

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

—2 Corinthians 5:15-16

Stephen Covey offered a memorable example of a paradigm shift. His early morning subway ride was interrupted by a father and his out-of-control children who hollered, raced, and jostled from one end of the subway car to the other. It was clearly annoying everyone. The father sat there as in a trance. When he was finally asked to control his children, he snapped back to reality. The man apologized profusely and then added, “We’re just returning from the hospital where my wife—their mother just died—and I don’t know what I’m going to do.” In that moment everyone’s opinion of the man and his children changed.

Paul believed that taking Jesus seriously, immersing ourselves in Jesus, produces a paradigm shift in the way we look at others. But what might such an immersion look like?

Daniel Day Lewis immersed himself in Abraham Lincoln. In a *60 Minutes* segment he described preparing himself for the part, immersing himself in information about Lincoln, reading everything he could find, talking to the foremost experts on the man. For a year, he dressed like Lincoln, he walked like Lincoln, he even raised the pitch of his own speaking voice to sound more like Lincoln. Not just when he was on the set, but all day, every day. To the extent that it was possible, Daniel Day Lewis *became* Abraham Lincoln. At the end of the interview he was asked what it was like for him when the filming was completed. He replied, “I never loved a man like I loved that man.” After a pause he added, “And I miss him.”

The more deeply immersed you are in Jesus the more you love him, and the more you miss him when you step out of character.

This immersion in Jesus produces:

- A new guidance system – faith and not sight
- A new measure of performance – we make it our aim to please Jesus
- A new understanding of sacrifice – death leads to life

Every moment contains an invitation to go deeper into Jesus’ life.

Pastor Kingsley



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our yarn basket has been overflowing with the lovely donations made to the Prayer Shawl Ministry; the ladies are again enjoying their spare time working with the many different colored yarns and getting out gifts from the church to those who can use a hug.

A while ago, a nice lady in a nursing home in Brunswick, Maine asked our friend, author Debbie Macomber, if she would send her a shawl. Debbie said her church was not able to at the time and asked our church could accommodate Ms. Holmes--and of course we did. She was sincerely appreciative. Ms. Holmes recently contacted us and told us that the ladies in her group at the nursing home were jealous of her lovely gift (which she wears constantly), and asked if we ever had a few extra to spare, that she had a few friends who like her, have no family left, and would love a shawl as well. We then sent several to Ms. Holmes, and she gave them to the ladies. She wrote back to say how they were so touched that a church like ours would do something so wonderful, and how they each proudly use them every day. She thanked us and told us how the ladies used to crochet, but due to the advancement of years and arthritis, etc. they are no longer able; but, they know what time and effort goes into something and wanted us to know they love them.

We will continue to accept gifts of yarn, gift bags, tissue paper, etc. The yarn should be more new than "old" as we find that sometimes the yarns donated have sat in attics or basements for a long period of time and due to this, we cannot make nice gifts from them. However, we do pass the yarn on to art teachers, pre-schools, and other organizations that can use it. We try not to waste any of the donations given.

Again, thank you to all who continue to keep the ministry afloat; we are always looking for others who may want to make and donate items for us to send out.

Until next time, consider yourselves hugged,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth – PSM Secretary

WHO NEEDS UBER WHEN WE HAVE "CHARIOTS TO CHURCH"

At First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, we are creatures of habit. I'm sure it's the same at many churches. Sometimes that can be a hindrance, keeping us from trying out new ideas. But it can also be very helpful, especially in the introduction of a new program called "Chariots to Church."

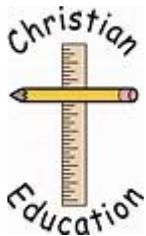
Since we all usually sit in the same place week after week, it becomes easier to notice who sits with you, near you, in front or in back of you and your entourage. The Board of Elders and the Board of Deacons have decided to put this knowledge to good use and create a formal plan to help out our fellow congregants who may be able to attend church but don't have a way to get there.

We are looking for volunteer drivers who may have a few extra minutes before and after church each week to help with this program. If we have many drivers, no one will be assigned to drive more than once a quarter. We are also looking for people who need rides; we know you're out there! If you notice that someone's been absent for a while or only attends sporadically, please let Pat in the church office know (294-7991). You can also call her to volunteer to drive or leave a note in the offering plate.

