

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

## Centering Prayer: Re-patterning Our Life

Over the next few months I am going to write, I think, on some practical aspects of our faith walk separate from an exegetical explanation of a text. Obviously, by the heading, the first deals with prayer - - centering prayer, to be exact.

In Centering Prayer, the letting go of thoughts is seen as “consenting to the presence and action of God.” It carries that core sense of “Not my will but thine be done, O Lord,” the words uttered by Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion. Recent neuroscience suggests that learning to let go of what we’re clinging to, mentally as well as emotionally, actually catalyzes some revolutionary—and evolutionary—changes in our neural wiring.

The usual explanations given for why we let go of all thoughts in Centering Prayer have to do with “making yourself empty so that you can be filled with God” or reminders that a cluttered, preoccupied mind is hardly likely to be fully present—true enough. I prefer to come at it from a slightly different angle, gently but firmly insisting that one does not release a thought in order to achieve some desired result; the releasing itself is the full meaning of the prayer.

I have attempted to explain this theologically on the basis of *kenosis*, or “letting go,” which Saint Paul specifies in Philippians 2:5-11, as the very essence of “putting on the mind of Christ.” Each time you manage to disengage from a thought, you are doing so in solidarity with Jesus’ own kenotic stance, and in the process, patterning that stance more and more deeply into your being until it eventually becomes your default response to all life’s situations.

Have you ever watched really closely what happens when you release a thought? Yes, in most cases more thoughts come rushing back in. But notice how there is a slight gap between them; if only for a nanosecond, there occurs a moment when you are present and alert, but in which your attention is focused on no particular thing. You are briefly in a state of *objectless awareness*.

This fleeting taste, in the gap between thoughts, of a whole different bandwidth of consciousness is commented on extensively in the Eastern meditation traditions and in some small pockets of inner work in the Western esoteric tradition. If you stay with these moments of objectless spaciousness, they will open up a whole new approach not only to your own spiritual evolution, but also to understanding some of those more formidable masterpieces of our own Western spiritual tradition, such as *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

Pastor Kingsley



Every day I look toward the sun to note its progress in the sky. Every day it's up a little earlier, down a little later, and a bit higher in the sky. At night, the constellations continue their steady march westwards, rising four minutes earlier every night. Look up after sunset one of these days: Orion will be high in the sky nearly due south, with Taurus to the right and Gemini to the left. Check out Venus through binoculars; she's a slender crescent right now. The moon waxes and wanes right on schedule. The celestial cycle is logical, beautiful, and seemingly endless. (If only my neighbor would turn off his porch light!)

But the Incarnation of Christ comes into history from above, an intrusion into the cycle of seasons and years. It's not a metaphor for spring, summer, autumn or winter; it's something above and beyond. If anything, the seasons are metaphors for Christ, not the other way round.

But every year, we remember at this time the great events that concluded the Lord's earthly ministry and opened the gates of heaven for us. Creatures of time and space that we are, we observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. (Did you follow that?) Easter is an eternal truth, but we inscribe it faithfully in the cycle of the years. That keeps it real and earthy, as eternal truths are meant to be.

The music this season will change, of course, to reflect our preparations for the great festival. We step back from exuberance to make room for introspection; we abstain from pleasure to make room for happiness. I look forward to making that journey with you.

– Jonathan

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### **A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE**

Fresh off a very successful Habitat Chili Challenge, the Mission Committee would like to thank members of the congregation and the community-at-large who helped in any way to make it an enjoyable evening. From cooking chili, to attending and voting, and to all those who helped behind the scenes, the Mission Committee is grateful to once again make a meaningful contribution to Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh. The Mission Committee will continue to send work parties of eight individuals to work on the current projects. Anyone interested in lending a hand should contact Adam Boese ([aboese@daylightsavings.us](mailto:aboese@daylightsavings.us)) or call the church office (294-7991) and leave a message for him. No experience needed; there is work available for all levels of skill. All that is needed is a giving heart and a desire to help.





## THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is flourishing and gifts are being sent out almost weekly with sometimes three and four going out in a single week. We have become known as a church with a heart. Often we give a prayer shawl to a neighbor for someone in their family, and a year or two later they will call and ask “if it is possible” to get one for someone else such as a co-worker or another friend? They tell me what comfort we gave to them, and how they were honored to be able to give out some love from us. That is the reason we do what we do.

This letter was received the other day. It is from a lady in Ellenville whose nephew is a dentist in Middletown and a friend of our family. I think “Aunt Kay” expresses exactly what we are intending to do. Here is her letter:

- *“Dear Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Your kindness means the world to me! Recently, my nephew and his family, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Giorgianni and sons, presented me with a prayer shawl and a folder of prayers, many written by Wendy Paffenroth. I thank them, and each one of you who created this BEAUTIFUL WORK with God’s guidance. Having lost my son in a tragic accident 3 ½ years ago, and my husband last year, the nights are lonely, but when I wrap the shawl around my shoulders, I feel God’s LOVE surrounding me and know I am NEVER alone!! The words of the prayers do bring tears, but also bring comfort knowing that my loved ones are at peace with the Lord and are watching over me. I feel blessed to have so many “Angels on Earth” who care and who are here for me, as we are all here for each other as I continue to pray that, while we are here on earth, we might live our days in such a way that we HONOR GOD and GLORIFY HIM- BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER. A special thank you to Wendy for sharing your “gifts from God” with the meaningful and beautiful prayers. I keep them close by and reading them over and over has become more comforting each time. With Love, Kay Hull”*
- *Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry, The family of Francis S. Putnam thanks you for the lovely prayer shawl sent in our time of Sorrow. (Warwick NY)*
- *Dear Friends: Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl and your care and concern and also your prayers. I do appreciate all you do. God bless you and yours. Love Monica Mlinscek*

For those of you who want to learn the art of crocheting, Darlene Bartley, along with Lisa Montalbano and others, are giving lessons and a get together on the second, third and fourth Mondays of the month in Fellowship Hall. See them for details, what you need to bring, and the times they meet will be on the calendar. No pressure to make shawls, but learn a new craft that you will love and something that can reduce stress and use your creative juices.

Also, if you do give a gift from the shawl room, let Lisa Montalbano know, as they are keeping a list of where our gifts go. Thank you. Consider yourselves hugged!

*Wendy Paffenroth, Shawl Secretary*



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Presbyterian Women met on Monday, February 6 to discuss upcoming events in the church.

Karen Magee came to ask if the women could help on Sunday June 4 when the Worship and Music Committee is planning an organ recital and a reception afterwards. Those present thought we should be able to help, and we ask that you put this date on your calendars. We would appreciate any help you can give us in donations of food items. I believe we will need desserts and maybe some finger foods. As it gets closer, we will work on the menu a little closer. Please consider helping us that afternoon. Thanks.

The ladies will be working in conjunction with the Deacons to pay for new curtain valences for Fellowship Hall after it is painted. It will be great to have the hall updated in time for spring. "Great job" to everyone who is involved in this project!

Thank you cards were received from several members who received Christmas boxes. They were appreciated as always, and we thank everyone who made a donation of any kind to them. It is a tradition that will continue as long as the ladies are able. Again, thank you membership!

*WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held in our church on Friday, March 3 at 11 AM ---This is a "worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions coming together to observe a common day of prayer." This year the country celebrated is the Philippines. After the service, Presbyterian women will host a reception in Fellowship Hall for those attending. We are asking our sisters of the church to donate finger foods and desserts of a tropical nature, (ambrosia, etc.). Please join with us for a spiritual service and simple "luncheon" with our friends from the other community churches. If you can donate something to this event, leave your name and contact information in the office for PW or see Carol Gabella, Gina Gruber, or Caroline Keller at services. Thank you. Presbyterian Women.*

The ladies are looking to purchase several pump type coffee carafes. If you know of items that are needed in the future, we can add it to our wish list.

