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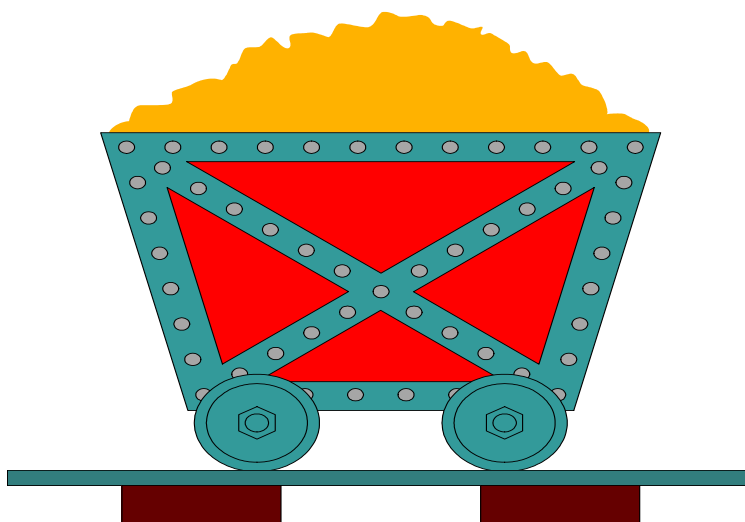
The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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November 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Capital Campaign to clean-up the oil spill!

Buy a ton.

The cost to clean up one (1) ton of soil is two hundred dollars (\$200). Help us pay for the spill by buying a ton. If you can buy more than one, please do so. If you can go together with someone else and buy a ton, please do so. Whatever you can contribute is greatly needed.

We need to sell at least one hundred fifty (150) tons.

Here is my message for the month. There is no one but us to pay for the unfortunate oil spill, and we are left with no choice but to do this. Please, let us work together and see that this bill is paid.

In Christ's service,

David

NOVEMBER BRINGS THE CHURCH YEAR TO A CLOSE



In November, we can feel the darkness and cold of winter setting in. In this month, we give thanks as a nation on Thanksgiving Thursday for our blessings. On Sunday, November 18, we come together to offer our corporate thanks to God for his blessings in our lives. We are all blessed in many ways, and yet, we do not often stop to take stock of these blessings. Think along with me for just a moment. Daily, we experience the beauty of nature, nurturing relationships, our ability to earn a living, good food, music, the sun that rises each new day, the fact that we wake up in the morning, and the fact that we still have our wits about us. Each day, we get a fresh start to improve our lives and love more in our relationships and interactions with others. Isn't that what it is all about? Let us come together to offer praise, worship, and thanksgiving to our God who has so richly blessed us. (P.S. Money is not on the blessing list.)

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

The **Presby Ringers** will be presenting music on **November 18**, the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Our bell choir has expanded, and we look forward to ringing once again.

Epiphany, our contemporary praise band, is hard at work rehearsing for their first musical presentation after the summer hiatus. We look forward to hearing from the band soon. Those who play any instruments are welcomed with open arms. Come and join in the fun and fellowship on Thursday evenings.



Looking ahead, Advent begins on December 2. The chancel choir will present its annual cantata on December 9, the youth will have their Christmas offering on December 16, we will come together on December 23 for worship, and we return again on Monday for Christmas Eve services. The youth will soon be busy rehearsing for their Christmas presentation, the chancel choir is learning the cantata, and the bell choir is gearing up for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. It promises to be an exciting Christmas season.



Robert Clooney
Ministry of Music

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was "thank you," that would suffice.
~Meister Eckhart

WEDNESDAY AT THE WELL SERVICE EVERY WEEK AT 7:00 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Dear Congregation,

We are going to try using our park grounds to better serve our church and the surrounding communities by running events from time to time.

Not only will the events be good, additional sources of revenue for us, but they will hopefully also build bridges to the areas around us and, in particular, to the local villagers of Goshen.