Or, email Wendy Bynum-Wade at wendybynumwade@gmail.com or call at 294-0583.

We could also use this program to bring folks to church outings like the dinner club. Please give it some thought and reach out to help out. Thanks in advance for your participation in this project.

Wendy Bynum-Wade



Christian Ed Would Like You to Know.....

Teen Voices plans a fun breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's January 14. Please save the date!

Confirmands met for the first time on Sunday, October 16. We're on our way!

We hope to have a Youth Sunday on November 13, which will include participation by the Sunday school students, including Teen Voices' members, in greeting, ushering and such.

The Sunday school plans to continue their Thanksgiving project of collecting lots of food for the Food Pantry in time for the pre-Thanksgiving distribution in our Fellowship Hall.

Because the distribution will be on November 12, we must collect all food by NOVEMBER 6. Please keep this in mind and help us collect lots of food for people who need it.

Plans are moving ahead for the Christmas pageant. It will be *Alice in Bethlehem*, with permitted modifications.

Respectfully submitted,
BA Long

HELP NEEDED FOR THE SANTA BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3!

Volunteers are needed for gift wrapping, face painting, and clean-up at the Santa Breakfast.

Please contact Kathy Stringer at mrsgrizz53@yahoo.com if you would be able to help.



PLEASE SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you do not already save your box tops for anyone, I would appreciate you saving them for me to give to my niece who is trying to get much-needed supplies for her kindergarten classroom in Liberty, or to treat them to an educational program. The box tops can be found on many foods and household supplies such as Progresso soups, Betty Crocker products, Scott paper towels, General Mills cereals, etc. I also will take Campbell soup labels.

I have a box for collection in the back of church by the yarn basket, or you can hand them to me in church.

Thanks so much! Carol Gabella



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

- ❖ Saturday – December 3, 2016
- ❖ The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen
33 Park Place – Goshen NY 10924
- ❖ Seatings - 8:30 & 10:00 AM
- ❖ Tickets- \$7.50 Per Person – ***PAID IN ADVANCE-***
Each child's ticket includes - pancake breakfast (which includes sausage, fruit cocktail, coffee, tea, juice), face painting & shopping for a special gift in the North Pole Gift Shoppe for that special someone.
- ❖ Craft vendors will be set up for some convenient holiday shopping.

You are welcome to take your own pictures.

Seating is Limited! Reservations required and accepted on a first come – first served basis through November 28, 2016.
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**

MidnightRun.org

MIDNIGHT RUN

Our first Midnight Run without Lori was a big success! Not that we won't tweak a few things, but we had to learn the hard way; all in all, we fed scrambled eggs and hot sausage to over 80 people, handed out lunch bags, goodie bags of candy/chips/trail mix, and bags of toiletries to make life a little easier for those seeking help. We also distributed quite a bit of male and female clothing and shoes appropriate for the fall weather. For myself, although I had been quite aware of what Lori did to pull each run together, I had to experience for myself the satisfaction and warm fuzziness.

Each Midnight Run we commit to, requires a multitude of gifts from congregants and many volunteers to prepare, pack, and deliver the clothing and food to our designated locations. For the September run, I gratefully acknowledge the clothing/toiletry donations from Carl Johnson and family, Phyla Wright and family, and Lisa Montalbano along with the food/cash donations and many volunteer hours from Pat Green; Carol Gabella; Fran Hoffmann; Orra Wood; Betty Lobb; Beth Laskoski and her students of the Interact Club at Goshen High School; Arlete Schaeffer and her children Cameron and Brooke; Diane Church; Darlene Bartley; Maureen Johnson; Brad McLeland; Mark Glasse and family; the Bruderhof community in Bellvale; Audra Cox; Carolyn Keller; Pam Pylant; Laura Colacci; Pastor Kingsley; Scott Roper; Linda Boardman; Mary Lee Redman; Dunkin Donuts in Goshen; and Soon Orchards. Thank you letters to be used for income tax purposes are going out soon.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

Our next Midnight Run will be an evening run on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10.

