

FEBRUARY

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Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13



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; the day view is resplendent with branches that glisten with diamonds of frozen ice. The morning air is crisp and the afternoon sun reminds us that soon we will walk 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 our 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.

Our season together has reached fruition. I have been blessed. I shall never forget the compassion that many of you have shown for my family in times of great distress and illness. We could always count on your prayers and help. As we move forward in faith I carry the memories of all that we have shared. You shall remain in my thoughts and prayers. In God's time our season together has ended, but a new one is begun....

So...God's people, through prayer, faith and hope embrace all of God's 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



1. Pastor Shawn reported that the Presbytery representatives were unable to attend the Session meeting due to concerns about the weather. A special meeting will be held on January 24 to meet with them.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands presented the preliminary Statistical Report for General Assembly, which was approved by Session. She then gave out copies of the 2017 Fundraisers report. Two dates were set for 2018. Steve Albrecht has offered to do a Spaghetti dinner on March 24, and the May Fest will be held on May 11 and 12.
3. Finance Committee Chairperson Roland Neumann reported that the end of year deficit is \$2,713.23, after beginning the year with a projected deficit of \$21,117.00. The congregation is to be thanked for their generous giving and work on fundraisers. Roland then explained the investments. The market value at the end of the year is \$358,587.59 after withdrawing \$16,600 for expenses. Investments have been conservative to prevent sudden losses.
4. Stewardship/Church Growth Chairperson Edith Keck reported that she will meet with the committee to adjust the Mission Budget.
5. The Christian Education Committee is hoping to plan monthly intergenerational activities.
6. Worship Committee Chairperson Phyllis Menzenski assigned Communion servers for February. The Worship Committee will be working to fill the pulpit until we have an Interim Minister in place.
7. Nominating Committee Chairperson Judy Brandow has reported that we now have a full slate of officers to present at the annual meeting.



CHURCH OFFICERS 2018

SESSION

ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)

Pastor Shawn – Moderator

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CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
Mary Jane Gardner	Judy Brandow	Chesney Baker
Phyllis Menzenski	Edith Keck	Myung Sung
Kim Daley	Gary Murphy	Karen Sheer
Clerk – Marilyn Brands		
TRUSTEES		
(Take Care of the Physical Plant)		
Caroline Dolfi	Andy Albrecht	Debbie Traver
Rick Fay	Tracy Keck	Karen Haight
Don Traver	Philip Keck	Linda Halliday
DEACONS		
(The Service Body of the Church)		
Steve Albrecht Sr.	Richard Moysey	Amanda Smith
Dawn Fay	Jack Smith	Tom Smith
Traci Haight (Chairman)	Barbara Huneke	Pat Zerbe

Church Treasurer: Wayne Sauer

Mission Treasurers: David Brands and Wayne Sauer

Bargain Basement: Jean Albrecht, Director 845-635-3563

Friendship Callers: Joan Smith, Chairperson 845-635-3687

For numbers of Chairpersons not listed, please refer to the church directory or call the church office at 845-635-3289.

Interim Search Committee

On January 24 the Session and members of the Interim Search Committee met with Reverend Luanne Panarotti, our liaison to Presbytery, and Reverend Gavin Meek, Interim General Presbyter, to begin the process of seeking an Interim minister. The Interim Search Committee will be Gary Murphy, Mary Jane Gardner, Traci Haight, Faith Reynolds and Paul Keck, and we thank them for their willingness to serve. This committee will begin meeting on January 31. Their first task is to prepare a description of the church and its programs. That description will be posted, and the Interim Search Committee will then actively seek an Interim minister by reading Personal Information Forms prepared by candidates, making phone calls, and interviewing candidates for the position. Reverend Luanne Panarotti will meet with the Interim Search Committee throughout the process.

Until we have an Interim in place, Sunday worship services will be handled through pulpit supply. The Worship Committee, led by Phyllis Menzenski and Judy Brandow, will be in charge of finding people to fill the pulpit.

Please support our Interim Search Committee and our Worship Committee with prayer as they work for the church during this time of transition.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We ask for your support to cover the cost of the per capita apportionment. This is the cost per member that the church pays to the Presbytery of Hudson River to cover the costs of Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly operating costs. For 2018, our per capita is \$36.83 for each member of the church. If you pledge, there is an envelope in your box of envelopes for this donation or it may be placed in an envelope marked Per Capita. Thank you to all who have contributed.



