

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love... ([Psalm 90:14](#)).

“How did you wake up this morning?”

The question can be answered in several different ways. You may describe how you felt when you woke up - you may have been well-rested or sluggish. You could have awakened sore from a previous day's exercise. You could have awakened dreading the day or eager for what you have planned.

You could also answer the question by describing the means by which you woke up. You could have been brought to consciousness by someone gently shaking your shoulder or by the cry of a baby. You might have heard a neighbor's dog barking or the purr of your coffee maker getting the morning brew ready. The sound of your phone or a text message might have ended your slumber. There are many different ways to wake up in the morning.

Maybe you awakened the old-fashioned way - you used an alarm clock. Perhaps a large traditional clangor with big hand and little hand that tells the time, or a more modern clock that displays bright digital numbers and wakes you to traffic and weather reports or your favorite music. Whatever it looks like and however it functions, the task of the device is the same: to alarm.

The Weight of the Day

Webster's *New World Dictionary* provides six definitions of the word “alarm.” Of the six, only one refers in a neutral way to the mechanical function of a clock, using words like “bell” or “buzzer.” The remaining five definitions are all variations of the word “fear.” To be alarmed is to be threatened. Alarm is the “fear caused by the sudden realization of danger.”

So many of us wake up alarmed - and we live that way through the entire day!

Even though not threatened by imminent trouble or harm, we often feel the weight of the day from our first conscious moments. Our minds race with uncertainties that have not been resolved. We anticipate interactions with difficult people. We feel ordinary and relentless pressures about money and parenting and not exercising enough. Early news reports might greet us with news of the latest terrorist attack or humanitarian crisis.

We wake up alarmed – or just as likely our inner alarm kept us from sleeping in the first place. That's a hard way to live our days. What's more, it's not at all what God intends for us. The days we are given were never meant to be shrouded in fear, making us tense and timid from first light.

There is a line in Psalm 90 that is worth memorizing. It is a short prayer, a simple petition to be uttered at the beginning of the day, just as you wake up. “Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love that we may rejoice and be glad all our days” (Psalm 90:14).

This brief prayer reflects God’s will for you today. Wake up satisfied with his love. Even when the days holds difficult things for you, know that his love is steadfast and not fickle. Even when the world round you seems threatening and uncertain, God’s love is sufficient and will sustain you through whatever this day brings to you. Knowing this, you can live the day with joy and gladness.

As you go to bed tonight, go ahead and set your clock. But before you fall asleep, recite the words of Psalm 90:14. And when that clock goes off in the morning, be awakened but not alarmed. Be satisfied with his steadfast love.

So back to the question: “How did you wake up this morning?”

Pastor Kingsley

Our Souls Blossom Along with the Earth in May



We revel in the warmth of May, the breezes against the skin, and a feeling of aliveness. Breathe in the freshness of new life and let God’s magnificent creation warm and speak to your soul.

On May 8 . . .

It’s **Mother’s Day** or, as I like to think of it, “nurturing Sunday” to celebrate all those who care for and nurture others albeit family members, our friends, or pets. It is about the quality of being a nurturer to others in our lives. The chancel choir will be singing, “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” as God is our ultimate nurturer.



On May 15 . . .

We celebrate **Pentecost** – a time in which we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the twelve apostles and other followers of Jesus. It is often called the “birthday of the Church.”



On May 22 . . .

Each year in the liturgical calendar, the Sunday following Pentecost is **Trinity Sunday** – we celebrate the mystery of one God in three persons: God our Creator (crown), Christ our Savior (cross), and the Holy Spirit our comforter (dove).



In addition, it is **Presbyterian Heritage Sunday** in which we remember all those who came before us, who sat in our very pews during wars, who prayed for peace, who came for healing in their lives. We honor them and pass along this heritage to future generations as we support our youth.

We will also be honoring our faithful Chancel Choir during the month as we celebrate the ministry of music and thank them for their music.

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - NEWS FROM THE GROUP

The ladies continued to step up to the plate or the crochet hook this past month. We get the shawls made, but sometimes getting them to the recipient isn't always the easiest thing to do. We sure could use a delivery person. If you might be interested in helping out, let one of the ladies know.

Letters and notes have been received, and we will share a few.