As always, the jobs are many; we will need volunteers to:

- help make sandwiches, soup, whatever we're taking to NYC on this next run
(either Friday night 12/9 or in the afternoon of 12/10)
- donate food supplies **(see specific list below)**
- donate clothes - -underwear, socks, gently worn hand-me-downs (especially in men's sizes), sweaters, jeans, heavy shoes/boots
- help organize donations prior to/after each run **(the week or two before the run)**
- drive to NYC or ride along to help at the various NYC stops on **December 10 (leaving Goshen approximately 8:00 p.m.)**
- make monetary donations if you can't help with any of the above

Specifically we will need:

- ✓ Hard Boiled Eggs (12 Dozen)
- ✓ SOUP (homemade or can) enough for 150 servings
- ✓ Coffee 2 lbs
- ✓ Black lawn/leaf bags (39 gal) 150 count
- ✓ Sandwich baggies 300 count
- ✓ Gallon baggies 300 count

- ✓ Plastic spoons 250 count
- ✓ Napkins 250 count
- ✓ Paper towels 3 rolls
- ✓ Styrofoam cups for coffee and soup 300 count
- ✓ Coffee mate (powered cream)
- ✓ Sugar pkts./Sweet 'N Lo pkts.
- ✓ Long white sandwich bread (20 loaves)
- ✓ Peanut butter (2 large, creamy)
- ✓ Jelly (2 large jars)
- ✓ Sliced deli turkey (6 lbs)
- ✓ Sliced deli ham (6 lbs)
- ✓ Sliced deli cheese (5 lbs)
- ✓ Tootsie Rolls (small Halloween size)
- ✓ Other Halloween size candy; chips, single pkg. juice boxes, trail mix for goodie bags
- ✓ Fresh fruit (apples or oranges or boxed raisins (150 count)
- ✓ We will also need travel size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes, combs, body wash, washcloths, small tissue packs for men and women)

If you can help with any of the above, please leave a note in collection plate or contact Wendy Bynum-Wade at 845-294-0583 or at wendybynumwade@gmail.com

First Presbyterian membership is NOT a requirement for service; all that is needed is a willing heart to help individuals far less fortunate than any of us. Invite your friends and family members; helping with any of the components of our efforts will satisfy community service hours needed for high school/college (we can provide documentation for any school district). By the way, it's also a great way to have fun while earning a warm and fuzzy feeling for doing something so worthwhile. Members of other churches (or groups within those churches) are welcome and encouraged to join us as well. Why should Presbyterians have all the fun? Many hands will make light work. Please pass the word!

With heartfelt thanks and a grateful heart,

Wendy Bynum-Wade
 Midnight Run Coordinator
wendybynumwade@gmail.com
 845-294-0583 (home)
 845-629-4324 (cell) You can text any time

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2016

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 **354** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2016 is \$31.50**, which is a total of **\$11,151.00** to be taken from our operating budget. As of September 30, 2016, **\$7,310.30 has been collected**. 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.

The Hudson River Presbytery

The Hudson River Presbytery connects, supports and equips congregations in ministry. Rooted and grounded in love, the presbytery is a meeting place for collaboration, a wellspring of resources, and a covenant community bearing witness to God's love.

The First Presbyterian Church of Goshen is one of the 81 congregations in eight counties served by the Hudson River Presbytery. Each church member pays an annual per capita fee of \$31.50 to support this presbytery.

The presbytery connects our congregation to the ministry of the PC (USA) in the Hudson Valley, nationwide and around the world. Through the work of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency, as well as the Synod of the Northeast, the presbytery orders our life and ministry, advocates for justice, brings relief following disasters, and builds ecumenical and interfaith relationships around the world.

The presbytery has a staff and an office but is the sum of all of its 11,757 members and its collective ministries.

Nurturing Congregational Leaders: In the Spring of 2016, over 150 Elders, Deacons and Financial Team members from 26 churches across the presbytery gathered at two regional events (Goshen Presbyterian was host to one of the events) to learn and connect with others while deepening their skills and understanding. Throughout the day, leaders attended workshops, shared in fellowship, and exchanged ideas.

