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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

What a magnificent display of God's kingdom has so recently been in our view! A moon of unparalleled beauty has graced the night sky, and the day view is resplendent with fall colors. The morning air is crisp and the afternoon sun beckons us to the trails and pathways of this gorgeous section of God's world. We are so blessed!

As we move from one earthly season to the next, one sees a corollary with seasons of faith. When faith first comes upon us we are like the embryonic buds of spring absorbing from the surrounding atmosphere the nourishment necessary to blossom into maturing people of faith. Newly fertilized, the summertime of our faith journey imbues us with colors of every imaginable hue, from Pentecostal red, to amber, to vivid blue, to dark brown, and sometimes abysmal black. The arrival of fall leads us into further spiritual growth, with the pruning of misgivings and unnecessary self-imposed dogmatics. We are relieved of religiosity and false notions of perfection. As the winter of faith arrives we shed those leaves that damage our faith and that catch the cold winds of doubt. We continue to grow.

Throughout this cycle of faith, God cultivates us by the written word (the Bible), the living Word (Jesus), and by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are watered by other people of faith who share our lives. Daily communication with our LORD, through prayer, Bible study, and listening for God's guidance, brings us ever closer to the Creator of life, death, and resurrection.

During this earthly life we may experience many cycles of faith, some of which may include great times of doubt and turmoil. Do not fear these times of turmoil, but embrace them and use them as times of growth. For when you emerge from the darkness the brightness of God's light is ever so much greater. The cycle of faith achieves the pinnacle when we meet with our LORD in the place prepared for us.

So, God's people, embrace the seasons and keep on keeping on.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven . . ."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Grace and peace,
Pastor Shawn



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Sunday, November 3: Daylight

Savings Time Ends!

9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School. Bill Miller Guest Preacher

10:30 am Coffee Hour

11:10 am Bible Study

6 - 8 pm Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, November 10th:

Stewardship Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School, The Lord's Supper

10:30 am Congregational Meeting/Coffee Hour

11:10 am Bible Study

Sunday, November 17th:

9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School, Guest Preacher Karen Haight

10:30 am Coffee Hour

11:10 am Bible Study

Sunday, November 24th:

9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School, Guest Preachers Greg & Kathi Clark

10:30 am Coffee Hour

11:10 am Bible Study

CHURCH STAFF



VACATION

The Church Secretary will be on vacation December 4 - 13th and will be back in the office on Monday, December 16th.

1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are ill. She felt that our congregation needs a special Christmas service for those who are struggling with difficulties; this will take place on December 4. She also asked about a special service when members can pray for healing for themselves or loved ones; this will take place on February 9. Pastor Shawn will be in Pennsylvania on November 3 and on vacation in Scotland from November 14 through November 28 (to see her new granddaughter).
2. Finance Chairperson Dick Walker is preparing Budget Request forms.
3. Stewardship/Church Growth Chairperson Jerry Conklin reported that the stewardship letter has been mailed, with Stewardship Sunday scheduled for November 10. His committee is still looking into the possibility of a mailing to the Pleasant Valley zip code with the hope of attracting new members.
4. Christian Education Chairperson Debi Tyger reported that the cookie sale will be on December 14 and the Pageant will be on Saturday, December 21, preceded by a pot luck supper. Peter Keck offered to have 4-H prepare and sell chili during the wreath making season; this was approved by Session.
5. Personnel Chairperson Gary Conklin reported that his committee has begun meeting with staff for annual staff reviews. Treasurer Wayne Sauer has requested that the Secretary position be returned to a salaried position. Session approved making the Secretary position a salaried position. Session also approved making direct deposit of paychecks available to staff.



Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the congregation has been called for Sunday, November 10, 2013 in the sanctuary immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the congregation of the plans to refurbish and paint the sanctuary, and to take a vote of the congregation to select one of the options for the painting.

The following are the 3 options:

1. The faux stonework on the front wall only, the new 5 colors, and the enhancements around the windows, over and around the cross area on front wall and above the deacons' area.
2. All of option 1 except front wall would be one color (NO Faux Stonework.)
3. Paint complete sanctuary with 2 of the new colors as it is now painted.

SNOW CLOSINGS

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Or

94.3 FM, 101.5 FM,
97.7 FM



Holiday Auction

ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION

Saturday, November 23

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Viewing of all items & Silent Auction

6:45 pm Children's Toy Auction

7:00 pm Live Auction

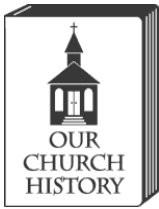
Following is a partial list of Live Auction items: new battery powered train set, new Weber Gas Grill, Craftsman band saw, Craftsman belt sander, septic cleaning, large Country print, pick-up load of firewood, standing jewelry chest, set of 6 Hummel bells, microscope, pair of wall sconces, Victorian style lamp, decorated ice cream cake, collectable dolls, large teddy bear, marble cheese board w/wine glasses, silver plated serving dishes, several varieties of wine, oil paintings, baked goods, and much more.

