

# THE TOWER TIE

The Newsletter of the  
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Psalm 133.1

*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*

It is very good and pleasant when kindred live together in unity, but it rarely happens. Instead, in-laws fight over table decorations for wedding receptions, children argue over who received the most Christmas presents, and spouses argue about the strangest things until they lose their voices. Even beyond the nuclear family, kindred (in the larger sense) are divided over a great number of topics including politics, economics, and ethics.

I am convinced that for as much good as social networking and the 24-hour news cycle have brought into the world, there is also just as much evil. In the wake of the recent tragedy in Charlottesville, Virginia people on every spot of the spectrum have come out to voice their particular opinion as if shouting into the void without a care as to who might hear it. I read people, who posted on their Facebook pages, some truly hateful language regarding the protestors and anti-protestors. One person said that the young woman who was murdered by the driver who drove into the crowd of people would still be alive if she wasn't a fat-good-for-nothing trying to interrupt a "peaceful protest." Another person wrote about how we should jail and/or physically punish all white republicans because they're all "racists on the inside." And still another person wrote about the need to reassert the values of "white America" over and against all other types of Americas.

And all of this was posted publicly for the world to see.

The psalmist declares, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" Unity is a rare thing in the world today, let alone in our individual communities. Rather than seeking unity we almost always just spend our time with those who already have our opinion and instead of seeking to find common ground we stake our claim and dig deeper into our own ground.

As Christians we believe that the church is the better place that God has made in the world. For us, the church is the place where even though we do not think alike we can love alike. We sit down in pews with people who are of different opinions, we gather with them for communion, and we are sent forth with them to be Christ's hands and feet for the world. If we cannot have unity in the church, unity in a common purpose to love, then the world will continue to be a place of walls and divisions and disunity.

This week, as we continue to take steps in faith and seek God's kingdom here on earth, let us join our voices together in a common prayer:

"Almighty God, help us to remember that before Jesus marched to the cross he prayed for his disciples that they might be one. In the same fellowship that is between you and your Son and your Spirit, in the same hope of the prayer that Jesus offered in the garden, we pray for unity in your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you. Help us so to love you and one another that your kingdom might reign here on earth now and forever. Amen."

Pastor Kingsley



## Music Note

I hope you've had a wonderful, restful summer. I have, thank God. During the quiet summer months, it's been wonderful taking time to drive around the county, visiting orchards and distilleries, farmers' markets and antique stores, restaurants and thrift shops. We adopted a young dog and began to say farewell to an old cat. There was canoeing, hiking, fishing, stargazing, cooking out.

Productivity can be overrated. There is a deep need for true quiet in our lives, non-productive contemplation. Creativity comes from this still, deep pool, as do all of our best ideas.

Now it's time to wake up from the deep rest of summer, to pick up the tools of the trade, and to get back to work.

Handbells and Choir will meet on WEDNESDAY evenings, at the usual times (6:30 and 7:30 respectively) until the second week of December. After that, we will return to Thursdays. We will begin on Wednesday, September 13. Rehearsals will be in the same spaces as last year, the Sanctuary and the parlor respectively.

I've ordered some new music which I think you'll really enjoy! New members to both groups are very welcome.

I'm also eager to feature musical talent wherever it may appear in the congregation. Please drop me a line or speak to me and we can work something out.

I'm praying hard for the organ—we will need to start thinking about it in the coming year. With enthusiastic musicians and your great support, we'll be around for many anniversaries to come.

--Jonathan

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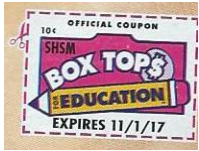
## **PRESBYTERAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

PW did not meet during the summer.

Just a reminder ... our next meeting is on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 in the parlor. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

## **CANNING JARS NEEDED**

Carolyn Keller is collecting quart canning jars for the soup/chili sale at the Holiday Craft Fair in November. All jars can be left for Carolyn in the church office with her name on it.



## PLEASE SAVE BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you do not already save your box tops for anyone, I would appreciate you saving them for me to give to my niece who is trying to get much-needed supplies for her kindergarten classroom in Liberty, or to treat them to an educational program. The box tops can be found on many foods and household supplies such as Progresso soups, Betty Crocker products, Scott paper towels, General Mills cereals, etc. I also will take Campbell soup labels.

