

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." (John 4:16-20)

At this point in the conversation, Jesus seems to grind the gears with his abrupt change of topics. Up until now, the conversation has been somewhat abstract, playing with the metaphor of living water and the reality of recurring thirst, as well as a yearning for something that will deeply satisfy that thirst. Now, and seemingly out of nowhere, Jesus brings up the matter of the woman's marriages.

One commentator explains this by suggesting that Jesus is giving her a clue to his own identity by revealing what he knows of her identity. Maybe so, but that feels like a stretch, because Jesus' question is so direct, so personal. The Samaritan woman would not have likely understood the question as an invitation to explore who Jesus is.

Perhaps what seems abrupt to us is actually the natural flow of the conversation. They've been talking about water and thirst, and now Jesus gets specific. He names her thirst. He draws a straight line between the reality of soul yearnings and matters like broken marriages. The thirst we feel most deeply usually comes from parts of life that are most intimate. Jesus begins to truly give her living water when he names the source of her deep hurts and deep yearnings, and then covers them all with his mercy, refusing to shame her or lecture her.

A conversation that draws or leads people closer to Jesus assumes that God is present in the details of the daily and mundane. Holy conversations will not avoid the reality of God by talking about religion. Most of us sense that religious conversations too quickly become debates, and debates are rarely fruitful spiritually. Conversations begin to take on a hint of holiness when the real stuff of life comes into the dialogue.

When marriages and relationships, heartaches and hopes make their way into your conversations today, pay careful attention. You are at that moment treading on holy ground.

Jesus turned his conversation to one of the most personal aspects of the Samaritan woman's life: a trail of broken marriages. The woman responded by diverting the conversation to a discussion of religion: the correct place for worship. Don't miss a holy conversation by substituting religious talk for life-talk. Jesus, it seems, is far more interested in life.

Many Christians, most in fact, have zero confidence in their ability to "witness" to another person. This is probably because of a misconception regarding the nature of "witness." Your conversations can draw people to Jesus, and here are some simple steps you can implement today:

1. Ask good questions. Don't feel the need to offer explanations about the Bible or theology. Just show an interest in someone today by asking them a good and sincere question.
2. Talk about life. Let your questions be about things that matter to them. Chances are you'll find the thirsty place where they need living water.
3. After you talk to them, remember later to pray for them. Ask Jesus to meet them in the place where they most need him.

Pastor Kingsley

NOVEMBER BRINGS THE CHURCH YEAR TO A CLOSE



On November 1, we have **All Saints' Day** where we remember all the departed saints who have passed on before us—particularly those known to us in our congregation. Then the long-established church calendar, which takes us each year through the cycle of Christian observance, comes to a close on **Christ the King Sunday**, November 22. At this time, we pause and give thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ. We sing together the traditional Thanksgiving hymns we have known and loved over the years: “Come, Ye Thankful People Come,” “We Gather Together to Ask the Lord’s Blessing,” and “Now Thank We All Our God.”

The very next Sunday, November 29, is **Advent I** where we begin a new liturgical cycle once again with the familiar refrain, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” Just as our daily calendars remind us to observe birthdays, anniversaries, and things to do, the church liturgical calendar provides a time for worshippers to observe, commemorate, and celebrate events relating to the life of Christ on Earth. On this Sunday we light the first candle on the Advent wreath as we look forward to the birth of Jesus and his coming to Earth to walk amongst us and, ultimately, redeem us from our sins and show us a new way of living.



Our music ministry is active, strong and vibrant. At this time we are preparing music for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Come lend your voice and sing with us as the choir ministers in song each week.

We are a church family who comes together to worship, sing, listen, pray, and serve as we live out our Christian faith. Come be with us and share the special gift of your presence during this wonderful time of year.

In closing, a blessing for all:



And now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. And may God give you His peace in your going out and in your coming in, in your lying down and in your rising up, in your labor and in your leisure, in your laughter and in your tears... Until you come to stand before Jesus in that day in which there is no sunset and no dawning. Amen.

