

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2010, we first went to New Orleans to do what we could to continue the clean-up from Katrina. Now we were headed back down with the same goal in mind. What would we find? It had been nine years since the storm had put 80% of the city under water. What could possibly be left undone? The vast majority of the city had been restored, the side that brings in revenue, but, the ninth ward, where most of the inhabitants are poor, black folk, trailed that restoration process. Two factors caused this situation. First, the insurance companies had a peculiar phrase in the agreements with these people which stated, "If a natural disaster occurred, payment of claims would be made first to the banks that held the mortgages." And that, of course, is what happened. Thousands of people who had been faithful in making their mortgage payments over the years ended up owning a decimated property with no funds to restore it to a livable state. Second, because FEMA had a horse trader in charge of the agency, no help was provided in an orderly fashion to assist the average person in how to proceed with contracts and contractors that swept into the city offering help. Unfortunately, many people were victims to unscrupulous contractors who took the money they had and skipped town. It was, indeed, a sorry state of affairs with no guidance from those from our government charged with caring for people at such a time.

Churches and nonprofit organizations rushed in to help fill the gap and performed miraculously. Our trip in 2010 had been under the direction of the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Organization. This trip was with the nonprofit organization formed to take over the work started by PDR, Project Homecoming. Just a few months prior to our arrival the federal government had taken an important step in helping the poorest of the city. The congress passed a bill that stated that anyone who had the clause in their insurance that gave first payment to the mortgage company could get a federal grant to rebuild their homes and that anyone who had been defrauded by a contractor could also receive federal money. Finally, Uncle Sam was stepping up to the plate.

When we arrived in New Orleans we found dumpsters positioned all over neighborhoods being filled with the refuse from homes in the process of restoration. Our job was to provide labor in order that the restoration money could be stretched to its fullest. So, down into the ninth ward we went guided by members of AmeriCorps. The streets were horrible. No city help down here. We drove down the cratered, heaved pavement to a house on a corner of Independence Street. It was nearing completion and we would be involved in putting some of the finishing touches on it. Spackling, painting, cutting and installing moldings around floors and windows, sanding the floors and cleaning, cleaning, cleaning occupied us every day that week. The owner of this little five room house had been living in his workshop in the back yard from where he ran his lawnmower and tractor repair business. He came in every day to thank us and tell us how much what we were doing meant to him. The discomfort of high temperatures, high humidity and dusty, dirty work melted away with his visits. He moved home two weeks after we returned to Goshen.

It was hard work separated by good jazz, good food and a wonderful visit to the Mardi Gras Museum all done with a great group of people.

Love is also something you do.

Pastor Kingsley

OCTOBER SETTLES US INTO OUR FALL ROUTINE



Here we are once again with the season changing, the leaves starting to color, and everyone is back settling into their fall routine with school and work. I like fall; I revel in its glories.

A confession: I've sometimes gone into the sanctuary early on Sunday morning, sat at the organ bench, and contemplated, "what are we actually doing here?" Is this service going to make a difference in lives? Will our anthem touch someone's soul in a meaningful way? I started thinking about the elements of our worship service and how each one fits into a complete whole. Each Sunday we:

- Gather around the word
- Proclaim the word
- Respond to the word
- Share with Christ in the Eucharist
- Offer our gifts
- Receive a benediction for the week to come as we go out into the world
- Fellowship with other church family members at coffee hour



These themes are given life in our prayers, music, scripture reading, and sermon--all of which can be summed up as "word" and "sacrament" with equal emphasis on both.

We sing hymns together as a community because song is response which engages the whole self in prayer and unites us together in common prayer as an assembled congregation. The choir ministers by leading the hymns and by offering its own prayer in the singing of an introit and anthem each Sunday. Our goal is to touch someone through song and allow the healing power of music to be felt. I think I've answered my own questions: we come to worship as a community of Christians and to recharge our souls for the week ahead. It is good to come together as a church family to worship, listen, sing, pray, and offer our gifts.

A Moment of Gratitude

I want to express my gratitude to all who participate in and make the worship service happen year round: Ushers and greeters, choir members, readers, Christian education teachers, communion servers -- and ALL the efforts of wonderful members who graciously sign up for coffee hour and make it happen year-round so that we can fellowship together with our church family members.

