

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a great old saying I first heard long ago: our spiritual life is like a garden; if you don't tend and care for it, the weeds will take over everywhere. This, I learned, is true for both an actual garden and the garden of the spiritual heart.

If we compare our spiritual hearts/lives to a garden, we find that there are three garden beds: worship, community service, and personal spiritual growth. These are the three main areas out of which grow everything we do spiritually. I think most of us, with our busy schedules, do one of two things. We either see the weeds in one garden bed and start pulling, while letting the others go, or we look at the weeds and say, "Why bother? I can get what I want someplace else." That is where the metaphor of our spiritual lives as gardens tends to fail us.

We still think of gardening as a hobby, and if we want fresh fruits and vegetables, we can go out to the Farmer's Market in Church Park and buy them. A spiritual life, though, isn't something we can shore up by buying it somewhere else. You can't buy a spiritual life, just as you can't buy experience. Spiritual growth that yields fruit means we need to tend our garden. We need to find the balance in our lives that allows us to nourish our personal spiritual life while giving to the community of faith through service and worship. Each of these things may find a unique rhythm in your life, perhaps focusing on personal spiritual growth during summer and switching to service during the winter months. Your garden rhythm speaks volumes to how you keep weeds at bay.

But what are the weeds of a spiritual garden? They are many, just like a real garden. But if we were to ask what are the pigweed and lambs quarter of our souls (in other words, the perennially tough weeds that always need weeding), we would find that they are apathy and delusion. Apathy is the weed that thinks that it doesn't matter if we tend our spiritual soul. "I'll do it someday," says apathy. "I'm a good person." "I don't have time right now." "I just don't feel like it." These are the ways that apathy allows our hearts to become overrun and dried out. The other weed, delusion, tells us that there is no spiritual heart, that we can do whatever we want and God will love us anyway. It tells us that nothing matters unless we say it does, and what's really important in life is having fun. And lastly it says, "If you haven't yet experienced a real connection with God in a deep way, then it must not be true." These are the messages of the weed delusion. They are the great smoke screens that keep us stumbling around among the weeds, wondering why there isn't any real spiritual fruit in our lives and why God seems so far away.

Our spiritual lives are meant to gain strength from our actual daily lives, meaning that gardening can have a real influence on our spiritual lives by showing us how things work. Here's the reality: to get tomatoes, you have to plant tomato seeds. Then you have to fertilize, water, weed, and stake them. That's how it's done. That's real. The same goes for our spiritual lives; the seeds have been planted. Now you need to nourish, water, weed, and help them stand up and mature into fruits bearing faith. That's real.

So that's the thought. Lots of weeds, sure, but go ahead and start. You won't get them all, but you'll get most of them, and that means fruit!

See you all this fall!
Pastor Kingsley

OCTOBER SETTLES US INTO FALL



By now, we have realized that summer has really passed, it's cooler, and we are living into the fall season in all its glory. The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting longer, and nature is changing its course. Each year, there is that dying-rebirth process that is often reflected in our lives as well. The one thing we can always rely on, the one constant in all of life, is CHANGE.

We are changing, and our church is changing. We now have two services instead of one, and we have additional opportunities to learn and grow in our Christian education. With change often comes discomfort in the beginning. We may feel unsure, out of place, or just not "at home." But, speaking for myself, I have just charged forth and gone with the flow to see if I might experience something new or discover a new way of looking at faith and life. I have.

I am seeing how all that we do in our church is very much interrelated. We worship in song and spoken word; we fellowship together at two coffee hours following the services; we learn and deepen our faith through Christian education; we reach out to our community with groups that meet within our space; we feed the hungry, clothe the needy, and provide blankets for warmth and shawls for comfort—not only within our community but also in the world at large. Our Christian service and outreach defines us as a congregation.

We are a MINISTRY CHURCH—living the gospel from within our hearts outward to everyone with whom we come into contact. Consider for a moment the power of presence. Sometimes, we are ministering in some way just by being present and listening to another person. Ministering could be saying a kind word to an overworked supermarket cashier as you are in a hurry to get home; smiling at someone and nodding; letting another car have the right-of-way; or just asking the simple question, "Hey, what's going on with you these days?" Ministry is serving. I have recently been feeling the interrelatedness of us all—we have the same needs, wants, and desires. What can we do to lighten someone else's load? If we were to pause and really consider this at the beginning of each day, it would make a big difference in how we live our lives.