(Robert H. Schuller)

Robert Clooney
 Director of Ministry of Music



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to flourish as our gifts continue to go and make people feel good. I made a shawl for Sandy Wood, Orra's daughter, so she could keep one at home and one in the office; but Sandy, being the giving person she is, took the shawl and passed it on to Ethel, a friend she met in chemotherapy, who was so happy with her gift. She also gave the folder of prayers. Sandy passed on the hug from us to someone she wouldn't have met if she didn't need chemo also. We are happy to hear Sandy finished her chemo and is conquering her cancer. God bless you, Sandy.

Lori Kilmer passed on a thank you for a gift she also gave out. We sincerely appreciate hearing how much our gifts mean to the recipients.

Yarn continues to come in, and we are more than pleased to receive it. Remember, we also can use gift bags large enough to hold a shawl or blanket, tissue paper, and folders to add prayers. Thank you for blessing us.

Here is a prayer that is often given to someone with their gift. Remember we have prayers for all occasions.

Friendship

**Hearts are meant to be open and let the friendship in,
To have a heart not open would truly be a sin.
Our good Lord gave us friendships to help us along our way,
He wants us to welcome friendships, each and every day.
You're someone I'll always admire, you are special and dear,
A wonderful blessing to treasure, to have close and near.
And when friends are separated or very far apart,
This shawl will serve as a reminder of how you've touched our hearts.
As this shawl was being created, thoughts would turn to you,
Your smile, your humor, your caring for others – your friendships that are so true.
The Good Lord has been gracious and been so very kind,
He let our paths in life mingle, if just for a short time.
Amen.**

Consider yourself hugged,
God bless you!

(Composed by: Wendy Lee Paffenroth)

Thank you to all for helping to keep this ministry alive and working. As Thanksgiving rolls around, we are more than thankful for each of you who help us continue to bless others.

Consider yourselves each hugged,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth
Shawl Secretary



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The *few and mighty* came to the October meeting of PW; and, even though we were few in number, we accomplished a lot. Please mark your calendars to join us in December.

First we want to thank Rich Murtie of Warwick, NY who donated a BUNN® restaurant coffee maker to the ladies of PW. We are sure many will use it often, and we sincerely appreciate his generosity. Rich must know that when ladies get together, the pots are always brewing.

We again sent out cards to people in our congregation who needed some cheer.

Sharlene Bischof is finishing her lovely afghan that will be raffled off at the ladies table at the **Holiday Fair on November 21**. Make sure you get several tickets. Sharlene has worked all year on this magnificent blanket; it needs to be seen to be appreciated. Thank you for all your hard work, Sharlene.

Don't forget to pick up plates, baskets, etc. at coffee hours in November for your donation to be put on for the Bake Sale at the Holiday Fair. We accept all types of baked goods and, in the last two years, have actually sold out early. We need a lot of different items and know the best bakers around are in our church! Plates of cookies and brownies are also very popular. We also need quart jars (please leave in the office) and soup and chili makers. (Caroline Keller has recipes and jars to use). Since we sold out early last year, we'd like to increase what we have to sell. If you have a few hours you can spare on November 21, we would love to have you help us at the Bake Sale table. So many of our ladies are wearing many hats and are stretched thin, so a few extra hands are more than welcome. Please consider being with us part of the day. Don't wait to be asked. Thank you in advance. Many hands make light work.

We thank everyone who helped make the **Honoree Luncheon** a success. Trivia was fun and of course dealing with food it was right up our alley. 42 people came to the affair and fun was had by all.

It is once again time to start collecting items to be placed in the **Christmas bags** for those members of the congregation who can't be with us for various reasons. Last year, we were overwhelmed by your generosity. Items such as: note cards, stamps, teas, books of all types, lotions, tissues, game books, hand held games, small packages of candies (some sugar free), gum, life savers, etc. (use your imagination) can be left at the office with "PW" marked on the bag for us to pick up. We will also need some bakers for cookies the week we package. The blankets donated by Beth Smiley last year are still being used and were beautiful. Thank you in advance for helping us bring joy to others.

