

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Pilate's Predicament

They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled . . . (John 18:28)

Everything was happening according to plan.

Jesus had been arrested in the dark of night, out of sight, away from the crowds with whom he was popular. After the arrest, he had been taken to Annas and questioned. From there he had been marched to the house of Caiaphas, the high priest.

Plenty of scholars have carefully unpacked the trial of Jesus, following its sequence as narrated by the gospel writers and noting how it violated Jewish law. While all of that is interesting, none of it changes the outcome. The Jerusalem religious establishment wanted Jesus dead and the only man with the authority to make that happen was Pilate. An appearance before him was the logical and necessary next step.

But there was a problem. To enter the headquarters of Pilate would render these Torah-observant accusers unclean. They would not be able to eat the Passover meal. In John's gospel there is a remarkable moment in which those who are seeking to be rid of Jesus are suddenly very careful of being obedient to the law lest they be ceremonially unclean. In his excellent (and very thorough) commentary on John's gospel, Dale Bruner notes the irony of staying pure for the Passover meal while handing over the true Passover lamb who would be slain for the sins of the world.

Perhaps this can't be said often enough. Christianity is not the same thing as moral purity. Christianity is not the same thing as being attentive to religious practices. Being a Christian is about Jesus and the grace that is ours because of his death on the cross. None of us will stand before God with confidence because we carefully observed the practices of our religion. Our confidence is in Jesus, nothing else.

In a few weeks as we reflect on Jesus' appearance before Pilate, we will note how Pilate stood between the person of Jesus, the demands of some very religious people, the clamoring crowds in Jerusalem, and the power of Rome. He can't find any fault or wrongdoing in Jesus, but he can't please the crowds without giving him over.

We may look back on Pilate as a man who lacks courage and conviction. But before we sit back and rest on some long-held conclusions, let's face our own Pilate-like predicaments.

We too are often caught between the culture that surrounds us and the Christ that stands before us. We work hard to please people and meet the demands and expectations that come at us from all sides, while responding to what we know to be true in Jesus.

You may be standing in a Pilate-like predicament today. What voices in your life make it hard for you to deal seriously and honestly with who Jesus is?

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Kingsley

APRIL – OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGAN ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND CONTINUES WITH PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

April ushers us into a well-deserved spring after a long, hard winter. The month begins with Lent V, and the chancel choir will be singing Cesar Franck’s famous, *Paris Angelicus*. We still have days left on our journey as we move through the season of Lent to continue our soul-searching and setting things right in our lives.



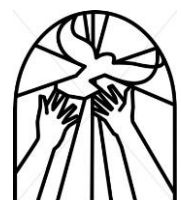
On April 13, we celebrate Palm Sunday when we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Our service will begin with a procession in song down the side aisles — *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!* sung by Mary Lee Farris and Barbara Hankins. We then continue with our joyous entrance hymn, *The Palms* as the youth lay their palm branches on the chancel. However, just as events took a sudden turn for Jesus as he faced his trial and ultimate crucifixion, our service turns more somber as we anticipate the events of Holy Week with the choral anthem, *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*; the beautiful solo, *Pie Jesu*; and *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* sung during communion.

We then continue our Lenten journey with the services of Holy Week. First, we observe **Maundy Thursday**, which derives from the Latin word “mandatum,” meaning “commandment.” The events of Maundy Thursday highlight the humility and servant-hood of Jesus. His command to His disciples is a command that He leaves for us as well, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35). As we enter, we extend our hands to be cleansed by our pastor. The chancel is transformed into a glowing candlelit space in which to experience the Passover meal, the last supper or communion before Easter. At the conclusion of the service, the altar is stripped of all elements and windows are blackened out in preparation for the somber tone of the service on Good Friday.



On **Good Friday**, the service presents a dramatic reenactment of the events of Jesus’ trial and crucifixion in word and music. It is a moving and emotional experience for all. We depart in silence and darkness not to reenter the sanctuary until Easter Sunday morning.

