

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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HEARING THE WORD

Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts.

- Luke 8:12

I have been struggling mightily to get grass to grow in my backyard. A few sprigs of green come up here and there, but for the most part my backyard remains hardscrabble and bald. The dirt is winning. During the summer months when I try to mow what little grass we have back there, the mower would spew forth a dust storm worthy of *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Continuing to wage war for the prize of a lush lawn, I tried using an aerator. I rolled this massive spiked cylinder around the yard, peppering the ground with holes. Then I put down some seed. Again, there were a few shoots of green that made a valiant effort to establish their presence — a valiant effort, but one short lived. For all my efforts, bald spots remain in the backyard, mocking me in their refusal to yield growth of any kind. Aerating and throwing seed on top of the ground doesn't mean that grass will take root in the earth. Sometimes, it just doesn't happen.

Human hearts are much the same way when it comes to the living Word of God. Sometimes the Word is experienced, read or heard, but it sits there on top of the ground, never taking root, never getting down deep. Birds come and eat it or, as Jesus explained, the devil (or evil) snatches it away.

The enemy of our faith can foil the work of the seed in any number of ways. Sometimes, the Word perishes because we're ignorant of it. Lack of knowledge means seed is wasted. Sometimes the Word fails to go deep, because we won't let it get any further than the surface. Something in us is resistant, and we're not open to hearing what it might say to us.

Hostility and ignorance are fairly obvious explanations for our failure to hear the Word and thus discern the voice of Jesus speaking to us. But there's another possibility that may be more common. Ignorance and hostility are not the main reasons the Word perishes on the surface of your life. A more common problem is familiarity. We've heard it before, over and over. We've read it until we can almost say it by heart. We've heard plenty of sermons or lessons. We know what it means, so we stop listening. We no longer have ears to hear.

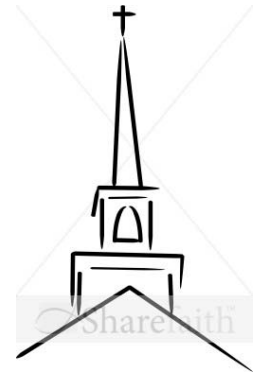
The hard soil and the hard heart do not belong solely to those who have rejected faith in Jesus. The hard soil can be found in those who believe, but have heard so often and so much that they've stopped listening. This might be a day to test the soil of your own heart for the resistance that comes from familiarity with the Word. Ask God to give you ears that hear the Word in a fresh way. This may be something we need to pray every day.

Familiarity doesn't always breed contempt. Sometimes, when it comes to God's Word, familiarity breeds absolutely nothing.

Pastor Kingsley

SEPTEMBER – AN ENDING AND A NEW BEGINNING

Each August there is that old, reliable switch of the seasons that usually clicks as the month draws to a close. It's a sudden feeling in the air; we sense it one morning as we open the front door. And we make our Labor Day plans for the last hurrah of summer, knowing that soon our lives will take on a different pattern as we move into fall, especially for families with kids going back to school.



As a lifelong learner, I'm always inspired by displays of school supplies in the stores; it gets the desire to learn something new going inside me. I look for new anthems for the choir, new organ music for services, and new responses for the congregation to learn. When I discover new learning opportunities, it's fresh, challenging, and exciting. I urge you to think about traveling down a "new learning path" this September. Sunday school teachers are needed for the new year's curriculum, and the choir is learning new music. Why not take the opportunity to broaden your horizons? You may not be school-age, but you can embark on learning something new or sharing your gifts as a learner, a teacher, a singer, or an organizer.

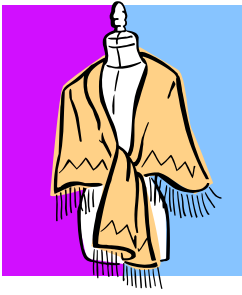


I look forward to the beginning of the Christian Education year on **Sunday, September 13**. It is **Homecoming Sunday** when the youth return to regular Sunday school classes. Each service they come forward to sit in front of the chancel steps for the Sermon for Young Disciples; it's heartwarming to see the future generation actively taking part and learning about the Christian faith.

