

# THE PRES

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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Lately, we have been talking about expressing thankfulness to God in our daily conversations with our Creator. This scripture from Thessalonians admonishes us to give thanks in all circumstances — meaning the good and the bad. The following anecdote about the Bible commentator Matthew Henry illustrates this point so beautifully. One day while out walking Matthew was waylaid and robbed. That evening he wrote these words in his diary:

Let me be thankful—

*first*, because I was never robbed before

*second*, because although they took my wallet they did not take my life

*third*, because although they took my all, it was not much, and

*fourth*, because I was the one who was robbed, not I who robbed.

How clearly illustrated is the concept of thankfulness in Matthew Henry's diary. Knowing it was his duty before God to be thankful it was from a genuinely thankful heart he penned those words. What an amazing example!

Today we struggle with multitudinous complexities and challenges presented by a post-modern world that offers no reference to deity, but looks for life support from philosophical roots without the necessary depth of soil for human growth. I wonder, where is our gratitude to the God who not only created us, but gave his very blood that we might have an abundant life? Why do we, who call ourselves followers of Christ, rely on society as our source of knowledge and comportment? God and God's laws are cast aside. Instead of Christendom molding to a God who has a clearly provided pathway upon which we are to walk, we now rely on societal "norms" to show us the way. Because we do not read the word or talk to the Word, many of us are adrift in an ungodly world, unwilling or unable to voice gratitude because we no longer hold to the teachings of our Lord. The Bible and the church have become passé and many of us are



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unable to discern that which is good from that which is evil. We no longer recognize that for which we owe God gratitude.

The scripture goes on to say in verse 21:

*...hold fast to that which is good...*

Let us thank our God for the Word made flesh that walked among us , and for the Spirit who willingly guides us, even now


Grace and peace,  
Pastor Shawn

 Thank you to my Church family for your prayers, cards, and well wishes following my July fall, subsequent foot surgery and on-going recovery.  
Sincerely,  
Joan Traver

**A Great Big THANK YOU to all of you that made our first Lobster Roll endeavors a success!**  
**Thanks, Paul & Edith Keck**



**October PRES**  
All articles and information for the October PRES must be given to Wendy by September 22nd. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: [pvpresby@gmail.com](mailto:pvpresby@gmail.com)



OCTOBER



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 6th:**

9:30 am      Worship Service, & The Lord's Supper  
10:30 am      Coffee Hour

**Sunday, September 13th:**

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

**Sunday, September 20th:**

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

**Sunday, September 27th:**

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

**Friendship Callers  
September 15th  
9:30am**

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, September 15th 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.



**COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
EVERY THURSDAY**

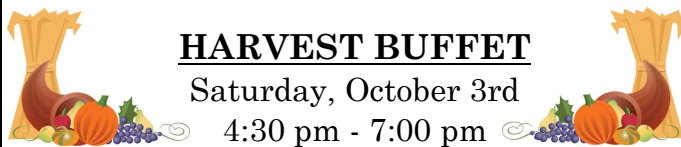


At 10 a.m.  
At Panera Bread, On Route 44  
Across the street from Adam's.



### Session Update

- † Pastor Shawn reported on and lead discussion of current issues, church needs and requests.
- † Finance chairperson Roland Neumann presented a report on church investments and our YTD financial status.
- † Church Growth/Stewardship chairperson Linda Morey reported on ideas discussed at a recent committee meeting for the 2016 Stewardship campaign and church growth. The Peace-Global Witness Special Offering will be received on 10/4/15.
- † Christian Education chairperson Karen Haight reported on the VBS follow-up meeting - science program a big hit, overall comments from parent & children very positive and closing program well attended. Preparing for the upcoming Sunday School year that begins 9/13/15.
- † Worship chairperson Judy Brandow assigned elders to serve Communion for October and November.



### HARVEST BUFFET

Saturday, October 3rd

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Advance tickets: Adults \$15.00,  
Seniors \$15 , & Children 5-12 are \$6.00  
or

At the Door: Adults \$18.00,  
Seniors \$15 , & Children 5-12 \$7.00

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, October 1st!**



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### September Birthdays

Andrew Albrecht, Thomas Albrecht,  
Tia Albrecht, Chesney Baker,  
Jane Barden, Greg Clark, Jerry Conklin,  
Dawne Fay, 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*

#### Pleasant Valley Weekend

**Sept. 12th & 13th**

#### 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.

# Happy Anniversary, First Presbyterian Church



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

The Anniversary Committee would like to thank everyone who worked on the Summertime Lobster Rolls fundraiser, especially Edith Keck and Lisa Wendell for all their work. Thanks also to all who came and ate!

September 11 to 13 will be Pleasant Valley Weekend. We will need workers for the Nacho Booth and people to participate in the parade on Sunday.

October will be busy with the Harvest Buffet on October 3, and the Cemetery Walk on October 11. Save those dates for a delicious meal and a chance to learn about the church history that lies in the cemetery.



