

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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AN UNEXPECTED VISIT

After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta.

—Acts 28:1

At the website www.visitmalta.com there is a page dedicated to the historic connection between the island and the apostle Paul. The page states proudly that Christianity has a long history in Malta dating back nearly 2000 years and that, “according to tradition,” the apostle Paul himself brought the Christian faith to the island.

What this page of the website fails to mention is that Paul did indeed bring Christianity to Malta, but he did so entirely by accident; it was an unexpected visit, or so it appears to us as we read Luke’s account in Acts 28.

The Shipwreck

Where we live, storms are almost always in a hurry. They roll across the state on their way to the ocean. Some storm systems may be larger than others and they seem to amble leisurely through our part of the world, but rarely do they pretend to be interested in staying for very long. Storm warnings are issued and usually expire within a matter of hours.

That makes it hard for me to get my mind around a storm at sea that lasts for two weeks. Two weeks of violent up and down, back and forth movement; two weeks of sea spray and being constantly wet and nauseated; two weeks of exhausting work to stay afloat made worse by not eating. Luke twice mentions the storm entering its fourteenth day (Acts 27:27, 33).

And then they made out the shape of a distant bay.

Lifting the sails and casting off the anchors, they made an effort to “run the ship ashore.” It didn’t work. Not far from the shoreline the ship struck a sandbar or reef of some kind. The stern of the ship was stuck while the bow was being shattered by the surf.

All 276 people on board plunged into the waters. Some swam. Others held on to planks and pieces of the ship. “And so it was that all were brought safely to land” (27:44).

A Strange Place

Eventually storms come to an end. And quite often, when they do, you find yourself in a place you never intended to be. After a long season of holding things together in a chaotic and convulsing world, you discover solid ground beneath your feet. You may be standing up, but you’re standing in a strange place.

The island of Malta was an answer to prayer. It was literally God’s salvation for everyone on that ship. But Paul never intended to be in Malta. A good 60 miles south of Sicily, Malta was a far cry from God’s promised destination of Rome.

So what do you do when the journey to Rome lands you in Malta? What do you do when the place you actually inhabit is nowhere close to where you had planned to be? You can pass your days there in self-pity and resentment. That’s one way to live your life. Plenty of people do just that every single day.

But there’s another way. You could choose to bring blessing and hope and healing to the place you happen to be until God moves you to the next place. That’s what Paul did on Malta.

Paul was on the island of Malta for three months before continuing his journey to Rome (28:11). While there, he showed the inhabitants of that place what God was like by blessing and healing. You don’t need to work miracles to do that. God wants to show his mercies and kindness in the place where you will be today — and God wants to do this through you.

St. Paul is still honored today on the island of Malta. What kind of impact will you make in the unlikely place to which God has led you today?

Pastor Kingsley

OCTOBER IS THE SETTLING-IN MONTH

The weather has cooled down, the leaves are beginning to change, and we “fall” into our autumn routines. It is the rhythm of life that follows the changing of the seasons. Actually, each day has its special rhythm and feeling. I can “feel” Saturday and I can “feel” Sunday perhaps because of what I do on those particular days. But it’s a good feeling. I am always refreshed and renewed by our Sunday worship service; it prepares me for the week ahead.



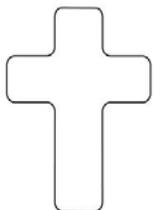
I often begin the day with the choir’s anthem from Sunday in my head. It is a fact that music carries energy and resonates with the very cells of our bodies. It’s why music as therapy has come to be known as an aid to healing and relaxation. When you hear the organ, when the choir sings, when an instrument plays, something is happening inside of you – the music is speaking to your soul whether you are consciously aware of it or not. Especially in times of distress, the old familiar hymns we grew up with “come back” to us as comfort. I believe that is why I have had more requests for the choir to sing particular favorites that have meaning for people. The words and music speak to our common human experience and are healing for the soul.



