

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Genesis 21:1–7

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.” (NRSV)

Reflection

Maybe you already know that the name Isaac means “laughter” in Hebrew. It can also mean “to rejoice” or “rejoicing.” There is a play on these nuances of meaning in these verses which we miss in English. The point is that the birth of Isaac brought laughter and rejoicing to Sarah in her old age. Who would have ever thought that a woman so old could conceive and deliver a child?

This story reminds me of another story—not the least bit related to birthing or pregnancy—when I found myself laughing and rejoicing at what God had done in my life. When I was in seminary, I had no idea what God had in mind for me. At that time I never thought I’d be a pastor in a church. Maybe I would be a chaplain or maybe a social worker. I didn’t know. But for the first two years of seminary, I would find myself walking down a hallway when suddenly I would just simply laugh right out loud. Why? Because it seemed ludicrous to me that I was in seminary and yet God had done it. It made me laugh. It made me think about how amazing God was.

No doubt that’s how Sarah felt with this new little baby. Who would have thought that God could work such a miracle in her life and give her “new life.” Laughter and rejoicing was the only response.

How has God done the impossible in your life and caused you to laugh out loud at the surprise of it?

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes...

As I write this, I'm preparing for my first experience of the Great American Weekend. I'm going to be demonstrating the organ for what we hope are the many visitors to the church. I love events like this and hope I can help attract new friends to this church.

You may have noticed that the organ has been "ciphering" lately. A "cipher" is an organ pipe that won't stop sounding when you take your finger off the key. One of the three manual divisions of the organ - the Choir, played from the bottom keyboard - has been developing a bad habit of ciphering. It's unrelated to the recent work with the new blower, and is almost certainly an electrical issue. I say this because the ciphers are moving targets; if there were a mechanical fault with the wind system, the same notes would tend to stick open. Instead, I'm forced to play "whack-a-mole" on Sundays when random notes start speaking out of turn. Fun- *not!*

As a musician, I am very keenly aware of the value of a dollar. I also know that the roof is a top priority. What point is there to putting a nicely repaired organ underneath an old, leaky roof? It's an invitation to heartbreak. I'd like to help think of ways to help with the roof project, with a view to a major organ restoration thereafter.

At previous churches I've either known or served, there were fundraising concerts with witty names like "Raise the Roof" and "Concerts for a Rainy Day." Does something like this appeal to you?

I hope the summer is good to you, and gives you time to restore and rejuvenate. "Be patient...see how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil" (James 5: 7). It's good to wait patiently, especially if a nice cold glass of lemonade is involved.

-Jonathan

Dear Deacons and Friends,

Thank you for a great year! It was certainly a busy one! I appreciate all of you pitching in and doing more than your fair share. We bid good-bye to our Deacons whose terms have expired: Diana Bowe, Mary Kingsley, Nancy Warner, and Cheryl Zis. We applaud those Deacons who signed up for another term: Diane Church and Charlie von Pentz and those returning after a little R&R: Carol Gabella, Gina Gruber, and Betty Lobb. We are pleased to welcome the newbies: Mary Kopec and Jane Geyer.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing summer and when the September 10 meeting rolls around, you'll be refreshed and ready to tackle anything!

*God's best to you,
Carolyn*



PRESBYTERAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A small group of dedicated women met in June to go over the items we have and will need for the Great American Weekend drink tent. Extra pump coffee pots were received and will be used. The women will meet in the kitchen on Friday, June 30 to get the fruit ready for the drinks and to set up our area. We sincerely appreciate all the donations that will help us offset our costs. The PW contributes so often to a function or a need at the church, so this income will help us fill those needs.

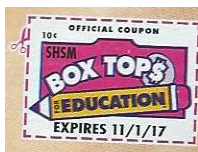
The ladies now have a dozen royal blue aprons with "Presbyterian Women's Assoc." embroidered on them to wear at functions that we work at. These were given by the Paffenroths in memory and honor of Jean Musgrave who was a member of the ladies group many, many years ago. We will be wearing them at GAW.

The ladies will not be meeting in July and August, but will start up again in September after Labor Day. Thank you all for your help so far this year.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth
PW Representative

A NOTE FROM PW:

As you peruse garage sales and flea markets, please look for quart jars and half-pint jars for our Holiday Fair in November. If you find any, call Carolyn Keller. Thanks so much!



PLEASE SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you do not already save your box tops for anyone, I would appreciate you saving them for me to give to my niece who is trying to get much-needed supplies for her kindergarten classroom in Liberty, or to treat them to an educational program. 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. I also will take Campbell soup labels.

