

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How are you at speffing? When I was young, I used to think that I was a good speller. Then, in ninth grade, I met Mr. Furnekeese who quickly dispelled (pun!) that notion. Now I rely on spell checker, a quick speffing reference dictionary, and little memory jingles I learned years ago, such as, “*I before e except after c.*” One of my well-used jingles is, “There’s a *rat* in *separate*.” As I was reflecting about this month’s newsletter article, that jingle about *separate* came to mind. My topic this month is spirituality and our lives. If you ask someone about his or her faith life or relationship with God, you often hear the following responses: “I’m spiritual but not religious.” “My spirituality is private. I’m not like church people.” These answers have come from Christians and non-Christians alike. They have created a separation within their minds that can often have confusing results in their lives. The separation of life and spirituality, of spirituality and religion, “has a rat in it.”

Of course, as human beings, we have created boundaries and separations in all of our life and experience. We learned to do this during the Enlightenment when human knowledge and understanding began to flourish. To make it easier to understand all the new information that was being discovered, categories were created. For instance, science became separated into chemistry, physics, and biology. Mathematics became arithmetic, algebra, and calculus. As human knowledge grew, so did our categories, which became a means for organizing and learning all of this new and amazing knowledge. The categories have persisted throughout the centuries, with many new ones being created. But one of the fallouts of this way of learning is that the separation of knowledge into categories has been assumed by some to be real and to be a valid form for looking at and living life. For instance, it’s helpful when choosing your college courses to be able to separate your humanities classes from your science classes, and then your chemistry class from your physics class.

The rat shows up when we begin to believe that the separation is actual, in other words, that biology has nothing to do with physics, or chemistry has nothing to do with painting, or music has nothing to do with mathematics. I know students who have become irate that their laboratory reports were graded for spelling and grammar saying, “What’s that have to do with chemistry?” Categories are meant to be helps for our minds, but they are not a reflection of reality as it is in itself. Faith, religion, and spirituality are no different. Here again we have created separations so that we can grasp knowledge, and we have then believed that these separations are actual and real. For instance, how many of us separate our church life from our daily life or separate spirituality from our overall perspective for living? In this case, the separation goes something like this: “I have my spiritual life and my real life.” “Spirituality is for religious people, not for regular people like me.” “I’m spiritual, but I’m not interested in religion or any dogma.” Such separations have a portion of truth in them as well as the rat of thinking that we can create separations and think that they are real.

As all those who study a subject long enough to master it know, when you begin to truly enter into your topic, you realize that it is connected to everything else in the world. You move from basic knowledge, of which you struggle to grasp ideas and details, to a deeper knowledge with its roots in wisdom and connection. When we begin to move from basic knowledge to the beginnings of wisdom, then we see that the rat disappears—we begin to see things in their connectedness. We see that music and mathematics are intimately connected. And a great example for this connectedness exists today between the discoveries of the astrophysicists concerning the universe and Christian wisdom and thought.

So what's my point? Just this. Spirituality is about all of life, not just what you do on Sunday morning or what a few monks do in a monastery. Spirituality, at its most basic understanding, is what we do with the energy, gifts, life force, troubles, failures, frustrations, successes, and joys of life. Christian spirituality asks how are we living with all of these things in a relationship with God, others, and ourselves. Our role model, of course, is Jesus. Did he separate his life into "my work for God" and "my downtime?"

Try to imagine for yourself what Jesus' life would have looked like if he had separated his life into categories. His life would have looked broken and fractured and would have lacked the great unifying thread of a life filled with faith and love. He wouldn't have been Jesus at all. Spirituality asks the same of us. Is our life fractured and broken? Do we have a great unifying thread that connects us with the living God? Do we have a sense of the unity of life, of our lives with others and within ourselves? This is the great task of the spiritual quest. To come to that place of mature understanding, where we are no longer separating life into little categories and thinking they are real but, rather, seeing the wholeness of life and our part in helping that wholeness grow within ourselves, others, and the community because of our connection with God. When seen like this, spirituality becomes the bedrock of our lives, the river out of which all of our energies, gifts, and abilities grow outward into our lives. No longer is it something strange, a category for a few to understand, but it becomes our own way of being in this world, rooted in the example and life of Jesus.

So, as your garden flourishes, as your vacation "rocks," as your work continues, as your struggles confront you, as life in all of its variety meets you, remember that it is your spirituality that is the bedrock for all of it. It's not sep-a-rate at all!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Kingsley

New Worship Time

9:30 A.M.