250th Anniversary Celebration

Looking farther ahead, our main event will take place on November 14 and 15. On Saturday there will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. catered by Fireside Grill of Salt Point. The menu is

beef, chicken, potatoes, mixed vegetables, macaroni and cheese, salad, and beverages, with a special anniversary cake for dessert. The cost is \$12.00 for adults and children 12 and older; children under 12 are free. After dinner the Riverbank Banjo Band will entertain us. If you have never heard them, you are in for a treat. Our own Don Traver is a member of the band. On Sunday a special worship service will include a Scottish piper and participation by past ministers.

Reservations for the November 14 dinner can be made starting in September, by signing up at Coffee Hour or calling the church office at 635-3289.

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.



JOIN THE PARADE!

Come Join the Parade!  
We are looking for adults and children to ride on our float and march alongside, for Pleasant Valley Weekend, on Sunday, September 13.

We will be lining up at Traver Road School between 12:00 and 12:45, and the parade will begin at 1:00. Please sign up at Coffee Hour or by calling Joan Traver at 635-3287.

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



July & August donations raised the year to date total to 600 items. The goal has been adjusted to 750. All items are appreciated, however several things that are typically in limited supply are cream of mushroom soup, paper towels, napkins, and laundry detergent. Thank you for your generosity.



### Westchester Dinner Theater

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be taking a group trip to see Show Boat at the Westchester Dinner Theater. This will be a matinee show. Tickets are \$55 per person. Sign up and payment needs to be made by September 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the Husted Fellowship Hall. Please see Jean Albrecht with any questions.





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 **Chad and Kim** (Friends of Roxanne Wolf) for their recovery.

Prayers for **Cathy Lucy** (Friend of Debi Tyger) who underwent a lumpectomy.

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

Prayers for **Nick Becker** (Karen Haight's grandson) who has 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 recovering at home.

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 **Dort Traver** (member) who is in Lutheran Care Center, Room 111a South.

Prayers for **Dorcus Brower** (member) who is in Lutheran Care Center, Room 113a North.

Prayers for **Bob Cleary** (Karen Albrecht's dad) who is in Lutheran Care, Room 109 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 **Carol Belton** (member) who is 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 Kirchhoff) who is battling cancer.

Sympathy prayers for **Jack & Joan Smith** (members) on the death of Jack's sister.



## STEWARDSHIP

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### Peace & Global Witness Offering

During the Season of Peace, our thoughts turn to the meaning of peace and how, through Christ, we can nurture it inside ourselves and out in the world. Yet, to understand the value of peace, we must also understand the cost of conflict and the many forms it can take - bullying in schools, violence against women, gun violence and human trafficking.

To help address these diverse challenges the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports a range of ministries devoted to peacemaking and reconciliation. This includes hosting education programs to raise awareness, local peacemaking efforts, supporting our mission coworkers and much more.

When you give to this special offering 25% will be used by this congregation to support local peace and mission efforts. This year's donation will be given to the Grace Smith House in Poughkeepsie.

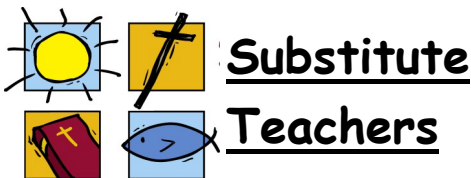
The offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2015.



By Dara Brands, CE Coordinator  
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## Sunday School Starts September 13th

Now that the summer is winding down, back-to-school is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for the start of Sunday School on September 13. 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 13.



### Substitute Teachers

If you are willing to fill in on short notice, please call Dara Brands at 635-3289 ext. 12.



## VBS

We would like to extend another thank you to our G-Force VBS volunteers! We had 52 Navigators join us for a week of learning about putting God's love in action. The VBS participants donated food items for the local food bank and raised \$343 for "Pennies for Palates" to provide a surgery to a child with cleft lip or cleft palate, and provide some medical supplies to Smile Train (the organization who performs the surgeries). We raised over \$1,000 to cover our expenses and church members donated over \$200 worth of supplies & decorations. THANK YOU for your generosity!



**Senior Bell Choir:** We will rehearse for the Pleasant Valley Weekend, with the flute and trombone, **at 6:30 p.m. on September 10th.**

Regular bell choir rehearsals will resume September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior Vocal Choir:** Rehearsals will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup>. A special rehearsal for our 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration will take place at 10 a.m. on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Junior Choir:** Rehearsals will resume September 17<sup>th</sup> and will run from 6 - 6:30 p.m. Children from the age of 6 and up are welcomed and encouraged to participate.



