

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

James 1:17–27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Over the years, I have valued the practical wisdom recorded in the letter of James. The author's advice speaks in a very timely way to us in our current circumstances.

Several phrases struck me as I read these verses. We are to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger." How might our personal interactions, as well as our social discourse, be enhanced if we listened to one another first, retraining our impulsive responses and our angry outbursts? Furthermore, the author persists with an emphatic exhortation: "Bridle your tongues."

Listening is a faithful discipline I struggle to cultivate. It is all too easy to interrupt with our own passionate perspective. And angry accusations seem to be the order of the day. Yet anger readily hurts others, impeding the opportunity for civil discourse and any chance we have to learn from those with whom we disagree.

Anger was clearly an obstacle in the early church, as it is today. Whenever we are tempted to let loose with our angry emotions, we are reminded that "anger does not produce God's righteousness." I know that I have a lot of work to do!

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes

The summer seemed very short to me. However, the fall is moving just as fast! There are some wonderful things to look forward to...any minute now!

On Sunday, October 28, at 3 PM, we'll be hosting our very first Halloween party for the community. One part of the program will be a "spooky" organ program, with some explanation of the organ and some cool Halloween music. There is more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

The handbell choir is back and has gotten off to a terrific start. We've learned so much--director included!--since we started this journey. I couldn't be happier or prouder. You are welcome to visit a rehearsal if you like, and we would love to welcome you to membership.

The choir has also gotten off to a great start. This is a good time to join that ministry as well.

The second annual Christmas carol sing-a-long is set for Sunday, December 23. Plan on it!

Also, on Sunday November 18 at 4 PM, I will be giving an organ recital at the Blooming Grove United Church of Christ. It's a beautiful old church with a 1902 Hook and Hastings organ. Program is free--you're welcome to attend!

More programs are in the planning stages as we get ready for the big 300th. Stay tuned. Have a wonderful fall.

-- Jonathan

Barbara and I have been comforted over the past 50 plus years by all of you as our extended family. This was no more evident than with the hugs and tears you shed for us and our daughter's family since the recent loss of Judy. We can't begin to tell you how much you all mean to us. You share God's love with everyone you meet.

The Hankins

I'd like to thank the congregation for allowing my family to use Fellowship Hall and kitchen on September 1 to celebrate birthdays and the baptism of my great-granddaughter, Chloe Louise. Thanks also to Jonathan Hall and Bill Powers for providing great music. We all had a wonderful time.

Louise Spencer



34th ANNUAL PW HONOREE LUNCHEON

This year we will be honoring Geri Corey and Wendy Bynum-Wade on Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the Adirondack Room at Glen Arden. The cost is \$25 per person for a luncheon buffet. Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church and write "PW Luncheon" in the memo area. Call Betty Lobb at 294-6344 or see her in church to make your reservation. The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 1.



All Presbyterian Church children and Goshen Village and Town children are invited to come in **costume** to a **Trick or Treat Fun Time**.

Where: The First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, October 28, 2018

Concert at 3 PM

Reception 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Our church's Minister of Music will allow the children to view how our organ can produce mysterious and spooky sounds.



News from the Outreach

We are now back into the swing of things as the fall approaches. 47 post cards have been sent to members we have not seen in a while. If you have not seen someone in awhile, please let us know so we can send them a card to let them know we miss them.

Lisa continues to send letters to visitors thanking them for visiting our church and hoping to see them again. As a result we had a very nice letter from one visitor wishing to become a member and she appreciated the letter.

We are working on shawls and several have gone out from Lisa and me to those who need hugs. We received the following thank you cards:

On behalf of Jen and I we want to thank the Prayer Shawl Committee for the shawls we received. The comfort it brings is amazing. Nancy

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you very much for the beautiful shawls given to my sister and me after our brother, Wes Price's passing, It's been so helpful to have the shawls to comfort us during this time of sorrow. Many thanks for your generous gifts. – Laura Price Kennedy

If you like to crochet or would like to learn, please let Lisa or I know and we would be happy to teach you. We have plenty of yarn that has been donated.

There will be a **new member class on Sunday October 14th** after church in the parlor. If you are interested in joining our church family, please join us. Please let one of the committee members or Pat in the office know so we will have enough packets prepared.

The Community Dinner was hosted by the Session in August and the Masons in September. We are looking forward to the Goshen Lions Club to host in October. We are starting to set up next year's calendar and we do have some groups that have volunteered. If you are interested in hosting, please let either Grover von Pentz or me know.

