

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Hebrews 11:29–12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

As a resurrection people, we proclaim that we believe in possibility, hope, second chances, and new life. We say that we believe in forgiveness, redemption, and radical transformation. Sometimes faithfulness to these convictions requires us to take a stand, to set a limit, to resist things that seem wrong and continue to do the things that seem right. But the spirit can grow weary.

I am struck by the list of heroes in this scripture, the great cloud of witnesses who surround us. They confronted so much. They suffered so much. And yet they continued to believe in something different than what they were experiencing. In the face of evil, in the face of injustice, in the midst of cruelty, pain, and suffering, their perseverance was grounded in their convictions about what was right and wrong.

Sometimes, in a world with so much brokenness, to believe in goodness and justice and healing requires an act of will. Today I am thinking about faithfulness as a willful commitment to the good and the beautiful. I want to have the strength and perseverance that comes from that kind of conviction and commitment.

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes

How did it get to be September already? Regardless, it's here. Time to dust off the handbells, finish filing last year's choral music (ugh), and get rehearsals going.

We will meet again on WEDNESDAYS in the fall. Handbells meet in the sanctuary at 6:30, choir in the parlor at 7:30. We begin on September 11. Please join us. It's a delightful ministry and all are invited to consider sharing their gifts.

The choir has sung in strong numbers all summer. To all of you, thank you and congratulations! You added so very much.

To those of you who supported the musical programs of the spring and summer, thank you as well! We hope to offer more of the same in the coming months.

Thanks in a unique way to Lisa Montalbano and her amazing committee, who undertook the massive task of organizing the August raffle for the Paul E. Wright Organ Fund. The great news is that the raffle has been a big hit! The challenging news is that we still need to raise a great deal of money for the organ.

I'm encouraged by all of the love and enthusiasm that's been poured out so far. I also take comfort in the fact that we got the roof done. Now, let's turn our attention to the great act of faith of restoring a historic musical instrument for our FUTURE. With your help the next three hundred years will put the first three hundred in the shade. Onward and upward!

Happy birthday!

Jonathan

THE KITCHEN HAS BEEN RESTORED!

Due to the hard work and determination of several parishioners, the kitchen has been restored to the Health Department's standards.

Without the expertise, hard work, and determination of Brian Meek and Jody Kopec and for the many, many extra hours of work, this would not have been possible.

Take a minute and walk over to see how beautiful the kitchen looks!

Thank you to everyone, who gave of their time during a hot, summer week, for your hard work!! It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you from the Fundraising Committee:

At the Great American Weekend we cover many areas even though the event is hosted by the Goshen Chamber of Commerce. In the past, we have participated in the food tent. However, we have found that all the hard work over two days only yielded an income of several hundred dollars. This was due to paying for the food we were cooking and not getting donations. So this year the committee opted not to do the food tent.

The committee is responsible for finding individuals to staff the ticket booth at the rides each year. Luckily, this booth is air conditioned so it is more comfortable. We receive 25% of the proceeds; this year we raised \$4,644. Unfortunately, we were closed early on Saturday night to due weather.

We also get rental income from our property for the use by the Chamber of Commerce. This year the rental fee we received was \$5000.

We also received \$500 from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce for the use of the church's property for the Farmer's Market.

The antique booths raised \$2,165. Thank you to Geri Corey for your great running of this event. Geri Corey has stepped down as chairperson of the antiques for the Great American Weekend. If you are interested, please let Barbara Thompson know.

Total raised at the Great American Weekend and for the Farmer's Market this year was \$12,309. I personally want to thank the few people who donated their time to making the rides a success. Grover and Barbara von Pentz, Lisa Reynolds, David and Kat Kingsley, Ann Wood, Joy Kissane, Grace Lanuti, Mike and Alison Csernai, George Schust, and John Redman.

The Fundraising Committee meets at 11:00 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone Welcome!



NOTES FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN...

The ladies purchased new pots and pans for the kitchen.

Those who like to go to garage/yard sales and flea markets too, keep your eyes out for bargains. The ladies are still looking for Pyrex/ceramic/pie plates and also for quart jars and smaller jelly jars. Please consider donating those for the fall bake sale at the Holiday Fair. We are hoping to have another pie baking day prior to the sale...keep it in mind.

The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women is the Monday after Labor Day, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Remember, all ladies of the church are considered members and we sincerely hope you will be able to join us for the fall meetings.

God bless,
Your Church Sisters of Presbyterian Women

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The box tops can be found on many foods and household supplies such as Progresso soups, Betty Crocker products, Scott paper towels, General Mills cereals, etc. There is a box for collection on the table in the Narthex or give them to Carol Gabella.

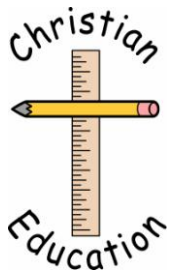
THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ONGOING!

When you buy ShopRite gift cards through the church you can help fund our mission trips. The church sells gift cards at full face value, and we receive a 5% discount from ShopRite when the cards are purchased. See Mark Glasse' on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week. Any questions contact Mark at (845) 325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2019

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 **314** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2019 is \$38.80**, which is a total of **\$12,183.20** to be taken from our operating budget. **If you haven't already done so**, 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.

