

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The months of the saints are here—Saint Valentine’s Day in February and Saint Patrick’s Day in March. On the one hand, it’s interesting that the commercial world has found yet another way to exploit religious traditions in order to increase sales during the “slow months.” But on the other hand, we can view the days as opportunities to ask ourselves about our own sainthood.

The stories of these two saints, Valentine and Patrick, are famous for quite different reasons. Valentine has become famous because he is the patron saint of lovers (as well as beekeepers, happy marriages, young people, plague, and travelers (go figure). Patrick is famous as the patron saint of Ireland. We know him so well in the United States because of the tremendous Irish immigration that came about as a result of the potato famine in Ireland in the late 1800s. Whether you agree or disagree with the whole idea of patron saints, these men’s lives can teach us a few things about saintliness.

Valentine, though his story is not as clear as Patrick’s, is hailed as a saint primarily for his refusal to give up his faith in the face of persecution by Emperor Claudius of Rome. Story has it that he was clubbed and beaten and then beheaded. Surely, living during that time, he knew the consequences of refusal to submit to Claudius, and yet he showed great courage, even to death.

Patrick’s story is completely different. We know all sorts of specifics about him: his dates of birth and death, his writings, and especially his story. As a boy growing up in Britain, he was captured by Irish marauders and was made a slave. After six years, he escaped. Not long after, he came to faith in Christ, studied for the priesthood, did various adventurous priestly travels, and then returned to Ireland as a missionary. Patrick’s story has both courage and faith as well as tenacity and creativity. He is particularly known for not destroying the existing worship of the Irish. He invited them to see how their worship was the beginning of “true” worship of the “true” God and he then led them onward to faith in Christ. Patrick converted them instead of killing them.

In the Protestant tradition, we don’t venerate a particular person as a saint, but we do believe in the “saints”—all those who have and who will live in Christ. They are the great cloud of witnesses spoken of in scripture (see Hebrews 12:1 and Ephesians chapters 3-4). But, for me, I want to say that both kinds of saints can help us on our journey in God. Saints such as Saint Patrick or Saint Valentine may be remembered for something special in their lives, or saints may be among the many “commoners of faith.” One thing both types have in common is that they show us what is possible. By their lives they show us what we can do.

Saints were and are ordinary people, but what their lives show us is that even in the ordinary we can become amazing. So often we think that we can do so little with our lives; we think that holiness and saintliness is something for the very rare. In actuality, saintliness is something to which we are all called. To live the life of a saint is to live a life in Christ. If it becomes amazing by its courage or grace or love or compassion, then that is a gift of God to you and a gift to the body of Christ. But this won’t even show up on your radar, because the saints are looking more at God and their neighbors than they are at themselves. A good question to ask of

ourselves is, “Where is God in my life now? Where do I see God and how am I responding?” God’s reality and presence are all around us. As the psalmist says in Psalm 147, God’s abundance and creativity are in the stars and clouds, the rain, the animals and birds, the speed of the horse, the snow, the wind, and especially in those who hope in God’s love. That is the grand level of creation.

But there is also the grand level of God speaking and caring in the lives of individuals—you and me. If we listen and look, we’ll discover that we are being called in some part of our lives to pay attention to this “speaking of God.” Perhaps you are being nudged to become more forgiving, to learn compassion, to become less controlling, to trust more, to laugh more, or to share more. These nudges are often just little experiences that come here and there but they all continue to call or nudge us to look again. The saint, the one who lives in and with Christ, learns to pay attention to these nudges and honor them. Such a person learns to see as Jesus asks us to see, with the eyes of the heart and spirit.

This gift of holiness in seeing is part of what helps us to see Christ in all of life, and in turn, we find ourselves responding with more compassion, mercy, gentleness, love, and joy in life. Beginning to see God in all things as the psalmist wrote and then responding to God’s daily call is the path of the saint. So where is God in your life today, and what is God saying to you?

