

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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WORKS OF WORSHIP

The Service of the Eucharist (or Communion)

Even though there is a lot going on in the Service of Communion, most of it doesn't take much time. With an efficient system of distributing Communion, it only lasts ten to fifteen minutes. It is done reverently, but we don't run it into the ground.

Unlike the Service of the Word, the Service of Communion never stands alone. The Service of Communion always immediately follows the Service of the Word, and Calvin, Luther, and Knox taught that it should ALWAYS follow the Service of the Word. Somehow we got away from that. If you are attentive, you can see how it recapitulates the entire Easter story, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection.

The Jewish parallel to the Service of Communion is the kiddush after their service, following the pattern in Nehemiah 8. In Christian worship, it became the Eucharist, which is the original name. "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" in Greek.

Allow me to explain a few technical terms that will help you to better follow the discussion. The technical terms sound pretty imposing until you get used to them. Since they don't usually appear in the bulletin, you can learn them and then amaze your friends and astound your pastor with your liturgical erudition!

Here is a typical order of worship:

- ❖ **Confession and Assurance of Pardon**
- ❖ **Sursum Corda** (Latin for "hearts up!")
- ❖ **Tersanctus** (Latin for "holy, holy, holy")
- ❖ **Anamnesis** (Greek for "remembrance" in the sense of "reenactment")
- ❖ **Mysterion** (the mystery of our faith)
- ❖ **Epiclesis** (the "calling down" of the Holy Spirit; the Consecration)
- ❖ **Our Lord's Prayer**
- ❖ **Fraction** (the ceremonial breaking of the bread)
- ❖ **Distribution**
- ❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Eucharist in Detail

The Church inherited the Service of the Word from the synagogue, so the Service of the Eucharist is the only part of the worship service that is uniquely Christian. (Ask our confirmation/commissioning class about how much of the service at the synagogue was like our service.) The Eucharist is essentially one giant prayer that is almost entirely composed of quotations and allusions to Scripture.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

When the Eucharist is not celebrated, a prayer of confession and assurance of pardon is most usually found at the beginning of the service. When the Eucharist is celebrated, confession and pardon are incorporated into the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sursum Corda

This is the only part of the Eucharist that is not a prayer; it is a call to prayer.

The words “sursum corda” are Latin for “hearts up!” It refers to a series of responses that are invariably a part of every Christian Eucharist. The celebrant alerts the congregation to the sursum corda by using the Christian call to prayer. The congregational response is in italics.

The Lord be with you! (I am blessing you...I will extend my hands out toward you.)

And also with you. (You are blessing me...you should extend your hands out to me in blessing...and don't be such a stiff old Presbyterian; you're allowed to move.)

With these words (which come from Ruth 2:4 and 1 Samuel 17:37) the congregation empowers the celebrant to perform the service.

The purpose of having responses is to get the congregation to do worship rather than just watch it. These aren't the Middle Ages! If I'm the one leading the service and I don't get a hearty response, I want to say, “What? You don't want the Lord to be with me?” The old style of Presbyterian worship was rather stuck in the mud. The minister sent and the congregation received. It missed the mark because worship is something with which we are to be involved together. Almost all of you recognize the difference in the atmosphere of worship at Christmas and Easter when there are a greater number of individuals singing the hymns, praying the prayers, and making the responses. Everyone responding lifts the sense of worship for everyone else. It's a good old Reformed tradition of “the priesthood of all believers.”

The actual sursum corda follows. Again, the congregational response is in italics:

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give Him our thanks and praise.

“Lift up your hearts” comes from Lamentations 3:14. Since “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving,” the rest is basically a call to Communion.

After the sursum corda, the celebrant prays a brief (and I mean *brief*) prayer that is the proper preface for the season or for the special holy day—or in other words, a prayer that is in line with the theme of the season or the day (which makes it proper) and that leads into the Eucharist itself (which makes it a preface).