Robert Clooney
Director of Ministry of Music

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2014

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 **343** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2014 is \$30.50**, which is a total of **\$10,461.50** to be taken from our operating budget. 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.



SHARE PAGE

OCTOBER SHARES.....

Often churches put messages on their signs outside of their location to let the community know about fund raisers and events that are being held there. They can be amusing as well as informative. Some are also announcements in church bulletins. Here are a few I found recently and thought they needed to be shared.

- *"Ladies—Don't forget the Rummage Sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things no longer worth keeping around the house. Bring your Husbands." (Side note, our Rummage Sale is coming up, don't think we are selling any husbands – but maybe Glynnis has some thoughts on this).*
- *"God is Rich, Because He Saves"*
- *"Honk if you love Jesus, text while driving if you want to meet him now."*
- *"Don't forget to **PUSH** everyday – (that is Pray Until Something Happens)*

Here is a little boy's prayer overheard by his mother:

"Dear God, Please take care of my daddy and mommy, my sister and brother. And please take care of yourself, God, cause if anything happened to you we are all going to be in one big mess. Amen."

Recently I found my autograph book from Presbyterian Church Camp in Holmes, NY. This was probably around 1964 or 1965. We had a motto in our cabin that we shared with the rest of the camp and we had to memorize it and our counselor made us repeat it every morning. It went:

"Good – Better – Best, Never Let It Rest, Till your Good is Better, and Your Better Best." Thanks Connie, the counselor, the words still mean a lot today.

Remember if you have something to share with our congregation and want it in the *Tower Tie*, send it to: mompaff@hotmail.com or leave it with Pat at the office and she will get it to me. Thank you.

To All,

I just want to update you on the roof fund. THE MANSE ROOF IS DONE! Thank you all so much for all your support and generous contributions. It means so much when everyone works together to accomplish a project.

Peace to all,
Darlene



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY....NEWS NOTES

A VERY big THANK YOU to Lisa Montalbano who secured some clear plastic Zip bags in which we can place similar yarns of weight and color and so they can stay clean and easy to find. She also organized the shawl space. Ladies, there is yarn in that room ready for making gifts. Check it out.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Dale Wood. Barbara Hankins made sure that a "hug" was given to his wife, Orra and daughters, Sandy and Amy. God bless the Wood family as they go through this difficult time.

We also received the following notes this month.....

"To the Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, The shawls you made are beautiful; I have read the letters that were sent as well. I have a friend's sister that needed prayers and hugs. I didn't have to go far to think where to get them. My friend's sister's name is Cheryl. She will get lots of love from this shawl. Thank you. L. Reynolds." The front of the card said, "Because of good hearted people like you, this world is a nicer place." How lovely!

And:

"Dear Wendy and Prayer Shawl Ladies: Words cannot express my thanks for all your thoughtfulness and generosity. The beautiful prayer shawls warm my heart as well as my body. Making one for my mom was beyond kind. We are truly amazed at your talents and energy. Although my heart is crushed, I rely on our Lord's grace and mercy to help me carry this heavy cross. Thank you for your continued prayers for Keenan and for me. They remain my greatest gift. I keep your shawl nearby and sit in Keenan's room to pray at times. The blue you chose is almost a perfect match. He loved the sky and nature and it is a perfect reminder of that. God Bless and Keep You, Winnie (Foster-Goshen, NY)

As you can see, we are still touching hearts and souls. This is just a sample received this month. We will continue to work to keep this ministry alive and do God's work.

God bless everyone who in any way has helped the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Wendy Paffenroth, Shawl Secretary.

FALL PLANT SALE IN THE CHURCH PARK

Friday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 12 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Beautiful, locally grown flowers, pumpkins, corn stalks, and Indian corn

Help is needed for all three days.

**If you can help or you need more information,
call Grover vonPentz at 291-1932.**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The September meeting of PW was lightly attended, but a few items were discussed and suggestions made.

First, the Honoree Luncheon for two dedicated and lovely sisters will be at Glen Arden on Sunday, September 21 at noon. Cheryl Zis and Diana Bowe are not only dedicated, they are wonderful gals and fun to be around. We are pleased and so glad to honor them. Congratulations ladies. Thank you also to the ladies who coordinated the event.