It is also my experience that when the pastor is preaching, there is always a “zing” that comes through, a kernel of truth and understanding—something you may see in a new light, something you have never thought about in quite that way before. It is the inspiration coming through the spoken word that moves us inwardly to outward action in our lives as Christians.

May I urge you to allow yourself to open up to receiving the healing that spoken word and music can bring to your soul. It is health and life affirming. I fully believe it.

The choir is expanding its ranks, and we have an exciting music program planned for the fall. Our youth will share with us in word and song what they have been learning since Christian Education started back up. It’s always interesting and uplifting to hear what they have to say—because they do it with great enthusiasm! **October 25 is Reformation Sunday** where we remember and celebrate our reformed heritage with *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* as the processional hymn.



Robert Clooney, Director of Ministry of Music



Prayer Shawl Ministry News

We welcome the fall months as it is easier to crochet without the heat and humidity. As we complete the 8th year of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, we have lost count on how many gifts have been sent from out church doors. We have been overwhelmed by the cards, notes, letters, and comments we have received in response to our shawl ministry gifts. Support by our congregation makes this your ministry as well as the group of faithful women who create the shawls as we couldn't have come this far without your blessings of beautiful yarns we find in our basket in the Narthex. Our ladies have a good sense of color combination, and I believe every gift is a gift of love as those balls of yarn become works of art.

I don't always get the information on where each gift goes, but please know we would need a separate *Tower Tie* edition if I did. I share with you what is given to me.

- Thanks to Janet Landrigan of Warwick who gave me a bag of yarn to add to our basket. Sue Varden, working with Presby Build, thought a nice blanket might be good for the new home that is being dedicated shortly. There is a young lady in a wheelchair who will love the gift. Jo Wolfe happened to put together a beautiful lap robe that came out so pretty using up odds and ends - so we passed it on to Sue who will present the gift from our church. Thank you to Sue and Jo.
- Often a family will come back for a second shawl for another member of their family who has taken ill. So it happened, a friend of mine who lost her sister to lung cancer, (and this sister loved her shawl), has a sister-in-law who has cancer and is having chemotherapy. I told Linda B. a shawl was in the making, and she was so appreciative. We are glad we could offer comfort to this family once again.
- Wendy Bynum shared a T-shirt she saw online that read, "If crocheting would burn calories I would be a skinny "hooker." Very cute, Wendy and so true. Some of our ladies crochet every night. Maybe it is just our hands that get skinny. As autumn and winter approach, our hooks will be flying again to keep up with the demand. Thanks to our ladies and to the congregation who support our work.

God bless each of you!

Wendy Paffenroth, Shawl Secretary



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We welcome back the PW group after a summer off. A baker's dozen came out on Monday, September 14 to discuss what we have going on in the last quarter of the year.

First and foremost, we are all excited about the upcoming **Honoree's Luncheon** for three devoted women of the church: Mary-Gray Griffith, Myrna Tucker, and Orra Wood. Our wonderful graphic designer, Carol Gabella, gave those at the meeting a sneak peak at the program. I am sure everyone attending will be saving theirs. Beautiful job, Carol! By the time you are read this, the luncheon will be in the history book of the church. Hope everyone that attended had a memorable day. We also hope there will be pictures to share. Congratulations once again ladies.

Caroline Keller, among others, has been helping PW organize the receptions for the recent funerals that have taken place in our church. These things, as we all know, come up suddenly and not all the women can help. If you have helped in the past, we thank you! It means so much to the family to have the hall and reception set up after the funeral. If you think you might want to lend a hand in the future, please see Caroline at church, call her at (845) 294-5508, or leave a note in the office with your name and phone number. This way, we can generate a list of helpers - sometimes it is as simple as setting up the room or carrying a coffee pot. Putting your name on the list does not obligate you to help at every funeral repast, just that you may be available to if we are shorthanded. Also, we often need baked goods for the reception; so if you'd be willing to make something, please indicate that as well. Thank you in advance.

