

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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The organ recital series began on July 11 and has continued since then. So far, it has been a success, with a steady and solid attendance and very good feedback.

The Lord said that a city on a hill cannot be hidden...that no one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel (Matt. 5:14-15). Isn't a pipe organ in a similar situation? How do you hide the largest and loudest musical instrument in the world?

In other words, shouldn't we be sharing this great instrument that we have now restored with so much care and love...and so many contributions? Why not make it an instrument of community? An instrument of *peace*? "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace." Amen!

I'm always delighted to see members and old friends of the church attend the recitals, but there is also a wonderful, steady group of new friends...non members. This shows, I think, that music speaks directly to the human spirit, and can bring people together without judgment or conflict. I hope I can keep the focus on that.

The organ project still isn't finished. Austin is reliable and respected, but there are apparently serious labor issues for the Hartford-based company. Our final items are, I am told, done and ready to transport and install. I am concerned, as we all are, that this happen soon. I am in regular contact with the company and will see this through.

At the service on September 17, George Hankins gave a magnificent testimony about his love of the choir at First. I was touched beyond words. Please take his advice to heart and consider joining us!

I'm reading *Singing the Faith* by Carl Schalk, a distinguished Lutheran sacred musician. Subtitled "A Short Introduction to Christian Hymnody," it covers the proverbial waterfront from the Book of Psalms to the recent "hymn explosion" of the last decades. It doesn't address contemporary music *per se*—this involves different cultural assumptions, forms, genres, and instruments—but it is, so far at least, an excellent summary and introduction of what, for most of us, constitutes the enduring foundation of Christian musical expression.

I'll have more to say when I'm finished!

At the end of October, I will remember forty years since my father died—too young. I have always been his "spitting image," and this makes me happier the older I get. Sometimes, when I walk down

the office hallway at church and see myself in that antique mirror, I am actually startled by the resemblance. "Honor thy father and mother" isn't just a commandment, it's also *thy* destiny.

Blessings,

Jonathan

Prayer Chain

It is vital for any congregation to be in prayer for the church and for individuals affiliated with the church who have a need for God's intervention in some way. This is why churches such as ours have prayer chains. But the prayer requests must stay current if individuals are to be asked to pray for everyone on the list. We have changed the way we update the prayer chain. Once a request has been made for a member of the church, a friend, a neighbor, a family member, etc. to be met with prayer, that name will remain on the prayer chain list for 2 months. If you want continued prayers for another 2 months, please contact the church office to make that request. Use the church email address fpgoshen@gmail.com or phone the office with your request at 845-294-7991.



PRAYER CHAIN

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:

*Mitch Weintraub's brother, Keith
Lorraine – recovering from brain cancer
Trey Long – diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer that has metastasized to his liver
Christian Valentine (friend of Ken Skyer)
Ken Skyer*

Supply Ministers for October

October 1 – Lynn Costa

October 8 – Bill Powers

October 15 – Bill Powers

October 22 – Jody Kopec

October 29 – Jody Kopec



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First Presbyterian Church Yard Sale is Back!

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Saturday, October 28, 2023, 9am – 2pm; setup 8 am

(No Rain Date)

Bring your items to sell, we will do the advertising!

Cost of 12' x 12' space is \$30 + \$30 deposit

Deposit to be refunded when your space is cleaned
(please provide a separate check)

Limit 2 tables per space

Tables are available to rent at \$10.00 each

Please return the completed form to First Presbyterian Church of Goshen,

33 Park Place, Goshen 10924

Deadline to Register is October 15, 2023

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	
# of spaces at \$30 each	
#of tables at \$10 each	
Deposit	\$30.00 (refundable)
Total	\$

Please write checks to The First Presbyterian Church. Please write a separate check for \$30 for the deposit/clean up. It will be returned at the end of the day once your area is cleaned.