Besides building up good relations with the community in which we live and helping to bring in extra, needed cash, events will also provide opportunities for fellowship and good, wholesome family fun for our members. Who knows, maybe they will attract a few more members looking for an active church in which to worship and raise their families.

Our first possible event will be a day of spiritual/Christian music, featuring traditional, folk, and rock. This should be a great family day for everyone. Choirs and bands from various churches and synagogues will provide the music.

Another event we are looking into is a car show. A third suggestion may be a collectibles show.

I will be looking into other types of events that have been held around the world, but I'm hoping you may have some suggestions. So, if you've been to or heard of an event that would be good, clean fun, please let me know.

You can call me at 294-5508, or call the church office (294-7991) and leave a message for me. Then, of course, there's the old fashioned, in-person coffee hour, face to face.

Thanking you in advance.

Most sincerely,

Bill Keller

SANTA'S BREAKFAST
Saturday, December 1st

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____

**WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH OUR UPCOMING SANTA'S BREAKFAST
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

_____ I'm available to help setup on Friday, November 30th at 5:30 p.m. *(tree and room decorating)*
(we need some men to help put up the tables & chairs, too!)

_____ I'm available to help the morning of the breakfast and will arrive by 8:00 a.m.

_____ I'm available to help cleanup after the breakfast at 11:30 a.m.

_____ I have some gift items or will make a cash donation for the purchase of gift items for Santa's Gift Shop. If you make a cash donation, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Gifts can be left in the Church Office.

(The gift shop is for the children to shop for one gift for a parent or special relative and therefore should be adult items ... a value of no more than \$10.)

We are also looking for donations of bows, ribbons, tape and wrapping paper.



Please place in the offering plate or give to: Darlene Bartley, Wendy Paffenroth or Michele White.
Thanks for your help.

Join Us For BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

When: Saturday, December 1, 2007

Where: The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen
33 Park Place
Goshen, NY 10924



Seating: 1st - 8:30 a.m.
2nd - 10:00 a.m.

Tickets: **\$6.00 PER PERSON, PAID IN ADVANCE**
Each child's ticket includes the pancake breakfast, face painting and shopping for a gift for a special person at the North Pole Gift Shoppe.

PROFESSIONAL - QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CAPTURE THAT SPECIAL MOMENT ON SANTA'S LAP! Pictures will cost \$6.00 to be paid at the time of service.

SEATING IS LIMITED: RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS THROUGH NOVEMBER 21, 2007.

Mail in your reservation or stop by the Church Office (294-7991).
(Office hours from 9 a.m. to Noon & 1 to 4 p.m.)



Santa Breakfast Reservation Form

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
E-Mail Address:		
Number Attending	Adults:	Children:
Seating Preference	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

(Please print information & circle your preferred seating time, please!)

Return to: The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen
33 Park Place
Goshen, NY 10924

Make checks payable to:
First Presbyterian Church

YOUTH GROUP

Come and participate in the ever-growing list of memorable youth group outings. We have had many laughs, true bonding, and an increased sense of growing as a church family. I understand that not all events will be attractive to everyone, and many of our youth have limited availability. We are not a demanding group! But if you are looking for fun, that is our goal. So come when you can!

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Skating Fun at THE CASTLE

- **Sunday, November 18**, from 6:30–9:00 p.m.
- Enjoy roller-skating/blading at a discounted price of \$7.50, including rentals!

Let's support this exclusive church family skating night, which was a huge success in September. Families and younger siblings are welcome to come to this event! Remember — if you don't like to skate, there is a game room and places to hang out and visit with friends.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE!

Second Annual Senior Member Holiday Dinner

- **Sunday, December 9**
- The set-up will be at 3:00 p.m., dinner at 4:00 p.m., and the teens can be picked up at 5:30 p.m.

Feel the true joy of the holiday season by participating in this occasion, which unites the youth of our church with our senior members and their friends. Youth Group members will decorate tables, do light preparation for the dinner, serve, visit, dine, and chat with seniors! I will take on the main responsibility of the food preparation, so there will be time for interaction without spending days on this event. Last year, we were graced with teen singing and guitar playing, which was just lovely. We had about fifty senior guests!

