

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

## THE SUFFERING SERVANT

### *Isaiah 53*

*Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.*

*Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.*

*Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

### **Reflection**

Isaiah 53—the last of what is known as the “servant songs” in Isaiah—depicts a figure who is hated, beaten, and broken by others, made as a sacrifice in order to redeem and restore the people’s relationship with God. Although Isaiah’s audience would likely have identified this “servant” as Israel suffering in exile, this passage was a pivotal frame for many of the earliest Christians as they grappled with what it meant to believe in a Messiah who suffered and was put to death. One of the earliest known Christological hymns—Philippians 2:6-11—contains echoes of this passage, and the Gospel of Mark (almost certainly the earliest Gospel written) takes

great care to reframe Jesus not as a triumphal, militaristic messiah, but as the exact type of suffering servant that Isaiah describes.

Although the triumphalism of Easter's victory may still be ringing loud in our ears, passages like this are a heavy reminder not just of the suffering that Jesus bore for our sake, but that our faith will not prevent life's hardships, struggles, and pain from coming our way. This is a difficult truth, but because of Christ's experience—taking care to not glorify or condone suffering—we can nonetheless trust that God knows what it means to hurt, cry, or feel broken. This deep sharing with humanity means that we worship and trust in a God who truly knows us—and that, perhaps, is an astonishing miracle in itself.

Pastor Kingsley

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### Music Notes...

Happy Easter! My first Easter among you was personally very exciting and fulfilling. Thanks to all who participated in the music ministry. A particular word of appreciation to the members of the Emmaus Ringers, our new handbell choir. These are: Gina Gruber, Joy Kissane, BA Long, Brad McLeland, Bill Powers, Lori Kilmer, Cheryl Hinckley, Carolyn Keller, Wendy Bynum-Wade, and Ashley Wade. Thanks also to George Hankins for his expert technical work repairing and maintaining our bells. New members are always welcome.

The organ has gotten used to its new blower and is sounding richer and fuller than ever. The electronic systems are the next big project—they are fragile and it was difficult convincing them to come back online after the blower work. One thing at a time. I am ready to use music to help raise funds for the roof and the ongoing organ work.

Coming up, we will hear from some of our younger musicians, in particular around Pentecost. This second great festival of the Church year falls on June 4. That afternoon, I will be giving an organ recital here. It will be free, with a free-will offering, and I hope you'll come and bring many friends! On the 11<sup>th</sup>, our younger people will again offer us some music. I am looking forward to it.

My Easter afternoon was spent in a very different place than First Presbyterian Church. I provided musical leadership for an ecumenical Easter service at the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center in New Hampton. The patients were friendly and receptive and I have been praying for them. I thought of how many different paths there are in life, and how fortunate we are to gather every week in this magnificent sanctuary, lit by Tiffany glass and bathed in the sound of an Austin organ. But whatever our path, Jesus is the Way, always.

It's Easter for fifty days, so— Happy Easter!

Jonathan

# **GOSHEN PRESBYTERIAN HAS TALENT!**

## **11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PRESBYBUILD TALENT SHOW**

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**2:00 PM Sweet Treats Hour**

**3:00 PM Talent Show**

First Presbyterian Church of Montgomery  
100 Union Street  
Montgomery, NY

COME HEAR OUR OWN **Mary Lee Farris** performing jazz standards with Richard Wiggins and **Jonathan Hall and Bill Powers** performing Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer" and "Maple Leaf Rag" at this year's PresbyBuild Talent Show.

The 90-minute show will feature talent from many of our Presbyterian churches. The money raised through a free-will offering will be used to build our 8<sup>th</sup> PresbyBuild house whose construction is underway now as part of Habitat's FaithBuild Row on Ann Street in the City of Newburgh. Support our local talent and Presbybuild and join us on May 20!