- *Dear Ladies of the Shawl Ministry; A very heartwarming surprise came to me by way of Wendy Paffenroth from your shawl ministry upon the passing of my dear husband, Vincent. We had 61 years of marriage, so many good memories, yet the loss is so great. I have already needed the shawl to comfort me in the lonely evenings- along with the prayer, "The Loss of a Husband." My warmest thank you to all these wonderful ladies in your ministry for the good work you each do. All of you will continue to be in my prayers. Sincerely, Sophia Morgiewicz, Goshen, NY.*
- *Dear Shawl Ladies: Thank you for my zebra lap blanket that I will use each time I have an IVIG Infusion at Orange Regional Medical Center once a month. It was so kind of you to remember me as I go through treatment. Victoria G. St. Rose College, Albany, NY*
- *Dear PSM: Your prayer shawl was such a loving gift to give while I was so very sick this past month. It meant a great deal to me and kept me warm. Thank you for all you do. Rebecca Garloch, Sugar Loaf, NY*

Lisa Montalbano gave a lap robe to a relative who was so very happy to get it.

Darlene Bartley continues to fill our bin with shawls that do find homes sooner than later, and she also has made small crocheted angels to give out in the basket in the Narthex. Barbara Hankins made a lovely pink shawl for Mary Lee Farris; we hope she finds hugs and prayers crocheted into it when she puts it on her shoulders. Thank you, ladies.

Debbie Macomber had a request for a shawl. As a busy author, she didn't have time to fulfill the request so her publicist asked if we could accommodate. A shawl was sent out to a Patricia Holmes in Brunswick, ME from us at Debbie's request. We were glad we could help.

Beryl Yungman has helped send out several shawls and lap robes to where there is a need as well. Thank you, Beryl. Also, thank you to Ken and Estelle Youngman of Pine Island, who showed up at my house with a carton of yarn to be donated to the ministry. They heard through the grapevine what we do and decided the yarn would be best donated to us. Thank you, Ken and Estelle.

Again, we can't put everything in the Tower Tie, but you see we are busy, and we appreciate all of the donations of yarns, etc. God bless you for keeping our hands busy.

Consider yourselves hugged,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth - Shawl Secretary

**PRAYER HOTLINE –
Continuous Prayers When You Need Them**

If you have a sudden need for prayer – an emergency, an accident, an illness, a fear – start a prayer chain by calling:

Fran Hoffmann – 294-6470
Louise Spencer – 615-0983
Mary Gray Griffith – 294-9288



Prayer contacts will begin immediately.

CHURCH SERVICE RECORDINGS

Several people have asked for a recording of our Sunday service. Thankfully, we do record the services and for most weeks the recording device works well. There are very few weeks when it is not successful. If you would like to listen to the Sunday service, please let the church office know and we can direct you to the recording. These recordings can be gotten in two ways: 1) There is a **CD** and 2) if you have an email address, a link can be sent to you so that you may listen to the service on the church's **Dropbox** website. All you have to do is click on the link.

We have been recording services for many years now. These past services are on CD and can be found in the church library.



A RED CONTAINER TO PLACE YOUR BOX TOPS (which can be found on many cereal boxes, soup cans, cake mixes, etc.) IS LOCATED BY THE YARN BASKET IN BACK OF THE NARTHEX.

Thank you for your contributions - Carol Gabella

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 25

If you have any questions, contact Laura Colacci at 988-7657.



Presbyterian Women's Association

Hello Sisters of the Church:

Yes, it is **TEA-TIME** at First Presbyterian in Goshen. The **Ecumenical Tea** is going to be hosted by us on Friday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We can use all the help we can get to welcome our guests from the other area churches. A display of tea pots and tea cups/saucers will be put out for our friend to admire. We will also have some tea trivia and some very nice refreshments. We certainly welcome your donations as well! Hopefully, we can set up the room at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5th and then return at noon on May 6th for the final touches before our guests arrive. Invitations are sent to the local churches and will be in our bulletin for a few weeks. Please join us and bring a daughter, sister, neighbor, niece, friend, etc. It will be a wonderful afternoon with our "Sisters of Faith" (hats and gloves are optional).

Fran Hoffmann had several cards for the group to sign so a little cheer could go out to those who need a boost.

We welcome Jen Pillar who will take the reins from Sharlene Bischof as our treasurer for the association. Thanks to Jen for stepping up on this job.