Just look at the ministering that goes on around us—rehearsing for choir; making shawls; serving a community dinner; sitting under the tent and selling fall plants; preparing for lessons; making midnight runs; building homes in Central America; using skills to build houses for Habitat for Humanity; turning the lights on and closing down the buildings; serving communion; greeting visitors; reading; lighting the candles; putting the sanctuary back in order; changing flowers; opening our doors to NA, AA, and FA; inquiring about someone's illness at coffee hour; offering to drive someone to an appointment; baking a cake; bending down to pick up a stray article on the floor and putting it back; saying, "That was really nice;" counting the collection; and singing hymns. It's a heart thing. Open it up and let it flow.

We have a myriad of opportunities for service in our church. Think about what speaks to you, what moves you the most, and what causes your heart to open when you see the need before you. It's the opening of the heart that is the key. Commit, serve, and love with compassion. Get involved with helping someone else in some small way. It will move us beyond ourselves and, consequently, be healing for our own lives as well.

Robert Clooney
Ministry of Music and Service at Large

“A CHURCH STILL BUILDING”

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH HOME **2008 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

The 2008 Operating Budget consists of operating revenues and expenses only, not capital expenses needed to maintain and improve our church home and grounds. The Operating Budget consists of income and expenses anticipated for the day-to-day operation of the church facilities and programs.

The Finance and Administration Committee has prepared a Capital Budget for prioritized capital expenses to maintain and improve our church home and grounds. The plan is to fund the Capital Budget through an annual Capital Fund Campaign targeted specifically for need-based projects.

The Finance and Administration Committee and the Property Management Committee will work collectively to fund and complete the following 2008 prioritized projects:

2008 Capital Fund Budget

1. Continue church and Fellowship Hall masonry repairs that are needed desperately (the small towers on either side of the rear Tiffany window are pulling away from the wall)—approximate cost: \$18K
2. Church Park drainage (the Village of Goshen DPW has already asked permission from First Presbyterian Church to install a catch basin)—approximate cost: \$5K
3. Repair one church sanctuary window—approximate cost: \$2K

The above costs are estimates, and all projects will move forward after several bids are received and evaluated.

Our church home needs your financial support for the 2008 Capital Campaign—an amount you agree to pledge over and above any 2008 pledge you already made toward our 2008 Operating Budget. You can pay the Capital Campaign pledge in periodic increments or in a lump sum between now and the end of the year.

Please ponder your 2008 Capital Fund Campaign contribution prayerfully, and complete the form below:

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

“A CHURCH STILL BUILDING”

I/We intend to contribute a total of \$_____ in 2008.

I/We will be providing it at \$_____per ___ week or ___ month

Signature_____Date _____

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (PW) NOTEWORTHY NEWS

At the September meeting, the ladies present decided that we will place a paver into the memorial garden. The paver will read, "*Given by: Presbyterian Women.*" We are sure that many of us will find time to sit in that lovely garden and reflect on how wonderful life has been to us.

We also decided that the October 11 community dinner, which we are hosting, will be a turkey dinner. Jean Strong will donate a turkey, but I am sure we could use a second one if anyone wants to donate one also. We will add mashed potatoes, stuffing, applesauce, corn casserole, and a variety of desserts to the menu. If anyone would like to join us that evening in preparing the meal, donating a dish, or just helping us, we would gladly welcome you. Watch the bulletin for the time. Don't be shy; come and have an evening of fellowship with us and people from the community.

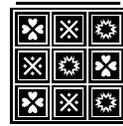
We discussed the possibility of having coffee and treats at the rummage sale. This will be discussed further at our October 6 meeting. Also, *we are counting on all of you for your support at the craft fair, during which we will have our bake sale.* Last year, you overwhelmed us with your support. We hope that we can top last year's sale. The date of the fair and bake sale is November 22, so mark your calendars now and make us your special desserts.

We hope you will join us at our next meeting on Monday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor. All are welcome.

God bless each of you,

Wendy Paffenroth
Secretary, PW

CALLING ALL QUILTS...



Yes, we are asking members of the congregation to donate quilts for the purpose of displaying them during the craft fair on November 22. We would like to do a quilt display in the sanctuary, and admission would be a canned good or a dollar for the food pantry.