We also need a little assistance in picking up or dropping off seniors in order for them to attend. This is a great way for our older teens to participate and help make the evening successful. In order to avoid meetings for this, I will take down names over the coming weeks of teens that wish to make a small commitment to this "community service" dinner. It is excellent for college resumes!

January

We could go bowling or do anything the teens would like to do! Let's get our heads together and go to a movie or a concert...

New York City

- **Monday, February 18** (President's Day)

Our annual city excursions have always been a blast! We'll leave from the Middletown train station early in the morning and enjoy a variety of sites, depending on the wishes of the kids. I will do research for museum events happening around town. We are offered free, all-day game cards and a discounted lunch from ESPN ZONE. This Disney-owned, large-scale restaurant in Times Square has an entire floor of electronic, video, and hands-on sporting challenges, as well as large, quality screens for sporting-event viewing. My husband, Dave, is the GM there, enabling the kids to have a safe home base in the city.

Other spring events will be planned as the year progresses. Stay tuned!

Thank you in advance for your support. Please let me know if any **7th – 12th graders** have not been notified of this program. This is a large group, so it is very helpful anytime you call me to let me know that your students want to come. (I do not need a call if they are not participating.)

CALL ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT!

Laura Bryson

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER NEWS

<u>Monday, November 5</u>	Council Meeting Parlor	7:30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, November 7</u>	Prayer Circle Parlor	12:00 noon
<u>Monday, November 19</u>	Nicean Circle Parlor	2:00 p.m.
<u>Saturday, November 17</u>	Bake sale at craft fair Fellowship Hall	9:00 a.m.

PW held its latest meeting on October 1, 2007, in the church parlor. Eleven women came to the meeting. Remember, all women in the church are considered members of PW. Some of you cannot attend our monthly meetings but would like to help. Just put a note in the PW mailbox at the church office with your offer.

Upcoming is the November craft fair on November 17. We will gratefully accept donations of baked goods for our table. We usually do very well and often sell out, as it is the weekend *before* Thanksgiving. Please consider either baking for us or coming to purchase something to serve your family. Even if you don't bake, we would be happy for your assistance in running our table or helping with one of the many other "little" jobs of the day.

We will also be selling Trinity Roses. These are made of candy and can be given to someone special, used as favors on the table, or placed in a vase as a centerpiece. There are a variety of ways to display them. Plan to purchase several for your guests. **Mark the date** and plan to come to the **bake sale and craft fair on November 17, 2007.**

PW is also looking to fill a few positions, as the people in them would like to take a break. If you are good with numbers, please consider helping us as the treasurer. If you like words, we could use a secretary and a corresponding secretary as well. Please consider it.

In December, PW will have its *annual* Christmas dinner, honoring a woman of the church. Watch for upcoming details, and make plans to spend an evening with your sisters in the church. It is always a great way to "kick off" the holiday season.

If you have any questions, please contact Glynnis Jorgensen or Barbara von Pentz, Co-Presidents. They will bring you up to date on what is going on. Also, please join us at our next meeting on November 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BOXES

If you would like someone to receive a Christmas box, please call the church office at 294-7991.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR & FESTIVAL OF TREES

The deacons will hold their annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. We will also be having the Festival of Trees in the sanctuary that day. We are asking local businesses, community groups, and individuals to decorate “theme” Christmas trees, which will be put on display for folks to view during the craft fair hours. (Any donations of food or money collected will go to the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry.) If you (or a group, organization, club, or business you know of) are interested in decorating a tree for the festival, please contact Edith Bush at 695-1763. (There is no charge to display a tree.)

We will also need “docents” (tree sitters) and volunteers to man the “donation station” from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the day of the fair. If you can donate an hour or two of your time to help with the trees, it would be greatly appreciated. Any volunteers or folks with questions about the craft fair or the tree festival can call Edith at the above number.

