

THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Could You Make a Difference?

So Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the Ethiopian eunuch reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. (Acts 8:26-40)

You can't start a movement; you can only join it. The Acts of the Apostles describes how the movement of the Holy Spirit guided the apostles in wider and wider circles. You've got to jog to keep up. One minute Philip is ministering to throngs up north in Samaria, and the next he's by himself down south near Gaza. Just up ahead he sees the Finance Minister for the Queen of Ethiopia, traveling with the usual entourage. The Ethiopian was a "God-fearing Gentile" which meant that he worshipped the God of Israel; but, for several reasons, it was not possible for him to fully convert. He went to Jerusalem to worship, but as a gentile his worship was confined to the outer grounds of the temple.

Traveling south toward home, he is reading out loud from Isaiah 53, the chapter that describes the Messiah as a suffering servant. It is a chapter that the Jewish teachers avoided like the plague because it contradicts their hope for a triumphant king. But for Philip, no chapter could have provided a better introduction to Jesus. As a result, the man was baptized and became the first Christian in Africa. Today, it is estimated that there are 420 million Christians in Africa.

The Acts of the Apostles describes the expanding Jesus-movement. In today's language, Jesus was clearly "trending." "Trending" refers to the frequency with which a subject is mentioned, typically in Google searches or Twitter communications. While this use of the word "trend" is recent, the phenomenon is not. Remember Slinkys, Beanie Babies, Rubik's Cube, Angry Birds, Downton Abbey and on and on. These are examples of pop culture movements that take on a life of their own.

Ebola is a different kind of movement. This frighteningly lethal disease was making headlines throughout all of 2014, but on September 30 that news about Ebola began to trend. Within one hour, the average daily total mentions tripled and grew like a grass fire. Why the change? One reason - - Thomas Eric Duncan became the first person in America to contract the disease. Events in one man's life got the whole western world talking.

The Book of the Acts records how one man, Jesus, began to trend. The movement wasn't just focused on his death but on his life and the vibrant new life of people who believed in him.

Jesus is still trending. The Holy Spirit is still moving. The American Religious Identification Survey concluded that in 2008 global Christianity grew by 25,210,195. Jesus is still trending and every day 69,069 new people could be finding life in his name—including me and including you.

Pastor Kingsley

A Fond Farewell



I wanted to write one more time and take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to the congregation for the spectacular coffee hour after the service on Sunday, September 11. I was truly overwhelmed by your generosity in the retirement gift of cash presented to me. It is greatly appreciated.

I recently discovered and started reading the author, Susan Branch, a writer, watercolorist, and illustrator who hand prints all her books in a most imaginative style. She wrote, “There’s surely a connection between the heart and hand, and it shows in homemade things—it’s what makes them unique.” I started thinking about that quote in relation to ministry at First Presbyterian these many years.

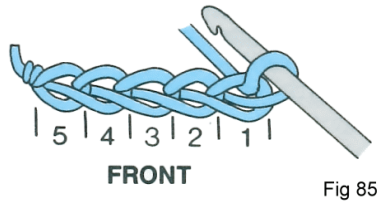
We have in our midst an outpouring of things that originated with the heart and were brought to fruition by the hands.

- ✚ our vast array of savory and baked goods at our special coffee hours
- ✚ quilts that start with the heart and go out in love
- ✚ newly sanded and repainted surrounds for the stained glass (thanks to Rob Warner)
- ✚ caring hands that adjust the length of the communion table cloths, paraments, and make sure everything is in order
- ✚ cards signed and mailed to ailing parishioners
- ✚ hearts for suffering and a willingness to pray
- ✚ hearts for Christian education and a willingness to use hands to make it possible
- ✚ hearts for choral music and a willingness to show up and sing year round
- ✚ hearts for a “neat and tidy” sanctuary and hands to straighten everything up
- ✚ hearts for feeding the community at dinners and hands to prepare it
- ✚ hearts for repair and preservation of the stained glass and hands to make it happen
- ✚ hearts for mission and hands to build houses for those in need here and abroad
- ✚ hearts for the homeless and their needs
- ✚ hearts for simply being present, smiling, and saying hello—your own ministry of presence each Sunday

In planning services, I always started from the heart and put my hands to work selecting music appropriate to the liturgical season of the year. I couldn’t do it any other way. It’s not a cerebral task, it’s a heart-centered, feeling one. I will certainly miss making music with you as a congregation. I’m a big-time hymn lover; I love to sing the great hymns of the Protestant faith in all their glory.