Peace is in you,

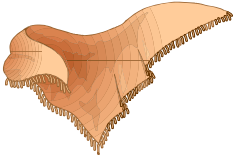
Pastor Kingsley

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next Midnight Run will take place in April. For those that do not know what we do on a Midnight Run, let me tell you. First, Midnight Run is a large, not-for-profit organization in New York City and it feeds the homeless community there. On the night of the run, we load several cars with pre-made bagged lunches, coffee, soup, clothing, and toiletries. We leave this area at about 9:00 p.m. and go into New York City with a preset route to feed, clothe, and minister to those in need on the street. We work through the night to care for as many souls as possible. We have at times also done what is called a “Brunch Run,” meaning we do the same thing during daytime hours, at one preset site.

We meet many grateful people on these runs. This is a safe event. We, and the organization at large, have never had an incident. If you would like to participate in any way (donate/prepare food, donate/sort used clothing, or drive/co-pilot during the run) or you would like more information on either a night or daytime run, please feel free to call the church office at 294-7991 to leave a message, or contact me via e-mail at monkeybusinesslori@gmail.com. A list of items needed for the Midnight Run is in the church office.

Lori Baird
Co-Chair, Midnight Run Committee



Hug Happenings

News of the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)

Once again, let us thank you for the donations of yarn we found in our basket in the narthex this February. Your gifts help us to continue to make the “hugs” that we distribute from our church home. When these gifts are sent, the thank-you notes pour in. Often they are addressed to the person who delivered them, but they are to be shared with everyone. Here are just a few of the recent (and a few not-so-recent) samples. I hope you enjoy reading these wonderful words as much as I have.

Dear Wendy,

I believe!!! Thank you for remembering me with your artistic and loving nature. When I put my new shawl around my shoulders and read the poems and prayers, I felt the warmth and friendship of which I am grateful. The women of the Presbyterian Church Prayer Shawl Ministry are dedicated to HIS WAY. How fortunate you are part of this loving group. Keep me in your prayers. Again, thank you for your blessings.

Marguerite St. Lawrence, Suffern, NY (age 90+)

Dear Darlene and Prayer Shawl Ladies, (January 2011)

What a wonderful gift you gave me from the church! I really like the pattern you chose and the colors are great! I have received several in the past ten years, but yours is different and has a beauty of its own. I was very lucky to receive a donor from Europe – now we are in the “wait” period to see if all will match and no rejections. Family and friends from all over surround me with love. We are here at Hope Lodge for a few more weeks – what a wonderful sponsored place by the American Cancer Society, and only two minutes from the Dana Faber/Brigham Women’s Hospital. Dick is a wonderful caregiver and it is nice to have Amy and her husband, Ky, living nearby. Jim and his family are near in Kennebunk, and Pam and her family are in western Massachusetts.

Keep up the good work getting out these smiles on faces. Best wishes to you and your family.

Judy Thompson

Dear Kathy (Alevras),

I am overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness! Thank you so very much for the prayer quilt. Both Fred and I enjoyed reading the background and prayers as well. I was certainly engulfed by the greens (hope, peace, and protection) while waiting and during my hospital stay. We are in awe of the medical miracle which just transpired and are eternally grateful for my donor’s selfless gift to me. We hope for some peace for their family sometime soon. I have said it takes a community to have a heart transplant, and I am very blessed to have mine with you and Ron a part of it. I know it helped Fred to be in touch with so many people out there pulling for us.

Thank you and I hope our paths cross someday soon.

*Love,
Susan Caslick, Oregon*

Dear Elfriede,

Just a short note to tell you how much I appreciate the beautiful prayer shawl and prayer that accompanied it. It means so much to me to know there are friends praying for and thinking of me.

Fondly,
Marilyn

Dear Wendy,

Thank you so very much for the lovely prayer shawl and the wonderful prayers. Knowing people like you are praying for me is such a comfort. The shawl is truly beautiful. I love the colors. I have a cranberry lounge chair and I sit in it all the time. I leave the shawl draped across the top so that it is on hand when I need a "hug" and some warmth. Thank you and the shawl ministry.

