

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This appeared in the New York Times the other day, and I enjoyed it so much that I decided that I would share it with you in place of my usual column. Enjoy!
Pastor Kingsley

Congregations Gone Wild
By G. JEFFREY MacDONALD
Swampscott, Mass.

The American clergy is suffering from burnout, several new studies show. And part of the problem, as researchers have observed, is that pastors work too much. Many of them need vacations, it's true. But there's a more fundamental problem that no amount of rest and relaxation can help solve: congregational pressure to forsake one's highest calling.

The pastoral vocation is to help people grow spiritually, resist their lowest impulses and adopt higher, more compassionate ways. But churchgoers increasingly want pastors to soothe and entertain them. It's apparent in the theater-style seating and giant projection screens in churches and in mission trips that involve more sightseeing than listening to the local people.

As a result, pastors are constantly forced to choose, as they work through congregants' daily wish lists in their e-mail and voicemail, between paths of personal integrity and those that portend greater job security. As religion becomes a consumer experience, the clergy become more unhappy and unhealthy.

The trend toward consumer-driven religion has been gaining momentum for half a century. Consider that in 1955 only 15 percent of Americans said they no longer adhered to the faith of their childhood, according to a Gallup poll. By 2008, 44 percent had switched their religious affiliation at least once, or dropped it altogether, the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life found. Americans now sample, dabble, and move on when a religious leader fails to satisfy for any reason.

In this transformation, clergy have seen their job descriptions rewritten. They're no longer expected to offer moral counsel in pastoral care sessions or to deliver sermons that make the comfortable uneasy. Church leaders who continue such ministerial traditions pay dearly. A few years ago, thousands of parishioners quit Woodland Hills Church in St. Paul, Minn., and Community Church of Joy in Glendale, Ariz., when their respective preachers refused to bless the congregations' preferred political agendas and consumerist lifestyles.

I have faced similar pressures myself. In the early 2000s, the advisory committee of my small congregation in Massachusetts told me to keep my sermons to 10 minutes, tell funny stories, and leave people feeling great about themselves. The unspoken message in such instructions is clear: give us the comforting, amusing fare we want or we'll get our spiritual leadership from someone else.

Congregations that make such demands seem not to realize that most clergy don't sign up to be soothsayers or entertainers. Pastors believe they're called to shape lives for the better, and that involves helping people learn to do what's right in life, even when what's right is also difficult. When they're being true to their calling, pastors urge Christians to do the hard work of reconciliation with one another before receiving communion. They lead people to share in the suffering of others, including people they would rather ignore, by experiencing tough circumstances—say, in a shelter, a prison,

or a nursing home—and seeking relief together with those in need. At their courageous best, clergy lead where people aren't asking to go, because that's how the range of issues that concern them expands, and how a holy community gets formed.

Ministry is a profession in which the greatest rewards include meaningfulness and integrity. When those fade under pressure from churchgoers who don't want to be challenged or edified, pastors become candidates for stress and depression.

Clergy need parishioners who understand that the church exists, as it always has, to save souls by elevating people's values and desires. They need churchgoers to ask for personal challenges, in areas like daily devotions and outreach ministries.

When such an ethic takes root, as it has in generations past, then pastors will cease to feel like the spiritual equivalents of concierges. They'll again know joy in ministering among people who share their sense of purpose. They might even be on fire again for their calling, rather than on a path to premature burnout.

G. Jeffrey MacDonald, a minister in the United Church of Christ, is the author of "Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul."

SEPTEMBER HARKENS TO RENEWAL

We now turn the page of the summer chapter in our lives and enter into early fall. Before we begin, though, let us take a moment as a worshipping community to reflect on the summer past. Some have gone through terrible trials with health problems and emotionally upsetting events; others have taken the time for rest and rejuvenation with family and friends; and others have just let the season glide by without anything really occurring, which can be relaxing as well. During summer services, the choir has been gathering and singing the anthems around the piano for a more intimate and informal feel.

We appreciate everyone who came out during the summer months to worship and be part of our church community—praying for, supporting, and loving one another. Our coffee hours continued and the fellowship, while smaller in the number of people, was still vital, alive, and meaningful to those who came out to church.

