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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

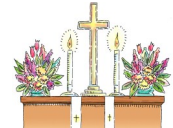
Recently, the tenderness of Jesus has engaged my thoughts. Throughout scripture we read of Christ's genuine heart, and the ways in which he ministered to many. Jesus was fully vested in doing the work of Abba, his father, traveling about the ancient rugged world, healing and caring for the sick and bereaved. He even took time out of his busy schedule to bless the little children whom the apostles would have turned away. Jesus made time for everyone, exuding the love of God.

How was he able to share the good news with so many? I believe it is because he took the time to separate himself from others and pray. Jesus communicated with God by making time for prayer. Subsequently he received God's guidance, strength, and power. By example he models the way we are to communicate with our LORD; by spending time in prayer, in blessed conversation with God. The beauty of such engagement is captured in the lyrics below, created by blind minister W.W. Walford, and written down by his friend Thomas Salmon. William B. Bradbury wrote the musical score in 1861.

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share,
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows His face,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

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Pastor's Letter Continued:

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
 Thy wings shall my petition bear
 To Him whose truth and faithfulness
 Engage the waiting soul to bless.
 And since He bids me seek His face,
 Believe His Word and trust His grace,
 I'll cast on Him my every care,
 And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!*

Be encouraged to spend time with your LORD, for he has much to tell you.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

Jeremiah 29:11

Your friend and pastor,
 Shawn

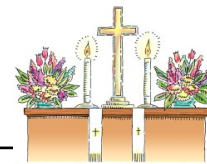


250th Anniversary Celebration!

Celebration Committee Meeting

The committee planning our 250th Anniversary will meet Wed. Feb 6, at 7 PM in the parlor. The present committee members are: Pastor Shawn, Marilyn and David Brands, Dara and Ken Brands, Joan and Don Traver, Alta and Jerry Conklin, Joyce Brower, Andrea Kirchhoff, Barbara Huneke, Edith and Paul Keck, Bill Miller. We will need many additional members to share ideas, so anyone willing to do so is invited to attend.

A table has been set up in the parlor to sort photos and documents. Many photos need to be labeled. Those willing to help with this can do so at their leisure but should call Wendy first to make sure the parlor is available.



Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 3rd:

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

Sunday, February 10th:

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School. Installation & Ordination of Officers will take place today.
 10:30 am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 13th: Ash

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12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon

Sunday, February 17th:

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School. We will dedicate our banners today.
 10:30 am Coffee Hour



Sunday, February 24th:

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School. Reception of New Members will take place today.
 10:30 am Coffee Hour





Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn reported that the visit from the Presbyterian Triennial Leadership team has been rescheduled for March 20. The following dates were set after discussion: February 10, Ordination and Installation of Officers; February 17, Dedication of Banners; February 20, Session to meet with new members; February 24, receiving new members during worship.
2. Finance Committee Chairperson Dick Walker presented the 2013 Budget prepared by his committee. Session approved the Budget as presented.
3. Stewardship Committee Chairperson Jerry Conklin presented the Mission Budget proposed by his committee. Session approved the Budget as presented.
4. Nominating Committee Chairperson Edith Keck reported that a full slate of officers will be presented at the Annual Meeting for election by the congregation.
5. Worship Committee Chairperson Greg Clark assigned Communion servers for February and March.
6. Christian Education Committee Chairperson Beth Murphy and Pastor Shawn proposed that on Communion Sunday the children would report to their classrooms at 9:30, returning for Communion. This change was approved by Session.
7. Technology Committee Chairperson Ken Brands reported on activity on the church's web site and Facebook page.



February Birthdays

Danielle Albrecht, David Brands,
 Dara Brands, Emily Cady,
 Brenda Daley, Paige Daley,
 Laurie Fouts, Evelyn Franks,
 Ethan Franks, Marissa Fuller,
 Delany Haight, Ginda Harden,
 Chad Lasher, Steven Morey,
 Tyson Myers, Melissa Palestro,
 Eric Powers, Barb Smith, Jack Smith,
 Jeff Traver, Jonathan Wolf-Davidson,
 & Pastor Shawn.



Installation & Ordination

On Sunday, February 10th
 we will install & ordain our
 new officers.