Our next meeting is the first Monday of December around 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. We look forward to having you join us. No special invitation is needed, just come and share your thoughts with us.

God bless each of you,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth
PW Correspondant



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.

- **In this day and age when everyone seems so busy, share your smile.**

Smile - It Is Free!

A smile is cheer from you to me,
The cost is nothing; you see it is free,
They console the weary and gladden the sad,
And can make someone happy when they are mad,
Unlike blessings in which we pray,
It is the only thing you can keep when you give it away.

- **An Autumn Recipe to Share**

Waldorf Salad
Serves 4-6

*1 cup diced celery, 1 cup diced red apples with skin on, ½ cup broken walnuts or pecans,
¾ cup mayonnaise, ¼ cup sour cream, 1 tsp. sugar, 1 cup red seedless grapes,
1 cup raisins, sprinkle of salt to taste.*
In a pretty bowl combine all the ingredients. Chill and serve.
Crunchy and good!

- **Humorous Church Signs**

“Every day above ground is a good day” (Church of God of Prophecy, Mississippi)

“God didn’t create anything without a purpose, mosquitoes come close (Bethany Lutheran Church)

“Choose the Bread of Life, or you will be toast” (Grace Baptist Church)

“Need a Lifeguard? Ours walks on water” (Dayspring Community Church)

“Can’t sleep, counting sheep? Come talk to the Shepherd” (Keystone Methodist Church)

“Wireless access to God, no roaming fee” (Texas Presbyterian)

**NEWS FLASH --
CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW:**

The Sunday school is getting ready for our annual collection of non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving baskets we provide to the food pantry. Please bring these items (many!?) to the large containers we will have in the Narthex and the entryway of Fellowship Hall. We will see that they get to the food pantry **distribution day, November 14**. That means when you read this, there will be two Sundays remaining before the deadline to bring in food - November 1 and November 8 - and help make the season better for others.

We are (Linda is) working on the Christmas pageant, which will take place on **December 20** this year. The whole Sunday school participates, and it is a highlight of the year.

We will also be working on a Sunday school Christmas project soon and, of course, the **Giving Tree** will go up in the Narthex late November or early December. Please teach your kids what it is like to do something really nice for someone else in need. (They are excellent consultants on what sorts of things to find for your recipient!)

We would like to start up the acolytes in earnest with some noticeable changes. We would have them process in front of the choir at the beginning of the church service, then light the candles and exit at the side steps. We would store various sized robes and the candle lighters in the choir closet in the parlor and acolytes would suit up there along with the choir. This would require a person to be in the Narthex to snag two kids to serve that Sunday and suit them up to line up with choir at back of church. This would NOT require a sign-up sheet and parental planning. This would be whoever shows up and wants to do it (less angst all around). What do you think? We need someone who consistently attends church to “snag and suit.” Could you be that person? Please think about this. We can start as soon as an adult (bless you!) steps forward.

As always, we thank you for your support of the Sunday school program and the kids and teachers!
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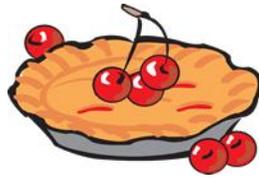
**FALL RUMMAGE SALE
Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7**

HELP IS NEEDED!

Please contact Glynnis Jorgensen at 914-804-5476 and let her know when you will be able to help her. Set-up will be during the week of November 2, Monday through Thursday around 5:00 p.m. or whenever you can get there.

The sale on Friday is from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Help with clean-up is especially needed. By this time, everyone is exhausted and many hands make light work. ***This is one of the church's biggest fund raiser and all the money earned goes to the General Fund.***

Because of limited space, please hold onto your donations and bring them to the church during the week of November 2.



SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

DEACONS' HOLIDAY FAIR

&

PWA Quilt Show & Bake Sale

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee hour hosts are needed for November and December.... good opportunity to doing something fabulous for the holidays! Maybe even a cookie swap?
If you have any questions, please contact Robin Knoblock at 313-1319.