*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we met, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

Robert Clooney



Prayer Shawl Ministry News

During the past month, many of our crocheters are getting back into the routine of working on items to be sent out from the church - - to let people know that they are cared for and thought about.

I recently was away and my neighbor sent me a note that a big bag of yarn was on my front step. Not wanting it to get damp, she took it home and gave it to me when I returned. It has now been delivered to the Narthex to be used by whoever needs some yarn. How lovely that people now realize that their discards can be given to us to be made in to usable gifts. We thank the person, whoever it may be, for the generous donation.

This past month I have heard of the following gifts being given.

- A lap robe to an elderly man with Alzheimer's and a shawl for his wife who is the caregiver.
- A shawl to a lady who is fighting uterine cancer.
- Three baby blankets for newborns.
- A shawl for a college student who is fighting bacterial meningitis in the local hospital.
- A shawl for a mother who is grieving the loss of her daughter to a brain tumor.

Here are a few notes of thanks received:

Dear Ladies: I just love my prayer shawl. I put it around my shoulders every night. It was so kind of you to think of me alone in my nursing home in Maine. Thank you.

Ladies: First I want to thank you all for your ministry. My daughter, Mary Ellen, brought me a shawl, one for my sister who has cancer and a lap robe for my ill husband. They are used every day and I love them all. I can't thank you enough for your kindness for someone far away from your church. God bless each of you. Mr. and Mrs. David Hoskins, Hawthorne, NJ

Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl you made for Hannah. It means so much that Hannah is in your prayers and was thought of as this young lady undergoes surgery and cancer treatments. God bless each of you, the Alan Boorse Family, Ringwood, NJ

The shawl room is now also being used for other items that the church may sell on eBay. If you use the room, please be sure not to disturb any of the other items that are there. There is also extra yarn in the room upstairs if you don't see any you like in the bin in the Narthex. Pat will be glad to give you the key to look. Also, church members, please feel free to give out gifts we make to someone you know who might need some caring. If you need a specific prayer, you may contact me, and I will email what you need or bring it to church on Sunday.

Once again, we thank the congregation for your kind support of this ministry. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without your continued support and help. God bless each of you and consider yourselves hugged.

Wendy Paffenroth
Shawl Secretary



THE SHOPRITE CARD FUNDRAISER IS ON GOING!

When you buy ShopRite gift cards through the church you can help fund our mission trips. The church sells gift cards at full face value, and we receive a 5% discount from ShopRite when the cards are purchased. If you buy groceries at ShopRite, PLEASE purchase gift cards from the church. If you spend \$100, the mission fund will grow by \$5. We all buy groceries so why not help fund our mission trip in the process? See me on Sundays to purchase them or stop by the church office during the week.

Any questions/please feel free to contact me.

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

Please remember...

To save box tops for school supplies. A red container to place them in is located by the yarn basket in back of the Narthex.

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR 2016

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 **354** and **our assessment per member** (not per family) **for 2016 is \$31.50**, which is a total of **\$11,151.00** to be taken from our operating budget. As of August 31, 2016, **\$7,052.80 has been collected**. 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.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15

HELP WILL BE NEEDED!

Please contact Glynnis Jorgensen at 914-804-5476 and let her know when you will be able to help her. Set-up will be during the week of October 10, Monday through Thursday around 5:00 p.m. or whenever you can get there.

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

Because of limited space, please hold onto your donations and bring them to the church during the week of October 10.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The ladies of the church met in the parlor on September 12, and Fran Hoffmann brought cards to sign for several members and former members who needed some cheer.