We thank the ladies who provided desserts for the Dale Wood Memorial Service. We had so many, that there were some left for coffee hour the next day. Condolences to our "sister" Orra on the loss of her spouse. God bless.

There was discussion about our bake sale, chili and soup sale. We ran out of baked goods very early last year and we hope that we can entice some more bakers to donate to this worthwhile fund raiser the ladies hold each year. We again will have a small tea-pot raffle which will be donated to our Association. Fran Hoffmann and Betty Lobb would love to hear from you if you can help out the day of the event, November 22. We can use not only baked goods (glass plates, etc. will be available early in November for your donations), but we can use a few ladies to help run the table. Please consider helping out. All help is greatly appreciated.

Also, if you can make soup (recipes provided) or chili for the soup/chili sale, contact Carolyn Keller at: (845) 294-5508. Carolyn has also been collecting quart jars for the sale and if you have any she would love to take them off your hands. Thanks, Carolyn.

We discussed our Great American Weekend tent and profits. Some ideas for next year were passed around. Just keep one thing in the back of your mind..... Big Hats! More on this in future newsletters.

Our next meeting is on October 6 in the parlor. We set up at 7:00ish, but start when we get a group. Thank you, ladies for your dedication.

Wendy Paffenroth – Secretary PW



Wish Page

If your group or committee has a wish, send to: – Wendy Lee Paffenroth at: mompaff@hotmail.com and we will try to get it on the next month's page. Thank you.

✧ The **Deacons' Craft Fair** along with the **Quilt Show** and the **Bake Sale** are upon us again. Save the date: November 22. The Deacons wish for a few people who can take our tri-fold flyer (two sided) and get copies made for distribution around the county. They can be in color or black and white. Anyone who can do this, please see Lori Baird at church or phone her at (845) 200- 5640. Thanks in advance. This truly helped bring out the patrons last year.

✧ **The Santa Breakfast** will be here shortly after the craft fair. Kathy Stringer, chairperson has another obligation this year on that Saturday (December 6) and is wishing for someone to step up, or a few people, who can run the event. Kathy will give you all the details and information from the past on volunteers, etc. Please help us to have this event again this year; the children and the parents just love it. Contact Kathy at: (845) 496-7765. Thank you.

✧ **Presbyterian Women** are again wishing for all the great bakers in the church to contribute to the November 22 bake sale, soup and chili sale. Last year we were sold out in just a few hours so we hope we can double the amount of goods for sale. Plates, baskets, loaf pans, etc. will be available to all bakers a few weeks before. We are also wishing for several able bodied ladies to sit and sell our products. It can be an hour or two just to give relief to those working at the table. If you can help in any way contact: Betty Lobb: (845) 294-6344 or Fran Hoffmann: (845) 294-6470. We are counting on you to help with this annual fund raiser.

✧ **The Quilt Show Committee** wishes to know if you plan to show a treasure at our event. Remember, it can also be any handmade item, crewel, needlepoint, cross stitch, handmade lace, etc. We like to keep the event different and fresh each year, but also welcome back those who displayed in the past. If you can help or wish to put an item on display, contact Barbara Hankins, (845) 294- 8410 or Kathy Alevras, (845) 496-9619. THANKS!

CIRCUIT RIDER

aka What's New in Jeffersonville!

Each year the Jeff church hosts the Sullivan County CROP Walk – 10-5-14 - 1:30 sign-up, 2:00 Walk. It's a nice easy stroll – just one uphill stretch and the rest is flat or downhill. So sign up at http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR?fr_id=19219&pg=entry (or simply search 'Sullivan County CROP Hunger Walk and this will come up) and bring your friends – a great fall day outdoors! Of course you know that 25% of what's raised will come back to us and we use these funds to support the county's Food Pantries (including the one at the Jeff church).

Speaking of which...