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### **Prayer Shawl Ministry News...**

This month has been a busy month for our avid Prayer Shawl Ministry crocheters. Darlene Bartley, Joan Howell, Wendy Paffenroth, Laura Colacci, Barbara Hankins and I have been busy at work making and delivering shawls, blankets and lap robes to those needing "hugs" and prayers. Recipients include Carole Garling's daughters, Ashley Wade, Wendy Bynum- Wade, Miko Graham, as well as family and friends outside the congregation. Our hugs travel many miles and provide warmth, love and strength to those who need it.

If you know of anyone who could use a special "hug," please let one of us named above know or contact Pat in the church office.

I am also giving crochet lessons to those who are interested in learning crochet. If you already know how but would like to learn how to read patterns, I can do that as well with you.

Thank you all for your continued support. God bless you!

Lisa Montalbano  
Prayer Shawl Ministry/Outreach Committee Representative



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Presbyterian Women are starting to DANCE! Yes, Carol Gabella is a great instructor and prior to our meeting, she will give lessons at 6:15 p.m. in the Bradner Room. I was late getting there, but managed to get in one dance; and ladies, it is easy and fun. Come on out--and guys, you are more than welcome to come also. Who knows, maybe in time we can resurrect the old "Songsapoppin" shows, and we will perform a number. Now wouldn't you pay to see us all dancing!!!

Carol brought over the linens that were purchased by PW and Lisa and Bob Montalbano for the tables in Fellowship Hall. The linens were custom made to hang just 6 inches over all the way around. Also purchased were 24 royal blue squares (Presbyterian blue) to go over the center of the tables. For other receptions we have purchased lilac and aquamarine squares (24) for a different effect. Thanks to the ladies who worked hard to get these done. It was sorely needed. We also discussed the curtains to be purchased for Fellowship Hall.

Ladies will be helping on May 23 by doing coffee and desserts when the **Hudson River Presbytery** holds its meeting here from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The luncheon is being catered, but we need women to work the kitchen and act as hostesses that day. If you can do this, leave your name in the office with Pat, and she will see that we get the list of volunteers. Also, since we are the best bakers in town, we will need donations of cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, dessert type items. There will be approximately 140 guests that day. Please come out and help and show off our wonderful church.



Discussion about **Great American Weekend** started. This year it is July 1 and 2. Please mark your calendars again to help the ladies at the drink tent or to be a volunteer to give tours of the church to the many visitors in town that day.



We decided that a flowering tree or maybe fragrant French lilac bushes should be planted in our yard in honor of Jean Strong. Jean loved flowers and used to oversee the flowers on the chancel. I remember her doing this as a young child in the choir. She would always fuss and make sure they looked perfect before any service. With this in mind, we will delve into getting this done in the next few months complete with a plaque to honor Jean to match the other plaques under trees that are already planted in memory.

Congratulations to Jen (our treasurer) and Gregg Piller on the birth of their son, Ethan Douglas, born on April 3, 2017 at 11:49 p.m. Best wishes to the entire family!

Our next meeting is on **Monday, May 1** with **Line Dancing** at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to join in; our PW meeting follows at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

Wendy Lee Paffenroth – Corresponding Secretary

## Please join us for a Mother's Day Brunch!



**When:** Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 service

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church in Goshen Fellowship Hall

**All are welcome (including your mother-in-law!)**

Let us know how many are coming (adults and children) and any special dietary needs (gluten, vegetarian, vegan) so we can plan for enough food.

Any monetary donations to cover the cost are appreciated. Please label for "Mother's Day Brunch."

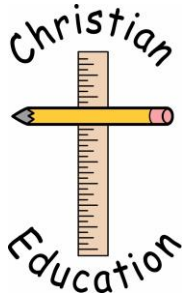
Questions can be directed to Mark Glasse' [mpglasse@optonline.net](mailto:mpglasse@optonline.net), 845-325-4439 (cell)

Mothers are not allowed to help! They must sit and be waited on!