Our next meeting will be on Monday March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. We hope that you can join us and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Thank you,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth, PW Secretary



## SHARE PAGE

If you have something you want to share -- a recipe, poem, prayer, or something that touched your heart, email me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, and we will try to get it into the next newsletter. Email me at: [wendypaffenroth@gmail.com](mailto:wendypaffenroth@gmail.com) Thank you, Wendy

*This is a share from Fran Hoffmann – found in the Upper Room Booklet*

### NOT GIVING UP

Some months ago I joined my local church's prayer shawl ministry and began knitting and crocheting with a group of women. In the early stages of my work with the group, my first few rows would go well, but then I would drop stitches and had to undo my work and start over. In time, with practice and focus, I am becoming a better stitcher.

Following Jesus can be like my experiences with knitting and crocheting. As we seek to grow in our relationship with God, we deal with challenges, and we do not always get it right. This is nothing new for Christians. In today's quoted verse, the apostle Paul encouraged the believers to continue to increase their faith in God, despite the challenges they faced. The Christian journey requires persistence. We do not always get it right, but we cannot give up.

I am now in my fifth month with the prayer shawl ministry. This new calling has proven to be very fulfilling. I meet new people with whom I share many things. Though I still drop stitches and sometimes have to start over, I produce beautiful pieces that help me minister to people I have never met. My faith journey and this ministry are ongoing, and I am not giving up.

***“Brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.  
(1 Thessalonians 4: 1 NIV)***

**Thought for the day: Being faithful to God requires persistence.**

(Submitted to Upper Room by: Claudine Glasgow-Brooks- Tennessee)



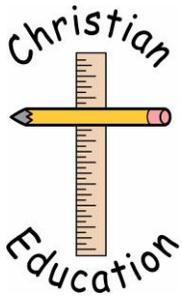
### PLEASE SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you do not already save your box tops for anyone, I would appreciate you saving them for me to give to my niece who is trying to get much-needed supplies for her kindergarten classroom in Liberty, or to treat them to an educational program. The box tops can be found on many foods and household supplies such as Progresso soups, Betty Crocker products, Scott paper towels, General Mills cereals, etc. I also will take Campbell soup labels.

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

Thanks so much! Carol Gabella

**THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW –**



The **Stone Soup lunch** fundraiser will be on March 5.

Sunday school students will be bringing in various chopped-up ingredients to put into a broth-based soup. We will be selling the resulting cooperative effort (Dom Fontana is our cook!) at coffee hour, to help offset some Sunday school expenses.

This happens to be the first Sunday and the congregation is asked to bring their usual desserts, etc. for first Sundays.

**March 19** is the **bowling trip** for our younger Sunday school students - K thru 6th grade! We will have sandwiches and milk/juice for the participants at coffee hour and leave right from church. (Is “PB and J” and maybe tuna OK?) or bring your own.

**April 1** is the **Bunny Breakfast**. Forms are available in the Tower Tie and weekly bulletins. There will be two seatings. The Bunny will be on hand for your cameras, and there will be breakfast, crafts, and an Easter Egg hunt at each seating.

We are very excited that it looks like we will have **Vacation Bible School** this year! The dates are the week of **July 10 thru 15**. Save the dates!

BA Long  
343-7571 - if you have questions or you want to volunteer for VBS

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**THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ON GOING!**

When you buy ShopRite gift cards through the church you can help fund our mission trips. The church sells gift cards at full face value, and we receive a 5% discount from ShopRite when the cards are purchased. If you buy groceries at ShopRite, PLEASE purchase gift cards from the church. If you spend \$100, the mission fund will grow by \$5. We all buy groceries so why not help fund our mission trip in the process? See me on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week.