Caroline is wearing many hats and will again help with, along with some other ladies, organizing the ***Chili and Soup Sale at the Holiday Fair*** on November 21. We are in need of quart jars. If you have some to offer, you can leave them by the office for PW; and, if you are willing to make soup or chili for the day, Caroline has the best recipes - just let her know. Last year we sold out quickly so we would love to have even more jars of chili and soup to offer this year. Again, jars and makers are needed to make this a success.

Yes, it is autumn and soon come the holidays and with it the BIGGER AND BETTER ***HOLIDAY FAIR*** on November 21. The Deacons are doing their very best to make it very inviting for all. With this event, the ladies will again do their Bake Sale; if you can help us, it would be greatly appreciated. China plates and baskets will be available several weeks in advance for you to put your donations on. Watch the bulletin on Sunday for the information as it gets closer. Also at the ladies table, there will be a **raffle** this year. Sharlene Bischof has made a beautiful hand-crocheted afghan in Victorian cream yarn. She is donating it with the proceeds going to our window restoration. She has put in more hours than we can count, and it is fabulous! What a present it would make for someone. Make sure you get your tickets at the fair.

Also, don't forget the **Quilt Fair** will be going on at the same time as the Holiday Fair. Barbara and Kathy will be looking in the near future for those who want to display an item or items. This is always such a beautiful way to show off our sanctuary. Please see them if you want to work with them in setting up the display or have an item you'd like to share. And remember to bring your cameras that day. It is truly lovely.

Please check with the office if you have lost something. A red-flowered earring was found in September and will be left with Pat at the office.

The ladies talked about how long it takes for us to get reimbursed from our own account in the church. Although we have our own account, we need a better way to reimburse the ladies when they lay out money for funeral receptions, etc. This issue will be further discussed at our next meeting.

Lastly, we discussed the **Christmas Gifts Bags** that are given to those congregational members who are not able to be with us for various reasons.

We are already starting to collect items to give to them. Last year, you overwhelmed us and everyone appreciated the gifts. So if you are out shopping and see good books, note cards, chap stick, body lotion, small game books, playing cards, etc., pick them up and drop them by the office with Pat, our wonderful church secretary, marked "PW/Christmas." She will see that we get them. When we get closer to the date of packaging them, we will be looking for baked goods for the bags as well. Thank you for helping us make the holidays special for those in our church we love, but don't get to see too often.

Our next meeting will be the first Monday of October around 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. We would love to have you join us!

God's blessings on each of you,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth
Presbyterian Women Correspondent

TEEN VOICES

September 2015

TEEN VOICES kicked off with a great turnout for our first meeting on September 13. We are looking at contemporary local and world events and their ethical and moral implications from a Biblical perspective that teens can relate to. We encourage you to engage your teens in continued discussion. These are great teens and we look forward to getting to know each other better. We are striving to create a fun and meaningful community in an environment of tolerance and respect. We will be meeting on the first and third Sunday of the month starting at 9:30 a.m. in the teen room. This is subject to change based on other activities we may do together. We will communicate any details to the teens and parents.

Our next meeting will be October 4. Teens are asked to bring a song to share of any genre that represents their faith to them.

If you have any questions, please contact us at mpglasse@optonline.net or 845-986-1460.

Paty and Mark Glasse

TEEN VOICES

Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:30 a.m.

In

Teen/High School Meeting Room
(On 2nd Floor-Above the Parlor)

Next Meeting is Sunday, October 4th

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TEEN VOICES in Action Cookies for College!

Please stay after coffee hour on October 4th to help TEEN VOICES put caring into action. We will be baking cookies to send off to our college age young adults to let them know we are thinking about them while they are off at college and of course we won't forget those who have recently graduated and are searching for jobs of beginning life in the workforce.

We will be accepting donations towards the purchase of supplies.

For more info, please contact Paty and Mark Glasse at mpglasse@optonline.net

or

845-986-1460

TEEN VOICES at...33 PARK

Will be holding a Campfire on Friday, October 16

From 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The Boese Family has agreed to host this at their home.

