

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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## Farewell Dinner for Reverend David Calvin Kingsley

Almost 70 people were on hand for a champagne toast, a standing ovation, a jovial night of fellowship and friendship. That's a brief summary of the events at the farewell dinner for Reverend David C. Kingsley. The dinner was held at the Stagecoach Inn, spread into two small banquet rooms because the weather forced us inside. The food was good, and speeches were short, sort of. Elder John Redman, one of the evening's organizers, called David out of his seat and led a toast of thanks and good wishes for a happy retirement. Anne Wood also wanted to toast David, reminding him, and those gathered, that although he was no longer our pastor, he was still a friend to many in the room. She urged him to remember how much he'd meant to us as a congregation and as our friend; hoping that he would enjoy his travels during retirement but come back home from time to time and remember that his friends would still be here.

Rev. Kingsley officially retired from First Presbyterian Church in Goshen as of July 31<sup>st</sup> after serving in our pulpit since 1999. Immediate plans are to plan a trip this fall with his son, Robert, to go exploring in Newfoundland. We hope he'll post pictures of the foliage along the way. He's planning a longer trip sometime after that which will send the father and son duo cross country to visit family members in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Colorado, Oregon and California. On the return trip, the Kingsley's are hoping to travel through Canada from British Columbia to Montreal before heading south to return home. After that, who knows? We wish David good health and safe travels as he embarks on this next chapter in life's journey.

God bless you David.

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## Music Notes



Well, the fall is here and we are still more or less in limbo. It's been wonderful to see people assembling for outdoor worship, and I appreciate all of your nice comments on the online services. But it's not quite the same! At the moment, the music ministry remains in the same uncertainty as everything else. I would love to start back as soon as the green light is given.

All is not lost; we know the great music of the fall and winter seasons, from Advent through Epiphany, and it will be beautiful somehow or other. Don't lose faith, and don't lose hope!

The organ project seems to be moving forward. Let that give us encouragement. Thanks for your great support.

David's farewell dinner was beautiful. Bravo to those who made it happen. Looking forward to the next phase of our journey. See you soon.

--Jonathan

## FROM THE PRESBYTERY....

### Policy for Pastors and Churches Concluding a Pastoral Relationship

When a pastoral position with a congregation ends, there are bonds of affection between the minister and members of the church that continue to be cherished. Relations of friendship continue, but the pastoral relationship does not. In order to avoid awkward situations and to encourage the new pastoral relationship that will be established, the Presbytery establishes the following guidelines.

*“When a pastor resigns from a pastorate, retires from service or becomes Pastor Emerita/us, that minister shall no longer perform pastoral functions, such as weddings, baptisms, funerals, hospital visitations or counseling. Active or inactive church members should not request a former pastor to perform pastoral duties. If requested, the pastor shall tactfully decline.*

*There shall be no more visits of a pastoral nature after the effective date of dissolution of the pastorate, now shall there be visits to the worship service on the part of the now former pastor.”*

This policy is implemented in order to provide for the maximum degree of protection and the minimum of intrusion possible to a new pastoral relationship, in order that the new pastor's opportunities for service and growth with the congregation may be advanced at every possible opportunity.

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

**Worship services** will continue on the lawn, while weather permits. We hope you can join us in Church Park at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Bring your own lawn chair and sit with us out in the sunshine or under the shade trees. We ask that you continue to wear face masks and that you observe social distancing.

We also provide worship services on “YouTube” that have been pre-recorded earlier in the week. These services can be accessed at 9:30 a.m. Sundays and then throughout the week. If you've missed earlier services, you can still find them on “YouTube.”

We plan to provide a variety of worship leaders. They are all from the Presbytery's Pulpit Supply List and have been approved by its Commission on Ministry. Some will be entirely new voices to you. We hope you welcome their messages.

The September worship schedule includes:

September 6: The Rev. Dr. Peter Johnson, Retired

September 13: Elder John Redman, Commissioned Ruling Elder in process

September 20: Lynn Costa, Commissioned Ruling Elder, certified

September 27: Edgar Hayes, Commissioned Ruling Elder in process

# 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>
10	<i>Nancy Warner</i>		<i>Nancy Mason</i>
	<i>Gabriela Ukejianya</i>	23	<i>Owen Hourahan</i>
12	<i>Tom McDowell</i>	26	<i>Abigail Boardman</i>
15	<i>Adriana Walsh</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>	30	<i>Michele Meek</i>
18	<i>Louise Spencer</i>		

## **HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO:**

9      *Jody and Mary Kopec*

*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.*

## **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
Lori Kilmer	845-692-0426	Mission Committee
Rob Person	203-500-9031	Outreach/Communications Committee
Sue Varden	845-649-7830	Human Resource Committee
Brian Meek	845-294-2859	Property Management Committee
John Redman	914-474-0722	Worship and Music Committee



## **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:**

Ron Alebras  
Ann (Strong) Blake  
Robert Clooney  
Jean and Bruce Crandall  
James, Max, and Liam Feragola  
Charles Fritz  
Kevin and Sara Hankins  
Rosemary Joy  
Jeff Kott and Natalia  
Patricia Lawlor  
Evelyn Mercado  
Eileen Myslinski  
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth  
Carolyn Reynolds  
Matt Skyer  
Gary Smith  
Christopher Tucker  
Charles Velzy  
Jerry Westphal  
Orra Wood