Any questions/please feel free to contact me.

Mark Glasse' (845)325-4439 or [mpglasse@optonline.net](mailto:mpglasse@optonline.net)

# PRESBYBUILD TALENT SHOW IN SUPPORT OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWBURGH

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual PresbyBuild Talent Show in support of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 20th at First Presbyterian Church of Montgomery in Montgomery, NY. The show will run approximately from 3-4:30pm. Refreshments will be at 2pm.

We are seeking young and old, new and past performers. Many members of your congregation have donated their talents to this fundraising cause in the past and we would like to invite you and your congregation back so we will once again showcase a great afternoon of talent.

We ask that our PresbyBuild churches and friends submit the name of an act, which will represent their church or themselves. Please send the information by April 1st. If yours is a musical performance, we ask for two selections per performer. We are also in need of a sound system. If you know anyone who would be willing please let Beth know.

Please contact Beth by **April 1st** indicating the name and type of act that you will be performing, and an idea of any equipment and accompanist that might be needed. This information should be emailed to Beth Hoeffner at: [bhoeffner210@gmail.com](mailto:bhoeffner210@gmail.com), phoned, or texted to her at: 845-742-0487.

We look forward to another fun event and successful fundraiser for PresbyBuild which is sponsoring its 8<sup>th</sup> house with Habitat this year.

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Please include the following information in your notification to Beth

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Act (person/group) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If a musical/dance act, selection(s) (if known at this time):

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Composer: \_\_\_\_\_ Lyricist: \_\_\_\_\_ Arranger: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Composer: \_\_\_\_\_ Lyricist: \_\_\_\_\_ Arranger: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to work with an accompanist, please indicate here:    Yes    No

If a non-musical act, please briefly state (and/or describe): \_\_\_\_\_

# BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, April 1, 2017

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

**WHERE:** FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GOSHEN

**COST:** \$8.00 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.

**BRING YOUR CAMERA TO CATCH THAT SPECIAL MOMENT ON THE  
EASTER BUNNY'S LAP!**

*LIMITED SEATING; DON'T DELAY!!*

*Reservations accepted in the church office through March 27.*

*Questions? Call 665-9545 or 294-7991*

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Seating Time

on **Saturday, April 1** \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \$8.00 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.

**PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2017**

Every year, the Presbytery of the Hudson River charges every member church an assessment according to the current active membership. Our recorded active membership is currently **357** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2017 is \$34.10**, which is a total of **\$12,173.70** to be taken from our operating budget. Please assist with this expense and write a check for your family assessment and either mail it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks for doing your share.

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*Easter Lilies*

If you are interested in ordering an Easter lily for the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, **please do so by Sunday, March 26**. Just fill out the form below and give it to Betty Lobb, Carolyn Keller or Carol Gabella , or place it in the offering plate. The price for each plant is \$12.99 and they can be taken home after the Easter morning service. **If you do not plan to take the plant, please indicate that on the order form so that we may pass it on to a shut-in or leave it to continue to beautify the Sanctuary for a few more Sundays.** Checks should be written to "First Presbyterian Church" with the words "Easter Lilies" in the memo.

Thank you,

Betty, Carolyn, and Carol, co –chairs

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Text to be printed in the bulletin

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## **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**



### **HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO:**

1	<i>Gina Gruber</i>	17	<i>Charles Velzy</i>
2	<i>Josephine Bartley</i>	21	<i>Hannah Taylor</i>
4	<i>Jennifer Piller</i>		<i>Mia Van Grol</i>
	<i>Deborah Spencer</i>	24	<i>Maureen Johnson</i>
5	<i>Wendy Paffenroth</i>		<i>Emily Straube</i>
7	<i>Betty Lobb</i>	25	<i>Jeff Gati, Jr.</i>
8	<i>Connor Gati</i>		<i>Lilah Quick</i>
9	<i>Karen Magee</i>		<i>Caryl Swald</i>
	<i>Logan Fuller</i>	26	<i>Robin Paulus</i>
11	<i>Patrick Farley</i>	28	<i>Tyler Cox</i>
	<i>Ally Phelan</i>	30	<i>Michael Roper</i>
		31	<i>Jack Quick</i>

