

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mark 1:29–34

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

The story of the healing of Simon's mother comes very early in Mark's telling of Jesus' story. Ten verses before, Jesus had called Simon and his brother Andrew to be disciples. In between that event and this, these new disciples have traveled to Capernaum, gone to the synagogue where Jesus has taught, and witnessed Jesus exorcising a demon from a man.

Then they took him to their house. They likely wanted him to meet their mother (he had already met their father, with whom they were fishing when Jesus called them), and they likely wanted to tell her about their new vocation—following Jesus and learning how to fish for people. When the party arrived at the house and found their mother ill, Jesus jumped right into action, healing her.

I'm guessing this series of events made a pretty big impression on those new followers of Jesus. If they were wondering where all of this was going, these early experiences set out a sort of map of the future—traveling around, listening to Jesus' teaching, witnessing him healing the bodies and souls of the people, and visiting the homes of friends, family, and followers.

Jesus' call, Mark seems to be telling us, is a call to action, a call to move through our community, a call to listen to the voice of God and to spread the love of God, and a call to be in relationship with those around us. We are not called to spend all of our time in quiet contemplation (though see verse 35, where Jesus does make time for quiet prayer), but rather we are called to be full participants in God's world.

Pastor Kingsley



Music Notes

Make sure to come to the concert on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m. *The Tower Trio*--Mary Lee Farris, Bill Powers, and Jonathan Hall--will present a fascinating and varied program for voice and assorted woodwinds and keyboards. Program is free! These musicians may be "in house," but each one of them has a remarkable musical background and has concertized in the US and abroad.

Also, the next Sunday, March 25, please try to attend the concert for the Paul Van Doran Memorial Fund. Concert runs from 3 to 5. A cost is involved; further information is available from the church office.

The handbell choir will be attending a workshop on March 3 in Warwick. They will be ringing for us on Palm Sunday and on a Sunday after Easter to be determined. Consider joining the Emmaus Ringers. No experience in ringing is necessary.

Easter is on April 1 (even though the new Apple calendar won't tell you that anymore). Plan to attend Christian worship on the morning of the Lord's resurrection.

I'm always struck both on entering and leaving the sanctuary. As you come in, your eye is pulled to the great Tiffany angel over the chancel. There in glowing colors is announced the greatest event in the history of mankind, a heart-breaker and a mind-breaker, the death of death and the dawning of the eighth day of creation. As you leave, you see the organ, its pipes all in order in an elegant case, all different sizes and shapes but ready to work together. Similarly, we come to church to be told the impossible good news of Easter, and as we leave we are reminded to work together, in harmony, during the coming week.

Anyhow, that's what inspires me every single time. Happy Holy Week and Easter!

Jonathan

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25 – 9:30 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE – MARCH 29 - 7:30 P.M.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS - GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30 – 7:30 P.M.

**ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT THE HISTORIC TRACK –
APRIL 1 – 6:30 A.M.**

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – APRIL 1 – 9:30 A.M.



**The Paul Van Doran Memorial Fund
Proudly Presents an Afternoon With
Duo Alterity**

Quickly emerging as a prominent chamber ensemble, Duo Alterity is establishing themselves as significant artists. The chamber group is comprised of Allison Hughes, flute and Joseph Van Doran, guitar.

March 25, 2018 3 pm to 5 pm

Admission \$20

**First Presbyterian Church of Goshen
33 Park Place, Goshen, NY**

Refreshments and Raffles to follow the concert

Scan for tickets or donations

Or see Felicia Van Doran, Michael Coyne or Pat in the office for tickets



2018 Mission Trip – Habitat for Humanity Newburgh

June 26 – 30

Skilled and unskilled workers are welcome.

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, April 15 after the worship service.

NOT JUST CHILI. . . for a Cause

This year the Mission Committee members are making it easy on congregants: we're not sponsoring a competition to determine who makes the best chili. No, no competition, so there's no work.

All you and your family have to do is come to Fellowship Hall and have a great dinner--one with a Mexican flair!

As an added bonus, the committee is pleased to announce that local restaurants, including Steve's Deli, Elsie's Luncheonette, LaCasita, Limoncello, and Delancey's are donating Mexican dishes to enhance this great dinner. Delancey's chili was voted best chili in the last Chili Challenge that was sponsored by the Mission Committee.

A full, satisfying dinner will include a choice of chili, enchiladas, chips & salsa, salads, all the fixings—rice, cheese, sour cream, onions--dessert and drinks—water or soda.