It was decided by those present that PW would pay half of the cost of the dishwasher element needed for the kitchen with the Deacons paying the other half. The ladies also decided to help fund the new doors for Fellowship Hall that open out to the garden. We will go up to \$2,000.00 as our share.

At the next meeting, we will discuss the purchasing of some new pots and pans for the kitchen. If anyone knows of places that have good quality at good prices, please bring the information to the May 2nd meeting.

A kind donation was received from Jean Strong's daughters, Anne and Kathy, for our help at Jean's funeral reception. We sincerely thank you ladies, and we do miss your mom.

The ladies will host coffee hour on May 15th, so please ladies come out and help us put on a lovely coffee hour for the members of the church.

God bless,

Wendy Lee Paffenroth, Secretary PW

(Next Meeting will be on May 2nd about 7:00 p.m. in church parlor)





Ecumenical Ladies May Tea

You are cordially invited to the Ecumenical Ladies Tea on Friday afternoon, May 6th at 2 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen NY 10924 in Fellowship Hall.

Sisters in faith from our local area churches are invited to attend with us.

Tea and light refreshments will be served along with some interesting facts about TEA.

Please bring a neighbor, friend, daughter, sister, niece, etc. with you to spend a wonderful afternoon.

*Sponsors: Presbyterian Women's Association
(hats and gloves optional)*



Classic Choral Society & Orchestra

57th Annual Spring Concert

Janiece Kohler, Conductor

Presents

Mark Hayes' Requiem

Featuring

Baritone Jeremy J. Moore

And works by

Rene Clausen

Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

Tickets are not required. Donations are welcome.

845-928-6462

Facebook, You Tube, or ClassicChoralSociety.org

Christian Education Committee Wants You To Know...

****Sunday school third graders will be presented with their own Bibles on Mother's Day, May 8.**

****The Sunday school's End-of-Year Program for the congregation will be Father's Day, June 19. This is also the Deacons' Father's Day Picnic with a cookout and games, etc.**

****We are considering a new program of outreach for K thru sixth grades, which would be held probably the first Friday of the month about 10 times a year. It would be a couple of hours right after dinner in the early evening and function as a VBS program with crafts, Bible stories, music and games, and a snack.**

We would need three young couples willing to bond over running it, with planning help from the new pastoral intern, and hands-on assistance from teen volunteers. Three couples working together would allow for and cover the odd absence for a couple here and there. Parents could drop kids off and go to dinner or errands, or stay and help a bit if they like.

We are hoping the word would spread and bring in non-member kids, and eventually, their families into a connection with the congregation.

****Teen Voices is planning a 30-hour fast in May.**

Please talk among yourselves and consider doing this short program. Remember in your thinking to consider friends who don't necessarily belong to this church but are compatible with you and resilient in general. This would be very low-key.

Hope to hear from you,
BA Long (343-7571)

TEEN VOICES

Grades 7 through 12 meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:30am

May 2016

Parents, Siblings, Friends, Marriage partners....good relationships don't happen on their own! We need to be purposeful about how we treat other people in our lives. In April, we discussed the importance of respect in all our relationships. We looked at many ways we make someone feel valued when we show respect.

Open House May 15th

The teen room looks great!! Our thanks to Brian and Michele Meek who did a fantastic job in renovating the teen room! On May 15th we will welcome anyone who is interested to come up to the teen room after church service to see the changes first hand.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Carol Gabella</i>	16	<i>Glynnis Jorgensen</i>
3	<i>Barbara Munhall</i>	17	<i>Morgan Serkes</i>
5	<i>Haley Wilton</i>	19	<i>Mary Kate Dickover</i>
6	<i>Matthew Csernai</i>	20	<i>Bill Gruber</i>
7	<i>Christine Hahn</i>	21	<i>Analiese Boardman</i>
9	<i>Aaron Bush</i>	22	<i>Doris Weinberger</i>
	<i>Scott Dickover</i>	23	<i>Paige Brooks</i>
	<i>Jack Meek</i>	26	<i>George Hankins</i>
	<i>Erica Walsh</i>	28	<i>Brian Diglio</i>
11	<i>Riley Grob</i>		<i>Susan Sitler</i>
12	<i>Joseph Gruber</i>	30	<i>Kayla Fenner</i>
	<i>Charlie vonPentz</i>	31	<i>Jennifer Fitzpatrick</i>
15	<i>Evelyn Kromm</i>		<i>Mary Kingsley</i>
	<i>Barbara vonPentz</i>		

HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES TO:

3	<i>Chuck and Lori Kilmer</i>
13	<i>Gregg and Jennifer Piller</i>
19	<i>Mark and Paty Glasse</i>
20	<i>Kevin and Christine Fenner</i>
21	<i>Michael and Tanya Hagopian</i>
22	<i>Ron and Kathy Alevras</i>
23	<i>Dave and Michele White</i>
28	<i>Brian and Danielle Diglio</i>
	<i>Mal and Sue Stewart</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.