Tersanctus

The word “tersanctus” is Latin for “thrice holy.” This prayer-hymn historically begins every Eucharist. The first half derives from a synagogue prayer that is based on Isaiah 6. The second half is a portion of the narrative of Palm Sunday in the gospels. It is called the “tersanctus” because it begins with the word “holy” three times in a row (in Latin, sanctus, sanctus, sanctus; hence: tersanctus). The celebrant and the congregation can say it, sing it, or chant it. We pretty much stick to saying it.

The tersanctus is:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might—

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

The first part comes from a synagogue prayer based on Isaiah 6:3; the second part comes from Matthew 21:9, Mark 11:9-10, and John 12:13. The Church doesn't change the words "blessed is He" to "blessed is the one" because that change allows people to interpret this as applying to the celebrant. It does not. The "He" refers to Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Anamnesis

"Anamnesis" is the Greek word that means "remembrance," with the true idea being "reenactment." This is the part that reenacts the Last Supper. The celebrant blesses the bread and wine (we use grape juice so everyone can participate), using words that are based on 1 Corinthians 11. In fact, most of what is said in the Service of the Word and the Service of Communion are either quotations or allusions to Scripture.

Mysterion

It goes without saying that "mysterion" is Greek for "mystery," but I said it anyway. This consists of the congregation proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Epiclesis

"Epiclesis" is Greek for "calling down"—think of the Scriptures in which the Holy Spirit descends as a dove. The celebrant prays to the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and fruit of the vine, using wording that is based on Acts 17:28 and John 6:53-59.

Our Lord's Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer, which is in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2b-5, is appropriate at this point because it asks for forgiveness and our daily bread, which is Jesus, the bread of life. We use "Our Lord" rather than "The Lord" simply because that is who Jesus is to us.

Fraction

The fraction is when the celebrant breaks the bread as Jesus did in Mark 14:22.

Distribution

At this point, we use one of two alternatives for distributing Communion.

The ancient practice is for the congregation to come forward, using a common cup and a common loaf of bread. In congregations where the Eucharist is being done as it should be, after every Service of Word, most congregations take Communion by intinction, when each person dips his or her piece of bread into the cup. The advantage of coming forward is that it makes Communion active. It is a chance to stand up for Jesus Christ in public, and it has the added benefit of letting everyone stretch his or her legs. The disadvantage is that for some people who cannot walk forward easily, they can feel conspicuous because the clergy and the Communion servers have to go to them and serve them in their seats. But when you take Communion at the Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly level, it will almost always be by intinction.

During the Reformation, some parts of the Reformed tradition innovated curb service in the pews. The idea was to emphasize the priesthood of all believers, where each person serves the next. However, in practice, people just pass it around. The disadvantage is that it becomes awkward when there are large gaps between people in the pews or if small children are sitting in places where they have to pass the plates. On the first Sunday of the month when we use this method, we need to keep in mind that we do it in this manner to emphasize the priesthood of all believers.

Whichever way we do it, we make a point of having enough equipment and people to distribute Communion quickly and efficiently.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion concludes with a prayer of thanks, not just for Communion, but also for the hope of the Resurrection in Jesus Christ. It also asks God to empower the congregation to live as Christians beyond the service.

Peace be in you,
Pastor Kingsley

JUNE BRINGS US INTO SUMMER WITH WARMTH AND RELAXATION



June ushers in the anticipation of getting out of school, of getting out into nature, of traveling. We look forward to being outdoors and rejoicing in the bounty of God's creation. (And grilling.)

On May 19, we celebrated our Ministry of Music program. It was a busy Sunday with the ceremony of confirmation and the baptisms of a newborn and confirmands. It is always a special time as we bring the formal "singing year" to a close and move into summer. This is not to say that the choir no longer sings—we most certainly do! We simply move into our summer choir mode and make room for whoever is able to join us to sing anthems together on Sunday mornings throughout the summer. Please consider joining us on a Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. as we rehearse an anthem for the service to follow. As we approach August and our worship format changes, we will readjust our rehearsal time to accommodate the change in time.

While you are out and about this summer, reflect on what space is sacred to you. I recently read an article on sacred sites around the world and how different people have special places that they consider sacred. Our sanctuary is one—people sometimes stop in during the week and just go inside to pray. Your personal sacred space could be a religious space, a mountaintop, a forest glen, a roaring stream—anywhere you can sit and center yourself. For many, Wednesday at the Well has provided the opportunity to observe sacred space here at church.