Christian Education News:



2019 – 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will begin in October 2019 and will run through May 2020.

A detailed information session for parents and students will be scheduled for early September.

Date will be posted on the FPC website, in the Sunday bulletin, and announced in church.

For general inquiries please contact:

Mark and Paty Glassé at 845-325-4439
Linda Boardman at 845-665-9545 or
Pat in the church office at 845-294-7991

2019 – 2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day of Sunday school is September 8th.
Join us for a welcome back surprise celebration!

Please take a few minutes to register your child on the FPC website.
If you have any questions, contact either Pat in the church office – 294-7991 or Linda Boardman at 845-665-9545.



THANK YOU FOR THE BOX TOPS FROM LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Received from Carol Gabella's niece, a second grade teacher from Liberty Elementary...

"Thank you for all the ways you make this world a brighter one. On behalf of all the students at Liberty Elementary School we would like to thank you for your continuous generous donation of **box tops for education**. They are put to use for equipment for the playground, as well as indoor equipment for rainy day recess. "

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Students at LES



SAVE THE DATE

DEACONS' SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN

COFFEE HOUR

Join US for a time of scary delights, ghostly goodies, and tasty brews.

Sunday, October 27th after church

MISSION TRIP 2019

On July 20, 13 people associated with the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen headed to the Dominican Republic...Mark Glasse', Carly Glasse', Allison Csernai, Matt Csernai, Robert Boardman, Emma Boardman, Carol Phelan, Charles Phelan, Scott Roper, Shannon Roper, Ken Crosby, Trent Larson and Tierney Crone.

We left the comfort of our homes to build homes for families in need. Please join us on September 29 as we share our story and experiences in words and pictures with the wonderful church family that helped to support our trip.

Thanks,
Mark Glasse'



3rd Annual Clam Bake

Long Lot Brewery, Johnson Road, Chester New York

Sunday September 8, 2019 2:00-5:00 p.m. (last serving at 4:30 p.m.)

Adult Tickets \$40

Adult Tickets with Lobster \$60

Children under 12 \$10

Cash Bar Serving Wine and Long Lot Brews

Join in the 300th Anniversary Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

Menu

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

LITTLE NECKS AND STEAMER CLAMS

BBQ GRILLED CHICKEN (white and dark meat)

ITALIAN SAUSAGE WITH PEPPERS & ONIONS

1.25 LB. LOBSTER (ADDITIONAL COST \$20)

RED BLISS POTATOES (HOT OR COLD)

HOMESTYLE BAKED BEANS WITH BACON

GOURMET GARDEN SALAD

CORN ON THE COB WITH PARMESAN AND PARSLEY

FRESH FRUIT MEDLEY

SODA, WATER, COFFEE AND TEA

Reserve your tickets - email Barbara von Pentz at bvonpentz@yahoo.com or
contact the Church Office 845-294-7991

Clambake Committee - Barbara and Grover vonPentz, John and Marylee Redman, Mark Glasse and Linda Clark

First Presbyterian Church
Annual Fall Community Yard Sale
And
Barn Sale

Saturday September 21, 2019 9am-2pm

Setup 8am

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

Cost of 12'x 12' space is \$35.00

Limit 2 tables per space (tables not included in fee; available for additional \$5.00)

Deposit fee of \$35.00, will be refunded when your space is cleaned up. (please send a separate check.)

Tables are available for rent at \$5.00 each

**Please return the bottom of the form to First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY
10924**

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Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	
# Spaces @ \$35/each	
# Tables @ \$5/each	
Deposit	\$35.00
Total	\$

Plus additional check of \$35.00 for deposit/clean up fee (refunded at end of day)

Questions Bthompsonlrt@gmail.com or Church Office : 845-294-7991

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Rebecca Boardman</i>	19	<i>Emma Jorgensen</i>
	<i>Elfriede Johnson</i>	20	<i>Evan Gallet</i>
	<i>Emily Garbutt</i>	22	<i>Bill Hodges</i>
5	<i>Patrick Ellis</i>		<i>Grace Lanuti</i>
6	<i>Sarah Misir</i>		<i>Nancy Mason</i>
10	<i>Nancy Warner</i>		<i>Bob Santangelo</i>
	<i>Gabriela Ukejianya</i>	23	<i>Lucy Figueroa</i>
12	<i>Tom McDowell</i>		<i>Owen Hourahan</i>
13	<i>Michael Hagopian, III</i>	26	<i>Abigail Boardman</i>
15	<i>Adriana Walsh</i>		<i>Gianna Hagopian</i>
16	<i>Michael Hagopian</i>		<i>Pam Pylant</i>
17	<i>Matthew Kopec</i>		<i>Kiersten Warner</i>
	<i>Denise Panebianco</i>	28	<i>Kevin Hankins</i>
	<i>Daniel Serkes</i>		<i>Nicholas Hagopian</i>
18	<i>Louise Spencer</i>	30	<i>Michele Meek</i>

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

8	<i>Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen</i>
9	<i>Jody and Mary Kopec</i>
10	<i>Chris and Dina Viebrock</i>
17	<i>Kevan and Shannon Ottochian</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.*



OFFICE CHANGES...