Meals
 for the
 Homeless

**February 12th
 MEAL FOR THE
 HOMELESS
 SHELTER**

We will be preparing a meal to take to the homeless shelter on February 12th. Items needed for the meal are 9 cups cooked, diced chicken; 6 boxes of penne pasta; 6 cans of chicken broth; 6 cans of cream of chicken soup; and 3 packages of frozen peas & carrots. 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.



Prayers for **Martin Somers** (Friend of Bill Miller) who is recovering from surgery.
 Prayers for **Layla Kirchhoff** who is home recovering from an illness.
 Prayers for **William & Nan Ritchie** who are relocating to California with their daughter.
 Prayers for **Lee Budley**.
 Prayers for the **Franks family**.
 Prayers for **Heather** (Pastor Shawn's daughter) who is struggling with MS.
 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 7 months.
 Prayers for **Laura Rouse and Harriet Purhamus** who are at Lutheran Care.
 Prayers for **Butch Hollingsworth**.
 Prayers for **Ian Adams & family** (friends of the Albrecht Family.)
 Prayers for **Theresa Forgione** (a friend of Pastor Shawn's), **Corey Lattrell** (Barbara Huneke's great-grandson), **Rick Fay, Sally Lashway, 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, Carla** (a friend of Pat Zerbe), **Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece), **Wylee Marie Spera** (granddaughter of Frank & Cindy Spera), **Doris Perotti** (Wendy Cady's Grandmother) who are all struggling with health issues.
 Prayers for **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), **Trisha** (Kathi Clark's sister-in-law), **Jean Armstrong, Gina Beckman, Charlie Haight, Cindy DeGarmo, Gary Guido, Mike Wetzell,** and **Zachary Cookinham** who are all battling cancer.

Sympathy prayers for **Eiluned Aikman and family** on the death of our Pastor Emeritus Rev. Tom Aikman.

Sympathy prayers for **Dick & Skip Walker and family** on the death of Dick's younger brother, Kenneth B. Walker.

Sympathy prayers for **Barbara Huneke & Family** on the death of Scott (a relative.)

*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.



Coffee Fellowship

COFFEE & CONVERSATION
EVERY THURSDAY

At 10 a.m.

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

Friendship Callers

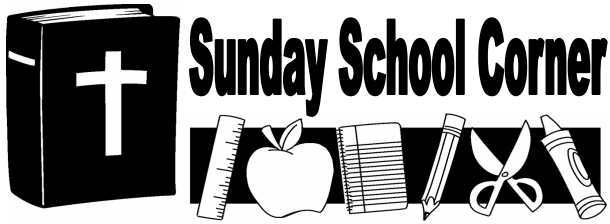
February 19th 9:30 a.m.

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, February 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.

March PRES:

All articles and information for the March PRES must be given to Wendy by February 25th. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: secretary@pvpresby.org.





By Melissa Palestro, CE Coordinator
 PVChristianEd@gmail.com



Communion Update!

Starting Sunday, February 3, 2013, Sunday School students should report directly to their classroom on Communion Sundays. Communion Sundays are the first Sunday of every month. Teachers will be in the classrooms by 9:20 so you can drop your child off to Sunday School before heading into worship. Students will return to their families before communion so they can participate in communion.

**Family Fun
 Night &
 VBS
 Launch
 Party**



Calling all Lords and Ladies and Princes and Princesses! Come join us Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 6:30 to 8pm, for a night of games and fun for everyone in the Royal Fellowship Hall. We'll be announcing this year's VBS theme. Any guesses? We'll have themed games, crafts, and snacks. Come join us and find out more about what we have planned for VBS 2013. This event is open to everyone.

Please RSVP (PVChristianEd@gmail.com or 845-635-3289 ex 12) by February 17. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to help email PVChristianEd@gmail.com. We need help planning and setting up games and snacks.

It's cold and snowing and only February, but we are starting to plan for VBS already! The dates have been announced! We hope you can join us from July 8 through the 12 for a week of fun and fellowship. VBS will be held from 9 to noon each day with a closing program at 7 pm on Friday, July 12. Come to the February Family Fun Night for more information.



Births in our Church Family

Jack & Janet Lashway are pleased to announce the birth of their 1st great-grandchild. Sophia Charlotte was born on November 28, 2012 to Jillian Vanderberg and Jacob (Jake) Burruby. She weighed 7 lbs. 7.5 oz. and was 20" long. Everyone is doing fine including happy grandparents, Adrienne & Ben Burruby and Uncle Zachary (Zach).

