# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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### Philippians 4:1–9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

When did joy become such a difficult thing? Maybe it's always been hard and I'm just finally took notice. But as joy gets harder and harder to hang on to most days, it also feels more necessary. I grew up with the privilege of happiness, an overabundance of joy. As I found my way in this world and started to realize all the places of overabundant woe, I started to feel uncomfortable about my joyful privilege. I began to believe that, because of all of my advantages, I should only push myself to do the hardest thing with a puritanical fervor. Joy was a waste of time, a drag on my productivity and a privilege I no longer deserved. In other words, I became somewhat of a bummer to be around.

But Paul, the patron saint of try-harders and those trying to atone for their past enjoyments, writes to the Philippians of joy, from prison no less, as vital. Rejoice in the Lord always. Paul reframes joy for us in this passage from a frivolity to something that does real work. Rejoicing in the Lord, together and always, is the remedy for the divisions in their community. Joy is the antidote to their anxiety. Joy is the gateway to knowing peace.

So I stand with Paul now, calling us all to rejoice in the Lord. Not a saccharine, self-serving happiness, but a deep joy. Come join me in the hard work joy of finding God's presence in unexpected places and celebrating it.

Pastor Kingsley

## Music Notes



Things are underway. There will be a Halloween event again on Sunday, October 27. It should be even more fun than last year's. We expect to hold another Christmas carol sing-a-long on Sunday, December 22. This event has rapidly become a fixture in the Goshen community, and I'm delighted that it has struck a chord and become so popular. May it continue to grow.

The news about the organ is hopeful but sobering. We need to raise about a hundred thousand dollars more. The nationally-respected philanthropic researcher in my life is working with me, brainstorming to find major donors; if you are willing to step up and make a major gift towards the organ, that would be appreciated beyond all words. In the meantime, please continue to support our raffles and other initiatives. All of these express your love and support, and are also appreciated beyond words. Keep it all coming, and we'll get there.

Handbells and choir meet on Wednesdays this fall: handbells from 6:30 to about 7:20 in the sanctuary, and choir from 7:30 to about 8:30 in the parlor. This is a great time to join the music ministry. People are welcome from high school and up (with parental approval as appropriate). As we celebrate the last 300 years, let's not forget to plan for the next 300.

After six productive years, my tenure on the AGO's Committee on Professional Certification has come to its required close. This is how the Guild's rules work. A new chair has been appointed, and he seems to be an ideal candidate in many ways. I look forward to new ways of giving service, and am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such good colleagues.

I'm grateful to be working with you, too. Have a great fall!

Jonathan

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## **BOOK STUDY**



Our next book study will be starting on Monday, October 14 at 7:30 pm in the church parlor.

We will be reading the book WHISPER, How to Hear the Voice of

*God* by Mark Batterson. The book is available on Amazon, Barnes & Nobles or at your favorite bookstore. We plan to meet for six weeks finishing up before Thanksgiving. <u>All are welcome to join us</u> (even if you cannot make every week!)

Where do **you** hear God in **your** life?

Please let us know if you plan to join us.

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## News Notes of Presbyterian Women...

The ladies of the church met a week later in September due to Labor Day. Nine women attended the meeting.

The plaque for our former treasurer, Jean Strong has been placed by the two trees in front of the church by Jody Kopec. Thank you for your assistance in helping us with the project, Jody. Jean's daughters, Cathy Jorgensen and Anne Blake, came to see the plaque as well.

October 13 is Stewardship Sunday. As in the past, we will set up a table so that people who do not know what we do can visit our spot and talk to the ladies. If anyone has any photos of things the women have done in the church, please see Carol Gabella. She will give you her email so you can forward the photos to her for our display. Thank you in advance.

Since November 23 is the Holiday Fair, the ladies decided to once again do their bake table. Plates and dishes for your donated items will be available a few weeks before. We appreciate your donations. Also on November 21 and 22 there will be pie baking in the church kitchen for this sale. All help is greatly appreciated. Those who have collected pie plates can turn them in before hand for the sale. Again we thank the congregation for your support of this endeavor. Because of sales like this, we were able to purchase new pots and pans for the upgraded kitchen.

We once again will be collecting items to help fill Christmas boxes for our shut-ins or those who have a difficult time attending the worship services. If you know of someone who would appreciate a Christmas box, please let Carolyn Keller know with the name, address, and phone number so we can start to compile a list so we don't miss anyone.

Our next meeting is the first Monday of November at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. We invite you to join us and bring ideas with you. God bless you with a lovely autumn.

Presbyterian Women

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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. There is a box for collection on the table in the Narthex or give them to Carol Gabella.

## THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ONGOING!

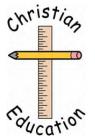
When you buy ShopRite gift cards through the church you can help fund our mission trips. The church sells gift cards at full face value, and we receive a 5% discount from ShopRite when the cards are purchased. See Mark Glasse' on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week. Any questions contact Mark at (845) 325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

## PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2019

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 **314** and *our assessment per member* (not per family) *for 2019 is \$38.80*, which is a total of *\$12,183.20* to be taken from our operating budget. **If you haven't already done so**, 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.

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## **Christian Education News:**



## **REMINDER**

### FRIDAY NIGHT FRIENDS

October 11, 2019 Registration at 5:30 p.m. Activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for Crafts, Music, Stories, and Dinner

Theme: Power Up (video games) Bring a friend for a fun filled evening!

For more information text or call Allison Csernai at 845-341-8541



## SHARE PAGE

Mitch Weintraub, a member of our congregation, wrote these poems and we would like to share them with you.

Tears of joy, tears of sorrow Get washed away by next tomorrow. Shades of grey will touch your heart. When love beats strong the gray will part. Surround yourself with good kind people. I've found mine beneath a steeple. It took some time, but I made it there. New peace, love, and kindness with the world I will share.

A road not taken, a peak not climbed, A hand not held, a heart unfurled. A life long journey filled with sorrow and pain Awaits a spark and an open flame. To rekindle a life that has always been there, Ready and willing to spread kindness everywhere. The road will be taken. The peak will be climbed. The hand will be held and the heart, the heart will be most kind.



## PAUL E. WRIGHT ORGAN FUND

With the success of our August raffle, we are pleased to report a second raffle is underway to raise funds to repair our historic organ. This fundraiser will run during the month of October and November and winners will be announced daily throughout the month of December on the church Facebook page. Once again, each ticket will be sold at a cost of \$10 each, 3 for \$25, or 5 for \$40. Would you like another 31 chances per ticket to win lovely prizes? Of course you do! Tickets are on sale now at the church office and during coffee hour.

We are also happy to report we will be doing an Avon Fundraiser beginning October 16 with sales representative, Nancy Wolff that will continue through the month of December. With the holidays fast approaching, this is a perfect opportunity to purchase gifts for the whole family. Products range from skin care, makeup, home products, and clothes. Looking for stocking stuffers? No problem! There is something for everyone. Please go to **Avon.com/fundraiser/pipeorgan** to review the catalog and place your order which will be shipped directly to your home. There is free shipping with a \$40 order. Please contact Lisa Montalbano at 845-800-0819 if you have any questions or need help placing an order. Let's make this holiday season a memorable one!



## SAVE THE DATE

## DEACONS' SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN

## **COFFEE HOUR**

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

## Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> after church



## Cookies-for-Caring

Once again, Teen Voices and the Confirmands will prepare cookie care packages for members of our congregation who are not able to join us at church. Whether they at college, in the service or physically unable to make it to church we can prepare a "thinking of you" package to let them know their FPG family is thinking of them.

We will be accepting names and addresses of people in our church family that you think need a little "caring." Please let us know by October 13.

Financial support is also welcome to offset the cost of preparing the packages and mailing them.

Please contact us with any questions.

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## TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

- 1 Dom Fontana
- 3 Stephen Van Doran
- 4 Brendan Donohue7 Anna Boese
  - Margaret Dickover
- 9 Fred Smith
- 12 Mitch Weintraub
- 14 Sarah McDowell
- 16 Diane George Karen Bende
- 17 Dave White
- 18 Michelle White

- 20 Diane Church
- Teresa von Pentz
- 23 Thomas Gruber
- 24 Carl Johnson Nancy Buckley Susan Whitson (Paffenroth)
- 25 Taylor Panebianco
- 26 Aidan Diglio
- 28 Rob Person
- 29 Loretta Gould (Richner)
- 30 Wendy Donohue

## HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

- 2 Mark and Christine Hahn
- 3 Wayne and Diane George
- 4 Rob and Nancy Warner
- 7 Christopher and Sarah Misir
- 8 Alan and Elizabeth Sproul
- 10 Adam and Sue Whitson
- 13 John and Maryellen Bruno Kyle and Amber VanGrol
- 14 Brian and Kari Taylor
- 17 Dave and Wendy Paffenroth
- 19 Bob and Lisa Montalbano
- 21 *Cliff and Darlene Bartley*
- 22 Carl and Elfriede Johnson
  - Richard and Robin Paulus
- 23 Dom and Amy Fontana

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 Tracey and Jeff Kingsley on the birth of their daughter, Ava Riley born on August 24, 2019. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. She joins sisters Layla and Olivia and brother Ethan. The proud grandpa is David Kingsley.