### **HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES TO:**

11	<i>Jeremiah and Jacklynn Westford</i>
15	<i>Bill and Carolyn Keller</i>

***If you are also celebrating a special day, we wish you much happiness. If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary included, please give your dates to Pat in the church office.***

### **Congratulations to:**

- *Don and Ashley Dinsmore, Carol Hoffman, Kevan and Shannon Ottochian and George and Barbara Schust who joined our church family on January 22, 2017.*
- *Kate Laskoski and Morgan Serkes who combined for a total of 46 points with 4 firsts and 1 third place in leading the Goshen Girls Travel Team to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Division 3 Championship in January.*

**DINNER CLUB AT WARD'S BRIDGE INN**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
FOR DINNER AT WARD'S BRIDGE INN**

**135 Ward Street  
Montgomery, New York**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

**5:00 p.m.**

**\$30.00 per person includes tax and gratuities**

**Cash bar**

**CHOICE OF APPETIZER:**

Mozzarella and Tomato

Fried Calamari

French Onion Soup

**GARDEN SALAD**

**CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:**

New York Strip Steak served with potatoes and vegetable

Chicken Marsala served with potatoes and vegetable

Sweet Potato Salmon served with potatoes and vegetable

Seafood Fra Diavolo served with pasta

**CHOICE OF DESSERT:**

Warm Apple Crisp

Vanilla Ice Cream Sundae

Coffee, tea or soda

Contact Linda Clark (294-7488) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652) for reservations.

# MidnightRun.org

Hard to believe it's already been almost three months since our last Midnight Run, but here we are heading into March, and it's time to round up the volunteers, the clothing donations, and the food or monetary donations. Lord willing, the warm weather will be with us for this next run.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Our next Midnight Run will be an evening run on SATURDAY, MARCH 11.**

As always, the jobs are many; we will need volunteers to:

-- help make sandwiches, soup, whatever we're taking to NYC on this next run  
**( either Friday night 3/10 or in the afternoon of 3/11)**

--donate food supplies **(see specific list below)**

--donate clothes (think spring/summer)  
underwear, socks, gently worn hand-me-downs  
(especially in men's sizes; shirts, jeans, sneakers, light jackets)

--help organize donations prior to/after each run **(the week of 2/27 and 3/6)**

--drive to NYC or ride along to help at the various NYC stops on **March 11; leave Goshen approximately 8:00 p.m.**

-- **and/or to donate \$ if you can't help with any of the above or below**

## **Specifically we will need:**

- Hard boiled eggs (12 Dozen)
- SOUP (homemade or can) enough for 150 servings
- Coffee 2 lbs
- Black lawn/leaf bags (39 gal) 150 count
- Sandwich baggies 300 count
- Gallon baggies 300 count
- Plastic spoons 250 count
- Napkins 250 count
- Paper towels 3 rolls
- Styrofoam cups for coffee and soup 300 count
- Coffee mate (powdered cream)
- Sugar packets/Sweet N Lo packets
- Long white sandwich bread (300 slices)
- Peanut butter (1 large, creamy)
- Jelly (1 large jar)
- Sliced deli turkey (6 lbs)
- Sliced deli ham (6 lbs)
- Sliced Deli Cheese (5 lbs)
- Tootsie Rolls (small Halloween size)
- Other Halloween-size candy; chips, single pkg. juice boxes, trail mix for goodie bags

- Fresh fruit (apples or oranges or boxed raisins) 150 count
- Travel size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes, combs, body wash, washcloths, small tissue packs for men and women)