Sunday school will take place during the worship hour with the children leaving worship following the lesson for young disciples.

***The Wednesday at the Well Service will resume on
September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary***

*You are invited to come for a time of quiet meditation and, if you choose, you can receive personal prayer, oil anointing, and votive candle lighting and personal prayer.
We end each evening with Holy Communion.*

THE CYCLE OF LIFE CONTINUES—SUMMER SHIFTS INTO FALL

Here we find ourselves once again, leaving summer and all its warmth and bounty and moving into the beginnings of fall. September is a transition month for the seasons, giving us perhaps Indian summer, yet twinges of color are high atop the trees. We return to our fall routines rested, refreshed, and ready for the next cycle in our lives.



Christian Education Sunday kicks off on September 13. Our church youth are all settled into the next school grade, home life has resumed a more normal schedule with getting up and out the door every day, and our Christian education program begins. We also have a new service time, which is 9:30 a.m. The congregation has expressed its desire to have the service at this time so that we can worship and still have the remainder of the day for family activities.

Our music ministry also shifts into high gear once again. Our choir begins its Thursday evening rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. as we prepare the introits, anthems, and hymns for the worship services. In addition, interest has been expressed in making a fresh start with assembling a bell choir to enhance our music ministry during our worship services this fall. And we are still scouting out instrumentalists to help us. I have spent time this summer looking at ways to make our services more creative, artistic, and interesting. When we combine the arts and music, it can help us to deepen our understanding of spirituality, see our lives in new ways, and lead us to experience God's love for us more profoundly.



It is a time for being creative, renewing how we worship and serve, and for reviving the spirit. I am reminded of the verse of an old hymn from my youth:

*“Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.”*

Well, it's time to come together again after a nice hot summer, catch up, renew friendships, and fellowship with one another at the coffee hour. I look forward to seeing everyone back in the pews on Sunday mornings, singing hymns, praying, and worshipping together.

Robert Clooney

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Chancel Choir

I encourage you to move out of your comfort zone (the church pew) and join with us as the choir supports the congregation in singing the hymns, preparing us for worship with an introit, and ministering in word and music with the anthem. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., starting on September 10. We need your voice; won't you join us?

Instrumentalists

If you play an instrument at school, please let me know so that we can work together and plan something for our worship services this fall.

Bell Choir

We are ready to begin this fall with a bell choir workshop. I invite you to give the bells a try even if you have never played before. It's easy. You do not have to read music; you just have to know your left from your right hand. Many have expressed a desire to ring but have commitments that crop up during the year on Thursday evenings. So try this solution:



ALERT!!!!

COMMITMENT PHOBIA IS RAMPANT

R_x Take one three-session module of bell ringing, then ring together at our worship service on the next Sunday morning.

If you have fears of being able to commit or ring, this is the easy solution. Three short weeks and you're done. But once you experience the fun and fellowship as we ring our way through the music, you may be hooked. Give it a try!

Just let me know right away so that I can have your music ready for you, pick out the bell that you are going to ring, and get you all set up. You'll be cured in no time.

Appointment times:	Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Ring for Worship	Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Robert Clooney

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The Great American Weekend is long over, but it almost wasn't so great. The amusement rides at the GOVAC lot is a source of income for the church operating budget. However, there was a major obstacle that would have jeopardized this anticipated revenue source. The Village of Goshen's Building Inspector must review the site for safety related concerns before issuing a temporary Certificate of Occupancy. This is a procedural requirement enforced by the Building Code. During the inspection, a dead tree was encountered and the Building Inspector mandated the removal of the tree. This was relayed to the church on Wednesday evening, July 1. By 12:00 p.m. the following day, the tree was removed at a minimal cost to the church.

On behalf of the church Finance Committee, I would like to thank Alan Jorgensen for his efforts in coordinating the removal of the tree, personally relocating the vendor's trailers to allow access for the tree removal, and the disposal of the tree itself in record time. This was truly a huge effort and without Alan's assistance this would have jeopardized the operating budget. I would also like to thank Greenwood Tree Services (Chester, NY 469-5393), for their cooperation in prioritizing the removal of the tree.

On behalf of The First Presbyterian Church, thank you!
Bill Hodges

Presbyterian Women (PW) News Notes

The summer (a wet one) has flown by, but we hope you enjoyed it even if many days were moist.

The women met at the home of Gina Gruber on July 25 for a summer get-together. All had a lovely afternoon, and we thank Gina for her hospitality.