MISSION NEWS

SAVE THIS DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 THE MISSION SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON

\$2.50 for children 11 and under
\$5.00 for ages 12 and up
\$15.00 per family



Money raised from this event will be sent to the people in Puerta Cabezas, Nicaragua, to help feed those who lost their crops because of a major hurricane. The amount to feed a family for a month is \$72.00. We hope to raise enough to feed a family for several months until their crops can be harvested.

PAINTING MISSION: The Girl Scouts will be sprucing up the entrance to the John Knox building over the Christmas break. The Mission Committee will sponsor this event and will be in need of donations of paint rollers, brushes, rags, and tarps. As soon as we know what supplies we need, our Christmas wish list for donations will be posted in the bulletin. Thank you ahead of time for helping improve the church’s appearance!

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION is every second Saturday of the month in the John Knox building. We need volunteers to help carry out groceries to the car from 9:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. The next distribution is Saturday, November 10. (The French toast breakfast in October was a big hit! Thanks to Mission members Carolyn Keller, Betty Lobb, Mary Gray Griffith, and Carol Gabella.)



Our Sunday School

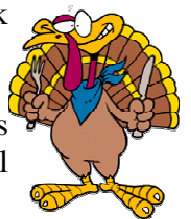
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**Give thanks in all circumstances, for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Gobble up these Thanksgiving ideas to enhance your family traditions at Thanksgiving time. If your family is already doing some of these, you are well on your way to making your celebration of thanks special. Try a couple of new ideas; you might find that a little “spice” can add some new “flavor” to what could be a routine annual feast. Unfortunately, the list does not include any recipes for making Snoopy's famous Thanksgiving dinner of jelly beans, toast, and popcorn!

1. Take the children to the library and pick out books about Thanksgiving. Discover what it was like for the early pilgrims. Why do we have parades at Thanksgiving? Why turkey?
2. Try to serve some different food items that people only prepare at this time each year. Perhaps you could try some traditional favorites from other parts of the country.
3. Involve the children in decorating the house. Of course, just decorating the table can be really fun, too. Visit a party store with the children and get some ideas for a centerpiece and placemats to make at home.
4. Encourage each person to bring a special object to the table that represents what he or she is thankful for this year. Let each take a turn to share the object and how it represents his or her thankfulness.
5. Grandparents and relatives can be encouraged to share memories of other Thanksgiving gatherings they remember, such as the best times, the hardest times, the one that meant the most, etc.
6. Create a "Thanksgiving basket" for a friend or relative who is not with you on Thanksgiving. Your family should prepare the basket with some thought and planning. Be sure to put something of yourselves in the basket like a picture or something homemade. Baskets could also be prepared for someone needy, for a friend, neighbor, or even someone from church.
7. Invite someone else to celebrate Thanksgiving with you. This is a very lonely time for families with no relatives in the area.
8. Select some Thanksgiving verses from the Bible, write the reference on cards, and place one card near each plate. Each person will read his or her verse and can discuss how the verse relates to what he or she is thankful for.
9. Place two cards with questions under each plate, one question to answer and the other to ask someone else at the table.
10. Encourage each person to write a card to someone that is not present that he or she is especially thankful for. Be sure to provide time, material, and stamps so this project will work.



