

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever been in worship when it was time to sing a hymn or recite a confession and no one around you was saying anything? It's kind of intimidating, isn't it? If your neighbors aren't singing, perhaps you feel self-conscious and sing faintly or not at all. Or when the confession or the Lord's Prayer is spoken, perhaps you just say it quietly to yourself. For many of us, church worship is the only time we say anything publicly with a group, and it's certainly the only time we sing with others. So in many ways, worship is one of the most unusual things we do all week.

Does that make sense to you? It does to me. Our worship together is meant to be a different experience for us from the rest of our week. It's meant to realign our hearts, minds, and souls; to encourage us; to strengthen us in the unity of Christ; to open our lives to the living change of God's very spirit; to remind us of the deep truths of life; to confront us with ourselves through the loving gaze of God and many other things. Within the texture of our week, worship is meant to be a rich nugget which sustains and nourishes us. Without it, where else will you hear scripture, ponder God's depths, confront your sins, rejoice in grace, offer strength of spirit to others, or just enjoy the pleasure of live music?

When I was in seminary, eons ago it seems, worship was described to us as being like a great circle. Beginning with the congregation, the people of God, they "send" the pastor to scripture and prayer in order to discern on their behalf the Word of God for their lives. Then the pastor, having been sent by the people and empowered by the Holy Spirit, opens them to the living Word (which is both Christ and Scripture) as best as they are able. Then, returning to the people in worship, they offer to them, through the strength of God's grace, what has been given to the pastor that week, via the sermon, the prayers, and especially their presence.

And this is where most of us in the congregation think that the process ends. This is the great dividing line between Christ and culture, as Richard Niebuhr wrote—that place where we are confronted with the challenge and choice of do we come to worship as members of Christ or as members of a culture that is apart from Christ? This dividing line means that there is and should be a difference between ourselves and those who are not in Christ. The world we live in and work in is primarily one which is apart from Christ. It is suspicious, fearful, cynical, doubtful, and plagued by thoughts such as, "What will people think of me?" Those in Christ, however, learn through their growth in Christ to enter into trust, truth, love, courage, faith, and hope in the midst of our culture. Not with naiveté, but with a confidence in Christ that has been forged over time through life's struggles, hardships, doubts, fears, and joys. It's an education in faith which comes only by participation—learning by doing—which is so different from our culture's desire to always remain "safe" and uncommitted on the sideline.

This brings us back to the great dividing line mentioned earlier. Worship is unique in our week because it's the one place where we truly and openly declare our faith. It is the place where we cross over, physically, spiritually, and mentally, reaffirming our unity in Christ as the true source of our life and being. When we do this, then the great circle of worship opens out to us, and we see that the next part of it is the people of God receiving the Word and sending it out as a gift to each other and to the pastor. Without this final act by the people of God, worship dies at the foot of the lectern. Without the congregation actively participating, receiving, singing, praying, and pondering, worship doesn't happen. What happens instead is entertainment: exactly what we are used to in all the rest of our lives. We are used to watching and being entertained; to listening and being amused; to letting others sing, talk, and tell stories.

The great challenge for us, again that dividing line, is whether we bring the heart of Christ or the heart of our culture with us into worship. I don't know if you've noticed, but on those Sundays when worship feels alive and energized, those are the days when the congregation is engaged. Their energy feeds everyone, feeds the pastor, and feeds God. As someone

who has preached all over, I can't tell you how many times I've led worship at a church where everyone sat back as if I was the entertainment for the morning. Literally, lights were dimmed in some churches as soon as I started the sermon, cutting me off from the congregation and allowing them to hide in the darkness of "no response." So next time you step across the great divide to affirm your life in Christ, don't be afraid. Sing, pray, recite, and shake hands knowing that this is the one hour in all the week that draws us into the great circle, living our faith.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Kingsley