***I have a box for collection in the back of church by the yarn basket, or you can hand them to me in church.***

Thanks so much! Carol Gabella

## 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
Brad McLeland	782-5273	Chairperson of the Fellowship Committee
Linda Boardman	469-6063	Member of the Fellowship Committee
Scott Roper	914-426-8574	Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee
Bill Hodges	782-6816	Member of the Finance and Administration Committee
Mal Stewart	294-7243	Member of the Finance and Administration Committee
Mark Glassé	986-1460	Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee
Bill Eustance	294-5745	Member of the Fundraising Committee
Adam Boese	291-7324	Chairperson of the Mission Committee
Sue Varden	649-7830	Member 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	Member of the Personnel Committee
BA Long	343-7571	Member of the Personnel Committee
Brian Meek	978-5600	Chairperson of the Property Management Committee
Rob Warner	294-3248	Member of the Property Management Committee
George Hankins	294-8410	Chairperson of the Worship and Music Committee
Orra Wood	374-6611	Member of the Worship and Music Committee

***From the Fellowship Committee...***

**Congregational Coffee Hours** are **MOVING** to the **last Sunday** of each month.

The next one will be September 24<sup>th</sup> and the calendar for September is:

September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Casual Coffee Hour	Open
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Coffee Hour	Open
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Coffee Hour	<b>Heather Nielsen</b> <b>(In honor of Fran Hoffmann)</b>
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Congregational Coffee Hour	<b>FPC</b>

If you are considering supporting our extended family this way, please email Brad McLeland at [bradwm@frontiernet.net](mailto:bradwm@frontiernet.net), or call (845) 782-5273, to volunteer or ask questions. Thank you!

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*The River Rose*

Tour the majestic Hudson River on an authentic Mississippi paddle wheeler.



Why not join us on **Saturday, October 7th** at **1 pm**, for a two-hour cruise to see the sights and fall foliage from Newburgh to West Point aboard the River Rose.

Tickets: **Adults (13-61)-\$22.00; Seniors (62 & up)-\$20.00; Children (4 to 12)-\$16.00; and, Under 4-Free.** Website: [www.riverrosecruises.com](http://www.riverrosecruises.com)

Contact the Event Manager, **Pam Pylant** at [tex10924@yahoo.com](mailto:tex10924@yahoo.com) or call (845) 820-7088, for more information and reservations.

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***We look forward to seeing you soon, The Fellowship Committee: Linda Boardman, Linda Clark, Dom Fontana, Jane Geyer, Maureen Johnson, Robin Knoblock, Jody Kopec, Mary Kopec, Brad McLeland, Pam Pylant, Barbara Schust, George Schust, Felicia Van Doran & Jo Wolfe***



## COME JOIN US FOR OUR KICK OFF EVENT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH

### ANNUAL CLAM BAKE

Will be held at the Haight Property (where the Masons meet) at 370 Main Street

Date – Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (last serving at 4:30). Rain date is Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Price per ticket is \$35.00 per person; kids under 12 is \$10.00. If you would like to add a lobster the ticket is \$50.00. If you would like to reserve your tickets, please email Darlene at [bartley51@yahoo.com](mailto:bartley51@yahoo.com) or call the church office.

There will be a cash bar serving beer.

Menu is as follows:

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

LITTLE NECKS AND STEAMER CLAMS

FRESH FRUIT MEDLEY

RED BLISS POTATOES (HOT OR COLD)

HOMESTYLE BAKED BEANS W/ BACON

GOURMET GARDEN SALAD

CORN ON THE COB W/ PARM & PARSLEY

BBQ GRILLED CHICKEN BREASTS & THIGHS (BONELESS)

ITALIAN SAUSAGE W/ PEPPERS & ONIONS

CONDIMENTS

SODA, WATER, COFFEE AND TEA

OPTION IS TO ADD 1.25 lb. LOBSTER BY PREVIOUS RESERVATION

We hope that you will come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship and kick off this wonderful celebration.

The Clam Bake Committee – Darlene, Cliff, John, Mary Lee, Orra, Wendy, Mark, Linda



# Community Yard Sale

**COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR 10th COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

**WHERE – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**33 PARK PLACE, GOSHEN, NY**

**WHEN – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2017**

**TIME – 9AM – 3PM**

*The proceeds from the space and table fees go to help the missions of the church.*

*We do many things like providing space for meetings of many non-profits who need a room in which to meet. We host a Community Dinner every month, make runs to New York City to provide food and clothing to the homeless, help build low income housing with Habitat for Humanity, and disaster relief within our country and much more.*

*If you are interested in selling and would like to get a space, please call the church office at (845) 294-7791 for more information and an application.*



# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Yard Sale

The First Presbyterian Church is holding its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Yard Sale.

Bring your stuff and set up and we will do the advertising.....

The proceeds will be going toward the mission trip to Nicaragua.

**Date – Saturday September 23, 2017**

**From 9am – 3pm**

**Set up – 8am**

**Cost of space - \$30.00 – (12' x12')**

There is also a deposit fee of \$30.00 that will be refunded when your space is cleaned up.  
Please send two checks for \$30.00 each.