Our next gathering will be on Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be a welcome-back dinner. Each person is asked to bring something to share (as we are famous for our pot lucks). We will discuss the rest of the year's events and enjoy an evening of fine food and fellowship. This is open to all the women in the church, so please come out and join us.

Mark your calendars for November 21, which is the craft fair day during which we hold our bake sale. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up on everyone's lives. See you on September 14.

Wendy Paffenroth
Secretary

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Red Door Thrift Shop at 36 St. John Street in Goshen is desperately in need of volunteers to help with sorting, arranging, and selling as much as three hours/week or as little as four hours/month. Our little shop services many needy and not-so-needy people in Goshen and surrounding towns. The proceeds of the shop have, for the past 35 years, gone toward scholarships for the Goshen Area Day Care. For more information, please call Claudia Johnson at 651-4398 or Peggy vonPentz at 294-6451.

NEWS FROM FUNDRAISING

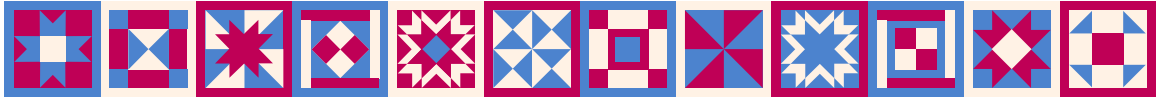
Plans are underway to sell hot dogs, French fries, and drinks during the Goshen Firemen's Parade on Saturday, September 5. Selling will take place from 12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., or until we run out of food! Many hands make light work, so if you have not yet offered to assist in this event, please do so now! Call Loretta Richner at 294-8206 to let her know if you will help. The money earned from this event is targeted to go toward the repair of the windows in the church.

A meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13, to discuss ideas for ways to raise money for the church. It would be great to hear some new proposals for this purpose! We will have sandwiches while we talk over plans for fundraising. Please come to share your ideas!

PRESBY CRAFTERS NEEDED!!

Calling all Presby Crafters!! We are looking for donations of NEW crafts, made by our congregation and friends, that we may sell at the craft fair in November. The proceeds from this will be used for repairs of our church.

If you have questions, would like to donate crafts, or have time available to sit and work our table, please call Lori Turner at 692-8660, or e-mail her at monkeybusiness@frontiernet.net.



CALLING ALL QUILTS...

We will again host a quilt show in the sanctuary during the craft fair. The date is November 21. Please start checking around to see if you have a quilt you would like to display that day. The money raised helps the food pantry, which we know can use a boost at that time of the year.

The show was so well received this past year that people are still asking if we plan to have it again, so with your help, let's make it bigger and better. All help from the congregation is more than welcome, so plan to donate an hour or two of your time, sit and greet our guests, and enjoy the beauty of the handmade creations that fill our church. In October, I will be collecting names of those who want to display for the day and those who think they might want to help.

Last year, the sanctuary looked like a Christmas card, and many people commented on the peace and tranquility they felt just walking among the beautiful creations. Some said they were sorry they didn't bring their children to see them.

See me anytime if you are interested.

Thank you,

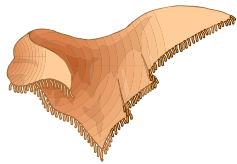
Wendy Paffenroth
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THANK YOU FROM THE GABELLAS

Laura and I wish to thank all of the many wonderful people of the church who either said a prayer, sent a note, or helped us at home during Albert's illness. The Presbyterian Women's luncheon after the funeral was just absolutely great; a wonderful labor of love from all who worked and contributed food. We are very touched with your kind outpourings of help and support. Thanks so much!

Carol and Laura Gabella



HUG HAPPENINGS **News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)**

The shawl group did not meet during the summer months, as we all seemed to be going in many directions. Shawls were made, though, and some were given out. The group will decide in September on a time to get together again, as we don't want to lose what we started. This September marks the **second anniversary** of this ministry with over four hundred shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets made and distributed to many places. (Not to mention the scarves, mittens, and hats for this year's Giving Tree.) This is quite an accomplishment for just a few hands. Congratulations, ladies. You have done so much with just a hook, some yarn, and the desire to help others.

Late in the spring, a friend of mine told me about her friend and daughter who were having a tough time. The daughter, Patricia, age 27, was in a serious horseback-riding accident and landed on ice in December in Washington, DC. She was in the hospital for many weeks with a brain injury. Her family lived in Goshen. I understand that she may not have her sense of smell or taste for the rest of her life. It was a terrible time for her family as well, being a distance from their injured daughter.