Questions: Barbara Schust at 845-728-3378 or Church Office 845-294-7991

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Dom Fontana</i>	20	<i>Diane Church</i>
4	<i>Brendan Donohue</i>		<i>Teresa von Pentz</i>
	<i>Sheila Heal</i>	24	<i>Carl Johnson</i>
7	<i>Anna Boese</i>		<i>Nancy Buckley</i>
	<i>Margaret Dickover</i>		<i>Susan Whitson (Paffenroth)</i>
12	<i>Mitch Weintraub</i>	25	<i>Taylor Panebianco</i>
16	<i>Diane George</i>	28	<i>Rob Person</i>
	<i>Karen Bende</i>	30	<i>Wendy Donohue</i>

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

3	<i>Wayne and Diane George</i>
4	<i>Rob and Nancy Warner</i>
8	<i>Alan and Elizabeth Sproul</i>
10	<i>Adam and Sue (Paffenroth) Whitson</i>
13	<i>John and Maryellen Bruno</i>
17	<i>Dave and Wendy Paffenroth</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.*

Pastoral Care

While we are without a permanent pastor, John Redman will handle any pastoral care requests.

You can reach him at 914-474-0722.

Did you know that Session meetings are open to church members. If you are a member, you are welcome to attend regular meetings of the Session which are currently held in parlor on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m.

If you attend a Session meeting to express concern about a topic that is before the Session, please let the Clerk and the Moderator know of your desire to speak prior to the start of the meeting.

Financial Commitments

If you haven't made a financial commitment for 2023 but would like to support this congregation in fulfilling its work of worship, education, mission, outreach, care and fellowship, consider making a pledge using a commitment card found on the table in the Narthex or see Deb Hourahan.

Please Pay Your Per Capita Assessment For 2023

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 **206** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2023 is \$39.70**, which is a total of **\$8,178.20** 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, 2023. Thanks for doing your share.

Electronic Giving Cards

There are giving cards for use during the offertory for those who give electronically each week/month/year. Your gifts are meaningful and necessary, and you should be able to participate in our weekly presentation of our offerings to the Lord.

Livestreaming Worship

If you are unable to join us in person for worship, watch on our YouTube channel.
If you need help finding the Livestream, use the link on our Weekly Tower Tie.

Please Be Advised That We Do Live Stream Our Worship Services.

The Live Stream camera generally captures the first 4-5 (rarely 7-8) rows of the sanctuary in its feed. Normally we only see the back of your head. If you would rather stay out of camera range, please know that we do not capture the seating under the balcony (on either side) and we don't capture the back rows at all. Regarding the Children's Message: We keep the camera zoomed out. As children leave to go to Sunday school, we will pan up to the stained glass windows so no children's faces are caught on camera.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will continue on Sundays after the worship service during the summer. Coffee hour hosts are needed. Please contact Diane Church at dianeschurch@gmail.com or (845) 294-5398 if you would be willing to host one week. There is also a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. **The last Sunday of each month we are asking the congregation to host coffee hour. Please bring something to share on that Sunday.**

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden



OCTOBER UPDATE

This time of the year is especially inviting at the garden!

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.

The Memorial Columbarium

All niches in the memorial columbarium wall are sold. The congregation will need to consider if constructing a second/third wall is desired and/or financially possible. If it is, a new, current estimate for the work will need to be created, considered, approved and work coordinated.

“Stewards of Our Garden”

Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards who work hard to keep our garden beautiful!

The OCTOBER and early NOVEMBER Steward's Schedule:

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

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

If you'd like to help maintain our garden, just see Pat in the church office to sign-up and be added to our Steward's schedule.

Call the church office (845-294-7991) for any information you need about
The Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to be a welcoming, loving church family united by our faith and committed to service in Christ.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2024

**Marlene Gaynor
George Hankins
Bill Powers
Mal Stewart**

Class of 2025

**Diane Church
Jody Kopec
Scott Roper
Felicia Van Doran**

Class of 2026

**Jennifer Ellis
Michael Coyne
Jon Hourahan
Kevan Ottochian**

Clerk of Session: Felicia Van Doran

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2024

**Allison Csernai
Patrick Ellis
Bill Keller
Barbara Schust
George Schust**

Class of 2025

**Cecile Ayres
Michael Csernai
Carol Gabella
Jennifer Serkes**

Class of 2026

**Diana Bowe
Carolyn Keller
Cheryl Zis
Sam Fontana**

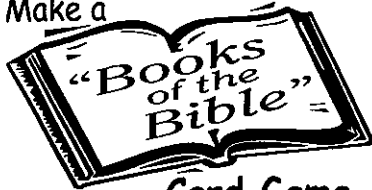
Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller

STAFF

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

THE KID'S PAGE

Make a



Card Game

Here's a fun card game you can make and play with others or by yourself. It's a great way to learn the books of the Bible.

You will need:

- ☐ a Bible
- ☐ 68 note cards
- ☐ a marker or pen

Mark

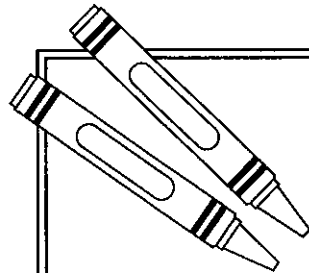
Genesis

How to make the cards:

1. Write *Old Testament* on one card.
2. Write *New Testament* on another card.
3. Open your Bible to a list of the books.
4. Write one book name on each of the other cards. You should have a card for each book.

How to play the game:

1. Lay the cards marked *Old Testament* and *New Testament* face up on the table. Leave room so that columns of cards can be placed below them.
2. Shuffle the other cards and then deal them face down to the other players. Deal all the cards.
3. Take turns, starting with the dealer. Turn over the top card in your pile and place it in the correct column - *Old* or *New Testament*.
4. Continue until all the cards are in columns. There should be 39 cards in the *Old Testament* column and 27 in the *New Testament* column.
5. For added fun arrange the cards in the order they're in the Bible.
6. Use your Bible to check your answers.



Just for

KIDS

The Books of the Bible Seek and Find

All of the books of the Bible are hidden in this puzzle
There are 39 from the Old Testament and 27 from the
New Testament. Use your Bible to help you find the names.
Circle each one. The names can go → ← ↓ ↑ ↘.

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The answer is on our Web site: www.NewsletterNewsletter.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am - Church School 9:30am - Worship Service @ S 10:30am - Coffee Hour @ FH 10:30am - Worship/Music Comm.	2 12:30pm - NA @ B	3 9:30am - Food Pantry Shelving 12:15pm - Organ Recital @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - PNC @ B	4 4:30pm - Mission Committee @ 6:30pm - NA @ B	5 6:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal @ P 7:30pm - NA @ FH	6 12:30pm - NA @ B	7
8 9:30am - Church School 9:30am - Worship Service @ S 10:30am - Coffee Hour @ FH 10:30am - Deacon's Mtg. @ B	9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 12:30pm - NA @ B	10 9:30am - Food Pantry Shelving 12:15pm - Organ Recital @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - PNC @ B	11 7:30pm - Finance Committee @ P	12 6:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal @ S 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal @ P	13 12:30pm - NA @ B	14 9am - Food Pantry @ FH 9am - Illuminate Goshen @
15 Tower Tie Articles Due 9:30am - Church School 9:30am - Worship Service @ S 10:30am - Coffee Hour @ FH	16 12:30pm - NA @ B	17 9am - GAPNS Photos @ B 9:30am - Food Pantry Shelving 12:15pm - Organ Recital @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - PNC @ B	18 9am - GAPNS Photos @ B 7pm - Session @ P	19 6:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal @ P	20 12:30pm - NA @ B	21 5:30pm - NA Dance @ FH
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29 9:30am - Church School 9:30am - Worship Service @ S 10:30am - Coffee Hour @ FH	30 10am - GAPNS @ FH 12:30pm - NA @ B	31 Halloween 9:30am - Food Pantry Shelving 10am - GAPNS @ FH 12:15pm - Organ Recital @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - PNC @ B	1 First Day of American Indian 6:30pm - NA @ B	2 6:30pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal @ P 7:30pm - NA @ FH	3 12:30pm - NA @ B	4