April 20 brings us to a glorious celebration of the resurrection on **Easter Sunday**. We enter the sanctuary in darkness and silence. The first fire of Easter is lit, the choir sings an Eastern acclamation, then -- the black curtains are pulled from the windows, the Easter lilies are revealed, and we join in our processional hymn, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!* The choir will be presenting an Easter anthem, *Christ Is Risen!*



Alleluia!, and Mary Lee Farris will be singing for us, *The Holy City*. Easter Sunday is always a joyous occasion in word and song as we celebrate the foundation of our Christian faith – the Resurrection of our Lord.

I urge each of you to take time to live into and open up to a deepening of your faith by taking this Lenten journey through Holy Week to Easter. It can be a faith-enriching experience in our lives as Christians.

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music

MIDNIGHT RUN

Our next Midnight Run will be a Brunch Run on June 7. What is a Brunch Run, you ask? Let me explain:

On a regular Run, we would gather our supplies and distribute the items throughout a pre-designated list of stops to the homeless in New York City throughout the night. A Brunch Run stays in one pre-designated spot. We will set up tables to serve a hot meal. We will have clothing, shoes, etc. that we will distribute, as well, right from that spot. It will be during mid-morning hours, usually at a local park, school parking area, or church grounds. Anyone wishing to go, should contact me by phone at 845-200-5640. We will need about four cars and will take four or five buffet tables with us. We will need someone with a rack on their vehicle, as well as mine.

The following are the needs at this time:

1 box of 50 black garbage bags
Men's lightweight clothing, **NEW** underwear/undershirts, shoes, jackets: sizes M, L, XL
Women's lightweight clothing, **NEW** underwear/undershirts, shoes, jackets: sizes M, L, XL

Food List

Bread: 18 loaves
Sliced deli turkey: 8 lbs.
Sliced deli ham: 5 lbs.
Sliced deli cheese: 5 lbs.
Home fries (cubed): 8 bags
Breakfast sausage links to equal 150: 10 boxes
Hard boiled eggs: 9 dozen
Raw eggs: 10 dozen
Butter packets: 1 box from Sam's Club
Bananas: 4 bunches
Cookies: 300 ShopRite Oreo type or oatmeal
Milk: 1 gallon
Mini donuts/mixed asst.: 8 boxes
Mini juice boxes: 100
Fruit cups/mini cups: 100
Pudding cups: 40

If you can provide a portion of any of these items, please call me at 845-200-5640 and I will add your name to the list! Thank you for your generosity in helping us with this most important need.

Lori Baird



News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry . . .

The Shawl Ministry continues to flourish. Shawls plus other gifts continue to go out to the community and beyond.

This past month, Darlene Bartley gave a shawl to a friend, Nancy from New Hampton, who in turn sent it on to someone in North Carolina. Also, a friend Linda from Florida, New York, passed one along to a family member in New Jersey.

Barbara Hankins made sure that our beloved Cecile Ayres received a hug when her lovely husband Dick passed away suddenly. Another shawl was sent home with Bruce Crandall for his wife Jean, who has been unable to join us for services for some time. We miss you Jean and hope your hug lets you know you are thought of.

The small pocket trinity shawls are still available in the Narthex in the little basket.

These are given to anyone who might want to carry a little love around with them.

They are good for those going for surgery, as well. The prayer attached is as follows:



TRINITY POCKET SHAWL

A Trinity Pocket Shawl, just for you,

To carry with you in all you do.

Let it be with you night and day

You will feel the love in many ways.

Please feel free to take as many as you need and give them out. When we notice the basket is getting low, our ladies refill it. We also thank Maureen Johnson for her recent donation of yarn. Many of the soft yarns were used for the mini pocket shawls. The colors were lovely and I am sure they will be greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Thank you again to the congregation for your support of this ministry.

Consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth – shawl Secretary.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – NEWSWORTHY NOTES

The March 3 meeting of PW was inspirational. Even though it was a bitter cold 14 degrees outside, it didn't deter our women who came from Middletown, New Hampton, Pine Island, Montgomery, Goshen and several other communities. Our parlor overflowed with twenty-four women as the first meeting of the year got underway. Wow! Let's keep this going.

