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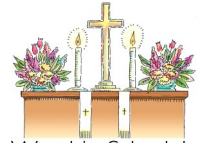
Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

The snow beyond my office windows still glistens a pristine white in stark contrast to the silent gray sentinels it surrounds. These aging tombstones once held deeply etched carvings that marked the names and longevity of Christians who worshiped on this property only footsteps away from where they now rest. These concrete, marble, and stone markers were meant to give testament to the saints who have gone before and their vision of a better world. Even though the ravages of weather and time have obliterated much of the information contained on the stones, the dreams once held by the earth encased occupants now live on in you.

Carrying the hopes and dreams of these saints is an awesome responsibility, and I wonder (if suddenly awakened) how they would respond to the world that surrounds us. More importantly, how would they view our response to this world? You see, in reading the history, and occasionally the Session minutes of times gone by, it is evident that the society in which our founders and predecessors lived was much more circumspect in comportment and morality than the times in which we currently reside. Was the God they worshipped the same God we serve? Has Jesus the Christ, the Savior, whom they endeavored to emulate, been reduced by our society to a “generic god.” Has our faith become an impotent philosophy without boundaries or expectations? The ultimate question becomes, “Is faith in Jesus Christ relevant for the world today?”

This is a question I hope we will all ponder as we enter the season of Lent – the time of preparation for the most holy day of our church year — Easter — the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By accepting Christ we are born into his resurrection and the life everlasting. We are awakened restored in him.

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Pastor's Article Continued:

Join us for the following important dates and brief Lenten services as we gather *Restored In Christ*:

February 18

Pot-Luck Luncheon,
12:00 Noon

February 18

Ash Wednesday Service,
7:00 p.m.

February 25

Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 4

Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 11

Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 18

Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 22

Men's Communion Breakfast, 7:00 a.m.
Special Speaker: Ric Riccardi –
Sportsman Extraordinaire

March 25

Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 29

PALM SUNDAY, 9:30 a.m.

April 5

EASTER SUNDAY , 9:30 a.m.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

Ephesians 5:14

Come and celebrate the Lord with us.

See you in church!

Pastor Shawn



Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 1st:

- 9:30 am Worship Service, Holy Communion, Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
11:00 am Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 8th:

- 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
11:10 am Bible Study

Sunday, February 15th:

- 9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
11:10 am Bible Study

Wednesday, February 18th: Ash

Wednesday

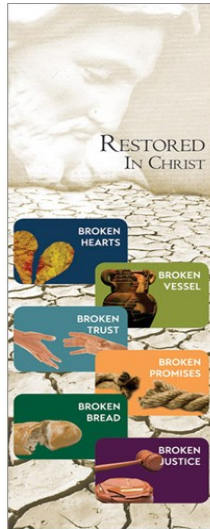
- 7:00 pm Wednesday evening Lenten Services begin. For those who desire it, an imposition of ashes will be offered. These services will be held in the Chapel.

Sunday, February 22nd:

- 9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
11:10 am Bible Study

Wednesday, February 25th:

- 7:00 pm Lenten Service in the 3rd floor Chapel.





Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are sick or in the hospital. Lenten services will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18.
2. Personnel Committee Chairperson Gary Murphy reported that Presbytery has indicated a mandatory 2% increase for terms of call, and has recommended this increase for all staff. Session approved this increase for staff and this will be included in the 2015 Budget.
3. Acting Finance Committee Chairperson Gary Murphy presented the 2015 Budget, which was approved by Session. The congregation will be asked to concur with the budget at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 1, 2015.
4. Stewardship/Church Growth Committee Chairperson Jerry Conklin reported that the Mission Budget ended the year with a surplus. Donations will be given to Heifer International, Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Sparrow's Nest, and Presbytery Disaster Assistance in addition to the budgeted donations.
5. Christian Education Committee Chairperson Karen Haight and all present praised the Advent in Action program by the high school class. There were also positive comments about the inclusion of Sunday School students in the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve pageant. A communicants' class will be held this year.