I decided that a couple of shawls might help them get through these dark days. I didn't know their favorite colors but decided on a pink one of friendship for the mother, Ann Marie, and a blue one of healing for the daughter, Patricia. I would like to share the letter they sent to me recently.

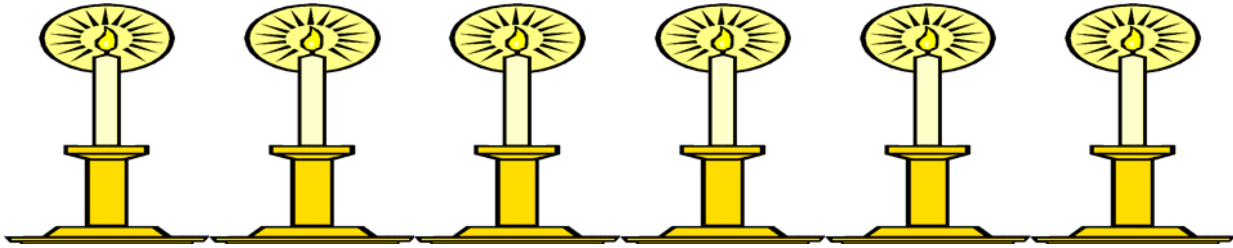
“Dear Wendy, Thank you so very much for the prayer shawls that your group made for Patricia and me. Pam gave them to me at a time when I thought my world was collapsing. I cannot express the feeling that came over me when I opened the beautiful bag. I opened the pink and white shawl (my favorite color) and cried as I read through the wonderful prayers. I want you to know how truly grateful I am, and I keep it on my bed and wear it when I pray. Patricia was also truly amazed...‘How did you know that blue is my favorite color?’ Please let everyone in your ministry know that we appreciate all of the prayers. They are helping. My daughter is slowly recovering. It will be awhile, but she is regaining some of her personality and wit. She is still dealing with head pain and will for about a year. Thank you again. May God continue to bless each in your group and your families. All my best, Ann Marie.”

Each time one of these cards or notes comes in, a lump rises in your throat as you read through it. We **are** making a difference in so many people's lives. We are spreading joy where there is hopelessness. This ministry is doing such good, *that we must continue.*

We sincerely appreciate the help and support from our congregation. Remember, we gladly accept gift bags and tissue paper so that each gift is presented in a beautiful package. Of course, yarn is always welcomed as well. Remember, too, if you need a shawl, lap robe, or baby blanket, stop by the church and Pat can direct you to our “shawl storage.” There are many choices of prayers in folders, so you can pick something appropriate for the receiver.

Free lessons are always available from our group, and we would love to have new members. Watch the bulletin for dates and times of our meetings. Thank you again.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth
Journal Keeper, PSM



SPREAD the LIGHT....the word of our Lord! Sign up to serve your church as an acolyte. All children of the congregation in Grade 3 through confirmation age are eligible to serve as acolytes as long as:

a) YOU TAKE IT SERIOUSLY

This is an opportunity to serve God and your congregation. The candles are a very symbolic part of our worship service...they represent the presence of Jesus Christ “lighting” our way as we worship together.

b) YOU ARE DEPENDABLE

If you sign up for a week, please make every effort to honor your commitment AND be on time. Acolytes need to be in church NO LATER than 9:15 a.m. You will be dismissed from Sunday school a few minutes early to extinguish the candles at the end of the worship service.

Yes, I want to be an acolyte

Name _____ Phone # _____
 GRADE _____

I understand that if I sign up to be an acolyte I will be at church that Sunday no later than 9:15 a.m. and that I will remain in Sunday school until the end of the worship service to extinguish the candles. I also understand that if an emergency arises and I cannot be there for one of my weeks, I will make every effort to find a substitute AND I will notify Mrs. Wade (294-0583) or the church office as early as possible before that Sunday.

 Student Signature

 Parent Signature

Dates I can be available: (please circle as many as you can. You will be notified as to which weeks you will serve as acolyte.)

September	6	13	20	27	
October	4	11	18	25	
November	1	8	15	22	29
December	6	13	20	27	

PLEASE RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE or put in the offering plate during worship.