The choir begins a regular rehearsal schedule on Thursdays in the parlor at 7:30 p.m. starting on **September 10**. We will be preparing and singing eleven anthems for Sundays between September and Thanksgiving. Plus, there will be special Christmas music, as well. 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



Prayer Shawl Ministry News

The summer continued to be busy for our “Holy Hookers” who don those crochet hooks to make beautiful and lasting gifts to be given in our church’s name. Wonderful job ladies!

- Received July 14, 2015 . . . *I am so sorry that it has taken me so long to write this. Thank you so much for the prayer shawl you gave me after my appendectomy last year. I am not sure what type of yarn is most needed so I am enclosing a check for you to buy what is needed. Again, thank you. Sincerely, Pat Green* (A generous check was received.)
- The Kamrowski family of Florida, NY, asked for a gift. A generous donation to the shawl ministry was received when they picked up the shawl and prayer folder. Thank you.
- Shawls are now in a basket in the back of the church for any member who might be a bit chilly with the new air conditioning. Please return your borrowed shawl to the basket when you leave so that we always have them available. Thank you.
- A shawl was sent to Sidney Kimble in Utah, a friend of a church member, who had a friend who was very ill. She was most appreciative of our helping to provide a hug when there was nothing else she could do for her friend. She hopes to start a ministry in her church.
- A shawl was sent to Sandy S. in Myrtle Beach, SC. A young mother, formerly from Warwick and a family friend, recently found out she is having her second child and also dealing with breast cancer at age 34. Keep Sandy in your prayers.
- Lisa Montalbano took a great amount of yarn from Nancy Mason that was from the collection of Dorothy Gott. Dot is no longer able to work making shawls but wanted us to continue, so she has donated her yarns. Thank you, Lisa, for sorting and organizing the yarn, and thank you, Nancy and Dot, for keeping our fingers nimble.
- Barbara Hankins made sure the Van Doran family received a hug from us upon the tragic loss of their son and brother, Paul, who was a member of our church. Keep the family in your prayers.

I came home from work one afternoon to find four boxes of yarn on my step from Helen Feagles of Pine Island, NY. After sorting, they were delivered to the stash in the church. Thank you, Helen.

We graciously accepted two lovely shawls (one knitted and one crocheted) from Joan Howell’s friends in her senior group. How kind of the ladies to donate hugs to us to pass on. Please thank them for all of us, Joan.

I personally want to thank Jo Wolf for making a beautiful lap robe for my mom, Jean Musgrave, who is in a rehabilitation center in Farmington, Maine. Mom said it is beautiful and keeping her warm on the cool Maine nights. Thanks, Jo. It was the perfect gift for a former Goshenite and member.

Again, I am sure I might have missed some of the gifts, but know that all that go out are given in love and sincerely appreciated. Please keep our hands and us in your prayers that we may be able to continue this ministry for a very long time. God bless each of you!

Wendy Lee Paffenroth, Prayer Shawl Ministry Secretary



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Welcome back ladies of the church. I hope you had some nice memories of the summer and, as always, we are ready to pick up where we left off.

Great American Weekend was wonderful. Well, Saturday was not the greatest with the rain, and we did sell some HOT coffee, but Sunday was beautiful and we did grand. Some of our ladies helped on church tours and many others helped man the table, took items out early in the morning to vendors, made sure the supplies were bought and delivered on time, and just did a great bang-up job. We thank Dave Paffenroth for helping to man the cash box at the table when we were shorthanded. Our Mock Mint Juleps were a hit, and we were sold out of them within two hours. Plans to expand this wonderful refreshing tea next year are in the plans already. Bring your ideas on what we can do to improve our table.

By the time this hits your mailbox, we hope the final details are put on the plans for our Honoree Luncheon in September. We are honoring three wonderful women of the church and hope that many of you will come to celebrate their day. **Mary-Gray Griffith, Myrna Tucker, and Orra Wood will all share this special Honoree Day as our Women of the Year.** The luncheon is always beautiful, and we all have such a good time sharing our stories and memories. Please try to come.