A Memorial Service for Mae Kratz (Carol Gabella's Mom) will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville, NY at 12:30 PM on May 21, 2016 with a reception to follow. If you plan to attend, please let Carol know by Friday, May 13. Tele: 845-342-4367; e-mail

calgabel1@frontiernet.net. (It takes about one hour to drive to Jeffersonville church from Goshen).

With Sincere Appreciation...

Words cannot express our thanks to all of our Aunt Jean's friends from the church over the years. Being such a distance from her, it was comforting to know she was well watched over. Her faith was so very important in her life. It helped her through some very difficult times in her life and we will be forever grateful. She loved her church family.

Thank you also for the beautiful service and for making a difficult time so much easier. The kind words from Pastor Kingsley, Carol, and Wendy will never be forgotten and were so appreciated.

Thanks to all who baked and helped put together a wonderful reception in her honor. We enjoyed meeting and talking to some of her friends.

We will miss our Aunt Jean. She was a very strong and independent woman and also so gentle and kind. We thank you for being such a big part of her life.

*Sincerely,
Deb McGuire and Gary Stukey and Families*



Thank you so much! The Deacons would like to thank all of you who supported our spaghetti dinner on April 2 as well as for the many volunteers who pitched in and helped make it run smoothly: Anna & Liese Boese, Geri Corey (advertising), Brendan & Gabby Donohue, Mark Glasse, Joan Howell, Betty Lobb, Brian Meek, and members of the Interact Club and Goshen Honor Society. We are also grateful to Stewart's Shoppe in Goshen for providing the ice cream and all the toppings for dessert.

With our sincere appreciation - The Board of Deacons

Editor's Note: *“PresbyBuild – A Sentimental Journey” is another of a series of columns appearing regularly in “The Tower Tie” highlighting the mission work that takes place in our church. Jim Ferguson, of Calvary Presbyterian Church in Newburgh, is a founding member of PresbyBuild and has been co-chair since its inception. He’s been the House Captain of all seven PresbyBuilds and many other Habitat homes. Jim will be joining our mission trip to Habitat Newburgh June 27 - July 1.*

Sue Varden

PRESBYBUILD – A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

By Jim Ferguson

When Sue Varden first asked me to author an article about PresbyBuild, I began considering what format I would employ. Should I list the houses chronologically, should I list all the groups who have volunteered on site, should I list all the fundraisers that make our outreach possible (for example, “Chili Challenge,” etc.)? Should I write about our covenant relationship with Presbytery, should I list all the congregations Sue and I have visited to tell our story to, or should I tell of my personal experiences? I decided on the latter as it includes snippets of all of the above.

I retired from a local utility company in October of 1999. In mid-September my boss had asked me to attend a meeting in Newburgh to find out what this new non-profit, “Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh” was all about. I attended the meeting, and two months later I was House Captain for the second Habitat house built in the City of Newburgh (you all know how that happens).

Two years later I was on site at the “Episcopal Build” house working with a volunteer from Union Presbyterian. Half way through nailing the new flooring in place, he turned to me and said, “If the Episcopalians can sponsor a house, why can't we Presbyterians?” Why not indeed? Two months later an organizational meeting was held at Union Presbyterian Church in the former Billiard Parlor. (honestly!).

PresbyBuild sponsored the first “New Build” for HFHGN on Liberty Street in Newburgh on land donated by an electrical contractor who had grown up around the corner on Clinton Street. It was here that I met Goshen church members Walter and Louise Spencer who worked with us clearing the site. As these memories came flooding back I realized I was on a “Sentimental Journey.” Won't you join me for the rest of the journey?

I don't have the space to write about all the stops on our journey, as every house/home has a compelling story, but I will share two of those stories.

