

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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“Faith Matters”

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8 NRSV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

If you were with us at worship on Sunday, you heard that we will be touching on themes of Renewal this Thanksgiving season. In fact, our Stewardship theme for this fall is:

ReNewing our Faith Together: ReConnect, ReEngage, ReCommit

There is a sense in the world today that, there are so many unknowns, we don't know which end is up or where to turn. There is division over whether, and how, to treat the COVID-19 virus. There are schisms at the Federal and State levels of government (over too many issues to touch on here). There is uncertainty at our jobs and in our neighborhoods. There are tears over our losses and prayers for our future. There is a hesitancy to trust in better days because we've been disappointed so many times already. And, perhaps, what feels like the most bitter pill of all is that the church--which was the one place we thought we could count on to be the same as we faced a “new normal”—was changing, too.

In truth, the only thing that remains the same over time is our precious Lord and Savior, and the love of God which is eternally at work bringing peace to an unsettled world and an anxious people.

As we know only too well, the world changes. Political parties come and go, as do agendas and the persons in charge. Our lives change, too—sometimes for good and sometimes not. Yes, and even the church changes—and must, if it is to meet the needs of those who coming seeking God.

A good part of the reason you have an interim pastor at present is because the church is at a point in its history where a good look at who it is as the body of Christ is essential to a strong future and a growing ministry in his name. And another reason for having me join you as interim is that there is always a time of grieving when a long-time pastor leaves the fold; and that loss was only magnified by the disconnect experienced as a result of the pandemic. To jump into a “marriage” with a new pastor without doing the hard work first of assessment and planning could lead to a difficult result.

But that need to look forward doesn't mean that ministry grinds to a halt in the present day. Quite the opposite, in fact. Which is why transition specialists are called in to help congregations embrace their sacred work, both today and tomorrow. And why our work together must address the needs of a church in transition. Of course, in our case, those needs are compounded by the fallout from a destructive pandemic. Blessedly, you have good leaders who will guide the congregation during this essential time of recovery and planning for a new day.

At a recent meeting, your church leaders discussed the needs of the church going forward, and one of the topics we kept coming back to was the need for renewal—renewal of the heart, mind and soul—renewal of both the individual members that make this congregation great *and* of the whole community of faith that is the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen.

We agreed that we need to welcome a spiritual regeneration by ReConnecting with God and one another, ReEngaging the bible in new and artful ways, and ReCommitting our lives to the mission of this church as we seek—with God’s help—to change lives by reviving the passion we share as believers in Christ. We can’t do this work alone, however. And so, we are counting on your support and your participation as we move forward. We are looking to ReConnect through fellowship and mission. We are hoping to ReEngage through bible and book study, as well as special worship services designed to “stretch” us in meaningful ways and the Artful use of talents as expressions of faith. We are also seeking to ReCommit to Christ and this church through the generous pledging of our time, talent and treasure to accomplishing ReNewed lives.

We will keep you informed as this ministry of ReNewal unfolds over the coming year. Keep your eye out for announcements as they are released and make it a point to participate in as many of the offerings as possible. All this attention to spiritual renewal will only be as viable as our participation in it. See you at church!

With thanksgiving for the honor of serving Christ and you,
Pastor Rhonda Myers

Calling All the Grateful People!

Stewardship Sunday this year will fall on November 21st. You will be receiving information this month on how to make your financial gifts to support the ongoing work of the congregation. And you will be receiving information throughout the year on how you can take part in our campaign to ReNew Our Faith Together. We hope your gratitude for God’s many blessings will encourage your generosity in responding with thanksgiving.

Holidays

We are coming upon a busy season in the church calendar—as well as a busy season elsewhere. But we hope you can be patient with the staff as they seek to accomplish all their work during this Thanksgiving season while also being allotted some days off to celebrate our national holidays. That said, the Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 11th, in honor of Veteran’s Day as well as Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th, in celebration of Thanksgiving. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your support. We hope you have a wonderful season of Thanksgiving.

Christian Education Upcoming Events:

Shop Rite Cards are Back !

The Holidays are coming, and we all must eat, why not spend our grocery money for a cause. For every dollar spent, FPC will receive 5% back. NO extra cost to you.

This summer (July 24-27th) we are hoping to send our youth and young adults to Indianapolis, Indiana to Triennium .

Triennium, a life-changing event for thousands of Presbyterian youth and young adults across the country. The 2022 version of Presbyterian Youth Triennium will feature [a Matthew 25 framework](#).

They will be asking: "Lord, When Did We See You?"

This will be the first time FPC will be participating, help us make this happen for our youth, to purchase your Shop Rite card/s see Mark Glasse.

For more information on Triennium see: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>

Book Study

Book Study, "The Sum of Us" by Heather McGhee

Started: Monday October 18th at 7pm via Zoom

On-going through November 15th Books available in Church Office

If you wish to join any of the weekly discussions, feel free to join one session or three, you are welcome. To join, contact Mark Glasse or Pat in church office for the Zoom meeting invitation.