OCTOBER "SETTLES" US INTO OUR FALL ROUTINE



Well, September was our start-up month for getting back into familiar routines—ones we abandoned during the carefree days of summer. Then in October, we come to realize that fall is really here, summer has passed, and we settle, once again, into our patterns of living. Routine can be comforting, even calming. It's good to follow a weekly pattern of events—our jobs, activities with kids, meetings of groups to which we belong, and worship on Sundays. I believe it is exactly the Sunday worship experience—during which we pause, give thanks, confess our shortcomings, and receive renewing words for the week to come—that supports us in our daily routines. Do you notice a difference in your week when you haven't taken the time on Sunday to pray, reflect, and sing together? Think about how participation in worship affects you in the week that follows.

Our Wednesday at the Well services have resumed. These contemplative approaches to worship offer something different and resonate with many. They offer quiet time to listen to the voice of God in our hearts; they give us time to reflect upon our needs; they are whatever you want them to be. "There is nothing coming at you, only out of you." These services offer complete freedom to do as you see fit. Give them a try.

Choir rehearsals have resumed with great vigor on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. We have added new voices to our ranks this year. We have an ambitious music program planned for the fall and winter and would love to have you join us as we sing our ministry in song.



The last Sunday in October is Reformation Sunday, and we open with the famous Martin Luther hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." It is often called the "Battle Hymn of the Protestant Reformation." We sing this hymn in remembrance of our Protestant heritage.

Thought Corner . . .

Recently, I have been reflecting on the life of my parents, who are now deceased. They were devoted, faithful churchgoers their entire lives. I observe our numbers at services rise and fall throughout the year, and these numbers often depend on the season or our level of "busy-ness." I just got to thinking . . .

- What does it mean to be a loyal and faithful member of a church?
- Is our support unconditional, or are there strings attached?
- Do we attend services no matter what?
- How seriously do we take our faith and live it on a daily basis?
- In what ways do we lend our support—physically, by showing up; financially, by tithing; spiritually, by praying for others?
- What kind of role models are we for our children in getting them to Christian education each Sunday?
- Do our friends and neighbors know us as committed churchgoers?
- How are our lives changed?
- How does our presence affect others?
- How are fellowship, service, and worship related?
- How can I best serve, be there for others, and lend my unconditional support for the ministry and outreach of The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, New York?

Robert Clooney, Director of Ministry of Music

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
Emily Barry and Family
Karen and Paige Brooks
Sarah Burrows
Susan Caslick
Carol Coon
Sylvester Damiani
Joe Destefano
Kevin Fenner
Ben Fisher
The George Family
Fran Hoffmann
Carolyn Keller's parents
Carol Kingsley
B.A. Long
Margaretta Macica
Andy Marussich
Josephine and David Medlar
Lisa and Bob Montalbano
Steven Neil
Janet Oberg
Amy Pemberton
Susan Pierce
Trudi Roach
Robert Ruckdeschel
Fred Schwarz
Marguerite Shaw
Peggy Srirach
Shawn Thatcher
George Tietz
Kim Valentini and Family
Jean Wade
Orra and Dale Wood

Dedra Altizer
Gabriel Bittner
Our brothers and sisters in Haiti & Chile
Winnie Bynum
Dan Conley
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Mary DeFreece
Everyone serving in the Military
Judy Hankins Feragola
Gabby
Barbara and George Hankins
David Jacks
Kim
Evelyn Kingsley
Grace, Frank and Fran Leva
Ursula Maletz
The Family of Anita McCarthy
Evelyn Mercado
Eileen Myslinski
Nina and Jason
Ann Ott
Peter
The Family of Madeline Pillmeier
Robyn
Ted Sandstrom
Bryan Scott and Family
The Family of Grace Skyer
The Smith Family
Braidon Thew
Brenda Travers
Kenya VanZandt
Molly Wanat
Paul and Phyla Wright