There will be food and s'mores of course!

As well as music!

Please feel free to bring a friend and an instrument of your own if you like to.

Please call Pat in the church office at 294-7991 or text to 845-294-2859

to let us know if you are coming.



SHARE PAGE

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

Thank you, Wendy Lee Paffenroth

For Pastor:

- Three boys were bragging about their dads. The first boy said “My dad writes words on paper called poems and he gets \$50 for each one.” The second boy said “Well, my dad writes words on paper and it is called a song, and he gets paid \$100 for each one.” The third boy said, “That’s nothing, my dad writes words on paper and calls it a sermon and they need eight people to collect all the money that comes his way.”

People want to sit in the front of the bus.... the back of the church....but be the center of attention!

- A father and son were walking along a beach and came upon a dead seagull. The little boy asked his dad what happened. The father said that the bird’s time had come; he had died and had gone on to heaven. The little boy looked at his father and said, “So why did God throw him back?”

As long as school continues to test students, there will always be PRAYER in school.

➤ For our Minister of Music:

Dentist Hymn: **Crown** Him With Many Crowns

Contractor’s Hymn: The Church’s One **Foundation**

Optometrist’s Hymn: Open My **Eyes** that I May See

Tailor’s Hymn: **Holy – Holy – Holy**

Politician’s Hymn: Standing on the **Promises**

Big Bang Theory: **GOD SPOKE and BANG – It Happened!**

- Evangelist Billy Graham tells of a time he went to a small town to preach. He asked a young boy on the street where he could find the Post Office as he had to mail a letter. The boy told the Rev. Graham where he could find it. Rev. Graham thanked the boy and told him he should come with his family to the Baptist church that evening and he will show him where heaven is. The little boy said, “I don’t think we will come, you don’t even know how to find the Post Office.”

FALL PLANT SALE IN THE CHURCH PARK

Friday, October 9 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 11 – 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Help is needed for all three days. Anyone who is planning to go on next year’s mission trip needs to help. If you can help or you need more information, call Grover vonPentz at 291-1932.

SAVE THE DATE

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7

HELP WILL BE NEEDED!

Please contact Glynnis Jorgensen at 914-804-5476 and let her know when you will be able to help her. Set-up will be during the week of November 2, Monday through Thursday around 5:00 p.m. or whenever you can get there.

The sale on Friday is from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Help with clean-up is especially needed. By this time, everyone is exhausted and many hands make light work. ***This is one of the church’s biggest fund raiser and all the money earned goes to the General Fund.***

Because of limited space, please hold onto your donations and bring them to the church during the week of November 2.



SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

DEACONS’ HOLIDAY FAIR

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PWA Quilt Show & Bake Sale

Editor's Note: "The Night I Met My Brother on the Midnight Run" is another in the series of columns that will appear regularly in "The Tower Tie" highlighting the mission work that takes place in our church. Guest columnists will share stories on distributing food to our neighbors; constructing housing alongside partner families in Newburgh; building cultural bridges in Nicaragua; and bringing hope with a cup of coffee, clean clothing and conversation to the homeless in New York City. Our church has been participating in the Midnight Run for nearly twenty years. Midnight Run, Inc. runs over 1,000 relief missions yearly to the homeless poor on the streets of Manhattan. The human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission. The next church Midnight Run will be October 24. See Midnight Run Coordinator, Lori Baird. If you have a story to share, please contact volunteer editor Sue Varden.

The Night I Met My Brother on the Midnight Run

A personal story by Sue Varden

It was my first Midnight Run, and I was anxious as I rode into Manhattan. I didn't know what lay ahead, and I was concerned about our safety.

Our five-car caravan with "Midnight Run" written on the side windows drove up alongside a church, the first of five stops we would make during the pre-dawn hours. We parked on the street and got out of our cars.