11. Make a “Just Because I Love You” heart. This is a wooden (or felt, or anything you have) heart that has those words painted on it. The idea is to perform a loving deed for someone else and leave the heart with the message for the person to find. It could be anything that the other person would appreciate, like making their bed, buying them some gum, or helping with a chore. Once a person receives the heart, they have to do something nice for someone else. The idea is to keep the heart moving around the group. You could continue this all year with the family.
12. Thanksgiving is a good time to have the children clean their rooms and select items to donate, give away, throw away, or give to school. Christmas is coming and we need to make more room for the new. Use this experience to point out how much they have and can be thankful for. You too can be thankful that they actually cleaned their rooms!
13. Have the children start their Christmas lists during Thanksgiving, while the relatives are with them. Give each child the chance to share what he or she would like this year. This could be really helpful for grandparents when they are shopping in the weeks ahead. Don’t forget to point out that just because something is on the list, it does not mean they will get it.
14. Draw names for stockings. Each person can then be responsible for gathering small, inexpensive, “stocking stuffer” items (such as dried fruit, nuts, or homemade items) for one member of the family.
15. Talk about the origins of this American holiday, from the centuries-old tradition of feasting after the harvest to the 1621 feast shared by the Plymouth Pilgrims and their Wampanoag neighbors. Talk about George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation and the 1941 bill signed by President Roosevelt that established the fourth Thursday in November as the national Thanksgiving holiday.

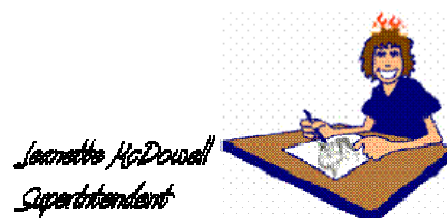
*"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes
as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow."
- Edward Sandford Martin*

What we've been doing

In September, the children learned that a church is not just a building, but it is also groups of Christians who join together to share in their beliefs and forms of worship. In October, we began our rotation about Mary’s husband, Joseph, and that difficulties in life should not destroy our faith or result in our disobedience to God. In November, we will begin rehearsals for our Christmas pageant. I can’t wait to find out what we’re doing this year!

Our fall mission project is building “school kits” for American soldiers to distribute to Iraqi children. **Operation Iraqi Children** is a grassroots program founded in early 2004. The program is described by co-founder Gary Sinise as “... a wonderful way for the people of the U.S. to help the children of Iraq and by doing so we are helping our soldiers who are working so hard over there. It will promote goodwill between our two peoples and help in the rebuilding effort there. I started a project to send school supplies to Iraq because I saw a tremendous need for them when I visited one of the schools and became aware that this was the norm for most of the schools in Iraq. I also saw a beautiful interaction between our soldiers and the Iraqi children.”

A Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!



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	Cynthia Atterbury	Haley Buckley
Sarah Burrows	Barbara Caruso	Mel Case
Susan Caslick	Grace Cook	Jean Crandall
Carman Cross	Hannah Crossley	Phyllis Cummings
Richard Damiani	Sylvester Damiani	Bob Dennis
Amy DePew	Everyone serving in the Military	Pat Farley
Steve Fischbein	Ben Fisher	Albert Gabella
Luke Garofalo-Wade	Fran Genovese	The George Family
The Family of James Goldsmith	Barbara Hankins	Kevin and Sara Hankins
Pete Howell	Walter Jensen	Jessica
Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen	Kim	Evelyn Kingsley
Lyndsay Krutki	Rick and Betty Lobb	The Family of Richard Lowry
Helen Matthews	Evelyn Mercado	Jeff Monroe
Barbara Morgiewicz	Eileen Myslinski	Robert Neil
The Family of Tom Northrup, Sr.	Janet Oberg	Claire O'Brien
Ann Ott	Peter	Bob Pavone
Amy Pemberton	Phil Pines	Jack Richner
Trudi Roach	Robyn	Dorothy Rose
Kevin Ross	Ted Sandstrom	Kevin Schuler
Fred Schwarz	June Siematkowski	Valerie Simonian
Bill Smiley	Peggy Srirach	Bill and Jean Strong
Amy Thompson	Judy Thompson	Bob and Florence Tyler
Lori Turner	Jim Vande Berg	Tim Varden
Ashley Wade and Family	Cathy Wade	Eugene Walters
Dorothy Weinberger (Bob's sister)	Orra and Dale Wood	Becky Wright
Paul and Phyla Wright		

(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.)



Sunday Shawl Ministry-----

All are welcome to come to make shawls.

We have at least 12 members already and would love to have more.

Most are crocheting, but knitters are welcome as well.