Empowering Youth: Every three years over 5,000 high school youth attend the 5-day Presbyterian Youth Triennium. The gathering is filled with worship, small and large group activities, Bible studies, and fun and fellowship to equip and empower youth to serve God in this world. In June, 2016 Hudson River Presbytery sent 40 youth, accompanied by adult advisers, to this life-changing event.

Working for Justice: The presbytery has been a covenant partner with Rural and Migrant Ministry (RMM) since 1981. RMM connects religious and grassroots organizations with rural and migrant communities to address issues of structural justice in New York. Through shared legislative advocacy, financial support, and public witness, HRP leaders and congregations have walked side-by-side with our sisters and brothers who harvest the produce that comes to our tables.

Learn more about the many ministries of the Hudson River Presbytery at hudrivpres.org

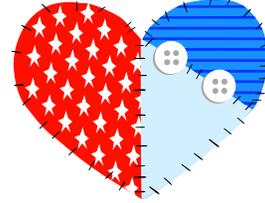
MISSION NEWS...

THE WARMING STATION A Faith Response to Homelessness

The Warming Station will be back again this season to provide a hot meal and a warm, safe overnight space for homeless men and women in Middletown. Sponsored by the Greater Middletown Area Inter Faith Council, the Warming Station is located at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 58 West Main Street in Middletown.

Once again volunteers are needed to deliver hot meals or to stay overnight. Overnight volunteers will receive training on November 9 and November 28 beginning at 7 pm at St. Paul's (use the Mulberry St. entrance). To sign up to deliver a hot meal for approximately 30 persons visit: www.takethemameal.com. Volunteers may contact Nancy Sears at 342-0209.

The Warming Station will open its doors to the city's homeless on a nightly basis beginning November 20.



SAVE THE DATE!

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
HARVEST BAKE SALE
QUILT SHOW**

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2016

9 AM TO 3 PM

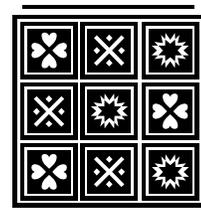
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

33 PARK PLACE

GOSHEN NY 10924

294 7991 /692-0426 (for information)

- ❖ Many vendors with holiday gifts, jewelry, & crafts
- ❖ Outstanding baked goods for your Harvest Celebration
- ❖ A Quilt Show displayed in the Sanctuary (food item or \$1.00 for the food pantry to view them)





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The October 3 meeting was held in the parlor starting with Lisa Montalbano taking a photo for the directory. A discussion was held about how many linens we need to replace for the tables in Fellowship Hall. We are looking to purchase twenty with an additional square colored cloth that can be placed on the center to dress it up a bit.

Caroline Keller thanks all who donated jars, but now needs soup and chili chefs for the soup/chili sale at the Holiday Fair. The more the merrier and recipes will be given to anyone who needs one. This has been a sell out in the past few years, so we are hoping we can increase the number of jars made for sale. Jars will also be provided to all who cook. Contact Caroline (number in the directory) or see her at church and sign up for this worthwhile fundraiser. We sincerely appreciate your help. All welcome to donate!

Now if soup and chili making is not your thing, are you a baker? Bakers are needed also for the ladies holiday bake sale. Since this is just before Thanksgiving, we usually do very well. You can make cookies, brownies, muffins, breads, cakes, pies, etc.- -the list is endless. Those of you who need plates to put your donation on may pick them up at coffee hour on November 12 or see any of the ladies in church, and we will get them to you. Be creative--we sold out the last few years as well.

SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY FAIR NOVEMBER 19

Carol Gabella located a place in Maine that can refurbish our "communion pitcher." She is going to contact the company and get an estimate on the cost and the time period of doing this. There are not many companies who do this so we thank Carol for the work she has done to find a place that can do what we need.

We are starting to gather names of members who cannot attend services or who are "shut-ins" for our Christmas gift bags. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a gift at the holidays due to their circumstances, please contact Fran Hoffmann so she can add them to the list, OR bring the names and locations to our next meeting—**November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.**

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who sent sympathy cards, gave me a hug, or just remembered my mom with a little story. My mom, Jean Musgrave, passed away in Maine on September 23 at the ripe old age of 95. She lived a long and good life and left us a lovely letter telling us so. Thank you so much.

