

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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It's almost a year since the Tuesday organ recitals series began on July 11, 2023. Except for that hiatus in the winter, due to my injury, we've been going strong and growing! Happily, the growth mode is now back. Besides the regular congregational and community attendees, all of whom are appreciated and a source of joy, we are getting Glen Arden folk, BOCES folk, and even the Red Hat Society! (Look that one up! redhatsociety.com.) Keep coming, and bring friends—and some of you are already doing that!

We're due to hit recital #40 on July 9. If you haven't come, please try to if you can. I've decided that, for now, I'll be keeping piano as part of the offerings. I did this at first out of necessity—I couldn't play the pedals at all—but it has gone over well, so it may just become a regular part of future offerings.

I write this on June 17, which is a special day in my musical journey. Not only is it Stravinsky's birthday (June 5 in the old Julian calendar but updated to June 17 after the Russian revolution), it's the anniversary of my very first, and greatly belated, piano lesson.

I'd been fascinated with organ and piano music all my life. When I was a boy in New York City, the church my dad attended, Calvary Episcopal on Park Avenue South, had a fine organ and a young, soon-to-be-famous organist named Calvin Hampton. I would sneak in (in those days, churches were never closed and kids wandered safely, at least around Gramercy Park) and sat quietly while he practiced, gradually edging closer and closer till I was on the bench beside him.

Years later, I wrote my doctoral dissertation, and then my first book, on Calvin Hampton and his music.

Then there was my grandmother's grand piano, in an ornate Louis XV case and with a soft, squishy, embroidered bench with fancy legs. I could hardly be torn away.

But no lessons were forthcoming till I was between eleventh and twelfth grade. That was when I met Mrs. Kromer in Port Washington on Long Island—we'd moved there a few years previous. She was quite elderly at the time, having been born in the 1890s and now into her eighties. However, that good old methodology certainly stood me in good stead. No "Pink Panther" for me! Of all my music teachers, I remain the most grateful to her.

So today is a happy day for me. With Dante I say “Incipit vita nova,” “here begins the new life.”

I wish you many happy returns of many such milestones! Have a good summer, and see you in church.

--Jonathan

Prayer Chain

It is vital for any congregation to be in prayer for the church and for individuals affiliated with the church who have a need for God’s intervention in some way. This is why churches such as ours have prayer chains. But the prayer requests must stay current if individuals are to be asked to pray for everyone on the list. We have changed the way we update the prayer chain. Once a request has been made for a member of the church, a friend, a neighbor, a family member, etc. to be met with prayer, that name will remain on the prayer chain list for 2 months. If you want continued prayers for another 2 months, please contact the church office to make that request. Use the church email address fpgoshen@gmail.com or phone the office with your request at 845-294-7991.



PRAYER CHAIN

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:

Trey Long

Bob Geyer

Murphy Lauren McCabe – 18 months old and diagnosed with a rare disease that has no cure.

Juell Powers

The Bynum Family on the death of Karyn (Bynum) Maier, Wendy’s youngest sister.

Barbara Schust recuperating from knee surgery

Pastoral Care

While we are without a permanent pastor, John Redman will handle any pastoral care requests. You can reach him at 914-474-0722.



Brought to you by the Fellowship/Outreach Committee of FPC Goshen....

**Where – THE FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE
39 Forestburgh Rd., Forestburgh, NY
What – “Beautiful, The Musical” (The Carole King story)
When – Sunday, August 11, 2024
Time – 3:00 p.m.**

Details: \$42.00 per ticket (Group rate – WE MUST sell 25 tickets)

- All payments due by July 14, 2024
- Payments can be made to Mary Kopec via
*Cash, check or Venmo(@mary_kopec)
- There is a lunch being served before the show for an additional \$24.00 per person. Those reservations can be made by calling the box office on your own.
(Box office # 845-794-1194), If anyone wants to carpool to the show we can meet at the church and make arrangements.

CONTACT Mary Kopec – 845-542-7767

Please make payment BY 7/14/24

The Fellowship/Outreach Committee will be hosting a raffle at the Great American Weekend on July 6 & 7.

We have been visiting local businesses/eateries for gift cards or merchandise. If anyone knows a business or restaurant willing to donate, we would be grateful. (It can be from outside of Goshen).

This is a fundraiser for our church and also a way to let the community know that we are here and open to ALL.

Once the baskets have been created, we will decide on the price of a ticket.

The drawing will be on July 7 at the end of GAW. We will be selling tickets in front of the church and will need volunteers to help with the selling of said tickets. Winners need not be present; just a phone number.

Please contact Mary Kopec to sign up for a 2 hour shift. (845-542-7767)

Guest Preachers for July and August

July 7 – No Service; Great American Weekend

July 14 – Todd Young

July 21 – Bill Powers

July 28 – Todd Young

August 4 – Michael Coyne

August 11 – Todd Young

August 18 – Bill Powers

August 25 – Todd Young



Summer Youth Program

“Making a Difference”

The Christian Ed. Committee is embarking on a new summer program for older students ages 11-18.

