



THE PRES

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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Winter's grip on our valley has at long last dissipated and the trees are donning their new coats of green in every shade. Especially impressive are the weeping willow trees as they dance their way into spring and renewed life, shedding the dormancy of winter. Flowers are blossoming, and our church is gearing up for summer activities. The Mother/Daughter Banquet, May Fest and VBS are on the immediate horizon, along with much other summer fare.

Just as new life is making itself known throughout the valley, very soon our young people will begin new phases of their lives — graduating and moving out into the world, some to higher education; some into the work force and some are going directly into military service. Remember to keep in touch with them and to keep them in your prayers. This world has much that will lure them from the ways of the LORD, and they need our prayerful support to remain faithful to their beliefs.

As we each move from winter, to spring to summer, let 's do so with the knowledge that God is present in all of the phases of our lives. Our LORD desires communion with us, even when we are on vacation. So let's set an example for our children and visit other houses of worship when we are away from our home church. Let us come back together renewed and refreshed from our summer sojourn.

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God...

Exodus 20:6-10a.

Grace and peace your pastor and friend,

Shawn



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Sunday, May 5th:

9:30 am Worship Service, Sunday School & Holy Communion
10:30 am Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 12th: Mother's Day

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School.
10:30 am Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 19th: Pentecost

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School.
10:30 am Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 26th:

9:30 am Worship Service, Sunday School & Holy Communion.
10:30 am Coffee Hour

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



**June 1st
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, May28th!

**HELP NEEDED, FUN GUARANTEED,
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED** to help with the Chicken BBQ on May31st (set-up and prep), and June 1st (day of BBQ). Sign up in Fellowship Hall!

**Needed: Clean Up Help
after the May Fest**

Please note that the May Fest finishes at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. We will need help cleaning up as we sort the leftovers, sweep the floors, and return the tables to the right places. (A few strong men needed!) If you can help, please see Steve Albrecht or Missy Sauer. Thanks!!!



Coffee Fellowship

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION
EVERY THURSDAY**

At 10 a.m.
At Panera Bread, On Route 44
Across the street from Adam's.



June PRES:

All articles and information for the June PRES must be given to Wendy by May 24th. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: secretary@pvpresby.org.

**Friendship Callers
May 21st 9:30 a.m.**

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, May 21st 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.



Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are sick or in the hospital. On April 20 she and her husband will show slides and talk about their trip to Israel, after a pot luck supper. Pastor Shawn will be on vacation May 29 to June 3, with Bill Miller filling the pulpit on June 2.
2. Finance Committee Chairperson Dick Walker reported that the Celebration Fund is doing well. The painting of the sanctuary is scheduled to begin in January, 2014, with the needed funds already donated.
3. Stewardship/Church Growth Chairperson Jerry Conklin suggested that we make an effort to publicize church events.
4. Christian Education Committee Chairperson Debi Tyger reported that VBS registrations are already coming in; the volunteer sign up chart and information will be up during coffee hour on April 21. The children will be taking part in Pentecost Sunday on May 19 and Children's Day on June 9.
5. Worship Committee Chairperson Judy Brandow has met with Pastor Shawn; her committee will meet on May 1. Because of Pastor Shawn's vacation on the first Sunday of June, Session approved moving Communion to May 26.
6. Technology Committee Chairperson Ken Brands reported that he has added the information and memorials for Tom Aikman to the web site. He would like to list Joys as well as Prayer Concerns on the web site.
7. Personnel Committee Chairperson Gary Murphy will be meeting with his committee in May.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

Steve Albrecht, Claire Burnett, Pam Cady, Kim Daley, Thomas Doyle, Rick Fay, Jon Gilroy, Wyatt Keck, Hunter Miller, Hope Murphy, Betty Palmquist, Mary Perdomo, Brittany Perotti, Margaret Russell, Joan Smith, Carol Traver, Alexis Zimmer

May Anniversaries

Tim & Lisa Albrecht
Matt & Wendy Cady
Tom & Linda Halliday

May Fest

Friday, May 10,
 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11,
 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



It's time for this year's May Fest! The success of this fundraiser depends on donations and people who come to shop. Please plan to attend, and browse at the booths, where you can find attic treasures, baked goods, books, toys and games for children, and plants.

After you have worked up an appetite shopping, sit down and enjoy delicious food from the Kitchen. On Friday, oven baked chicken will be available for dinner, as well as potato salad, tossed salad, meatball sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and ice cream. On Saturday you can find breakfast buns and coffee or tea to start your day, or pause for lunch with a hamburger or hot dog.

It will be a weekend of bargains, food, and fellowship. Don't miss it!



Sunday School Corner

By Melissa Palestro, CE Coordinator
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Join us May 19, 2013 for Pentecost Sunday. Children should be in their classrooms by 9:15 for a special Pentecost procession.



Communion Update!

Due to Pastor Shawn's vacation, we'll have two Communion Sundays in May. Sunday School students should go right to their Sunday School classrooms on May 5th and May 26th. We will join the congregation for communion.