6. Worship Committee Chairperson Judy Brandow set up Communion assistants for February 1, March 1, and April 12 (altered schedule because of Easter).
7. Technology Chairperson Ken Brands offered to continue updating the church web site after his term expires.
8. Ken Brands and Jerry Conklin were thanked for their dedicated service as elders for the past 3 years.

March PRES

All articles and information for the March PRES must be given to Wendy by February 23rd. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: secretary@pvpresby.org.





Friendship Callers
February 17th 9:30 a.m.

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, February 17th to go visit our shut-ins. All are welcome. We meet in the Yellow Room at 9:30 a.m. Any questions please call Joan Smith at 635-3687.

SNOW CLOSINGS

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97.7 FM

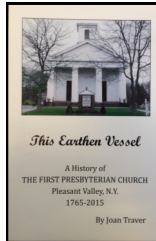


Happy Anniversary, First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley!



250th Anniversary
Celebration!

The Anniversary Committee has planned exciting events for the next two months! On Sunday, February 22, during Coffee Hour, there will be a "History Hunt" for children and adults. You will be asked to search on all 3 floors for historical items. You may work individually or as teams. This is not a race or a contest, but an opportunity to learn about our church building and some of the people who have contributed to the rich history of this church. Also on that day, the long awaited history books will be launched. Joan Traver's book will be available for \$12 (a great bargain!) and she will be there to autograph her book. Kathi Clark's beautiful coloring book will be available to the children as a gift from Kathi. If adults would like a copy, please see Kathi for information.



On Sunday, March 15, a special event is planned for 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Paul Keck will provide a "Window Walk" as he describes the stained glass windows and their history. Musical interludes will add the beauty of sound to the visual beauty of the windows. This event is open to the public, so invite friends and families.



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SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY DURING 2015!

We are off to a great start to our year end goal of contributing 250 items to the Food Pantry. The month of January resulted in 63 items donated! For February, they are requesting jars of peanut butter and jelly. The pantry is always in need of personal hygiene items - bars of soap, toothpaste and toilet Paper (individually wrapped). However, whatever item you may wish to contribute is appreciated and counts toward our goal. Items may be placed in the basket outside the CE office or the basket in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Save the dates
for the Main Event:
November 13, 14, 15



SANCTUARY PLAQUES

Many of the items in our sanctuary that enhance our worship experience have, over the years, been given by members in memory of loved ones. Although the plaques on these items are inconspicuously placed, our anniversary year seems an appropriate time to become aware of them.

The **chancel cross** to which our eyes are so often drawn was made by Scott Prichard, son of Karen Sheer.

Pulpit plaque: Sanctuary Dedicated to the Glory of God 2 Nov. 2014

Plaque at base of the pulpit reads: In loving memory of Bertha H. Van Tassell, Mr. & Mrs. John H. Cavo, G. Edward Masten

Choir Pews: Purchased from the Mel Conklin Memorial Fund.

Lecturn: In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lester E. Phillips by their daughter Jean Phillips Robison and her family

Baptismal Font: In memory of Rev. Joseph MacInnes 1926-1928 Presented by Mrs. MacInnes

Flower Stand: Given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ed. L. Plass by Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Plass, Mr. & Mrs. C. Douglas Sherow

Communion Table: Given by Mr. Mrs. George M. Gill in memory of their parents

Large Bible: Given by John & Janet Lashway in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick Bissett, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Henry D. Lashway.

Brass Candlesticks & Bible Stand: In loving memory of Stanley Husted 1973

Brass Vase: In memory of Emma Cornish Appel, 1859-1906 given by her daughter, Frances Appel Waye, Aug. 6, 1959

Small Brass Cross: Hand wrought by Arden Witherwax and donated by the Presbyterian Church Sunday School Jan. 1954

Organ: Dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edwin B. and Emily C. Husted by Chester Husted, their son, organist of this church 1904 - 1945 and in loving memory of Chester Husted, whose gift was augmented by his brother and sister Aug.25, 1954 (that plaque was removed from the former organ console which served this church 1954 -1980 and attached to the current console).