It is a youth group concentrating on service and fun.

The dates are August 20-23 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the air conditioned Fellowship Hall.

Registration is due by July 1st.

See the flyer in this *Tower Tie* for the QR code to make registration easier.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Rick Heal</i>	18	<i>Lori Kilmer</i>
2	<i>Brian Meek</i>	19	<i>Logan Quick</i>
4	<i>Judy Green</i>	20	<i>BA Long</i>
7	<i>Felicia Van Doran</i>	24	<i>Jody Kopec</i>
12	<i>Leah Dinsmore</i>		<i>Lucien Quick</i>
13	<i>Colin Boardman</i>	25	<i>Bill Eustance</i>
16	<i>Mark Glasse</i>	26	<i>John Gruber</i>

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Robin Knoblock</i>	18	<i>Alan Sproul</i>
3	<i>Craig Shaeffer</i>	23	<i>Wendy Bynum-Wade</i>
4	<i>Paty Glasse</i>	26	<i>Alexis Dickover</i>
9	<i>Barbara Hankins</i>	28	<i>Natalie Signorelli</i>
13	<i>Matt Begnoche</i>	29	<i>Carolyn Keller</i>
	<i>Jean Crandall</i>	30	<i>Darlene Bartley</i>
15	<i>Tyler Csernai</i>		<i>Ed Gallet</i>
	<i>Jonathan Laskoski</i>		

HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARIES TO:

8	<i>Patrick and Jennifer Ellis</i>
11	<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>
30	<i>Benjamin and Erica Walsh</i>

HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES TO:

14	<i>Garfield and Linda Clark</i>
18	<i>Logan and Rachael Quick</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.*

Did you know that Session meetings are open to church members? If you are a member, you are welcome to attend regular meetings of the Session which are currently held in parlor on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m.

If you attend a Session meeting to express concern about a topic that is before the Session, please let the Clerk and the Moderator know of your desire to speak prior to the start of the meeting.

Organ Recitals

First Presbyterian offers free noontime organ recitals on Tuesdays from 12:15-12:45. Jonathan's pedal playing is getting back to normal, so the programs will be focusing more on organ music. However due to the good response, piano music will continue to be featured...as well as guest artists.

Financial Commitments

If you haven't made a financial commitment for 2024 but would like to support this congregation in fulfilling its work of worship, education, mission, outreach, care and fellowship, consider making a pledge using a commitment card found on the table in the Narthex or see Deb Hourahan.

Please Pay Your Per Capita Assessment For 2024

A message from the Treasurer: Please consider paying your **per capita assessment for 2024** to offset the more than \$8,000 the church must pay out to cover expenses for the Presbytery of Hudson River, Synod of the Northeast and General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This year it remains at **\$39.75 per member** (not per family). 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. We ask that you pay this by February 1, 2024. Thank you for doing your share to support the expense of being a church in active ministry.

Electronic Giving Cards

There are giving cards for use during the offertory for those who give electronically each week/month/year. Your gifts are meaningful and necessary, and you should be able to participate in our weekly presentation of our offerings to the Lord.

Livestreaming Worship

If you are unable to join us in person for worship, watch on our YouTube channel.
If you need help finding the Livestream, use the link on our Weekly Tower Tie.

Please Be Advised That We Do Live Stream Our Worship Services.

The Live Stream camera generally captures the first 4-5 (rarely 7-8) rows of the sanctuary in its feed. Normally we only see the back of your head. If you would rather stay out of camera range, please know that we do not capture the seating under the balcony (on either side) and we don't capture the back rows at all. Regarding the Children's Message: We keep the camera zoomed out. As children leave to go to Sunday school, we will pan up to the stained glass windows so no children's faces are caught on camera.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden



JULY/AUGUST 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.

The Memorial Columbarium

PLEASE NOTE: A niche in the Memorial Columbarium has become available. If you are interested in purchasing it, please contact Pat in the church office.

The price of the niche is \$2,800. There are two payment options:

12 month = \$250/month for 12 months (\$3,000)

18 month = \$180/month for 1 month (\$3,240)

Once this niche is sold, the Session/Congregation will need to consider if constructing a second/third wall is desired and/or financially possible. If it is, a new estimate for the work will need to be created, considered, approved and project timeline established.

“Stewards of Our Garden”

Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards who work hard to keep our garden beautiful!

The JULY/AUGUST and early SEPTEMBER Steward’s Schedule:

Nancy Buckley	July 1 – July 15
Bill Eustance	July 16 – July 31
George and Barbara Hankins	August 1 – August 15
Nancy Buckley	August 16 – August 31
Bill Eustance	September 1 – September 15

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

If you’d like to help maintain our garden, just see Pat in the church office to sign-up and be added to our Steward’s schedule.

