

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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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 in Christ,  
Pastor Kingsley



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women’s Association (PW) will be on Monday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Come out for an evening of fellowship and hear what is going on this year in the association. Don’t eat dessert at home; we will have a special dessert that evening.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth  
Former Secretary, PW

**THE GOSHEN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE WILL BE ON FRIDAY MARCH 2 AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST ON MURRAY AVENUE.**

Following the service, there will be refreshments in the rectory meeting room. Parking is available at the left of the church. Entrance to parking is through the driveway between the rectory and the office.

For any further information, you can call Kitty at 294-9462 or Fran at 294-6891.

## March Leads Us from Lent II to Palm Sunday



We have marked ourselves as penitent and contrite when we received the ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. That act marked the beginning of our Lenten journey -- a season of examining ourselves, of taking stock of our lives, of looking closely at our shortcomings and taking steps to set things right. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness preparing for his death, and, as Christians, we spend the time preparing ourselves to arrive at Easter Sunday renewed and deepened in our faith.

I've been looking at what other Christians are doing that might be radically different and might make a positive change in our lives. Here are some interesting tips for a more meaningful Lenten practice, guaranteed to change us from the inside out.

- Pray daily for our enemies
- Get outside every day and walk in nature or see your neighborhood anew
- Meditate -- spend some time in silence
- Journal your experiences of life as it unfolds around you
- Take pictures of things that interest you
- Reduce your media exposure -- stop the bombardment of bad news
- Don't allow technology to hold you captive -- unplug
- Follow a daily devotional such as "Our Daily Bread"
- Invite a friend to church
- Practice a random act of kindness each week
- Call someone you've neglected
- Hold peace instead of reacting to every disturbance that arises
- Memorize an uplifting passage that speaks to you
- Sing out loud to yourself
- Reach out and support relief efforts in a country far from you
- Answer these questions for reflection:

- What does it mean to be marked as "Christ's own forever" at baptism?
- What am I sorry for?
- What feels "off" in my life?
- Who do I feel drawn to reach out to?
- What can I do to make a difference in someone else's life?

### Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*where there is injury, pardon;*

*where there is doubt, faith;*

*where there is despair, hope;*

*where there is darkness, light;*

*and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;*

*to be understood as to understand;*

*to be loved as to love.*

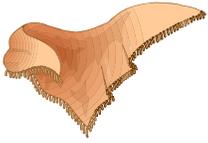
*For it is in giving that we receive;*

*it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;*

*and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen*



Robert Clooney,  
Director of Ministry of Music



## **HUG HAPPENINGS**

### **News from the Prayer Shawl Ministry News (PSM)**

Once again, we had a very busy month with shawls and gifts being sent all over the place. One week, seven shawls were delivered where needed.

First, I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone for their Yarn Drive donations of yarn and other things we need to keep this ministry going. Recently, a lady from Warwick (who was a recipient of a shawl when she started her chemo for ovarian cancer) called and told me that she had yarn for us. I expected several skeins, but when she showed up, she had an entire tub of all sorts of yarns. She wants other people to get hugs from us, as the gift we gave her helped her during some very rough days. Thanks to Ruth and Mark for your donation to keep us going.

Some of the cards we received this month have again brought the blessings back to our church. The following are just several of the beautiful notes that came in this month.

- *"Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you for the beautiful blue and white shawl for Owen's baptism. We absolutely love it and find it so comforting to know Owen is blessed and loved by our church. Thank you for the cradle cross as well. God bless all of you, Jon, Deb, Emma & Owen Hourahan."*
- *"Dear Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Amy Fontana sent me a prayer shawl/lap robe from your ministry after she learned of the recent and sudden death of my mother. It is a tremendous comfort to me, and I share my deep and sincere appreciation to you. Thank you to the loving makers of the shawl; I can't express how thankful I am to all of you. Sincerely, Rebecca (Caster) Townsend, Longmeadow, MA."*
- *"Thank you so much for taking the time to make a shawl for my neighbor. I feel humbled by your dedication, and I appreciate all you do for so many. The shawl is so beautiful, and I know she will love it. Sincerely, Betty Fletcher, Warwick, NY."*

Shawls were also sent to the Kless family in Warwick. Their twenty-three-year-old son was senselessly murdered in January in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Beryl Yungman, a neighbor, took the family a shawl and prayers to help them through this tough time.

A shawl was also given to a fifty-two-year-old who is fighting lung cancer and Lyme disease. After giving the shawl to her, she requested two more, if we had them. She is taking care of her mother, who is a victim of Alzheimer's. Her daughter has intracranial hypertension and needs a shunt put into her brain. Of course, two shawls were delivered the next day, and she was deeply appreciative.

