

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this article, we have just experienced a record heat wave in New York. All of us are coping with the heat and humidity; we are coming to church on hot days, attending meetings, and generally doing what human beings have done over the centuries: struggling on because life is a gift.

While many of you have been watching the weather or, even better, going on vacation, quite a terrific struggle has been going on within the PCUSA. Over this past year, Presbyterian churches across the country have been reviewing and voting on (through presbyteries) a newly proposed form of government. This new form of government has updated language and a broader vision of the church in the world; it stresses unity and openness as well as service. It is also a less dense document, seeking to deregulate many areas of church order so that there is greater choice and autonomy for churches.

The arguments around this proposed new format have been heated and strongly bipartisan. As usual, the argument devolved into either/or sides, with one side being described as liberals who want to destroy the church and the other side being described as conservatives who are clueless dinosaurs. Of course, the actual proposal is in reality neither one way or the other, but a combination of ideas and views that are at times conservative and at times liberal while seeking to maintain the core of our Presbyterian values.

The upshot of all of this is that after every presbytery in the country voted to accept or reject this proposal (ours voted to accept), the proposal passed. On July 10 of this year, a new form of government was ushered in. At first glance, there really isn't a lot which is immediately obvious in terms of change. A few things have been dropped, such as the inactive membership in the church. Now there are only active members, affiliate members, and, of course, those who would just like to participate and attend. There are other things as well and many which we will discover as we get to work within this new format.

There is one large area of change, however. Before, the PCUSA described itself as a connectional church, meaning that we all adhered to the same polity and saw each other as sharing together in the common ministry of Christ. Now, our polity allows individual presbyteries and churches to decide exactly how connectional they wish to be. In other words, we have moved significantly toward a congregational model of government.

So, this is just a brief update on what's been going on in the PCUSA and our presbytery. If you want to learn more, check the PCUSA website or, even better, talk to our church's presbytery experts. It's a new adventure and one we'll be learning about together! I will be participating in an online course to help me better understand all the implications of the change.

For now, warmly (very warmly),
Pastor Kingsley

September Is the “Switch Month”

I have often observed how Labor Day weekend seems to be the switch that somehow sets the tone for the coming fall. Of course, routines change, kids go back to school, the choir begins its rehearsal of fall music, and we return from our summer pursuits hopefully rested and invigorated. I personally like that change - cooling down a little after some brutal summer weeks and settling into a fall routine.



I would like to share an observation with you. When I show up early to practice, whether for a service, funeral, or wedding, the sanctuary is empty. It's very quiet except for the creaking of the pew wood as I walk the aisle, and if I stand still, it is silent. Then, as people file in, the sanctuary takes on a life, it comes alive, and there is energy in the space. The elements of music, spoken word from the scriptures, prayer, and fellowship fill the silence. It's a great, uplifting feeling. And then...it all reverts back to silence once again. It is the energy and presence of each of us that fills the space—our personalities, our voices, our prayers, and our concerns all give life and meaning to an otherwise empty sanctuary space. Think about this and your role in ministering with your presence.



I also look forward to the beginning of the Christian education year on Sunday, September 11. When the youth come forward to sit in front of the chancel steps for the Sermon for Young Disciples, it's heartwarming to see the future generation actively taking part and learning about the Christian faith. We hope to hear from our youth more often this coming fall about what they are learning along the way.

Hopefully, the cooler weather will “cool down” the organ pipes so they don't stick. It drives me crazy when that happens, yet humidity and weather combine to play havoc with moving pipe parts.

The sanctuary has been spiffed up and cleaned to the hilt. It looks great! The wood and brass have been polished, and it just feels cleaner. I was able to polish the organ console and get down in between the pedals for a good cleaning that probably hasn't been done in years. It makes me feel good to have it smooth and clean.



The choir begins a regular rehearsal schedule on Thursdays in the parlor at 7:30 p.m. We will be preparing eleven anthems for the Sundays from September through Thanksgiving. There will also be a special Christmas program. Please think about joining and helping us expand our sections. We take our time learning the parts, and we help one another along. We'd love to have you sing with us this coming fall!

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A HUGE thank-you is extended to Jeanette McDowell and Beth Laskoski for the outstanding job they did in organizing and directing this year's Vacation Bible School. The transformation of the sanctuary into a jungle was extraordinary, and from what I have heard, the week was a tremendous success! We are so fortunate to have such capable leadership in this endeavor! (See the article in this Tower Tie.)