God Bless,
Marie Swank

This is just a sampling of the wonderful blessings we have received back. Thank you, everyone, for continuing to support this ministry. If you need a "hug" sent, let us know or see someone in the ministry on Sunday and we can help you pick out the perfect gift.

Consider yourselves hugged,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth

PSM Secretary

NEW OPPORTUNITY!

My name is Barbara Hankins, and I am looking for some people to join me for fun and fellowship in a new organization called the Chancel Guild. Our goal is to, among other things, assist the Deacons in their duties relating to the chancel and to communion, baptism, and chancel art! As time goes on, we will learn what things need to be done and the best way to do them. At the same time, we will enjoy each other's company. You can see me at coffee hour or call me at 294-8410. Thank you.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**ALL WOMEN OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

*The next meeting of PW will be on Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor.
All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!*

MARCH LEADS US INTO LENT

On March 9, we finally reach **Ash Wednesday** in our yearly worship cycle. It is at this time that we stop to reflect upon our mortal condition and to hear those words, "Remember, from dust you are and to dust you shall return." We come with penitent hearts indicating our desire to search our hearts and change our lives. We humble ourselves and receive the ashes in the shape of a cross on our foreheads, which reminds us of the good news of the Gospel - forgiveness for all and life in Christ.



We leave and go back out into the world ready to do our soul-searching in a positive way, taking stock of our lives, our shortcomings, our separation from God and his will for our lives. It is during this time that we can make changes in how we live in relationship with ourselves and with others. It is a time to set things right.

Our chancel choir will be supporting our Lenten journey with appropriate anthems to help us along the way. On Ash Wednesday, we offer this sung prayer as we join together in humility and partake of the Communion commemorating Christ's suffering on our behalf. "Do this in remembrance of me."

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;

Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.

See if there be some wicked way in me;

Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;

Fulfill Thy Word, and make me pure within.

Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;

Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;

Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.

Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;

I now surrender, Lord in me abide.

Robert Clooney

**Join us for the Ash Wednesday Service on
March 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

WHEN: SATURDAY, April 16, 2011

TIME: 8:30 - 10:00 A.M. **OR** 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

WHERE: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GOSHEN

COST: \$6.00 PER PERSON, PAID IN ADVANCE



Included in the price of each paying child's reservation will be tickets for crafts, games, and activities (for children of all ages), and an egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet everyone.

QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CATCH THAT SPECIAL MOMENT ON THE EASTER BUNNY'S LAP!

Pictures will cost \$5 and can be paid for at the time of service.

LIMITED SEATING; DON'T DELAY!!

Reservations accepted in the church office through April 12.

Questions? Call Beth Laskoski 651-3294 or Jeanette McDowell 294-8334

RESERVATION FORM for "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Preferred Seating Time:
on **Saturday, April 16** _____ 8:30 to 10:00 **OR** _____ 10:00 to 11:30

Number of adults and older children _____ Number **AND AGES** of children participating in breakfast and activities _____

(Activities include an egg hunt. Please bring your own baskets.)

TOTAL NUMBER X \$6.00 COST PER PERSON = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924.
Forms and checks can be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This year's Stone Soup Luncheon is slated for Sunday, March 6, right after the church service. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. The profits from this event will help offset the cost of the youth's trip to Nicaragua this summer. The trip is one of the projects planned by the Mission Committee. Thanks to Greg Spencer for volunteering to make the soup and to all those who will bring vegetables, desserts, and breads for the luncheon.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will take place on Saturday, April 16. We are grateful for the leadership of John Bruno, Jeanette McDowell, Beth Laskoski, and Dick Ayres, who make this fun-filled event possible. If you would like to help with the breakfast, please see John, Jeanette, Beth, or Dick. Many hands make light work!