A shawl was also sent to Boston, Massachusetts for a forty-eight-year-old mother of two, who found out she has liver cancer. Still another was given to an Irish eighty-six-year-old grandmother, who is fighting many illnesses. I understand she has the shawl with her day and night and loves it so much. The family said it is so comforting to the mom and sincerely thanks us for bringing some love into her life.

Not all shawls are sent for illness; some are given as hugs for goodbyes. As Jack and Loretta Richner move south, we will be sending with them a shawl that they can place over a chair. We hope that when they see the shawl, they will be reminded of all the people in Goshen who love them. We made the shawl green, the color of **HOPE**, as we **HOPE** they enjoy the new home and the new adventures before them. Best of Luck, Jack and Loretta; we will miss you.

Joan Howell has not only been busy making shawls for us, but, from what I understand, her crochet hook is also never far from her. She has made numerous hats and scarves for the Giving Tree at the church, scarves for Special Olympics, several throws for the veterans, and some items for her family. Way to go, Joan! When you wear out your hook, we will be glad to get you another.

Remember, anytime you need a gift of love for someone, shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets, along with prayers for all occasions, are in the shawl room at the church.

Consider yourselves hugged,

***Wendy Lee Paffenroth***

PSM Secretary



## *For Loretta and Jack*

Friends enter our hearts—we hold them close and dear;

Even as we move apart, they still remain so near.

We thank the Lord for blessing us with friends who love and care;

How wonderful our lives have been with the friendship that we've shared.

You are both so loving and caring, and we admire all you do;

Our friendship will go on forever, as good friends remain so true.

You have welcomed all of us into your lives as the years come and go;

It has always been apparent that you care—as the seeds of love you sow.

We admire your wonderful qualities, your smile and your grace;

You inspire all of us to take time, to listen and slow our pace.

You have opened up your hearts and let the friendships in;

To have a heart not open would truly be a sin.

The good Lord gave us friendships to help us along our way;

Our hearts hold your gift of friendship, each and every day.

We know you aren't really all that far from us; your friendship is a gift.

But never forget we love you and that you will be missed.

Find time to enjoy some pleasures, spend time with those you love;

Let this shawl give you a hug from time to time, it comes from all of us.

*With love from your friends at the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, NY*

## **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED**

Coffee Hour after Sunday church services is a great opportunity for fellowship and getting to know our members. But **WE NEED HOSTS!** Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the lobby of Fellowship Hall so we can continue this well attended and favored fellowship opportunity. If you have any questions, you can contact Sue Varden at 649-7830.

## **LAY READERS NEEDED**

The Lay Reader assists Reverend Kingsley in the worship service by reading some of the service segments and the First Testament reading or the Gospel reading. The readings are available in the church office on the Tuesday preceding the service or it can be e-mailed directly to you. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or speak with Karen Magee.

## **PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2012**

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 **340** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2012 is \$29.25**, which is a total of **\$9,945.00** to be taken from our operating budget. Please assist with this expense and write a check for your family assessment, if you haven't already done so, and either mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks for doing your share.

## **NEW MEMBER MEETING**

If you are interested in joining – or just learning more about – The First Presbyterian Church, please join us for an informative meeting on Sunday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. For those who decide to join the church, you will be asked to attend a new member breakfast on Sunday, March 25 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and you will be received as a member during the worship service that day. If you have any questions, please contact either Linda Clark at 294-7488 or speak with Pastor Kingsley.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER AT  
CATHERINE'S RESTAURANT  
153 West Main Street  
Goshen, New York**

The date is Saturday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m. \$30 includes a choice of three appetizers, five dinner entrees, three desserts, coffee and tea; (cash bar). Watch the bulletin for the complete menu. Contact Jo Wolfe (294-6652) or Linda Clark (294-7488) for reservations.

## **2012 Mission Trip to Joplin, Missouri**

### Informational Meeting on March 25

The May 22, 2011 tornado that devastated Joplin, Missouri, destroyed one-third of the city, approximately 2,000 buildings, and 40 percent of Joplin's housing. It's estimated that it will take eight to ten years to rebuild.

A work team is being organized to help rebuild. Our team will be in Joplin from August 12 through August 18.

This mission trip is open to Presbyterians from other churches as well as our own. The groups we will be working with require that you are at least sixteen years of age. **Anyone interested should come to an informational meeting on Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

This trip is being organized by our Mission Committee. If you think you might like to join us, please contact Sue Varden or Bill Keller, or just show up on March 25.

## **TRICKY TRAY**

On April 28, the Deacons will be holding a Tricky Tray at the C.J. Hooker Middle School cafeteria to raise funds for the Minister's Discretionary Fund. All monies raised go toward helping church members and local community residents in times of financial hardship. There will be a sweepstakes table, door prizes, bake sale, and much more! The Tricky Tray will be open to the public, of course, so bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon and hopefully take home a lovely basket! More information will be in future bulletin/Tower Tie messages.

