

# THE PRES

The First Presbyterian Church Pleasant Valley  
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Dear Friends,

This past week a horrific act took place against a group of worshipers; in a building where sanctuary has been an historic element of their community. Nine innocent people were killed because of the color of their skin. A young Caucasian man, filled with unimaginable hatred, cold bloodedly shot unarmed Americans because they were black.

Unlike other recent problems, among the black and white communities in our country, there can be no equivocation about what actually occurred, or the murderer's intent. He hated black people and intended to ignite a "race war." He wanted to see another "Ferguson," but the families of the innocent victims deprived the shooter of his ultimate goal. They did the unthinkable in this day and age of race baiting and divisiveness — they forgave him.

Forgiveness - a unique concept. These fellow believers actually had the strength of character, not just to forgive such a heinous act, but they unabashedly invoked the name of God. One of the family members told the murderer "God forgives you, and I forgive you." When speaking of the church family, one survivor's voice broke as she stated, "Every fiber in my body hurts. We are the families that love built; we have no room for hate. We have to forgive."

The members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston have exemplified what it actually means to say, "I am a Christian." They live it.

### Is This Not Faith

Is this not faith that loves through cruel pain  
Is this not hope that waits for breath again

Is this not faith that treads through gelling blood  
Is this not hope that holds its heart in love

Is this not faith that forgives dark deeds  
Is this not hope that fills a nation's needs

Is this not faith that speaks of highest valor  
Is this not hope that sheds death's dark pallor

Is this not faith that reaches out to heal  
Is this not hope that echoes "God is real"

***And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.***

1 Corinthians 13:13

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Shawn

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# SUMMERTIME LOBSTER ROLLS



1/4 lb. Lobster Roll,  
Bag of Chips, Coleslaw, Beverage,  
& Cookies - \$14.00

2nd Lobster Roll  
(only with order of meal) - \$8.00

*Take Out or Casual Eat In*

**4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

Friday, July 10th

Friday, July 17th

NONE July 24th

Friday, July 31st



**MUST RSVP**

**by Tuesday each week!!  
(July 7th, 14th, 28th)**

**635-3289**

**or [pvpresby@gmail.com](mailto:pvpresby@gmail.com)**

*(in your message include number of meals,  
number of extra lobster rolls per meal,  
& Take Out or Eat In, & a telephone #)*



## August 11th HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL

PW will prepare and serve a meal for the Homeless Shelter on August 11, 2015. We provide homemade cookies for dessert and need 16 dozen for that evening. Please consider making 1 - 2 dozen to help out. The sign up sheet is in The Husted Fellowship Hall. For more info on preparing or helping to serve the meal see or call Linda Morey (226-6402).

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, July 5th:

9:30 am      Worship Service, & The Lord's  
                    Supper  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study

### Sunday, July 12th:

9:30 am      Worship Service  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study

### Sunday, July 19th:

9:30 am      Worship Service  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study

### Sunday, July 26th:

9:30 am      Worship Service  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study

### Sunday, August 2nd:

9:30 am      Worship Service & The Lord's  
                    Supper  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study

### Sunday, August 9th:

9:30 am      Worship Service  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study

### Sunday, August 16th:

9:30 am      Worship Service  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study

### Sunday, August 23rd:

9:30 am      Worship Service  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study

### Sunday, August 30th:

9:30 am      Worship Service  
10:30 am      Lemonade in Fellowship Hall  
11:10 am      Bible Study



### Session Update

Session did not meet in June so watch the September PRES for the next Session Update!

### September PRES

All articles and information for the September PRES must be given to Wendy by August 18th. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: [pvpresby@gmail.com](mailto:pvpresby@gmail.com)



Summer is upon us! Vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles are requested to check their calendars and contact the Conklins as soon as possible. Please know in advance that the entire congregation appreciates and enjoys your sharing of your talents. Thank you for contributing to our worship service.



Coffee Fellowship

### COFFEE & CONVERSATION EVERY THURSDAY

At 10 a.m.

At Panera Bread, On Route 44  
Across the street from Adam's.