**If you can help with any of the above, please leave a note in the collection plate or contact Wendy Bynum-Wade at 845-294-0583 or at [wendybynumwade@gmail.com](mailto:wendybynumwade@gmail.com)**

First Presbyterian membership is NOT a requirement for service; all that is needed is a willing heart to help individuals far less fortunate than any of us. Invite your friends and family members; helping with any of the components of our efforts will satisfy community service hours needed for high school/college (we can provide documentation for any school district). By the way, it's also a great way to have fun while earning a warm and fuzzy feeling for doing something so worthwhile. Members of other churches (or groups within those churches) are welcome and encouraged to join us as well. Why should Presbyterians have all the fun? Many hands will make light work. Please pass the word!

**With heartfelt thanks and a grateful heart,**

Wendy Bynum-Wade

Midnight Run Coordinator

[wendybynumwade@gmail.com](mailto:wendybynumwade@gmail.com)

845-294-0583 (home)

845-629-4324 (cell) You can text any time; but please identify yourself in the text. If I don't have your cell in my contact list, I won't know who responded.



***DIG IN WITH THE DEACONS  
BEST SPAGHETTI DINNER IN TOWN!***

It's time to start salivating for the best sauce and best spaghetti dinner in town. The Deacons' Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Tickets are only \$10 per person (\$5 for under 12 years of age). Each ticket includes spaghetti, salad, dessert and beverage(s). Funds raised will be used for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which helps members of the congregation and community who find themselves in an emergency situation. It will be a wonderful evening, so mark it on your calendar now!



## NEWS FROM OUTREACH

In an ongoing effort to keep accurate church records, we would greatly appreciate if you could sign the red register book located in the pews each Sunday you are in attendance. We would also like all visitors to sign as well so that we can send them a note that we were happy they were there, or get in touch with them if they are looking for a church home. When we do not see that a member has signed the red book for a couple of weeks, we have been making a great effort to send a post card to them to let them know that they were missed. This is working as members have mentioned that they received the cards and were happy to hear that we noticed! Yes, we do notice when you are not there. In addition, we would like to ask the congregation to keep us advised - - if you see the person next to you hasn't been in church or if there is a situation you feel we should be aware of (such as an illness or death in someone's family, for example), please let us know. It's up to all of us to look after one another.

We are so happy that in January we received seven new members into our church family. We would like to have another new members class in March. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining, it would be greatly appreciated if you could direct them to one of the members of the Outreach Committee: Lisa Montalbano, Steve Coon, Deb Hourahan, Wendy Bynum-Wade, Cliff Bartley, Mary Kingsley, Grover von Pentz, or myself.

Thank you,  
Darlene Bartley, Outreach Chair

### **COMMUNITY DINNER---MARCH 2017**

The next community dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and will be hosted by the 2017 Confirmation Class under the direction of Darlene Bartley. The Outreach Committee has revised the guidelines for all groups hosting these dinners so that everyone will continue to have an enjoyable and fulfilling meal. All groups will now plan to provide for up to 45 individuals (that will cover the volunteers as well as seconds) and serve dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. No seconds will be distributed until all have been served and not before 6:30. The committee hopes that these minor revisions will prevent any misunderstandings when people come after 5:30 or so that the hosting group doesn't run out of food before it's even scheduled to start. Anyone wanting to have their organization, committee or a group of friends host one of our monthly community dinners, please contact Darlene Bartley at [bartley51@yahoo.com](mailto:bartley51@yahoo.com) The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen hosts community dinners on the second Saturday of each month.