We meet after church from 12-2PM in the Parlor. Also being made are items for the **Linus Project** and items for the **Midnight Run**.

Beginners to experts are invited to come.

It is a great afternoon – Join Us!

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

- 2 – Darcy McDowell
- 3 - Emily Conley
- 8 - Kathy Stringer
- 9 – Michael Knoblock
- 14 – Ria Chionchio
- 17 – Taylor Knoblock
- 18 – Phyllis Cummings
David Kingsley
Bob Montalbano
- 19 – Emma Boardman
Beth Laskoski
Julie Turi
- 24 – Kathy Alevras
Amy Fontana
- 26 – Jon Hourahan
- 28 – Anthony Chionchio
Danielle Diglio
- 29 - Ruth Roebuck
- 30 – Robert Kingsley
Sue Stenson

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

- 11 – Craig and Arlete Shaeffer
- 23 – Jack and Susan Pierce

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- ~ Jessica Bowe and Jason Ptak on their recent engagement.
- ~ Our newest members who joined our church family on September 30: Todd Countryman, Tanya and Michael Hagopian, Alice and Shannon Kwiecinski, Matthew and Sherry Paul and Kathy Stringer
- ~ Mark and Kelly (Nowicki) Grob on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Ruth on September 17.
- ~ Heather Keller and Brian McCarthy on their recent engagement. A spring, 2009 wedding is planned.

Do you have some good news (a birthday, anniversary, wedding, special accomplishment, etc.) you'd like to share with your church family? If so, just write it down and hand it in at the church office (or call the office at 294-7991) so it can be included in the "Tidbits From The Tower" section of our newsletter.

A NOTE FROM RETIRED PASTOR RICHARD THOMPSON:

Please check out the website: www.pamela-thompson.com
Pam is our eldest daughter, now living in Worthington, Massachusetts, with her husband and two children, Rosa and Amos.

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

**Paul and Phyla Wright
615-8517**

NEW ADDRESS

**1LT. Garofalo-Wade, Luke
HHC 20th EN BDE
APO AE 09391**

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Cathy Wade (Moderator), Scott Roper (Vice Moderator), Barbara Skyer (Treasurer), Nancy Smith (Financial Secretary), William Hodges, Toni Neidel and Joe Vanderhoof

- ❖ The committee continues with projects for income purposes: sale of the firehouse, lease of the Park Place property, and Open Space.
- ❖ The committee monitors the cell tower contacts for income purposes.
- ❖ Our insurance agency has requested the development and initiation of a child abuse policy. The committee has charged the Christian Education Committee with the development and implementation of this project.
- ❖ Loretta Richner has agreed to chair future fundraising projects for the FPC. Please give her your support by donating goods or dollars or offering your time to set up or clean up.
- ❖ The Property Management Committee has successfully installed new oil tanks in the basement under the sanctuary. The old oil tank has been removed and was rusted through, resulting in oil contamination of the soil. This environmental hazard will be cleaned up within EPA regulations, but holds a hefty price tag for which there are no funds.
- ❖ Commitment giving is down 15 percent or \$27,180 below the needed level through the end of September 2007. As a result, we are operating a deficit budget of approximately \$33,000. Please check your last quarter financial statement and bring your giving up to date before the end of 2007. Remember, any giving after December 31 will be credited to your 2008 commitment pledge.
- ❖ The committee is preparing the 2008 FPC Budget. Church committees have been asked to decrease their expenses a minimum of 10 percent. Committees are also asked, if feasible, to plan fundraisers to supplement budgeted expenses.
- ❖ The 2008 Stewardship Campaign will begin November 11. *LOOK FOR THE RAINBOWS* is a celebration of our church family and our commitment to the ministry of this church. *It is a time to reflect on personal renewal and growth in Christ!*

Respectfully Submitted
Cathy Wade
November 2007

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT

Every year, the Presbytery of the Hudson Valley charges every member church an assessment according to the current active membership. Our recorded active membership number is currently **322** and *our assessment per member (not per family) for 2007 is \$19.99*, which is a total of **\$6,436** 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.