Plans for the Sunday school year are well underway with Linda Boardman serving as the Sunday school superintendent with the assistance of Susan Pierce. A new curriculum is being utilized this year. It has a lot of good content which makes the starting date for Sunday school classes earlier than usual. Thank you, Linda, for stepping up to this leadership role! (See the article about Sunday school in this Tower Tie.)

The Christian Education Committee is looking forward to an exciting year for our children, parents, and volunteer teachers!

Loretta Richner
Christian Education Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christian Education Committee has purchased the 2011-2012 curriculum. The program is called "We Believe: God's Word for God's People" and is produced by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The program is comprehensive and easy to follow for both children and teachers. The teachers have a guide that includes all the craft and project ideas, along with the accompanying pages for the children to use.

The first day of Sunday school is September 11. Registration has been going on for the last few weeks. Anyone who has not registered his or her child/children can complete the form included in the Tower Tie and either drop it off in the office, see me at coffee hour, or return it to me via e-mail (Linda.sundayschool@gmail.com).

If anyone is interested, there is a need for additional teachers. Please think about donating some time for the children of our church. Most teachers have had wonderful experiences getting to know the youth of our church and having a hand in their growth. If you can help, please contact me at 845-665-9545 or by e-mail.

Thank you.
Linda Boardman

"WELCOME BACK POTLUCK LUNCHEON"

The Fellowship/Outreach Committee will be hosting a potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall after the worship service on September 11. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship. Please plan on joining us!

Please bring a dish to share! Cold drinks and coffee will be provided.

Last names beginning with:

A - J: Main dish (casserole, salad, etc.)

K - R: Appetizers, breads

S - Z: Desserts

MIDNIGHT RUN

The date of our next Midnight Run has not yet been determined, but we WILL be going this fall. As we normally do, we will need to make sandwiches, soup, and coffee and pack clothing and toiletries on the night we go into New York City. I am beginning to collect the following items of clothing and toiletries needed:

Men's underwear/undershirts, sizes M, L, and XL (NEW ONLY)

Men's long-sleeved shirts/pants, sizes M, L, and XL

Men's socks, all sizes

Travel size soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant

Washcloths (NEW ONLY)

Please do not bring ladies' or children's clothing, as these will not be needed. We rarely see women or children. We will be asking for donations of food as we get closer to the actual date.

Thank you for any help you can give. If you have questions or wish to leave a donation, please contact me at 845-200-5640 or at monkeybusinesslori@gmail.com. Clothing, toiletries, and washcloths may be left in the hallway by the office.

Please watch for the date of our next Midnight Run in future Tower Ties and Sunday bulletins.

Lori Baird
Midnight Run Committee

Deacons' Doings...

The Deacons have been busy this summer with our regular Sunday morning doings (ushering, preparing and serving Communion, greeting, and so on). We have also been busy with a Tupperware fundraiser, which is run by Lori Kilmer. To date, we have received \$16 cash and are waiting on another \$100. Thank you, Lori, for a great job raising money for the Discretionary Fund!

We are preparing for the fall and a whole host of events that, although not Deacons' responsibilities, have become some of our Deacons' favorite things to do. Some of these events are the September community dinner, our annual Halloween coffee hour, and helping with the Santa Breakfast. One thing that IS a Deacon's responsibility, as the Deacons see that the proceeds from the vendor fees go to the Discretionary Fund, is the annual craft fair, which will be held on November 19. We feed the vendors and help with the setup and cleanup. If anyone from the congregation is willing to help with this effort, please let me know.

The Deacons hope that you all had a safe, happy, healthy, and blessed summer, and we look forward to seeing full pews once again in September!

Lori Baird, Moderator of Deacons

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CLEANUP

Several years ago, Reverend Kingsley and I discussed the need for more space within our church for various groups to continue their Christian work, and we realized that there was ample space for most of these things to continue. We just needed to get rid of the clutter that prevented that from happening. One thing led to another, spring led to fall, and the cleanup was not completed. This summer, on July 16 and 23, First Presbyterian Church in Goshen saw something amazing happen: with the help of 101-plus volunteers, we were able to clean nearly every inch of the church, Fellowship Hall, and GOVAC!