## PRAYER CORNER

**The following members or friends are going through a time in which they have asked for prayer by the church. Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

*Ron and Kathy Alevras*

*Sam Boese*

*Hannah Boorse*

*Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla*

*Laura Colacci*

*Suzanne DeBlock*

*Everyone serving in the Military*

*Judy Fazio*

*Matthew Gould*

*Edith Hausmann*

*Rosemary Joy*

*Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott*

*Karen Magee*

*Nancy Mason*

*Richard Montalbano*

*Dean Oberg*

*William John Pink*

*Tom Sawyer*

*Gary Smith*

*Virginia Stubenrauch*

*Cindy Vanderplaat*

*Jo Wolfe*

*Orra Wood*

*Ed Berry*

*Sarah Bohling*

*Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs*

*Mike and Allison Csernai*

*Sharon Conlon*

*John DeGroat*

*Mary Lee Farris and her sister*

*Carole Garling*

*Barbara and George Hankins*

*Andy Hine*

*Laura and Tom Kennedy*

*Brenda Kujawski*

*Kelly Magee Thrush*

*The McCloud Family*

*Eileen Myslinski*

*Dave and Wendy Paffenroth*

*Rachel Reeves*

*The Schust Family*

*Peggy Srirach*

*Gary Swinger*

*The Wade Family*

*Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis*

*Phyla Wright*

*Ann (Strong) Blake*

*Susie Bohling*

*John Burleson*

*Tyler Csernai*

*Bruce and Jean Crandall*

*Ian Depew*

*Robert and Brenda Faulls*

*Esther Glasse*

*Kevin and Sara Hankins*

*Susan Johnson*

*The Kingsley Family*

*James Magee*

*Diana, Riley, and Gavin Martin*

*Evelyn Mercado*

*Amy (Thompson) Nguye*

*Josephine Pecoraro*

*Maritya Reyes*

*The Family of Matilda Shaper*

*Elmer Stevens*

*Christopher Tucker*

*Doris Weinberger*

*Sandra Wood*

*Vicki Yost*

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

Join us for the **Ash Wednesday Service** on  
**March 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

# Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden



## MARCH UPDATE

***Keep an eye out for a new addition to the garden coming in March!***

### Memorial Pavers

Place your orders for a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one. Five NEW paver orders have been placed. We will order engraving after we have ten orders on hand.

To order a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office.

The cost of each paver is only \$100.

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### 8 Niches Remain Available for Purchase in the Memorial Columbarium

Each niche allows for double or single interment with four purchase options:

Payment in Full = \$2,500

12-Month Payment Option = \$250 / month for 12 months (\$3,000)

24-Month Payment Option = \$130 / month for 24 months (\$3,120)

36-Month Payment Option = \$ 90 / month for 36 months (\$3,240)

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### “Stewards of Our Garden”

*Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!*

#### The MARCH and early APRIL Steward’s Schedule:

Bill Eustance, Jen and Gregg Piller:	March 1 – March 15
Beryl Yungman:	March 16 – March 31
Barbara and George Hankins:	April 1 – April 15

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*Anyone can be a Steward of Our Garden any day of the week! It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, or sweep a few pavers clean, and you too can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our schedule.*

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

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we shall seek to use our gifts through worship, ministry, and mission, to gather the Church in from the world, to continue to nurture one another, to serve a world still broken, and to exemplify through common values and purposes Christian discipleship to the greater glory of God.

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

### **Class of 2017**

**Darlene Bartley  
Deborah Hourahan  
Robin Knoblock  
Karen Magee  
Grover vonPentz  
Rob Warner**

### **Class of 2018**

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

### **Class of 2019**

**Adam Boese  
William Eustance  
Brad McLeland  
Brian Meek  
Thomas Sawyer  
Malcolm Stewart**

**Clerk of Session: Sue Varden**

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **Class of 2017**

**Diana Bowe  
Diane Church  
Lori Kilmer  
Mary Kingsley  
Charlie vonPentz  
Nancy Warner  
Cheryl Zis**

### **Class of 2018**

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

### **Class or 2019**

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

**Moderator of Deacons:  
Presbyterian Women:**

**Carolyn Keller**

## **STAFF**

**Jonathan Hall, Minister of Music  
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary  
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer  
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**