We also will have tables for rent for your items for \$5.00 each.

Please return the bottom portion with your checks to

First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of spaces \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 each      Total \_\_\_\_\_

# of tables \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each      Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Plus – separate \$30.00 deposit for clean-up (check returned when you leave).**

*Further information: bartley51@yahoo.com or church office: 294-7991*

Dear Congregants:

We are appealing to the congregation to fulfill their per capita assessment. Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, “Exactly what does per capita do?”

Per capita is an amount of money per member (this year, \$34.10) that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

In the mid-1800s, a “plan of mileage” was adopted by the General Assembly to defray the expenses of commissioners attending General Assembly meetings so that everyone could be present to participate regardless of distance or financial resources. Over time, per capita has been used to fund “ecclesiastical and administrative” functions that are shared by the whole church. In 1995, the following definition was developed: *Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the mid councils to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians.*

How important is per capita? Here are some examples:

- Your per capita pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- In many places in our world, it is difficult to “do mission” except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your per capita helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- The Church benefits from the Presbyterian resources such as the *Book of Order* and *The Book of Confessions*? The per capita pays for producing these basic resources, including Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- Your per capita helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- Your per capita pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

In addition, your per capita pays for the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they make their way across the church to share with and listen to folks like you about the exciting things God is doing in our midst.

We need each other as we work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we benefit from the gifts, skills, vision, and ministry of each other in this place, so, too, do we benefit from an even wider array of gifts and ministry of our Presbyterian brothers and sisters across the church. Your per capita pays for the programs, training, and resources that help us work together and discern the mind of Christ for the PC(USA).



The First Presbyterian Church in Goshen has paid the Presbytery our share of the 2017 per capita assessment. The total cost is based on the active members of the church multiplied by \$34.10 per member. The total cost for this year was \$12,173.70. We have collected from the congregants a total of \$3,543.00 to offset this expense. If the remaining balance is not collected, the 2017 church deficit will increase proportionally.

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share of the per capita assessment. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in this community. If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so.

In Christ's service,  
Bill Hodges



### **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:***

<i>Ron and Kathy Alevras</i>	<i>Ed Berry</i>	<i>Ann (Strong) Blake</i>
<i>Sarah Bohling</i>	<i>Susie Bohling</i>	<i>Hannah Boorse</i>
<i>Marilyn Borth</i>	<i>Tommy, Amy, and Makayla Brahs</i>	<i>John Burleson</i>
<i>Jessica Chasen and Jackson Doehla</i>	<i>Laura Colacci</i>	<i>Lawrence Colacci</i>
<i>Sharon Conlon</i>	<i>Winifred Coyne</i>	<i>Suzanne DeBlock</i>
<i>John DeGroat</i>	<i>Everyone serving in the Military</i>	<i>Judy Hankins Feragola</i>
<i>Mary Lee Farris and her sister</i>	<i>Robert and Brenda Faulls</i>	<i>Judy Fazio</i>
<i>Bob Geyer</i>	<i>Esther Glassé</i>	<i>Miko Graham</i>
<i>Barbara and George Hankins</i>	<i>Kevin and Sara Hankins</i>	<i>Edith Hausmann</i>
<i>Georgia Hickey</i>	<i>Jennifer and Andy Hine</i>	<i>Susan Johnson</i>
<i>Rosemary Joy</i>	<i>Laura and Tom Kennedy</i>	<i>The Kingsley Family</i>
<i>Jeff Kott and Wendy Henson-Kott</i>	<i>Brenda Kujawski</i>	<i>Karen Magee</i>
<i>Diana Martin</i>	<i>Sergio Franklin Maturana</i>	<i>Evelyn Mercado</i>
<i>Eileen Myslinski</i>	<i>Amy (Thompson) Nguye</i>	<i>Dean Oberg</i>
<i>Dave and Wendy Paffenroth</i>	<i>Josephine Pecoraro</i>	<i>Rachel Reeves</i>
<i>Maritya Reyes</i>	<i>Aimyna Jade Royce</i>	<i>Tom Sawyer</i>
<i>Gary Smith</i>	<i>Louise Spencer</i>	<i>Joe Spoor</i>
<i>Peggy Srirach</i>	<i>Elmer Stevens</i>	<i>Kathy Stringer</i>
<i>Virginia Stubenrauch</i>	<i>Gary Swinger</i>	<i>Christopher Tucker</i>
<i>Cindy Vanderplaat</i>	<i>Kenneth Van Etten</i>	<i>June Vautin</i>
<i>The Wade Family</i>	<i>Doris Weinberger</i>	<i>Jo Wolfe</i>
<i>Anne Wood's brother-in-law Dennis</i>	<i>Sandra Wood</i>	<i>Orra Wood</i>
<i>Phyla Wright</i>	<i>Vicki Yost</i>	