Dennis Baker and daughter
Lorraine Boardman
Haley Buckley
Mary Carr
Grace Cook
Phyllis Cummings
Bob Dennis
Pat Farley
Steve Fischbein
Fran Genovese
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Curtis and Heather Johnson
Don Kimble
Lyndsay Krutki
Charles Li
The Family of Melissa Martucci
The Family of Tom McCombs
Jeff Monroe
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Harvey Paffenroth
The Family of Marina Petersen
Jack Richner
Kevin Ross
Kevin Schuler
Dorothy Sevcik
Walter and Louise Spencer
Bill and Jean Strong
Judy Thompson
Lori Turner
Ashley Wade and Family
Jo Wolfe
Cheryl and Rebecca Zis

(If you or someone you know would like to be on this list or if you would like to take a name off the list, please call the church office and the name(s) will be included/omitted next month.)

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2010

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 **348** and **our assessment per member (not per family) for 2010 is \$26.51**, which is a total of **\$9,225.48** 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.**

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

OCTOBER UPDATE

Niches ARE available in the memorial columbarium.

Each niche is 11¼ inches cubed, allowing for double or single interment.

Four purchase options are available:

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 the Garden”

If anyone is interested in simply “lending a helping hand” with the Garden, please feel free to just stop by and do a little yard work! The October/November schedule is below. Please remove dead leaves and cigarette butts, pull weeds, and perform a general “tidy-up” of the area.

<u>SCHEDULE:</u>	Loretta and Jack Richner:	October 1–October 15
	Barbara and George Hankins:	October 16–October 31
	Wayne George:	November 1–November 15
	Beryl Yungman and Sue Varden:	November 16–November 30

This schedule will be posted outside the church office.

If anyone is interested in joining the “Stewards,” please contact Wayne George (914-213-4093).

Memorial Pavers

Please see Pat in the church office to order pavers to remember or honor loved ones.

The cost of each paver is \$100.

Please call the church office (845-294-7991), Pastor Kingsley, or Wayne George for any additional information you may need about the Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Dom Fontana</i>	20	<i>Diane Church</i>
2	<i>Charlie Bynum</i>		<i>Teresa vonPentz</i>
4	<i>Brendan Donohue</i>	22	<i>Stuart Bryson</i>
5	<i>Matt Skyer</i>		<i>Donna Neil</i>
7	<i>Margaret Dickover</i>	23	<i>Thomas Gruber</i>
	<i>Matthew Gould</i>	24	<i>Carl Johnson</i>
9	<i>Fred Smith</i>		<i>Susan Paffenroth</i>
14	<i>Sarah McDowell</i>		<i>Nancy Smith</i>
15	<i>Kayla Branson</i>	26	<i>Aidan Diglio</i>
16	<i>Diane George</i>	27	<i>Christine Fenner</i>
17	<i>Dave White</i>	29	<i>Sara Benson</i>
18	<i>Michelle White</i>		<i>Loretta Richner</i>
19	<i>Dan Spencer</i>	30	<i>Dylan Castellano</i>
			<i>Wendy Donohue</i>

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

2	<i>Mark and Christine Hahn</i>
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>Carl and Elfriede Johnson</i>
23	<i>Dom and Amy Fontana</i>
27	<i>Michael and Karen Brooks</i>



If you are also celebrating a special day, we wish you much happiness. If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary included, please give your dates to Pat in the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- *Jessica Bowe and Jason Ptak on their marriage on September 18, 2010.*
- *Patrick and Laurel (Grosso) Haswell on the birth of their son, Mason Robert Haswell on August 3, 2010. He weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. The proud grandparents are Tom and Alison Grosso.*

FIFTH “NIGHT OF GIVING” AT THE GALLERIA AT CRYSTAL RUN

The Galleria at Crystal Run will once again be hosting the Night of Giving.

WHAT IS IT?

The Night of Giving is a special shopping event to kick off the holiday season. The Galleria will stay open late, and ticket holders will have access to exclusive store discounts, special values, and fabulous prize giveaways.