We will put the final touches on the Holiday Fair in the next few meetings. We hope once again that many of you can help to bake for our sale and come to work even if it is only for an hour or two. Keep in mind that we will do Christmas boxes again this year. If you see items that might be welcomed for someone who is not able to get to church (for example, books, small games, etc.) purchase them now and put them away. It means so much to those who are the recipients that we have not forgotten them in our church family.

Looking forward to a big turn out on September 14, 2015 in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as you can make it. Hugs to all!

Wendy Paffenroth, PW Correspondent

JOYOUS CELEBRATION COMING SOON!

It's the Presbyterian Women's luncheon for three special ladies who have served the PW faithfully for many years.

Join us to thank Mary Gray, Myrna, and Orra at Glen Arden on Sunday, September 27!
Watch the bulletin for details for the delicious menu, time, and price.

HAPPY GATHERING!

SHARE PAGE - - -

If you have something you want to share - - a recipe, poem, prayer, or something that touched your heart - - just email me by the 15th of the month, and we will try to get it into the next newsletter. Email me at: wendypaffenroth@gmail.com.



Thank you, Wendy Lee Paffenroth

- ❖ Seen on a church bulletin board this summer in Warwick, NY:
“Our Church is Prayer – Conditioned”
- ❖ On another church this was seen:
“Join Jesus on FB – and make him your Friend – (FB=Faith Book)”
- ❖ Recently I found a card given to me when I joined the church (ages ago) with my confirmation class. This prayer was in the card given to me by my Irish grandfather, John Musgrave.

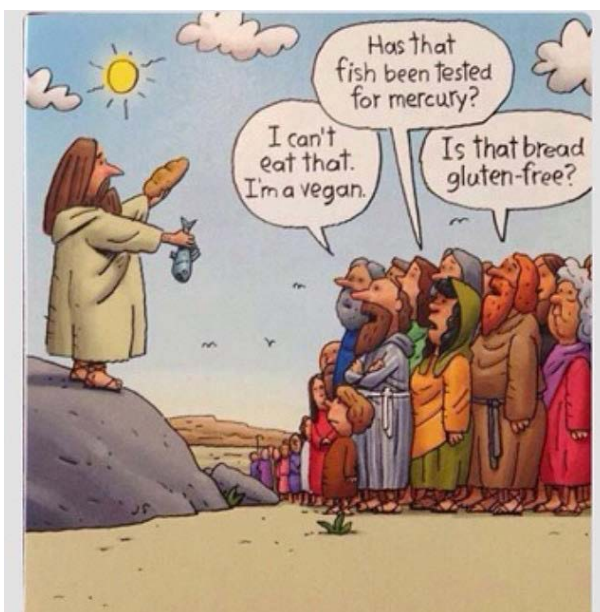
An Irish Blessing

*May God grant you always:
A sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you,
Laughter to cheer you, Faithful friends near you,
And whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you!*

(This blessing is meant to be shared. Please pass it along.)

Have a wonderful beginning of autumn.
Wendy Lee Paffenroth – Share Pages

- ❖ And now, a bonus:



Nicaragua's Maria

By C. A. J. Bartley 7/15

The same sun we both see all day through, the same moon at night we do view,

I from my home of luxury, her from a hut of poverty.

See the girl

standing next to the little shack, with two small children hiding behind her back,

and her mother struggles up the hill, on her head today's water jug to its fill.

Her man in a distant factory works all week, just skin and bones and future bleak.

Will he make enough for them to survive? A family eating barely enough to stay alive.

Her humble shanty has an earthen floor and a thread worn blanket for its door,

no parlor sweet, no dining hall, just a bed for slumbers call.

A life like this girl's, who will take the blame?

Maria is her given name,

a child herself just barely twenty three, the family rock, no one else could be.

Scrimping and saving from clothes handmade, sewn on a treadle machine in the shade.

So with sweat she bought her plot of ground, in the shadow of a volcano's sulfur mound.

Now she waits for banana trees to grow to size and mango trees to fruit and provide,

but with all the worldly goods they lack, smiles to their faces keep coming back.

So who will lend a helping hand, in this distant tropic land?

A band of caring strangers who all agree, to travel to her Nindiri

Shoulder to shoulder shoveling cement, with the local masons that we met.

Digging footings, bending rebar all by hand, with Maria and her clan.