I have a box for collection in the back of church by the yarn basket, or you can hand them to me in church.

Thanks so much! Carol Gabella



SHARE PAGE

If you have something you want to share -- 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: wendypaffenroth@gmail.com Thank you, Wendy

Here is the recipe that was served at the coffee hour on Father's Day and was requested by many.

Wendy Lee's Carmelized Onion Spread

Ingredients:

- 4-5 onions diced (not too fine)
- 1 stick of butter
- 2-3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1/4 cup of whiskey or sweet vermouth (optional, alcohol boils out and leaves a nice nutty flavor)
- 3 bars of cream cheese
- 1 pint of sour cream
- Approx. 1/4 cup mayonnaise (more or less)
- A little hot sauce or horseradish to taste (also optional)

To Make:

Carmelize the onions in the butter, olive oil and whiskey until nice and brown. Put in a colander to drain the grease and pat onions with paper towel to remove a lot of the grease. Add the cream cheese, sour cream and mayo and blend with a hand mixer until smooth. Taste and if you like it a little spicy, add a little hot sauce and/or horseradish. Mix again. Put into a covered bowl and refrigerate a few hours or overnight before serving. Serve with crackers or veggies.

Enjoy...Wendy Lee Paffenroth

THANK YOU to Robin Knoblock, Karen Magee, Grover von Pentz, and Tom Sawyer for your outstanding work on Session.

Teen Voices

We have completed our second year of Teen Voices! We have enjoyed getting to know the teens better and sharing teachings of the Bible as they apply to contemporary events.

Congratulations!

Two of our teens graduated from high school in June: Kat Kingsley and Charlie Von Pentz. Although they have aged out of Teen Voices, we hope they know they are welcome to visit us!

Trampoline Park

In June we took an end of the Allendale, New Jersey. This is a the whole floor is covered with trampoline sections with ball and foam pit. It is great for younger legs!



year trip to Skyzone in trampoline park where trampolines. There are basketball hoops, dodge fun and a good work out



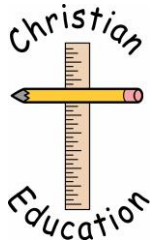
To Kevan and Shannon Ottochian for joining us as FUN chaperones at the trampoline park! We think you had as much fun as the teens!

To the Phelan Family for donating the use of their larger vehicle to accommodate transport! Enjoy your summer!

Thank you for all the support through the year from Pastor Kingsley, Linda Boardman, the Christian Ed. Committee and the congregation! We couldn't do this without you all!

Paty and Mark Glasse'
mglasse@otonline.net

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW...



Thanks to the entire congregation for supporting the Christian Ed. this year!
We couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks especially to the wonderful Sunday school teachers and director, Linda Boardman.

Our teachers are:

Pre-K and Kindergarten - Audra Cox, Amy Fontana, Erica Walsh

First, Second and Third Grades -

Rebecca Boardman, Jen Gati, Michele Meek, Gray Tham (recently moved)

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades -

Robyn Boardman, Allison Csernai, Becky Santangelo

Teen Voices - Paty and Mark Glassé

The End of the Year Picnic with the Deacons was a great success in spite of the weather!

Classes start up again in September after school begins.

Please consider teaching Sunday school with one of our teams. This system permits you to plan which Sunday will be your responsibility in a month.

Have a great summer and see you at VBS!

BA Long, Chair

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Amber and Kyle Van Grol on the birth of their son, Gabriel Truman, on June 6, 2017 at 7:10 p.m. He weighed 10 lbs. 11.4 oz. and was 22 ½ inches. Gabriel joins big sister, Mia. The proud grandparents are Darlene and Cliff Bartley and great grandmother, Josephine Bartley.*
- *Mary and Jody Kopec on the birth of their new grandson, Andreas Daniel Llanos, born on June 17, 2017.*
- *Kate Laskoski and Morgan Serkes for their contributions to the Goshen High School girls track third place finish in the section 9 Class B championships. Kate won the 200 and 400 meter races and anchored the winning 1600 meter relay team. Morgan was on the winning 3200 meter relay team and took third place in both the 800 and 1500 meter races. Between them, they accounted for 56 of Goshen's 102 points.*
- *Our Confirmands who we welcomed into full membership of our church on June 4: Emma Boardman, Maxwell Carpenter, Matthew Csernai, Gabby Donohue, Nicolette Englehart, Charlie Eubank, Kaitlyn Gati, Sarah McDowell, Bobby Santangelo, and Daniel Serkes.*
- *Our 2017 High School Graduates: Kat Kingsley, Darcy McDowell, Kate Laskoski, Michael Roper, Morgan Serkes, and Charlie von Pentz*