Details:

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018

Where: First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 5:00—6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 (drink & dessert included); children between 4 and 11, \$5.



So, save the date. Mark your calendars—don't be left out for this nourishing dinner—at a reasonable price.

All proceeds from this fundraiser go to PresbyBuild in Partnership with Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh.



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

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

WHEN: SATURDAY, March 24, 2018

TIME: 8:30 - 10:00 A.M. **OR** 10:00 - 11:30 A.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 19.

Questions? Call 649-1029 or 294-7991

RESERVATION FORM for "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Preferred Seating Time
on **Saturday, March 24** _____ 8:30 to 10:00 **OR** _____ 10:00 to 11:30

Number of adults _____ Number **AND AGES** of children participating
and older children _____ 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.

PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2018

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 **343** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2018 is \$36.83**, which is a total of **\$12,632.69** 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.



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



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 11**. 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

Name: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____

Text to be printed in the bulletin



Presbyterian Women's Association

Several women met in the parlor on February 5 to discuss the up and coming events for the next few months.

There was discussion about what to plant and where to plant something in memory of Jean Strong. No matter what we plant, it has to be something that flowers as Jean loved her flowers. We will hope to have this done sometime this spring.

March 11 will be the Ladies Coffee Hour. We are asking the ladies of the church to help us by bringing something to share that morning. We are thinking our theme is springtime, so something along that line would be most welcomed. All help would be greatly appreciated.

There was also discussion about getting some luminary candles to put on the channel. The tapers are tall and flicker like real candles, but run on a small battery. They are safe and the battery only has to be replaced once a year. We could also purchase them for the sides of the church sanctuary as well. The ladies will bring this up at Session to see if they would like us to purchase them.

We read several thank you notes for the Christmas boxes that were sent out.

World Day of Prayer will be held at the Goshen Christian Church on March 2.

The next meeting will be March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. All women of the church are invited to attend. Have a lovely month and let's hope spring shows up early.

PW Correspondent,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 2, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Goshen Christian Reformed Church – Youth Center

You are invited to Goshen Christian Reformed Church to celebrate World Day of Prayer. We will be meeting in the Youth Building for the service and refreshments will be served afterward. The theme this year is "All God's Creation is Very Good" prepared by the WDP Committee of Suriname. For more info, please call Linda Buckbee at 986-5480.

11th Annual Community Yard Sale

The First Presbyterian Church is holding its 11th Annual Community Yard Sale.

Bring your stuff and set up and we will do the advertising.....

The proceeds from the spaces and tables will go toward the repairs of the church organ.

Date – Saturday, April 28, 2018

From 9am – 2pm

Set up – 8am

Cost of space - \$30.00 – (12' x12') two tables per space

There is also a deposit fee of \$30.00 that will be refunded when your space is cleaned up.

Please send two checks for \$30.00 each.

We also will have tables for rent for your items for \$5.00 each.

Please return the bottom portion with your checks to
First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

of spaces _____ @ \$30.00 each Total _____

of tables _____ @ \$5.00 each Total _____

Plus – separate \$30.00 deposit for clean-up (check returned when you leave).

Further information: bartley51@yahoo.com or church office: 294-7991

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Gina Gruber</i>	17	<i>Charles Velzy</i>
2	<i>Josephine Bartley</i> <i>Stella Lemmon</i>	21	<i>Hannah Taylor</i> <i>Mia Van Grol</i>
4	<i>Jennifer Piller</i> <i>Deborah Spencer</i>	24	<i>Maureen Johnson</i> <i>Emily Straube</i>
5	<i>Wendy Paffenroth</i>	25	<i>Jeff Gati, Jr.</i> <i>Lilah Quick</i>
7	<i>Betty Lobb</i>		<i>Caryl Swald</i>
8	<i>Connor Gati</i>	26	<i>Robin Paulus</i>
9	<i>Karen Magee</i> <i>Logan Fuller</i>	28	<i>Tyler Cox</i>
11	<i>Patrick Farley</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 Jackson Diglio, an eighth grader at C.J. Hooker Middle School, who took first place in the school's competition of the 2018 National Geographic Bee.