Save the date!!
 Children's Sunday
 June 9, 2013

VBS
July 8-12!
9 am – Noon



Calling all royal subjects! Come join us this summer for Vacation Bible School's exciting new Kingdom Rock—Where Kids Stand Strong For God! At Kingdom Rock VBS, kids experience God's Word in fun and unforgettable ways! They'll enter the epic adventure that will empower them to trust in God's love and stand strong. They'll learn



God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever!

Come join us for a week full of fun, fellowship, activities, snacks and crafts! Registration forms available in the Christian Education Office, Church Office and this issue of the Pres! Send one in now, spaces fill up quickly!

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! We are still looking for some volunteers! Please prayerfully consider helping us this summer! Please contact us if you would like more information or if you are available to help. You don't need to be available all week, we need daily help too! Any time you can give, we'll take!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help!



This year's VBS Directors are:
 Melissa Palestro 635-3289 ext. #12
 Beth Murphy 868-7298
 Marilyn Brands 223-5717
 Wendy Cady 635-3289 ext. #10





Prayers of gratitude for **Trisha's** (Kathi Clark's sister-in-law) recent test results giving her a clean bill of health!

Prayers for **Samantha Anderson** (the one year old daughter of Melissa Palestro's friend Michele) who is in critical condition after an accident.

Prayers for **Tim** (friend of Beth Murphy) who had emergency surgery.

Prayers for **Siobhan Dunn** (the daughter of Phyllis Menzenski) who is struggling with unknown medical issues.

Prayers for **Mary Perdomo** who is home recovering from her hospital stay.

Prayers for **Joyce Martin** (relative of Judy Brandow) who will be having surgery in May.

Prayers for **Gary Murphy** who hurt his ankle hiking.

Prayers for **Harriet Cole**.

Prayers for **Karen Sheer** who has lost sight in one eye.

Prayers for **Lynn & Budd Winters** (Donna Sheak's sister & brother-in-law). Budd is now recovering from a stroke at a rehabilitation center in Albany.

Prayers for **Andrew Carroll** (Barbara Huneke's grandson) who is serving in Afghanistan.

Prayers for **Alan** (nephew of Charlie Haight) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Donna Ponessa** (friend of Phyllis Menzenski), a paralympian who has suffered medical setbacks and is now recovering at home.

Prayers for **Roger** (Jean Albrecht's brother) who has been placed on dialysis.

Prayers for **Lee Ann, Jim, Colin & Madeline Eckhardt**. Jim is recovering from a traumatic brain injury.

Prayers for **Tom Albrecht** who is stationed in Kyrgyzstan for 2 more months.

Prayers for **Laura Rouse, Dort Traver, & Harriet Purhamus** who are at Lutheran Care.

Prayers for **Ian Adams & family** (friends of the Albrecht Family.)

Prayers for **Dennis** (Friend of Barbara Komondorea), **Hugo Dachenhausen** (Dawne Fay's Uncle), **Theresa Forgione** (a friend of Pastor Shawn's), **Corey Lattrell** (Barbara Huneke's great-grandson), **Rick Fay, Edith Provencher** (Donna Sheak's mother), **Peter**

MacWilliams (Donna Mears brother), **Walter Knapp** (Traci Haight's grandfather), **Alan Arnfield** (Evelyn Frank's father), **Bert** (Karen Haight's Uncle), **Eiluned Aikman, Sue Morey, John & Jane Barden, Carl Freiberg, Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece), **Wylee Marie Spera** (granddaughter of Frank & Cindy Spera), & **Nan Ritchie** who are all struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Andy** (Hilde McQuillan's cousin's husband), **Jennifer Kotas** (former Sunday School student), **Paul** (friend of Hilde McQuillan), **Bill Boyce** (Tara Carney's uncle), **Don Taylor, Janet Arms, Shirley Kinne** (Steve's sister), **Jennifer** (Karen's Cousin), **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother), **Iris Riccardi, Cassidy Way, June, Steve, Matt, Pattie Thomas** (Judy Brandow's cousin), **Jean Armstrong, Gina Beckman, Cindy DeGarmo, Gary Guido, and Zachary Cookinham** who are all battling cancer.

Sympathy prayers for **the family of Carla** (Friend of Pat Zerbe) who passed away.

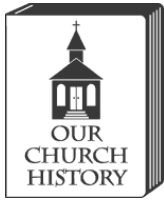
Sympathy prayers for **Michele Adrian** (a co-worker of Gary Murphy) whose father, Jack Travis, passed away.

*To add names to the prayer list, submit a written request to the pastor, or call the Church Office. Names will be on for a month, but a request may be renewed. Please use this list in your daily prayers.



Our website's prayer list now includes a column for joys! Have you or your child just landed a better job? Has someone on our prayer list recovered? Wedding or new baby in the family, birthdays or anniversaries? If you have anything you'd like to celebrate with our church family, please contact Ken Brands or fill out the form online at

<http://www.pvpresby.org/prayer-list.html>



THE HISTORY CORNER

By Joan Traver

The Pleasant Valley Cemetery

The Pleasant Valley Cemetery was originally the property of the Presbyterian Church. Although the church was organized in 1765, the first building was constructed in 1770. It was a wooden structure, built a bit southwest of the present brick building. The first interments were probably made about that time, prior to the Revolutionary War, and located in the vicinity of the building. 5 or 6 additional parcels were added over the years.