Together we build this meager house of block, for her family safe within, a door to lock.

Though the distant between us is great, a bridge to this community we did create.

For Maria, a little sanctuary lair, for us memories and stories to share.

Under the same sun we both see all day through, the same moon at night we do view,

I from my home of luxury, her from her bit of new found prosperity.

Editor's Note: Kate Laskoski's "The Luxury of Living With So Little" is the third in a series of columns appearing regularly in The Tower Tie highlighting the mission work of our church. Kate, 16, was one of nine young people who went on the church Mission Trip to Nicaragua in late June. This was her first trip.

The Luxury of Living With So Little

By Kate Laskoski

When we arrived in Nicaragua, I didn't know what to expect. We met our group leaders, Jilmer and Becca, at the airport after a long day of travel. When arriving at El Raizon, our hotel before staying at the school, we learned simple rules. We couldn't flush the toilet paper, drink the tap water, and take warm showers. I was unaware that the hotel itself was a luxury to many Nicaraguans. It was tremendously nicer than their houses that are at most the size of a bedroom and walled-in by tarps and garbage bags. The cold shower water was longed for once the shower became a bucket. We would fill a small bowl with cold water to clean ourselves with.

I paid close attention to the perception of luxury in Nicaragua and largely noticed that what we take for granted is equivalent to their luxury. However, while they have so little materialistically, they have so much more in community than the communities we know. I believe that their sense of teamwork and companionship allows for so much to come out of so little. It creates happiness that makes a shack for a house completely bearable as long as they have a place to call home.

People cannot simply look at a poor community like El Portillo and feel pity for how little they have. Instead they should see how much communal prosperity lives in the community. The prosperity allows for broader accomplishments and happier lives. I, along with many others, was a stranger in El Portillo, but was welcomed with "hola" and many smiles (universal language), something that would not have been seen in a community that is jealous of the "large amount we have." Community was the ice cream man with kids circling for the ice cream we treated them to. It was the kids playing games and letting us join in. It was the card games, the dancing, and the collaboration involved in building a house. We were all new faces but were just as welcome. That, to me, has greater worth than any material luxury in the world.



Tours of Our Church Great American Weekend

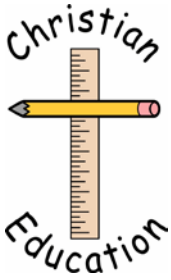
Tours of our sanctuary were given on the two days of Great American Weekend. Despite the rainy day on Saturday, we had quite a few families who spent time touring, asking questions, and seemed generally interested. We rang the grand tower bell to bring attention to the tours and, when people heard our bell was 4,000 pounds (almost double that of the Liberty Bell), they were duly impressed. Our long-time organist, Paul Wright, informed us some years ago that the tower bell rings to the note of D with an undertone of F.

We asked our guests to sign in so we could see where they came from; one lady even said she wanted to display her quilts at the Quilt Show in November. Her name and number were passed on to Barbara and Kathy, coordinators of the show. It's always nice to get some new and different items each year.

Thanks to our Outreach Committee for supplying Tour Guides! Sunday was also busy, and we met some very nice people, many from the area. Outreach has the welcome sign-in books and may send a letter of invitation to those from the county to join us at a service.

Again, it was lovely to meet so many people, and we hope we can do it again in the future.

Blessings, Wendy Paffenroth



The Christian Education Committee would like you to know...

- Sunday school will start up on September 13, 2015. There are registration forms for Sunday school in the weekly church bulletins and elsewhere in this issue of the *Tower Tie*.
- We welcome new Sunday school teachers Mark and Paty Glasse' and Michele Meek!! Bravo!
- We are introducing a new Presbytery curriculum this year, "WHIRL," with a scope of three years running. It looks engaging and interesting.
- "Love an Elder Day" will be celebrated October 4 this year. This is the UN recognition of our older generations and their contributions to our lives. Bring an older generation member or two to church, and we'll make a fuss over them at coffee hour, hosted by the Sunday school students.
- The youth group, **33 Park**, is gearing up for fall and the first meeting will be announced from the pulpit soon. We have a three-page printout of the students who are age-appropriate for this group. Be a sport--show up!!
- We plan to make some changes in the requirements for becoming a communicant of this church. The next class will form for next year, so there will be time to tweak.