***THANK YOU** to all of our dedicated G-Force volunteers for putting God's love into action during Vacation Bible School! We had an inspiring week because of the support from our congregation! **THANK YOU!***

Jean Albrecht  
 Chesney Baker  
 Marilyn Brands  
 Ken & Dara Brands  
 Joyce Brower  
 Aimee Brower  
 Garrett Burnett  
 Wendy Cady  
 Alta Conklin  
 Brenda, Keith & Paige Daley  
 Darcy, Kayla & Max Gordineer  
 Karen Haight  
 Norel Halliday  
 Ginda Harden  
 Barbara Huneke  
 Paul & Wyatt Keck  
 Jarrett Kuklis  
 Lexi LeMere  
 Bill & Lois Miller  
 Sue, Shaun, & Linda Morey  
 Irena Morse  
 Gary, Beth & Hope Murphy

Melissa Palestro  
 Margaret Russell  
 Barbara & Denny Smith  
 Jack & Joan Smith  
 Ben Sung  
 Aaron, Kyle & Zachary Traver  
 Charlie Traver  
 Helen Traver  
 Debi Tyger  
 Taylor VanDeWater  
 Angel Wenzel  
 Pastor Shawn



# VBS HIGHLIGHTS!







# September

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat						
	<p>PVN = Pleasant Valley Cooperative Nursery School</p>	<p>All church events are in <b>Bold</b>.</p>	<p>9/1 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>9/2</p>	<p>9/3 <b>10 am Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9/4</p>	<p>9/5</p>						
<p>9/6 <b>9:30 am Worship Service &amp; Coffee Hour</b></p>	<p>9/7 <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b></p>	<p>9/8 6 pm Stamping Class <b>7 pm Trustees</b> 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>9/9 <b>10-1 pm Bargain Basement</b> 7:30 pm Lyme Group</p>	<p>9/10 8 - noon PVN <b>10 am Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>9/11 8:30 - 3 pm PVN 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa 7 pm Prayer Partners Evening: Nacho Booth Set-Up</p>	<p>9/12 <b>PV Weekend Nacho Booth</b> 10-1 pm Bargain Basement</p>	<p>9/13 <b>9:30 am Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b> 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 am Bible Study 1 pm Stamping Class</p>	<p>9/14 Closed PVN <b>7 pm Bell Choir Resumes</b></p>	<p>9/15 8 - noon PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>9/16 8:30 - 3 pm PVN <b>10 -1 pm Bargain Basement</b> 7 pm Session</p>	<p>9/17 8 - noon PVN <b>10 am Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 6 pm Junior Choir 7 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>9/18 8:30 - 3 pm PVN</p>	<p>9/19 10-1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
<p>9/20 <b>9:30 am Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b> 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 am Bible Study</p>	<p>9/21 8:30 - 3 pm PVN <b>6:30 pm Stamping for Kids with Lisa</b> 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>9/22 8 - noon PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>9/23 closed PVN <b>10-1 pm Bargain Basement</b> 7 pm Prayer Partners</p>	<p>9/24 8 - noon PVN <b>10 am Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 6 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange 7 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>9/25 8:30 - 3 pm PVN</p>	<p>9/26 10-1 pm Bargain Basement 1 - 4 pm xmas Stamping with Lisa</p>	<p>9/27 <b>9:30 am Worship Service Sunday School</b> 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 am Bible Study</p>	<p>9/28 8:30 - 3 pm PVN <b>7 pm Bell Choir</b></p>					

**Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs**

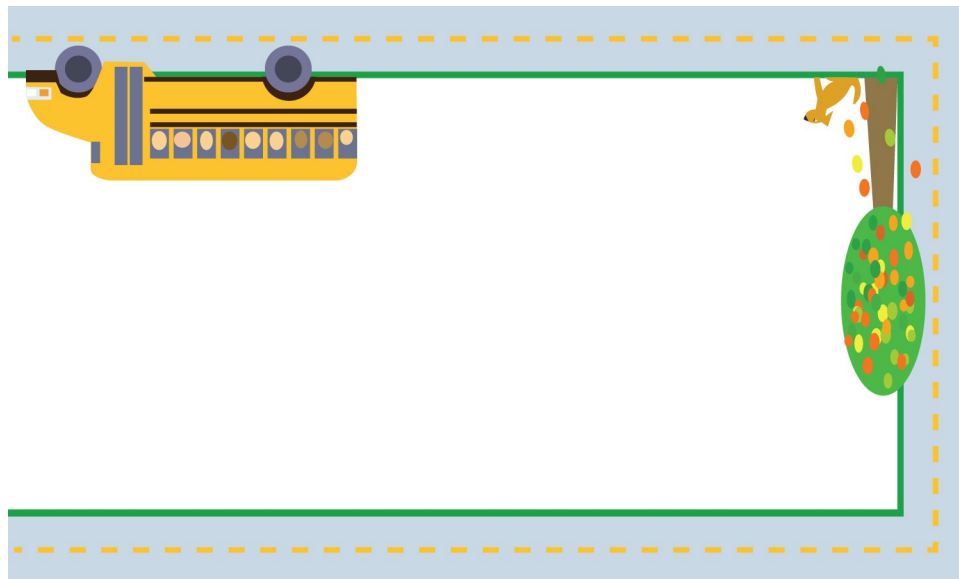
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Coordinator Christian Ed.	Dara Brands	635-3289 ext. 12

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 Personnel  
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 Nominating

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