Any quilt would be welcomed—a family heirloom, a child's quilt, a wedding quilt, etc. The possibilities are endless. Quilts would be set up on Friday night, November 21. Each quilt could have a card on display with the owner's name and the story behind the quilt.

If you could help us make this a *wonderful event*, please contact Wendy Paffenroth at 258-4826 or at mapaff@hotmail.com. If you could help us with this project, please let me know also. Thank you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM)
First Anniversary

Yes, an entire year has passed. Give a few ladies each a hook and a few miles of yarn, and what wonders they can create! As of Sunday, September 14, the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, NY, has given 184 gifts of shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets. If you weren't in church that day, here is the breakdown of the number of gifts given:

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Number of Gifts</u>
For illness, infirmed, and surgery	126
For new baby or baptism	19
For bereavement	15
For weddings and celebrations	12
Other (e.g., military mom's, friendship)	<u>12</u>



Total: 184

After that church service, another eight or so shawls were requested.

Where did the gifts go? They are all over the place. From the journal, I found that we sent shawls to Pennsylvania, Virginia, Massachusetts, New York, Florida, Tennessee, Utah, Texas, New Jersey, Maine, Ohio, New Hampshire, Vermont, North Carolina, Iowa, Indiana, Washington, California, South Carolina, Connecticut, Mexico, and England. Many were also sent to wrap the shoulders of members of our own church. Those that traveled to far-off places usually went to friends and relatives of church members.

Some of the ladies are hoping that we get some new bodies to join our group. We would love some new faces and some new ideas. The shawl ministry is a wonderful outreach from our church, and the blessings come back tenfold.

Congratulations to all the members of the ministry, and thanks to those church members that kept us working all year. Your support has been felt by all. Also, congratulations to Joan Howell, who placed an entry in the Ulster County Fair this summer. She took home a blue ribbon for her crocheting. Guess this puts her into the expert category. **Way to go, Joan!**

Hugs,

Wendy Paffenroth
Journal Keeper, PSM

Child Abuse Prevention Training

The Presbytery of the Hudson River Christian Facilitator will be offering child abuse prevention training at the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen. If you are a volunteer, are thinking about being a volunteer, or are working with children and youth at our church, you are **required to attend the child abuse prevention training**. If you are a New York State mandated reporter of child abuse (including certified teacher, clergy, registered/licensed nurse, physician, psychologist, social worker, etc.), you will not be required to take this training. If you are a church employee or a member of the Christian Education Committee and are not a New York State mandated reporter, you are required to attend this course.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please do not hesitate to call me at 294-6443 or e-mail me at karensmagee@hotmail.com.

To participate in this class, please **complete the form below** and place it in the collection plate or the church office.

The class will be offered on **Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the parlor**. The fee for the training is \$10 per person to cover the workbook cost. Scholarship funds are available if needed. Please contact me regarding scholarship funds.

This will be our last training for the 2008-2009 school year. If you are unable to attend, please notify me as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to educate yourself and to protect our children.

Karen Magee, Chairperson
Christian Education Committee
First Presbyterian Church in Goshen

Child Abuse Prevention Training
Registration Form
October 25, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address (for information to be sent): _____

Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

____ I am a New York State mandated reporter and have completed a training program to meet the requirements of my profession.



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
Sarah Burrows
Barbara Caruso
Grace Cook
Phyllis Cummings
Mary DeFreece
Joshua DePew
Steve Fischbein
Albert Gabella
Ann Graham
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Jessica
Evelyn Kingsley
Marni Lewis and Michael
Helen Matthews
Jeff Monroe
Richard Mudrick and Family
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Claire O'Brien
Peter
Jack Richner
Dorothy Rose
Kevin Schuler
Ken Skyer and Family
Peggy Srirach
Judy Thompson
Isiah Warren and Family
Jean Wade
Paul and Phyla Wright

Cynthia Atterbury
Cheryl Campbell and Family
Susan Caslick
Ethan Cox
Richard Damiani
Bob Dennis
Everyone serving in the Military
Ben Fisher
Fran Genovese
Mary Gray Griffith
Pete Howell
Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen
Lyndsay Krutki
BA Long
Anita McCarthy
Lisa Montalbano
Eileen Myslinski
Patty Northrup
Ann Ott
Phil Pines
Trudi Roach
Kevin Ross
Fred Schwarz
Sandy Soons
Ron and Kathy Stringer
Fannie and George Tietze
Jen Vitho
Eugene Walters