Our Food Pantry tried to give out fresh meat a few months ago, only to be told that folks don't have anywhere to cook it! Shortly afterward, a bunch of us watched the movie 'A Place at the Table' (available from Lori Hylton at the Presbytery office) and the HS (Holy Spirit) sprang into action, creative juices flowing. We have arranged for Cornell Cooperative Extension to come give a Slow Cooker cooking class for the folks who come to the Food Pantry, focusing on foods that can be received from the Food Pantry. But the best part is that we're purchasing slow cookers to give away to the folks from the pantry who come to the class. Most of them work long days and don't have the energy to cook (even if they did have a stove/oven). So having a slow cooker and a supply of good food will give them the chance to have a healthy meal waiting when they get home. We currently have 12-13 slow cookers in a variety of sizes. If you'd like to donate new slow cookers, they'd certainly be welcomed since we typically serve 30 families (the most has been 70).

It gets even better! Cornell has purchased vacuum-packing equipment. They will take the vegetables from our church garden and prepare/seal them for distribution and give the packages back to us, so we can give out 'soup kits'.

SO HERE'S HOW WE NEED YOUR HELP! We're putting together a cook book of our favorite easy slow cooker recipes (primarily soups and stews), recipes for which the majority of the ingredients would be available from the Food Pantry, to give away at the cooking class. We need **RECIPES!** Email your favorites to acwood@warwick.net. **THANKS!!**

Next...The Youth Economic Group, div. Rural & Migrant Ministries has found a new headquarters in the Liberty Methodist Manse. This is a group of high school students, from disadvantaged families, who are being taught how to put together a successful business model, implement it and reinvest the proceeds for continued business health. They manufacture tie-dyed bags and shirts which have been sold at General Assembly, Presbytery, etc. (hopefully at Goshen's Christmas Craft Fair) and they're **GROWING!** Having the Manse allows them to have a main street shop at their production facility, with meeting rooms and a bit of housing for the college intern/Assistant Coordinator. Louise Spencer and Sue Varden (bless them!) have joined me to help scrape, paint and otherwise ready the manse for use. Watch for notices of Work Days (coordinated by Presbybuild) on your email.

And, personally, perhaps the most exciting of all...

There's a lot that needs to be done in the County. But County officials seem to have their hands full. We've now got the beginnings of a County Clergy group going. All agreed that it's time for the churches to step up and play a role here. Our first step (an idea that came from Pastor Carlotta Wilson of Youngsville's Word of Life church) is an All Night Prayer Vigil for Sullivan County (ANPV, heretofore). Yesterday, we met for the first time at the meeting for County Connection (monthly meeting of Sullivan County Presbyterian Church representatives) to begin planning this ANPV. We've set the date! 4/10-11/15, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. At the very least, this is the beginning of coordinated clergy conversations. At best, we hope to set some ideas in motion, get people involved, and help make Sullivan a happier, healthier place to live and work.

So that's about it. We had a wonderful VBS this summer. Our Sunday school is planning to collect canned goods to mail off to a mission in Belize. Lots happening! Come visit!!

Blessings,
Anne Wood

ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE
Friday October 24 - 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday October 25 – 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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 19.

Items can be brought in on Monday, October 20 through Thursday, October 23. Please don't bring in anything before that. Space is limited. **We need saleable items, no junk.** 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. 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.

Please offer a few hours of your time to this good fundraiser for your church. If you would like to help set-up, come at 5:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday (or whenever you can get there). Help is also needed during the sale and clean-up on Saturday. All church members should be able to donate an hour or two. 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. **PLEASE LET GLYNNIS KNOW HOW YOU CAN LEND A HAND**. You can reach her at 914-804-5476.

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

Dear Fellow Stewards,

As I stated in the last *Tower Tie*, we would like to emphasize in the 2015 Stewardship Campaign the giving of our Time and Talent. In the first week of October, you should receive a mailing containing two commitment cards. The first card is the one we have been using which contains your stewardship commitment to help us meet our weekly, monthly, and yearly obligations. This is the one you are asked to return with your 2015 monetary commitment. We would appreciate receiving this in a timely fashion as we would like to have the campaign completed by the end of October. The second commitment card is one we would like you to post on your refrigerator. It will be a list of your chances to serve the church by giving of your time and the sharing of your talents. Please take both commitments seriously and prayerfully consider where you personally can serve the church.

This helps us follow the directive we pledge each Sunday morning at the beginning of our weekly service.

- Pastor: Who are we?
- People: **We are the Church.**
- Pastor: What are we called to be?
- People: **Disciples of Jesus Christ.**
- Pastor: What are we called to do?
- People: **Share God's love with everyone we meet.**

.....33.Park.....