Above the office, we now have clean, neat classrooms that our Christian education teachers can comfortably use to efficiently teach our youth during Sunday school. We have a sanctuary that has been polished to a near military shine. We have a kitchen closet, a women's closet, and a flower closet that are cleared of clutter so that we can find everything that one would need to decorate the chancel, prepare a coffee hour, or host a community dinner. We have a Fellowship Hall with a stage that can be accessed and used for our Sunday school activities and the activities of the outside groups that use our church. Our bell tower has clear access so the Deacons can get to the rope to ring the bell and so the cell tower companies can get to their equipment. GOVAC is cleared of all the excess. Our basement is, well, empty, and that means Pat can read the meters without needing a pogo stick to get to them!

A team of seven managers, consisting of church members, was formed to organize each of the major areas to be cleaned. This team was given specific instructions designed by Reverend Kingsley and I as to what was to be kept, discarded, and/or cleaned. Each one of these people went above and beyond what was asked of him or her. I would like to personally thank the following people for being so willing to help and for doing a terrific job of managing their assigned volunteer crews with little argument: Carol Gabella, Barbara Hankins, Bill Hodges, Carolyn Keller, Reverend Kingsley, Brian Meek, and Ken Skyer. I am eternally grateful for your generosity of time as well as for how easy each of you were to work with.

To the remaining volunteer workers (including church members; our local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and high school football team members; and those that saw the mass of people and just walked in and assisted), I want to say a great big THANK YOU for all of your hard work. You managed to remove nearly 4.5 TONS of unused or broken items and garbage to the dumpsters, and you cleaned our hallowed halls to a shiny polish that is most inviting to our regular parishioners and prospective new members. You did a fine job and should be very proud.

To our organist, Robert Clooney, for coming a fair distance to clean the organ, piano, and the music room by the chancel: nice job!

I want to also thank those (including ShopRite in Chester and Price Chopper in Walkkill) who gave food, cleaning products, or money to buy the needed items. Due to your generosity, we served a breakfast and lunch to our hardworking volunteers, and we had enough cleaning supplies to donate some leftovers to the church.

Thank you to Reverend Kingsley for deciding that now was the time. When are we doing this again?!

It is through efforts like this that the words *family* and *community* come to mind. There were forty-seven people helping that were not church members; they either use our facility in some way or were asked to help and they came. No matter the person's age, disability, or financial difficulty, when asked, all had something to contribute.

It was said that this project could not be done, much less in the heat of July. Well, guess what, First Presbyterian family? WE DID IT!

Lori Baird
Cleanup Co-Coordinator

FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Committee is currently in the process of making all arrangements for a second Tiffany Ball, which will be held on October 1 at the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame. The date is rapidly approaching! We have included an invitation in this Tower Tie and hope that there will be a turnout of 120 people. Some invitations have been delivered, primarily to those who attended the Tiffany Ball in 2010.

The menu is included in the invitation so that you can see the delicious offerings that will be provided by Catherine's. Chris Tucci is returning as the evening's DJ and is taking music requests (see the invitation for the due date for requests). We will also have a silent auction again.

Each ticket for the Tiffany Ball is \$100, and each table will seat ten people. Please be sure to make your reservation for the dinner dance with Barbara Hankins (845-294-8410), and let her know if you are planning a table of ten so that you can all be seated together. We fully anticipate a lovely evening for all attendees as there are still great memories of a fun-filled evening from the first Tiffany Ball.

Journal ads are coming in, and the more of those we have, the better it will be! While the deadline date for those ads has passed, if you are planning to become a booster or patron, or if you would like to place an ad and have not yet done so, be sure to tell Wendy Wade as soon as possible.

We are making good progress with the funds to restore the window casings around the Tiffany windows. With the results of the last dinner dance and the recent art raffle, we are nearing the halfway point in what we think the cost will be. This next Tiffany Ball will boost those funds, especially if we are able to fill the room to the capacity of 120 people. Be sure to make your reservations right away in order to guarantee a seat for the evening. As always, your support for our endeavors are tremendously appreciated!