There were five or six stone steps leading up to three massive church doors. Scaffolding overhead created a protective ceiling for the people laying in the four long boxes on the top steps. Three men crawled out of their makeshift shelters and walked directly to the lead car where hot coffee was served.

"Get me a cup of coffee," a lone voice from inside one of the boxes yelled. "Make it black."

I looked around. I seemed to be the only one standing motionless, dazed by the scene before me. "I guess he's talking to me," I thought. As I went to get the cup of coffee, a voice inside my head said, "Who is this guy? Everyone else is getting their own coffee. What's the matter with this one?" I don't react well to being ordered to do something and, unfortunately, now I had an attitude.

The unwelcomed voice in my head continued as I walked up the steps to the stranger lying in the box. But when I squatted down and reached out to hand him the coffee ... and he reached up from his box to take it ... our faces were so close that we looked directly into each other's eyes. His were dark and matched his skin color. Until, for a split second, they changed color, and I saw the blue eyes and blond hair framing the face of my own brother who had passed away several years before. He had been homeless, living in his car in Michigan until he lost 100 pounds, took himself to the hospital, and learned he had esophageal cancer. He died three months later.

After the jolt of seeing my brother's face, my demeanor toward the stranger changed. Concern flowed freely as I asked him, "Are you alright here? Do the police bother you? Is this a safe place for you?" The man replied politely, and we had a brief, but easy conversation.

As I returned to the car to go to our next stop, that voice inside my head spoke to me again; this time with a different tone, "You are not here to judge, you are here only to serve," and for the rest of the Run that voice was silent. I've always thought of it this way; that God had lifted that judgmental voice from me for the rest of the night. And I was grateful.

During one of our last stops, a homeless man asked me where we were from. "Orange County," I said, unsure if he would know where that was.

“You people care about us all the way up there?” he asked.

“We sure do,” I replied humbly, “after all, we are all family.”

Over the years I have often thought about the man in the box and wondered why I saw my own brother so clearly in this stranger’s face. It may have been the fear, despair and bewilderment that I had seen in his eyes that night, because I had also seen that in my brother’s eyes during his last weeks of life. It may have been that God used the stranger and these circumstances to teach me something that I needed to know as I continued living my own life. Either way, I remain grateful.



**DEACONS’ SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN
COFFEE HOUR**

Join US for a time of scary delights, ghostly goodies, and tasty brews

Sunday, October 25th after church



Who's IN?

Game night for those over 21!
Time to relax and LOL!

Apples to Apples
Trivia Pursuit
Pictionary
Guesstures
or if you have a game...

BRING IT ON!!!!

When: November 14th
@ 8:00PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Please bring a finger food, popcorn or dessert.

Hosted by Outreach and Fellowship Committee.
Please call Robin Knoblock for info 845 313 1319

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Dom Fontana</i>	22	<i>Stuart Bryson</i>
3	<i>Stephen Van Doran</i>		<i>Donna Neil</i>
4	<i>Brendan Donohue</i>	23	<i>Thomas Gruber</i>
5	<i>Matt Skyer</i>	24	<i>Carl Johnson</i>
7	<i>Anna Boese</i>		<i>Nancy Smith</i>
	<i>Margaret Dickover</i>		<i>Susan Whitson (Paffenroth)</i>
	<i>Matthew Gould</i>	26	<i>Aidan Diglio</i>
9	<i>Fred Smith</i>	27	<i>Christine Fenner</i>
14	<i>Sarah McDowell</i>	29	<i>Sara Benson</i>
16	<i>Diane George</i>		<i>Loretta Richner</i>
17	<i>Dave White</i>	30	<i>Dylan Castellano</i>
18	<i>Michelle White</i>		<i>Wendy Donohue</i>
19	<i>Daniel Spencer</i>		
20	<i>Diane Church</i>		
	<i>Teresa vonPentz</i>		