Haley Buckley
Mary Carr
Brandy Charles
Jean Crandall
Sylvester Damiani
Amy DePew
Pat Farley
Mary Fulford
The George Family
Barbara and George Hankins
Walter Jensen
Kim
Laura
Margaretta Macica
Evelyn Mercado
Barbara Morgiewicz
Robert Neil
Janet Oberg
Amy Pemberton
Lisa Reynolds
Robyn
Ted Sandstrom
Valerie Simonian
Walter and Louise Spencer
Bill and Jean Strong
Lori Turner's sister and friend
Wendy Bynum-Wade and Family
Orra and Dale Wood

(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.)

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 **337** and *our assessment per member* (not per family) for **2008 is \$26.00**, which is a total of **\$8,762.00** 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 source of giving opportunity for many of our members and friends. Check out the Giving Tree located on the table by the front entrance and make your donation toward a special project of your choice. There are envelopes beneath the tree and can be used to either mail back to the church or place in the offering plate. **Thanks for you support.**

Adult Christian Education

The upcoming schedule for the Christian issues classes, which are held in Fellowship Hall, is listed below.

Date	Topic	Speaker
Oct. 5	Christian Issues Round Table Discussion (come and share your vision for this class)	Everyone
Oct. 12	Child abuse prevention (we'll discuss our role as stewards of children)	Jack Austin— Child Protective Services
Oct. 19	TBA	TBA
Oct. 26	Understanding the presence of sexual abuse in our society and ways the community can create a change to end it	Jennifer Munger— advocate to end sexual violence/child sex abuse survivor
Nov. 2	The Hunger Project—a global, strategic organization committed to the sustainable end of world hunger (check out the website to see what they are doing: www.thp.org)	John Coonrod— VP Strategy & Impact Carol Coonrod— Regional Director for US Funding

Also, an ongoing Bible study is being held in the parlor through December. Both classes run from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You are welcome to attend either of these classes at any time. Feel free to bring a neighbor or friend!

RUMMAGE SALE

It's that time again! It's time to clean out your closets, attics, basements, etc. We'll take your gently-used castoffs for our fall rummage sale, which will be held on Friday, October 24, and Saturday, October 25. We will begin collecting items on Monday, October 20.

We will be setting up Monday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The sale is on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Much help is needed both during the week to sort and price items and on the sale days. Please come and join us. We have a lot of fun and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please call Glynnis Jorgensen at 294-3970 (evenings).

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Dominick Fontana</i>	19	<i>Daniel Spencer</i>
2	<i>Charlie Bynum</i>	20	<i>Diane Church</i>
4	<i>Brendan Donohue</i>		<i>Teresa vonPentz</i>
5	<i>Matthew Skyer</i>	22	<i>Donna Neil</i>
7	<i>Margaret Dickover</i>		<i>Stuart Bryson</i>
	<i>Matthew Gould</i>	23	<i>Thomas Gruber</i>
9	<i>Loretta Richner</i>	24	<i>Carl Johnson</i>
	<i>Fred Smith</i>		<i>Nancy Smith</i>
14	<i>Sarah McDowell</i>		<i>Susan Paffenroth</i>
15	<i>Kayla Branson</i>	26	<i>Aidan Diglio</i>
16	<i>Diane George</i>	27	<i>Christine Fenner</i>
17	<i>David White</i>	30	<i>Wendy Donohue</i>
18	<i>Michele White</i>		<i>Dylan Castellano</i>

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

3	<i>Wayne and Diane George</i>
8	<i>Alan and Elizabeth Sproul</i>
13	<i>John and Maryellen Bruno</i>
17	<i>Dave and Wendy Paffenroth</i>
19	<i>Bob and Lisa Montalbano</i>
21	<i>Cliff and Darlene Bartley</i>
22	<i>Richard and Robin Paulus</i>
	<i>Darren and Lori Turner</i>
	<i>Carl and Elfriede Johnson</i>
23	<i>Dominick and Amy Fontana</i>