It is likely that we will be searching for someone to become the new Sunday school superintendent for the next year. Susan Pierce has done a wonderful job for us, and we thank her so much for all of the time and effort that she gave in this capacity! If you may have an interest in taking on this responsibility, please see either Susan or Loretta Richner to discuss it so that we can move forward if Susan does choose to step down. We certainly want our Sunday school program to continue servicing our youngsters!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Several fundraising events are in the works. First and foremost, we are now selling tickets for the art raffle. It is time to really get moving on this effort, as we want to have all two hundred tickets sold by June. If you have not yet had a chance to purchase a ticket, you can do so in the office. Every person who buys a \$100 ticket will receive a five-by-seven framed print of the painting of Harriman Fountain. Just a reminder: the first prize is the original painting of Harriman Fountain by artist John Gould; the second prize is a framed and matted print of the painting; and the third prize is a framed print of the painting. By the way, the Harriman Fountain was dedicated by the Village of Goshen one hundred years ago on February 25. Your support of this fundraising endeavor will certainly be appreciated, as the \$10,000 that we can raise from it will go into the fund for the repair of the Tiffany windows and the other sanctuary windows.

Also coming up is the spring rummage sale, which will take place on May 27 and 28. We are grateful to Glynnis Jorgensen for chairing this event once again.

Following not too far after the rummage sale will be Great American Weekend. During this weekend, we sell French fries, have an antique table, sell coffee and bagels, and run the children's rides. Profits from the rummage sale, rides, French fries, and antiques go into the church's general operating fund. Proceeds from the coffee and bagels will go into the window fund. Thank you to Wendy and Dave Paffenroth for offering to oversee the rides for us this year. I am still looking for someone to chair the antique table and the coffee and bagels. Volunteers, please step forward!

We will be repeating the Tiffany Ball on October 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at The Hall of Fame of the Trotter. Tickets will be \$100 per person, and the catering will be provided by Catherine's. The hope is to have a sold-out room, as the word spread around the community after the last one that it was such a wonderful event. Be sure to save the date for this fun-filled evening!

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:

<i>Vince Ahrens</i>	<i>Dedra Altizer</i>	<i>Fran Backofen</i>
<i>Lori Baird</i>	<i>Dennis Baker and daughter</i>	<i>Emily Barry and Family</i>
<i>Cliff Bartley</i>	<i>Mary Lee and Ted Berry</i>	<i>Gabriel Bittner</i>
<i>Lorraine Boardman</i>	<i>Karen, Michael, and Paige Brooks</i>	<i>Haley Buckley</i>
<i>Our brothers and sisters in Haiti & Chile</i>	<i>Sarah Burrows</i>	<i>Winnie Bynum</i>
<i>Mary Carr</i>	<i>Grace Cook</i>	<i>Bruce and Jean Crandall</i>
<i>Wesley Cudrow</i>	<i>Phyllis Cummings</i>	<i>Sylvester Damiani</i>
<i>Mary Jane DeFreece</i>	<i>Bob Dennis</i>	<i>Joe Destefano</i>
<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>	<i>Molly Farley</i>	<i>Pat Farley</i>
<i>Kevin Fenner</i>	<i>Judy Hankins Feragola</i>	<i>Steve Fischbein</i>
<i>Ben Fisher</i>	<i>Norm and Sharon Frelinger</i>	<i>Gabby</i>
<i>Fran Genovese</i>	<i>The George Family</i>	<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>
<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>	<i>David Jacks</i>	<i>Robert Jensen</i>
<i>Curtis and Heather Johnson</i>	<i>Carolyn Keller's parents</i>	<i>Kim</i>
<i>Don and Ella Kimble</i>	<i>Carol Kingsley</i>	<i>Evelyn Kingsley</i>
<i>Lyndsay Krutki</i>	<i>Grace and Jerry Lanuti</i>	<i>B.A. Long</i>
<i>Grace, Frank and Fran Leva</i>	<i>Charles Li</i>	<i>Robert Lobb</i>
<i>Margaretta Macica</i>	<i>Ursula Maletz</i>	<i>The Family of Melissa Martucci</i>
<i>Andy Marussich</i>	<i>The Family of Anita McCarthy</i>	<i>Josephine and David Medlar</i>
<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>	<i>Jeff Monroe</i>	<i>Lisa and Bob Montalbano</i>
<i>Heather Mustavs</i>	<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>	<i>Richard Nash</i>
<i>Steven Neil</i>	<i>Nina and Jason</i>	<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguyen</i>
<i>Ann Ott</i>	<i>Leon Paffenroth</i>	<i>Amy Pemberton</i>
<i>The Family of Marina Petersen</i>	<i>Susan Pierce</i>	<i>The Family of Madeline Pillmeier</i>
<i>Jack Richner</i>	<i>Trudi Roach</i>	<i>Ted Sandstrom</i>
<i>Kevin Schuler</i>	<i>Fred Schwarz</i>	<i>Bryan Scott and Family</i>
<i>Dorothy Sevcik</i>	<i>Marguerite Shaw</i>	<i>Sara Simas</i>
<i>Walter and Louise Spencer</i>	<i>Peggy Srirach</i>	<i>The Smith Family</i>
<i>Mal Stewart and Family</i>	<i>Kathy Stringer and Family</i>	<i>Bill and Jean Strong</i>
<i>Shawn Thatcher</i>	<i>Judy Thompson</i>	<i>George Tietz</i>
<i>Brenda Travers</i>	<i>Kim Valentini and Family</i>	<i>Kenya VanZandt</i>
<i>Ashley Wade</i>	<i>Wendy-Bynum Wade</i>	<i>Jean Wade</i>
<i>Molly Wanat</i>	<i>The Weinberger Family</i>	<i>John Wildschut</i>
<i>Jo Wolfe</i>	<i>Anne Wood</i>	<i>Orra and Dale Wood</i>
<i>Paul and Phyla Wright</i>		

(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.)

The Wednesday at the Well service has been cancelled.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden
MARCH UPDATE

**Now Is The Best Time To Order
Memorial Pavers...**

New memorial pavers will be installed in the late spring. Purchase a memorial paver to remember or honor a loved one. To order your paver, see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is \$100.

“Stewards of the Garden”

Please feel free to “lend a helping hand” anytime at the garden!
The March/early April schedule is below for our Stewards.

SCHEDULE:	Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	March 1 – March 15
	Loretta and Jack Richner:	March 16 – March 31
	George and Barbara Hankins:	April 1 – April 15

*This schedule will be posted outside the church office.
If you are interested in becoming a “Steward of the Garden”, see Pat in the church office.*

**Niches AVAILABLE FOR SALE
in the Memorial Columbarium**

Each niche is 11¼ inches cubed, allowing for double or single interment.

Four purchase options are available:

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)

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any additional information you may need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

BENEFIT CONCERT

FOR THE MANEY-HAWKINS MEDITATION GARDEN



An all new, magical, musical tribute to the music of The Beatles!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GOSHEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th - 7 PM

Doors open 6PM - ADMISSION \$10 Adults / \$8 Seniors/Students / Under 6 Free

33 Park Place, Goshen, NY - For Information: 845-294-7991

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Gina Gruber</i>	11	<i>Patrick Farley</i>
2	<i>Josephine Bartley</i>	13	<i>Matthew Quinn</i>
	<i>Hannah Taylor</i>	22	<i>Jeff Kingsley</i>
4	<i>Deborah Spencer</i>	25	<i>Jeffrey Gati, Jr.</i>
5	<i>Wendy Paffenroth</i>	26	<i>Robin Paulus</i>
7	<i>Betty Lobb</i>	27	<i>Brooks Church, Sr.</i>
8	<i>Connor Gati</i>	28	<i>Tyler Cox</i>
	<i>Robert Lobb</i>	29	<i>Kay Kent</i>
	<i>Jean Musgrave</i>	30	<i>Grace Cook</i>
9	<i>Karen Magee</i>	31	<i>Michael Roper</i>
			<i>Jack Quick</i>

HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES TO:

15 *Bill and Carolyn Keller*

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:

- *Katelyn Bischof on being one of nine finalists in the "Oscars Designer Challenge 2011." As an up-and-coming designer, she is competing to have her original evening gown worn by this year's on-stage awards escort during the 83rd Academy Awards. Katelyn, the youngest finalist, graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in May 2010.*
- *Jennie Pines, who has a starring role in the upcoming production of "Cabaret" at the Lab Theatre in Albany. The dates of the performances are Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8 at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.*

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We'd like to again highlight two of our member families to help the congregation learn something about both new and old members. This month we interviewed Geri Corey and Brendan, Wendy, and Gabrielle Donohue.

Name:

Geri Corey

In what town do you live?

Goshen

What is your place of birth?

Fair Lawn, New Jersey (Bergen County)

What is your favorite food?

A big plate of spaghetti and meatballs!

If you got a chance to perform on "America's Got Talent," what would your talent be?

Read a storybook to a group of children

Do you have a favorite hobby or activity?

Yes, I love word puzzles.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, besides ten grandchildren, I have "Rosie" the Rottweiler, age three, and "Boo," a black pug, age six.

If you could go on vacation to ANY place in the world for one week, where would it be and why?

I would choose to go to Israel because I want to see – among other places – the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus.

What is one thing most people don't know about you?

I was a majorette in Fair Lawn High School back in the dark ages.

What question do you wish this questionnaire asked, but did not?

How old I am. Ha! Ha!



Names:

Brendan Donohue
Wendy Donohue
Gabrielle (Gabby) Donohue

In what town do you live?

Village of Warwick

What are your places of birth?

Brendan – Ridgewood, New Jersey
Wendy – Manhattan, New York
Gabby – Guangxi, China

What are your favorite foods?

Brendan – short ribs
Wendy – I’m a “foodie.” I love trying new things!
Gabby – noodles!

**If you got a chance to perform on “America’s Got Talent,”
what would your talent be?**

Brendan – Salsa dancing
Wendy – I would be the “TV hostess”...like Ryan Seacrest on
“American Idol.”
Gabby - dancing

Do you have a favorite hobby or activity?

Brendan – horseback riding and snow skiing
Wendy – I like gardening and being outdoors!
Gabby – In the winter I love to ski, but in the summer I like to go swimming!

Do you have any pets?

Jake, the fourteen year old dog, Fred the cat, and Bob the Koi fish in our pond.

If you could go on vacation to ANY place in the world for one week, where would it be and why?

That’s easy! We all want to go back to China and visit the place Gabby was born.

What is one thing most people don’t know about you?

Brendan – I recently started to take guitar lessons.
Wendy – I took a year off from college and learned to speak German as an au pair in Germany.
Gabby – I’ve been playing the cello since I was five years old..I’m seven now!

What question do you wish this questionnaire asked, but did not?

Brendan – What is your favorite time of day? 6:30 every morning when Gabby comes into our bedroom and jumps into our bed to snuggle!
Wendy – What is your fondest childhood memory? Spending time with my grandmother on her farm.
Gabby – What is your favorite subject in school? Math... I’m really good at it!



2011 Per Capita Dollars

\$6.50 goes to the PCUSA

\$3.95 goes to the Synod of the Northeast

\$17.55 goes to the Presbytery of Hudson River

In short: per capita is a sum of money we ask each member to pay in addition to his or her regular giving to help cover the administrative costs of our denominational bodies—the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

In long (from our Presbytery): the per capita apportionment is generally recognized as a fair way of spreading across the whole church membership basic operating costs of presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly.