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>Ron and Kathy Alevras</i>	<i>Ed Berry</i>	<i>Ann (Strong) Blake</i>
<i>Sarah Bohling</i>	<i>Susie Bohling</i>	<i>Hannah Boorse</i>
<i>Marilyn Borth</i>	<i>Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs</i>	<i>John Burleson</i>
<i>Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doebla</i>	<i>Laura Colacci</i>	<i>Lawrence Colacci</i>
<i>Suzanne DeBlock</i>	<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>	<i>Judy Hankins Feragola</i>
<i>Mary Lee Farris and her sister</i>	<i>Judy Fazio</i>	<i>Bob Geyer</i>
<i>Esther Glassé</i>	<i>Miko Graham</i>	<i>Lynne Gregor</i>
<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>	<i>Georgia Hickey</i>
<i>Jennifer and Andy Hine</i>	<i>Susan Johnson</i>	<i>Rosemary Joy</i>
<i>Regina Kenny</i>	<i>David Kingsley</i>	<i>Mary Kopec's cousin, Cathy</i>
<i>Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott</i>	<i>Brenda Kujawski</i>	<i>Margo Kumpf</i>
<i>Karen Magee</i>	<i>Kelly Magee Thrush</i>	<i>Diana Martin</i>
<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>	<i>Richard Montalbano</i>	<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>
<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguye</i>	<i>Dean Oberg</i>	<i>Dave and Wendy Paffenroth</i>
<i>The Parkland, Florida Community</i>	<i>Richard and Robyn Paulus</i>	<i>Josephine Pecoraro</i>
<i>Maritya Reyes</i>	<i>Marge (Chasen) Rolan</i>	<i>Tom Sawyer</i>
<i>Lisa Scheuermann</i>	<i>Gary Smith</i>	<i>Louise Spencer</i>
<i>Peggy Srirach</i>	<i>Sue Stenson's brother-in-law, Leo</i>	<i>Kathy Stringer</i>
<i>Barbara Hankins' sister Virginia Stubenrauch</i>	<i>Danny Tucker and Family</i>	<i>The Family of Caryl Swald</i>
<i>Christopher Tucker</i>	<i>June Vautin</i>	<i>Cindy Vanderplaat</i>
<i>Kenneth Van Etten</i>	<i>Jo Wolfe</i>	<i>The Wade Family</i>
<i>Doris Weinberger</i>	<i>Orra Wood</i>	<i>Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis</i>
<i>Sandra Wood</i>		<i>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.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden



MARCH UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

Place your orders for a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one. To order a memorial paver, please see Pat in the church office. The cost of each paver is only \$100.

6 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)

“Stewards of Our Garden”

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

The MARCH/ early APRIL Steward's Schedule:

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

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

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.

The following is information for those who are seeking group or individual support for the loss of a loved one. Below are three options to choose from. We hope this information will be helpful.

Bereavement Support Group @ Orange Regional Medical Center

This is a non-denominational support group for anyone who has lost a loved one. Registration is not necessary and there is no charge for attending. For more information, please call Deacon Trapani at 845-333-1014. Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and attendance is not required at all sessions.

How to Register

No registration required. Walk-in's welcome. We meet at Orange Regional Medical Center's Community Health Education Center at 110 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY.

OR

Bereavement Services @ Hospice Orange and Sullivan Counties

Bereavement Services and Grief Counseling

Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties provides supportive bereavement services and grief counseling for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. These services are available as early as the time of diagnosis all the way through the duration of the illness and the grieving process.

***Prior to joining a support group, it is highly recommended that a new member speak with the group facilitator by phone for intake information. Click below to review the Support Group schedule for facilitator contact information.**

[View our Calendar](#) to learn more about the Hospice schedule. [Review the Support Group](#) schedule to find a location near you.

Adult Grief Support Groups

A group setting can allow you to share your story and find healing through a community of common experiences. Hospice provides adult and children's bereavement support group meetings on a monthly basis. Groups meet in various locations in Orange and Sullivan Counties. Note that bereavement support groups are provided free of charge to anyone in the community, regardless of whether the loved one was on Hospice care or not. Adult Support Groups are offered through a Grief Themed Curriculum that runs on a six month rotation. New members may join at anytime and continue as needed. If interested in joining a support group, **please call our Director of Bereavement at 845-561-6111.**

Individual Grief Counseling

Grief can be as individual as the person experiencing it, so providing comfort must also be personalized. Our Social Workers assist Hospice families with grief support, and may meet one-on-one in homes, workplace, or at an alternate site.

OR

You can also call 211 for further information and looking for other services.

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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