The Sanctuary Piano (no current plaque): Purchased from the Olive & Cecil Sherow Memorial Fund

February Birthdays



Danielle Albrecht, David Brands, Dara Brands, Emily Cady, Brenda Daley, Paige Daley, Laurie Fouts, Ethan Franks, Marissa Fuller, Delany Haight, Ginda Harden, Chad Lasher, Steven Morey, Tyson Myers, Melissa Palestro, Eric Powers, Barb Smith, Jack Smith, Jeff Traver, Jonathan Wolf-Davidson, & Pastor Shawn.



To add names to the prayer list, submit a written request to the pastor, or call the Church Office. Names will be on for 4 weeks and then removed. You may request to have a name put back on the list. Please use this list in your daily prayers.

- Prayers for **Bud Winters** (Donna Sheak's brother-in-law) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Tina Manzi** (Barbara Komondorea's sister) who is confronting cancer issues.
- Prayers for **Bertha Howe** (member) who is recovering from hip surgery at The Pines.
- Prayers for **Sue Morey** (member) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Vikki Creswell** (Chesney Baker's mom) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Paul Haberstock** (Church florist) who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- Prayers for **Gladys Zanicky** (Pastor Shawn's mother-in-law) who is recovering from heart surgery and is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.
- Prayers for **Nancy Cole** (Bill Plass's sister) who is struggling with health issues and is in the Pines.
- Prayers for **Helen Kelsey** (member) who is in the Pines (room 512.)
- Prayers for **Sue Zanicky** (Pastor Shawn's sister-in-law) who is in hospice.
- Prayers for **David Brands** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

- Prayers for **David Morse** (Irena Morse's brother in law) who is undergoing medical procedures.
- Prayers for **Sue Moore** (friend of the church) who is recovering from surgery.
- Prayers for **Margaret Traver** (member) who is in Lutheran Care Center, Room 103 South.
- Prayers for **Grace** (Hilde's McQuillan's sister-in-law) who is battling breast cancer.
- Prayers for **Lee Burgess** (Friend of Karen Haight) who is battling pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for **Nathan Wells** (Friend of Irena Morse) who was diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Prayers for **Rick Fay** (member) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Bob & Carol Belton** (member) who are struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Eiluned Aikman** (member) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **John & Jane Barden** (member) who are struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayer for **Jennifer** (Karen's Cousin) who is battling cancer.
- Prayers for **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother) who is battling cancer.
- Prayers for **Iris Riccardi** (member) who is battling cancer.
- Prayers for **Gina Beckman** (friend of Andrea Kirchhoff) who is battling cancer.
- Sympathy prayers for **Ginny Rossway and family** on the passing of her brother, Ernie.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion, & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11am Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>2 8 - 3 pm PVN 6 pm Stamping Class 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>All church events are in Bold.</p> <p>3 8 - 3 PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>PVN = Pleasant Valley Cooperative Nursery School</p> <p>4 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement</p>	<p>5 8 - 3 pm PVN 5:45 pm Jr Choir 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>6 8 - 3 pm PVN</p>	<p>7 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
<p>8 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study</p>	<p>9 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>10 8 - 3 PVN 5 pm Meal for the Homeless Shelter 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>11 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Group</p>	<p>12 8 - 3 pm PVN 5:45 Jr Choir 6:30 pm Junior Grange 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>13 8 - 3 pm PVN 11 am PW Bible Study 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa 7 pm Prayer 101</p>	<p>14 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 5 pm Mid-Hudson Deaf Club</p>
<p>15 9:30 am Worship & Church School 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study</p>	<p>16 President's Day closed PVN 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>17 8 - 3 PVN 9:30 am Friendship Callers 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>18 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 12 Noon Lenten Luncheon 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>19 8 - 3 pm PVN 5:45 Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>20 8 - 3 PVN</p>	<p>21 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
<p>22 9:30 am Worship & Church School 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study</p>	<p>23 8 - 3PVN 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>24 8 - 3 PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>25 8 - 3 PVN 7 pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>26 8 - 3 pm PVN 5:45 Jr Choir 6:30 pm Junior Grange 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>27 8 - 3 pm PVN 11 am PW Bible Study</p>	<p>28 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basment</p>

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