COME JOIN US FOR OUR KICK OFF EVENT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH

1ST ANNUAL CLAM BAKE

Will be held at the Goshen Mason Lodge at 370 Main Street

Date – Sunday, September 17th 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (last serving at 4:30). Rain date is Sunday, September 24th

Price per ticket is \$35.00 per person; kids under 12 is \$10.00. If you would like to add a lobster the ticket is \$50.00. (We should have tickets ready soon and hoping to sell at Great American Weekend). If you would like to reserve your tickets, please email Darlene at bartley51@yahoo.com or call the church office.

There will be a cash bar serving beer.

Menu is as follows:

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

LITTLE NECKS AND STEAMER CLAMS

FRESH FRUIT MEDLEY

RED BLISS POTATOES (HOT OR COLD)

HOMESTYLE BAKED BEANS W/ BACON

GOURMET GARDEN SALAD

CORN ON THE COB W/ PARM & PARSLEY

BBQ GRILLED CHICKEN BREASTS & THIGHS (BONELESS)

ITALIAN SAUSAGE W/ PEPPERS & ONIONS

CONDIMENTS

SODA, WATER, COFFEE AND TEA

OPTION IS TO ADD 1.25 lb. LOBSTER BY PREVIOUS RESERVATION

We hope that you will come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship and kick off this wonderful celebration.

The Clam Bake Committee – Darlene, Cliff, John, Marylee, Orra, Wendy, Mark, Linda

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Brian Meek</i>	20	<i>BA Long</i>
4	<i>Judy Green</i>	22	<i>Everett Misir</i>
5	<i>Grace Benson</i>	24	<i>Jody Kopec</i>
7	<i>Felicia Van Doran</i>		<i>Lucien Quick</i>
12	<i>Donna Totton</i>	25	<i>Bill Eustance</i>
	<i>Kenneth Phelan</i>		<i>Curtis Johnson</i>
13	<i>Colin Boardman</i>		<i>Ashley Wade</i>
16	<i>Mark Glasse</i>	26	<i>John Gruber</i>
18	<i>Lori Kilmer</i>	31	<i>Lynn Healey</i>
	<i>Scott Markel</i>		<i>Shannon Roper</i>
19	<i>Logan Quick</i>		

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Cheryl Hinckley</i>	17	<i>Shannon Ottochian</i>
2	<i>Robin Knoblock</i>	18	<i>Alan Sproul</i>
3	<i>Craig Shaeffer</i>	19	<i>Alan Jorgensen</i>
4	<i>Paty Glasse</i>	21	<i>Joan Howell</i>
6	<i>Bethany Case</i>	22	<i>Jordan Depew</i>
8	<i>Joseph Van Doran</i>	23	<i>Wendy Bynum-Wade</i>
9	<i>Barbara Hankins</i>	26	<i>Alexis Dickover</i>
13	<i>Jean Crandall</i>		<i>Mark Hahn</i>
	<i>Lucy Viebrock</i>	29	<i>Carolyn Keller</i>
15	<i>Tyler Csernai</i>		<i>Jack McCloud</i>
	<i>Jonathan Laskoski</i>	30	<i>Darlene Bartley</i>
			<i>Amber Van Grol</i>

HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARIES TO:

11	<i>Leroy and Judy Green</i>
	<i>Doug and Wendy Wade</i>
14	<i>Gary and Beth Laskoski</i>
	<i>Grover and Barbara vonPentz</i>
24	<i>Brendan and Wendy Donohue</i>
27	<i>Bob and Laura Pietropaolo</i>
30	<i>Benjamin and Erica Walsh</i>

HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES TO:

14	<i>Garfield and Linda Clark</i>
15	<i>Robert and Beryl Yungman</i>
17	<i>Marilyn and Charles Velzey</i>
18	<i>Brian and Danielle Diglio</i>
	<i>Logan and Rachael Quick</i>
26	<i>Ron and Kathy Stringer</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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE *TOWER TIE*

Beginning in September, the *Tower Tie* newsletter will be no longer be mailed via Bulk Mailing. There are several reasons for this. First, it has become very frustrating, that although the mailing is delivered to the Post Office in a timely manner, many months it is not received by anyone until the month is more than half over. (The June issue was dropped off at the Goshen Post Office on May 30, 2017; people started to receive it on June 22). We also need 200 to send out a Bulk Mailing and it is getting harder to reach that number. It will also be more cost effective eliminating an annual permit fee, the monthly mailing charge, the reams of paper used, the cost of the toner, and the wear and tear on the copier.