Auctioneers Don Traver and Cal Smith will entertain you. Don't forget the free refreshments. Babysitting will be provided 7-9. There will be something for everyone, so bring the family, bring a friend. See you at the auction!



Stewardship Sunday to receive our 2014 pledges will take place on November 10th. Hopefully, you have received notification about the current status of your 2013 pledge.

Information about the agencies your pledge supports is also enclosed. Please make certain to read both pages. Questions? Contact any member of the Stewardship Committee. Thanks for your continued support for our financial and spiritual endeavors.



THE HISTORY CORNER

By Joan Traver

The History Corner will resume after the first of the year.

DECORATING DAY

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 30th

at 4:30 pm

We are in need of many elves to decorate the church for Advent. After we are done decorating we will have a light supper of soup and sandwiches. We are in need of strong men to help put up the tree. There will be a sign up sheet during coffee hour for refreshments. Come and have a nice afternoon of fellowship while preparing our church for the Advent season!



Where Did They Go?

If you're wondering what happens to items that disappear after being left on the stage for the Auction: they are removed weekly and taken to Don Traver's basement where they are sorted (more than 150 of them) as either Live or Silent Auction merchandise and labeled. Three days before the Auction they are packed up and returned to the church where they are displayed for sale. This process takes place due to lack of storage space at the church and, this year, has included donations of toys as well, thus the need for many volunteers.



December 10th MEAL FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTER & PW MEETING



We will be preparing a meal to take to the homeless shelter on December 10th. While we are cooking we will have a PW Meeting. Items needed for the meal are 9 cups cooked and diced chicken, 9 boxes of penne pasta, 6 cans of chicken broth, 6 cans of cream of chicken, and 6 cans cream of mushroom soup. We also would like 15 dozen cookies and are in need of 2 people willing to deliver the food. Please sign up during Coffee Hour.



Friendship Callers November 19th 9:30 a.m.

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, November 19th 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.

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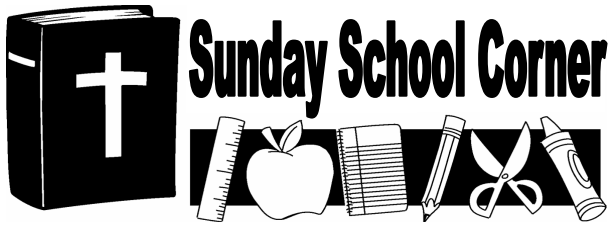
All articles and information for the December PRES must be given to Wendy by November 21st. Articles may be emailed to the church
e m a i l a d d r e s s :
secretary@pvpresby.org.



COFFEE & CONVERSATION EVERY THURSDAY

At 10 a.m.

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



By Melissa Palestro, CE Coordinator
PVChristianEd@gmail.com



Youth Group Pizza Party!

Join us for a Youth Group Pizza Party and meeting on Sunday, November 3rd, from 6 to 8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone in grades 9-12 with any connection to the church (Sunday school, VBS or a friend) is invited. Bring a friend! Please RSVP to Melissa PVChristianEd@gmail.com or 845-635-3289 x12 so we have enough pizza, drinks, and snacks.

The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 22 at 9:30. The first read through (for grades 2 and up) will be Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 in the chapel. Rehearsal schedule and more information will be distributed in Sunday school.



Cookie Sale!

Mark your calendar to bake and buy! Saturday, December 14th
Holiday Bake Sale

Last month we celebrated Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Thank you to all our amazing Sunday school teachers. We are so blessed to have you working with our children.



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS



Thank you for baking and helping make coffee hour a success and a fun fellowship time! I appreciate your help, and hope you continue to support it by signing up! Thanks again! Ginda Harden

A special "Thank You" to all the people I called who said yes and made desserts for the Harvest Buffet. You made my job so pleasant and easy. Thanks again.

Harriet Mark

I was surprised, delighted and extremely grateful to find a check in the mail from First Presbyterian Church, representing a scholarship from the Irene Bower Endowment. It is a privilege to receive an award named for someone passionate about Christian Education, and I hope that my passion for my own studies and any future ministry will appropriately honor her memory.

I have felt the call to ministry for as long as I can remember. I had planned to attend seminary following college, but decided to take "a little time off" first. Somehow, that turned into twenty-plus years of marriage, motherhood and work, primarily at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, where I enjoyed the special pleasure of working alongside one of your long-time members, Edith Keck. Yet, there was always a nagging sense that there was something else I was supposed to be doing. Six years ago, our new pastor asked if I would like to preach sometime, and I found myself on the journey once again. I hope to graduate from Yale Divinity School in 2014, and look forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit leads next.