Susan Ambrsino  
Richard Brahs  
Barbara Cody  
DoriDodson  
Mary Lee Farris and her sister  
Charlene Gooden  
Carol Hoffman  
Regina Kenny  
Brenda Kujawski  
Richard Montalbano  
Amy (Thompson) Nguye  
Josephine Pecoraro  
Karen Saleski  
Mary Rita Schlagel  
Louise Spencer  
Lori Kilmer's mom, Learle VanEmburg  
Kenneth Van Etten  
Sue Whitson  
Cheryl Zis

Janet Begnoche  
Linda Clark's brother, Bill DeBlock  
Peter Coyne  
Everyone serving in the Military  
Judy Fazio  
Barbara and George Hankins  
Susan Johnson  
Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy  
Maria Kurt  
Jim Magee  
Kevin Murphy  
Owen  
Carlos and Miarose Reyes  
Tom Sawyer  
Eva Sickler  
Barbara Hankins' sister, Virginia Stubenrauch  
Sam Wallis  
Jo Wolfe

***(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**

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The Meditation Garden is here for us all as we enter into fall. As allowed, please return to your garden to reflect on God's many blessings.

#### **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 (as of now we only have one order).

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#### **Only 4 Niches Remain Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium**

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

**Payment in Full = \$2,800**

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

18-Month Payment Option = \$180 / month for 18 months (\$3,240)

***We will need to consider constructing a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> columbarium wall soon.  
The estimated cost for these two new walls is \$40,000+.***

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#### **"Stewards of Our Garden"**

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

#### **The SEPTEMBER/early OCTOBER Steward's Schedule:**

Bill Eustance	September 1 - September 15
Barbara and George Hankins	September 16 – September 30
Bill Eustance	October 1 – October 15

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#### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

***As fall arrives (and the leaves start falling), we ALWAYS NEED 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.*

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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 2021**

**Mark Glassé  
Bill Hodges  
Lori Kilmer  
Ken Phelan  
John Redman  
Scott Roper**

### **Class of 2022**

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

### **Class of 2023**

**Nancy Buckley  
Jennifer Ellis  
Kevan Ottochian  
Kenneth Skyer  
Sue Varden**

**Clerk of Session: Sue Varden**

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **Class of 2021**

**Michael Coyne  
Allison Csernai  
Don Dinsmore  
Patrick Ellis  
Paty Glassé  
Barbara Schust  
George Schust**

### **Class of 2022**

**Liese Boese  
Margaret Dickover  
Jon Hourahan  
Jody Kopec  
Logan Quick  
Felicia Van Doran  
Mitch Weintraub**

### **Class of 2023**

**Diana Bowe  
Jane Geyer  
Gina Gruber  
Carolyn Keller  
Mary Kopec  
Jonathan Laskoski  
Cheryl Zis**

**Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller**

## **STAFF**

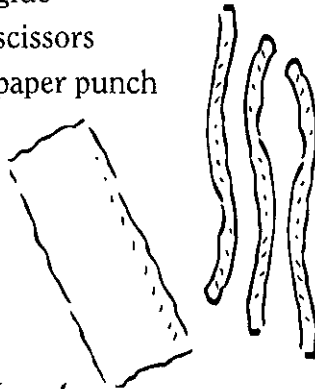
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Billy Kozireski, Church Sexton**

# THE KID'S PAGE

## Make a bookmark to mark your favorite Bible verse

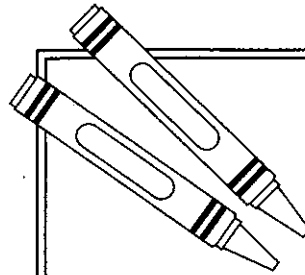
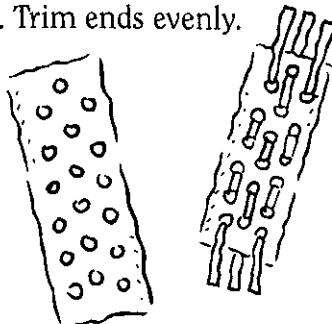
### You will need:

- a 2" x 5" strip of construction paper
- 3 pieces of ribbon or rug yarn, each 8" long
- glue
- scissors
- paper punch



### How to:

1. Punch 3 rows of 6 holes each as shown.
2. Weave a piece of yarn/ribbon through each. Let the ribbon hang over each end.
3. Put a bit of glue at each end to hold.
4. Trim ends evenly.



## Just for KIDS

### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

First write a word to fit each definition. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

Printed and bound sheets of paper

1 2 3 4

They form the alphabet

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

One who is learning

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

A small test

19 20 21 22

A group of relatives

23 24 25 26 27 28

To offer something

29 30 31 32

Glad

33 34 35 36 37

Group who works together

38 39 40 41

“ 24 5 27 11 38 10 26 35 7 14 10 6 21 11 29 2 15  
1 10 9 24 18 33 6 15 24 17 15 21 12  
20 11 40 23 14 27 23 3 10 13 16 24 38 33 21 17 29 ’  
39 9 1 14 4 21 17 29 ’ 38 2 10 10 40 38 8 21 17 29  
34 17 15 7 10 24 21 17 21 17 29 26 17  
39 30 29 33 8 9 3 14 11 17 32 12 11 ”

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”