TEEN VOICES

October 2015

The TEEN VOICES group has gotten off to a good start! We are continuing to explore current events from a teen perspective and a Biblical foundation. We took our Teen Voices into Action in October as we prepared and sent off *Cookies for College*. We wanted to remind our young adults at college and just starting out that FP Goshen is thinking of them. We hope this reminds them that they always have a church family at FPG. We want to thank the congregation for the overwhelming support for the Cookies for College project. The feedback from the recipients has been very positive!

The Teen Voices group meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30 am (just follow the signs!)

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Paty & Mark Glasse'

mpglasse@optonline.net or 845-325-4439

TEEN VOICES

Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:30 am
in
Teen/High School Meeting Room
(Just follow the signs)

TEEN VOICES at... 33.PARK...

We would like to thank the Boese Family for opening their home to us,
Pastor Kingsley for sharing his pumpkin carving knowledge
and

Bob Montalbano for sharing his musical talents with us.

Thank you for making the Campfire evening a success!

What's happening in November?

In November we plan to support the theatrically talented teens of Goshen High School by attending their play on November 6 or 7.

We are still checking to see which date works best for the majority.

Also Teen Voices in Action will be learning to prepare a meal one Sunday in November after their Sunday morning meeting.

More info to follow.

Stay tuned...



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

- ❖ Saturday – December 5, 2015
- ❖ The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen
33 Park Place – Goshen NY 10924
- ❖ Seatings - 8:30 & 10:00 AM
- ❖ Tickets- \$7.50 Per Person – ***PAID IN ADVANCE-***
Each child's ticket includes - pancake breakfast (which includes sausage, fruit cocktail, coffee, tea, juice), face painting & shopping for a special gift in the North Pole Gift Shoppe for that special someone.
- ❖ Craft vendors will be set up for some convenient holiday shopping.

You are welcome to take your own pictures.

Seating is Limited! Reservations required and accepted on a first come – first served basis through November 27, 2015.
Mail reservations or stop by the church office (294-7991) – Office hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SANTA BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Number Attending: Adults: _____ Children: _____

Seating Preference: 8:30: _____ 10:00: _____

(Please print information - & circle or check preferred seating time. Thanks)

Return to: First Presbyterian Church – 33 Park Place- Goshen NY 10924

Attention: ***Santa Breakfast***

Make Checks Payable to: **First Presbyterian Church**



**POINSETTIAS to adorn our Sanctuary
ORDERING DEADLINE DEC. 3**

In honor of the birth of our Savior and in celebration of this glorious season, please consider helping us to decorate our Sanctuary with beautiful red, white, pink, and marbled poinsettias. They will be placed in the church for Sunday, December 20 and remain for the Christmas Eve candlelight service. One may take them home after the Christmas Eve service.

Kindly consider ordering a plant in honor of or in memory of a special person(s) or loved ones, or simply to the Glory of God and in celebration of Christ's birth. **THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS THURSDAY, DEC. 3. All orders must be accompanied with a check.** Please complete the form below and submit with your payment of \$12.99 per plant made payable to the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen (put **Poinsettias** in the memo) or call the Church Office (294-7991), Betty Lobb, 294-6344, Carolyn Keller 294-5508 or Carol Gabella 342-4367.

Thank you for helping us honor Christmas with festive flowers!

Yes, I would like to order Christmas poinsettias for the Sanctuary as follows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Color</u>
_____	Red
_____	White
_____	Pink
_____	Marbled
_____	Total @ \$12.99 each = \$_____ due



Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen (put **Poinsettia** in the memo) and place in the offering plate or give to Betty, Carolyn, or Carol

Given by: _____

(Kindly PRINT as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)

To the Glory of God and:

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In celebration of: _____

To honor the birth of Jesus Christ: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Who's In?

Game night for those over 21!
Time to relax and LOL!

Apples to Apples
Trivia Pursuit
Pictionary
Guesstures
or if you have a game...

BRING IT ON!!!!

**When: November 14th
@ 8:00PM**

Where: Fellowship Hall

Please bring a finger food, popcorn or dessert.