We began by passing out a list of dates of meetings and events for the year. Discussion, additions, and corrections were noted. An updated version will be available at the April meeting.

The women also accepted the challenge from the men of the church to do a coffee hour. Carol Gabella shared the date of **May 18** that she had chosen. Not only will we host the coffee hour, but we will also celebrate Carol's mother's birthday. Mae Kratz will be 103! Make sure you mark your calendar to come that day. A few surprises are also in store for that fellowship. All the ladies of the church are needed to make this a very special day. We will discuss this more at future meetings.

PW recently purchased some new **communion cloths** for the church. These will be used for holidays and special occasions. This note was read to our group from our wonderful church secretary. *"1-6-14- To the Presbyterian Women's Association: On behalf of the First Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for the lovely communion linens. They will be a beautiful addition to the worship service. Your support of the church is always appreciated. In Christ Service, Pat Schwetje"*

May 23 is the ladies annual spring bake sale. This is always held on the opening day of the Goshen Farmer's Market in the church park. What a great way to start the Memorial Day weekend. More information on this at our meeting next month and watch the church bulletins, as well. Plates to put your donation on will be available at the May 18 coffee hour.

June 6 and 7 will be the spring rummage sale and Glynnis Jorgensen will again chair the event. This is an outstanding fundraiser for our church and a bi-annual event. The date for the October sale will be announced in the future. As you start your spring cleaning, put aside those "treasures" you no longer want or need that you think are saleable. Set up will begin on Monday, June 2. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer. Lots of help is needed!

Great American Weekend July 5 and 6 is a busy and exciting time for all of our church members. PW will again be setting up our blue tent under the steeple with our beverage sale. It has been suggested that we try again to have tours of our sanctuary and PW will work with the Outreach and Fellowship Committee on doing this. Everyone seems excited about trying this again and we will discuss it further in the upcoming months. If you are someone who loves the history of our church, we are sure you will fit right into this endeavor. Join us with your ideas.

Fran Hoffmann led a discussion about the cleaning of Fellowship Hall after coffee hours on Sunday. It seems that the same people are always doing the clean-up work. Before you leave coffee hour on Sundays, take a look around and "pitch in" just a bit. Whether it is running a bag of garbage out to the trash cans, putting away tables and chairs, helping to clean up the kitchen area, or grabbing the mop to do the floors, it would be so appreciated. Let's all "pitch in" and make it easier on everyone. Thanks.

Lovely notes were read from several people including Joan Howell; Anne Wood and her Dad; and Sue and Jack Pierce, who now of Ashville, North Carolina. We also passed around several cards to send to some of the members who seem to be missing from our congregation for several reasons.

To close our meeting we had a silent prayer for our dear friend, Dick Ayres who was taken so suddenly from our midst and for his "soul-mate" Cecile who will miss him terribly, as well. Let us each remember all the wonderful qualities that Dick left with us and share them with each other as he would have wanted. Dick will live on in all those he touched as evident at his memorial service.

We finished the evening by celebrating the March birthdays and continued to visit with each other. Our next meeting is going to be on **Monday, April 7** when we hope the weather is much warmer than 14 degrees and spring will have sprung. Please come and by all means, bring a friend.

God bless each of you,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth- Secretary

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2014

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 **343** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2014 is \$30.50**, which is a total of **\$10,461.50** 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.

JOIN US FOR THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE – APRIL 17 - 7:30 P.M.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS - GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18 – 7:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – APRIL 20 – 7:00 A.M. (Church Park)

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – APRIL 20 – 9:30 A.M.

Presbyterian Women's Association - Dates to Remember

Monthly meetings are held in the church parlor at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
(Changes of dates or times will be in the church bulletin, if necessary.)