We can also create space by closing our eyes and praying. It calms the soul and opens up space within so that we can withdraw from the crisis of the moment and just "be." It seems our minds are always running from the moment we awaken until bedtime—we're thinking of past things that happened to us or what we plan to do in the future—and we miss the present moment, which is so rich and can feed our souls.

I thought of some questions to ask myself this summer. What place is sacred to me? Why? What do I feel when I go there? Do I touch something inside that speaks to me? Is God saying something that I am failing to hear? How can I be used for Christian service? Then I will listen for the still, small voice that whispers inside.

I close with a special prayer I recently discovered. The prayer is by the Persian poet Hafez.

*"I am a hole in the flute that Christ's breath moves through.
Listen to this music."*

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music

HERE COMES THE MEMORIAL MEDITATION GARDEN!

I am pleased to report that construction on the first phase of the Maney-Hawkins Memorial Meditation Garden will begin at the end of May/in early June. Phase I will focus on setting the footings for three columbarium walls and erecting the center wall, which contains twenty-eight double-niches. Each niche will be twelve inches high by twelve inches wide by twenty-four inches deep, allowing for two remains-cylinders per niche (for TWO individuals).

To date, only two niches have been purchased. That means there are now twenty-six left for sale. There is a “pre-construction” cost of \$2,500 per niche for any family or individual that is interested (*all funds will be directed to the completion and maintenance of the garden*). After the first columbarium wall is erected, the cost for each double-niche will be \$3,500 (still an incredible value as cemetery plots and stones can cost up to three times more). **Now** is the time for anyone interested to take advantage of the extraordinary value of the “pre-construction” cost!

The Memorial Garden will move into Phase II over the summer with the installation of the nineteen-foot meditation labyrinth and continue on with the installation of lighting, inscribed pavers, bench, and walkways. We have sixty inscribed pavers to start the project; however, we are looking to add additional memorial pavers. The cost of each paver with inscribing is only \$100. What a wonderful way to have a friend or loved one remembered!

The Memorial Garden Committee has raised \$21,626 to start the project. An additional \$13,000 commitment has been received from The Jonathan George Memorial Fund (for June), taking the total to over \$34,000. Our new garden will follow all the original design elements and execute the concept through a modular plan for less than \$50,000.

This means *we as a congregation need to prayerfully consider purchasing niches for ourselves and our loved ones*. We are so very close to making this wonderful meditation space a completed reality. All we need to do is raise approximately \$15,000 in additional funds.

*Therefore, we need your help...each and every one of you...*to buy and sell more pavers, solicit additional donations for garden elements, and to volunteer (as needed) to perform the necessary hard work. I will be regularly writing and talking about what is needed, so please keep an open ear and willing heart and hands toward this meaningful endeavor as we make it a reality in 2008.

Love and peace,

Wayne George

Chair, Memorial Garden Committee

To The First Presbyterian Church Congregation,

I want to thank all of you for your love, support and kindness throughout my times of trouble and need. I've been going through a lot of trials, yet the church has not given up on me. You have stuck by my side and helped me with outstanding gifts that I shall cherish for the rest of my life. I would like to send special loving thanks and prayers to David and his family. So until I am able to send out another letter, please take care and may God bless you all. Know that the whole congregation is always in my thoughts, heart and prayers.

**Love, your son in Christ Jesus,
Victor Allen Flood**

“A CHURCH STILL BUILDING”

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH HOME **2008 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

The 2008 Operating Budget consists of operating revenues and expenses only, not capital expenses needed to maintain and improve our church home and grounds. The Operating Budget consists of income and expenses anticipated for the day-to-day operation of the church facilities and programs.

The Finance and Administration Committee has prepared a Capital Budget for prioritized capital expenses to maintain and improve our church home and grounds. The plan is to fund the Capital Budget through an annual Capital Fund Campaign targeted specifically for need-based projects.