P.S. If you would like to help with this fundraiser in any way, please e-mail Lori Baird at [monkeybusinesslori@gmail.com](mailto:monkeybusinesslori@gmail.com) or see Lori after service on Sunday!

The Deacons will be hosting a bake sale during our Tricky Tray on April 28 and are in need of some volunteers to help. We will need some of our First Presbyterian bakers to donate some of their fine creations, as well as a few people to man the table of goodies. If you can help us with this, please contact Lori Baird at 845-200-5640. Thank you in advance for whatever you can do!

The Deacons are in need of items for their April Tricky Tray. We will need clear basket wrap, basket filler (shreds), baskets, and ribbon. We are also looking for items to fill the baskets. Each basket will have a theme (such as BBQ, spa, perfume, food, stationary, art, etc.), so any NEW item that you would like to donate to a basket would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to donate cash, a completed themed basket, a door prize item, restaurant/cash/movie gift cards, or even a sweepstakes table item (special table item with a value of \$50 or more), please contact Lori Baird at 845-200-5640. THANK YOU!

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To Help Maintain  
THE MANEY-HAWKINS MEDITATION GARDEN  
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***An all new, magical, musical tribute to the music of The Beatles!***

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GOSHEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> - 7PM

Doors open 6:30PM - ADMISSION \$15 Adults / \$10 Seniors & Students / Under 10  
Free!

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

## 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>JoAnna Becerril</i>
<i>Lori Baird</i>	<i>Emily Barry and Family</i>	<i>Brandy Bond</i>
<i>Mary Lee and Ted Berry</i>	<i>Gabriel Bittner</i>	<i>Winnie Bynum</i>
<i>Haley Buckley</i>	<i>Sarah Burrows</i>	<i>Grace Cook</i>
<i>Mary Carr</i>	<i>Jessica Chasen</i>	<i>Shannon Decker</i>
<i>Rev. Edwin Coon</i>	<i>Bruce and Jean Crandall</i>	<i>Amy Depew</i>
<i>Mary Jane DeFreece</i>	<i>Bob Dennis</i>	<i>Evie and Family</i>
<i>Joe Destefano</i>	<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>	<i>Ben Fisher</i>
<i>Mary Lee Farris' sister</i>	<i>Mary Lee Farris' brother-in-law</i>	<i>Fran Genovese</i>
<i>Norm and Sharon Frelinger</i>	<i>Gabby</i>	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>
<i>The George Family</i>	<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>	<i>Martin Johnson and Joy Johnson</i>
<i>The Hartzel Family</i>	<i>Carl Johnson</i>	<i>Kim</i>
<i>Carolyn Keller's parents</i>	<i>Laura and Tom Kennedy</i>	<i>Lyndsay Krutki</i>
<i>Ella Kimble</i>	<i>Roberta Kinnamon</i>	<i>Robert Lobb</i>
<i>Grace, Frank and Fran Leva</i>	<i>Charles Li</i>	<i>Kerry Maddlone</i>
<i>Steven Longobardo</i>	<i>Margaretta Macica</i>	<i>The Family of Melissa Martucci</i>
<i>James Magee</i>	<i>Kelly Magee Thrush</i>	<i>Jeff Monroe</i>
<i>Andy Marusich</i>	<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>	<i>Richard Nash</i>
<i>Heather Mustavs</i>	<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>	<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguyen</i>
<i>Steven Neil</i>	<i>Nina and Jason</i>	<i>Ann Ott</i>
<i>Randy Oberg</i>	<i>Oretsky Family</i>	<i>The Family of Marina Petersen</i>
<i>Leon Paffenroth</i>	<i>Amy Pemberton</i>	<i>Ted Sandstrom</i>
<i>Jack Richner</i>	<i>Trudi Roach</i>	<i>Fred Schwarz</i>
<i>Tom Sawyer</i>	<i>Kevin Schuler</i>	<i>Sara Simas</i>
<i>Bryan Scott and Family</i>	<i>Dorothy Sevcik</i>	<i>Walter and Louise Spencer</i>
<i>Megan Slasinski</i>	<i>Gloria Spradlin and Jimmy</i>	<i>Bill and Jean Strong</i>
<i>Peggy Srirach</i>	<i>The Smith Family</i>	<i>George Tietz</i>
<i>Shawn Thatcher</i>	<i>Judy Thompson</i>	<i>Joe and Mark VanZandt</i>
<i>Brenda Travers</i>	<i>Kim Valentini and Family</i>	<i>Wendy-Bynum Wade</i>
<i>Kenya VanZandt</i>	<i>Ashley Wade</i>	<i>The Weinberger Family</i>
<i>Jean Wade</i>	<i>Molly Wanat</i>	<i>Orra and Dale Wood</i>
<i>Jo Wolfe</i>	<i>Anne 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.)*

*Please continue to keep Judy Thompson in your prayers. The myelofibrosis has returned and she is in a great deal of pain.*

**Her address is:**

**76 Stratford Place  
Kennebunk, ME 04043**

# BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

WHEN: **SATURDAY, March 31, 2012**

TIME: 8:30-10 A.M. OR 10-11:30A.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 March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Questions? Call 651-3294 or 294-7991

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## RESERVATION FORM for "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Seating Time  
on **Saturday, March 31st**    \_\_\_\_\_ 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 at the church office.