This funding system has deep roots in American Presbyterianism. The per capita apportionment was first introduced in the 1700s as a way for governing bodies to pay for commissioners' meeting expenses, stipends for the stated clerk, and the costs associated with printing and distributing minutes and reports. Per capita payments continue to provide funding for the administrative expenses of governing bodies, and this benefits the entire church and the local congregation.

The mission of our connectional church is funded by mission contributions to the church's General Mission Fund, which is separate from the administrative budgets supported by the per capita.

The \$28.00 **per member** per capita apportionment for 2011 goes toward the administrative operating expenses of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), headquartered in Louisville; the Synod of the Northeast, based in East Syracuse; and the Presbytery of Hudson River. The expenses include salaries, office supplies, travel, and equipment.

The Presbyterian form of government could not function without all of our members participating in the paying of the per capita that provides for the financial resources to run the Presbyterian Church.

For calendar year 2011, our church will pay \$9,848.08. If our members do not contribute above their regular contributions, this money comes out of the General Fund and depletes the funds available for our operating costs. We are sure you will help your congregation and our mission by adding the per capita to your giving to the church.

We thank you for your support.

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.

MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. The following are some excerpts from the CDC Web site (www.cdc.gov). My hope is that reading this will spare at least one church member from getting colorectal cancer. - Carol Gabella, church member/endoscopy nurse

Reducing Your Risk

Colorectal cancer screening saves lives. However, many people who are at risk for the disease are not being screened according to national guidelines.

It is estimated that as many as 60% of colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented if all men and women aged 50 years or older were screened routinely. In most cases, colorectal cancer develops from precancerous polyps (abnormal growths) in the colon or rectum. Screening tests can find precancerous polyps, so that they can be removed before they turn into cancer. Screening tests also can find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best.

Some studies show that increased physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight may decrease the risk for colorectal cancer. Evidence is less clear about other ways to prevent colorectal cancer.

When Should You Begin to Get Screened?

You should begin screening for colorectal cancer soon after turning 50, then continue getting screened at regular intervals. However, you may need to be tested earlier or more often than other people if:

You or a close relative have had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer; or
You have inflammatory bowel disease

If you are aged 50 or older, or think you may be at increased risk for colorectal cancer, speak with your doctor about getting screened.

What Are the Screening Tests for Colorectal Cancer?

Several tests are available to screen for colorectal cancer. Some are used alone; others are used in combination with each other. Talk with your doctor about which test or tests are best for you. These screening tests are recommended by the USPSTF:

Colonoscopy (every 10 years)
High-sensitivity fecal occult blood test (FOBT) (every year)
Flexible sigmoidoscopy (every 5 years)

P.S. My husband would never go for a screening. His excuse was that cancer didn't run in his family. Albert died in 2009 and his cousin followed him about nine months later. Both had end-stage colon cancer...Don't make excuses. Get screened. It may save your life! - Carol



The Harriman Fountain

The Good Old Days in Goshen, New York

Anyone who has ever lived in Goshen, or even just visited, will be nostalgic about the perspective of life in Goshen at the beginning of the twentieth century. Back then, the First Presbyterian Church, with its surrounding park, was the focal point and defining structure of the Goshen “villagescape.” Now, First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, in conjunction with The Bethlehem Art Gallery, will be giving you a chance to take home the original painting by renowned artist John Gould. What a wonderful slice of Goshen for your home, not to mention a great investment. Close your eyes and think of your time in Goshen. Whether you’re a third-generation resident or a visitor, the image you’ll see in your mind will be very similar to the one above, with perhaps a lot more traffic in the Village Square! Don’t miss out on your chance to own your piece of Goshen history. Fill out the order form below and return to:

First Presbyterian Church
33 Park Place
Goshen, New York 10924

If you have any questions, call the church office at 845-294-7991

Gould’s View of Goshen Raffle Tickets * * * \$100 each

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL _____

Total tickets _____

Total enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church in Goshen” and write “Gould raffle tickets” in the memo area.)