My heartfelt thanks go to the following people, who are helping with this event in a variety of ways: Barbara and George Hankins, Lori Baird, Bob Aglione, Darlene Bartley, Barbara Thompson, Cecile Ayres, Wendy Wade, Michele Koury and Craig Calzaretta, Bill Hodges, and Steve Serkes.

Loretta Richner
Fundraising Chair

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 3. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Kathy Stringer at 845-496-7765 or by e-mail at mskstringer@gmail.com. We need a photographer, kitchen help, servers, gift wrappers, etc.

We would appreciate any gifts you could donate for the gift table, but we ask that you not donate dollar store items as we would like to keep the price range between \$4 and \$9. Donations of gift bags, note cards, and wrapping paper are also appreciated.

Vacation Bible School Thank-You



Jambo Everyone!

Wow! What a wonderful week we had! With the help of Kiki the Antelope, Humphrey the Hippo, Bobo the Gorilla, Ruby the Turaco Bird, and Flash the Cheetah, this year's Vacation Bible School, "Big Jungle Adventure," was amazing! With nearly 140 children participating, our "Big Jungle Adventure" got off to a wonderful start. The children were excited to go on this jungle adventure, make African inspired crafts, learn songs and dances, and learn all about Moses, Jesus, the Resurrection, and the promise of a heavenly home. They loved meeting Humphrey, the very charming hippo. Then they all did a fantastic job singing and dancing in the closing program.

This mission/outreach week would not be possible without the tireless efforts of so many people (100-plus!) from throughout the Goshen community. While we could never thank them enough for their support, all had been recognized at the closing celebration and in the event program.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the indispensable contributions of the members of our congregation. Thank you to our preschool leaders, Jenn Serkes and Shannon Countryman, and Kindergarten leader, Grace Lanuti, who put their hearts and souls into this program by teaching and caring for our youngest participants. Thanks to our Craft Queen, Carolyn Keller, for her long hours, hard work, organization, and leadership. Thanks to Jen Crandall, who created the beautiful name tags that the children wore all week and the event program; thank you, Jen, for patiently waiting until the absolute last minute for us to give you all the names.

Thank you to Emma Jorgensen, who led the music rotation; our children are still singing the jungle tunes they learned. Thanks to Kari Taylor, who headed up the recreation rotation, which included the always-frantic T-shirt production. Thanks to Allison Csernai and Robin Boardman, who organized the picnic following our VBS closing; this wonderful get-together of nearly four hundred children, parents, and volunteers would not have been possible without their hard work.

In addition, we had more than seventy-five teen volunteers this year. From our congregation we want to recognize and thank Jonathan Laskoski, Kate Laskoski, Darcy McDowell, Evan McDowell, Morgan Serkes, Stephan Serkes, Mackenzie Sproul, Carissa Cuccia, and Jessica Spencer.

It's not easy transforming a sanctuary into a jungle, but our volunteers made it happen. We'd like to thank Michele Meek, who not only created the amazing totem poles and numerous jungle delights, but also designed the T-shirts and the bulletin board. The magic of the jungle was also brought to life by the impressive artistic talents of Lee Bush, Sara Laskoski, Ruth Roebuck, and Becky Stewart. In addition, Tom, Evan, and Darcy McDowell built an incredible rope bridge and jungle hut.

We had the help of so many others who volunteered with craft prep and who did a remarkable job of decorating and transforming our church; so many of them returned on Friday to turn it back into a church. Thank you to Linda Boardman and the Boardman Family Cutters; Craig, Jack, and Maggie Calzaretta; Michele Castellano; Audra Cox; Jen, Brian, and Katie Crandall; Gary and Maddie Laskoski; Susan Pierce; Betty Lobb; Debra Lystad; Brian and Michele Meek; Sarah McDowell; and Elizabeth Sproul.

Last, but most certainly not least, a big thank-you to Pat Schwetje who does it all. From registering the children, to checking them in each morning, to dealing with the parents and the paperwork, she keeps us all organized and helps to make our VBS a success.

Finally, we want to offer our thanks to God for a church family who prays for us, who continues to support us, and who generously give so that the children and families in our community can experience God's love and grace through this program. It takes many hands and many hearts to minister to these little ones, and we are so grateful to you all.