Something new is starting in October and will take place on Tuesday October 9th in the parlor at 7:30 and will continue to meet on the second Tuesdays of each month. This group called, "Getting Through Together," will be an informal meeting once a month where you can come to the parlor and meet with other church and community members who are experiencing some of the same issues such as loss of a loved one, divorce, loss of a job, caring for an elderly parent, etc. Mary Kopec and Felicia Van Doran have graciously volunteered to greet you and start the conversations. If you have any questions, I know that they will be able to answer them for you.

We are always looking for new members and fresh ideas to help our congregation to grow. If you are interested, please come join us. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the parlor at 6:30 p.m.

Have a good month

Darlene Bartley - Chair

Need a Little Inspiration?!

We are ready to start our evening adult book study!

We will be reading and discussing a book called, Love Does by Bob Goff. It is a very readable book that uses humorous anecdotes to inspire us to live a fuller life in Christ's love. We hope you can join us each Thursday evening in October starting on October 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. We may be able to arrange rides for those that need one.

Please contact Mark or Paty Glasse' with questions or to let us know you are interested.

mpglasse@optonline.net

(845)325-4439 Mark's cell

(845)325-5229 Paty's cell

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE...

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog is available now in Pat's office or on the table in the Narthex. It includes a range of gifts from \$25 and up that provide meaningful items for nourishment, income producing, and continued self preservation for our neighbors in need. They can be purchased in honor of a friend or family member. The catalog can also be viewed at website: presbyteriangifts.org or to order you can call 1-800-872-3283.

The mission committee will be pooling money for a gift this Christmas.

A lasting Christmas or birthday gift!

FROM THE DEACONS...



Join us on Sunday, October 28 for a Spooktacular Coffee Hour. We'll have eyeballs, bloody fingers, vomiting pumpkins, and all manner of spooky edibles. Yum!

The Holiday Craft Fair is fast-approaching. Our annual fair and quilt show is Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Come see what the "Craft Fair Trail" is all about. You'll have the opportunity to win a gift worth \$75! We have two dozen vendors offering many homemade baked goods (think Thanksgiving dinner) and take-away soup (think soup for supper). Please come and support your Deacons.



THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ONGOING!

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

PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2018

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 **343** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2018 is \$36.83**, which is a total of **\$12,632.69** 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. Thanks for doing your share.



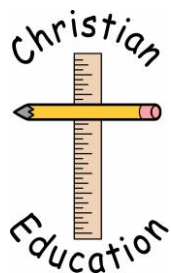
PLEASE SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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

Christian Education would like you to know:



- **Adult Education:** The next book is "Love Does" by Bob Goff. Meeting each Thursday evening in October beginning, October 4 at 7:30 in the parlor.

- **Sunday School:**

Teen Voices had a welcome back celebration complete with music, dancing and balloons for the Sunday school children. The children were surprised but they had fun.

In October the children will begin collecting Thanksgiving food for the Goshen Food Pantry.

A new classroom was created for 4, 5, and 6th grades; now all the children are together downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

We are looking for a few more Sunday school teachers to join our team. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Linda Boardman – linda.sundayschool@gmail.com

- **Teen Voices:**

Cookies for College

Teen Voices will again be sending cookies to our students away at college to let them know we are thinking of them. Please forward names and addresses to either Mark or Paty Glasse or to Pat in the office.

Contributions greatly appreciated to cover ingredients, packaging, and postage – our teens will supply the labor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Boardman

Chair Christian Education

Good evening everyone,

I have been a member of the First Presbyterian Church for 15 years, since my daughter was 3. Haley and I immediately felt like we had found our home. When I met my husband, Patrick he joined as well and then we had our twins. They had a difficult time at the beginning and the support from the church was overwhelming. Haley learned so much from the church and her Christian education, that she eventually became an active member and learned much of what she knows about how to be a good, civic minded person here. As my children got older, I began to teach Sunday school for my twins. I learned lessons, encouraged children to treat one another with grace, and talked about how to do God's work. This year my twins will be joining the Teen Voices program. I look forward to watching them grow in this program.

I encourage you to consider teaching if you can. It has been a great opportunity for me to reconnect with the bible stories that I learned as a child and the lessons connected to the stories. I got to know my children through a new lens and shape some of their views on grace, community service and kindness. If your children are grown, consider the impact you can have on helping shape the ideas of our children! If you have young children, teaching them is a great way to get to know them in another light.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve the children in this capacity for the last 8 years! If you would like to talk more about it or have questions, please feel free to reach out to me either via email or call me at 845 649-1029.