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

2	<i>Mark and Christine Hahn</i>
3	<i>Wayne and Diane George</i>
7	<i>Christopher and Sarah Misir</i>
8	<i>Alan and Elizabeth Sproul</i>
10	<i>Adam and Sue Whitson</i>
13	<i>John and Maryellen Bruno</i>
	<i>Kyle and Amber VanGrol</i>
14	<i>Brian and Kari Taylor</i>
17	<i>Dave and Wendy Paffenroth</i>
19	<i>Bob and Lisa Montalbano</i>
21	<i>Cliff and Darlene Bartley</i>
22	<i>Carl and Elfriede Johnson</i>
	<i>Richard and Robin Paulus</i>
23	<i>Dom and Amy Fontana</i>
27	<i>Michael and Karen Brooks</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.

DINNER CLUB AT WARD'S BRIDGE INN

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR DINNER AT WARD'S BRIDGE INN**

**135 Ward Street
Montgomery, New York**

Sunday, October 4, 2015

5:00 p.m.

\$30.00 per person includes tax and gratuities

Cash bar

CHOICE OF APPETIZER:

Mozzarella and Tomato

Fried Calamari

French Onion Soup

GARDEN SALAD

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:

New York Strip Steak served with potatoes and vegetable

Chicken Marsala served with potatoes and vegetable

Sweet Potato Salmon served with potatoes and vegetable

Seafood Fra Diavolo served with pasta

CHOICE OF DESSERT:

Warm Apple Crisp

Vanilla Ice Cream Sundae

Coffee, tea or soda

Contact Linda Clark (294-7488) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652) for reservations.

WE HAVE A DATE FOR THE NEXT MIDNIGHT RUN!!

Our next Midnight Run will be held on Saturday, October 24. We will take food, clothing, and toiletries to NYC to feed and clothe the homeless throughout the night. We will leave at approximately 8:00 p.m. and return at approximately 3:00 a.m.

If you can help with driving, co-piloting, buying or prepping food with us, please let me know.

Thank you for your generosity as always!

Lori Baird
Midnight Run Coordinator
845-200-5640

Our current needs for this most worthwhile cause are as follows:

Deli Sliced Ham, Turkey - 8 lbs. each

American Cheese – 5 lbs.

Hard Boiled Eggs – 10 dozen

Donuts - 10 boxes

Whole Milk – 1 gallon

Sugar – 2 lbs.

Soup makings:

Chicken Breast – 1 family pack

Carrots – 1 small bag

Onions – 3 large

Celery -1 bunch

Fine Egg Noodles – 1 bag

Chicken Broth – 6 qts.

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2015

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 **345** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2015 is \$31.00**, which is a total of **\$10,695.00** to be taken from our operating budget. **As of August 31, 2015 \$6,757.00 has been paid.** 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.

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



Prayer contacts will begin immediately.

Bells, bells, bells . . .

Our church has a full range of English handbells made by Schumerich. We have in the past had a handbell choir that rehearsed regularly and played on special occasions. If you would be interested in learning to ring, please let me know. We are considering starting a beginning handbell choir in the fall. You do not have to read music, just know your left from your right hand. You will be helped along the way as you learn to ring, and ringing is open to all ages.



Robert Clooney
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(845) 551-2890

See me at church or at coffee hour; or complete the form below and place it in the collection plate or the office and I will call you.

Name _____ Phone _____

DEACON'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

9AM-3PM

The Deacon's Annual Holiday Fair is filling up fast with vendors for this fun filled event! The Fellowship Hall and Bradner Room will be filled with vendors selling handmade crafts, soaps, jewelry, woodwork and so much more. It needs to be seen to be believed! Come on, come all and get your Thanksgiving hostess gifts and get an early start on your holiday shopping. If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor, please contact Lori Baird @ 845-200-5640.

The Quilt Show is back this year! Lovely handmade quilts, many from the last century and earlier, will be on display in the Sanctuary for all to see their amazing artistry. If you have questions or have a quilt you would like to display, please contact Barbara Hankins @ 294-8410, Kathy Alexras @ 496-9619, or BA Long @ 343-7571.