**Asante,
Beth &
Laskoski**

**Jeanette
McDowell**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER AT

**LANDMARK INN
Route 94
Warwick, New York**

DATE:	Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. \$30 includes tax and gratuity Cash bar
APPETIZERS:	Assorted hors d'oeuvres Salad with house dressing
CHOICE OF:	Pan Roasted Boneless Frenched Breast of Chicken with a wild Mushroom Madiera Wine Sauce Sautéed Filet of Sole with a Lemon Tarragon Sauce Grilled N.Y Sirloin with a Gorgonzola Crust and Port Wine Demi Glace Served with fresh vegetable medley, rice and potatoes
DESSERT:	Choice of three from dessert menu Coffee, tea, soda

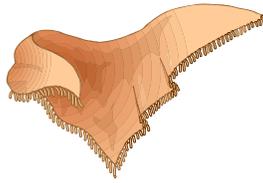
Please call Linda Clark (294-7488) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652) for reservations by September 1.

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. If you have any questions, you can contact Sue Varden at 649-7830.

LAY READERS NEEDED

The 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 readings are available in the church office on the Tuesday preceding the service or it can be e-mailed directly to you. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or speak with either Tyler Cox or Barbara Hankins.



Hug Happenings News from the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)

I think this is the fastest summer in history, at least for me. All of the projects I had planned to do are still waiting for me to start. However, the one thing that seems to get done by all members of our group, no matter how busy they are, is sending gifts to where they are needed. Working with yarn in the summer is not always the "coolest" thing to do, but when the needs arose, we found that the needs were met.

I received a lovely card from Judy Thompson (our former minister's wife who lives in Maine), and she mentioned how she enjoys reading about our ministry in the *Tower Tie* each month. Also, several other people from as far away as Utah have commented on how interesting it is to see what a small group of ladies can accomplish. Although I stopped keeping a journal of where we send our gifts, I know we have sent out at least eight hundred shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets since our ministry began four years ago. The Breast Center in Middletown has been a recipient of shawls lately, and they, too, are most appreciative. Yes, it is hard to believe that we have sent that many hugs out into the world since September of 2008. This goes to show you that if you give some busy ladies a task, it will definitely be met. We are a group of busy bees.

As the fall comes and we all resume our routines, we are looking to find a date when we can meet (possibly after a church service as we did in the past) so we can talk, share the cards, and teach each other some new stitches. Let me know what works for you. As always, we sincerely appreciate gifts of yarn or even gift cards to purchase yarn. There is a new bin in the narthex in which your donations can be left. We are a group who is blessed to have the support of our congregation in this ministry.

Remember, if you need a gift or hear of someone who would like one, tell any one of the ladies or our wonderful church secretary, Pat, and we will get the gift to the person.

Consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Paffenroth
PSM Secretary



Have you checked out our church's website?

www.fpgoshen.org

Thank you to Dom Fontana who so graciously keeps it up-to-date!



QUILTS OF THE CONGREGATION & FRIENDS

Calling all quilts, needlework, etc....The annual quilt show will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To make the show a little different each year, we decided to display (in addition to the quilts) any type of needlework that people might like to loan us. We added some last year, and they were such a hit that we need more for this year. Any type of handiwork would be more than welcome; it can be new work or even antique. Please check with your family and friends to see if they have some works they would loan to us for the day. In October, we will be putting together a list of what we have coming so that I can get some public relations out to the community.

Every year at the quilt show, we come across guests who tell us that they have "always wanted to see the inside of [our] church" and that this finally gave them the opportunity. Of course we invite them to come for services, and over the years, several people have.

This year, we are hoping that our wonderful Minister of Music will provide some tunes from our wonderful organ. So many people have asked if they could hear what sounds come from all those pipes in the balcony. We will be glad to work around Robert's schedule and the schedule of anyone else Robert chooses who wants to play for a bit.

So this is just a "heads up." Kathy Alevras, Barbara Hankins, and I will also accept help from anyone who wants to be a part of this wonderful experience. Each year, we learn new and different things about the treasures that are shared with us. It becomes a history lesson that enhances our lives. Thanks in advance for all your help.