If you are also celebrating a special day, we wish you much happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Robert Kingsley and Samantha Martin on the birth of their daughter, Kylie June, on September 9. Kylie weighed 7 ½ lbs. The proud grandparents are David and Mary Kingsley.*
- *Douglas Scott Wade and Marci Ann Van De Weert who were united in holy matrimony on September 27, 2008 in the garden of The Round Hill House, Washingtonville. The couple honeymooned in Cozumel and Cancun.*
- *Reverend Kingsley who has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Goshen Chamber of Commerce to receive their 2008 “Person of the Year” Award. He will be honored at their annual Dinner Dance on November 7 at the Gardens on Caltin Creek.*
- *Lee Bush who won first place in the Division III level of the New York State competition of the National School Bus Safety Poster Contest. He entered the state competition after winning first place in the Orange-Ulster-Sullivan countywide level of the National School Bus Safety Poster Contest last spring when he was in seventh grade. His winning poster will be entered in the National Association for Pupil Transportation contest.*

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

OCTOBER UPDATE

We have all witnessed tremendous progress on the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden since September. The retaining wall has been erected, eighty inscribed pavers have been installed, and the center section of the garden is complete. To date, the Garden Committee has raised over \$56,200 (all from donations outside of the operating budget) for the garden.

The action plan for October is:

- 1) Complete the in-ground lighting system
- 2) Install the irrigation system for the future planting areas
- 3) Finish paving the two entrance walkways
- 4) Trim the existing maple tree
- 5) Plant a complementary tree opposite the existing maple tree across the labyrinth
- 6) Plant six spruce trees near the retaining wall around the labyrinth
- 7) Install the two Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden entrance signs

We have 90% of the budget for these projects but need our congregation's continued financial support to get them done before the winter arrives. We are only \$5,000 short of our goal! That means we need you to all prayerfully consider and **ACT** on purchasing niches in the columbarium wall.

The “pre-construction” cost of only \$2,500 per niche will be extended until October 31! Each double-niche allows for either double or single interment. Our son and brother Jonathan's cremains will be interred this month. We pray that our church family will continue to have the courage to “look forward” and plan for each of your family's futures. To date, eleven niches have been purchased, leaving seventeen more available for sale. **NOW is the time to purchase a niche, as you will be saving money and helping the garden come to completion.**

We would like to ask that you **consider purchasing an inscribed memorial paver to honor and remember a loved one. Pavers are only \$100 each,** and our garden has the capacity to expand to accept as many as you want. Please spread the word to the community at large, and remember, this is a non-denominational memorial meditation space and is open to everyone!

As we move into the fall and winter, please think about ways you can help with the planting phase of the garden that will begin next spring! **Throughout the winter, we will need contributions in honor and memory of loved ones for plants** as we begin the “finishing-touch phase” of our meditation space. The cost to fill the garden with plants and flowers is approximately \$5,000.

We are working toward a first dedication date, which will be on October 25 in conjunction with the Twist & Shout Benefit Concert. The dedication will support the garden's Phase I completion. For more information, please speak with Reverend Kingsley, see Pat in the church office, or call us (914-213-4093).

Thanks to everyone who contributes in so many ways to this awesome endeavor!

Peace and love,
Wayne, Diane, and Jenna George

MISSION POSSIBLE

FISH & CHIPS DINNER—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

That's the big news and all we're currently thinking about. I'll tell you why. The Yankees are out of it. It's fall and the leaves are slipping off their perches on high (as are the Mets). Football is here, but it's a little early to get crazy. Sooooo, we turn our attention to the big Fish & Chips Dinner.

On a more serious note, there are two main reasons to come to a church: to praise the Lord and to try to do his work on earth. Our fish dinner is raising funds for others. In this case, we are raising funds for Habitat for Humanity. Every cent goes to them. In the process, we get a chance for fellowship and a really great meal.

The cooking is being done by Tastefully British, who has been doing this for decades and is known throughout the area for their fine meals. They were here a while ago with the Boy Scouts, and everyone wanted to know when they were coming back.

The serving will be done by members of the Mission Committee with the much-needed, invaluable assistance of the Boy Scouts.

More than fish and chips, there will be coleslaw (supplied by Tastefully British), beverages, and desserts (supplied by the fine, talented bakers of the Mission Committee), all for the low prices of \$12 per adult and \$6 per child.