A Youth Group for "ALL" middle school and high school teens
sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen.

33 Park will now meet **EVERY THIRD FRIDAY** at **7:00PM** in the **CHURCH PARLOR.**

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, October 17, 2014

Our October meeting will be a Halloween party with a movie, ghost stories, games, and treats.

The youth group will also be hosting a community dinner in Fellowship Hall, date still to be determined.

More movie nights are in the works. We are currently on a waiting list for "GOD'S NOT DEAD."

Check the *TOWER TIE*, Sunday bulletin, or our website weekly as we will continue to update information.

You can also call the church office at 294-7991 or text Michele Meek at 294-2859 with questions.

DINNER CLUB AT VALERIAS AT PALACIO

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR DINNER AT VALERIAS AT PALACIO
1700 Route 17M
Goshen, New York**

Sunday, October 26, 2014

5:00 p.m.

\$30.00 per person includes tax and gratuities

Cash bar

APPETIZER:

House Salad

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:

New York Strip Steak with shoe string onions, baked potato, and baby carrots

Chicken Breast Marsala with wild mushrooms, demi glace, mashed potatoes, and baby carrots

Stuffed Filet of Sole with spinach stuffing, lemon white wine sauce, risotto, and baby carrots

Fresh rolls served with entrees

DESSERT:

Homemade NY Cheesecake or Apple Cobbler

Coffee or tea

Contact Linda Clark (294-7488) or Jo Wolfe (294-6652) for reservations.



Thanks for all the cards, calls and offers of help received after Mom's fall. With luck we will be back in church sometime in October. Mother Mae is getting stronger and walks better each day. Many blessings, Carol Gabella

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Dom Fontana</i>	22	<i>Stuart Bryson</i>
3	<i>Stephen Van Doran</i>		<i>Donna Neil</i>
4	<i>Brendan Donohue</i>	23	<i>Thomas Gruber</i>
5	<i>Matt Skyer</i>	24	<i>Carl Johnson</i>
7	<i>Anna Boese</i>		<i>Nancy Smith</i>
	<i>Margaret Dickover</i>		<i>Susan Whitson (Paffenroth)</i>
	<i>Matthew Gould</i>	26	<i>Aidan Diglio</i>
9	<i>Fred Smith</i>	27	<i>Christine Fenner</i>
14	<i>Sarah McDowell</i>	29	<i>Sara Benson</i>
16	<i>Diane George</i>		<i>Loretta Richner</i>
17	<i>Dave White</i>	30	<i>Dylan Castellano</i>
18	<i>Michelle White</i>		<i>Wendy Donohue</i>
19	<i>Daniel Spencer</i>		
20	<i>Diane Church</i>		
	<i>Teresa vonPentz</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>
10	<i>Adam and Sue Whitson</i>
13	<i>John and Maryellen Bruno</i>
	<i>Kyle and Amber VanGrol</i>
14	<i>Brian and Kari Taylor</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>
	<i>Richard and Robin Paulus</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.

CONGRATUALTIONS TO:

- *Amber and Kyle Van Grol who are expecting their first child in March. The happy grandparents are Cliff and Darlene Bartley and great-grandmother, Josephine Bartley.*
- *Bruce Crandall, who was the 12th coach to be inducted into the Hastings-on-Hudson High School Athletic Hall of Fame on September 20.*

DEACONS 'SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN COFFEE HOUR

Join US for a time of scary delights, ghostly goodies,
and tasty brews

Sunday, October 26th after church



FROM THE FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH COMMITTEE...

We are always looking for new committee members. If you would like to join the Fellowship/Outreach Committee, contact Robin Knoblock at 845-313-1319.

We are planning to schedule a movie day for the kids around the holidays so their parents can go shopping. We are looking for volunteers to chaperone. Please contact Robin for more details.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Ed. Committee hopes you will rally to help with our Thanksgiving basket collection. We need non-perishable foods collected all during October and in by the first week of November to be ready for the second Saturday (November 8th) Food Pantry pick-up.

We will be getting ready for the Christmas Giving Tree again this year. Usually the presents need to be under the tree by the first week in December.

The Confirmation class has seven great students this year.

We welcome our new Sunday school members this year!!