## **NEW OFFICE HOURS START OCTOBER 1.**

Office secretary, Pat Schwetje has asked that her hours be reduced to give her more time to pursue her many interests. Pat has been a faithful employee for 19 years and we want to accommodate her. Accordingly, as of October 1, Pat will be in the office from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.** The office will be closed on Fridays.

Pat is going to be very busy working just 16 hours a week! Please be respectful of this and the time you are taking her away from her work during your phone conversations and office visits. If you have church concerns you want to talk about to someone, please talk with Pastor Kingsley or a Session committee chair. (A list of the committees and their chairs are published below and on our website.)

If anyone needs keys to hold a church event on the weekend, they must see Pat no later than Thursday morning of that week since the office will be closed Fridays. In case of an emergency, you can call Pastor Kingsley on his cell phone at 845-551-2780.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Linda Boardman	845-665-9545	Christian Education Committee
Brad McLeland	845-782-5273	Fellowship Committee
Scott Roper	914-426-8574	Finance and Administration Committee
Barbara Thompson	914-443-3741	Fundraising Committee
Lori Kilmer	845-692-0426	Mission Committee
Ken Phelan	845-986-3203	Outreach/Communications Committee
Sue Varden	845-649-7830	Personnel Committee
Brian Meek	845-294-2859	Property Management Committee
George Hankins	845-294-8410	Worship and Music Committee







## <u>SAVE THE DATE!</u> ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR HARVEST BAKE SALE QUILT SHOW

## SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 23, 2019 9 AM to 3 PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 33 PARK PLACE

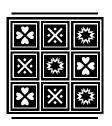
## GOSHEN NY 10924

## 294-79919-0465 (for information)

- \* Many vendors with Holiday gifts, jewelry,& crafts
- Outstanding Baked Goods and homemade soups for your Harvest Celebration
- A <u>Quilt Show</u> displayed in the Sanctuary (food item or \$1.00 for the food pantry to view them)









## **PRAYER CORNER**

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

Ron Alevras	Ed Berry	Sharlene Bischof		
Ann (Strong) Blake	Richard Brahs Children separate	ed from their mothers at the border		
Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doeh	la Linda Clark's brother, Bill DeBl	ock Barbara Cody		
Peter Coyne	Jean and Bruce Crandall	Everyone serving in the Military		
James, Max, and Liam Feragola	Mary Lee Farris and her sister	Judy Fazio		
Charles Fritz	Charlene Gooden	Barbara and George Hankins		
Kevin and Sara Hankins	Joan Howell	Susan Johnson		
Rosemary Joy	Regina Kenny	Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy		
Jeff Kott and Natalia	Brenda Kujawski	James Lowry		
Karen Magee	Kelly Magee Thrush	Evelyn Mercado		
Richard Montalbano	Kevin Murphy	Eileen Myslinski		
Amy (Thompson) Nguye	Dean Oberg	Owen		
Josephine Pecoraro	Carlos and Miarose Reyes	Carolyn Reynolds		
The Family of Paddy Ryan	Karen Saleski	Tom Sawyer		
Mary Rita Schlagel	Eva Sickler	Gary Smith		
Louise Spencer Sue Stenson's brother-in-law		Kathy Stringer		
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia	Christopher Tucker			
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEm	Kenneth Van Etten			
The Wade Family	Jerry Westphal	Sue Whitson		
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 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.

## "OPUS" (8-piece horn band) to perform

## Benefit Concert for Garden Maintenance on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Make your plans NOW to attend this fun-filled evening of classic "Horn Band" music... Chicago, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Mo Town and More! All for a very good cause!

## Consider a Donation to Support Your Meditation Garden

Your garden operates on 100% donations (not part of the church's operating budget). Consequently, any and all donations will be used to maintain and beautify your garden. Remember, eventually we will need to construct a 2<sup>nd</sup> columbarium wall.

