



THE PRES

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Greetings in the name of the LORD Jesus Christ!

Tonight the ocean is beating a demanding cadence against the shoreline, “You will notice me!” he shouts! The wind responds to this demand for recognition with howls and shrieks of laughter that seem to say, “You will not have your way O sea, for I will move you at my will. I will blow your waves where you may not want to go, and you will pay heed to me!” The ocean withdraws his waves in fury, but the wind dances above his head and pushes him back to shore.

Listening to the argument raging just beyond my door, I am reminded that this conversation of nature is not dissimilar to the conversation that we humans have with the world and God. The world calls us beyond the realm of God — demanding our time, our money, and our allegiance. She lures us into places we should not enter, with appealing sensations, sights and sounds. For a time the world appears to have our full attention. But these allurements rage only for a season as we are buffeted about by greater and greater demands. To the onlooker, it appears the world has won us over and carries us where she will.

However, for the believer who has wandered into the abyss, suddenly the world does not seem so pleasant a place, and we long for the safety and assurance of God’s direction. Lately, what I have witnessed is that the breath of God moves believers at God’s will...toward the shoreline of God’s choosing. We are redirected because we are children of God. The life-giving breath God offers is an astonishing juxtaposition to the vortex of the world, which drains us of life, and hope and happiness.

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The Pastor's Article Continued:

Ever more am I convinced that we humans are wanderers, searching and looking for the missing "plug-in" that activates the videos of our lives. God is the missing "plug-in." Increasingly I am persuaded that a person who has once tasted of God's goodness cannot fail to return to the call of God's love.

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth
Saying "Christian follow me."*

Cecil Alexander

God is calling. Are you listening?

Mark 4:35-41

Grace and peace,
Pastor Shawn



Sunday, June 1st:

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

Sunday, June 8th: Children's Sunday & Pentecost

- 9:30 am Worship Service, Holy Communion
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 11:10 am Bible Study

Sunday, June 15th:

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

Sunday, June 22nd:


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

Sunday, June 29th:

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Let's Walk!




*Please contact Evie Franks to express your interest.
Group will be starting in June. Date TBA.*

**(845) 635-1950 or
(845) 522-4120**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
MISSION**

Summer is a comin'! 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.





Session Update

1. Session first met jointly with Trustees to discuss suggestions from the Presbytery Disaster Assistance Team for safeguarding church records, property, and people in case of a disaster. After discussion, it was decided that the first steps will be to have a complete accounting of church property for insurance purposes (already in progress by Trustees), and to have reliable back-up for computer files. A safe place for historic records also needs to be considered.
2. Pastor Shawn began the Session meeting by reporting on members who are sick. Arlene Wilhelm will fill the pulpit on June 1.
3. Stewardship Chairperson Jerry Conklin reported that Minutes for Mission will be made for the Pentecost Offering which will be collected on June 8. The local portion of this offering will go to the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center for disadvantaged children.
4. Christian Education Chairperson Karen Haight reported that Children's Day will be June 8, with Pentecost as the theme. Vacation Bible School is being planned.
5. Worship Committee has set up Communion assistants for July and August.
6. Technology Chairperson Ken Brands will be working with Wendy to set up a

drop box to safeguard computer files. He requested photographs of the refurbished sanctuary for the church web site.

7. In new business, Session approved two scholarships of \$1,000 from the Irene Bower Scholarship Fund for seminary students. Presbytery's Committee on the Preparation for Ministry will be asked to suggest names of deserving candidates.

July/August PRES

All articles and information for the July/August PRES must be turned into the office by June 30th. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: secretary@pvpresby.org.



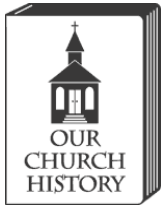
Friendship Callers June 17th 9:30 a.m.

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, June 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.

May Fest

THANK YOU!

The final profit from the May Fest was \$2,910.85. Thanks to all who donated, baked, grew plants, worked, and shopped!



THE HISTORY CORNER

By Joan Traver

Citations, Suspensions & Excommunications

In the early days of the church, Session focused routinely on the behavior of church members. The usual procedure for addressing what was considered to be sinful behavior included several steps. First, an Elder would bring “charge” before the Session regarding someone whose “Christian conduct” was in question. This could be something the Elder had observed or something that had been reported to him. Two Elders were then appointed to visit the erring member and deliver a written citation that required him or her to appear at the next Session meeting “to answer the charge.”

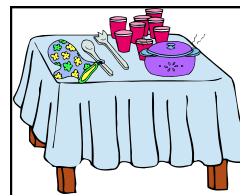
Often the accused would fail to appear. If two additional citations were ignored the member was usually suspended. If this action didn’t cause the person to seek an interview with Session, a letter was sent to Presbytery requesting his or her excommunication. Presbytery usually agreed.