The ladies discussed purchasing three or four coffee carafes with pumps that are needed. Carol Gabella is looking into prices. These would be good for dinners, receptions and other events that are held throughout the year. Also discussed was getting several rolls of disposable table covers as we used our last roll up. These will be purchased soon.

A follow up on GAW and what is needed for the future. A list of what we used will be compiled and kept and also a list of all the products that were donated. We are so grateful to all who made donations as it kept our cost down and our profits up. Due to this, we will be able to purchase several things the church needs.

Robert and Lisa Montalbano have graciously donated the cost of linens for the tables for Fellowship Hall. The ones used now for receptions, etc. have seen much better days and the ladies will look into purchasing them at a minimal cost, but of good quality. God bless you Bob and Lisa for noticing the need and donating to the cause.

The menu for the **Honoree Luncheon on September 24** at Glen Arden was discussed. Carol Gabella will again do her magic in making up the program - - thank you! - - and thanks to the other ladies who are making table decorations and planning a fun afternoon. We hope this day will be filled with pleasant memories for all.

Discussion about what to purchase with the lovely donation from the Soons family in memory of Jean Strong was next on the list to cover at the meeting. We had looked into replacing the communion pitcher as the silver is worn from it. Pastor joined us and mentioned we could re-plate it as it is an antique and had been here when Jean herself took communion with us. We know the love Jean had for beautiful items, so we all agreed to find a place to do this. Fran Hoffmann suggested we also look into purchasing two large crystal vases to place on the chancel as Jean loved to do the flower arrangements. The ladies will research and find something that will look lovely on the chancel and can hold fresh flowers as well.

Save the date: **November 19** is again the **Ladies Big Bake Sale**. It is the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Holiday Fair. We will also be looking, not only for bakers, but for chili and soup makers as Carolyn Keller has in the past. The sale has always been wonderful and we sell out. We will also need large quart canning jars. If you have some or would like to purchase some for this and donate them, we would appreciate it. They can be left at the office with "PW- Keller" notation on them. Remember, if you can help us that day, we would also be grateful. See any of us at church and spend a few hours with us in November.

Lastly, we wish Robert Clooney a wonderful retirement. He has given all of us such joy and put a song in our hearts. I don't know about you, but many times on my way home from church I am still humming the last hymn we sang. Good luck, Robert, and stop to visit us all from time to time.

The **next meeting is on October 3 in the parlor at 7:00 p.m.** Hey ladies, ya'all come, ya hear?

See you then,
Wendy Lee Paffenroth, Corresponding Sec. PW

“What’s Robert going to do now?”



I plan to take a short break from church music for a while just to reflect and come to terms with where I’m at in my life. I have already begun the process of visioning and feeling into where I am being guided. I really do enjoy copyediting and working with words. In my day job I’ve been working as a freelance copyeditor—I fix and correct students’ papers, reports, resumes, dissertations, articles; anyone who needs help with something they have written, they come to me. My email sums it up:

editguru@optonline.net

Christian Education wants everyone to be ready for “Love an Elder Day” on Sunday, October 2. This will be a special day of connection for us all.
Be there and feel free to bring friends!



**DEACONS’ SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN
COFFEE HOUR**

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

Sunday, October 30th after church



TEEN VOICES

Pacem in Terris Road Trip

On September 18, the Teen Voices group traveled to Pacem in Terris in Warwick, NY. As the name indicates [Latin for Peace on Earth], this is an oasis of love built by artist Frederick Franck. He worked to transform an old grist mill-garbage dump across from his home on the Wawayanda River into a place where he could examine and express his own faith. This is a place that appeals to many types of people on many levels. This trip is part of a series we are doing this year on "Hand-on Faith." Frederick Franck is an example of using visual art to work through his own questions of faith. He has also authored books on using art as meditation and on *really* seeing the human condition-including its suffering and its strength.