April 7 - Monday – 7: 30 p.m. - monthly meeting

May 5 - Monday – 7:30 p.m. - monthly meeting

**May 23 - Friday – 9:00 a.m. until sold out – bake sale in church park
(bakers and tent help needed)**

**June 2 – Monday – 7:30 p.m. - monthly meeting
June 6 and 7 – Friday and Saturday - rummage sale - Fellowship Hall
(help appreciated)**

June – Date to be announced – Honoree Luncheon

**July 5 and 6 - Saturday and Sunday - Great American Weekend –
Ladies tent – beverage sale- in front of church**

August – No Meeting

**September 8 – Monday 7:30 PM – monthly meeting
(one week later due to Labor Day)**

October 6 – Monday- 7:30 PM – monthly meeting

**October - Date to be announced - rummage sale – Fellowship Hall
(help appreciated)**

November 3 - Monday - 7:30 p.m. - monthly meeting

**November 22 – Saturday - Bake Sale at Craft Fair/ Quilt Show –
Bakers needed and all help needed – Fellowship Hall lobby**

December 1 - Monday – 7:30 p.m. - monthly meeting

December – Date to be announced – Prepare Christmas boxes for shut-ins

Ladies also help with funeral receptions and any area in the church, if asked



SHARE PAGE

Dear Congregation:

This is a possible **new page** to our *Tower Tie* each month. If you have something you would like to share, such as a recipe, poem, prayer, or something that touched your heart, email me by the 15th of the month and we will try to get it into the next newsletter. Email me at: mompaff@hotmail.com. Thank you, Wendy Lee Paffenroth.

This month we are sharing a recipe that Dick Ayres had given to Diana Bowe. When you make this, think of all the times Dick was in our church kitchen sharing with us.

Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

4 lbs. pork tenderloin or fresh pork shoulder (boned)

STUFFING:

1 cup cooked peas

1/2 cup chopped almonds

1/2 cup chopped pecans

2 Chorizo sausages (Mexican) or substitute sausage with chili powder added. (Fried until crumbly)

1 carrot, cooked and diced

1 small potato, cooked and diced

1/2 cup chopped raisins

SAUCE:

4 chilies der ternia (large, long dry red ones)

1/2 tomato

1 clove garlic

1/2 medium onion

Pinch of oregano

Fry this in a little oil for a few minutes. Put in blender and puree. To prepare meat, split roast, spread with some of the sauce and add stuffing. Tie or sew together. Pour remaining sauce over the roast. Bake at 325 for about 1 1/2 hours or until tender.

Richard "Dick" Ayres- Goshen NY

Thank you Diana for sharing this with us.

'People felt better when Richard Ayres was in the room'

The man took action and got involved. He got involved and he took action. Dick Ayres was a verb—always in motion and always eager to help others. He was selfless in his efforts and he did it all with a smile and a joke.

He was nobody's fool and he did not play the role of a character. He was a man of character. If he liked what was happening, he championed the cause and advocated for the project. If he did not like what he saw, he told you why. He told you why and he taught you another way of skinning the cat. He did all that with a smile and a joke.

I loved Dick Ayres and I watched him share his love for many others. People felt better when he was in the room.

Hundreds of people gathered on March 1 to say goodbye to Richard. Nobody thought for a moment that it would be goodbye forever – because it won't be.

He will be there at every fundraiser. He will vote in all of the elections. He will walk in the parades and he will pray in church each Sunday. He will do all of these things because we will do all of these things and he is a part of us.

We now have his wisdom. We now have his faith and we now have his genuine kindness of heart. He left us those things.

He has left his mark in us through his actions and his willingness to make this place we call the world better; to make it nicer and prettier and more civil.

The philosopher Renan said it best: "Man is not on this Earth merely to be happy, nor simply to be honest. He is here to attain nobility and accomplish great things for humanity."

Richard Ayres served for years to help blind people see and deaf people hear.

He worked and strove for a humane and gentle world.

He was a "Knight of the Blind" in Lions Club International. That means he went far and above the call when it came to serving people in need.