Following this call has meant that my family has taken on both the financial burden of my education as well as the loss of my income - not to mention the cost of gas for my hour-hour round-trip commute to New Haven! This scholarship from the Bower Endowment will certainly be put to good use, and I thank you most sincerely for it.

May God continue to bless your congregation, and the work of your church.

Sincerely,
Luanne Panarotti



Prayers of thanksgiving for **Zachary Cookinham** (classmate of Emily Cady & Morgan Bucey) who is cancer free!

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Andrew Carroll** (Barbara Huneke's grandson) who is back in the USA.

Prayers for **Jonathan Wolf-Davidson** who is at Camp Lejeune for 2 months of infantry training.

Prayers for **Dorcus Brower** who is in Lutheran Care recovering from a minor stroke.

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

Prayers for **Joseph Berger** (friend of Brian Franks) who has been having dizzy spells.

Prayers for **Joseph Bender** who sustained burns over 65% of his body in a plane crash and is in a coma.

Prayers for **Hattie** (friend of Beth Murphy) who had a massive stroke.

Prayers for **Phyllis Menzenski** who is home recovering from surgery.

Prayers for **Andrew Franks**.

Prayers for **Stephanie Morey** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Sandy Holdiman** (Jack Smith's sister) who is battling lung cancer.

Prayers for **J.B. Walker** (Dick Walker's brother) who is recovering from a minor stroke.

Prayers for **Nathan Wells** (Friend of Irena Morse) who was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Prayers for **Samantha Anderson** (the one year old daughter of Melissa Palestro's friend Michele) who is recovering from a traumatic brain injury

Prayers for **Karen Sheer** who is recovering sight in one eye.

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

Prayers for **Bob Perotti** (Wendy Cady's father) who is having trouble with clots in his legs & lungs.

Prayers for **Dan Baker** (Debi Tyger), **Vicki** (Chesney's mom), **Dennis** (Barbara Komondorea's friend), **Rick Fay**, **Bob Belton**, **Edith Provencher** (Donna Sheak's mother), **Peter MacWilliams** (Donna Mears brother), **Alan & Ruth Arnfield** (Evelyn Frank's parents), **Bert** (Karen Haight's Uncle), **Eiluned Aikman**, **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 **Louava Traver** (Don Traver's sister-in-law), **Bill Boyce** (Tara Carney's uncle), **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**, and **Gary Guido** who are all battling cancer.

Sympathy prayers for the family of **Harriet Purhamus** who died on Wednesday, Oct 2nd.

*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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

Courtney Albrecht, John Barden,
Judy Brandow, Linda Halliday,
Tracy Keck, Andrea Kirchhoff,
Kyle Kirchhoff, Lois Miller,
Sue Moore, Justin Newman,
Don Traver, & Ryan VanDeWater

November Anniversaries

Jack & Joan Smith



Watch the Sunday
Bulletins for more
information on our upcoming
Annual Wreath Fundraiser!



NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Pastor Shawn will be away from November 14 - 28th on a trip to Scotland to see her new granddaughter!</p>			PVN = Pleasant Valley Cooperative Nursery School	All church events are in Bold .	<p>1 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement</p>	<p>2 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 4 - 8 pm Muntz/Conklin Instruments Gathering</p>
<p>3 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study 6 - 8 pm Youth Group Mtg</p>	<p>4 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:15 - 9 pm Stamping Class 6 - 10 pm Kukulis Party 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>5 ELECTION DAY closed PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>6 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement</p>	<p>7 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 6pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>8 8 - 3 pm PVN 11 am PW Bible Study 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa</p>	<p>9 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 4:30 pm Mid Hudson Deaf Club</p>
<p>10 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Congregational Meeting/Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study 1 pm Stamping Class</p>	<p>11 VETERAN'S DAY Closed PVN 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>12 8 - 3 pm PVN 3:30 - 5 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm PW Budget Meeting 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>13 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Trustees Mtg 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Support Group</p>	<p>14 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 10 pm NA Counselor Meeting Pastor Leaves for</p>	<p>15 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement</p>	<p>16 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement NA THANKSGIVING All Day</p>
<p>17 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study</p>	<p>18 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>19 8 - 3 pm PVN 9:30 am Friendship Callers 3:30 - 5 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>20 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement HOLIDAY AUCTION SET UP</p>	<p>21 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 Jr Choir 6:30 pm Pageant Rehearsal 7 pm Sr Choir HOLIDAY AUCTION SET UP</p>	<p>22 8 - 3 pm PVN HOLIDAY AUCTION SET UP</p>	<p>23 Holiday Auction 4:30 - 6:30 Silent Auction 7:00 pm Live Auction</p>
<p>24 9:30 am Worship & Church School 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study</p>	<p>25 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:30 pm Girl Scout Unit Mtg 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>26 8 - 3 pm PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>27 closed PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement</p>	<p>28 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>29 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>30 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 4:30 pm Hanging the Greens</p>

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