was wonderful and wanted us to do it again. We are known as superb bakers and cooks. I am sure this year will be no different. Remember, if you can give a few hours of your time, you are most welcome. We are a friendly group. If you don't bake or cook and just want to help, we will be most glad to have you, too. Leave your name with Pat at the office, or see any of the ladies in the church. Many hands make light work. **We are counting on you!**

Also discussed at the meeting was sending out Christmas boxes to our shut-ins. After the November 19 events, we will put a box in the narthex to collect your donations. Some of the items we are looking for are small packages of tissues, ChapStick, small talcum powders, slipper socks with bottom grippers, note cards or notepaper, postage stamps, variety of teas, large print word-search books or crossword puzzle books, decks of cards, small puzzles, etc. Think of what you might want to find in a holiday box, and drop it off after November 19. If you know of anyone who would appreciate this gift during the holidays, please give the name and address to Pat at the church office so we can start a list and figure out how many we will need to make this year. Help us to spread some holiday cheer to those so dear!

Our next meeting is on November 7 in the parlor. Please come and join us. All are welcome.

Wendy Paffenroth
Former PW Secretary

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Joan Butensky, Dorothy Gott, Betty Lobb, and Jean Stukey** for being so willing to help me **EVERY MONTH** with the newsletter. I do appreciate all your help. Ladies, I couldn't do it without you! You are very special to me.

Pat

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:



<i>Vince Ahrens</i>	<i>Dedra Altizer</i>	<i>Fran Backofen</i>
<i>Lori Baird</i>	<i>Dennis Baker and daughter</i>	<i>Emily Barry and Family</i>
<i>Mary Lee and Ted Berry</i>	<i>Gabriel Bittner</i>	<i>Lorraine Boardman</i>
<i>Haley Buckley</i>	<i>Sarah Burrows</i>	<i>Winnie Bynum</i>
<i>Mary Carr</i>	<i>Grace Cook</i>	<i>Bruce and Jean Crandall</i>
<i>Shannon Decker</i>	<i>Mary Jane DeFreece</i>	<i>Bob Dennis</i>
<i>Amy Depew</i>	<i>Joe Destefano</i>	<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>
<i>Evie and Family</i>	<i>Pat Farley</i>	<i>Ryan Farley</i>
<i>MaryLee Farris' sister</i>	<i>Ben Fisher</i>	<i>Norm and Sharon Frelinger</i>
<i>Gabby</i>	<i>Fran Genovese</i>	<i>The George Family</i>
<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>	<i>Tomas Healey</i>
<i>Our brothers and sisters in Japan</i>	<i>Martin Johnson and Joy Johnson</i>	<i>Alan Jorgensen</i>
<i>Carolyn Keller's parents</i>	<i>Laura and Tom Kennedy</i>	<i>Kim</i>
<i>Ella Kimble</i>	<i>Roberta Kinnamon</i>	<i>Lyndsay Krutki</i>
<i>Captain Steven Legion</i>	<i>Marni Lewis</i>	<i>Grace, Frank and Fran Leva</i>
<i>Charles Li</i>	<i>Robert Lobb</i>	<i>Margaretta Macica</i>
<i>The Family of Melissa Martucci</i>	<i>Andy Marussich</i>	<i>The Family of Anita McCarthy</i>
<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>	<i>Jeff Monroe</i>	<i>Heather Mustavs</i>
<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>	<i>Richard Nash</i>	<i>Steven Neil</i>
<i>Nina and Jason</i>	<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguyen</i>	<i>Oretsky Family</i>
<i>Ann Ott</i>	<i>Catherine Paffenroth</i>	<i>Leon Paffenroth</i>
<i>Amy Pemberton</i>	<i>The Family of Marina Petersen</i>	<i>Jack Richner</i>
<i>Trudi Roach</i>	<i>Ted Sandstrom</i>	<i>Tom Sawyer</i>
<i>Kevin Schuler</i>	<i>Fred Schwarz</i>	<i>Bryan Scott and Family</i>
<i>Dorothy Sevcik</i>	<i>Sara Simas</i>	<i>Megan Slasinski</i>
<i>Walter and Louise Spencer</i>	<i>Peggy Srirach</i>	<i>The Smith Family</i>
<i>Bill and Jean Strong</i>	<i>Shawn Thatcher</i>	<i>Judy Thompson</i>
<i>George Tietz</i>	<i>Brenda Travers</i>	<i>Kim Valentini and Family</i>
<i>Kenya VanZandt</i>	<i>Ashley Wade</i>	<i>Wendy-Bynum Wade</i>
<i>Jean Wade</i>	<i>Molly Wanat</i>	<i>The Weinberger Family</i>
<i>Jo Wolfe</i>	<i>Anne Wood</i>	<i>Orra and Dale Wood</i>
<i>Paul and Phyla Wright</i>		

(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

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Enjoy a quiet moment in our meditation garden (especially in the early evening.)

Memorial Pavers

The nine new, engraved memorial pavers have been installed. If anyone is interested in purchasing a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100.

“Stewards of the Garden”

Anyone who would like to pitch in and spend a few minutes cleaning up any litter (or dead leaves) seen in the garden area is welcome to do so. Or better yet, become a “Steward of the Garden.”

All efforts to keep our church grounds clean are very much appreciated!

The November/early December schedule for our “Stewards”:

Loretta and Jack Richner:	November 1 – November 15
Barbara and George Hankins:	November 16 – November 30
Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	December 1 – December 15

This schedule will be posted outside the church office.

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

Niches Available in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment, and the following 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 REMEMBER:

NO SKATEBOARDING IS ALLOWED IN THE GARDEN!

If you see anyone with a skateboard near the garden, let them know that!

Also, please dispose of cigarette butts in the trash can, not the garden!

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

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

- *Liz LaMontanaro who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Goshen Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner Dance on November 4.*
- *Katelyn Bischof and Pierre-Andre Rigoll who were married on October 22 in Notre Dame de Challain, Challain-La-Potherie, France. Katelyn is the daughter of Sharlene and Mark Bischof.*

THANK YOU

As Judy continues the long year process of having a stem cell transplant become a new part of her with all its medications, side effects, ups and downs, a miraculous but arduous process, the on-going support of the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, the pastor and members, your prayers and cards and well wishes, means more to us than we can express. May God bless you richly in all your ministries.

*With much gratitude and love,
Dick and Judy Thompson*

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 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

Class of 2014

Linda Clark
Dom Fontana
Pat Green
Bill Hodges
Karen Magee
Grover vonPentz

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2012

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

Class of 2013

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

Class of 2014

Diana Bowe
Brendan Donohue
Lori Kilmer
Brian Meek
Jude Monteleone
Richard Paulus
Cheryl Zis

Moderator of Deacons: Lori Baird

STAFF

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