Mark: 845 325-4439

Office: 845 294-7991

Friday Night Friends

November 12th 6 – 8pm

Theme: Being Thankful, Being Grateful

Sunday School

November Thanksgiving Project: Collecting Holiday Food for Goshen Food Pantry

Collections Start October 31st - November 14th.

Collection basket in Narthex

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WALK

Through the years, the Mission Committee has supported Habitat for Humanity in different ways, like holding our famous Chili Challenge, Fish Fry, and participating in talent shows. Committee members have supported this organization, not only because of its worthwhile goal of providing the opportunity for people, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, to own a home, but also because this is happening “in our neighborhood.”

This year on September 12, eight members of our church caravanned over to Newburgh to participate in Habitat’s yearly walk for housing fundraiser. We joined many participants from churches in the area, along with others who know the value of providing shelter for those in need.

As chair of the Mission Committee, I’m happy to announce that we earned \$1,400 for Habitat for Humanity by participating in the walk.

Gerri Corey

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

There aren’t any better words to describe the weeks leading up to and including the day of our first Midnight Run since before the pandemic.

We asked for clothing donations; you responded. We asked for food donations and for help with preparation; you donated or stepped up to help. We had several people who felt moved to support us, but circumstances prevented them from participating hands-on; so you sent \$ donations so that we could buy items we were still missing.

The result? Our merry band of volunteers served close to 75 individuals who had a much better day because we were there providing clothing, toiletries, a hot breakfast and lunch bags for later on. Even more important we provided a connection; an affirmation that someone from outside their circle of poverty and despair cared about making their day just a bit brighter.

A huge shout to Carol Gabella for her hard work organizing the clothing and insuring that all of the food donations were covered, and anything else that needed doing.

If you missed this Run, there will be another opportunity in January. As soon as we nail down the actual date we will let everyone know.

Keep the clothing donations for men and women coming. As an FYI, we often supply clothing to our local community via the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry. We started doing this several months ago and it has been well received; the need is very real right here in Goshen, just not as obvious as it is in NYC.

So again, THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way. We look forward to your help in January.

God bless,
Wendy Bynum-Wade
Arlete Shaeffer
Co-Coordinator
Midnight Run @ First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

**POINSETTIAS to adorn our Sanctuary
ORDERING DEADLINE DECEMBER 1**

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 19 and remain for the Christmas Eve service. One may take them home after the evening 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 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**. All orders must be accompanied with a check. Please complete the form below and submit with your payment of \$15.50 per plant made payable to the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen (put **Poinsettias** in the memo) or call the Church Office (294-7991), 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
_____	Total @ \$15.50 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 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:** _____



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

- ❖ Saturday - December 4, 2021
- ❖ The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen
33 Park Place - Goshen NY 10924
- ❖ **Open Seating** from 9:00 - 11:00 AM
- ❖ Tickets-
 - \$8.00 per person;
 - Children under 4 - \$5.00

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.

You are welcome to take your own pictures.

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

SANTA BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Number Attending: Adults: _____ Children: _____

Return to: First Presbyterian Church – 33 Park Place- Goshen NY 10924
Attention: ***Santa Breakfast***
Make Checks Payable to: **First Presbyterian Church**

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

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

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2021

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 **270** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2021 is \$38.83**, which is a total of **\$10,484.10** 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. We ask that you pay this by February 1, 2021. Thanks for doing your share.



PRAYER CORNER

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

<i>Colin Alevras</i>	<i>Ron Alevras</i>	<i>Susan Ambrsino</i>
<i>Janet Begnoche</i>	<i>Ann (Strong) Blake</i>	<i>Richard Brahs</i>
<i>Scott Brinkley</i>	<i>Barbara Cody</i>	<i>Lynn Costa and Son</i>
<i>Jean and Bruce Crandall</i>	<i>Dori Dodson</i>	<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>
<i>James, Max, and Liam Feragola</i>	<i>Mary Lee Farris and her sister</i>	<i>Judy Fazio</i>
<i>Charles Fritz</i>	<i>Carol Gabella's nephew, Frank</i>	<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>
<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>	<i>Susan Johnson</i>	<i>Rosemary Joy</i>
<i>Regina Kenny</i>	<i>Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy</i>	<i>Jeff Kott and Natalia</i>
<i>Maria Kurt</i>	<i>Patricia Lawlor</i>	<i>Maggie and Quinn</i>
<i>James Magee</i>	<i>Kelly Magee Thrush</i>	<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>
<i>Dolores Mollicone</i>	<i>Richard Montalbano</i>	<i>Kevin Murphy</i>
<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>	<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguye</i>	<i>Owen</i>
<i>Dave and Wendy Paffenroth</i>	<i>Josephine Pecoraro</i>	<i>Carlos and Miarose Reyes</i>
<i>Carolyn Reynolds</i>	<i>Karen Saleski</i>	<i>Tom Sawyer</i>
<i>Matt Skyer</i>	<i>Mary Rita Schlagel</i>	<i>Eva Sickler</i>
<i>Gary Smith</i>	<i>Louise Spencer</i>	<i>Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch</i>
<i>Christopher Tucker</i>	<i>Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg</i>	
<i>Kenneth Van Etten</i>	<i>Ashley Wade</i>	<i>Sam Wallis</i>
<i>Jerry Westphal</i>	<i>Orra Wood</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.)



Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Enjoy the cooler weather at our garden this fall season.
Count our many blessings as we continue to enjoy the gift of life.

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 3 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 ANY & ALL VOLUNTEERS!

“Helping Hands” are always needed and certainly welcomed to help maintain the garden. Just reach out to Pat in the church office to sign-up and be added to our Stewards 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 2022

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

Class of 2023

**Nancy Buckley
Jennifer Ellis
BA Long
Kevan Ottochian
Sue Varden**

Class of 2024

**Marlene Gaynor
Rick Heal
Ken Phelan
Bill Powers
Mal Stewart
Anne Wood**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

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**

Class of 2024

**Allison Csernai
Brendan Donohue
Pat Ellis
Sheila Heal
Bill Keller
Barbara Schust
George Schust**

Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller

STAFF

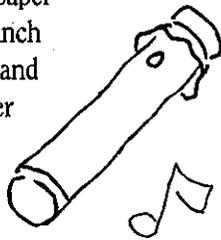
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William Kozireski, Church Sexton
Mitch Weintraub, Church Sexton**

THE KID'S PAGE

Make a joyful noise with a "Tube Kazoo"

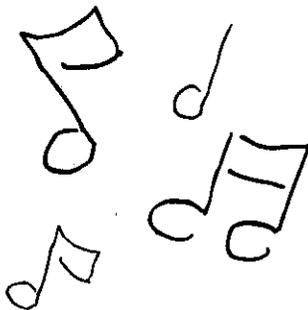
You will need:

- bathroom tissue tube or paper towel tube cut to 6" - 8"
- contact paper
- paper punch
- rubber band
- wax paper
- scissors



How to:

1. Cut contact paper a little longer than tube. Cover tube. Tuck long end inside.
2. Punch a 1/4" hole near one end of tube.
3. Cut wax paper a little larger than end of tube.
4. Fasten wax paper with rubber band over end that has punched hole.
5. Hum into open end to play.





Just for KIDS

Psalm 100

Find these words from Psalm 100.
Write the name of each picture on the lines.
Transfer the letters to the lines of the verse.



1 2 3



16 17 18 19 20 21 22



34 35 36 37



4 5 6 7 8



23 24 25 26



38 39 40 41



9 10 11 12 13 14 15



27 28 29 30



31 32 33



42 43 44 45

" 7 4 2 6 12 27 2 16 31 2 42 12 21 12 4 37 10 2 16 1 "

17 10 10 12 4 8 8 17 16 12 13 "

22 2 16 7 13 18 26 12 13 8 23 2 16 34 22 18 12 4

3 10 24 1 19 14 7 7 ;

9 35 25 14 20 14 27 11 16 8 4 18 25 22 18 12 4

31 5 44 27 6 23 7 5 19 3 15 14 19 12 14 16 13 18 7

3 24 33 8 7 22 18 12 13 12 4 24 19 38 7 3 18 36 18 19 3

17 19 1 4 18 7 9 5 6 16 12 7 22 18 12 13 26 16 17 18 7 8 ;

3 18 36 14 33 13 24 19 38 7 12 5 4 18 25 17 19 1 "

26 16 17 18 7 8 13 18 7 19 17 25 32 "

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name!"

Dog, House, Clothes, Rainbow, Lamp, Fork, Jet, Dove, Kite, Yo-Yo

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Halloween 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship	1 First Day of American 12:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Book Study @	2 Election Day 9:30am - Food Pantry	3 4:30pm - Mission	4 7:30pm - Choir	5	6 1pm - Academy
7 Daylight Saving Time 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Deacon's	8 12:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Book Study @	9 9:30am - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Outreach	10 7:30pm - Finance	11 Office Closed Veterans Day 7:30pm - Choir	12 6pm - Friday Night	13 9:30am - Food Pantry 1pm - Academy
14 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship	15 12:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Book Study @	16 9:30am - Food Pantry	17 6pm - Medicare 7pm - Session @ FH	18 7:30pm - Choir	19 Set-up for Craft Fair	20 9am - Craft Fair @ FH, 9am - Food Pantry @ N
21 Tower Tie Articles Due 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship	22 12:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Book Study @	23 9:30am - Food Pantry	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Native American Office Closed	27 1pm - Academy
28 9:30am - Church 9:30am - Worship	29 12:30pm - NA @ FH	30 9:30am - Food Pantry	1 4:30pm - Mission	2 7:30pm - Choir	3	4