WHEN IS IT?

Sunday, November 14, from 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

We sell the tickets for \$5 each, and all the proceeds from our ticket sales will go directly to our church’s Capital Campaign. As the time gets closer, you can check the Galleria’s Web site to see what stores are involved. Remember, you need tickets to get the discounts.

Many people participated last year; they got great deals and had a great time. We hope you will put the date and time on your calendar and come again. Please tell your friends and watch for more details. Tickets will be available in October.

Thank you,

Darlene Bartley
Fundraising Committee Member

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

We are looking for volunteers for the kitchen, to set up and do various other jobs. We are also looking for donations for the kids’ table. Please try to donate items with values of \$5 to \$10 each. We will not be accepting dollar store items this year, as they do not go.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE

Tickets are available for Macy’s “Shop for a Cause,” which will be held on Saturday, October 16. The entire price of the ticket, \$5, will be donated to the Goshen Food Pantry.

Since 2006, Macy’s has partnered with nonprofit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$34 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event.

Purchase a \$5 shopping pass to be used on October 16 for exclusive savings at any Macy’s store (including the one at the Galleria Mall in Middletown) or online at macys.com. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy’s gift card.

See or call (294-5508) Bill Keller, chairman of the Mission Committee, for ticket information.

Mission: Fish & Chips Fry Nov 2 \$12.50 per Ticket

On Election day, the Mission Committee will host a fish fry in Fellowship Hall to benefit PresbyBuild in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for takeout orders, and seating will begin at 5:30 p.m. **Please purchase your tickets in advance.** They will be available at coffee hour and via the church office. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, October 25.

Can You Lend a Hand?

We are anticipating a sold-out crowd at the Argyle's Fish and Chip Dinner on November 2, and we need your helping in making it a success.

The Mission Committee needs help to set up prior to the dinner and to clean up after the event. We need folks in the kitchen to help assemble meals and desserts, clear and reset tables, serve beverages, and hand out desserts. We also would appreciate bakers to make a homemade treat or two. SOOOO...put on your sneakers, roll up your sleeves, and volunteer. THANKS! A sign-up sheet will be available at coffee hour, or you may call Bill Keller at 294-5508 or Carol Gabella (after 4:30 p.m.) at 342-4367.

THE NEXT MIDNIGHT RUN IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

The following are items that will be needed: men's clothing in large and extra large sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, underwear and socks. The underwear and socks should be new, but everything else can be gently used. We will also be collecting toiletries.

Packages for Soldiers

The Mission Committee would love to send a care package to your "special someone" who is serving our country abroad. Please submit the person's name and address (as well as your own, as the contact person) to the church office (please write "Attention Mission Committee—Packages for Soldiers"). The committee would also appreciate a picture and/or a brief biography of the person so we can honor him or her in the Tower Tie.

NEWS FROM DAN CONLEY

So I've been in Apia all weekend, and I'm staying here all week. It's nice to be away from the village for a while. Last night, we did this thing called a "Hash Run." Blakey (one of the other volunteers) is part of this Hash group that held a 5K run, which Paul, A.J., and I did. (If I haven't told you about A.J. before...he is in my group, my island, always down to do anything, really fun, really cool, big dork, but besides Paul and Supy, he's my favorite person in the country.)

So we get there, and we do this 5K run, and the trail is marked by flour. But when the trail forks, you and someone else have to split up and find where the flour starts again. Really cool So Paul, A.J., this other younger guy, and I were way ahead of everybody because we were good at finding the trail. Then afterward, we went back to the place we started, drank a keg, and had a BBQ. One of the more fun things I've done here. Exercise followed by beer, food, and hanging out with cool people, all for only 15 tala (US\$5), I'm in.

There is a rugby tournament going on down the road. Supy's school is in it; my school, for some reason, didn't get invited, even though we advanced further than Supy's school during the regular season. It's Samoa, whatever. So we watched a few games yesterday. I'm almost starting to understand the game, so it makes it more fun.