God bless each of you,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth – PW Secretary

Dear Congregation:

Our family wants to thank you for the condolences on the recent passing of my mom, Jean Musgrave. Mom lived a long life from March 8, 1921 to September 23, 2016. She saw so many things in her lifetime and had a sharp mind almost to the very end. She left us a letter letting us know she had a good life and loved us all. She was a faithful member of this church while we were growing up and until she moved on to Maine many years ago.

At her request she was cremated and my sisters and I will have a private service and place her next to her husband, our dad, at the Slate Hill Cemetery in Goshen. We thank you for your support during this very difficult time.

God bless, Wendy & Dave Paffenroth and family



Dear Church Family,

On Saturday, November 12 the **Outreach and Fellowship Committees**, along with possibly the **Teen Voices** and **Confirmation class**, will be hosting the Community Dinner and the kids helping to serve. Dinner will be served on the church china. This will be a Thanksgiving-themed dinner with turkey, stuffing, smashed potatoes, string beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, salad, apple and pumpkin pies. We will be inviting veterans to come,

enjoy, and honor them for their service. We would appreciate it if we could get some donations for this dinner. Hope that you are able to come and bring a veteran.

We still need the following:

- ✓ 60 pounds of turkey breast possibly cooked and ready to slice. **(Darlene Bartley and Robin Knoblock each bringing one)**
- ✓ 8 half pans of stuffing
- ✓ 6 apple pies
- ✓ 5 pumpkin pies
- ✓ cucumbers and celery

Please let me know what you can donate, and if you would be attending so I would have a head count for food purchase. The above amounts would be for about 130 people (about 80 for Veterans).

Thank you
Darlene

Teen Voices

Grades 7-12

In October:

- We enjoyed an evening of pumpkin carving (and smores.) Thank you to the Boese family for a great gathering spot and a toasty fire.
- We joined forces with Carol Gabella, Linda Boardman, Michele Meek and Brian Meek to bake and package 30 boxes of cookies to send out to some of our young members away at college, young people starting out, people serving in the military, and some other of our extended church family that we haven't seen for a while. The message is *"We haven't forgotten you and you are always welcome back!"* Thank you for all your generous contributions which supported this message!

Coming in November:

- We will meet on the first and third Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Teen room.
- Michele Meek will lead us in a Visual Arts project on November 6. We will meet at the end of coffee hour so the teens in the confirmation class can join us. This is part of the "Hands-On Faith" series we are doing this year.

SHARE PAGE



If you have something you want to share -- a recipe, poem, prayer, or something that touched your heart -- 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

With autumn upon us, here is a good fall dinner you can make today and serve tomorrow, or you can even freeze it for a night when things are too busy to cook. Enjoy...

Old Fashioned Chunkee Chili (make today - eat tomorrow)

Ingredients:

2 lbs. of beef or ground turkey with 1 cup water
1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes
1 can (approx. 15 oz.) sliced or diced stewed tomatoes
1 can (approx. 15 oz.) dark kidney beans
1 can (approx. 15 oz.) white beans
3 med. onions, chopped, **and** 3-4 cloves of garlic chopped finely
2 green peppers - chopped (or one red, one green) plus 1 to 2 ribs of celery chopped
1 cup of wine (any cheap wine will do); black pepper and sprinkle of sea salt to taste plus celery seed
3-4 Tbs. brown sugar or 1 Tbsp. of maple syrup plus a dash of cinnamon
Tabasco or hot pepper sauce to taste



*Optional: shredded cheese (you can decide which kind to put on top when served).

To make:

Put water in Dutch oven and bring to a boil. Add the meat and break up into small pieces. As the water evaporates the meat will brown. Then put the meat in a colander and rinse under cold water to take off the grease. Put back in pot; add the onions, garlic and the peppers chopped in good- sized chunks. Add the wine. Then add the celery. Bring to a boil so the vegetables soften and then add the tomatoes and the beans (that you have drained and rinsed before adding). You may want to add some water--rinse the tomato cans with an inch or two of water and put into the chili. It should be like a spaghetti sauce that needs to thicken at this point. If too thick, add more water as it simmers. The water will evaporate as the flavors blend. It will thicken as it cooks. Let simmer, **stirring often**, for 1 to 2 hours. Then add a teaspoon or two of celery seed, a little black pepper, and salt to taste. Then stir in the brown sugar and add a dash of cinnamon. Stir in. Turn off and cover the pot with a lid. The chili is much better on day two when the flavors have had a chance to blend. This won't last because it is very good and hearty!