Wendy Paffenroth
Quilt Show



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We cannot thank you enough, all of our good friends at the First Presbyterian Church, for all your cards, well wishes, and prayers. Judy's bone marrow stem cell transplant is a miracle of modern science, but also an arduous and isolating experience for her. She has had to deal with multiple medicines, all with side effects, lack of taste, poor appetite, nausea, rash from graft versus host disease, high doses of prednisone that create lots of emotional anxiety, but through it all she has persevered knowing this is a life saver and hopeful of complete healing at the end of a year, hopefully with very few and very mild side effects. We can never stress enough how comforting and healing has been the love of friends that has surrounded us. Please share our gratitude with the congregation.

Love,
Judy and Dick Thompson

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
Lori Baird
Mary Lee and Ted Berry
Karen, Michael, and Paige Brooks
Winnie Bynum
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Bob Dennis
Joe Destefano
Pat Farley
Ben Fisher
Fran Genovese
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Our brothers and sisters in Japan
Alan Jorgensen
Kay Kent
Roberta Kinnamon
Marni Lewis
Robert Lobb
The Family of Melissa Martucci
Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski
Nina and Jason
Ann Ott
The Family of Marina Petersen
Sue Ruckdeschel and Family
Kevin Schuler
Dorothy Sevcik
Walter and Louise Spencer
Bill and Jean Strong
George Tietz
Kenya VanZandt
Jean Wade
Jo Wolfe
Paul and Phyla Wright

Dedra Altizer
Dennis Baker and daughter
Gabriel Bittner
Haley Buckley
Mary Carr
Shannon Decker
Amy Depew
Everyone serving in the Military
Ryan Farley
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
The George Family
Tomas Healey
Robert Jensen
Carolyn Keller's parents
Kim
Lyndsay Krutki
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva
B.A. Long
Andy Marussich
Jeff Monroe
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Leon Paffenroth
Jack Richner
Ted Sandstrom
Fred Schwarz
Sara Simas
Peggy Srirach
Shawn Thatcher
Brenda Travers
Ashley Wade
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood

Fran Backofen
Emily Barry and Family
Lorraine Boardman
Sarah Burrows
Grace Cook
Mary Jane DeFreece
Joshua Depew
Evie and Family
MaryLee Farris' sister
Gabby
Barbara and George Hankins
David Jacks
Martin Johnson and Joy Johnson
Laura and Tom Kennedy
Don and Ella Kimble
Captain Steven Legion
Charles Li
Margaretta Macica
The Family of Anita McCarthy
Heather Mustavs
Steven Neil
Oretsky Family
Amy Pemberton
Trudi Roach
Tom Sawyer
Bryan Scott and Family
Megan Slasinski
The Smith Family
Judy Thompson
Kim Valentini and Family
Wendy-Bynum Wade
The Weinberger Family
Orra and Dale 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.)

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2011

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 **341** and **our assessment per member** (not per family)

for 2011 is \$28.00, which is a total of **\$9,548.00** to be taken from our operating budget. Please assist with this expense and write a check for your family assessment, if you haven't already done so, and either mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks for doing your share.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

The nine new, engraved memorial pavers will be installed at the end of the month. If anyone is interested in purchasing a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100. A new order will be placed when another six or more pavers are ordered.

“Stewards of the Garden”

Anyone (not just the “Stewards”) who would like to pitch in and spend a few minutes cleaning up any garbage seen in the garden area is welcome to do so.

The September/early October schedule for our “Stewards”:

Beryl Yungman & Sue Varden:	September 1 - September 15
Loretta & Jack Richner:	September 16 – September 30
Barbara & George Hankins:	October 1 – October 15

This schedule will be posted outside the church office.

If you are interested in becoming a “Steward of the Garden,” please see Pat in the church office.

Niches Available in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment, and the following 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)

PLEASE REMEMBER:

NO SKATEBOARDING IS ALLOWED IN THE GARDEN!

If you see anyone with a skateboard near the garden, let them know that!

It appears the number of cigarette butts in the garden has declined dramatically. Thanks to ALL who helped address the issue. Please keep the garden as clean as possible.