Very little attention was given to this burial ground for more than 100 years, until 1885 when Rev. Prichard was the pastor. Although many more interments had been made during that period, the condition of the cemetery was very poor. There was no walkway, the graves were mounded in form and poison ivy and bushes flourished among the plots. A gentleman, whose name is not given in the records, approached Rev. Prichard and offered \$150 toward improvements. Rev. Prichard worked diligently to raise additional funds. About \$800, not a small sum in those days, was used to lay out walkways, remove bushes and unnecessary footstones and install fencing. These were great improvements but, as is often the case of many old cemeteries, a gradual decline occurred. The Board of Trustees of the church was technically responsible for the upkeep but funds were limited and other priorities took precedence.

Eventually, it became evident to some plot holders that if progress was to be

made in the care of the cemetery, there would need to be a change in management. The incorporation of a Cemetery Association was suggested and on April 1, 1899, the pastor, Edgar Beckwith, himself a plot holder, called a meeting to discuss incorporation and a vote was taken in favor. It was also voted that the organization be named the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association, that there would be 9 trustees, and that an annual meeting would be held to address business.

In 2004, since no further adjoining property was available for expansion, the Association purchased a columbarium at a cost of \$16,000. It contains 64 niches, each accommodating 2 urns.

The Board of Trustees of the Association remains at 9 members today. Trustees are replaced whenever someone resigns, by whomever is a plot holder and is willing to serve. There are no term limits. There are 3 paid positions: President, Treasurer and Superintendent of Grounds. An annual meeting is held in February. Currently on the Board, and also members of our church, are: Gerald Conklin, Steve Albrecht, Joyce Brower, Donald Traver, Joan Smith and Beth Ricket.

Pastors of our church who are buried in the cemetery are: Wheeler Case, John Clark, Benjamin Wile, Henry Acker, Edgar Beckwith and Robert Agnew.


HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL

Tuesday, June 11th
Watch the Sunday Bulletin
for details!



MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>PVN: Stands for Pleasant Valley Cooperative Nursery School</p>		<p>SAVE THE DATE! Chicken BBQ June 1st 4:00 - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>1 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7:00 pm Worship Comm. Mtg 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>2 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am C & C 5:45 pm Jr Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>3 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 Bargain Basement 6 pm Mother Daughter Dinner</p>	<p>4 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 10 - noon Stamping with Lisa 12- 3 pm Karate Self-Defense Class</p>
<p>5 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School, & Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour/Bible Study</p>	<p>6 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:00 pm Stamping Class 7 pm PVN Meeting 7 pm Bell Choir May Fest Set-Up</p>	<p>7 8 - 3 pm PVN 7:00 pm Prayer 101 7:30 pm NA May Fest Set Up</p>	<p>8 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7:00 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Supp. Gp May Fest Set Up</p>	<p>9 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am C & C 5:45 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir May Fest Set Up</p>	<p>10 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 Bargain Basement 4:30 - 8:00 pm May Fest</p>	<p>11 9:30 am - 1 pm May Fest 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 2 pm Mid Hudson Deaf Club</p>
<p>12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour/Bible Study</p>	<p>13 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa for Kids 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>14 8 - 3 pm PVN 5 - 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>15 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7:00 pm Session Mtg 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>16 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am C & C 5:45 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>17 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 Bargain Basement Fashion Show Set Up</p>	<p>18 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement Fashion Show</p>
<p>19 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour/Bible Study</p>	<p>20 8 - 3 pm PVN 5:30 pm Girl Scout Unit Meeting 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>21 8 - 3 pm PVN 9:30 am Friendship Callers 5 - 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>22 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:00 pm Prayer 101</p>	<p>23 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am C & C 5:45 Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>24 8 - 3 pm PVN 11 am Bible Study 3 - 5:30 Bargain Basement</p>	<p>25 PVN Yard Sale 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
<p>26 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School & Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour/Bible Study</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Office Closed  MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>29 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>30 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am C & C 5:45 Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>31 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 Bargain Basement Chicken BBQ Set Up</p>	<p>C & C: Stands for Coffee & Conversation</p>

Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs

Pastor's Study	Reverend Shawn Zanicky	635-3289 ext. 11
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Organist	Alta Conklin	635-8178
Clerk of Session	Marilyn Brands	223-5717
Sexton	Keith Daley	635-3194
Treasurer	Wayne Sauer	635-1533
Mission Treasurer	David Brands	223-5717
Coordinator Christian Ed.	Melissa Palestro	635-3289 ext. 12

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	
Christian Education	Debi Tyger	677-4307
Finance	Richard Walker	635-2906
Personnel	Gary Murphy	868-7298
Stewardship/Church Growth	Jerry Conklin	635-8178
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