You can eat in or take it home. If you're staying (and we hope you do), there are two seatings, one at 5:30 p.m. and another at 6:30 p.m.

Now, you say you don't like fish. O.K. For our congregation only, we will arrange to have chicken and chips for you. But we need to know all of this info and have your payment by October 13. Tastefully British needs to know how much they have to purchase.

We have to sell a minimum of 150 dinners, so tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives. Feel free to step up and ask to take a few flyers or tickets for spreading the word.

ARMED SERVICES PACKAGES—We are committed to our troops. Packages keep going out, so PLEASE tell us if you know someone in the service to whom you'd like to have a package sent! We're always looking for new soldiers so that we can send packages to them.

LINUS PROJECT—Coming soon: BLANKET DAY ON OCTOBER 4

HABITAT & PRESBYBUILD—They are beginning work on a new house on September 26. If you'd like to work on one, I will arrange that for you.

FOOD PANTRY—On September 13, we had more people needing food than ever before. Because the amounts of food supplies at all food banks are lower than ever, we will have to cut back on how many bags we give out. Very sad.

CROP WALK—If you're looking for a way to work off those calories from the fish dinner, you may want to join us on **October 26** for the annual Crop Walk. It's always a good time and a pretty easy walk to raise money to fight hunger!

COMMUNITY DINNER—We have to double-check with Geri Corey, but we believe our next community dinner is on November 8.

Our next Mission meeting is probably on Sunday, October 12, after church in the Bradner room. All are welcome to come and join our group.

First Rotation from the Book of Daniel

The Sunday school is busy with our first rotation from the Book of Daniel. The central point is that Daniel and his friends continued to do what was right and good, even when other people did not like what they did. The students will be given an opportunity to discuss when they did the right things, even when it was hard. We will also have the opportunity to spend time talking about prayer and the importance of praying each day.

Over the course of the next few weeks, your students will be making prayer books, lion crafts, and sample lion “puppy” chow. They will also play (what else?) lion games.

During the first week of the rotation, we concentrated on Daniel and his friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego), who refused to turn their backs on God and trusted that he would care for them. After the first week, it was time to study the more familiar story of Daniel in the lions’ den.

The classrooms for grades 4-5-6 and 7-8 are on the second floor above the sanctuary. The classrooms for Pre K-K and grades 1-2-3 are near the Bradner Room on the ground level, under Fellowship Hall. Students are invited to go to coffee hour from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., when all the classes for students and adults begin. At the end of class (10:15 a.m.), students will return to Fellowship Hall and meet their parents.

I want to thank all my teachers and helpers, who are showing that managing Sunday school gives me an opportunity to see dedicated members of the church community in action. Thank you for all your support.

Susan Pierce

Youth Group Dates for October

Senior youth are welcome to join in on the fun of the following activities planned for October:

Sunday, October 5—The Bodies Exhibit: We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. for a trip to New York City to visit the Bodies Exhibit. The price is \$30 per person, and tickets must be purchased in advance. Anyone interested should contact Liese Boese or Barbara Lippert so that the money can be collected and the ticket purchased. The money must be given to Liese by September 28. A bag lunch or lunch money should be brought the day of the trip.

Sunday, October 12—Forest of Fear: Forest of Fear is held at Sterling Forest. Pricing was not available on the website, so please call Liese or Barbara for more information. We will need a head count in advance so we'll know how many parents we will need to help drive us. Call Liese or Barbara by October 10.

Sunday, October 19 – Youth Group Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

*****All senior youth interested in becoming involved should e-mail Barbara Lippert at barbaraanne62@aim.com so that we can add you to our e-mail list.**

NEW ADDRESS

Phil and Jane Pines
455 Schutt Road Extension
Apt. 218
Middletown, New York 10940

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The addition of an early service to our method of worship creates more opportunities for members to give their services back to the church. The Worship and Music Committee coordinates volunteers in the following areas:

Greeters—(needed for both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services) A greeter/Greeters can be an individual, two individuals, a couple, or an entire family. The tasks include arriving fifteen to twenty minutes early, standing in the narthex (preferably with name tags), and welcoming arriving worshippers.

Lay reader—(needed for the 10:30 a.m. service) The task is to read selected parts of the service. The church secretary, Pat Schwetje, will make your text available (by e-mail or pick-up), usually by the Wednesday prior to your reading.