Our office secretary, Pat Schwetje has asked us to reduce her hours so she will have more time to pursue her many interests. Pat has been a faithful employee for 19 years and we want to accommodate her. Accordingly, as of October 1, Pat will be in the office from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday**. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Pat believes she can get her work done in half the time. As you can imagine, she is going to be very busy working just 16 hours a week! Please be respectful of this and the time you are taking her away from her work during your phone conversations and office visits. If you have church concerns you want to talk about to someone, please talk with Pastor Kingsley or a Session committee chair. (A list of the committees and their chairs are published below.)

If anyone needs keys to hold a church event on the weekend, they must see Pat no later than Thursday morning of that week since the office will be closed Fridays. In case of an emergency, you can call Pastor Kingsley on his cell phone at 845-551-2780.

Respectfully,
Sue Varden, Personnel Chair

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Linda Boardman	845-665-9545	Christian Education Committee
Brad McLeland	845-782-5273	Fellowship Committee
Scott Roper	914-426-8574	Finance and Administration Committee
Barbara Thompson	914-443-3741	Fundraising Committee
Lori Kilmer	845-692-0426	Mission Committee
Ken Phelan	845-986-3203	Outreach/Communications Committee
Sue Varden	845-649-7830	Personnel Committee
Brian Meek	845-294-2859	Property Management Committee
George Hankins	845-294-8410	Worship and Music Committee

DINNER CLUB AT THE RUSTIC WHEELHOUSE

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR DINNER AT THE RUSTIC WHEELHOUSE
39 Main Street
Chester, New York**

**Sunday, September 22, 2019
5:00 p.m.
\$30.00 per person includes tax and gratuities**

Cash bar

APPETIZER:

Mixed Green Salad

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:

Chicken Parmigiana with Linguini Pasta
Parchment Baked Salmon with Potato and Vegetable
Marinated Steak with Mashed Potato and Vegetable

DESSERT:

Apple Crisp
Coffee, tea or soda

Contact Linda Clark (294-7488) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652)
for reservations.



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>Ron Alevras</i>	<i>Ed Berry</i>	<i>Sharlene Bischof</i>
<i>Ann (Strong) Blake</i>	<i>Richard Brahs Children separated from their mothers at the border</i>	
<i>Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doebla</i>	<i>Linda Clark's brother, Bill DeBlock</i>	<i>Barbara Cody</i>
<i>Peter Coyne</i>	<i>Jean and Bruce Crandall</i>	<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>
<i>James, Max, and Liam Feragola</i>	<i>Mary Lee Farris and her sister</i>	<i>Judy Fazio</i>
<i>Charlene Gooden</i>	<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>
<i>Joan Howell</i>	<i>Susan Johnson</i>	<i>Rosemary Joy</i>
<i>Regina Kenny</i>	<i>Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy</i>	<i>Jeff Kott and Natalia</i>
<i>Brenda Kujawski</i>	<i>James Lowry</i>	<i>Karen Magee</i>
<i>Kelly Magee Thrush</i>	<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>	<i>Richard Montalbano</i>
<i>Kevin Murphy</i>	<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>	<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguye</i>
<i>Dean Oberg</i>	<i>Owen</i>	<i>Josephine Pecoraro</i>
<i>Carlos and Miarose Reyes</i>	<i>Carolyn Reynolds</i>	<i>Karen Saleski</i>
<i>Tom Sawyer</i>	<i>Mary Rita Schlagel</i>	<i>Eva Sickler</i>
<i>Gary Smith</i>	<i>Louise Spencer</i>	<i>Sue Stenson's brother-in-law</i>
<i>Kathy Stringer</i>	<i>Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch</i>	
<i>Christopher Tucker</i>	<i>Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg</i>	<i>Charles Velzy</i>
<i>Kenneth Van Etten</i>	<i>The Wade Family</i>	<i>Jerry Westphal</i>
<i>Sue Whitson</i>	<i>Jo Wolfe</i>	<i>Orra Wood</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.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Memorial Pavers



To order a memorial paver to honor or remember your loved ones, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is only \$100. We will place an order when we have 10 requests.

Consider a Donation to

Support Your Meditation Garden

Your garden operates on 100% donations (not part of the church's operating budget). Consequently, any and all donations will be used to maintain and beautify your garden. ***Remember, eventually we will need to construct a 2nd columbarium wall...***

Only 4 Niches Remain Available 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"

Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The SEPTEMBER/early OCTOBER Steward's Schedule:

Bill Eustance

Barbara and George Hankins

Bill Eustance

September 1- September 15

September 16 – September 30

October 1 – October 15

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We could certainly use a few extra "Helping Hands"...

It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, sweep a few pavers clean, or gather a few leaves and you too can help keep YOUR garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our Steward's schedule.

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

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Barbara Thompson
Sue Varden
Rob Warner**

Class of 2021

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Lori Kilmer
Ken Phelan
John Redman
Scott Roper**

Class of 2022

**Linda Boardman
Geri Corey
William Eustance
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Rob Person**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

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