The Finance and Administration Committee and the Property Management Committee will work collectively to fund and complete the following 2008 prioritized projects:

2008 Capital Fund Budget

1. Continue church and Fellowship Hall masonry repairs that are needed desperately (the small towers on either side of the rear Tiffany window are pulling away from the wall)—approximate cost: \$18K
2. Church Park drainage (the Village of Goshen DPW has already asked permission from First Presbyterian Church to install a catch basin)—approximate cost: \$5K
3. Repair one church sanctuary window—approximate cost: \$2K

The above costs are estimates, and all projects will move forward after several bids are received and evaluated.

Our church home needs your financial support for the 2008 Capital Campaign—an amount you agree to pledge over and above any 2008 pledge you already made toward our 2008 Operating Budget. You can pay the Capital Campaign pledge in periodic increments or in a lump sum between now and the end of the year.

Please ponder your 2008 Capital Fund Campaign contribution prayerfully, and complete the form below:

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

“A CHURCH STILL BUILDING”

I/We intend to contribute a total of \$_____ in 2008.

I/We will be providing it at \$_____ per ___ week or ___ month

Signature_____Date _____

Presbyterian Women's Association (PW) News & Notes

On Monday, May 5, the women held their monthly meeting in the parlor. Eleven women attended, but we would certainly love to see more faces. Remember, all women of the church are members of PW. Even if you can't make it to the meetings, we appreciate any assistance you can give us at any of our functions or fundraisers. Please don't be shy; just come out and pitch in.

Save the dates for the following upcoming PW events:

- ✓ **June 2—Indoor Potluck Picnic**—All ladies of the church are invited to this event, which will be held in Fellowship Hall at approximately 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.
- ✓ **July 5 & 6—Great American Weekend**—PW sells bagels, hard rolls, coffee, and tea in the morning under the tent. Please volunteer to help for even just an hour or two.
- ✓ **September 8—"Welcome Back After The Summer" Meeting**
- ✓ **October 4—Church Fundraising Dinner**—The ladies are invited to help with this dinner, which will be held in Fellowship Hall. There may be a bake sale after the dinner.
- ✓ **October 11—Community Dinner**—PW will host this event, and help is needed.
- ✓ **November 22—Craft Fair / PW Bake Sale**

These are just a few things that will be forthcoming. We are also looking for ideas or ways to make our group better. Come to a meeting and share your ideas.

By the time this gets to your mailboxes, our May 23 bake sale will be a thing of the past. Thanks to everyone that made a donation to this event.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth
Secretary

<u>Monday, June 2</u>	Indoor Potluck Picnic Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, June 4</u>	Prayer Circle Parlor	12:00 p.m.
<u>Monday, June 16</u>	Nicean Circle Parlor	2:00 p.m.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry in our church is trying to meet the present need for the shawls. It seems like every time one of us begins a new shawl and doesn't know where it will go, the shawl finds its home before the last stitch is made and charm is attached. We recently found small heart charms to put on the corner of each shawl before it leaves our church doors to put a "hug" around someone. Each heart charm is engraved with "Handmade with Love."

I know many of you are following this ministry, so here is a little update on what is happening. We are keeping a journal of where we send the shawls. We know our shawls are in at least ten other states, and the majority of them are sent for illness. We are trying to make sure that each baby that is baptized in the church also receives a small shawl (blanket) of love for the special day. Several wedding shawls and bereavement shawls have also been sent from the parlor.

Recently, one of our ladies met up with a woman that received one of our first shawls. She is still fighting her cancer and mentioned that she will be in treatment for the "rest of her life." This young mother has such courage and is truly "living every day," not waiting to die. She explained that she keeps her shawl over a chair in the living room when it isn't around her shoulders, and it inspires her to make the most of every day she has left. She also had a favor to ask. She has a friend with a blood cancer and thought a prayer shawl might encourage her as she goes forward with her treatments. Of course, we immediately said we would be honored to send one to this person.

Another mother, who has suffered with MS her whole life, recently found out she has ovarian cancer, so another shawl is being made for her. This woman's daughter had a brain tumor as a child and survived. Now that young woman is getting her medical degree so she can help others. In a time when this mom should be celebrating with her daughter, she is fighting for her life. How could we not send our love in the shape of a shawl to this person?