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### July Birthdays

Tim Albrecht, Lauren Blasini,  
Charles Carnell, Monet Halliday,  
Ashley Keck, Joe Kirchhoff,  
Troy Kirchhoff, Charles Miller III,  
Linda Morey, Alex Murphy,  
Alex Neumann, Lydia Palmiotti,  
Danielle Powers, Margaret Russell,  
Katie Seigh, Dort Traver,  
Steve Traver, Taylor VanDeWater

#### July Anniversaries

*Steve & Jean Albrecht*

*Ken & Dara Brands*

*Jeff & Dawn Fuller*

*Frank & Donna Mears*

*Stephanie & Charles Miller*

*Bill & Lois Miller*

*Dick & Skip Walker*

#### August Birthdays

Karen Albrecht, Mary Albrecht,  
Renee Albrecht, Keith Daley,  
Charlotte DeGroff, Norel Halliday,  
Hilde McQuillan, Donna Mears,  
Stephanie Miller, Gary Murphy,  
Joe Palestro, Megan Palestro,  
Brenna Pisanelli, Julianna Powers,  
Dorothy Vail, Darlene Williams,  
Roxanne Wolf, Pat Zerbe

#### August Anniversaries

*Tom & Tia Albrecht*

*Robert & Carol Belton*

*Gary & Beth Murphy*

*Danielle & Eric Powers*

*Wayne & Missy Sauer*

*Jim & Debi Tyger*

*Charles & Darlene Williams*

## Happy Anniversary, First Presbyterian Church



### of Pleasant Valley! *250th Anniversary Celebration!*

The Anniversary Committee would like to thank all who came to the All-Church Picnic on June 14. The food was plentiful and delicious and a good time was had by all!

July will be a busy month. We will have a new fundraiser, "Summertime Lobster Rolls," on 3 Fridays in July: July 10, 17, and 31. The menu will be lobster salad on a roll, cole slaw, chips, beverage, and cookies, all for \$14.00. People can take out or eat in. We will need help to prepare the food and we hope that many of you will enjoy this summer treat.

Vacation Bible School will take place July 20-24. The theme is G-force. The children who come enjoy the activities and learn about God's love for them. We depend on our volunteers to make the week run smoothly; we encourage you to sign up to help all week or for a day. You will find your own faith renewed!

We continue to offer several anniversary items: the history book by Joan Traver, the coloring book by Kathi Clark, the PW cookbook "Feeding the Flock," and the lovely notecards by Karen Sheer. All of these items make wonderful gifts.

**Save the dates for the Main Event  
November 14 and 15**



## SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY DURING 2015!

Donations to the food pantry for the month of April totaled 26 items! That brings the year to date total of 496. Monthly donations are being tracked on a poster outside Pastor Shawn's office (next to the donation basket). The items requested for July/August will be listed in the Sunday bulletins. All donations are appreciated! Thank you for your generosity.

## Come Join the Parade!



JOIN THE PARADE!

This year we are planning a float for the Pleasant Valley Weekend parade on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. Steve Albrecht is providing a hay wagon and hay and we will decorate in red, white, and blue to go with the parade's theme "Freedom Fest." The Bell Choir and instruments will play "My Country 'Tis of Thee" as we travel. We will need a pick-up truck and driver to pull the float, people to carry our anniversary banner ahead of the float, and adults and children to march and ride. We will wear red, white and blue. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall this summer, or call the office at 635-3289 to let us know you are interested. Let's have a great showing for our anniversary year to show our love for our church and our country!



By Dara Brands, CE Coordinator  
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## Pennies for Palates

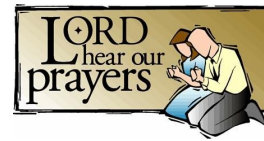
Thank you to everyone who donated coins (or more) to our "Pennies for Palates" mission! Because of your generosity, we were able to raise enough money to pay for 3 Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip surgeries! We came together and our efforts will make many people smile.



Thank you to everyone who donated supplies or gave your time to help us with VBS! At G-force we know "In God we live, move, and exist." Photos from the week will be featured in the Sept. PRES.



We are looking for people to march in the Pleasant Valley Weekend Parade on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015! There is room on our float for children to ride. Also, if you play an instrument and are interested in playing on the float during the parade, see Jerry Conklin. The theme this year is "Freedom Fest."



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 **Paul** (Friend of Hilde McQuillan) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Charlie Joseph** (Friend of Karen Haight) who is recovering from heart surgery.