Pumpkin Carving

On Tuesday, October 11 we are doing pumpkin carving with Pastor David (our master pumpkin carver!) We will meet at the Boese's home at 6:00 pm. Please let us know if you can join us.

Cookies for College

We will once again be baking cookies to send to our college students, young adults on their own, and military personnel linked to our church family. We want to remind them that we are all thinking of them, and that they always have a church home to return to. Some of the PW women will join us in putting together these gifts so it is an intergenerational reminder! We will bake and pack goodies Sunday, October 16 after coffee hour. Please submit names for those you want us to include. Last year we spent about \$200 on this project and it was covered completely by your generous contributions!

Paty & Mark Glasse'
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MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 23

Please join us on Sunday, October 23 for a special Mission Sunday to celebrate the week-long mission trip this past summer to Newburgh, NY working on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.

We will have special guests: Ignacio Acevedo, who is the owner of the "work live" home that we worked on; and Jim Ferguson, our esteemed "crew chief."

If you have any pictures to share, please forward them to Mark and Paty Glasse. Contact them with any questions.

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MIDNIGHT RUN

As many of you are aware, First Presbyterian Church in Goshen is committed to continuing the amazing job Lori Baird has done in recent years spearheading our efforts with Midnight Run. Although no one person could hope to do the work Lori did, there are a core group of volunteers willing to make sure our mission with this incredible organization continues. We are looking for more bodies to help, in whatever way you can.

The jobs are many; we will need volunteers to:

- help make sandwiches, soup, whatever we're taking to NYC on a particular run
- donate food supplies
- donate underwear, socks, gently worn hand-me-downs (especially in men's sizes)
- help organize donations prior to/after each run
- drive to NYC or ride along to help at the various NYC stops
- and to donate cash if you can't help with any of the above

We will be doing our next Midnight Run as a brunch run on Saturday, October 1 -- leaving early in the morning and visiting our destinations during daylight hours. We are thinking this might be less daunting for first time participants.

Specifically we will need:

- ✓ Donuts (100)
- ✓ Cream Cheese packets (1 box from Sam's Club)
- ✓ Butter pats (1 box from Sam's Club)
- ✓ Raw Eggs (15 dozen)
- ✓ Hard Boiled Eggs (12 Dozen)
- ✓ Sliced Deli Cheese (5 lbs)
- ✓ Long White Sandwich Bread (20 loaves)
- ✓ Bagels (75)
- ✓ Breakfast sausage links (200)
- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Black lawn/leaf bags (39 gal) 100 count
- ✓ Orange Juice (2 gallons)
- ✓ Milk (2 gallons)
- ✓ Jelly (2 large jars)
- ✓ Sliced deli turkey (6 lbs)
- ✓ Tootsie Rolls (small Halloween size)

We will also need travel size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes, combs, body wash, washcloths, small tissue packs for men and women)

Fall/winter clothing (greatest need is for men); men & women's underwear Sizes M, L, XL

We will be sorting clothes on Tuesday (9/27/16) a.m. and Thursday (9/29/16) starting at 6:00 p.m. in the GOVAC building in the parking lot across from the church. We will be preparing food/packing supplies on Friday, September 30 starting at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall/kitchen.

If you can help with any of the above, please leave a note in collection plate, contact Wendy Bynum-Wade at 845-294-0583 or at wendybynumwade@gmail.com

First Presbyterian membership is NOT a requirement for service; all that is needed is a willing heart to help individuals far less fortunate than any of us. If you're interested in helping in any way, please contact Wendy Bynum-Wade at wendybynumwade@gmail.com or leave a note in collection plate or leave a message at the church office with Pat. Invite your friends and family members; helping with any of the components of our efforts will satisfy community service hours needed for school/college. By the way, it's also a great way to have fun while earning a warm and fuzzy feeling for doing something so worthwhile. Members of other churches (or groups within those churches) are welcome to join us as well. Many hands will make light work. Please pass the word!