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Rebecca Boardman Elfriede Johnson</i>	17	<i>Olivia Grob Daniel Serkes Phyla Wright</i>
2	<i>Geraldine Garrison</i>		
3	<i>Leslie Faulds</i>	18	<i>Louise Spencer</i>
5	<i>Bill Strong</i>	19	<i>Emma Jorgensen</i>
8	<i>Noah Bush Karen Brooks</i>	22	<i>Bill Hodges Grace Lanuti Nancy Mason</i>
9	<i>Mary Roper</i>		
10	<i>Lori Baird Gabriela Ukejianya</i>	23	<i>Lucy Figueroa</i>
12	<i>Jenna George Tom McDowell</i>	26	<i>Abigail Boardman Gianna Hagopian</i>
16	<i>Mary Lee Berry Mike Hagopian Kelly McCloud</i>	27	<i>Debra Lystad</i>
		30	<i>Darren Baird Michele Meek</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:

- *Rob and Rebecca Boardman on the birth of their son, Colin Hugh. Colin joins his sisters, Abigail, Emma, and Analiese. Proud grandma is Linda Boardman.*
- *Jessica and Jay Ptak on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Melissa, on July 28. She was 5 lbs. 1 oz. Proud grandparents are Diana and Martin Bowe.*
- *Lt. James Paffenroth, son of David and Wendy Paffenroth, who was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for the second time and the Award of the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. June 3, 2011 was proclaimed Lt. James Paffenroth Day by Mayor C. Barry of the City of Meridian, Mississippi.*

Presbyterian Women's Association
News Notes

The Presbyterian Women's Association (PW) had a wonderful summer picnic on July 30 in Warwick at the home of Bill, Gina, and John Gruber. They are the most gracious hosts, and their home is not only beautiful, but it also has a fantastic view of the Warwick Valley, which we all admired.

Twenty ladies attended and brought scrumptious salads and decadent desserts to share. We had a great day of fellowship and made some great memories. Each lady was given an angel pin and the instructions that she had to let the angel "fly away" within a week. As an act of kindness, she was to find someone who needed a boost or a little joy, or simply a thank-you, and pass the angel along. Before we left, Bill took a great photo of the group out on the deck, and it is on display in the narthex. Each attendee was later given a card with the photo on it as a remembrance of a great afternoon. Thank you Gruber family for giving us a great afternoon and some cherished memories to carry with us.

PW is open to all women who attend our church. Everyone is welcome, and we hope we can build up our group again. Our next undertaking will be the **bake sale on November 19** in the Fellowship Hall foyer. All donations of baked goods are sincerely appreciated. This is the same day as the craft fair and the quilt show, so all hands are welcome to help, if even for just a few hours. Last year, this was our biggest sale ever, as it is always held on the Saturday before the Thanksgiving holiday. Please mark your calendar and see if you can contribute a baked item (or two) or even a few hours of your day for this worthy cause. We really need your support to make this another success.

The **next "gathering" of the women will be on Monday, September 12** at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Please come and join us. If you want any information about PW, please see Fran Hoffmann, Carolyn Keller, or Betty Lobb, and they can fill you in on our activities.

See you on the twelfth.

Wendy Paffenroth
Former Secretary, PW

SAVE THE DATE

THE ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE ON
Friday, October 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 22 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Please mark your calendar now.

Help is going to be needed not only on the days of the sale, but also setting up on Monday, October 17 through Thursday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m. (or whenever you can get there). Please contact Glynnis Jorgensen (914-804-5476) and let her know on what days you will be able to help. This is one of the church's biggest fundraisers and it takes a lot of support from our church family to make it a success. **ALL HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!** Come and share this fellowship with other church members.

Monster Mum Sale

Friday Sept. 16th, Saturday Sept. 17th

8:30AM to 5:00PM each day

**First Presbyterian Church In Goshen
Center of town in Church Park**

**Mums, pumpkins,
haystacks, cornstalks**

**Will be open Sunday till the plants run
out or the truck comes to pick up the
remnants**

The proceeds of the sale send young people on a mission trip.

For information call: 294-7991

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – PARKING LOT

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

- ❖ **9 am to 3 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 -9/2/11**
- ❖ **Set up 7-9 am --- cleanup 3-4 pm**
- ❖ **8' tables available for rent @\$5.00 each**
(First come first served basis for table rental)

Return slip to hold space by: 9- 2- 11

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

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

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

Further information: bartleys1@yahoo.com or Church office: 294-7991

We cordially invite you to the
Second Annual Tiffany Ball
at the Harness Racing Museum
240 Main Street, Goshen

sponsored by
The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen.