Respectfully submitted,
BA Long

NEW PROGRAM THIS FALL . . . One Sunday a Month!

We are starting a new Sunday program this fall in conjunction with Linda Boardman, Sunday School Superintendent. It will be offered at the same time as the regular Sunday school, and will be aimed at our older youth from grades 7 through 12. Paty and I have been involved in youth/teen programs and Sunday school at previous churches and will be leading this group. Our intention is to work together to explore their faith during these wonderful and challenging teen years! We will do our best to offer an environment that is supportive, creative, stimulating, loving, spirit-filled and Christ-centered.

BUT we need your help! This program will be offered two Sundays each month. *Can you commit to having your teen with us at least one Sunday a month?*

Please contact us with any questions or suggestions and let's talk.

Mark and Paty Glasse'

mpglasse@optonline.net
[\(845\)986-1460](tel:(845)986-1460)

2015 - 2016 Sunday School Registration Form

First Day of Sunday School – September 13th

Please fill out and return by September 10th 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

Registration can also be done directly through church web site: www.fpgoshen.org

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade in school as of September 2015: _____

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

*Most communication will be through e-mail. I will send weekly reminders, list of upcoming activities and/or events, projects Sunday school is working on, etc.

Thank you,
Linda Boardman, Director of Sunday School

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Rebecca Boardman</i>	17	<i>Olivia Grob</i>
	<i>Elfriede Johnson</i>		<i>Daniel Serkes</i>
3	<i>Leslie Faulds</i>		<i>Phyla Wright</i>
6	<i>Sarah Misir</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 Sudul</i>		<i>Grace Lanuti</i>
10	<i>Lori Baird</i>		<i>Nancy Mason</i>
	<i>Gabriela Ukejianya</i>	23	<i>Owen Hourahan</i>
	<i>Nancy Warner</i>		<i>Lucy Figueroa</i>
12	<i>Jenna George</i>	26	<i>Abigail Boardman</i>
	<i>Tom McDowell</i>		<i>Gianna Hagopian</i>
13	<i>Michael Hagopian, III</i>		<i>Pam Pylant</i>
15	<i>Adriana Walsh</i>		<i>Kiersten Warner</i>
16	<i>Michael Hagopian</i>	28	<i>Kevin Hankins</i>
	<i>Kelly McCloud</i>		<i>Nicholas Hagopian</i>
		30	<i>Darren Baird</i>
			<i>Michele Meek</i>

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

8	<i>Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen</i>
10	<i>Chris and Dina Viebrock</i>
22	<i>Bob and Maureen Johnson</i>
23	<i>Jeffrey and Erica Gati</i>
25	<i>Luis and Lucy Figueroa</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:

- *Jason and Jessica Ptak on the birth of their son, Easton James who was born on July 29. He weighed in at 10 lbs. 15 oz. The proud grandparents are Diana and Martin Bowe and great grandma, Julia House.*
- *Jenna George and McIver Nivens on their recent engagement. A May 29, 2016 wedding is planned.*

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2015

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 **345** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2015 is \$31.00**, which is a total of **\$10,695.00** 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.

Bells, bells, bells . . .

Our church has a full range of English handbells made by Schumerich. We have in the past had a handbell choir that rehearsed regularly and played on special occasions. If you would be interested in learning to ring, please let me know. We are considering starting a beginning handbell choir in the fall. You do not have to read music, just know your left from your right hand. You will be helped along the way as you learn to ring, and ringing is open to all ages.



Robert Clooney
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See me at church or at coffee hour; or complete the form below and place it in the collection plate or the office and I will call you.