Wendy Bynum-Wade

WHO NEEDS UBER WHEN WE HAVE "CHARIOTS TO CHURCH"

At First Presbyterian Church in Goshen, we are creatures of habit. I'm sure it's the same at many churches. Sometimes that can be a hindrance, keeping us from trying out new ideas. But it can also be very helpful, especially in the introduction of a new program called "Chariots to Church."

Since we all usually sit in the same place week after week, it becomes easier to notice who sits with you, near you, in front or in back of you and your entourage. The Board of Elders and the Board of Deacons have decided to put this knowledge to good use and create a formal plan to help out our fellow congregants who may be able to attend church but don't have a way to get there.

We are looking for volunteer drivers who may have a few extra minutes before and after church each week to help with this program. If we have many drivers, no one will be assigned to drive more than once a quarter. We are also looking for people who need rides; we know you're out there! If you notice that someone's been absent for a while or only attends sporadically, please let Pat in the church office know (294-7991). You can also call her to volunteer to drive or leave a note in the offering plate.

Or, email Wendy Bynum-Wade at wendybynumwade@gmail.com or call at 294-0583.

We could also use this program to bring folks to church outings like the dinner club. Please give it some thought and reach out to help out. Thanks in advance for your participation in this project.

Wendy Bynum-Wade

DINNER CLUB AT CATHERINE'S RESTAURANT

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR DINNER AT CATHERINE'S
153 West Main Street
Goshen, New York**

Friday, October 21, 2016

5:00 p.m.

\$30.00 per person includes tax and gratuity

Cash bar

APPETIZER:

Catherine's Mixed Green Salad

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:

Filet Mignon Bolognese with peas and mozzarella

Crispy Chicken topped with roasted red peppers and mozzarella.

Served with wild mushroom and pea risotto

Short Rib Stroganoff with wild mushrooms and peas over pappardelle pasta

Cedar Plank Salmon with brown rice,
vegetable medley and dill sauce

DESSERT:

Godiva Chocolate Mousse Cake

Coffee or tea

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



Dear Church Family,

On Saturday, November 12 the **Outreach and Fellowship Committees**, along with possibly the **Teen Voices** and **Confirmation class**, will be hosting the Community Dinner and the kids helping to serve. Dinner will be served on the church china. This will be a Thanksgiving-themed dinner with turkey, stuffing, smashed potatoes, string beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, salad, apple and pumpkin pies. We will be inviting veterans to come,

enjoy, and honor them for their service. We would appreciate it if we could get some donations for this dinner. Hope that you are able to come and bring a veteran.

We will need the following:

- ✓ 60 pounds of turkey breast possibly cooked and ready to slice.
- ✓ 50 pounds of potatoes
- ✓ 8 half pans of stuffing
- ✓ 10-15 cans of cranberry sauce
- ✓ 10 pounds of string beans
- ✓ 12 dozen rolls
- ✓ 10 apple pies
- ✓ 10 pumpkin pies
- ✓ salad - bags of mixed lettuce (with the carrots) and field greens, celery, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers

Please let me know what you can donate, and if you would be attending so I would have a head count for food purchase. The above amounts would be for about 130 people (about 80 for Veterans).

Thank you
Darlene



SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

DEACONS' HOLIDAY FAIR

&

Quilt Show, Soup Sale and Bake Sale

SERVING THE CHURCH AS SESSION MEMBERS

BA Long	343-7571	Chairperson of the Christian Education Committee
Kathy Alevras	496-9619	Member of the Christian Education Committee
Mark Glasse	986-1460	Member of the Christian Education Committee
Robin Knoblock	313-1319	Chairperson of the Fellowship Committee
Bill Eustance	294-5745	Member of the Fellowship Committee
Mal Stewart	294-7243	Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee
Bill Hodges	782-6816	Member of the Finance and Administration Committee
Scott Roper	914-426-8574	Member of the Finance and Administration Committee
Grover vonPentz	291-1932	Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee
Bill Eustance	294-5745	Member of the Fundraising Committee
Adam Boese	291-7324	Chairperson of the Mission Committee
Darlene Bartley	238-4368	Chairperson of the Outreach Committee
Deb Hourahan	240-1344	Member of the Outreach Committee
Brian Meek	978-5600	Chairperson of the Personnel Committee
BA Long	343-7571	Member of the Personnel Committee
Karen Magee	294-6443	Member of the Personnel Committee
Brian Meek	978-5600	Chairperson of the Property Management Committee
Tom Sawyer	914-443-4503	Member of the Property Management Committee
Rob Warner	294-3248	Member of the Property Management Committee
Karen Magee	294-6443	Chairperson of the Worship and Music Committee
Orra Wood	374-6611	Member of the Worship and Music Committee