Working on the first PresbyBuild house, I was taking a lunch break with two volunteers who were sharing their experiences while serving in the armed forces in Viet Nam. The first had volunteered after graduating from college and signed up to be an Army photographer. After completing basic training and photographer school, he was given a rifle and was told that he was now a “combat photographer.” His job was to document the aftermath of the firefights and battles. When he was discharged, he was not allowed to bring any negatives or pictures home with him; however, he could not leave the ones remaining in his memory. He returned home to become a respected educator, but something was missing.

The second veteran had served with the Marines, and it was his job to carry the heavy radio equipment on his back for his squad. He was seated against a tree taking a break when his Lieutenant said, "Let's move out" and, as he stood up, he took a bullet from a sniper in his stomach. If he had not stood up, it would have been between his eyes. He returned home to become an extremely successful realtor, but something was missing.

They both agreed that day that their minds were put at ease because they were involved in creating new life, instead of contributing to the taking of life.

While working on site at the second PresbyBuild house on South Street, I had occasion to partner (driving the pick-up to get building supplies) with Octavio, the father of the family of six who would be moving in the house. I asked him what it was like to live in Columbia, his native land. He explained how beautiful it was in his small mountain village. I asked him why he brought his family (legally) to Newburgh. He immediately answered, "To give my family a better life." That new life turned out to be a run-down apartment in one of the most distressed neighborhoods of Newburgh. Loud noises at night, often gunshots, made it difficult to sleep, especially for the children. Luz, the eight-year-old daughter fell asleep often at her desk and was doing poorly with her studies. Two years after moving into her new PresbyBuild home, she earned the top four honors in her school. During the summer of 2014, ten years after moving into her home, she received a grant to study in an advanced scientific program at Boston University. Her God-given ability was always present, she just needed the environment to let it blossom. Her parents worked three jobs, and her dad was always on site when not at his job. They deserved a safe, decent, affordable place to raise their family. Shortly after moving into their new home, we received this letter from Luz, along with a colored drawing of their new house with big windows and flowers.

"Dear Habit,

Thank you for helping my Dad build our house its just like I hoped it would be. Its wonderful. Our new house is a lot better than our old apartment. Our new house is a whole lot bigger than our apartment we have more room to play and I can read in peace without ripping my hair out because of all the noise. We are looking forward to our first holidays like Christmas and New Years and make some new memories. My moms favorite room now is the kitchen. She has more room to cook. Finally, I would just like to say Thank You! Love, Luz"

As Luz thanked Habitat, I want to thank the faithful folks at Goshen for helping PresbyBuild build a brighter future for many more children like Luz.

Let me close with a phrase from the old hymn, "We Would Be Building":

"Teach us to build upon the solid rock. We set the dream that hardens into deed."

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

Student Assistant Coming to First Church

With your help we will be hiring a seminarian from Princeton Theological Seminary to support both the Christian Education Committee and our developing youth programming on Saturdays and Sundays during the program year. The costs involved are as follow:

- *\$2700 salary (\$800.00 has been donated thus far)*
- *Housing (this has been achieved with the gift from a new member)*
- *Travel costs (If they drive, TRS rate would be \$106.00 each week)*
- *They would have to be fed while on site. We will make a list up of those of you that would be willing provide a meal or meals.*

Right now, we need to have money in the bank to cover the initial \$2700 and some above that to cover travel.

*Please support this new ministry with your gifts
NOW.*

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For those of you who were unable to attend the annual meeting, the following is a summary of the church's current financial condition.

The church continues to derive a significant amount of its operating income from fundraising activities. While the income from that source has remained constant over the last several years, the same cannot be said for the income generated from pledges/commitments. As I reported last year, that income has trended downward for several years. Those amounts are as follows: \$206,036 in 2012; \$185,847 in 2013; \$150,608 for 2014; and \$142,550 for 2015. I am happy to report that the amount pledged for 2016 is \$164,847.

As has been the case for many years, we are unable to present a balanced budget for the upcoming year. The church's financial condition is not good. In March of this year, we reached a point where we were unable to pay our bills, and Session approved a transfer from our investment accounts in the amount of \$50,000. The projected deficit for 2016 is **\$36,348.00**.