After seeing the kids that live in the capital and near the capital compared to the kids that live on my island...WOW! What a difference. Kids where I live are MUCH smaller, maybe because the school size is so different. The capital schools have more kids to pick from, but we think it has to do with the food. Our kids eat boiled bananas most nights for dinner; the city kids don't have plantations so they buy their food and have money to buy things like meat. But the city boys are huge compared to the kids from my rural island.

Needless to say, Supy's school got crushed by one of the big city schools. It was a bloodbath. The tournament is only this week. Games are on Monday and Wednesday, and the championships are on Friday. The games on Friday should be good and fun to watch. Samoa is really good internationally in rugby, and after seeing these younger kids play, it doesn't surprise me.

Dan

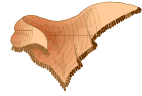
Mission Youth
In Partnership To Help Better The World

The Mission Committee offers many opportunities to serve the community, the country, and abroad. We would like to hear your voice in helping to shape the future. We would like to serve as mentors. Together, we can help change the world one step at a time. **Come and check us out; there is no pressure to join.**

Our next meeting is on October 10, after church, in the Bradner Room. (Adults are also welcome.)

Bill Keller, Chairperson
294-5508

HUG HAPPENINGS
News of the Shawl Ministry



“NIX YOUR ANGST WITH HANDIWORK!” A mere 20 minutes of manual activity
That requires fine motor control – such as knitting, *crocheting*, or scrapbooking, can reduce
Your flow of stress hormones by as much as 45% and ease muscle tension by up to 25%.

Women’s World Magazine – Sept. 2010

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! WE BEGIN OUR FOURTH YEAR OF THE SHAWL MINISTRY

When I saw this quote in the magazine, I thought of how our shawl-making is not only a great outreach to so many outside our church doors, but it is also a good thing we are doing for ourselves in making the shawls. We can all use a little less stress in our lives, and finding something that relieves stress is an added bonus. Why not let us teach you how you, too, can be less stressed? Come and meet with the Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM) on the first & third Tuesday afternoons of the month in the church parlor from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you can’t make it this time, you can ask any of us for a quick lesson. We are more than willing to help. Who knows, you may find a hobby that you will love. (The meetings this month are on October 5 and 19.)

Our *multi-talented* member, Barbara Hankins, used her quilting and crocheting talents to make a beautiful wall hanging about the shawl ministry. A friend of mine from Pine Island, Nancy, who now lives in Denver, North Carolina and works in a quilt shop, sent me a quilt panel that had some lovely saying for shawls. Knowing Barbara will quilt anything that catches her eye, I passed it on to her. Right now, the finished product is hanging in the upstairs room where the extra shawls are kept. A more suitable location in the church is desired where more people can admire this wonderful talent. Please take a look at it and let Barbara know how much we appreciate her fine needle and “hook” work. Thanks, Barbara; we love it!

We had to stop counting the gifts we give. We know we are closing in on more than six hundred shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets that have been sent from our doors, but whether it is one or a thousand, each one goes with our love. Several people have received more than one of our gifts (as they still have a need and the first ones get “worn out”). Each one is sent with love and prayers. It was fun for a while to see what we actually could accomplish as a small group of workers. We found out that our little group is powerful, as we have been blessed with the gift of helping others. The thank-you letters keep coming in and keep blessing us back three-fold.

We also appreciate the yarn that has been donated. How great it was for me to come home from work one week and find a few boxes of yarn at my back door. No name, no suggestion of where it came from. The mystery was eventually solved. I found out a lady saw me making a shawl in between voters on an election day (I am an inspector). She had unused yarn in a back closet and thought how much better it would be wrapped around someone’s shoulders than to be sitting in a bag hoping that she would someday make a project. Since then, that yarn went to the “shawl room,” out to our members, and then back again in the form of a **HUG**. From there, the **HUG** will go and do what this lady wanted: be wrapped around the shoulders of someone who needs it. Yarn is always greatly appreciated.