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	Jefferson and Rich Billings	Karen and Paige Brooks
Haley Buckley	Sarah Burrows	Cheryl Campbell and Family
Mary Carr	Barbara Caruso	Susan Caslick
Nancy Chase	Dan Conley	Grace Cook
Ethan Cox	Bruce and Jean Crandall	Phyllis Cummings
Sylvester Damiani	Mary DeFreece	Bob Dennis
Amy DePew	Joshua DePew	Joe Destefano
Everyone serving in the Military	Pat Farley	Kevin Fenner
Steve Fischbein	Ben Fisher	Gabby
The Family of Albert Gabella	Fran Genovese	The George Family
Matt Gould	Ann Graham	Mary Gray Griffith
Barbara and George Hankins	Kevin and Sara Hankins	Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen
Merriebeth Kennedy	The Family of Brian Kilpatrick	Kim
Carol Kingsley	Evelyn Kingsley	Lyndsay Krutki
Liz LaMontanaro's mother	Gloria Lupenski	Margaretta Macica
The Family of Melissa Martucci	The Family of Anita McCarthy	Evelyn Mercado
Jeff Monroe	Lisa and Bob Montalbano	Richard Mudrick and Family
Eileen Myslinski	Richard Nash	Toni Neidel's mother
Robert Neil	Nina and Jason	Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Janet Oberg	Ann Ott	Amy Pemberton
Peter	The Family of Marina Petersen	The Family of Madeline Pillmeier
Jack Richner	Trudi Roach	Robyn
Dorothy Rose	Kevin Ross	Robert Ruckdeschel
Ted Sandstrom	Kevin Schuler	Fred Schwarz
Barbara Scott and Family	Marguerite Shaw	Valerie Simonian
Ken Skyer and Family	Walter and Louise Spencer	Peggy Srirach
The Smith Family	Bill and Jean Strong	Shawn Thatcher
Braiden Thew	Judy Thompson	Fannie and George Tietz
The Family of Christine Tonic	Donna Totton	Brenda Travers
Lori Turner	Kim Valentini and Family	Kenya VanZandt
Wendy Bynum-Wade and Family	Jean Wade	Orra and Dale Wood
Paul and Phyla Wright	Judy Yendall	Cheryl and Rebecca Zis

(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.)

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Every year the Presbytery of the Hudson Valley charges every member church an assessment according to the current active membership. Our recorded active membership number is currently **377** and our assessment per member (not per family) for **2009 is \$26.42**, which is a total of **\$9,960.34** 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.



EXTRA MILE GIVING TREE

Our Extra Mile Giving Tree still stands in the Narthex and continues to be a great source of giving opportunity for many of our members and friends. Check out the Giving Tree located on the table by the front entrance and make your donation toward a special project of your choice. There are envelopes beneath the tree and can be used to either mail back to the church or place in the offering plate. **Thanks for you support.**

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden September Update

The meditation garden is officially open to all, every day and every evening. If you have not spent a moment there at night with the lighting on, we'd encourage the experience.

Sixteen niches in the columbarium wall are available for sale. Each double-niche is 11¼ inches cubed and allows for either double or single interment...a remarkable value.

Four purchase options are now available to help make owning a niche more affordable:

Payment in Full = \$2,500

12-Month Payment Option = \$255/month for 12 months

24-Month Payment Option = \$125/month for 24 months

36-Month Payment Option = \$90/month for 36 months

Consider purchasing an inscribed memorial paver to honor and remember a loved one. Pavers are only \$100 each, and our garden has plenty of room to expand. *This is a non-denominational meditation space and is open to everyone!* Continued contributions toward flowers are also gladly accepted!

We are NOW looking to establish a team of people who will be:

“Stewards of the Garden”

There will be groups (of either one person or a couple) who will be responsible for visiting the garden one week every other month and performing required, light maintenance like pulling out weeds, raking some mulch, general cleanup, etc. It is an ideal way for retirees or anyone who enjoys gardening to help with regular, ongoing maintenance to keep this beautiful space beautiful.

Please see Pat at the church office (294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George for any additional information you may need.

Peace and love,

Wayne and Diane George
(914) 213-4093

A GIFT OF YOURSELF

Every Sunday members of the church help us worship by serving as Greeters or Lay Readers. Please sign-up as part of your contribution to the church. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or contact Orra Wood at 374-6611.

GREETERS – Usually a family, couple or two individuals. Arrive around 9:00 a.m. and greet worshipers in the Narthex.