When an erring member did appear before Session he would either repent and ask forgiveness or he would bring a witness to refute the “charge.” Sometimes Session would also produce a witness in opposition.

Such “trials” were commonplace at that time.

At a Session meeting held Dec. 2, 1793, moderated by Rev. Methusalah Baldwin, an Elder entered a complaint against D.W. for immoral conduct in “holding a raffle at his house near a year ago and for being intoxicated with spirituous liquors about the 25th of March last.” D.W. was ill and unable to comply with his citation the following month but, in the meantime, he was accused of fighting as well. He was eventually suspended but, on March 19, 1795 he “appeared before Session and made acknowledgement of his faults, and his repentance appeared so sincere that members present felt satisfied to restore him to full communion.”

Alas, 3 years later D.W. was excommunicated for similar behavior, and failure to appear after 3 citations “to answer the charges brought against him.”



**Homeless
Shelter Meal...
Tuesday,
JUNE 10... 4pm**

**Please consider joining us to help prepare
the meal for the Homeless Shelter!
Thank you for your continued
contribution and commitment to feed
hungry people**



This Side of Heaven

From The Newsletter Newsletter, June 2014 Issue

A little girl who'd grown up in the city spent some of her summer vacation out in the country. One starlit night, she and her dad stood gazing up into the sky without any harsh streetlights obstructing the view. The girl, amazed by the sparkling view, exclaimed, "If heaven is so pretty on the wrong side, I wonder what it looks like on the right side!"

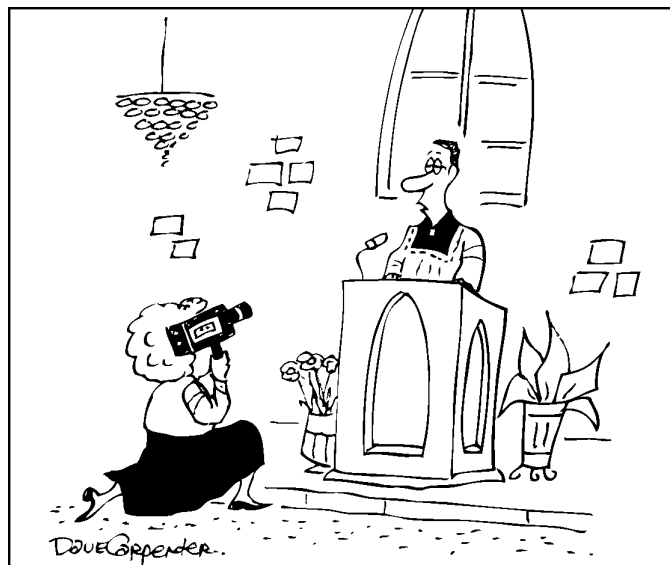


**COFFEE & CONVERSATION
EVERY THURSDAY**

At 10 a.m.

At Panera Bread, On Route 44

Coffee Fellowship Across the street from Adam's.



Dove Carpenter

"Please excuse my mother,
it's my first service."

**CONGRATULATIONS
IRENA MORSE!**

Irena won 1st place in
Pastels/Pencils and 3rd
place in the
Watercolors in a
Grange art competition.



**Birthdays
& Anniversaries**

June Birthdays

Steve Albrecht, Jr., Bob Belton,
Ben Brands, Ken Brands,
Marilyn Brands, Elma Carlson,
Merle Coy, Andrew Franks, Brian
Franks, Mary Jane Gardner,
Traci Haight, Layla Kirchhoff,
Samantha Kirchhoff, Michael Marino,
Phyllis Menzenski, Paige Murray,
Keira Myers, Molly Sauer,
Denny Smith, Aaron Traver,
Kyle Traver, & Zach Traver.

June Anniversaries

Brandon & Chesney Baker
John & Jane Barden
Charles & Carol Carnell
Greg & Kathi Clark
Jack & Janet Lashway
Melissa & Joe Palestro
Steve & Carol Traver

***Pleasant Valley's
First Presbyterian Church's
Famous Chicken BBQ***



***Saturday, June 14th
4:00—6:30 pm***

Family Style Menu Includes:

BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad,
Potato Salad, Beverages & Homemade
Desserts!

Adults—\$12.00

Seniors (65+) & Children (6-12) - \$10.00
Under 6 free

Tickets available at the door or **SAVE \$1** on each ticket by
purchasing or RSVPing to the
church office (635-3289) by Tues, June 10th!

**HELP NEEDED, FUN GUARANTEED,
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED to**

help with the Chicken BBQ on June 13th(set-up and prep), and
June 14th (day of BBQ). Sign up in Fellowship Hall!