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**Please fill out and return to the church office by May 7.**

Name	
Number Attending (adults & children)	
Special Dietary Needs	

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



**HAPPY SPRING!**

**Mother's Day** will be the presentation of Bibles to the third grade class.

June 4th, students of the **Confirmation Class** who have completed all their requirements will become members of the Church.

June 11th will be the last day of **Sunday school** this year. Students will participate in a short presentation to the congregation.

Happily, **VBS** is a go this year! The dates are July 10 to 14, so save the dates!

The theme is "A Mighty Fortress" and the message is excellent. Many of our adult volunteers will be coming back. We hope that you will all be able to support us in this project as strongly as you have in past years- with pre-cutting crafts, food contributions, and decorating the church - not to mention the picnic!

If you can volunteer to help during the actual VBS week or in any other way, please call Allison Csernai at (845) 341-8541 or Rebecca Boardman at (845) 537-6628.

BA Long

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## Teen Voices

We all had a good time in April when we learned to cook a traditional Italian meat sauce with pasta-complete with meatballs and braciolo! The teens learned to make a delicious garlic bread from roasted garlic and a sautéed squash with onions and cheese. Thanks to Linda Boardman and Mark Glasse' for sharing what they learned about cooking from their childhood. The teens enjoy cooking, and we all enjoy the time together!

We are finalizing our plans for a May excursion to celebrate another great year together!

Paty and Mark Glasse'  
[mpglasse@optonline.net](mailto:mpglasse@optonline.net)



## A Fresh Look at Coffee Hour

The first Sunday of each month is the "**Congregation Coffee Hour.**" The congregation will provide the food and your friends on the Fellowship Committee will be there to help set-up and clean-up. Themes for the upcoming months are:

- May** bring whatever you can!
- June** recipes made with strawberries
- July** Great American Weekend (no service that Sunday)
- August** picnic food (chicken salad, tuna Salad, deviled eggs, fruit, etc.)
- September** potluck

Other Sundays are "**Casual Coffee Hour.**" It can be as simple as a few boxes of donuts, plates of cookies, coffee and juice. Many members of longstanding recall this being done in the past and have asked for a return to this offering. When you sign up for the first time, we will email you directions and ensure a person from our committee will be there to help you. We even have simple directions posted on the kitchen bulletin board.

Hosts are needed: fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, grandparents and grandchildren! Won't you sign up as host for a day with your family, friends, pew friends, or committee members to help continue this great tradition?

Your friends on the Fellowship Committee have a lot of fun and are committed to keeping our church flowing with good times. Want to join us? Have a question or idea, let us know!

### THANK YOU!

Your fellowship friends,  
Chairman Robin Knoblock and Co Chair Brad McLeland,  
Linda Clark, Maureen Johnson, Jane Geyer, Dom Fontana, Jo Wolfe,  
Felicia Van Doran, Pam Pylant and Mary Kopec



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## DEACONS' PICNIC: PLEASE JOIN US ON JUNE 11

CHURCH LAWN - after church service

**IF YOU CAN  
BRING A SIDE  
DISH TO SHARE  
IT WILL BE**



**IF ABLE, PLEASE BRING  
YOUR OWN  
BLANKET OR LAWN  
CHAIRS**

SERVING HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS WITH ALL THE  
POTATO CHIPS, LEMONADE, ICE TEA & WATER PRO



**Capital Projects**

As many of you are aware, we have spent over \$500,000 in the past two years on improvements to the church and grounds. These projects were paid for from the proceeds of a \$450,000 loan from the Presbyterian Church (USA), several donations from members of the congregation as well as donations from the PWA and the Deacons.

**A list of the renovations is as follows:**

- New outside doors for Fellowship Hall
- Remodeling the bathrooms in Fellowship Hall
- Painting Fellowship Hall
- A new refrigerator and stove for Fellowship Hall
- Air conditioning for the Church and Fellowship Hall
- A new heating system for the Church and Fellowship Hall
- Installing separate electric meters for the three cell tower tenants
- Electrical upgrades
- A new security system
- Repaving of the parking lot
- Repairs and upgrades to the organ.
- Painting & repairing the window frames (outside)

In addition, the Tiffany Windows were restored and repaired from the funds raised from the Tiffany Balls.