Hosted by Outreach and Fellowship Committee.
Please call Robin Knoblock for info 845 313 1319



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?

Any questions/please feel free to contact me.

Mark Glasse' (845)325-4439 or mpglasse@optonline.net

Editor's Note: Lori Baird's story on the Midnight Run is one in a series of columns that will appear regularly in "The Tower Tie" highlighting the mission work that takes place in our church. Guest columnists will share stories on distributing food to our neighbors, constructing housing with Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh, building cultural bridges in Nicaragua through Bridges to Community and bringing food, clothing and conversation to the homeless in NYC through Midnight Run Inc. Our church has been participating in the Midnight Run for nearly twenty years. If you would like to write about our mission work, contact Sue Varden.

My Father's Mission

By Lori Baird

When asked to write about Midnight Run and what it's about, I was at a loss as to where to start. I suppose, to tell that story properly, would take me starting from the beginning: my childhood.

I was raised by my mother and grandmother, who would be in the kitchen, sun up to sun down, cooking, baking, canning and hauling their food treasures to either a church dinner/fundraiser, Veteran's dinner, American Legion Auxiliary community dinner, meals for the shut-ins or senior citizens meal-share. Our kitchen was always in use! But, it felt like they never stopped. Nor did I. I was young. Able bodied. And they worked me, or so it seemed sometimes. I was the canner, the box hauler, the meal deliverer, the cleaner upper. But, I also learned a valuable lesson with all of that work: it made a difference to the lives of others. This was my Mission beginning that has no end.

Fast forward to approximately 8 years ago. I was introduced to the Midnight Run coordinator at First Presbyterian Church in Cornwall via Anne Wood. Anne was looking to do a Run and needed someone to go with her, so we went to see how Cornwall organized their Run and to go on one with them. That moment I said 'Yes', changed my life.

I learned that the non-profit Midnight Run organization has been doing Runs through NYC, feeding, clothing and ministering to the neediest for over 25 years. That may not sound like an impressive amount of time, until you learn that the man behind the wheel of this well oiled operation, was homeless himself for quite some time, with no business experience. He helped build a network that the homeless can follow on the web via free library computers, that links clusters of homeless with food and clothing, delivered by churches, schools, civic organizations and private groups. There are no less than 6 Runs per night during the week and there are as many day brunch Runs and night Runs on the weekends.

It is so well coordinated that there are now over 3,000 different groups that have done Midnight Runs and once they finish one, they look to do another. Everyone seems to get bitten by the same bug that bit me! What is truly impressive is the love and care that the gentleman organizing this whole operation has shown to his fellow man. He knows what it was like to sleep on the cold concrete, over a steam grate or on a bench, in the bitter cold as well as the blistering summers. He remembered and refused to forget those that helped him survive those trying times. He did not start the Midnight Run organization: he was a recipient of its donations and a few short years after its start, took the helm!

Fast forward again. The following year, I organized a group to do a night Run and we were there on a frigid, blustering winter night. I couldn't feel my fingertips and I was bemoaning the fact that I didn't buy warm enough gloves and that I would have to purchase a pair a.s.a.p.! We were done with the pre-designated stops and heading toward the G.W. Bridge. It was about 3 am and we came to a stop light. There was a pile of boxes and it seemed they had been blown up into a doorway. They just didn't look right to me.

We should have kept going, not deviate from the route, but something told me to stop. We got out, yelled "Midnight Run", to no response. Against my better judgement, I walked to the box and yelled again, only to hear a moan. I said that we had food, coffee and asked if the gentleman would like some. He barely moved the

boxes and I was speechless. Frank, as we learned he was named, was in the rattiest coat I've ever seen, no hat or gloves, shoes that were beyond use and he was freezing. He was shaking cold. He was given coffee, hot soup, several sandwich bags, clothing, and to his amazement, a fresh coat. He was so grateful. As he warmed, he kept thanking us and talking to us as if he didn't want us to leave. Usually at that hour, we encounter people wanting to sleep for the night, but he was now ready to chat. We didn't stay long, but we did what we could for him and then had to say our goodbyes. I left there hoping he was going to make the winter or even the next night. It was apparent that he was no stranger to the street, yet he was a good looking, educated man, that seemed out of place. I often think that at any time, it could be any one of us to lose all we have and be so needy. That scene played in my mind every night for a long time and still does every time I do a Run. It never lets me forget why Mission is so important to my life and to others.