The help we ask from you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, is to continue to support this wonderful cause. We would like to start collecting yarn so more shawls can be made and sent. One of our ladies uses the leftover yarn from finished shawls, and her color combinations are exquisite. When a prayer shawl is sent from the church, it is sent with a folder of prayers, sheets explaining the colors with which it was made, and a copy of the article written about our group. The maker of the shawl is usually anonymous to the receiver; the note says that it was given "IN LOVE FROM THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY OF THE GOSHEN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH."

The letters and notes received from the shawl recipients are being saved in a notebook for anyone to see. When you read these notes, you can't help but get teary-eyed at how much they are appreciated.

The ministry will not be meeting on a regular basis in the summer, but we will continue to work on our "hugs" to give comfort to those who need it and to celebrate with those that are having a joyous event. Thanks to each of you that has helped us in any way. Your love keeps us going.

Wendy Paffenroth
Prayer Shawl Ministry



**COME ONE COME ALL
DEACONS ANNUAL
PICNIC**

**A TRIBUTE TO
OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
JUNE 15th
We will have a great time!**

**GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND
What Are You Doing July 5th and 6th?
WE NEED HELP UNDER THE FOOD TENT!
Would you be a
*Runner, Seller, Server, or Cashier?***

Please indicate the day(s) and time frame you would be available to assist:

Saturday, July 5th

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. _____
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm. _____
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. _____
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. _____
4:00 - ? (clean up) _____

Sunday, July 6th

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. _____
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. _____
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. _____
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. _____
4:00 - ? (clean-up) _____

Please call Lori Turner at 692-9238 if you have any questions. Thanks for your cooperation and your willingness to get involved.

Please Print:

Name _____

Phone _____

PLEASE PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE, GIVE TO LORI TURNER OR LEAVE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.



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
Sarah Burrows
Barbara Caruso
Brandy Charles
Carman Cross
Sylvester Damiani

Joshua DePew

Steve Fischbein

Albert Gabella

Fran Genovese

Barbara and George Hankins

Walter Jensen

The Keller Family

Lyndsay Krutki

Rick and Betty Lobb

Karen Magee

Evelyn Mercado

Barbara Morgiewicz

Robert Neil

Ann Ott

Phil Pines

Robyn

Ted Sandstrom

Valerie Simonian

Bill and Jean Strong

Jim Vande Berg

Jean Wade

Paul and Phyla Wright

Cynthia Atterbury

Cheryl Campbell and Family

Mel Case

Grace Cook

Phyllis Cummings

Bob Dennis

Everyone serving in the Military

Ben Fisher

Carole Garling

The George Family

Kevin and Sara Hankins

Jessica

Kim

Laura

BA Long

Helen Matthews

Jeff Monroe

Richard Mudrick and Family

Janet Oberg

Amy Pemberton

Jack and Loretta Richner

Dorothy Rose

Kevin Schuler

Walter and Louise Spencer

Lori Turner and sister

Tim Varden

Eugene Walters

Haley Buckley

Mary Carr

Susan Caslick

Jean Crandall

Richard Damiani

Amy DePew

Pat Farley

Mary Fulford

Luke Garofalo-Wade

Ann Graham

Pete Howell

Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen

Evelyn Kingsley

Marni Lewis

Margaretta Macica

Anita McCarthy

Lisa Montalbano

Eileen Myslinski

Claire O'Brien

Peter

Trudi Roach

Kevin Ross

Fred Schwarz

Peggy Srirach

Bob and Florence Tyler

Ashley Wade and Family

Orra and Dale Wood

(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.)



PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Every year the Presbytery of the Hudson Valley charges every member church an assessment according to the current active membership. Our recorded active membership number is currently **337** and *our assessment per member* (not per family) for **2008 is \$26.00**, which is a total of **\$8,762.00** 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.