EXTRA MILE GIVING TREE

Our Extra Mile Giving Tree still stands in the narthex and continues to be a great giving opportunity for many of our members and friends. Check out the Giving Tree located on the table by the front entrance, and make a donation toward a special project of your choice. Beneath the tree are envelopes, which can be placed in the offering plate or mailed back to the church. Thanks for your support.



LOOK FOR THE RAINBOWS

Our time, talent, treasure, and thoughts are the tools God has given us for living a beautiful life. Rainbows are beautiful and can open our eyes to inspiring new vistas. They're God's way of saying "I love you."

The *rainbows* of life are summed up in Galatians 5:22:

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness.

Seven Ways to Shine like a Rainbow:

- 1) **LOVE:** Express love for God in prayer, and pray for others.
- 2) **JOY:** Greet people with joy and a good word.
- 3) **PEACE:** Turn your worries over to God in prayer.
- 4) **PATIENCE:** Count to ten and regroup.
- 5) **KINDNESS:** Give a compliment - it can make someone's day.
- 6) **GOODNESS:** Do good deeds - it's contagious!
- 7) **FAITHFULNESS:** Honor God, give to others, and give what you can afford to the church for mission.

JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 11: *INSPIRATIONAL SUNDAY*
NOVEMBER 18: *GRATITUDE SUNDAY*
NOVEMBER 25: *CONSECRATION SUNDAY*
DECEMBER 3: *CELEBRATION SUNDAY*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEEDED

OILTANK PROJECT

The Property Management Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee have collaborated and commissioned a firm to provide services associated with the oil tank. The services will include the removal of the existing five-thousand gallon underground fuel oil tank (40+ years old) and the installation of new, above-ground oil storage tanks in the basement of the main sanctuary. This aspect of the project will cost \$7,900.

During the removal of the underground fuel oil tank, it was confirmed that the existing tank was leaking, and the church was obligated to contact the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and report a "spill." The same firm that was commissioned to remove the tank submitted a separate proposal for the removal and disposal of the contaminated soil in accordance with NYSDEC guidelines. The cost for the removal of the soil was \$399/ton. The church then solicited a proposal from another firm to provide similar services, and we were successful in negotiating a price at \$200/ton. Currently, the contractor is making arrangements with a facility to accept and process the contaminated soil. The excavation and removal of the soil is scheduled to be completed in approximately two weeks.

The quantity of soil to be removed is unknown as the soil characteristics and underground hydrologic conditions impact the spread of the plume and the quantity of soil contaminated by the fuel oil. Accordingly, the clean-up costs cannot be determined until the excavation process commences and the subsequent soil analysis and lab result(s) confirm(s) that all contaminated soil has been properly removed. If the "spill" permeated the water table, the clean-up costs will be even greater.

The church is looking at a cost of approximately \$30,000+ for which no funds are available. Therefore, the Finance and Administration Committee has voted to initiate the Capital Campaign for the needed funds.

Please ponder over your Capital Campaign contribution prayerfully and complete the form below:

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

BUY A TON OR PART OF A TON

I / We intend to:

___ Buy ___ Ton(s) @ \$200/Ton for a total of \$_____ per _____
(week or month)

___ Buy a portion of a Ton for a total of \$_____ per _____
(week or month)

Signature _____ Date _____

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.