My father passed when I was barely 4 of a massive heart attack at age 52. I often wonder what he really looked like. I just don't remember and we had a flood that took most of our family photos when I was little.

His name was Francis Edward Baird, Frank to a select few.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This year Pastor Kingsley has asked me to chair the Stewardship Committee. The goal this year is to get "our commitment giving" back to where it had been in the past. I am pleased to chair the committee and trust that our efforts will be rewarded.

We ask you to consider tithing a portion of your income to the church. I know that you are aware of the needs of the church and will make your prayerfully-considered commitment to keep God's work moving forward in our church, community, and the world. What I am asking you to do, in addition to your monetary commitment, is to make the effort to commit of your time and talents as well. To renew Christ's new covenant he made with us at the Last Supper, we are asked to give of ourselves. If a committee chair contacts you for help, please step out of your comfort zone and say "Yes."

We are always best when we are working together for a common cause, especially if that cause is to help our fellow voyagers on this God-created earth.

Sincerely,
William E. Eustance
Stewardship Chair

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2015

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 **345** and *our assessment per member* (not per family) *for 2015 is \$31.00*, which is a total of *\$10,695.00* to be taken from our operating budget. **As of August 31, 2015 \$6,757.00 has been paid.** 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.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

2	<i>Darcy McDowell</i>	18	<i>David Kingsley</i>
	<i>Derek Holt</i>		<i>Bob Montalbano</i>
3	<i>Dina Viebrock</i>	19	<i>Emma Boardman</i>
5	<i>Joan Columbus</i>		<i>Beth Laskoski</i>
7	<i>Emma Glasse</i>		<i>Julie Turi</i>
8	<i>Kathy Stringer</i>	21	<i>Robert Fitzpatrick</i>
9	<i>Michael Knoblock</i>	22	<i>Brian Taylor</i>
	<i>Sara Hankins</i>	24	<i>Kathy Alevras</i>
10	<i>Jeff Totton</i>		<i>Amy Fontana</i>
11	<i>Sarah Grace Puelzl</i>	25	<i>Elizabeth Ukejiana</i>
12	<i>Pat Green</i>	26	<i>Jon Hourahan</i>
14	<i>Ria Chionchio</i>	28	<i>Anthony Chionchio</i>
	<i>Kiersten Holt</i>		<i>Danielle Diglio</i>
17	<i>Taylor Knoblock</i>	30	<i>Robert Kingsley</i>
	<i>Egidio Walsh</i>		<i>Sue Stenson</i>

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

11 *Craig and Arlete Shaeffer*

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:

- *Kaeli Varden-Jones and Dan Jones on their marriage on September 26 in Garrison, New York. The couple resides at Forest Hills and both work in Manhattan.*
- *David Wright, son of Phyla Wright, who was inducted into the SUNY Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame on September 26, 2015.*

THANK YOU

By the time you read this note, a team of our church members and community friends, will have gone on a Midnight Run. 200 sandwiches, gallons of hot soup and coffee and clothes will have been distributed through the night to those most needy on the streets of NYC. Thank you to everyone who donated food, clothes, drove or gave of your time in any way. Your generosity and spirit of giving is greatly appreciated.

DEACON'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

9AM-3PM

The Deacon's Annual Holiday Fair is filling up fast with vendors for this fun filled event! The Fellowship Hall and Bradner Room will be filled with vendors selling handmade crafts, soaps, jewelry, woodwork and so much more. It needs to be seen to be believed! Come on, come all and get your Thanksgiving hostess gifts and get an early start on your holiday shopping. If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor, please contact Lori Baird @ 845-200-5640.