Serve with a green salad and some corn muffins.

*Note: Alcohol from the wine boils out yet the the flavor is good; or skip the wine if you want and replace it with beef broth).



**POINSETTIAS to adorn our Sanctuary
ORDERING DEADLINE DECEMBER 5**

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 marbled poinsettias. They will be placed in the church for Sunday, December 18 and remain for the Christmas Eve candlelight service. One may take them home after the Christmas Eve 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 MONDAY, DECEMBER 5. All orders must be accompanied with a check.** Please complete the form below and submit with your payment of \$12.99 per plant made payable to the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen (put **Poinsettias** in the memo) or call the Church Office (294-7991), Betty Lobb, 294-6344, Carolyn Keller 294-5508 or Carol Gabella 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 |
| _____ | Marbled |
| _____ | Total @ \$12.99 each = \$_____ due |



Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen (put **Poinsettia** 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:** _____

Ninth Annual Quilts of the Congregation and Friends

Saturday, November 19, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come and see heirloom and contemporary quilts, as well as other cherished handmade items belonging to members of the congregation and the local communities. Our glorious sanctuary will be aglow with the beautiful colors of the quilts and the spectacular Tiffany stained glass windows!



Bring your family and friends (and your camera, too) and enjoy a stroll down memory lane. The Craft Fair and Bake Sale will also be ongoing during the Quilt Show.

Suggested donation: A nonperishable food item or \$1.00.

(All donations to benefit the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry.)

(If you have a quilt or handmade item you'd like to display, please bring it to the sanctuary on **Friday, November 18, between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.**)



THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ON GOING!

When you buy ShopRite gift cards through the church you can help fund our mission trips. The church sells gift cards at full face value, and we receive a 5% discount from ShopRite when the cards are purchased. If you buy groceries at ShopRite, PLEASE purchase gift cards from the church. If you spend \$100, the mission fund will grow by \$5. We all buy groceries so why not help fund our mission trip in the process? See me on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week.

Any questions/please feel free to contact me.

Mark Glasse' (845)325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

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|----|---------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 2 | <i>Darcy McDowell</i> | 18 | <i>David Kingsley</i> |
| | <i>Derek Holt</i> | | <i>Bob Montalbano</i> |
| 3 | <i>Dina Sena-Viebrock</i> | 19 | <i>Emma Boardman</i> |
| 5 | <i>Joan Columbus</i> | | <i>Beth Laskoski</i> |
| 7 | <i>Emma Glasse</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> |
| | <i>Sara Hankins</i> | 24 | <i>Kathy Alevras</i> |
| 10 | <i>Jeff Totton</i> | | <i>Amy Fontana</i> |
| 11 | <i>Sarah Grace Puelzl</i> | 25 | <i>Elizabeth Ukejianya</i> |
| 12 | <i>Pat Green</i> | 26 | <i>Jon Hourahan</i> |
| 14 | <i>Ria Chionchio</i> | 28 | <i>Anthony Chionchio</i> |
| | <i>Kiersten Holt</i> | | <i>Danielle Diglio</i> |
| 17 | <i>Taylor Knoblock</i> | 30 | <i>Robert Kingsley</i> |
| | <i>Egidio Walsh</i> | | <i>Sue Stenson</i> |

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

11 *Craig and Arlete Shaeffer*

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 Jeff and Tracy Kingsley on the birth of their twins daughters, Layla Grace and Olivia Jean, on September 25, 2016. Layla was 18 inches and 6 lbs. and Olivia was 18 ½ inches and 6 lbs. 3 oz. The girls join big brother, Ethan. Proud grandparents are David and Mary Kingsley.

