



# THE PRES

The First Presbyterian Church Pleasant Valley  
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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

### Psalm 53

*Those who proclaim that God is dead are veritable fools.  
They presume to speak as sophisticated intellectuals;  
they are in reality, even unconsciously, promoting depravity.*

*God is ever probing the hearts of men,  
marking those who are wise enough  
to seek Him.*

*He finds instead that the great masses of His creatures  
are following after other gods.*

*And without realizing it,  
they are leading one another into certain destruction.*

*It is no wonder there is such confusion and terror in the world around us.  
It is for most part perpetuated by those who have no use for God.*

*Oh, may our great God restore the hearts of men to Himself!*

*Psalms Now*

Although the original psalm was written over two millennia ago the contemporary version carries the same authenticity as the original. Do you recognize these sentiments?

Every day in our society we see examples of the type of thinking, behavior and preoccupation with the enticements of this world that echo throughout Psalm 53. Today's society is rife with the rejection of God's laws and ignorance regarding Jesus' sacrifice for humanity.

It is incumbent upon Christians to spread the "good news of the gospel," and not fall prey to the negative influences of this world. We are to live exemplary lives so others will come to know Jesus through our actions and our words.

The ways in which we avoid becoming involved with the gods of this world are: prayer, Bible study, regular church attendance, and fellowship with other believers. Come and join us...Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., so you too may join in celebrating with us the knowledge and joy of belonging mind, body and soul to Jesus Christ. See you in church!

Blessings,

*Pastor Shawn*

*Reprise*



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**Sunday, September 7th: Sunday School Rally Day**

- 9:00 am Sunday School Registration
- 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School  
The Lord's Supper
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 11:10 am Bible Study

**Sunday, September 14th: Pleasant Valley Weekend**

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

**Sunday, September 21st:**

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

**Sunday, September 28th:**

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



**HARVEST BUFFET**

Saturday, September 27th

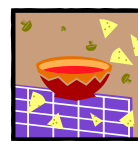
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Advance tickets are Adults \$12.00, Seniors \$12 , & Children 5-12 are \$5.00 or At the Door

Adults \$15.00, Seniors \$12 , & Children 5-12 \$6.00

As usual, many hands make light work, so look for a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour. Invite all your friends, this is one of the best dinners around and a real bargain! Tickets will be available during Coffee Hour or call the church office (635-3289) to make a reservation.

**Advance reservations must be made on or before Thursday, September 25th!**



**Pleasant Valley Weekend  
Sept. 13th & 14th  
Nacho Booth**

Come one, come all! It's Pleasant Valley Weekend time and we're once again serving our famous Nachos!! We need many volunteers to man the booth and it's so easy to help. Just sign up for a two-hour shift with two friends, bring your smile and you're set. If you have any questions, call Beth Murphy at 868-7298. Look for the sign-up sheet at coffee hour after church.



**COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
EVERY THURSDAY**

At 10 a.m.

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



### Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn reported on actions of the 2014 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. The summary of General Assembly decisions, "The Assembly in Brief," will be made available to members of the congregation as well. Pastor Shawn will be on vacation October 8-16, traveling to Scotland to see her granddaughter.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands reported that a \$1000 scholarship from the Irene Bower Fund has been awarded to Benjamin Perry, who will begin his third year at Union Seminary in New York City in the fall.
3. Stewardship and Church Growth Committee Chairperson Jerry Conklin reported on his committee's discussion of this year's Stewardship campaign. Stewardship Sunday will be November 2. Ideas discussed for church growth included talking to some of our newer members for suggestions, and publicizing events in the newspapers. The committee will meet again on September 7. The October 19 concert by musician Jim Hendricks will take place at 3:00 p.m. This concert, for our church members and for the public, will donate all profits to the Food Pantry.
4. Christian Education Committee Chairperson Karen Haight reported that we have Sunday School teachers for all classes.
5. Worship Committee Chairperson Judy Brandow assigned communion servers for September, October, November, and December. The Deacons suggested that the informational pamphlet handed out to visitors needs to be updated. Judy will set up a meeting to revise this document.
6. In New Business, Session approved September 27 for this year's Harvest Buffet. Session also approved \$51 for our church's

share of printing costs for an informational brochure describing the four Pleasant Valley churches and their programs; this brochure will be given to those who make use of the Food Pantry. Pastor Shawn has requested consideration of a new computer for Christian Education Coordinator Melissa Palestro. Session approved this, with funds to be taken from Memorial funds. Mission Treasurer David Brands will work with Melissa to purchase an appropriate computer for use in the CE office.