## Only 4 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:

Bill Eustance Barbara and George Hankins Bill Eustance October 1 – October 15 October 16 – October 31 November 1- November 15

## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

## 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 Steward's 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**

<u>Class of 2020</u> George Hankins Deb Hourahan Barbara Thompson Sue Varden Rob Warner <u>Class of 2021</u> Mark Glassé Bill Hodges Lori Kilmer Ken Phelan John Redman Scott Roper <u>Class of 2022</u> Linda Boardman Geri Corey William Eustance Brad McLeland Brian Meek Rob Person

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

<u>Class of 2020</u> Diane Church Carol Gabella Jane Geyer Gina Gruber Mary Kopec Betty Lobb Charlie von Pentz <u>Class of 2021</u> Michael Coyne Allison Csernai Don Dinsmore Patrick Ellis Paty Glassé Barbara Schust George Schust <u>Class of 2022</u> Liese Boese Margaret Dickover Jon Hourahan Jody Kopec Logan Quick Felicia Van Doran Mitch Weintraub

**Co -Moderators of Deacons: Presbyterian Women:**  **Carol Gabella and Paty Glassé** 

### <u>STAFF</u>

Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County

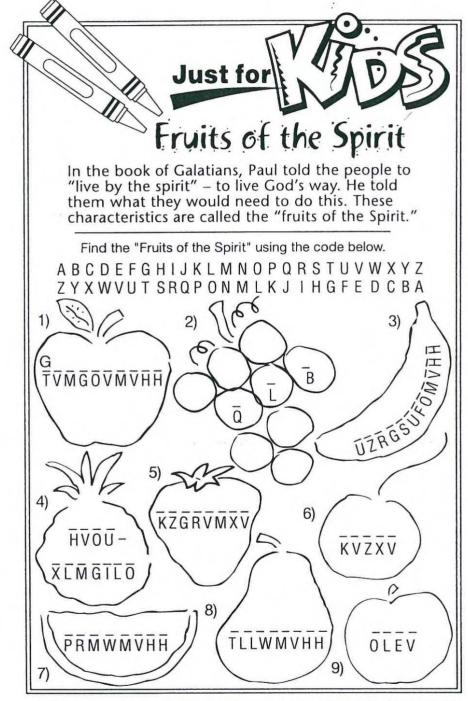
### First Presbyterian Church Goshen-NY, Holidays in United States

Oct 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
9:30am - Church	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9am - AA @ B	9:30am - AA @ B
9:30am - Worship/C	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	1 p m - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	7 p m - AA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - Audubon	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - NAMI@B	8:30pm - AA @ B
2pm - NAMI @ FH		6:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - Bell Choir	6pm - NA @ FH		
		6:30pm - NAMI @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B	7pm - Communion		
			7:30pm - Choir			
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9:30am - Worship/C	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - Food
10:30am - Coffee	6:30pm - PW	10am - Bible Study	6:30pm - Bell Choir	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - Friday Night	1 p m - AA @ B
11am - Deacons	7pm - AA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - NAMI @ B		6pm - NAMI @ B	5:30pm - Communit
2pm - NAMI @ FH	7:30pm - Book	6:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - OutReach			8:30pm - AA @ B
			7:30pm - Choir			
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9:30am - Worship/C	Holiday/Office	9:30am - Food	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	1 p m - AA @ B
10:30am - Stewards	9am - AA @ B	12pm - Clergy Mtg.	6:30pm - Bell Choir	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - NAMI@B	6pm - Tricentenial
2pm - NAMI @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - NAMI @ B			8:30pm - AA @ B
	6:30pm - NA @ FH	6:30pm - Mark	7:30pm - Choir			
	7pm - AA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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9:30am - Church	9am - AA @ FH	9am - AA @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	9am - Inspire @ FH	12:30pm - NA @ B	9:30am - AA @ B
9:30am - Worship/C	12:30pm - NA @ FH	9:30am - Food	6:30pm - Bell Choir	12:30pm - NA @ B	6pm - NAMI @ B	1 p m - AA @ B
10:30am - Coffee	7pm - AA @ FH	10am - Bible Study	6:30pm - NAMI @ B			4pm - NA Halloween
2pm - NAMI @ FH	7:30pm - Book	12:30pm - NA @ FH	7:30pm - Choir			8:30pm - AA @ B
		6:30pm - NA @ B	7:30pm - Session @			
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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11am - Fundraising	7pm - AA @ B	6:30pm - NA @ B	6:30pm - NAMI @ B	12:30pm - NA @ B		
11:30am - Teen	7:30pm - Book		7:30pm - Choir	6pm - Food Pantry		
2pm - NAMI @ B						

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Make a 0 Snack You will need: fresh or canned fruit apples oranges bananas cherries grapes pineapple melon toothpicks How to make it: 1. Open cans and drain juice. 2. Cut fresh fruit in chunks or slices. (Tip: To keep fresh fruit from turning brown, soak it in lemon-lime soda pop!) 3. Arrange pieces of fruit on toothpicks. Share with family or friends!



Gentleness, Joy, Faithfulness, Self-Control, Patience, Peace, Kindness, Coodness, Love