Name _____ Phone _____

PRAYER HOTLINE – Continuous Prayers When You Need Them

If you have a sudden need for prayer – an emergency, an accident, an illness, a fear – start a prayer chain by calling:

Fran Hoffmann – 294-6470
Louise Spencer – 615-0983
Mary Gray Griffith – 294-9288



Prayer contacts will begin immediately.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

BIBLE STUDY (2nd and 4th Tuesdays):	Geri Corey	294-8414
BUNNY BREAKFAST:	Elizabeth (BA) Long	343-7571
	Linda Boardman	469-6063
	Michele Meek	294-2859
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	Elizabeth (BA) Long, Chairperson	343-7571
	Linda Boardman, Director of Education	469-6063
CHOIR:	Robert Clooney	201-783-8404
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CLERK OF SESSION:	Sue Varden	649-7830
COFFEE HOUR:	Robin Knoblock	313-1319
COLUMBARIUM:	Wayne George	914-213-4093
COMMUNITY DINNER:	Robin Knoblock	313-1319
CRAFT FAIR VENDORS:	Lori Baird	200-5640
DEACONS:	Carolyn Keller, Co- Moderator	294-5508
	Carol Gabella, Co-Moderator	342-4367
FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH COMM.:	Robin Knoblock	313-1319
FLOWERS:	Carol Gabella	342-4367
	Carolyn Keller	294-5508
	Betty Lobb	294-6344
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:	Mal Stewart, Chairperson	294-7243
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	Richard Paulus	294-7190
TREASURER:	Kim Hoernig	304-9668
FOOD PANTRY:	Carolyn and Bill Keller	294-5508
FUNDRAISING:	Grover vonPentz, - Chairperson	291-1932
LAY READERS:	Karen Magee	294-6443
MEMORIAL GARDEN:	Wayne George	914-213-4093
MIDNIGHT RUN:	Lori Baird	200-5640
MISSION COMMITTEE:	Geri Corey, Chairperson	294-8414
NEWSLETTER:	Pat Schwetje	294-7991
OFFERING ENVELOPES:	Richard Paulus	294-7190
PERSONNEL:	John Redman	651-1207
PRAYER CIRCLE:	Fran Hoffmann	294-6470
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:	Wendy Paffenroth	258-4826
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:	Fran Hoffmann	294-6470
	Carolyn Keller	294-5508
	Betty Lobb	294-6344
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	Tom Sawyer, Chairperson	914-443-4503
RUMMAGE SALE:	Glynnis Jorgensen	914-804-5476
	Laura Colacci	988-7657
SANTA BREAKFAST:	Kathy Stringer	496-7765
USHERS:	Carolyn Keller	294-5508
	Carol Gabella	342-4367
WEBSITE:	Dom Fontana	778-4330
WORSHIP AND MUSIC:	Karen Magee, Chairperson	294-6443

DOES THE CHURCH OFFICE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

(Church announcements, prayer requests, etc. are sent by e-mail)

SERVING THE CHURCH AS SESSION MEMBERS

BA Long	343-7571	Chairperson of the Christian Education Committee
Kathy Alevras	496-9619	Member of the Christian Education Committee
Mark Glasse	986-1460	Member of the Christian Education Committee
Robin Knoblock	313-1319	Chairperson of the Fellowship/Outreach Committee
Jo Wolfe	294-6652	Member of the Fellowship/Outreach Committee
Mal Stewart	294-7243	Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee
Bill Hodges	782-6816	Member of the Finance and Administration Committee
Scott Roper	914-426-8574	Member of the Finance and Administration Committee
Grover vonPentz	291-1932	Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee
Cliff Bartley	238-4368	Member of the Fundraising Committee
Geri Corey	294-8414	Chairperson of the Mission Committee
Bob Johnson	315-638-0423	Member of the Mission Committee
John Redman	651-1207	Member of the Personnel Committee
BA Long	343-7571	Member of the Personnel Committee
Karen Magee	294-6443	Member of the Personnel Committee
Tom Sawyer	914-443-4503	Chairperson of the Property Management Committee
John Redman	651-1207	Member of the Property Management Committee
Rob Warner	294-3248	Member of the Property Management Committee
Karen Magee	294-6443	Chairperson of the Worship and Music Committee
Anne Tuthill	294-6638	Member of the Worship and Music Committee
Orra Wood	374-6611	Member of the Worship and Music Committee