Wow! Summer went by too rapidly! The time has come for us to spend time singing and ringing God's praises. New members are welcomed, AND NEEDED to help us deliver the Christian message with instruments and voices. Remember, as you vocalize, you internalize the message! Rehearsals resume as follows: Senior Vocal Choir (ages 12 - ?) - Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m.; Senior Bell Choir (ages 12-?) - Monday, September 8th @ 7:00 p.m.; Junior Choir (Grades 1 - 6) - Thursday, September 11th from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. See you soon!

In Christian Love,  
The Conklins



250th Anniversary  
Celebration!

## Anniversary Committee: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Anniversary Committee met on August 15 to discuss events planned for our Anniversary year. We will be building anticipation with a banner proclaiming our anniversary, a concert on October 19, 2014, to celebrate our refurbished sanctuary, a dedication of our sanctuary in November, 2014, and an anniversary theme for this year's auction in November. We have been fortunate to have so many members step up and volunteer to do planning for various events.

We will need additional help for the culminating weekend of **November 13-15, 2015**. Presently our plans include birthday cards for the church made by our Sunday School children, an evening program of historical skits on Friday, a catered dinner with musical entertainment on Saturday, and a special worship service on Sunday. We will need a committee to develop the skits (we have notes on tableaux done for past anniversary celebrations), actors for those skits, and a committee to make suggestions and plans for the dinner. Many hands make light work!

If you are interested in helping to plan for or participate in these weekend events, please see Joan Traver or Marilyn Brands. Let's get ready to celebrate this important milestone in our church's history!



*Holiday Auction*

## HOLIDAY AUCTION Saturday November 22, 2014

This year's annual event will have an Anniversary theme, with workers in period dress. Viewing of all items will begin at 6:30. Silent Auction and Children's Auction will be held 4:30 – 6:30, with the Main Auction beginning at 7:00. As usual there will be free refreshments and baby sitting.

Donations may be left in the room to the left of the stage, beginning Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Electrical and battery operated items should be in good working order. If you have questions about the suitability of an item or need one transported, call Don Traver at 635-3287.

Watch Sunday bulletins and signage during Coffee Hour for up-to-date information.

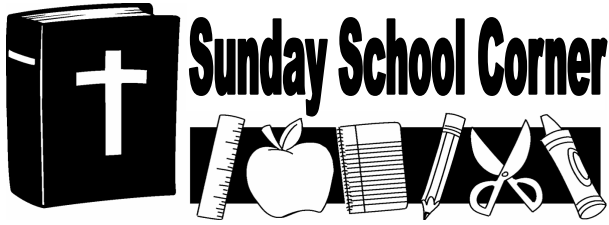
### PIANO CONCERT



Join  
Us!

Our church has an OUTSTANDING REPUTATION for its generous giving to missions. We, as a church, are sponsoring a piano concert of Christian Music in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 19th, at 3:00 p.m. **ALL PROFITS will be given to support the Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry.** Keep an eye out for posters with more information. See the Stewardship Committee members for more information. (Joyce Brower, Karen Haight, Linda Morey, Helen Traver, & Jerry Conklin)





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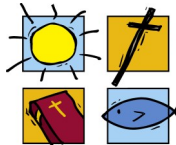


## Sunday School Starts September 7th

Now that the summer is winding down, back-to-school is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for the start of Sunday School on September 7. Registration will begin at 9 am in Fellowship Hall. We are blessed to have so many people volunteering to help this year. We are looking forward to another exciting year of Christian enrichment. If you received a letter and registration forms in the mail, please help make the first day easier by filling those out in advance and returning it to the church office or dropping it in the offering plate before September 7.

### Substitute teachers

If you are willing to fill in on short notice, please call Melissa Palestro at the office.



### VBS

Thank you again to all of our VBS volunteers. Weird Animals VBS 2014 was a huge



success. We had 54 one-of-a-kind kids join us for a week of learning about and celebrating Jesus' love. The VBS participants donated food and personal items for the local food bank and raised \$400 for Operation-Kid-to-Kid to provide children in India with clean water. We raised over \$2,000 to cover our expenses and church members donated over \$400 worth of supplies & decorations. That is a total of over \$2,400! THANK YOU!



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship and for supporting me for all these years. I am so blessed to have you all in my life.