We will miss Dick Ayres. We will be with him as we continue in our efforts to accomplish great things for humanity. He will be with us when we achieve, and he will be there with us when we fall short of the mark.

As long as we are in motion – trying – Richard will be there. If we can show a little faith, great faith will be placed in us. Rest now Richard...Rest.

Written by Ken Tschan, Goshen Independent – Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

...33. Park ...

A Youth Group for "ALL" middle school and high school teens sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen. Here are a few activities we've been scheming up:

SLEEP-OVER at FPC

Friday/ Saturday, April 25/26

RSVP by Friday, April 11 to the church office at fpgoshen@frontiernet.net

The date has been set, so plan to join us for games, treats, movies and maybe some actual sleep...yea, right! More details to follow.

***We are also planning to go **bowling**, so please check the FPC website for updates about activities.

Easter Lilies

*If you are interested in ordering an Easter lily for the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please do so by April 6, 2014. Just fill out the form below and give it to Betty Lobb, Carolyn Keller, or Carol Gabella, or place it in the offering plate. The price for each plant is \$12.99 and they can be taken home after the Easter morning service. **If you do not plan to take the plant, please indicate that on the order form so that we may pass it on to a shut-in or leave it to continue to beautify the sanctuary for a few more Sundays. Checks** should be written to **"First Presbyterian Church"** with the words **"Easter Lilies"** in the memo.*

Thank you,
Betty, Carolyn, and Carol, co-chairs

Name: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____

Text to be printed in the bulletin:

() Please check here if you **are not** picking up the lilies from church.

To the Congregation,

The kitchen is being used more and more for dinners and it has been noticed that new tools were needed to make the job easier.

You will find the following in the kitchen. These were donated by a member of our congregation. Gifts like these help us to continue our mission outreach and are greatly appreciated.

New grill (for outside)

8 new metal mixing bowls in assorted sizes

4 – 14 inch scrapers

4 – 10 inch scrapers

2 – metal spaghetti forks

1 – large ladle

1 – medium ladle

4 – ½ cup measuring cups (two are for the coffee containers)

60 – salt and pepper shakers

4 – dish towels

2 – glove pot holders

1 – spaghetti pot with strainer basket

2 – plastic mixing bowls

1 – silicone brush for the griddle

1 metal utensil holder

1 – spatula

2 – whisks

1 box grater

1 – 3 pk. scissors

9 – additional bread baskets (three for plastic utensils)

2 – new plastic containers are ordered for the coffee

Janie Evans, a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, passed away on March 6, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Jack; daughter, Laura Evans and her partner, Margot Marshall; son, John Evans and his wife, Connie; son, Mark Evans and his partner, David Vleck; son, David Evans and his wife, Debbie; daughter, Amy Niemetz and her husband, Michael; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. If anyone wishes to be in touch with the family, they can e-mail mpnaln@gmail.com.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

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| 2 | <i>Carol Coon</i> | 16 | <i>Kaitlyn Gati</i> |
| | <i>Ingrid Warner</i> | 17 | <i>Ian Depew</i> |
| 4 | <i>Heather Case</i> | | <i>Emma Hourahan</i> |
| | <i>James Magee</i> | 18 | <i>Gregg Piller</i> |
| | <i>Jackie Quinn</i> | | <i>Mark O'Hern</i> |
| 6 | <i>Marge Chasen</i> | 25 | <i>Barbara Bruno</i> |
| 8 | <i>Ryan Fitzpatrick</i> | | <i>Tina McCloud</i> |
| | <i>Stephen Quinn</i> | 26 | <i>Emmanuel Phillips</i> |
| 9 | <i>Jackson Diglio</i> | | <i>Moses Ukejianya</i> |
| 11 | <i>Bob Weinberger</i> | 27 | <i>Blayne Gibbons</i> |
| 14 | <i>Gabby Donohue</i> | 29 | <i>Elizabeth Sproul</i> |
| 15 | <i>Rebecca Zis</i> | | |

HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARIES TO:

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|----|-------------------------------|
| 4 | <i>Gene and Myrna Tucker</i> |
| 13 | <i>Brian and Michele Meek</i> |
| | <i>Dale and Orra Wood</i> |
| 24 | <i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i> |
| 28 | <i>Steve and Carol Coon</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:

- *Darcy McDowell, Kate Laskoski, Sarah McDowell, and Kiersten Holt whose teams placed first in the Odyssey of the Mind competition on March 1. The two teams will advance to the New York State finals on April 12.*

The sudden loss of Richard was shocking and sorrowful. The outpouring of love and comfort from our church members has been a joy. Without your words of comfort, in person and with cards, I would not be able to continue to meet the many challenges that I will have to face. I have received many compliments about the lovely service, how beautiful our church is, and how nice everyone was. For those who were unable to attend the service, there were over four hundred people in our sanctuary on March 1. What a tribute to a wonderful person. Richard's family and I would like to thank you all for your prayers and for your sympathy.

Cecile Ayres



PAY IT FORWARD DAY

For the next few weeks, Sunday school will be engaged in a project called: Pay it Forward.

You may have noticed a few posters around: Pay it Forward April 24, 2014

Let me explain:

Pay it forward is a concept that involves doing something kind for someone in response to a good deed done on your behalf or a gift you received.

When you pay it forward, however, you don't repay the person who did something nice for you. Instead, you do something nice for someone else. For example, if someone changes your tire while you are stranded on the highway, you might in turn shovel your elderly neighbor's walkway after a snow storm. The concept was popularized in modern times by a 2000 movie *Pay it Forward*. In this movie, a young boy is given a school assignment that requires him to find some way to change the world. He develops the pay it forward concept, setting forth a chain reaction of good deeds.

One of the most important things that people should remember about this concept is that it should be done with a selfless spirit.

International Pay it Forward Day is April 24 this year, so I thought for the rest of the Lenten season this would be a good project for the children to experience.

Now your part: The Sunday school bulletin board has the poster along with some Kindness Cards for you to take. When you do a kind deed, hand the person a Kindness Card so they can pay it forward. The Kindness Card explains the concept and it has some ideas listed.

If you participate in our project, I would love to hear from you. For the next five weeks, I am going to collect stories and make a collage to show what we have done as a collective group. At the end, I will post our accomplishments on the Sunday school bulletin board.

You can email me or just drop your deed in the basket in the Narthex; no details, no names, just a short statement of the deed.

I hope you will join us on the journey to see how the pay it forward concept develops within our church.

PS: Last Saturday, as I was driving around in Middletown with a few children, I was trying to explain the concept. I noticed a homeless man asking for money for coffee. I thought, was this divine intervention? I had a few of the Kindness Cards and I handed him a card and some money. The children got the point.

God does work in strange ways.

Thank you,

Linda Boardman

Director of Sunday School

email: linda.sundayschool@gmail.com

A LENTEN/ EASTER MESSAGE

Remember

The Christ child was born

He lived;

He taught

He died:

All this for us.

Hallelujah

He is risen

Hallelujah

Christ is risen indeed

His love is Life Eternal

**Please join us
For the Deacon's
Palm Sunday Brunch
April 13, 2014
following the church service**



The Board of Deacons would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and thank you for your continued support.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

I will be hosting coffee hour on Easter Sunday and would greatly appreciate help.

- I am looking for:*
- 3 dozen deviled eggs*
- Veggie platter with dip*
- Cheese and crackers*
- Fresh fruit platter*
- A few desserts, such as brownies, cream puffs, and éclairs*

Please let me know if you can help and what you can bring. Let me know at church or by e-mail at bartley51@yahoo.com

Help will also be needed for clean-up.

Darlene Bartley



Wish List for FPC

This is a new page for our *Tower Tie*. If any group in the church has a wish for something to help their committee or group, email me – Wendy Lee Paffenroth at: mompaff@hotmail.com by the 15th of the month and we will try to get it on the next month's page. Thank you.