Call the church office (845-294-7991) for any information you need about
The Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to be a welcoming, loving church family united by our faith and committed to service in Christ.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2025

**Diane Church
Linda Clark
Jody Kopec
Felicia Van Doran**

Class of 2026

**Jennifer Ellis
Michael Coyne
Jon Hourahan
Kevan Ottochian**

Class of 2027

**Linda Boardman
Marlene Gaynor
Bill Powers
Mal Stewart**

Clerk of Session: Felicia Van Doran

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2025

**Cecile Ayres
Dom Fontana
Carol Gabella
Jennifer Serkes**

Class of 2026

**Diana Bowe
Carolyn Keller
Cheryl Zis
Sam Fontana**

Class of 2027

**Bill Keller
Charles Quick
Logan Quick
Natalie Signorelli**

Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller

STAFF

**Jonathan B. Hall, Minister of Music
Patricia Schwetje, Office Administrator
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer**

THE KID'S PAGE

Make a



This is a fun art project you can do on a rainy day.

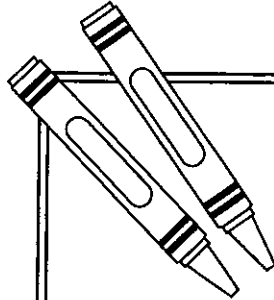
You will need:

- ☞ rain
- ☞ paper
- ☞ water-soluble markers
- ☞ old newspapers

How to make the picture:

- ☞ In the house, use the markers to draw shapes, lines and designs on the paper.
- ☞ Go outside and put your picture in the rain for about 20 seconds.
- ☞ Take it back into the house and lay it on some newspapers to dry.

The rain helped you create a masterpiece!

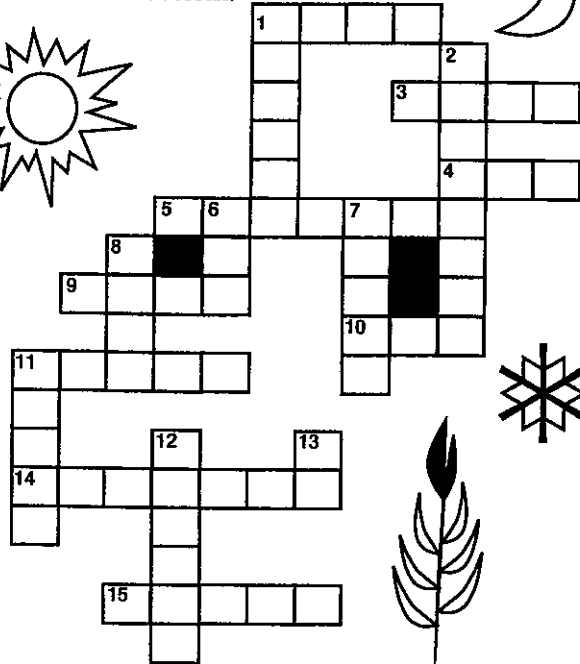
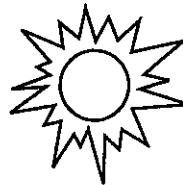


Just for KIDS

God's Promise

The Lord made a promise to Noah in Genesis 8:22. It was a covenant. Fit the words from the list into the crossword puzzle. Then use the numbers to match the words to the blank lines at the bottom.

- as
- and
- the
- day
- cold
- long
- heat
- will
- earth
- night
- never
- cease
- winter
- summer
- harvest
- endures
- seedtime



“

- _____ 13 _____ 8 _____ 13 _____ 10 _____ 7 _____ 14 ,
- _____ 2 _____ 6 _____ 5 _____ 9 _____ 6
- _____ 3 _____ 12 _____ 6 _____ 1 Down _____ 4
- _____ 6 _____ 11 Across _____ 1 Across _____ 11 Down _____ 15 ”

Answer: “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

[NOTE: A completed crossword puzzle is in a file called KID0803BB on this month's CD and on the Web site: www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.]

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am - Worship Service @ 10:30am - Coffee Hour @ FH	1 12:30pm - NA @ B 7:30pm - PNC @ Virtual	2 9:30am - Food Pantry 12:15pm - Organ Recital @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH	3 4:30pm - Mission Committee 6:30pm - NA @ B	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 12:30pm - NA @ B 10pm - NA	6 GAW
7 GAW No Worship Service	8 12:30pm - NA @ B 7:30pm - PNC @ Virtual	9 9:30am - Food Pantry 12:15pm - Organ Recital @ S 6:30pm - NA @ FH	10 7:30pm - Finance Committee	11 6pm - NA @ FH 6:30pm - NA @ B	12 12:30pm - NA @ B 10pm - NA	13 9am - Food Pantry @ FH 12pm - NA Event @ FH
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