***(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.)***

# 2017 - 2018 Sunday School Registration Form

## First Day of Sunday School – September 10<sup>th</sup>

Please fill out and return by September 10<sup>th</sup> using any of the following methods:

- Drop in offering plate
- Return to Pat in the office
- Email back to me at: [linda.sundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:linda.sundayschool@gmail.com)

Registration can also be done directly through church web site: [www.fpgoshen.org](http://www.fpgoshen.org)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in school as of September 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's names: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's talents or interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's talents or interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's help if/when needed (circle any): Art      Music      Snacks      Pageant

Any concerns we should be aware of: (allergies, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> grader interested in being an Acolyte:      YES      NO

\*Most communication will be through email. I will send weekly reminders, list of upcoming activities and/or events, projects Sunday school is working on, etc.

Thank you,  
Linda Boardman, Director of Sunday School

## **TIDBITS FROM THE TOWER**



### **HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:**

1	<i>Rebecca Boardman</i>	18	<i>Louise Spencer</i>
	<i>Elfriede Johnson</i>	19	<i>Emma Jorgensen</i>
3	<i>Leslie Faulds</i>	22	<i>Bill Hodges</i>
6	<i>Sarah Misir</i>		<i>Grace Lanuti</i>
8	<i>Karen Brooks</i>		<i>Nancy Mason</i>
10	<i>Nancy Warner</i>	23	<i>Lucy Figueroa</i>
	<i>Gabriela Ukejianya</i>		<i>Owen Hourahan</i>
12	<i>Tom McDowell</i>	26	<i>Abigail Boardman</i>
13	<i>Michael Hagopian, III</i>		<i>Gianna Hagopian</i>
15	<i>Adriana Walsh</i>		<i>Pam Pylant</i>
16	<i>Michael Hagopian</i>		<i>Kiersten Warner</i>
	<i>Kelly McCloud</i>	28	<i>Kevin Hankins</i>
17	<i>Matthew Kopec</i>		<i>Nicholas Hagopian</i>
	<i>Denise Panebianco</i>	30	<i>Darren Baird</i>
	<i>Daniel Serkes</i>		<i>Michele Meek</i>
	<i>Phyla Wright</i>		

### **HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES TO:**

8	<i>Alan and Glynnis Jorgensen</i>
9	<i>Jody and Mary Kopec</i>
10	<i>Chris and Dina Viebrock</i>
17	<i>Kevan and Shannon Ottochian</i>
23	<i>Jeffrey and Erica Gati</i>
25	<i>Luis and Lucy Figueroa</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.*



## **Maney-Hawkins Meditation Garden**

### **SEPTEMBER UPDATE**

The fall is an ideal time of year to visit the Meditation Garden. The gates are always open to anyone who desires a few tranquil moments.

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#### **Memorial Pavers**

Place your orders for a memorial paver to honor or remember a loved one. Eleven NEW engraved pavers have arrived and will be installed.

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.

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#### **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)

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#### **“Stewards of Our Garden”**

*Special thanks to our dedicated Stewards for keeping the garden neat!*

##### **The SEPTEMBER/ early OCTOBER Steward’s Schedule:**

Bill Eustance, Jen & Gregg Pillar      September 1 – September 15

Beryl Yungman      September 16 – September 30

Barbara and George Hankins      October 1 - October 15

*YOU can be a Steward of Our Garden on any day of the week! It takes only a few minutes of your time to pick up any litter, pull a weed, sweep a few pavers clean, or gather a few leaves and you too can help keep YOUR garden beautiful! Thanks for being an active member! Contact Pat in the church office to sign up and be added to our schedule.*

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#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**NO planting or removal of plants is permitted without prior approval from Rev. Kingsley and/or Allegro Landscaping.**

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 2018**

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

### **Class of 2019**

**Linda Boardman  
Adam Boese  
William Eustance  
Brad McLeland  
Brian Meek  
Malcolm Stewart**

### **Class of 2020**

**Darlene Bartley  
Robyn Boardman  
George Hankins  
Deb Hourahan  
Sue Varden  
Rob Warner**

**Clerk of Session: Sue Varden**

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

### **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**

### **Class of 2020**

**Diane Church  
Carol Gabella  
Jane Geyer  
Gina Gruber  
Mary Kopec  
Betty Lobb  
Charlie von Pentz**

**Moderator of Deacons:  
Presbyterian Women:**

**Carolyn Keller**

## **STAFF**

**Jonathan Hall, Minister of Music  
Patricia Schwetje, Church Secretary  
Deborah Hourahan, Church Treasurer  
Anne Wood, CLP – Mission Pastor to Sullivan County**