We also face challenges regarding the beautiful building that we gather in for worship every Sunday. The Property Management Committee has devoted countless hours over the past year to several capital projects that needed to be done to preserve and protect the church building and Fellowship Hall. In anticipation of those needs, the congregation authorized me last year to apply for a loan in the amount of \$450,000 from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to fund those capital projects. The funds were advanced as we submitted proposals and certificates of insurance. The last advance was issued in January for work on the Tiffany windows, and we will begin paying the full principal and interest in March. We paid off the existing loans prior to the closing for the new loan.

The new heating system is up and running at a significant savings as we are now heating with natural gas. Air conditioning has been installed in the church and Fellowship Hall, the electrical system has been upgraded, a new security system is in place, and the parking lot has been paved. In the next few years, the church building will need a new roof at a cost of more than \$200,000.00

The total for the Smith Barney investment accounts is \$445,600. Most of the assets in our Smith Barney investment accounts are restricted, meaning they are donated to the church for specific purposes. Our investments have done well in recent years, given the robust performance of the stock market. While there was a significant downturn in the stock market in January of 2016, it has rebounded in recent months.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Stewart

Chair, Finance and Administration

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2016

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 **354** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2016 is \$31.50**, which is a total of **\$11,151.00** to be taken from our operating budget. As of March 31, 2016, **\$6,290.30 has been collected**. 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.



SHARE PAGE

If you have something you want to share - a recipe, poem, prayer, or something that touched your heart - just email me by the 15th of the month, and we will try to get it into the next newsletter. Email me at: wendypaffenroth@gmail.com

Thank you, Wendy Lee Paffenroth

~ Sun ~

***Shining bright
A fire in the sky
With magnificent heat and light
Beating down on my sensitive skin
Making everything sparkly
and making the wet leave's glisten.
That's the sun.
Can you imagine life without it?***

~ Fall ~

***God's most outrageous artwork.
So many colors superbly blended
Just like a Picasso.
Oh, how I wish I could fly
So I could view God's super painting
From above.***

*By Chris Tucker
Nov. 1999 ~ Age 12*



PRAYER CORNER

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

Vince Ahrens	Ron Alevras	Rosa B.
Ed Berry	Ann (Strong) Blake	Sarah Bohling
Susie Bohling	Aryanna Brahs	The Burns Family
Mary Carr	The Carrillo Family	Jean Chang
Garf Clark	Sharon Conlon	Bruce and Jean Crandall
David Crandall	Suzanne DeBlock	Joe Destefano
Sally Dorritie	David Dzierzek	Everyone serving in the Military
Evie and Family	Mary Lee Farris and her sister	Ben Fisher
Norm and Sharon Frelinger	Jane Geyer	Dorothy Gott
Barbara and George Hankins	Judy Feragola (Hankins)	Kevin and Sara Hankins
Andy Hine	Carol Hoffman	Bill Howell
Bob and Maureen Johnson	Susan Johnson	Rosemary Joy
Laura and Tom Kennedy	Brenda Kujawski	James Magee
Kelly Magee Thrush	Gavin Martin	Riley Martin
Andy Marussich	The McCloud Family	Evelyn Mercado
Jeff Monroe	Richard Montalbano	Jean Musgrave
Eileen Myslinski	Richard Nash	Nina and Jason
Nick K.	Amy (Thompson) Nguye	Peggy Huestis O'Connor and Family
Alice Paffenroth	Dave and Wendy Paffenroth	William John Pink
Rachel Reeves	Tim Richardson	Tom Sawyer
Fred Schwarz	Bryan Scott and Family	Dorothy Sevcik
Sandy Shores	Matt Skyer and Family	The Smith Family
David Paul Spradlin	Jackson Spradlin	Peggy Srirach
Elmer Stevens	Gary Swinger	Christopher Tucker
Butch Turley	Kim Valentini and Family	Cindy Vanderplatt
Kenya VanZandt	Rebecca Vives	The Wade Family
Doris Weinberger	Jo Wolfe	Anne Wood's brother-in-law
Sandra Wood	Orra Wood	Sharon Worden
Phyla Wright	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.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

MAY UPDATE

Memorial Pavers

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.

9 Niches Now Remain 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”

Thank you to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!

The MAY and early JUNE Steward’s Schedule:

Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende: May 1 – May 15

Barbara and George Hankins: May 16 – May 31

Bill Eustance, Jen and Greg Piller: June 1 – June 15

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 can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up.

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.

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