Love,  
 Norel Halliday

### Presbytery Workshops

Hudson River Presbytery is offering the following workshops and events:



- September 6: Pig Roast to support The Farm at Holmes Camp
- September 21 in New York City: People's Climate March
- September 27-28 at Stony Point: Claiming our Voice
- October 18 at Holmes Camp: Food Justice Conference

Check the bulletin board for further information.



## Pleasant Valley Food Pantry Update

The Pleasant Valley Food Pantry is undergoing some changes. Our church has been helping the second Wednesday of every month. The Pleasant Valley Food Pantry Committee would like to see the other churches more involved. Our church volunteers are now picking up the food twice a month over in Highland. Due to the closure of the nursery school at the Methodist Church we are able to implement a new system. When the new system is in place we will need more volunteers on our Wednesday night. Any teenager that helps can get community service credit. In the past the food pantry used to serve about 250 to 300 people a year and now it is about 2000 people. Personal hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, minute rice, and instant potatoes are just a few items that the pantry is in need of. Thank you for any help with these items. If you have any questions you can ask Jean Albrecht or Edith Keck.

During our church's 250th anniversary year in 2015, we will be doing an ongoing mission project to collect 250 items for the food pantry. Watch the bulletins and the PRES for more specific information. This project will begin in January, 2015. Linda Morey will be handling this project for the Stewardship committee

### Friendship Callers

**September 16th 9:30 a.m.**

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, September 16th 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.

### Adams Gift Card Program



We bought (and sold!) our first Adams Gift Cards in April 2011. Since then, we have handled over \$100,000 worth of cards and added about \$9,000 to our church treasury.

It is a fun easy way to support our church. Each card is purchased at full face value for your own use or as a gift. Funds are generated as we sell the 10% of free cards graciously given to us by Adams Fairacre Farms.

Thanks to Wayne Sauer for ordering, picking up, and recording the cards; to Wendy Cady for agreeing to sell cards on Tuesdays during church office hours; and to Linda Morey for willingly selling cards on Sundays that I am not in church. And certainly, a huge thank you to all of you who purchase cards. Your support is greatly appreciated and is absolutely necessary for the program's success.

If you haven't participated yet, or it has been a while, please consider it. Any questions can be directed to Helen Traver. See me or give me a call at 635-8192. Shopping is more rewarding when you know it assists a wonderful cause—the life of First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley.

Thanks for shopping!

### October PRES

All articles and information for the October PRES must be given to Wendy by September 23rd. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: [secretary@pvpresby.org](mailto:secretary@pvpresby.org).







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 **Sue Moore** who will be undergoing further medical procedures.
- Prayers for **Margaret Traver** (member) who is in Lutheran Care, Room 216, 2 north.
- Prayers for **Bob Baberad** (Friend of a member of the congregation) who has is recovering from a brain injury sustained in a bicycle accident.
- Prayers for **Jason Dunn** (Phyllis Menzenski's son-in-law) who is recovering from back surgery.
- Prayers for **Lydia Breiseth** (Pastor Shawn's Friend) who is grieving the loss her newborn child.
- 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 **Bruce Clark** (Greg Clark's brother) who is battling esophageal cancer.
- Prayers for **David** (friend of Melissa Palestro's) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Bob Cleary** (Karen Albrecht's father) who is now at River Valley, Room 306, 140 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.
- 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 **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 **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 **Pam Cady & family** on the unexpected death of her brother, Peter Williams.

Sympathy prayers for **The Falciano Family** (friends of Roxanne Wolf) on the death of Thomas L. Falciano.

Sympathy prayers for **Wendy Cady & family** (church secretary) on the death of her grandmother, Doris Perotti.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### September Birthdays

Andrew Albrecht, Thomas Albrecht,  
Tia Albrecht, Chesney Baker,  
Jane Barden, Greg Clark, Jerry Conklin,  
Dawne Fay, Devon Florea, Dawn Fuller,  
Jeff Fuller, Kayla Gordineer,  
Max Gordineer, Alex Palmiotti,  
Evan Palmiotti, Shannon Perotti,  
Samantha Pisanelli, & Carrie Sauer

### September Anniversaries

*Steve & Karen Albrecht*  
*Blaine & Gretchen Burnett*  
*Kevin & Traci Haight*  
*Peter & Tracy Keck*  
*Scott & Jessica Prichard*  
*Marty & Karen Sheer*  
*Denny & Barb Smith*  
*Tom & Carol Smith*  
*Don & Joan Traver*