During the summer months, I spent time thinking about where we have been with our music ministry, how we might renew and expand our vision, and then made new plans for the fall music season. September is the time when we start afresh with renewed vigor, inspiration, and a desire to learn and grow in new ways.

Our Homecoming Sunday this year will be on September 12. We look forward to the start of a new Christian education year and will be welcoming back our Christian community as a whole. It is always an exciting Sunday when everyone returns, the pews are filled, and the chancel choir members are all in place. We like to see you back where you belong.

Our church is a community of believers who come together to worship, pray, learn, and sing praises. We love and support one another through the trials of life. Our choir and the music we make while singing hymns together is part of that ministry and binds us together. The presence and participation of every single member of this congregation is vital to supporting our mission and ministry.

We look forward to seeing you back in word and song.

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday morning Bible study is getting ready to start up again. Why not give some thought to joining us? Bible study meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Our first meeting this fall will be on Tuesday, September 14.

It's a great time to join up because after we finish studying the Minor Prophets, which will take about five sessions, we'll get into the New Testament. This will most likely happen in early November.

We have some lively discussions about what is written in the Bible, and we also give thought to how it affects our lives today. It's a wonderful—and enlightening—way to spend an hour, just twice a month.

For more information, please call Geri Corey (294-8414) or Pat (294-7991). If you need a study guide, Pat either has one in the office or can order it for you. Just ask.

Please join us. I know you'll find it rewarding. There's no commitment and no sign-up necessary. Just show up!

NEWS FROM DAN CONLEY

Yesterday and today, we had our pre-school-year meeting with all the Methodist schools in Samoa. There are three. For my birthday, we are going to catch the 12:00 p.m. boat to Apia. Then most of the people from my group, at least, are going to go out tonight for my birthday celebration.

The first day of meetings started at 7:00 a.m. We had two hours of prayer, then the chiefs of the village came and had a two-hour meeting where they gave us permission to hold school this year. Then the village gave the school money; then the school gave the village money; then they gave each other fish and pigs—the whole Samoan runaround where the people from the school and the village save money to give to each other money, but in the end, it only goes to the heads of both the village and the school. It is almost funny how ridiculous it is.

Then the principal and the chief had lunch. Then we had lunch, and then we had "rest time." At 2:00 p.m., we actually started to get work done. It ended at 6:00 p.m., followed by another church service and dinner at 7:00 p.m.. We skipped that, but a young married couple, Kal and Sarah, work at one of the other Methodist schools. They came and the principal asked if they could stay at my house. I said that was fine, so they did. Then we had to start at 6:30 a.m. this morning, and then we left. Now I'm waiting for the boat.

Bye,
Dan

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:



<i>Vince Ahrens</i>	<i>Dedra Altizer</i>	<i>Dennis Baker and daughter</i>
<i>Emily Barry and Family</i>	<i>Lorraine Boardman</i>	<i>Karen and Paige Brooks</i>
<i>Our brothers and sisters in Haiti & Chile</i>	<i>Haley Buckley</i>	<i>Sarah Burrows</i>
<i>Winnie Bynum</i>	<i>Mary Carr</i>	<i>Susan Caslick</i>
<i>Dan Conley</i>	<i>Grace Cook</i>	<i>Carol Coon</i>
<i>Bruce and Jean Crandall</i>	<i>Phyllis Cummings</i>	<i>Sylvester Damiani</i>
<i>Mary DeFreece</i>	<i>Bob Dennis</i>	<i>Joe Destefano</i>
<i>The Reverend Doctor Nancy De Vries</i>	<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>	<i>Pat Farley</i>
<i>Kevin Fenner</i>	<i>Judy Hankins Feragola</i>	<i>Steve Fischbein</i>
<i>Ben Fisher</i>	<i>Gabby</i>	<i>Fran Genovese</i>
<i>The George Family</i>	<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>
<i>Fran Hoffmann</i>	<i>David Jacks</i>	<i>Curtis and Heather Johnson</i>
<i>Carolyn Keller's parents</i>	<i>Kim</i>	<i>Carol Kingsley</i>
<i>Evelyn Kingsley</i>	<i>Lyndsay Krutki</i>	<i>B.A. Long</i>
<i>Grace, Frank and Fran Leva</i>	<i>Charles Li</i>	<i>Margaretta Macica</i>
<i>Ursula Maletz</i>	<i>The Family of Melissa Martucci</i>	<i>Andy Marussich</i>
<i>The Family of Anita McCarthy</i>	<i>Josephine and David Medlar</i>	<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>
<i>Jeff Monroe</i>	<i>Lisa and Bob Montalbano</i>	<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>
<i>Richard Nash</i>	<i>Steven Neil</i>	<i>Nina and Jason</i>
<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguyen</i>	<i>Janet Oberg</i>	<i>Ann Ott</i>
<i>Amy Pemberton</i>	<i>Peter</i>	<i>The Family of Marina Petersen</i>
<i>The Family of Madeline Pillmeier</i>	<i>Jack Richner</i>	<i>Trudi Roach</i>
<i>Robyn</i>	<i>Kevin Ross</i>	<i>Robert Ruckdeschel</i>
<i>Ted Sandstrom</i>	<i>Kevin Schuler</i>	<i>Fred Schwarz</i>
<i>Bryan Scott and Family</i>	<i>Dorothy Sevcik</i>	<i>Marguerite Shaw</i>
<i>Walter and Louise Spencer</i>	<i>Peggy Srirach</i>	<i>The Smith Family</i>
<i>Bill and Jean Strong</i>	<i>Shawn Thatcher</i>	<i>Braiden Thew</i>
<i>Judy Thompson</i>	<i>George Tietz</i>	<i>Donna Totton</i>
<i>Brenda Travers</i>	<i>Lori Turner</i>	<i>Kim Valentini and Family</i>
<i>Kenya VanZandt</i>	<i>Ashley Wade and Family</i>	<i>Jean Wade</i>
<i>Molly Wanat</i>	<i>Jo Wolfe</i>	<i>Orra and Dale Wood</i>
<i>Paul and Phyla Wright</i>	<i>Cheryl and Rebecca Zis</i>	

(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.)

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2010

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 **348** and **our assessment per member (not per family) for 2010 is \$26.51**, which is a total of **\$9,225.48** 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

A “how-to-walk-the-labyrinth” plaque describing the six steps involved in guiding one’s meditation along a labyrinth walk, a paver-walkway to the memorial wooden bench, and several new inscribed pavers have been installed.

“Stewards of the Garden”

If anyone is interested in simply “lending a helping hand” with the Garden, please feel free to just stop by and do a little yard work! The September/October schedule is below. Please remove dead leaves and cigarette butts, pull weeds, and perform a general “tidy-up” of the area.

<u>SCHEDULE:</u>	Wayne George:	September 1–September 15
	Beryl Yungman & Sue Varden:	September 16–September 30
	Loretta & Jack Richner:	October 1–October 15
	Barbara & George Hankins:	October 16–October 31

This schedule will be posted outside the church office.

If anyone is interested in joining the “Stewards,” please contact Wayne George (914-213-4093).

Niches are available in the memorial columbarium.

Each niche is 11¼ inches cubed, allowing for double or single interment.

Four purchase options are available:

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)

Memorial Pavers

Please see Pat in the church office to order pavers to remember or honor loved ones.

The cost of each paver is \$100.

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George for any additional information you may need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

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>
2	<i>Geraldine Garrison</i>		<i>Phyla Wright</i>
3	<i>Leslie Faulds</i>	18	<i>Louise Spencer</i>
5	<i>Bill Strong</i>	19	<i>Emma Jorgensen</i>
8	<i>Karen Brooks</i>	22	<i>Bill Hodges</i>
	<i>Noah Bush</i>		<i>Grace Lanuti</i>
9	<i>Mary Roper</i>		<i>Nancy Mason</i>
10	<i>Lori Turner</i>	23	<i>Lucy Figueroa</i>
	<i>Gabriela Ukejianya</i>	26	<i>Abigail Boardman</i>
12	<i>Jenna George</i>		<i>Gianna Hagopian</i>
	<i>Tom McDowell</i>	27	<i>William Branson</i>
16	<i>Mary Lee Berry</i>	30	<i>Darren Baird</i>
	<i>Michael Hagopian</i>		
	<i>Kelly McCloud</i>		

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

8	<i>Allan 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:

- *Gray and John Tham on the birth of their daughter Eliza Gray Tham, on July 5. Eliza is named for her great-great-great grandmother, Mary Eliza Gray who was born May 28, 1823 in Bridge Hampton, Long Island. Eliza joins her brothers Max and Sean. Proud grandparents are Mary-Gray and Tom Griffith.*
- *Jim Paffenroth, son of David and Wendy Paffenroth, who has been promoted to Lt. Commander of the U.S. Navy. The ceremony took place at the Meridian Naval Air Station and Technical Training School in Meridian, Mississippi.*
- *Matthew Gould on becoming an Eagle Scout. His Eagle project was to create the signs and gardens to enhance the entrance to Knapp's View, a park for local residents in Chester.*
- *Wendy Paffenroth on having an excerpt from her original prayer, **The Sampler Prayer**, accepted for publication in an upcoming book, **The Crocheted Prayer Shawl Companion**, published by Taunton Press.*

**FIFTH “NIGHT OF GIVING”
AT THE GALLERIA AT CRYSTAL RUN**

The Galleria at Crystal Run will once again be hosting the Night of Giving.

WHAT IS IT?

The Night of Giving is a special shopping event to kick off the holiday season. The Galleria will stay open late, and ticket holders will have access to exclusive store discounts, special values, and fabulous prize giveaways.

WHEN IS IT?

Sunday, November 14, from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

We sell the tickets for \$5 each, and all the proceeds from our ticket sales will go directly to our church’s Capital Campaign. As the time gets closer, you can check the Galleria’s Web site to see what stores are involved. Remember, you need tickets to get the discounts.

Many people participated last year; they got great deals and had a great time. We hope you will put the date and time on your calendar and come again. Please tell your friends and watch for more details. Tickets will be available in October.

Thank you,

Darlene Bartley
Fundraising Committee Member



We are looking for volunteers to help us with our Sunday school for the 2010–2011 school year. Educating the children is the backbone of our church’s responsibilities and the future of our church. We are in DESPERATE need of teachers for our grade level (2–3). The teacher who originally committed to teach September through December is unable to do so. Without a teacher for that grade level, it will be difficult to open Sunday school. The students at this grade level are always enthusiastic, wonderful learners.

In addition, I would like to add a backup teacher to each of our grade levels (Pre-K, K, 1), (2–3), (4, 5, 6). This would mean a commitment to teach every three to four weeks. We will provide everything you need—namely, the curriculum, the lesson plans, and any materials that you need. NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED! I promise that you will find the experience joyful and satisfying. Spending time with our Sunday school students is inspirational.

Susan Pierce
615-1410

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2010

(RAINDATE – SATURDAY – OCTOBER 9th)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – PARKING LOT

(33 Park Place, Goshen NY 10924—845-294-7991)

- ❖ **9 am to 4 pm**
- ❖ **Minimum - 12'x12' spot**
- ❖ **\$25.00 per spot**
- ❖ **Plus \$25.00 deposit (Ck returned when area is cleaned)**
- ❖ **Bring your yard/garage sale to our Community Sale -
We will do the advertising!!!!**
- ❖ **Deadline to secure your spot --- 9/24/10**
- ❖ **Set up 7-9 am --- cleanup 4-5 pm**
- ❖ **8' tables available for rent @ \$5.00 each**
(First come first served basis for table rental)
(Church Fundraising to repair the Church Hall Roof)

Return slip to hold space by: 9-24-10

(Send to: First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen NY 10924 - with 2 checks)

Name: _____

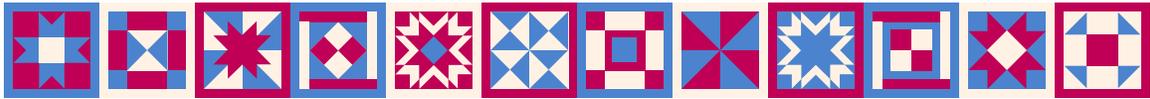
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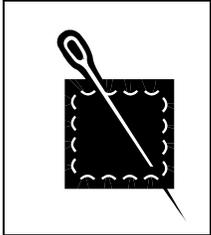
of spaces _____ @ \$25.00 each// Tables: # ___ @ \$5.00 each\$ _____

Plus – separate \$25.00 deposit for clean up (ck returned when you leave)

Further information: bartley51@yahoo.com or church office: 294-7991



**QUILTS OF THE
CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS**



**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 20, 2010
9AM TO 4PM**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
33 PARK PLACE, GOSHEN NY
294-7991**

Come and see HEIRLOOM QUILTS & beautiful handmade items of yesteryear. We will also be featuring many new quilts. On display will be shared treasures of the members of the congregation & friends of the church. – A walk down memory lane – Plus view Louis C. Tiffany's famous Stained Glass Windows in the Sanctuary.