Shawls are always available if you know of someone who is in need. Also, just so you know, the little leftover bits of yarn get turned into hats, gloves, and scarves for our Midnight Run team to take with them and deliver. We try not to waste any of the gifts you give us.

Please keep our group in your prayers, and consider yourselves hugged.

God bless,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth
Shawl Secretary

ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
October 22 & 23 (Friday and Saturday)
(Mark your calendars now!)

It is that time again—with autumn cleaning starting, I am sure many of you are putting away items to donate to the annual church rummage sale. Maybe your neighbors or coworkers have items they would like to donate as well. The chairperson for this event is again Glynnis Jorgensen. She would be grateful to anyone who can help with this event, as many hands are needed to set up during the week of the sale and to clean up in the afternoon on Saturday, October 23.

Remember, items can be brought in on Monday, October 18 through Thursday, October 21. Please don't bring in anything before that. Space is limited and the stage is going to be used the week before the sale. ***We need saleable items, no junk.*** Please do not bring us things just because you don't want to throw them away. Items brought in should be **CLEAN**, not broken. We cannot sell chipped glassware, toys with missing parts, books without covers, items with missing pieces, or items with frayed electrical cords. We also **cannot sell** used computers or exercise equipment.

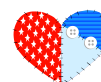
The better the items look, the more money we can get for them, so run those excess dishes through a wash cycle before you donate them, and try to pack items that are similar in the same boxes. This makes it so much easier for those setting up. In the past, we noticed that the jewelry table does well, so clear out that costume jewelry from your jewelry boxes. New and usable items are always welcome as well. We accept toys with all the parts and furniture that is still in good condition. Holiday items also sell well in the fall.

Watch the bulletin for any last minute information about the rummage sale. Please offer a few hours of your time to this good fundraiser for your church. All church members should be able to donate an hour or two to help. Don't wait for a personal invitation to come. We welcome all. Bring older children who can help as well. Remember that **All HELP** is greatly appreciated. Come out and share this fellowship with other church members.

Thank you again.

RUMMAGE SALE COMMITTEE

P.S. Remember that good shopping bags and sturdy boxes can also be used. We are looking forward to seeing you.



The Board of Deacons is sponsoring their

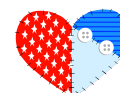
**ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
HARVEST BAKE SALE
QUILTS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
33 PARK PLACE
GOSHEN, NY 10924**

**A wide assortment of holiday gifts and decorations will be offered by local crafters.
Something for everyone!**

If you have any questions, please contact Edith Bush at 695-1763



DEACONS' DOINGS

We hope that all of you have had a safe, healthy summer. We were glad to see such nice turnouts at the services over the past couple of weeks. The Deacons' first meeting for the fall was held on Wednesday, September 1. We worked on a lot of things, including the Deacons' Halloween coffee hour, which will be on October 31; Communion, which the confirmation class will help us prepare on the first Sunday in October; and the community dinner, which we will host in October. We had a looooong evening, but we were very productive! If anyone would like to learn more about what the Deacons do or would like to become a Deacon, please feel free to see any one of us on Sunday.

The Deacons of First Presbyterian
Lori Turner, Moderator

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Starting this month, we'd like to highlight two of our member families each month to help the congregation learn something about both new and old members. This month we interviewed Barbara and George Hankins and Brian, Kari, and Hannah Taylor.

Name:

Brian, Kari, and Hannah Taylor

In what town do you live?

Goshen, New York

What are your places of birth?

Brian – Islip, New York

Kari – Oswego, New York

Hannah – Bethpage, New York

What are your favorite foods?

Brian – sushi

Kari – BBQ turkey meatloaf

Hannah – vanilla and chocolate ice cream

If you got a chance to perform on “America’s Got Talent,” what would your talent be?