Prayers for **Linda Mann** (Friend of Hilde McQuillan) who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers for **Harriet Mark** (member) who is recovering at home from surgery.

Prayers for **Josie** (Dara Brand's aunt) who is undergoing chemotherapy.

Prayers for **Nick Becker** (Karen Haight's grandson) who received a bone marrow transplant.

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 **Sue Morey** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Vikki** (Chesney Baker's mom) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Nancy Cole** (Bill Plass's sister) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **David Brands** (member) who is now at Wingate of Ulster.

Prayers for **Sue Moore** (friend of the church) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Margaret Traver** (member) who is in Lutheran Care Center, Room 103 South.

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** (members) who are struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Eiluned Aikman** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **John & Jane Barden** (members) who are struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother) who is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Iris Riccardi** (member) who is battling cancer.

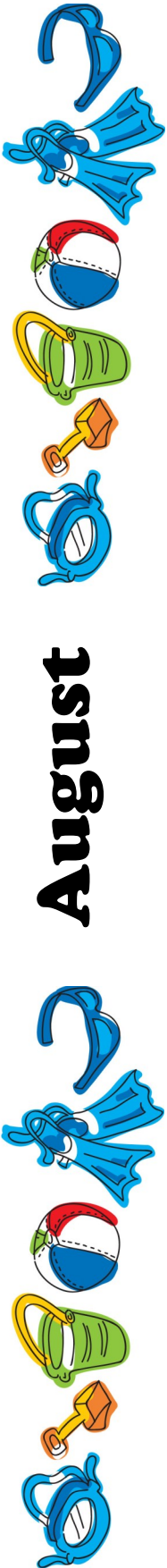
Prayers for **Gina Beckman** (friend of Andrea Kirchoff) who is battling cancer.

Sympathy prayers for the family of **Buzzy Langhein** who passed away on June 20, 2015.




# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			7/1	7/2 10 am Coffee & Conversation	7/3	7/4 4th of July
7/5 9:30 am Worship Service, The Lord's Supper & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall & Bible Study	7/6 6 pm Stamping Class	7/7 Reservations for Lobster Rolls Due! 7:30 pm NA	7/8 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Support Group	7/9 10 am Coffee & Conversation	7/10 4 - 6 pm Lobster Roll Dinner 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa	7/11
7/12 9:30 am Worship Service & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall & Bible Study	7/13	7/14 Reservations for Lobster Rolls Due! 7:30 pm NA	7/15	7/16 10 am Coffee & Conversation	7/17 4 - 6 pm Lobster Roll Dinner	7/18
7/19 9:30 am Worship Service & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall & Bible Study	7/20	7/21 7:30 pm NA	7/22	7/23 10 am Coffee & Conversation	7/24	7/25
7/26 9:30 am Worship Service & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall & Bible Study	7/27	7/28 Reservations for Lobster Rolls Due! 7:30 pm NA	7/29	7/30 10 am Coffee & Conversation	7/31 4 - 6 pm Lobster Roll Dinner	8/1



# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8/2 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall & Bible Study	8/3 6 pm Stamping Class	8/4 7:30 pm NA	8/5	8/6 10 am Coffee & Conversation	8/7	8/8 8/1 Powers/Daley Birthday Party
8/9 9:30 am Worship Service & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall, Bible Study 1 pm Stamping Class	8/10	8/11 4:45pm Homeless Shelter Meal 7pm Trustees 7:30 pm NA	8/12 7:30 pm Lyme Group	8/13 10 am Coffee & Conversation	8/14 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa	8/15
8/16 9:30 am Worship Service & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall & Bible Study	8/17	8/18 7:30 pm NA	8/19 7 pm Session	8/20 10 am Coffee & Conversation	8/21	8/22
8/23 9:30 am Worship Service & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall & Bible Study	8/24	8/25 7:30 pm NA	8/26	8/27 10 am Coffee & Conversation	8/28	8/29
8/30 9:30 am Worship Service & Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall & Bible Study	8/31	 <p>Church history books are available at the PV Dept. Store, the Country Thistle Gift Shop and the Church Office, or you may call Joan Traver at 635-3287 to request a copy. The cost is \$12. All proceeds are going to the Anniversary Fund.</p>				

**Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs**

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 Nominating

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