NEW ADDRESS

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WHO DO I CONTACT?

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	Linda Boardman	469-6063
	Michele Meek	294-2859
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	Elizabeth (BA) Long, Chairperson	343-7571
	Linda Boardman, Director of Education	469-6063
CHOIR:		
CHURCH OFFICE:	Pastor Kingsley	294-7991 (office) 551-2780 (cell)
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CLERK OF SESSION:	Sue Varden	649-7830
COFFEE HOUR:	Robin Knoblock	313-1319
COLUMBARIUM:	Wayne George	914-213-4093
COMMUNITY DINNER:	Darlene Bartley	238-4368
CRAFT FAIR VENDORS:	Lori Kilmer	692-0426
	Pat Schwetje	294-7991
DEACONS:	Carolyn Keller,	294-5508
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:	Robin Knoblock, Chairperson	313-1319
FLOWERS:	Carol Gabella	342-4367
	Carolyn Keller	294-5508
	Betty Lobb	294-6344
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:	Mal Stewart, Chairperson	294-7243
TREASURER:	Deb Hourahan	240-1344
FOOD PANTRY:	Carolyn and Bill Keller	294-5508
FUNDRAISING:	Grover vonPentz, Chairperson	291-1932
HUMAN RESOURCE:	Brian Meek, Chairperson	294-2859
LAY READERS:	Karen Magee	294-6443
MEMORIAL GARDEN:	Wayne George	914-213-4093
MIDNIGHT RUN:	Wendy Bynum-Wade	294-0583
MISSION COMMITTEE:	Adam Boese, Chairperson	291-7324
NEWSLETTER:	Pat Schwetje	294-7991
OFFERING ENVELOPES:	Bill Eustance	800-0083
OUTREACH COMMITTEE:	Darlene Bartley, Chairperson	238-4368
PRAYER CIRCLE:	Fran Hoffmann	294-6470
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:	Wendy Paffenroth	258-4826
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:	Fran Hoffmann	294-6470
	Carolyn Keller	294-5508
	Betty Lobb	294-6344
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	Laura Colacci (spring)	988-7657
SANTA BREAKFAST:	Kathy Stringer	496-7765
USHERS:	Carolyn Keller	294-5508
WEBSITE:	Dom Fontana	778-4330
WORSHIP AND MUSIC:	Karen Magee, Chairperson	294-6443

DOES THE CHURCH OFFICE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

(Church announcements, prayer requests, etc. are sent by e-mail)

TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

1	<i>Dom Fontana</i>	20	<i>Diane Church</i>
3	<i>Stephen Van Doran</i>		<i>Teresa von Pentz</i>
4	<i>Brendan Donohue</i>	22	<i>Stuart Bryson</i>
5	<i>Matt Skyer</i>		<i>Donna Neil</i>
7	<i>Anna Boese</i>	23	<i>Thomas Gruber</i>
	<i>Margaret Dickover</i>	24	<i>Carl Johnson</i>
	<i>Matthew Gould</i>		<i>Nancy Buckley</i>
9	<i>Fred Smith</i>		<i>Susan Whitson (Paffenroth)</i>
14	<i>Sarah McDowell</i>	25	<i>Taylor Panebianco</i>
16	<i>Diane George</i>	26	<i>Aidan Diglio</i>
17	<i>Dave White</i>	27	<i>Christine Fenner</i>
18	<i>Michelle White</i>	29	<i>Sara Benson</i>
19	<i>Daniel Spencer</i>		<i>Loretta Gould (Richner)</i>
		30	<i>Wendy Donohue</i>

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:

2	<i>Mark and Christine Hahn</i>
3	<i>Wayne and Diane George</i>
7	<i>Christopher and Sarah Misir</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.