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<p>7 <b>Sunday School Rally Day!</b> 9 am Registration 9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study</p>	<p>1 <b>LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>2 8 - 3 PVN <b>Setting up Bargain Basement</b> 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>3 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>10 - 1 Bargain Basement</b></p>	<p>4 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>10 am Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>5 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement</b></p>	<p>6 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
<p>7 <b>Sunday School</b> 9 am Registration 9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study</p>	<p>8 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>9 8 - 3 pm PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>10 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>10 - 1 Bargain Basement</b> 7 pm Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Support Group</p>	<p>11 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>10 am Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 5:45 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>12 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>11 am PW Bible Study</b> 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa 7 pm Prayer 101</p>	<p>13 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 5 pm Mid Hudson Deaf Club</p>
<p>14 9:30 am Worship &amp; Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study 1 pm Stamping Class</p>	<p>15 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Kids Stamping with Lisa</p>	<p>16 8 - 3 pm PVN 9:30 am Friendship Callers 6:30 pm Girl Scout Unit Meeting 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>17 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>10 - 1 Bargain Basement</b> 7 pm Session Mtg</p>	<p>18 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>10 am Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 5:45 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>19 8 - 3 pm PVN <b>3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement</b></p>	<p>20 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
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<p>28 9:30 am Worship &amp; Church School 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study 1-4 pm Christmas Stamp-a-Stack with Lisa</p>	<p>29 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>30 8 - 3 PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>All church events are in <b>Bold</b>.</p> </div>

PVN = Pleasant Valley Cooperative Nursery School

**Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs**

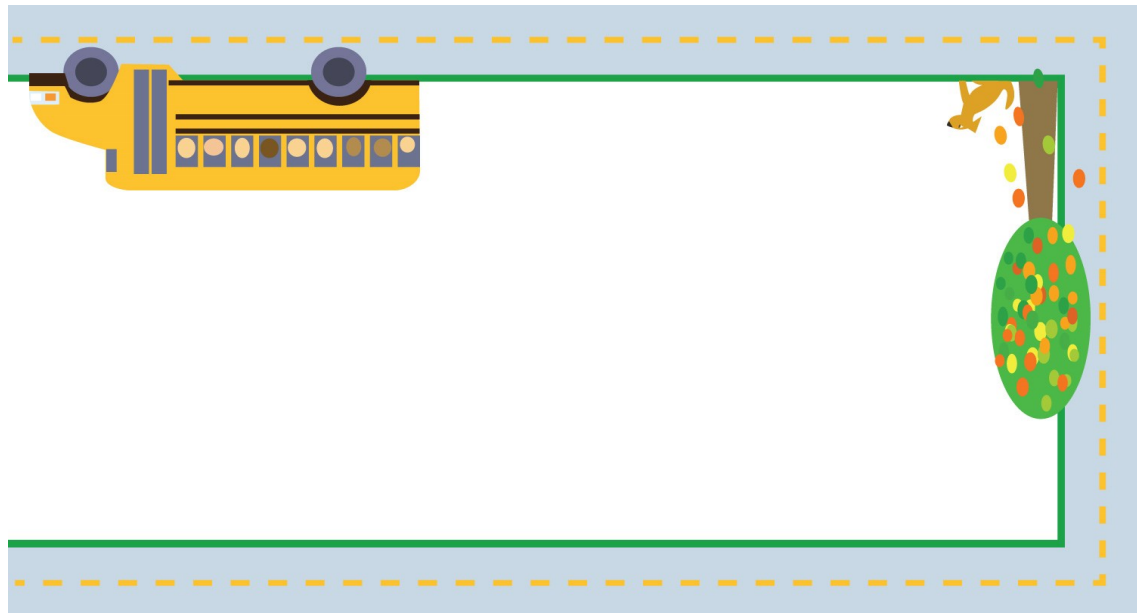
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Office, Secretary	Wendy Cady	635-3289 ext. 10
	Fax Line	635-3382
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Organist	Alta Conklin	635-8178
Clerk of Session	Marilyn Brands	223-5717
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Treasurer	Wayne Sauer	635-1533
Mission Treasurer	David Brands	223-5717
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**Committee**

Christian Education  
 Finance  
 Personnel  
 Stewardship/Church Growth  
 Worship  
 Nominating  
 Technology

**Chair**

Karen Haight 635-2632  
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 Gary Murphy 868-7298  
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