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 **Kathi Clark** who is struggling with health
issues.

Prayers of gratitude for **Bob Beverly** (religious
counselor) who is back at work following his
surgery.

Prayers for **David** (friend of Melissa Palestro's) who is
struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Dick Walker** who is having trouble with his
blood pressure.

Prayers for **John Barden** (member) who had a stroke.

Prayers for **Sharon Brenner** (Friend of the Murphy
Family) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Heather Boyd** (Pastor Shawn's
Daughter) who is struggling with an MS flare up.

Prayers for **Bob Cleary** (Karen Albrecht's father)
who suffered a heart attack and is in HV
Regional Hospital CCU).

Prayers for **Josie** (Dara Brands's Aunt) who is a
caregiver for her mother and experiencing the
everyday challenges of being a caregiver.

Prayers for **Shirley Kinne** (Harriet Mark's son-in-
law's sister) who is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Jack Kessinger** (Barbara Huneke's
brother-in-law) who is being treated for lung
cancer.

Prayers for **Skip Walker** (Member) who is home
recovering from hip surgery.

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 **Edith Provencher** (Donna Sheak's
mother) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Alan & Ruth Arnfield** (Evelyn Frank's
parents) who are struggling with health issues.

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

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

Prayers for **Jane Barden** (member) who is struggling
with health issues.

Prayers for **Carl Freiberg** (past member) who is
struggling with health issues.

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

Prayers for **Wylee Marie Spera** (granddaughter of
Frank & Cindy Spera).

Prayers for **Georgina Sorcie** (friend of Brian Franks)
who is battling cancer.

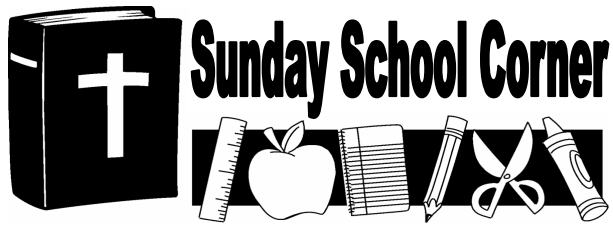
Prayer for **Jennifer** (Karen's Cousin) who is battling
cancer.

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 **Harriet Mark's family** on the
death of her son-in-law's father, Dan Forward.



By Melissa Palestro, CE Coordinator
PVChristianEd@gmail.com

June 8th is Children's Day!

Come join us for Children's day on June 8th as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Our Sunday school classes will be leading the Sunday service! This will be the conclusion of Sunday School for this school year. Sunday school will begin again in September. Look for information and a registration form in the mail this summer.



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Sunday school program this year.

We are blessed to have so many caring and willing volunteers. A special thank you to all our teachers and substitutes who spread the word of God to our youth this year. Thank you to all the parents who brought their children each week and volunteered in so many ways.

Thank you to Darcy Gordineer, Missy Sauer, Erika VanDeWater, Debbie Tyger, Bill Miller, Gary Murphy, Beth Murphy and Lois Miller.

The second and third grade class continues to collect pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Tabs can be dropped off in the Sunday school office or to any second or third grader.



Recipes are still needed for the 250th cookbook. Please encourage your child to add his or her favorite family recipe to the collection.



There's still time to register for VBS! We still need volunteers to help. You don't need to be available all week, we need daily help too.

July 7-11

9 am – Noon

Call or email Melissa Palestro (635-3289 ext. #12 or PVChristianEd@gmail.com) for more information

VBS Wish List!

We are in need of items for the 2014 Weird Animals VBS. Please clearly label any items you wish to be returned. Items can be brought to the CE office. We need: financial donations for snacks, napkins, paper plates, plastic spoons, wet ones, and clorox wipes. We also need some new first aid kits this year. We need kits that contain bandages, disposable gloves, antibiotic ointment, and instant cold packs. *A complete list of items along with a sign up sheet can be found in Fellowship Hall on the VBS Table!* Thank you in advance for supporting this great outreach program!



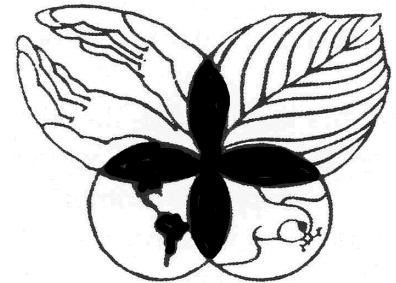


PW NEWS!

Recently PW awarded an Honorary Life Membership to a woman in this Church. She attended Sunday School here, was confirmed and married here. She has served as a Deacon, Elder and was twice co-chair of our Church Fair. Her most notable contribution to our Church was her research and authorship of our Church History in 1965. She is currently working on an updated version incorporating our history from 1965 to today. If you were not in church when this was presented, you may have guessed that the recipient was Joan Traver.