Congratulations to James D. Paffenroth who was promoted to commander of the US Navy in September, 2016. Jim works at the Washington Naval Yard in Washington D.C. He is the son of David and Wendy Paffenroth who were witness to the ceremony along with other family members.



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:

Ron and Kathy Alevras

Sarah Bohling

Sharon Conlon

John DeGroat

Judy Fazio

Matthew Gould

Kevin and Sara Hankins

Susan Johnson

Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott

Karen Magee

Diana, Riley, and Gavin Martin

Richard Montalbano

Amy (Thompson) Nguye

William John Pink

Tom Sawyer

Sue Stenson

Christopher Tucker

Doris Weinberger

Dennis Sandra Wood

Vicki Yost

Ed Berry

Susie Bohling

Jean Crandall

Everyone serving in the Military

Esther Glasse

Mary Gray Griffith

Andy Hine

Rosemary Joy

Brenda Kujawski

Kelly Magee Thrush

The McCloud Family

Jean Musgrave

Dean Oberg

Rachel Reeves

Dorothy Sevcik

Elmer Stevens

Cindy Vanderplaat

Jo Wolfe

Orra Wood

Ann (Strong) Blake

Hannah Boorse

Suzanne DeBlock

Mary Lee Farris and her sister

Dorothy Gott

Barbara and George Hankins

Bill Howell

Laura and Tom Kennedy

James Magee

Victoria Manteaw

Evelyn Mercado

Eileen Myslinski

Dave and Wendy Paffenroth

Maritya Reyes

Peggy Srirach

Gary Swinger

The Wade Family

Anne Wood's 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.)

PRAYER HOTLINE – Continuous Prayers When You Need Them

If you have a sudden need for prayer – an emergency, an accident, an illness, a fear – start a prayer chain by calling:

Fran Hoffmann – 294-6470

Louise Spencer – 615-0983

Mary Gray Griffith – 294-9288

Orra Wood – 374-6611



Prayer contacts will begin immediately.

Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden

OCTOBER UPDATE

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner & Concert on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

See flyer inside this *Tower Tie*. Come out and support your Meditation Garden!

Memorial Pavers

Place your orders for memorial pavers to honor or remember a loved one! **Five NEW paver orders have been placed.** We will order engraving after we have ten orders on hand.

To order a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one, please see Pat in the church office.

The cost of each paver is only \$100.

8 Niches Remain Available 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”

Special thanks 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
Bill Eustance, Jen and Gregg Piller:	October 16 – October 31
Beryl Yungman and Karen Bende:	November 1 – November 15

Anyone can be a Steward of Our Garden any day of the week! 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 too can help keep our garden beautiful! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our schedule.

Call the church office (845-294-7991), Rev. Kingsley, or Wayne George (914-213-4093) for any information you may need about The Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

Class of 2017

**Darlene Bartley
Deborah Hourahan
Robin Knoblock
Karen Magee
Grover vonPentz
Rob Warner**

Class of 2018

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

Class of 2019

**Adam Boese
William Eustance
Brad McLeland
Brian Meek
Thomas Sawyer
Malcolm Stewart**

Clerk of Session: Sue Varden

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2017

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

Class of 2018

**Wendy Bynum-Wade
Laura Colacci
Ian Depew
Wendy Donohue
Paty Glasse
Gregg Piller
Jenn Piller**

Class of 2019

**Liese Boese
Margaret Dickover
Jon Hourahan
Carolyn Keller
Jody Kopec
Logan Quick
Felicia Van Doran**

**Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Keller
Presbyterian Women:**

STAFF

**Robert Clooney, Director of the Ministry of Music
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**