ELDERS

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Toni Neidel
Julie Turi

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Bill Keller
Karen Magee
Tom McDowell
Cathy Wade
Michele White

Class of 2010

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Scott Roper
Barbara Skyer
Doug Wade
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Orra Wood

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Jean Crandall
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Brendan Donohue
Sue Varden
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John Knox
Denise Quinn
Ray Ruckdeschel
John Snook

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Richard Ayres

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STAFF

Robert J. Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music
Pat Schwetje, Church Secretary
Barbara Skyer, Church Treasurer
Nancy Smith, Financial Secretary

November 2007

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				November 1	2	3
				3:30pm Brownies (FH) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Hand Bell Choir (S) 7:00pm Crew (FH) 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (P) 7:30pm Epiphany rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Family Anonymous (classroom) 8:30pm AA (B)	10:00am Tai Chi (FH) 4:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 8:00pm AA (B)	12:00pm AA (B) 6:30pm Harvest Buffet (Mary Gray Griffith's home) 8:00pm AA (B)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Savings Time ends 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship/Communion (S) 11:00am Coffee Hour (FH) 12:00pm Crochet Group (P)	7:00pm Goshen Bicentennial Committee Mtg. (FH) 7:30pm PW Mtg. (P)	9:15am Food Pantry stocking shelves 3:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6:30pm NA (B) 7:00pm Study Group (P)	12:00pm Prayer Circle (P) 7:00pm Audubon Society (B) 7:00pm Wednesday at the Well (S) 7:30pm Deacons (P)	3:30pm Brownies (FH) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal (S) 7:00pm Crew (FH) 7:30pm AA (B) 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (P) 7:30pm Epiphany rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Family Anonymous (classroom)	10:00am Tai Chi (FH) 4:15pm Girl Scouts (B) 6:30pm Pack Night (FH) 8:00pm AA (B)	9:30am Food Pantry (FH) 12:00pm AA (B) 5:30pm Community Dinner (FH) 8:00pm AA (B)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship Service (S) 11:00am Congregational Meeting (S) 11:00am Mission Committee meeting (P) 11:15am Coffee Hour (FH) 12:00pm Crochet Group (P)		9:15am Food Pantry stocking shelves 10:00am Bible Study (P) 3:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6:30pm NA (B)	4:00pm Cub Scouts (B) 6:00pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00pm Wednesday at the Well (S) 7:30pm Committees meet	3:30pm Brownies (FH) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal (S) 7:00pm Crew (FH) 7:30pm AA (B) 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (P) 7:30pm Epiphany rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Family Anonymous (classroom)	10:00am Tai Chi (FH) 5:00pm Craft Fair set-up (FH, B, S, K)	9:00am Craft Fair and Festival of Trees (FH, B, S, K) 8:00pm AA (B)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Tower Tie articles due 9:00am Christian Ed. Committee meeting (B) 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship Service (S) 11:00am Coffee Hour (FH) 12:00pm Crochet Group (P) 6:30pm Youth Group Roller Skating (The Castle)	2:00pm Nicean Circle (P) 6:15pm Girl Scout Service Mtg. (FH) 6:30pm Goshen Masons meeting (B)	9:15am Food Pantry stocking shelves 3:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6:30pm NA (B) 7:00pm Study Group (P)	4:15pm Girl Scouts (B) 7:00pm Scout Leaders Mtg. (FH) 7:00pm Wednesday at the Well (S) 7:30pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (St. James) 8:00pm Mothers and More (B)	Thanksgiving	Office Closed 10:00am Tai Chi (FH) 8:00pm AA (B)	12:00pm AA (B) 4:00pm Sweet 16 Party (FH) 8:00pm AA (B)
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship Service (S) 11:00am Coffee Hour (FH) 12:00pm Crochet Group (P)	6:30pm Classic Choral Society Rehearsal (S) 7:00pm Lyme Disease Support Group (B)	9:15am Food Pantry stocking shelves 10:00am Bible Study (P) 3:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH) 6:30pm NA (B)	9:00am Presbytery Task Force training (FH) 6:00pm Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00pm Wednesday at the Well (S) 7:30pm Session (P)	3:30pm Brownies (FH) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 6:30pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal (S) 7:00pm Crew (FH) 7:30pm AA (B) 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (P) 7:30pm Epiphany rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Family Anonymous (classroom)	10:00am Tai Chi (FH) 4:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 5:30pm Santa Breakfast set-up (FH, K) 8:00pm AA (B)	