**Craft Fair & Bake Sale will be ongoing during Quilt Show
in the Church Fellowship Hall**

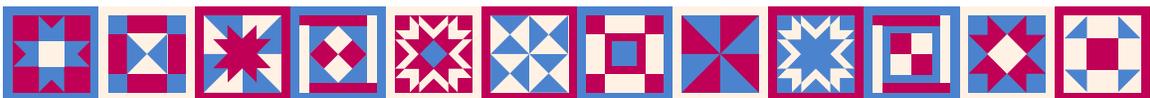
**Suggested donation to Quilt Show: A nonperishable food item or \$1.00
All donations will be given to the Local Food Pantry.**

******If interested in displaying an item******

**Send your, name, address, phone number & photo of item or description of item
to display to:**

**Quilt Show Committee
c/o First Presbyterian Church
33 Park Place, Goshen NY 10924**

Thank you.



HUG HAPPENINGS

News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry



As we all seem to notice, the summer weeks flew by, and although they were extremely warm, some of our ladies still managed to get new shawls made.

Personally, I had a moving experience. A friend of mine saw me at the local deli and asked if I could make a shawl for one of his friends who was dying. He knew her from the gym.

I quickly got one to him with a number of our “comforting prayers.” About six weeks later, the lady passed away, and Andy called me to say the shawl was of great comfort to her in her last few weeks. That Saturday, I looked in the obituaries and noticed that a lady who was my age and who had owned the local gym had died. I then realized that we were classmates in high school. She had taught me to ski. We ate lunch together and shared many good times. I did not know where the shawl I was making was going, but, as they say, “God works in mysterious ways,” and I guess he knew. I am so pleased that she was comforted in her last days.

I would like to share a few of the many thank-you cards that have come to us. Here are a few of the excerpts from the notes:

- ❖ “Thank you for the beautiful shawl. They let me take it to the O.R. with me, and it was on my bed in recovery. It kept me warm when I had the chills and gave me comfort when I was in pain, and it remains with me. Orra Wood.”
- ❖ “Thank you for attending my mom’s wake and for the prayer shawl of comfort. I couldn’t read the prayers without shedding a tear. Joan and Pat Noonan.”
- ❖ “Ladies, I wanted to thank you and Heather from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful prayer shawl. I cannot even begin to explain the comfort you have given to me. What a wonderful gift I have been blessed with. The poems and prayers are where I can read them each day and they remind me I am never alone. God bless all of you. In Christian faith and love, Tammy Rose.” (Tammy is one of the ladies from the National Guard unit whose husband is away.)
- ❖ “Dear Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Your loving cards and your prayers surround me like the beautiful shawl I wrap myself in. Thinking of the many caring stitches and the work involved warmed my heart. I love the blue and white colors and the sparkly blue stripe in the middle. Many thanks for the prayers that were brought to me and brought me home at last. Thankfully, Fran Hoffmann.”
- ❖ “Dear Friends, Thank you each for the love, comfort, and support you have given to me through my cancer journey. I feel closer to all because of your beautiful shawls. I cover myself from my neck to my toes. You are amazing. I read the prayers and poems over and over and they give me comfort. Love Gabriel Bittner, Hawley, PA.”

So, my friends, as you can see, we are reaching out and touching many. This is just a small sampling of the wonderful notes that have come to us.

Please remember that we will continue to take yarn, gift bags, tissue paper, ribbons, etc., for our gifts that are sent out from the church. Thank you to all who have brought some of these supplies for us.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has decided to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the parlor. In September, the dates are the 7th and 21st. Anyone who would like to come join us or just

come sit in and learn the art of crocheting is welcome. Bring a friend! Hope you will join this worthwhile ministry.