## **Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden**

### **MARCH UPDATE**

*We are still hoping to replace a few burnt-out bulbs as the mild winter allows.*

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#### **“Stewards of the Garden”**

*We have lost a few “Stewards of the Garden,” so we’re asking for NEW VOLUNTEERS to lend a hand in keeping the garden neat. It only takes a couple of minutes of your time each month to pick-up any litter you see, pull a weed here and there and maybe sweep a few pavers clean. Please see Pat in the church office if you can find a moment (even after the church service) to help out. Thanks!*

#### **The March schedule for our “Stewards”:**

Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	March 1 – March 15
Barbara and George Hankins:	March 16 – March 31

*This schedule will be posted outside the church office.*

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#### **Memorial Pavers**

Interested in purchasing a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one? Please see Pat in the church office if you are interested. The cost of each paver is \$100. A new paver order will be placed in the spring.

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#### **Niches Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium**

Each niche allows for double or single interment, and the following 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 see Pastor Kingsley or Pat in the church office for more information.

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

# TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Gina Gruber</i>	13	<i>Matthew Quinn</i>
2	<i>Josephine Bartley</i>	21	<i>Hannah Taylor</i>
4	<i>Deborah Spencer</i>	22	<i>Jeff Kingsley</i>
5	<i>Wendy Paffenroth</i>	25	<i>Jeff Gati, Jr.</i>
7	<i>Betty Lobb</i>	26	<i>Robin Paulus</i>
8	<i>Connor Gati</i>	27	<i>Brooks Church, Sr.</i>
	<i>Robert Lobb</i>	28	<i>Tyler Cox</i>
	<i>Jean Musgrave</i>	29	<i>Kay Kent</i>
9	<i>Karen Magee</i>	30	<i>Grace Cook</i>
	<i>Logan Fuller</i>		<i>Michael Roper</i>
11	<i>Patrick Farley</i>	31	<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.*

## Annual Stone Soup Luncheon – March 4

**\$5.00 per person / \$15.00 per family**

Our Annual Stone Soup Luncheon is planned for Sunday, March 4 during coffee hour. Funds raised at this luncheon will be used to help send our teens to Joplin, Missouri this summer. We will need many hands to make this a successful event. For those of you who don't know the story of stone soup, it is this: *It tells the story of three hungry soldiers who come into a village and cleverly trick the peasants into sharing their food—by making a lavish soup out of seemingly nothing but stones.* Like the soldiers' soup, this recipe turns basically whatever vegetables you have on hand into a hearty meal.

We are asking each of our Sunday school students to bring something for our soup when they first arrive at church on March 4. Please bring your contribution to the kitchen prior to worship. The suggested items are:

<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>1 medium onion, peeled and chopped</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>a clove of garlic, peeled and chopped</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1 small cabbage, chopped</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3 small potatoes, peeled and chopped</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>3 carrots, peeled and chopped</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>1 stalk of celery, peeled and chopped</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>can of beans</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>sweet red pepper, chopped</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>zucchini or yellow squash, chopped or a cup of corn</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>cup of cooked soup pasta</b>

Anyone from the congregation that can contribute something to the luncheon is asked to bring a vegetable or other contribution to our soup.

Thank you all for your support. The magic of this event each year comes from the generosity of those who bring something for our soup pot. The soup is always a surprise treat that turns out great every year.

*See you there!*

## **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 2012**

Wendy Bynum-Wade  
Craig Calzaretta  
Tyler Cox  
Bill Keller  
Tom McDowell  
Sue Varden

### **Class of 2013**

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Barbara Hankins  
John Redman  
Loretta Richner  
Scott Roper  
Rob Warner

### **Class of 2014**

Linda Clark  
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Pat Green  
Bill Hodges  
Karen Magee  
Grover vonPentz

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **Class of 2012**

Linda Boardman  
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Carol Gabella  
Glynnis Jorgensen  
Carolyn Keller  
Marni Lewis  
Rebecca Zis

### **Class of 2013**

Lori Baird  
Gina Gruber  
John Gruber  
Kari Taylor  
Moses Ukejianya  
Ashley Wade  
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Lori Kilmer  
Brian Meek  
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Richard Paulus  
Cheryl Zis

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