Honorary Life Memberships is part of the Celebration of Believers. The monies received build strong national programs for and with all women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), creating a solid foundation for the future of all women and their life in the church. The recipient receives a Certificate and a Pin shown here.

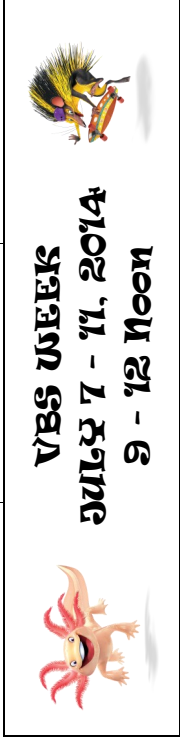
The symbol at the right represents and portrays the qualities of persons deserving the honor and recognition of an Honorary Life Membership. The following are some meanings found in the symbols:



- The **caring, supportive hands** represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women.
- The **leaf** represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith.
- The **dove** indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe.
- At the center of the design is the **cross**, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.
- The overall design is of a **butterfly**, a symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation - Presbyterian Women.





	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study 1 - 3 pm Stamping with Lisa	2 8 - 3 pm PVN 6 pm Stamping Class 7 pm Bell Choir	3 8 - 3 pm PVN 7:30 pm NA	4 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement	5 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Sr Choir	6 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement	7 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement PV Grange Meeting 12 - 6 pm
8 9:30 am Children's Sunday, Worship, & Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study 1 pm Stamping Class	9 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	10 8 - 3 pm PVN 3:30 - 5 pm Girl Scouts 4 pm Meal for the Homeless Shelter 7:30 pm NA	11 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 6 pm PVN Graduation Meeting 7 pm Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Group	12 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 pm Sr Choir	13 8 - 3 pm PVN 11:00 am PW Bible Study 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement 7 pm Prayer 101 BBQ Set Up	14 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 4 - 6:30 pm Chicken BBQ
15 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Lemonade Hour 11:10 Bible Study	16 8 - Noon PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	17 8 - Noon PVN 9:30 am Friendship Callers 3:30 - 5 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm NA	18 8 - Noon PVN 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 7 pm Session Mtg	19 8 - Noon PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 pm Sr Choir	20 8 - Noon PVN 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement	21 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
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29 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Lemonade Hour 11:10 Bible Study	30 7 pm Bell Choir			PVN = Pleasant Valley Cooperative Nursery School		All church events are in Bold.

Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs

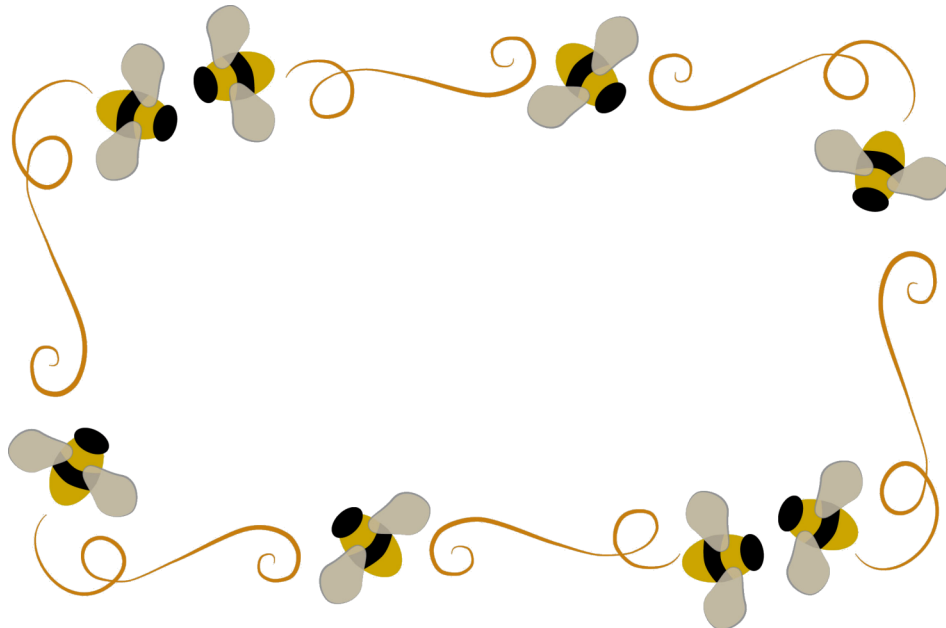
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Committee

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 Personnel
 Stewardship/Church Growth
 Worship
 Nominating
 Technology

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