Mal Stewart  
Chairman Finance and Administration

Brian Meek  
Chairman Property Management

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**Spring Rummage Sale – Saturday, June 24**

We are now collecting donations for our **Spring Rummage Sale**, which will be held on **Saturday, June 24**. Please bring gently used, clean items in working condition to the church office during regular office hours. Only a limited amount of books will be accepted although cookbooks are always welcome. Donations will be accepted through June 18.

Volunteers are needed to help the week of set-up and the day of the sale. Please call Laura Colacci for more information at (845) 988-7657. Let’s make this sale one of the best yet! Thank you.



## **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**



### **HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

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>
	<i>George Schust</i>		<i>Mary Kingsley</i>
15	<i>Evelyn Kromm</i>		
	<i>Barbara von Pentz</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>
27	<i>Donald and Ashley Dinsmore</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.***

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- *Jody and Mary Kopec on the arrival of their 2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild, Archer Daniel Montemurro.*
- *Jen and Gregg Piller on the birth of their son, Ethan Douglas, on April 3, 2017 and weighed in at 9 lbs. 6 oz. and 22 inches long.*

*Recently in the Goshen Independent was the obituary for Rev. Charles J. Hooker who died on March 20. For newcomers to Goshen, his parents, Charles and Eva, were long time members of the First Presbyterian Church and the new high school, now the Middle School, was named for his father who was the principal of the school. For quite a few years, Charles would purchase a poinsettia in memory of his parents. Anyone who wishes to send a memorial gift can send donations to: Keystone Human Services, International, 124 Pine Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. (His son is on the BOD and is a past CEO/President).*



## 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

Ann (Strong) Blake

Hannah Boorse

Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla

Bruce and Jean Crandall

Everyone serving in the Military

Robert and Brenda Faulls

Esther Glasse

Kevin and Sara Hankins

Susan Johnson

The Kingsley Family

James Magee

Diana, Riley, and Gavin Martin

Evelyn Mercado

Dean Oberg

Rachel Reeves

Gary Smith

Elmer Stevens

Gary Swinger

Kenneth Van Etten

Jo Wolfe

Orra Wood

Linda Boardman

Sarah Bohling

Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs

Laura Colacci

Suzanne DeBlock

Judy Feragola

Judy Fazio

Miko Graham

Edith Hausmann

Rosemary Joy

Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott

Karen Magee

Nancy Mason

Eileen Myslinski

Dave and Wendy Paffenroth

Maritya Reyes

Joe Spoor

Virginia Stubenrauch

Christopher Tucker

The Wade Family

Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis

Phyla Wright

Ed Berry

Susie Bohling

John Burleson

Sharon Conlon

John DeGroat

Mary Lee Farris and her sister

The Family of Carole Garling

Barbara and George Hankins

Andy Hine

Laura and Tom Kennedy

Brenda Kujawski

Kelly Magee Thrush

Sergio Franklin Maturana

Amy (Thompson) Nguye

Josephine Pecoraro

Tom Sawyer

Peggy Srirach

Amy Swift/Royce

Cindy Vanderplaat

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.)***

## **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.

# Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden



## MAY UPDATE

The garden has been “spruced-up” for the Easter holiday and ready for the springtime! Please, enjoy its beauty to the fullest! Spend a few moments with our God and savor the beauty of nature. The gates are always open to anyone who desires a few tranquil moments in meditation and prayer.

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### Memorial Pavers

Place your orders for a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one. **Eight 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 MAY and early JUNE Steward’s Schedule:

Beryl Yungman:	May 1 – May 15
Barbara and George Hankins:	May 16 – May 31
Bill Eustance, Jen and Gregg Piller:	June 1 – June 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  
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 of 2019**

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

**Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller  
Presbyterian Women:**

### **STAFF**

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Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary  
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer  
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**