Congratulations to Debi & Jim Tyger on becoming Grandparents again! Ben & Marisa Tyger had their 4th child, Robert Broderick, 21" long, 7lbs 5 oz. on January 15, 2013!

Congratulations to Irene & Ken Muntz on the birth of their new granddaughter Leyna Irene Muntz. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19" long. She was born on January 17, 2013 to proud parents Ken & Jen Muntz.



Thank you for coming to Roger's Memorial Service, the luncheon and the food. Also, thank you to Alta for playing and the choir for singing. Thank you for all the cards and support.

Love, Irena Morse

Thank you for all the prayers and cards during Layla's illness.

The Kirchhoffs

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many cards and expressions of sympathy extended to us on the death of my brother, Kenneth B. Walker.

Sincerely, Dick & Skip Walker

Beloved First Presbyterian Church,

Greetings in a spirit of tremendous gratitude! Like Ms. Irene Bower, I am also very passionate about Christian Education. Your gift will continue to extend Ms. Bower's passion into even more spheres of Christ-based ministries. Thank you for being such a great partner of the faith.

Sincerely, Daniel Yang

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I'm writing to offer a sincere thank you for the \$1000 scholarship from the Irene Bower Endowment at Pleasant Valley. It is a complete surprise. It's a pleasure to learn about Irene Bower and her commitment to Christian Education beginning several decades ago. I am now in my third and final year of seminary. I am grateful for this unexpected support from another church in Hudson River Presbytery. Grace and peace to the First Presbyterian Church! Thank you!

Sincerely, Ken Godshall

Presbyterian Women



Join us for our Annual Pot-Luck Lenten Luncheon



Wednesday, February, 13, 2013
At 12 noon in our Fellowship Hall

Our Guest Speakers will be

Christopher Duquette & Courtney Heller

From River-Haven Street-Based Outreach Program,

Which reaches out to vulnerable runaway, homeless, and street-involved youth throughout Dutchess County to assist them in moving to safer environments, meeting their basic needs, and obtaining needed services.

Please bring a dish to share & your place setting, desserts and beverages will be provided.

Please RSVP to the church office!

Apologies to Harriet Mark, Edith Keck, Barb Smith, & Irena Morse for leaving them out of the PW report in the Annual Report. They made blankets for the VA. Also an apology to Karen, Barbara, Margaret, & Linda who attended the Women's Gathering this past year!

Jean Albrecht, Moderator PW



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>All church events are in Bold.</p>						
<p>3 9:30 am Worship, Sunday School, & Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:15 pm Stamping Class 7 pm Bell Choir 7 pm PVN Meeting</p>	<p>5 8 - 3 pm PVN 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>6 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:00 pm Anniversary Committee Meeting</p>	<p>7 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>8 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa</p>	<p>9 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 5 pm Mid Hudson Deaf Club</p>
<p>10 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1 pm Stamping Class</p>	<p>11 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa for Kids 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>12 8 - 3 pm PVN 4pm Meal for the Homeless Shelter 5 - 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>13 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement Lenten Luncheon 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:00 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Lyme</p>	<p>14 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Junior Grange 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>15 8 - 3 pm PVN</p>	<p>16 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
<p>17 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>18 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>19 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>20 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Session Mtg 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>21 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 Jr Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>22 8 - 3 pm PVN 11 am Bible Study</p>	<p>23 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30 pm</p>
<p>24 9:30 am Worship & Church School 10:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>25 8 - 3 pm PVN 5:30 pm Girl Scout Unit Mtg 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>26 8 - 3 pm PVN 7:00 pm Cemetery Mtg 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>27 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Prayer 101 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>	<p>28 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:30 Jr Choir 6:30 pm Junior Grange 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 9 pm Karate</p>		

Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs

Pastor's Study	Reverend Shawn Zanicky	635-3289 ext. 11
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Office, Secretary	Wendy Cady	635-3289 ext. 10
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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	Beth Murphy	868-7298
Finance	Richard Walker	635-2906
Personnel	Deborah Murray	635-8887
Stewardship/Church Growth	Jerry Conklin	635-8178
Worship	Greg Clark	849-2199
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