

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Music Notes

We've been so blessed with the weather this summer and fall, haven't we? The past few weeks, in particular, have been beautiful. We're worshiping indoors again, but it's different.

I'm going to miss the Halloween party this year. I have a soft spot for that peculiar holiday, and I'll be in a spooky mood on the 31st. Here's to next year.

I don't know, at this moment, what Advent and Christmas will hold. I do know that Christmas will come, in its usual time, after Advent, which follows Thanksgiving. As it says in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Christmas will come all the same!

As far as I know the organ project is still moving forward. That is my most recent assurance from Austin. They have a backlog, happily, so our console should come up for replacement at the end of this calendar year.

With all the tensions and fears, there is still more to be grateful for than eternity will allow us to express. I'm grateful for all of your many kindnesses in recent weeks--your reassurances that you're still committed to being a community, to making music, to everything that you love and value. This is the time when values shine brightest.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. If you aren't in a position to come to worship, we're still easy to find online.

Blessings,

Jonathan

Preachers for November

November 1
November 8
November 15
November 22
November 29

John Redman, CRE
Rev. Peter Johnson
Betsy Bostwick, CRE
Jonathan Hall, Minister of Music
Rev. Peter Johnson

Update from the Interim Pastor Committee:

For those who are not familiar with the process, let me take a few minutes to give you an overview.

First a committee is selected to represent a cross section of the congregation - Elders, Deacons and members. Once selected, a representative from Presbytery is assigned the COM (Committee of Ministry) to join the committee meetings and assist with any questions, procedures, and with the general process.

In July, the committee held the first meeting and we have been meeting every week since then. The process includes filing a MIF (Ministry Information Form). The MIF requires gathering church information from various reports and sources. The MIF also includes questions related to our congregation history, our mission, our vision and our future.

Once the MIF is completed, it is brought to Session for approval: The MIF was approved by Session on September 23rd.

After approval by Session, it is sent to Presbytery for approval and acceptance: Presbytery approved the MIF on October 8th.

Upon Presbytery approval, the MIF is uploaded into the Presbytery system. Then our MIF is matched with candidate's PIF (Personnel Information Form). Presbytery contacts the committee advising of candidates that meet FPC criteria. Candidates may also contact the committee directly as a self-referral.

As of this week we have received PIFs from 13 candidates. The committee continues to meet weekly. We are reviewing and evaluating all PIFs to select candidates who will move onto the next phase. The next phase is the interview process.

I hope this overview of the process has been informative. I speak for the committee, we ask for continued prayers as we move forward with this Interim Search.

Respectfully submitted,

Interim Pastor Search Committee,

Linda Boardman, Paty Glassé, Margaret Dickover, Kevan Ottochian, Ken Phelan, BA Long

From the Christian Ed. Committee...

Our Confirmation class continues to meet weekly via a Zoom meeting. This class of students has persevered through the pandemic. Their willingness to gather, learn and complete their faith journey toward confirmation should be commended. With the leadership and guidance of Mark and Paty Glassé, our teens are expected to be confirmed by the end of November.

Sunday school students are receiving lessons weekly via email, which includes a video lesson, workbook pages for each age group and family participation ideas.

Feedback from parents has been positive and the children are enjoying the video.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Boardman

Chairman

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Darcy McDowell</i>	18	<i>David Kingsley</i>
	<i>Derek Holt</i>		<i>Bob Montalbano</i>
5	<i>Joan Columbus</i>	19	<i>Emma Boardman</i>
6	<i>Ariana Maturana</i>		<i>Beth Laskoski</i>
7	<i>Emma Glasse</i>		<i>Julie Turi</i>
8	<i>Kathy Stringer</i>	24	<i>Kathy Alevras</i>
9	<i>Ashley Dinsmore</i>		<i>Amy Fontana</i>
	<i>Sara Hankins</i>	25	<i>Elizabeth Ukejanya</i>
14	<i>Ria Chionchio</i>	26	<i>Jon Hourahan</i>
	<i>Kiersten Holt</i>	28	<i>Anthony Chionchio</i>
17	<i>Christine Person</i>	30	<i>Robert Kingsley</i>
	<i>Egidio Walsh</i>		<i>Sue Stenson</i>



HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

4	<i>Rick and Sheila Heal</i>
8	<i>George and Barbara Schust</i>
11	<i>Craig and Arlete Shaeffer</i>
24	<i>John and Mary Lee Redman</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.*



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 Alevras
Janet Begnoche
The Family of Bill DeBlock
Peter Coyne
Everyone serving in the Military
Judy Fazio
Charlene Gooden
Susan Johnson
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy
Brenda Kujawski
Maggie and Quinn
Richard Montalbano
Amy (Thompson) Nguye
Josephine Pecoraro
Karen Saleski
Matt Skyer
Gary Smith
Christopher Tucker
Charles Velzy
Jerry Westphal

Susan Ambrsino
Ann (Strong) Blake
Robert Clooney
Jean and Bruce Crandall
James, Max, and Liam Feragola
Charles Fritz
Barbara and George Hankins
Rosemary Joy
Jeff Kott and Natalia
Maria Kurt
Jim Magee
Kevin Murphy
Owen
Carlos and Miarose Reyes
The Family of Charles Saleski
Mary Rita Schlagel
Louise Spencer
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg
Kenneth Van Etten
Jo Wolfe

Linda and Tom Chiappardi
Richard Brahs
Barbara Cody
Dori Dodson
Mary Lee Farris and her sister
Carol Gabella's nephew, Frank
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Regina Kenny
Evelyn Kromm's son
Patricia Lawlor
Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth
Carolyn Reynolds
Tom Sawyer
Eva Sickler
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch
Sam Wallis
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.)



Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Our Meditation Garden is especially tranquil and beautiful in the fall. Please visit your garden to reflect on God's many blessings.

Memorial Pavers

To order a memorial paver to honor or remember your loved ones, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is only \$100. We will place an order when we have 10 requests (as of now we only have one order).

Only 4 Niches Remain Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment with three purchase options:

Payment in Full = \$2,800

12-Month Payment Option = \$250 / month for 12 months (\$3,000)

18-Month Payment Option = \$180 / month for 18 months (\$3,240)

We will need to consider constructing a 2nd and 3rd columbarium wall soon.

The estimated cost for these two new walls is \$40,000+.

"Stewards of Our Garden"

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

The NOVEMBER/early DECEMBER Steward's Schedule:

Bill Eustance	November 1 – November 15
Barbara and George Hankins	November 16 – November 30
Bill Eustance	December 1 – December 15

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

As fall arrives and the leaves start falling, we ALWAYS NEED a few extra "Helping Hand."

It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, sweep a few pavers clean, or gather a few leaves and you too can help keep YOUR garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our Steward's schedule.

Call the church office (845-294-7991) 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 2021

**Mark Glassé
Bill Hodges
Lori Kilmer
Ken Phelan
John Redman
Scott Roper**

Class of 2022

**Linda Boardman
Geri Corey
William Eustance
Deb Hourahan
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Rob Person**

Class of 2023

**Nancy Buckley
Jennifer Ellis
Kevan Ottochian
Kenneth Skyer
Sue Varden**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021

**Michael Coyne
Allison Csernai
Don Dinsmore
Patrick Ellis
Paty Glassé
Barbara Schust
George Schust**

Class of 2022

**Liese Boese
Margaret Dickover
Jon Hourahan
Jody Kopec
Logan Quick
Felicia Van Doran
Mitch Weintraub**

Class of 2023

**Diana Bowe
Jane Geyer
Gina Gruber
Carolyn Keller
Mary Kopec
Jonathan Laskoski
Cheryl Zis**

Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller

STAFF

**Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
William Kozireski, Church Sexton**

THE KID'S PAGE

Give Thanks



Sing a prayer at your
Thanksgiving meal—
or any meal!

(sung to the tune of
"Kum Ba Yah")

For our food, O Lord,
we give thanks.

For our homes, O
Lord, we give thanks.

For our families,
we give thanks.

O Lord,
we give thanks.

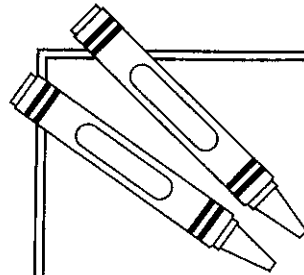
For our friends, O
Lord, we give thanks.

For our earth, O
Lord, we give thanks.

For each night and
day, we give thanks.

O, Lord,
we give thanks.

—Marie Senften



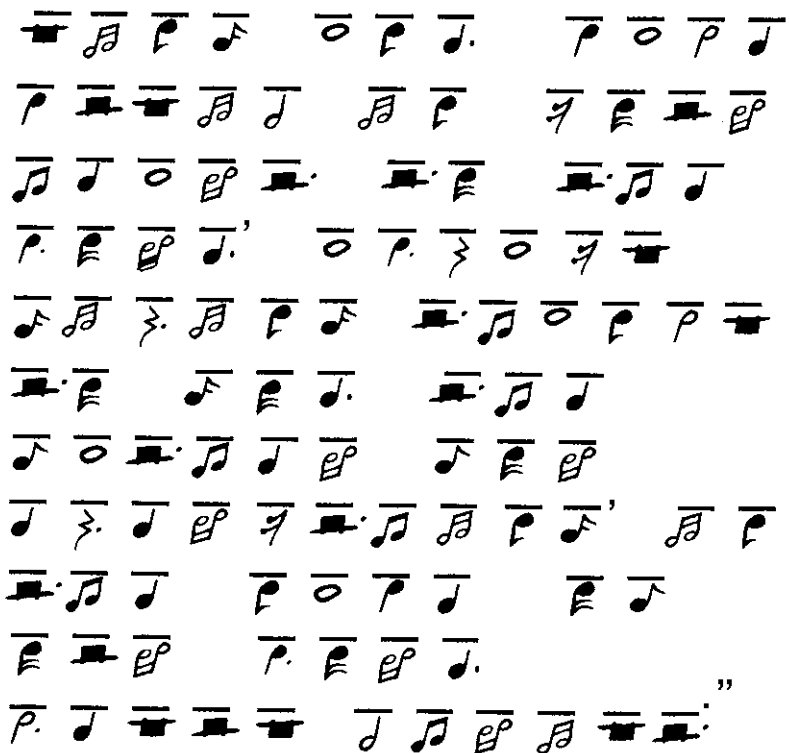
Just for

KIDS

Ephesians 5:19b-20

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"Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."