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Six o'clock pm until Eleven o'clock pm

\$100 per person

Catered by Catherine's

Send prepaid reservations to

Barbara Hankins

42 Spring Street

Goshen, NY 10924

Reservation deadline: September 12, 2011

Make checks payable to:

First Presbyterian Church

Send music requests with your reservation.

Black Tie Optional

Menu

Passed hors d'oeuvres:

Pigs in a blanket, Crab Cakes, Scallop Bacon,
Chicken Satay, Crostini, Spanakopita

Buffet:

(Catherine's Salad and Rolls on Each Table)

Carved Angus Beef with Horseradish

Lemon Chicken

Bontie Pasta with Farmer's Market Vegetables

Stir Fried Vegetables and Shrimp

Grilled Vegetables

Oven Roasted Potatoes with Rosemary and Garlic

Dessert:

Wild Berry Cake, Chocolate Godiva Mousse Cake

Coffee and Tea

Open Bar

HELP SAVE THE WINDOWS
Tiffany Ball Ad Journal
First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

Most residents of the central Orange County area are aware of the rising spire of the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen. It is a welcoming site and serves as the focal point of the village-scape from most entrances into the village. Out-of- towners often refer to us as the “big stone church on the square.” What many don’t know is that the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen provides the backdrop for some of the last stained glass windows commissioned to renowned artist Louis Tiffany. Several of these windows are in desperate need of substantial repairs to the woodwork encasing these breathtaking windows. In a concerted effort to raise the necessary funds, First Presbyterian Church will hold the 2nd Annual Tiffany Ball on October 1. This was a sold-out event in 2010, and we anticipate it will be again this year. Don’t miss out on your chance to reach this attentive group of village, town, and county “movers and shakers,” and help save these unique art treasures.

YES, count me in!

Business Name (or individual contributor)

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone # _____ **Cell #** _____ **E-mail** _____

_____ **Full Page (\$100)**

_____ **Back Cover (\$400)**

_____ **1/2 page (\$65)**

_____ **Inside Front or Back Cover (\$300)**

_____ **1/4 page (\$35)**

_____ **Sorry, can't do an ad, but please find my contribution as a patron for \$10**

Business cards can be used to generate most ads (please include two cards) or jpegs/pdf versions of camera-ready ad. If you want us to design the ad, please give us some basic info and we'll contact you to discuss. Please call Wendy Bynum-Wade at 294-0583 with questions or for more information. Please make all checks payable to:

First Presbyterian Church in Goshen (please put "Tiffany Ball ad journal" on memo)

Mail to: Tiffany Ball Ads
45 Fletcher Street
Goshen, NY 10924

or e-mail to: dvw6219@aol.com

(Please detach and save as your receipt)

Advertisement in Tiffany Ball dinner journal to benefit Tiffany window restoration at First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

Name of Business (or individual) _____

Total Amount \$ _____ **Date** _____

2011- 2012 Sunday School Registration Form

Please fill out and return by September 4 using any of the following methods:

- Drop in offering plate
- Return to Pat in the office
- Email back to me at: linda.sundayschool@gmail.com

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade in school as of September 2011: _____

Parent's names: _____

Phone numbers: Cell: _____
 Home: _____

E-mail: _____

Student's talents or interests:

Parent's talents or interests:

Parent's help if/when needed (circle any): Art Music Snacks Pageant

Any concerns we should be aware of: (allergies, etc.)

3rd grader interested in being an Acolyte: Yes No

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we shall seek to use our gifts through worship, ministry, and mission, to gather the Church in from the world, to continue to nurture one another, to serve a world still broken, and to exemplify through common values and purposes Christian discipleship to the greater glory of God.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2012

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

Class of 2014

Linda Clark
Dom Fontana
Pat Green
Bill Hodges
Karen Magee
Grover vonPentz

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2012

Linda Boardman
Jessica Bowe
Carol Gabella
Glynnis Jorgensen
Carolyn Keller
Marni Lewis
Rebecca Zis

Class of 2013

Lori Baird
Gina Gruber
John Gruber
Kari Taylor
Moses Ukejianya
Ashley Wade
Anne Wood

Class of 2014

Diana Bowe
Brendan Donohue
Lori Kilmer
Brian Meek
Jude Monteleone
Richard Paulus
Cheryl Zis

Moderator of Deacons: Lori Baird

STAFF

Robert Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music
Pat Schwetje, Church Secretary
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