Dear Friends of FPC:--

I want to thank the Presbyterian Women's Association for honoring me this year. The party at Glen Arden on September 24 was much more than I expected. You ladies outdid yourselves---but I guess that should be expected as you are an EXCEPTIONAL GROUP OF WOMEN. You have more "spunk" than lots of ladies. The Hokey Pokey was great, and thanks to Gina Gruber for tinkling the ivories on the piano for us. Carol Gabella is going to have to teach us all how to LINE DANCE at a fellowship get together in the near future. She is a great teacher. Carolyn Keller did a great job as MC, and she and her team put out beautiful fall decorations. Thank you, Pastor Kingsley, for the heartfelt prayer and also to Jim and Sue, my children, for the sincere tributes you wrote to me. Most of all thank you, my friends, who came to share my day and my good news that my recent scans are good. I believe all of your prayers have kept me around a little longer so I can continue to be part of this faithful church family. God bless each of you.

Faithfully, David N. Paffenroth



PRAYER CORNER

The following members or friends are going through a time in which they have asked for prayer by the church. Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ron and Kathy Alevras

Sarah Bohling

John Burleson

Suzanne DeBlock

Mary Lee Farris and her sister

The Family of Dorothy Gott

Barbara and George Hankins

Andy Hine

Rosemary Joy

Brenda Kujawski

Kelly Magee Thrush

Evelyn Mercado

Amy (Thompson) Nguye

William John Pink

Maritya Reyes

Peggy Srirach

Gary Swinger

The Wade Family

Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis

Phyla Wright

Ed Berry

Susie Bohling

Sharon Conlon

John DeGroat

Judy Fazio

Matthew Gould

Kevin and Sara Hankins

Bill Howell

Laura and Tom Kennedy

James Magee

Diana, Riley, and Gavin Martin

Richard Montalbano

Dean Oberg

Dakota Ptak

Tom Sawyer

Sue Stenson

Christopher Tucker

Doris Weinberger

Sandra Wood

Vicki Yost

Ann (Strong) Blake

Hannah Boorse

Jean Crandall

Everyone serving in the Military

Esther Glasse

Mary Gray Griffith

Edith Hausmann

Susan Johnson

Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott

Karen Magee

The McCloud Family

Eileen Myslinski

Dave and Wendy Paffenroth

Rachel Reeves

Dorothy Sevcik

Elmer Stevens

Cindy Vanderplaat

Jo Wolfe

Orra Wood

(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.)

PRAYER HOTLINE – Continuous Prayers When You Need Them

If you have a sudden need for prayer – an emergency, an accident, an illness, a fear – start a prayer chain by calling:

Fran Hoffmann – 294-6470

Louise Spencer – 615-0983

Mary Gray Griffith – 294-9288

Orra Wood – 374-6611



Prayer contacts will begin immediately.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner & Concert on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

See flyer inside this *Tower Tie*. Come out and enjoy the music, food & fun!

Memorial Pavers

Place your orders for a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one. **Five NEW paver orders have been placed.** We will order engraving after we have ten orders on hand.

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.

8 Niches Remain Available 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”

Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The NOVEMBER and early DECEMBER Steward's Schedule:

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| Beryl Yungman: | November 1 – November 15 |
| Barbara and George Hankins: | November 16 – November 30 |
| Bill Eustance, Jen and Gregg Piller: | December 1 – December 31 |

Anyone can be a Steward of Our Garden any day of the week! 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 too can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our schedule.

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 2017

Darlene Bartley
Deborah Hourahan
Robin Knoblock
Karen Magee
Grover vonPentz
Rob Warner

Class of 2018

Kathleen Alevras
Mark Glasse
Bill Hodges
Elizabeth Long
Scott Roper
Orra Wood

Class of 2019

Adam Boese
William Eustance
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Thomas Sawyer
Malcolm Stewart

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2017

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

Class of 2018

Wendy Bynum-Wade
Laura Colacci
Ian Depew
Wendy Donohue
Paty Glasse
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller

Class or 2019

Liese Boese
Margaret Dickover
Jon Hourahan
Carolyn Keller
Jody Kopec
Logan Quick
Felicia Van Doran

Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller
Presbyterian Women:

STAFF

Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County