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

It's been a struggle to get coffee hour hosts. We have been having repeats of some congregants and it would be great to have a refresh of other families. If **every family** would be willing to do just one coffee hour, we would be all set for the year. The first Sunday of every month the congregation is asked to host. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Please consider taking a turn. If you have never hosted before, there are instructions on how to do it and a member of the Fellowship/Outreach Committee would see to it that you have help the first time. If you need more information, see one of the members of the committee - Robin Knoblock, Lori Baird, Brad McLeland, Maureen Johnson, Lisa Montalbano, or Linda Clark. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



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
Donna Marino Ball
Ann (Strong) Blake
Mary Carr
Steve and Carol Coon
Joe Destefano
Everyone serving in the Military
Ben Fisher
Dorothy Gott
Carol Hoffman
Susan Johnson
Laura and Tom Kennedy
James Magee
Riley Martin
Evelyn Mercado
Richard Montalbano
Eileen Myslinski
Nick K.
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth
Russell Reynolds
Fred Schwarz
Sandy Shores
Louise Spencer
Peggy Srirach
Jean Stukey
Butch Turley
The Family of Paul Van Doran
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood's brother-in-law
Sharon Worden

Lori Baird
The Family of Virginia Bennett
Aryanna Brahs
Jean Chang
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Sally Dorritie
Evie and Family
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
Barbara and George Hankins
Bill Howell
Rosemary Joy
Jeff Knox
Kelly Magee Thrush
Andy Marussich
Jeff Monroe
Jude Monteleone
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Velma Peters
Tim Richardson
Bryan Scott and Family
Matt Skyer and Family
David Paul Spradlin
Elmer Stevens
Christopher Tucker
Kim Valentini and Family
Kenya VanZandt
The Family of Bob Weinberger
Sandra Wood
Phyla Wright

Rosa B.
Ed Berry
Craig Calzaretta
Sharon Conlon
Suzanne DeBlock
David Dzierzek
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Kate Goodspeed
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Bob and Maureen Johnson
Carolyn Keller's father
Betty and Robert Lobb
Gavin Martin
The McCloud Family
Joseph Montalbano
Jean Musgrave
Nina and Jason
Alice Paffenroth
Rachel Reeves
Tom Sawyer
Dorothy Sevcik
The Smith Family
Jackson Spradlin
Jean Strong
Myrna Tucker
Cindy Vanderplatt
The Wade Family
Jo Wolfe
Orra Wood

(If you or someone you know would like to be on this list or if you would like to take a name off the list, please call the church office and the name(s) will be included/omitted next month.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

To order a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is only \$100.

12 Niches Remain for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment with four purchase options:

Payment in Full = \$2,500

12-Month Payment Option = \$250 / month for 12 months (\$3,000)

24-Month Payment Option = \$130 / month for 24 months (\$3,120)

36-Month Payment Option = \$ 90 / month for 36 months (\$3,240)

“Stewards of Our Garden”

Thank you to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The SEPTEMBER and early OCTOBER Steward's Schedule:

Jenn and Gregg Piller:

September 1 – September 15

Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende:

September 16 – September 30

Barbara and George Hankins:

October 1 – October 15

It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, or sweep a few pavers clean, and you can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up.

Call the church office (845-294-7991), Rev. Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093)
For any information you may need about The Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2016

**Cliff Bartley
Geri Corey
John Redman
Tom Sawyer
Mal Stewart
Jo Wolfe**

Class of 2017

**Robert Johnson
Robin Knoblock
Karen Magee
Anne Tuthill
Grover vonPentz
Rob Warner**

Class of 2018

**Kathleen Alevras
Mark Glasse
Bill Hodges
Elizabeth Long
Scott Roper
Orra Wood**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2016

**Wendy Donohue
Bill Eustance
Carol Gabella
Gina Gruber
John Gruber
Carolyn Keller
Lisa Montalbano**

Class of 2017

**Diana Bowe
Diane Church
Lori Kilmer
Mary Kingsley
Charlie vonPentz
Nancy Warner
Cheryl Zis**

Class of 2018

**Lori Baird
Laura Colacci
Paty Glasse
Tina McCloud
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller
Hannah Warner**

**Co-Moderators of Deacons: Carolyn Keller and Carol Gabella
Presbyterian Women:**

STAFF

**Robert Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music
Pat Schwetje, Church Secretary
Kim Hoernig, Church Treasurer
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Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**