Brian – working with my hands, making and fixing things

Kari – cooking and baking

Hannah – hula hooping

Do you have a favorite hobby or activity?

Brian – hiking, camping, hunting

Kari – camping with my wonderful family, being outdoors

Hannah – softball

Do you have any pets?

Rocky, our boxer and Mary, our cat

If you could go on vacation to ANY place in the world for one week, where would it be and why?

Brian – trekking around Mount Everest, think it would be fun and challenging

Kari – Africa, to experience the unique animals of that area

Hannah – Germany, to see what it's like

What is one thing most people don't know about you?

Brian – came in second place in a pig chase

Kari – did a hundred miles on a bicycle in a day and would love to do another one

Hannah – is very good at pogo sticking

Name:

George and Barbara Hankins

In what town do you live?

We live in the Village of Goshen

What are your places of birth?

George – Port Jervis, New York

Barbara – Queens, New York

What are your favorite foods?

George – a warm pot roast sandwich

Barbara – likes anything with sugar in it

If you got a chance to perform on “America’s Got Talent,” what would your talent be?

We don’t even watch “America’s Got Talent.”

Do you have a favorite hobby or activity?

George – likes being retired

Barbara – likes handwork (quilting, crocheting, etc.)

Do you have any pets?

Not any more

If you could go on vacation to ANY place in the world for one week, where would it be and why?

We love the Adirondack Mountain area and could spend way more than a week there, as long as we are together (in a nice hotel – not camping)

What is one thing most people don’t know about you?

George – I don’t like being in crowds

Barbara – I am very insecure

Many people in our area are currently looking for employment. With a grant from our Presbytery, we are putting together a matching service to connect unemployed workers with people who have short-term work that needs to be done.

Please fill out the following form if you could benefit from such employment. (And please feel free to pass copies of this form along to any others who might benefit.) You can return your completed form(s) to the church office.

Corresponding “Short-Term Employer” forms will be available shortly.

Since we do have congregation members who make their livings doing jobs locally, we are very conscious of NOT accepting jobs in this program for which these current professionals would be suited.

Thank you for your form contributions!

Sincerely,
Anne Wood
Susan Varden

Name		Primary phone	
Address		Second Contact #	

This effort is primarily to find you short-term employment (although some jobs may last longer-term) in a field/fields in which you have previously earned money. To that end, the information you supply on this form will be shared with prospective employers who indicate interest in hiring someone with your

experience. Signing below indicates that you are willing to have the information you provide on this form shared with these prospective employers.

I hereby agree to the information on this form being shared with individuals for the purpose of obtaining employment. _____ (signature)

Please provide us with the limits to which you will accept a position.

I am willing to travel _____ miles (one way) to a job.

I (please circle one) have / do not have a car to reach the location of my employment.

___ I am searching for employment to which I can either walk or take the bus.

___ I am interested in indoor employment only.

The days of the week I am willing to work are:

The minimum wage I will consider is \$____.____ per hour.

The minimum amount of time I would want to work on any job is _____.

I am / have been bonded. (Please circle, if one applies.)

Please list below the types of employment you are qualified for.

1
I have performed this type of work on a Professional _____ / Volunteer _____ basis in the past.

2
I have performed this type of work on a Professional _____ / Volunteer _____ basis in the past.

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I have performed this type of work on a Professional _____ / Volunteer _____ basis in the past.

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I have performed this type of work on a Professional _____ / Volunteer _____ basis in the past.

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I have performed this type of work on a Professional _____ / Volunteer _____ basis in the past.

Please drop your completed form with Pat at the church office.

If you have any questions concerning this form or what we're trying to do, please contact Sue Varden (294-8638) or Anne Wood (294-3207)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we shall seek to use our gifts through worship, ministry, and mission, to gather the Church in from the world, to continue to nurture one another, to serve a world still broken, and to exemplify through common values and purposes Christian discipleship to the greater glory of God.

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