Don't just Wish upon a Star – Let your wishes be known and they may be fulfilled.



Church Office – Wishes for the church office would be some reams of paper, (8 ½ x11 or 8 ½ x 14) white or colored paper (20 lb); scotch tape to use in a dispenser, (Scotch Magic Tape #810-¾"); a donation of \$35.00 (the cost of mailing out the *Tower Tie* each month). Contact: Pat at the office – 294-7991



Prayer Shawl Ministry – continues to wish for more yarn, gift bags and tissue paper. Also, a wish for some tubs with drawers for the shawl room so we can separate the different donated yarns. Contact person: Wendy Paffenroth – 258 4826



Fellowship Hall Lobby – the coat rack is in need of hangers. Wooden hangers are preferred. If you have some to donate or see them at a thrift store or garage sale (as many as we can get would help), please bring them to the rack and hang them up. Thank you.



Presbyterian Women's Assoc. – looking for odd dishes, loaf pans, bake ware, pie plates, small baskets, trays, tea cups, tea pots, etc. to be used for our bake sales. Contact: Betty Lobb -294-6344 if you have any to donate.

BLANKET DRIVE

We are pleased to announce that \$1,583.00 was collected this year for the Blanket Drive.

THANK YOU!



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
Cecile Ayres and Family
Emily Barry and Family
Sarah Burrows
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Joe Destefano
Everyone serving in the Military
Ben Fisher
Graham Glasse
Barbara and George Hankins
Bill Howell
Carolyn Keller's father
Kim
Robert Lobb
Andy Marussich
Jude Monteleone
Richard Nash
Ann Ott
Velma Peters
Loretta Richner
Kevin Schuler
Dorothy Sevcik
Elmer Stevens
George Tietz
Ashley Wade
The Weinberger Family
Orra and Dale Wood

Dedra Altizer
Rosa B.
JoAnna Becerril
Mary Carr
Shannon Decker
Sally Dorritie
Evie and Family
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
Kate Goodspeed
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Susan Johnson
Bob and Barbara Kennedy
Roberta Kinnamon
James Magee
Evelyn Mercado
Heather Mustavs
Nina and Jason
James Paffenroth
The Family of Marina Peterson
Ted Sandstrom
Fred Schwarz
Peggy Srirach
Bill and Jean Strong
Kim Valentini and Family
Wendy-Bynum Wade Jean Wade
Jo Wolfe
Sharon Worden

Millie Augere
The Barron Family
Mary Lee and Ted Berry
Carol Coon
Bob Dennis
David Dzierzek
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Rebecca Garloch
Dorothy Gott
Carol Hoffman
Rosemary Joy
Laura and Tom Kennedy
Jeff Knox
The Family of Melissa Martucci
Jeff Monroe
Eileen Myslinski
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Jessica (Bowe) and Jason Ptak
Tim Richardson
Tom Sawyer
Bryan Scott and Family
The Smith Family
Jean Stukey
Kenya VanZandt
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood's dad
Phyla Wright

(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

APRIL 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 \$100. We currently have four orders on-hand. The next order for pavers will be placed when we have a total of ten.

Niches are 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”

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

The APRIL/early MAY Steward’s schedule:

Barbara and George Hankins: April 1 – April 15

Jen and Gregg Piller: April 16 – April 30

Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende: May 1 – May 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.

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Rev. Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you 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 2014

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

Class of 2015

Kathy Alevras
Wendy Bynum-Wade
Elizabeth (BA) Long
Louise Spencer
Sue Varden
Orra Wood

Class of 2016

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

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2014

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

Class of 2015

Laura Colacci
Carol Gabella
Jonathan Laskoski
Tina McCloud
Gregg Piller
Jennifer Piller
Nancy Smith

Class of 2016

Wendy Donohue
Bill Eustance
Gina Gruber
John Gruber
Carolyn Keller
Kathleen Kingsley
Lisa Montalbano

Moderators of Deacons: Carolyn Keller and Carol Gabella
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STAFF

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