Tickets may be purchased during coffee hour or at the church office during the week.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011

Come and join us after the parade for some home-cooked corned beef and cabbage, served with carrots, potatoes, rye bread, Irish soda bread, beverage, and dessert. There will be chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese for the children.

Where: *First Presbyterian Church
33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924
In Fellowship Hall*

When: *Serving from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

Cost: *\$12 per adult
\$10 each for seniors and children*

*Advanced reservations with payments are required. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church and mailed or dropped off **NO LATER** than March 5. Please fill out the bottom and return it with your payment. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 294-7991.*

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Number of adults attending at \$12 ea. _____ **for a total of \$** _____

Number of seniors or children attending at \$10 ea. _____ **for a total of \$** _____

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

the new **Church Photo Directory**

Sign up on-line Starting February 27th

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/firstpresbyterianchurch47/index.php?page=10>

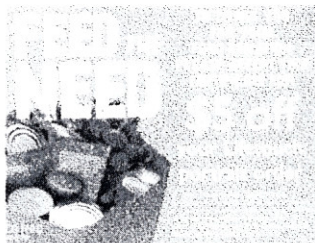
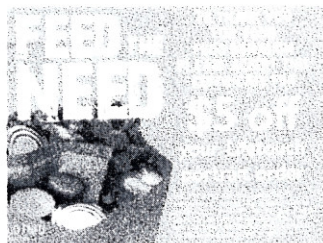
Sign ups Dates

March 20 th	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour
March 27 th	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour
April 3 rd	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour
April 10 th	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour
April 17 th	Before Church	&	at Coffee Hour

Picture Dates

Thursday	April 28 th	2:30 pm -	8:50 pm
Friday	April 29 th	2:30 pm-	8:50 pm
Saturday	April 30 th	10:00 am-	5:00 pm

- * Refreshments will be available while you are waiting.
- * A slide presentation of past church events will also be available.
- * *You will be asked to participate in a very brief "Your Special Gifts" skills questionnaire.*



A \$5 off certificate applicable towards your portrait order (if you choose to participate) will be issued to families bringing food items for the Food Pantry at the time of their appointment.

Questions for the Directory Committee can be directed to:

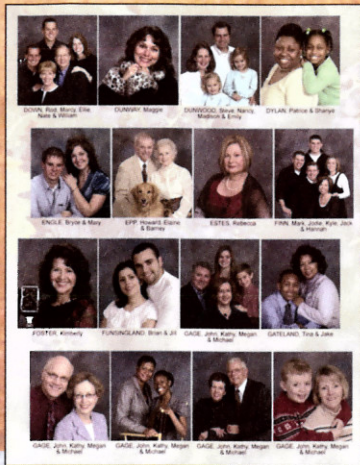
Lisa Montalbano	845-651-2717	holisticmom42@aol.com
Linda Boardman	845-469-6063	lindajayneboardman@yahoo.com
Linda Clark	845-283-2122	clarks03@earthlink.net
Cecile Ayres	845-294-7524	crayres@frontiernet.net

Note: Friends, relatives, neighbors and anyone in the community is invited to have a family portrait and can be scheduled to use this service. They will not be included in the church directory and will not receive the complimentary 8 x 10 portrait.

Dear Members & Friends,

We need you to make our new family album complete

Help us put faces with names. Our Directory Committee has chosen Lifetouch to help us connect our members and tell our story.



Each family will receive a *Complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory* for participating.

Convenient

Lifetouch sets up their photography studio at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed: **No sitting Fees**
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Your portraits are sure to become valued family keepsakes. You will have the opportunity to schedule your portrait session soon. Watch for your **Portrait Guide** or visit www.lifetouch.com for tips on how to prepare for your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you in our new family album,

Your Directory Committee



Greeting cards available in many design choices.

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.

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