EXTRA MILE GIVING TREE

Our Extra Mile Giving Tree still stands in the Narthex and continues to be a great source of giving opportunity for many of our members and friends. Check out the Giving Tree located on the table by the front entrance and make your donation toward a special project of your choice. There are envelopes beneath the tree and can be used to either mail back to the church or place in the offering plate. **Thanks for you support.**

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO:

3	<i>Kate Laskoski</i>	13	<i>Maggie Calzaretta</i>
4	<i>Dave Paffenroth</i>	14	<i>Jean Stukey</i>
5	<i>Alison Csernai</i>		<i>Rob Warner</i>
	<i>Shanoon Kwiecinski</i>	16	<i>Mark Keller</i>
6	<i>Gary Laskoski</i>	17	<i>Heather vonPentz</i>
	<i>Dorothy Rose</i>	18	<i>Susan Thirkield</i>
	<i>Nancy Smith</i>	19	<i>Glenn Bischof</i>
	<i>David Totton</i>		<i>Jennie Pines</i>
7	<i>Kevin Fenner</i>	20	<i>Evan McDowell</i>
	<i>Jessica Spencer</i>	21	<i>Luke Garofalo-Wade</i>
9	<i>Julia Paulus</i>	22	<i>Riley and Sarah Paul</i>
10	<i>Robert Boardman</i>	23	<i>Kaitlin Lippert</i>
	<i>Deb Hourahan</i>	26	<i>Bob Pietropaolo</i>
		30	<i>Cecile Ayres</i>

HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES TO:

4	<i>Jeff and Donna Totton</i>
5	<i>Glenn and Pat Schwetje</i>
7	<i>David and Mary Kingsley</i>
9	<i>Dave and Laura Bryson</i>
20	<i>Bob and Doris Weinberger</i>
25	<i>Ray and Sue Ruckdeschel</i>
26	<i>Don and Fran Hoffmann (60th)</i>
29	<i>Scott and Mary Roper</i>
30	<i>George and Barbara Hankins</i>



If you are also celebrating a special day, we wish you much happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Ashley Wade who had the opportunity to join other students from the tri-state area as part of the Camp Broadway Chorus for a special salute to the New York Pops on April 28 at Carnegie Hall. The event was part of the 25th anniversary gala celebration and fundraiser for the New York Pops.*
- *To our newest members who were confirmed on May 18 – Bryan Bischof, Katherine Boese, Kayla Branson, Shane Bruno, Caitlin Chasen, Matthew Gould, Emma Jorgensen, Julia Paulus, Daniel Spencer, Wesley Sproul, Michael Thirkield, David Totton, Rebecca Zis*



Hamptonburgh Grange #950



Strawberry Dessert Festival

June 21st

From 5 PM to 7 PM

\$6.00/person

Located on corner of Sarah Wells Trail and County Route 51

Any questions please call Jon Hourahan

845 - 440 - 8067

hourahan13@yahoo.com



May 16 & 17 Rummage Sale Report

The rummage sale went quite well, and some very nice quality items were donated. We may not have had the amount of items as we have had in the past, but the items were cleaner, not broken, and saleable. Darlene Bartley and her "Staff of Volunteers" worked an entire week to set up and an entire weekend to sell. There was also the clean-up with which we had to contend. Thanks to all who stayed and packaged up the leftovers. These people are to be commended for their efforts by the entire congregation.

We were blessed on Saturday afternoon to have the library in Florida, NY, take hundreds of our leftover books for their sale. We still have to find a way to dispose of the leftovers; if you have any ideas, please tell someone before the next sale.

Thanks again to all who donated treasures, worked, and/or cleaned up Fellowship Hall.

CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Anyone in grades Pre-K through adults is invited to participate in the 2008 Year in Review Sunday School presentation. This year's program will be delivered during worship on Sunday, June 15th.

Rehearsals will be held during Sunday school time on Sunday, June 1st and Sunday, June 8th.....possible dress rehearsal on Saturday, June 14th. More info on that as we get closer.

There will be reading parts, vocal solos, some instruments.... lots of group singing. If you and/or your child wish to participate and CAN'T be in church on June 1st, please contact Wendy Bynum-Wade at 294-0583 or via email at webynum@mail-marketing.com ASAP and we'll figure something out. The more the merrier, we just need to know how many we have to work with. Any parents interested in volunteering (before we seek you out ☺) are more than welcome. Please let me know of your availability.