The Presbyterian Women's Association is once again selling their delicious baked goods at the Bake Sale during the Fair. From cakes and cookies to pies and brownies, there will be a little something for everyone! If you would like to donate a baked item, please see any one of the Presbyterian Women at church.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a free traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our church members and the local community on Saturday, November 14. Everyone is welcome!!

A hearty feast of turkey, ham, mashed and sweet potatoes, green beans, stuffing, cranberries and all the trimmings including pies, will be served at 5:30 p.m. Afterward, the fun continues with board games for the whole family!

If you would like to contribute a food item, help in the set up or clean up or help in the kitchen, please call: Lori Baird @ 845-200-5640.

We hope to see you there!



PRAYER CORNER

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

Vince Ahrens
Donna Marino Ball
Sarah Bohling
Craig Calzaretta
Sharon Conlon
Suzanne DeBlock
David Dzierzek
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Kate Goodspeed
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Bill Howell
Rosemary Joy
Joy Kissane and Family
James Magee
Riley Martin
Evelyn Mercado
Lisa Montalbano
Jean Musgrave
Nina and Jason
Alice Paffenroth
Rachel Reeves
Tom Sawyer
Dorothy Sevcik
The Smith Family
Peggy Srirach
Jean Stukey
Kim Valentini and Family
Kenya VanZandt
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood's brother-in-law
Sharon Worden

Lori Baird
Ed Berry
Susie Bohling
Mary Carr
Steve and Carol Coon
Joe Destefano
Everyone serving in the Military
Ben Fisher
Dorothy Gott
Margaret Hankins
Bob and Maureen Johnson
Carolyn Keller's father
Jeff Knox
Kelly Magee Thrush
Andy Marussich
Jeff Monroe
Richard Montalbano
Eileen Myslinski
Nick K.
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth
Russell Reynolds
Fred Schwarz
Sandy Shores
David Paul Spradlin
Elmer Stevens
Christopher Tucker
Cindy Vanderplatt
Rebecca Vives
Doris Weinberger
Sandra Wood
Phyla Wright

Rosa B.
Ann (Strong) Blake
Aryanna Brahs
Jean Chang
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Sally Dorritie
Evie and Family
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
Barbara and George Hankins
Carol Hoffman
Susan Johnson
Laura and Tom Kennedy
Betty and Robert Lobb
Gavin Martin
The McCloud Family
Joseph Montalbano
Jude Monteleone
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Velma Peters
Tim Richardson
Bryan Scott and Family
Matt Skyer and Family
Jackson Spradlin
Jean Strong
Butch Turley
The Family of Paul Van Doran
The Wade Family
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.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

OCTOBER UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

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.

12 Niches Remain 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”

Thank you to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The OCTOBER and early NOVEMBER Steward's Schedule:

Barbara and George Hankins:	October 1 – October 15
Bill Eustance, Jen & Gregg Piller:	October 16 –October 31
Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende:	November 1 – November 15

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 can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up.

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 2016

**Cliff Bartley
Geri Corey
John Redman
Tom Sawyer
Mal Stewart
Jo Wolfe**

Class of 2017

**Robert Johnson
Robin Knoblock
Karen Magee
Anne Tuthill
Grover vonPentz
Rob Warner**

Class of 2018

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

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2016

**Wendy Donohue
Bill Eustance
Carol Gabella
Gina Gruber
John Gruber
Carolyn Keller
Lisa Montalbano**

Class of 2017

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

Class of 2018

**Lori Baird
Laura Colacci
Paty Glasse
Tina McCloud
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller
Hannah Warner**

**Co-Moderators of Deacons: Carolyn Keller and Carol Gabella
Presbyterian Women:**

STAFF

**Robert Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music
Pat Schwetje, Church Secretary
Kim Hoernig, Church Treasurer
Richard Paulus, Financial Secretary
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**