LAY READER – Assists Reverend Kingsley in the worship service by reading some of the service segments and the First Testament Lesson or the Gospel Lesson. The Lay Reader's part is available in the church office on the Tuesday preceding the service or it can be e-mailed directly to you.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Rebecca Boardman</i>	17	<i>Daniel Serkes</i>
	<i>Elfriede Johnson</i>		<i>Grace Skyer</i>
3	<i>Leslie Faulds</i>		<i>Phyla Wright</i>
5	<i>Bill Strong</i>	18	<i>Louise Spencer</i>
8	<i>Karen Brooks</i>	19	<i>Emma Jorgensen</i>
	<i>Noah Bush</i>	22	<i>Bill Hodges</i>
9	<i>Mary Roper</i>		<i>Nancy Mason</i>
10	<i>Lori Turner</i>	23	<i>Lucy Figueroa</i>
12	<i>Jenna George</i>	26	<i>Abigail Boardman</i>
	<i>Tom McDowell</i>		<i>Gianna Hagopian</i>
16	<i>Mary Lee Berry</i>	27	<i>William Branson</i>
	<i>Michael Hagopian</i>	28	<i>Hannah Roebuck</i>
	<i>Kelly McCloud</i>	30	<i>Darren Baird</i>

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

8	<i>Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen</i>
9	<i>Sergio and Cheryl Maturana</i>
23	<i>Jeffrey and Erica Gati</i>
25	<i>Luis and Lucy Figueroa</i>
28	<i>Bill and Jean Strong</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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Amber Bartley and Kyle Van Gral on their engagement. No wedding date has been set.*
- *Heather and Brian Case on the birth of their daughter Bethany Nicole on August 6. She is sister to Morgan. The proud grandparents are Darlene and Cliff Bartley and great grandmother, Josephine Bartley.*

NEW ADDRESS

Dave and Liz Insull
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The following is a list of the committees at The First Presbyterian Church and the chairperson(s) of each. If you are interested in joining one of these committees or have any questions, please contact the chairperson. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join a committee that they have an interest in.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Loretta Richner – 294-8206

FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH - Linda Clark – 294-7488 and Craig Calzaretta – 294-294-9392 (Co-Chairs)

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - Scott Roper – 738-0000

MISSION – Bill Keller – 294-5508

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Rob Warner – 294-3248

WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Toni Neidel – 782-2531 and Orra Wood – 374-6611 (Co-Chairs)

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ *Dom Fontana has graciously volunteered to keep our church's website up-to-date. Check it out at www.frontiernet.net/~fpgoshen If you have something you would like him to include, contact Dom at 845-778-4330 or e-mail dfontana@dominickfontana.com*
- ❖ *Large print bulletins as well as hearing assists are available at the worship service. Ask an usher if you would like one.*
- ❖ *There are children's bulletins and crayons on the table in the Narthex each Sunday. They correspond with the Gospel reading for that Sunday. They are provided for the children to color during the worship service. At the end of the service please put the crayons back in the box and return them to either basket in the Narthex or on the table in the Museum Room.*
- ❖ *The restroom next to the church office is handicap accessible and is a baby changing facility.*
- ❖ *There is a box on the table in the Narthex for constructive suggestions. Feel free to share your thoughts.*
- ❖ *If you would like to place flowers on the chancel on any Sunday in honor or memory of someone or to commemorate a special event, contact Barbara Hankins at 294-8410, Carol Coon at 294-7145, or Jean Strong at 294-5294.*
- ❖ *Occasionally we use different translations of Our Lord's Prayer and Affirmations of Faith. This is an effort to make the recitation a meaningful and purposeful prayer experience. It is easy for us to fall into the habit of reciting familiar prayers without actually "hearing" what it is we are praying. By using a slightly different version, it focuses our attention to the words as they are spoken, and they become more earnest in declaration.*
- ❖ *The Deacons provide the "Upper Room." This is a daily devotional guide. You can find them on the table in the Narthex as well as in the church office. Feel free to take one. A free will donation is gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of the subscription.*
- ❖ *There are still some coffee, tea, cocoa and candy bars left from the Equal Exchange program. We are not ordering anymore at this time. See Carolyn Keller for the items you want. They are also available in the church office during the week.*
- ❖ *Several years ago the church put together a cookbook. There were recipes not only from members of our congregation, but also from the Goshen community. They are \$5.00 and can be purchased in the church office.*

WHO DO I CONTACT?

BIBLE STUDY (Tuesdays):	Geri Corey	294-8414
BUILDING AND GROUNDS:	Rob Warner, Chairperson	294-3248
EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST:	Beth Laskoski	651-3294
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	Loretta Richner, Chairperson	294-8206
	Susan Pierce, Director of Education	615-1410
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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.

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