There will be three ways for you to read the newsletter:

1. It will be e-mailed to the congregation as an attachment to those people for which we have e-mail addresses. If you haven't received e-mails from the church, please let Pat know your e-mail address. The church's e-mail address is: fpgoshen@frontiernet.net
2. It will be posted on the church's website: www.fpgoshen.org Click on *Tower Tie* at the top of the home page and choose which month you would like to see. Also at the top of the page, click on *Calendar*, and you will be able to view the month's calendar.
3. There will be a supply of printed newsletters on the table in the Narthex and in the church office for you to pick up on the first Sunday of the month or during the week.

If for some reason, none of these options will work for you, give your name to Pat in the office and let her know that you would like yours sent to you First Class. Donations toward the postage would be greatly appreciated.

I want to thank my faithful helpers, Betty Lobb, Joan Howell, and Louise Spencer, for always being so willing to come once a month and help get the mailing ready.

Change is always hard to get used to, but we are trying to make this as easy as possible for you. Remember, if you want it mailed directly to you, you have to let Pat know.

Thank you for your willingness to give this a try.

Pat



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 and Kathy Alevras	Linda Boardman	Ed Berry
Ann (Strong) Blake	Sarah Bohling	Susie Bohling
Hannah Boorse	Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs	John Burleson
Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doebla	Laura Colacci	Lawrence Colacci
Sharon Conlon	Suzanne DeBlock	John DeGroat
Everyone serving in the Military	Judy Feragola	Mary Lee Farris and her sister
Robert and Brenda Faulls	Judy Fazio	Esther Glassé
Miko Graham	Barbara and George Hankins	Kevin and Sara Hankins
Edith Hausmann	Andy Hine	Susan Johnson
Rosemary Joy	Laura and Tom Kennedy	The Kingsley Family
Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott	Brenda Kujawski	Karen Magee
Diana Martin	Sergio Franklin Maturana	Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski	Nona McClure	Amy (Thompson) Nguye
Dean Oberg	Dave and Wendy Paffenroth	Josephine Pecoraro
Rachel Reeves	Maritya Reyes	Aimyna Jade Royce
Tom Sawyer	Gary Smith	Joe Spoor
Peggy Srirach	Elmer Stevens	Virginia Stubenrauch
Gary Swinger	Christopher Tucker	Cindy Vanderplaat
Kenneth Van Etten	The Wade Family	Doris Weinberger
Jo Wolfe	Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis	Sandra Wood
Orra Wood	Phyla Wright	Vicki Yost

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

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2017

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 **357** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2017 is \$34.10**, which is a total of **\$12,173.70** to be taken from our operating budget. 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.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden



JULY/AUGUST UPDATE

Why not spend a few moments with our Creator God this summer and breathe in the beauty of nature? The garden's gates are always open to anyone who desires a few tranquil moments in meditation and prayer.

Memorial Pavers

Place your orders for a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one. Eleven NEW paver orders have been placed. We are placing an engraving order now.

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.

8 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 JULY/AUGUST and early SEPTEMBER Steward's Schedule:

Barbara & George Hankins	July 1 – July 15
Bill Eustance, Jen & Gregg Pillar	July 16 – July 31
Beryl Youngman & Karen Bende	August 1 – August 15
Barbara & George Hankins	August 16 – August 31
Bill Eustance, Jen & Gregg Pillar	September 1 – September 15

Anyone can be a Steward of Our Garden any day of the week! 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! Thanks for being an active member! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our 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

Class of 2018

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

Class of 2019

**Linda Boardman
Adam Boese
William Eustance
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Malcolm Stewart**

Class of 2020

**Darlene Bartley
Robyn Boardman
George Hankins
Deb Hourahan
Sue Varden
Rob Warner**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2018

**Wendy Bynum-Wade
Laura Colacci
Ian Depew
Wendy Donohue
Paty Glasse
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller**

Class of 2019

**Liese Boese
Margaret Dickover
Jon Hourahan
Carolyn Keller
Jody Kopec
Logan Quick
Felicia Van Doran**

Class of 2020

**Diane Church
Carol Gabella
Jane Geyer
Gina Gruber
Mary Kopec
Betty Lobb
Charlie von Pentz**

**Moderator of Deacons:
Presbyterian Women:**

Carolyn Keller

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Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
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