Sincerely,
Robyn Farley

Friday Night Friends (FNF)

Coming soon a new program for children in K – 6th grade.

First FNF adventure: **October 12**

Time: **Sign in 5:30-6:00 pm Program from 6pm – 8pm**

Cost: **\$ 5.00/child**

Location: **Fellowship Hall**

Theme: **Polar Blast**

FNF will meet the 2nd Friday of the month for music, games, crafts, storytelling, dinner and of course fun.

For more information, please join us on Sunday September 30th in the parlor.

After the worship service, pick up your coffee and a snack and then meet in the parlor. This information session will explain the program and answer any questions you may have.

Registration forms and sign up will also be available.

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 21, 2018

5:00 p.m.

\$32.00 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 or Tea

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

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

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| 1 | <i>Dom Fontana</i> | 20 | <i>Diane Church</i> |
| 3 | <i>Stephen Van Doran</i> | | <i>Teresa von Pentz</i> |
| 4 | <i>Brendan Donohue</i> | 23 | <i>Thomas Gruber</i> |
| 7 | <i>Anna Boese</i> | 24 | <i>Carl Johnson</i> |
| | <i>Margaret Dickover</i> | | <i>Nancy Buckley</i> |
| 9 | <i>Fred Smith</i> | | <i>Susan Whitson (Paffenroth)</i> |
| 14 | <i>Sarah McDowell</i> | 25 | <i>Taylor Panebianco</i> |
| 16 | <i>Diane George</i> | 26 | <i>Aidan Diglio</i> |
| | <i>Karen Bende</i> | 29 | <i>Loretta Gould (Richner)</i> |
| 17 | <i>Dave White</i> | 30 | <i>Wendy Donohue</i> |
| 18 | <i>Michelle White</i> | | |

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

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| 2 | <i>Mark and Christine Hahn</i> |
| 3 | <i>Wayne and Diane George</i> |
| 4 | <i>Rob and Nancy Warner</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> |



***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:

Colin Alevras
Ann (Strong) Blake
Marilyn Borth

Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla

Everyone serving in the Military

Judy Fazio

Kevin and Sara Hankins

Jennifer and Andy Hine

Rosemary Joy

David Kingsley

Jeff Kott and Natalia

James Lowry

Ruth Maney

Eileen Myslinski

Richard and Robyn Paulus

Maritya Reyes

Jennifer Serkes and Family

Louise Spencer

Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch

Christopher Tucker

Kenneth Van Etten

Doris Weinberger

Sandra Wood

Vicki Yost

Ron and Kathy Alevras

Sarah Bohling

Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs

Linda Di Meo

James, Max, and Liam Feragola

Esther Glassé

Georgia Hickey

Susan Johnson

The Keahon Family

Linda Koch

Brenda Kujawski

Karen Magee

Evelyn Mercado

Amy (Thompson) Nguye

Josephine Pecoraro

Natalie Roger

Tom Sawyer

Peggy Srirach

Danny Tucker and Family

June Vautin

Jo Wolfe

Orra Wood

Ed Berry

Susie Bohling

John Burleson

Barbara Drake

Mary Lee Farris and her sister

Barbara and George Hankins

Kris Hill

Joseph

Regina Kenny

Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy

Margo Kumpf

Kelly Magee Thrush

Richard Montalbano

Dean Oberg

Carlos and Miarose Reyes

Marge (Chasen) Rolen

Gary Smith

Kathy Stringer

Lise Suenson

Cindy Vanderplaat

The Wade Family

Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis

Phyla Wright

(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

Fall is the perfect time to visit with our God and loved ones at the Meditation Garden. 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.

5 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 OCTOBER/EARLY NOVEMBER Steward's Schedule:

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| Bill Eustance | October 1 –October 15 |
| Barbara and George Hankins | October 16 – October 31 |
| Beryl Yungman | November 1 – November 15 |

YOU can be a Steward of Our Garden on any day of the week!

We could certainly use a few extra “Helping Hands.”

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 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 2019

**Linda Boardman
Geri Corey
William Eustance
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Malcolm Stewart**

Class of 2020

**Darlene Bartley
Robyn Farley
George Hankins
Deb Hourahan
Sue Varden
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John Redman
Scott Roper**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

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