The Quilt Show is back this year! Lovely handmade quilts, many from the last century and earlier, will be on display in the Sanctuary for all to see their amazing artistry. If you have questions or have a quilt you would like to display, please contact Barbara Hankins @ 294-8410, Kathy Alexras @ 496-9619, or BA Long @ 343-7571.

The Presbyterian Women's Association is once again selling their delicious baked goods at the Bake Sale during the Fair. From cakes and cookies to pies and brownies, there will be a little something for everyone! If you would like to donate a baked item, please see any one of the Presbyterian Women at church.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a free traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our church members and the local community on Saturday, November 14. Everyone is welcome!!

A hearty feast of turkey, ham, mashed and sweet potatoes, green beans, stuffing, cranberries and all the trimmings including pies, will be served at 5:30 p.m. Afterward, the fun continues with board games for the whole family!

If you would like to contribute a food item, help in the set up or clean up or help in the kitchen, please call: Lori Baird @ 845-200-5640.

We hope to see you there!



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
Donna Marino Ball
Ann (Strong) Blake
Aryanna Brahs
Jean Chang
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Sally Dorritie
Evie and Family
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
Barbara and George Hankins
Bill Howell
Rosemary Joy
Jeff Knox
Adre and Tanika Magill
Riley Martin
Evelyn Mercado
Lisa Montalbano
Jean Musgrave
Nina and Jason
Alice Paffenroth
Rachel Reeves
Tom Sawyer
Dorothy Sevcik
The Smith Family
Peggy Srirach
Jean Stukey
The Family of Myrna Tucker
Cindy Vanderplatt
The Wade Family
Jo Wolfe
Orra Wood

Lori Baird
Josephine Bartley and Family
Sarah Bohling
Craig Calzaretta
Sharon Conlon
Suzanne DeBlock
David Dzierzek
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Kate Goodspeed
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Bob and Maureen Johnson
Carolyn Keller's father
Betty and Robert Lobb
Kelly Magee Thrush
Andy Marussich
Jeff Monroe
Richard Montalbano
Eileen Myslinski
Nick K.
Dave and Wendy Paffenroth
The Family of Russell Reynolds
Fred Schwarz
Sandy Shores
David Paul Spradlin
Elmer Stevens
Suzanne Thomas
Butch Turley
Kenya VanZandt
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood's brother-in-law
Sharon Worden

Rosa B.
Ed Berry
Susie Bohling
Mary Carr
Steve and Carol Coon
Joe Destefano
Everyone serving in the Military
Ben Fisher
Dorothy Gott
Carol Hoffman
Susan Johnson
Laura and Tom Kennedy
James Magee
Gavin Martin
The McCloud Family
Joseph Montalbano
Jude Monteleone
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Velma Peters
Tim Richardson
Bryan Scott and Family
Matt Skyer and Family
Jackson Spradlin
Jean Strong
Christopher Tucker
Kim Valentini and Family
Rebecca Vives
Doris Weinberger
Sandra Wood
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.)

Maney-Hawkins Meditation

Garden

NOVEMBER 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.

12 Niches 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 NOVEMBER and early DECEMBER Steward's Schedule:

Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende:	November 1 – November 15
Barbara and George Hankins:	November 16 –November 30
Bill Eustance, Jen & Gregg Piller:	December 1 – December 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.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2016

**Cliff Bartley
Geri Corey
John Redman
Tom Sawyer
Mal Stewart
Jo Wolfe**

Class of 2017

**Robert Johnson
Robin Knoblock
Karen Magee
Anne Tuthill
Grover vonPentz
Rob Warner**

Class of 2018

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

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2016

**Wendy Donohue
Bill Eustance
Gina Gruber
John Gruber
Carolyn Keller
Lisa Montalbano**

Class of 2017

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

Class of 2018

**Lori Baird
Laura Colacci
Carol Gabella
Paty Glasse
Tina McCloud
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller**

**Co-Moderators of Deacons: Carolyn Keller and Carol Gabella
Presbyterian Women:**

STAFF

**Robert Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music
Pat Schwetje, Church Secretary
Kim Hoernig, Church Treasurer
Richard Paulus, Financial Secretary
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**