Acolytes—Acolytes are members of our church family in the third grade or older.

Elders—Elders are needed to serve Communion on the first Sunday of every month, during Advent and Lent by intinction, and every Sunday during July and August (this year).

Lighting the Advent wreath candles—As we progress through the season of Advent, usually a family will participate in a short section of the worship service, reading a short text and lighting the candle(s) on the Advent wreath.

Good Friday service—Eight men are needed to read roles in a Passion play.

Sounds simple—and all the tasks are actually quite easy. If you add them up, there are nearly **five hundred** vital tasks that are filled by volunteers each year. Nearly ten volunteers are needed each week. Please help. Use the sign-up board in the narthex for greeting and reading, or contact Bruce Crandall (651-1483 / bcran12@earthlink.net) if you would give the gifts of your time and talent.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of GOSHEN FALL 2008 AFFINITY PROMOTION

Hudson Energy Services is offering for Affinity Program participants **ONLY** a Promotional **3 year fixed rate for gas of \$1.22 per CCF.**

This is our way of helping you lower your gas bills for the next three years and at the same time make a donation to our church. The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen will receive a monthly commission for every customer who signs up with Hudson Energy through The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen. The savings to the customer is the same savings that they would get had they signed up directly through Hudson Energy.

It is a WIN - WIN situation.

The Affinity Program can save you hundreds of dollars a year between the gas & electric!

Please fill out the enclosed form and either fax or mail it directly to Hudson Energy using the number provided on the bottom of the form. **For questions or to enroll by phone, please call Miriam Stiefel @ (845)228-3401.** Should you prefer to enroll online, please go to Hudson's website: www.HudsonEnergyServices.com and include our special promotion code: **FPCG-G.**

We are also offering a **3 year fixed rate for electric of \$0.135 per KWH.** O&R's August rate was over \$0.165 with the forecast being higher for the future. The electric promotion code is: **FPCG-E.**

If you choose to participate in both the gas & electric, please use Promotion Code FPCG-B.

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Dear Friends of First Presbyterian:

Collectively, we have talked for years about the need to make our church facilities more accessible. We have even gone so far as to identify specific areas to be addressed. Several groups within the church have even undertaken fundraising efforts to address these needs. The hearing-impaired can receive aids to use during the church service. The vision-impaired can utilize large print bulletins. But it's not enough! The time has come to stop talking about it and get it done.

Session has authorized the formation of an Accessibility Task Force for the purpose of identifying additional short/long term needs and exploring funding options to transform these findings into reality.

We are looking for help! We have several individuals already lined up who are interested in working on this committee, but we certainly will need more.

If you have an interest in working on any aspect of this project, please call one of us or leave your info (name, phone number, cell phone number, e-mail address, etc.) in the offering plate or in the church office with Pat. Once we determine what the needs really are, as well as their associated price tags, we'll have plenty of jobs to go around. Even if you have only a few minutes to give to send out letters, make follow-up phone calls, or give input along the way, we can use you.

We have often talked about how proud we are that our church home has been made available to so many others throughout the greater community for their activities. Let us take this next step, together, toward making our facilities truly inclusive for ALL who wish to worship and join with us in fellowship.

Please pass the word along if you know of people who are active in any of the groups currently using our building. We'd like their input and involvement as well. We will solicit them for volunteers individually, but it always works better if someone they know asks them first.

Thanks in advance for your willingness to get behind this task force in some way. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Blessings,