Thanks in advance for your participation and patience as we get this together in time for June 15th.

Wendy and Doug Wade

MY NAME IS ASHLEY AND I AM A GIRL WITH A DREAM I HOPE YOU CAN HELP

My name is Ashley Wade. I am 12, almost 13 years old and I live in Goshen, New York. I am a 7th grade student attending Goshen Christian School. Next year I will attend Goshen Middle School.

I am a NY State Finalist in the National American Miss pageant coming up this summer in the Pre-Teen division. This is not a "beauty" pageant; it is like going to a weekend seminar on public speaking, learning how to work together as a team, interviewing skills and other neat stuff I'll need to know in the real world.

I represented our area two years ago in this contest and did very well. I came home with a huge trophy as the First Runner Up as the Cover Girl, the contestant who sells the most advertising pages for the program. I also was the 4th runner up in the Spokes Model contest for my speech on why I want to become a pediatric gastroenterologist. My success in selling ads for that contest also qualified me to go to the National Competition. However, I didn't make it that year because I got sick again right after the NYS competition and was in the hospital in NYC when the National contest was held. The reason I want to become a doctor is to help other kids like me who get mysterious illnesses that no one can figure out. I would never tell a child that it was all in their head when they had the kind of pains I did or was as sick as I was. From 2005 through 2007 I spent way over 50 weeks in the hospital. That was no fun for me or my family, but we got through it.

Fortunately, my health is returning and I look forward to doing an awesome job in August at the New York State finals. But I need help. I need to get the most ads sold so that I can be the 2008 "Cover Girl." I hope I can count on you to help me achieve that goal. The different sizes start at 1/10 business card size for \$60. Each 1/10 is \$60, up to a full page for \$600. Most businesses are doing 2/10; most individual supporters have done the business card size.

If you can help, please call my parents at 845-294-0583.

Thanks in advance for your support. I'll do my best not to let you down!

Ashley Wade

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.

ELDERS

Class of 2009

**Bruce Crandall
Bill Keller
Karen Magee
Tom McDowell
Cathy Wade
Michele White**

Class of 2010

**Loretta Richner
Scott Roper
Barbara Skyer
Doug Wade
Rob Warner
Orra Wood**

Class of 2011

**John Bruno
Linda Clark
Geri Corey
Dominick Fontana
Bill Hodges
Kathy Stringer**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2009

**Richard Ayres
Linda Boardman
Carolyn Keller
John Knox
Denise Quinn
Ray Ruckdeschel
John Snook**

Class of 2010

**Diana Bowe
Andrea Branson- Snook
Deb Hourahan
Jon Hourahan
Lisa Montalbano
Lori Turner
Cheryl Zis**

Class of 2011

**David Castellano
Jean Crandall
Patrick Farley
Helen Gardellis
Kelly Grob
Barbara Lippert
Ken Skyer**

Moderator of Deacons:

Richard Ayres

Presbyterian Women:

Barbara von Pentz, President

STAFF

**Robert J. Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music
Pat Schwetje, Church Secretary
Barbara Skyer, Church Treasurer
Nancy Smith, Financial Secretary**

June 2008

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 1 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship/Communion/Install of Officers (S) 11:00am Coffee Hour (FH) 11:30am Training of New Elders (P) 12:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (FH)	2 12:00pm NA (B) 6:30pm PW Indoor Potluck Picnic (FH)	3 9:15am Food Pantry Shelving 12:00pm NA (B) 3:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6:30pm NA (B) 7:00pm Study Group (P)	4 12:00pm NA (B) 12:00pm Prayer Circle (P) 6:00pm GAPNS mtg. (FH) 7:00pm Audubon Society (B) 7:30pm Deacons (P)	5 12:00pm NA (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 7:00pm AA (B) 7:00pm Crew (FH) 7:30pm Family Anonymous (classroom)	6 10:00am Tai Chi (FH) 12:00pm NA (B) 4:00pm Breast Cancer Walk Fundraiser (FH, K) 4:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 8:00pm AA (B)	7 12:00pm AA (B) 8:00pm AA (B)
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