God bless each of you, and consider yourselves hugged,
Wendy Paffenroth
Prayer Shawl Ministry

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Let's try something new this coming year! Let's get together once a month on a Saturday night to enjoy dinner and a movie. It would be great to share this time with family and friends in a familiar place where we can be comfortable.

So here is the way it would work:

- WHEN:** Saturday, October 2 (and then the first Saturday of every month, except in January)
- WHERE:** Fellowship Hall
- TIME:** 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (Dinner will be at 6:00 and the movie will start at 7:00. Popcorn, candy, and beverages will be served during the movie.)
- COST:** \$7 per person and free for children five and under
- BENEFIT:** Great fellowship with friends and family, and after the cost of the meals, the remainder of the money will go to the “roof fund” for Fellowship Hall

WHAT YOU CAN BRING: Friends; family; and blankets, pillows, or chairs for the movie

This event is sponsored by the Fundraising Committee.

Hope to see you there!

Please fill out the bottom and return it to the church office or give it to Darlene Bartley or Barbara Thompson. Please include cash for those who are coming. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene at bartley51@yahoo.com.

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$7 per person): \$_____

QUILT SHOW

Save the date—November 20

Our third annual quilt show is beginning to take shape as flyers are starting to be sent to quilt guilds to invite them to either participate or to come and visit our show. If you have a quilt, please consider letting us display your treasure (even if you have shown it with us before). We are hoping for more people this year and are sure they would love to see them. Barbara Hankins, Kathy Alevras, and Wendy Paffenroth will be coordinating the day. If you have any questions, please either see one of us at church or call us; we are in the directory.

Thank you in advance for making this as successful as it has been in the past.

—Quilt Show Ladies



***The Wednesday at the Well Service will resume on
September 8 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.*

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

A big thank-you is extended to everyone who helped during the Great American Weekend! Everything went smoothly, and the French fries were sold out by mid-afternoon on Sunday. Thanks to the following people: George and Barbara Hankins, Gina and John Gruber, Linda and Garf Clark, Grace Lanuti, Linda Boardman, Bruce Crandall, Dom and Amy Fontana, Brian and Kari Taylor, Carolyn Keller, Barbara Drake, Kay Kent, Lori Turner, Darlene and Cliff Bartley, Wendy and Dave Paffenroth, Ray and Sue Ruckdeschel, Tom McDowell, Bill Hodges, Mal Stewart, Tyler Cox, Ed Englehart, Carol Gabella, Geri Corey, Barbara Thompson, Betty Lobb, and Mary Kingsley. Great job, everyone! Our profit was as follows: French fries—\$1,847; rides—\$5,870; antiques—\$1,015. This money goes into the operating budget of our church.

So far, there are three activities coming up, and the profits will go into the Capital Campaign funds. The activities are: dinner and movie nights on the first Saturday of each month; the fifth Night of Giving at the Galleria at Crystal Run (total profit to us—the more tickets we sell, the more money we bring in!); and a community yard sale, which will be held in October. Also coming up in October will be a rummage sale. The profit from the sale will go into the operating budget. We'll be working on other ideas soon!

Loretta Richner
Fundraising Chairperson

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 Tyler Cox at 683-1067 or tylercox1@yahoo.com.

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 reading or the Gospel reading. 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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED

Coffee Hour after Sunday church services is a great opportunity for fellowship and getting to know our members. But **WE NEED HOSTS!** Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the lobby of Fellowship Hall so we can continue this well attended and favored fellowship opportunity. Linda Clark has simple instructions on how to host a Coffee Hour that she can e-mail to you. If you have never hosted Coffee Hour and would like help, members of the Fellowship Committee are available to assist you! You can contact Linda Clark at 294-7488.

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 – Tyler Cox – 683-1067

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

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Linda Clark
Geri Corey
Dominick Fontana
Bill Hodges
Kathy Stringer**

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**Wendy Bynum-Wade
Craig Calzaretta
Tyler Cox
Bill Keller
Tom McDowell
Sue Varden**

Class of 2013

**Cliff Bartley
Barbara Hankins
John Redman
Loretta Richner
Scott Roper
Rob Warner**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

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