BA Long

Gifts of Memorial and Celebration

From time to time, members and friends may make gifts to the Memorial Fund or the Dedicated Capital Gifts Program to honor or memorialize loved ones, or to celebrate special life occasions. The Dedicated Capital Gifts Program uses all contributions for the repair and restoration of the church. All other gifts shall be placed in the Memorial Fund. The Session may designate a specific use of such gifts if not designated by donor.

Memorial gifts for special causes (e.g., choir robes, hymnals) shall be reviewed by the committee moderator responsible for the designation and the Finance and Administration committee before they are accepted by the Session. Memorial gifts not designated for a specific purpose shall be placed in the Memorial Fund for use as determined by the Session.

Memorial gifts of anything to be placed in any area of the outdoor property of the church, (ie. trees, shrubbery, flowers) shall be proposed to, and reviewed by, the Property Management Committee before acceptance by the Session.

Acknowledgment shall be made by the Church Secretary of all gifts, whether designated or undesignated. All Memorial gifts shall be recorded in the Book of Remembrance.

Gifts of Property – Gifts of property, all non-monetary gifts, shall be approved by Session before the gift is accepted. Prior to this approval, the proposed gift shall be reviewed by the appropriate committee, the Property Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee.

Durability of Gifts – The donor of property, or monetary gifts designated to procure specific items, must be made aware prior to receipt of the gift that the gift is not made in perpetuity. While the gift may provide for a specific need at the time, future needs of the church may not include that need. The disposition of dedicated gifts shall be made in a manner that recognizes the sanctity of the gift.

(The above is from page 47 of the Operations Manual)



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
Rosa B.
JoAnna Becerril
Mary Carr
Shannon Decker
Sally Dorritie
Evie and Family
Norm and Sharon Frelinger
Kate Goodspeed
Kevin and Sara Hankins
Susan Johnson
Bob and Barbara Kennedy
Jeff Knox
James Magee
The Family of Melissa Martucci
Evelyn Mercado
Joseph Montalbano
Richard Nash
Amy (Thompson) Nguyen
Velma Peters
Rachel Reeves
Ted Sandstrom
Fred Schwarz
Stephen Skyer
Louise Spencer
Peggy Srirach
Jean Stukey
Kim Valentini and Family
The Weinberger Family
The Family of Dale Wood
The Family of Larry Zakreski

Dedra Altizer
The Barron Family
Sarah Burrows
Steve and Carol Coon
Bob Dennis
David Dzierzek
Mary Lee Farris' sister
Rebecca Garloch
Dorothy Gott
Carol Hoffman
Rosemary Joy
Laura and Tom Kennedy
Liz LaMontanaro
Gavin Martin
Andy Marussich
Jeff Monroe
Jude Monteleone
Nina and Jason
Ann Ott
The Ptak Family
Tim Richardson
Tom Sawyer
Bryan Scott and Family
Fred Smith
The Family of Joe and Jenn Spoor
Elmer Stevens
George Tietz
Kenya VanZandt
Jo Wolfe
Sharon Worden

Millie Augere
Emily Barry and Family
Anthony Capaccio
Bruce and Jean Crandall
Joe Destefano
Everyone serving in the Military
Ben Fisher
Graham Glasse
Barbara and George Hankins
Bill Howell
Carolyn Keller's father
Roberta Kinnamon
Robert Lobb
Riley Martin
The McCloud Family
Dorothy Montalbano
Eileen Myslinski
Nick K.
Alice Paffenroth
The Family of Marina Peterson
Loretta Richner
Kevin Schuler
Dorothy Sevcik
The Smith Family
David Paul Spradlin
Bill and Jean Strong
Butch Turley
Molly Wanat
Anne Wood's dad & brother-in-law
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 OCTOBER UPDATE

TWIST & SHOUT Benefit Concert!

Mark the date:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 at 7:00 P.M.

100% of the proceeds to maintain the Maney-Hawkins Garden. Come out for a fun evening of magical music from The Beatles and support YOUR Church!

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 \$100. We now have six orders on-hand. We will place another order when we have a total of ten.

13 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 OCTOBER and early NOVEMBER Steward's Schedule:

Barbara and George Hankins:	October 1 –October 15
Jen and Gregg Piller:	October 16 –October 31
Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende:	November 1 – November 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.

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