Bill Hodges
Chairperson

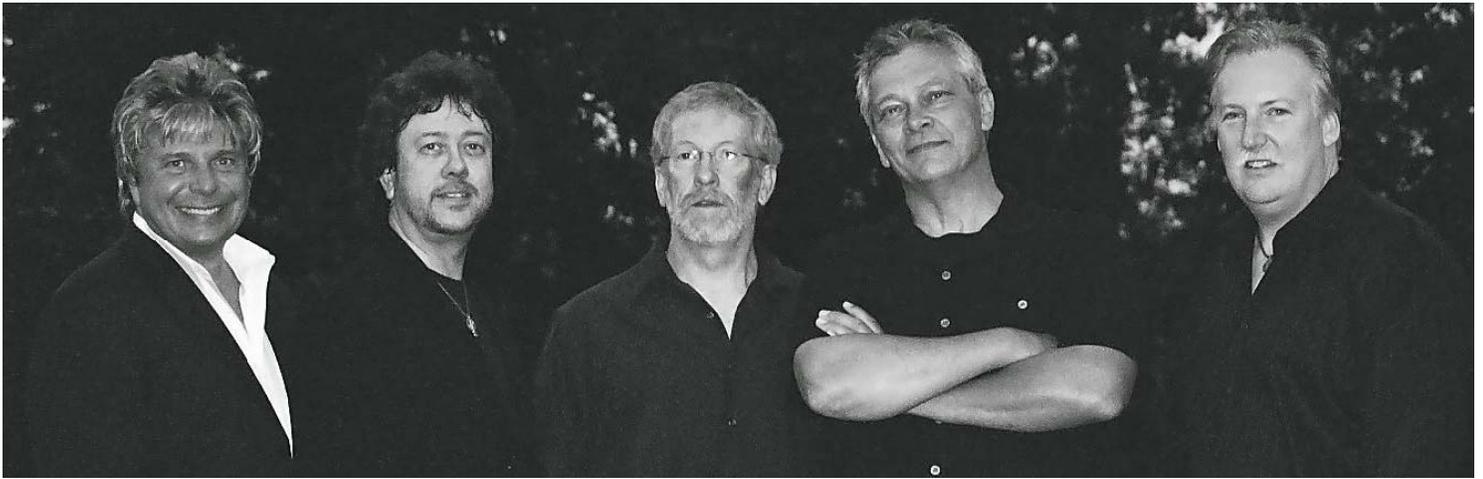
Wendy Bynum-Wade
Vice-Chairperson

FUND RAISING ADVERTISING REMINDER

If you are doing any fundraising events **FOR THE CHURCH** and would like to have it advertised in the local papers, Wendy Paffenroth will gladly submit the information for you. There is a form that she requests you to fill out (they are on the table in the Narthex and in the church office) and to get this form to her **six weeks** before the event. If you have any questions, call Wendy at 258-4826 or e-mail: mapaff@hotmail.com

BENEFIT CONCERT

Twist & Shout!



“A Magical, Musical Tribute to The Beatles”

SATURDAY, OCT. 25th

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary – 7 PM

33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 845-294-7991

Tickets: \$15.00 Adults - \$10.00 Seniors/Students - Under 10 FREE!!!

Available at Church Office M-F 9AM-4PM or, at the door 6PM day of show

Desserts and Coffee/Beverages on-sale during Intermission

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Jonathan George Memorial Fund to support completion of the 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.

ELDERS

Class of 2009

**Bruce Crandall
Bill Keller
Karen Magee
Tom McDowell
Cathy Wade
Michele White**

Class of 2010

**Loretta Richner
Scott Roper
Barbara Skyer
Doug Wade
Rob Warner
Orra Wood**

Class of 2011

**John Bruno
Linda Clark
Geri Corey
Dominick Fontana
Bill Hodges
Kathy Stringer**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2009

**Richard Ayres
Linda Boardman
Carolyn Keller
John Knox
Denise Quinn
Ray Ruckdeschel
John Snook**

Class of 2010

**Diana Bowe
Andrea Branson- Snook
Deb Hourahan
Jon Hourahan
Lisa Montalbano
Lori Turner
Cheryl Zis**

Class of 2011

**David Castellano
Jean Crandall
Patrick Farley
Helen Gardellis
Kelly Grob
Barbara Lippert
Ken Skyer**

Moderator of Deacons:

Richard Ayres

Presbyterian Women:

Barbara von Pentz, President

STAFF

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

October 2008

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			12:00pm NA (B) 12:00pm Prayer Circle (P) 6:00pm Tiger Scouts (FH) 7:00pm Audubon Society (B) 7:00pm Wednesday at the Well (S) 7:30pm Deacons (P)	12:00pm NA (B) 3:45pm Girl Scouts (B) 5:30pm Tai Chi (FH) 7:00pm AA (B) 7:00pm Crew (FH) 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (P) 7:30pm Family Anonymous (classroom)	10:00am Tai Chi (FH) 12:00pm NA (B) 4:00pm Girl Scouts (B) 8:00pm AA (B)	12:00pm AA (B) 8:00pm AA (B)
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