Prayers for **Rick Fay** (member) recovering from surgery on his foot and struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Barbara Huneke** (member) who has an upcoming medical test.
Prayers for **Nick Becker** (Karen Haight's grandson) who is home from the hospital and is doing well.
Prayers for **Jim Kilmer** (Beth Murphy's father) who is dealing with health issues.
Prayers for **Avery Parker** (friend of Donna Sheak) who is in a coma after a motorcycle accident.
Prayers for **Meredith** (Phyllis Menzenski's daughter) who is starting a new chapter in her life.
Prayers for **Donna Mears** (member) who is recovering from surgery after a fall.
Prayers for **Arnold Sheer** (Karen's brother-in-law) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Irene Sauer** (Wayne's mother) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Olivia Martin** (Carol Smith's daughter) who is having medical issues.
Prayers for **Marcia** (friend of Jean Albrecht) who is at home recovering from surgery.
Prayers for **Kenny Muntz** (Irene's son) who is struggling with an auto immune blood disease and has upcoming tests.
Prayers for **Jim Tyger** (Debi's husband) as he begins medical treatments.
Prayers for **Joe Stefan** (friend of Phyllis Menzenski) who is having hip surgery.
Prayers for **Barbara Vaché** (Dawne Fay's mother) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Poppy Jenks** (Amanda Smith's grandfather) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Ron Meek** (father of Rev. Gavin Meek, our General Presbyterian) who is suffering with health issues.
Prayers for **Patty Grega** (Steve Albrecht's cousin) who has been diagnosed with cancer.
Prayers for **Amelia Borland** (2 yr old child who Jen Miller babysits for) who has leukemia.
Prayers for **Sandy** (friend of Karen Sheer) who is recovering from surgery following a car accident.
Prayers for **Karen Livingston Bernardo** (friend of Phyllis Menzenski) whose cancer has returned.
Prayers for **Dan Masterson** (friend of Debi Tyger) whose cancer has returned.
Prayers for **Dariana** (a Haight family friend) who is fighting cancer.
Prayers for **Richard Joseph** (Mary Jane Gardner's brother) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Edith & Dave** (Donna Sheak's parents) who are struggling with health issues.
Sympathy prayers for **Sue Drumgold** (Sue Moore's friend) whose brother has rejoined his Creator.
Sympathy prayers for the family of **Fred Albrecht** who has rejoined his Creator.
Sympathy prayers for Ben Sung and family, his mother has rejoined her Creator.

Long Term Residence Lutheran Care

Prayers for Dort Traver (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Room 111a South

If you would like to send a card to the Tygers while they are in Florida, their address is:

Debi and Jim Tyger
1101 SE Sir Lancelot Dr
Port St. Lucie FL 34952



Annual Report Update

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation and would like a copy of the Annual Report, there are copies available.

Please make note of the following unintentional omissions:

>PW report, page 15: **Thank you** to Ginda Harden, Joyce Brower, Jack Smith, and all who provided refreshments for Coffee Hours in 2017. The food and fellowship were appreciated by all.

>2017 Fundraisers, page 18: The yard sale held in June made a profit of \$688.25. **Thank you** to Jean Albrecht for the idea and for organizing this event.

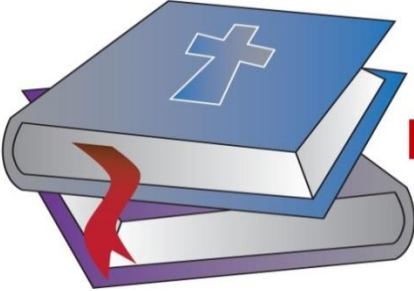
>Christian Education report, page 19: **Thank you** to Ben Sung for leading the adult Bible study after worship every Sunday. This has been taking place for several years, and we are grateful to Ben for his knowledge and spiritual leadership.



Thank you for your continuing support of the Adam's Gift Card fundraising program. We started this endeavor in May 2011 and have had consistent support throughout. Again for the prior year we reached a \$3000.00 profit. August 2017 was the slowest month, but December ended with a bang, with a total of \$5125.00 worth of cards being sold. Thank you to all the supporters. If you haven't tried it yet you can do so at any time. Each sale counts and helps keep our church active. Thank you!

Helen Traver

Christian Education



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TAI CHI



The Christian Education committee will be sponsoring a Tai Chi and Qigong demonstration!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

The Chapel (on the 3rd Floor) will be the place to learn from a master about the fine art of moving meditation and improve your physical fitness and mental well-being. The demonstration will include a presentation as well as an opportunity to experience the graceful exercises to work your body, mind and spirit.

Please join us!

WESTCHESTER DINNER THEATRE



May 18, 2018 Matinee Performance

Cost is \$55.00 per person. Please see Jean Albrecht to sign up.



HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL

PW will be preparing and serving a meal for the Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, February 13th. The meal is a chicken/vegetable casserole, fresh green salad and homemade cookies. We serve approximately 55-60 per night and during the colder months 70-80.

The 2018 sign-up sheet for donating items to the meal is located in the Husted Fellowship Hall. For each meal we need cooked chicken, frozen vegetables, canned cream of chicken and mushroom soups, chicken broth, for the salad – lettuce and other veggies (onion, cucumbers, shredded carrot, etc) and ranch dressing. We need 16-17 dozen cookies for the dessert, please consider providing 1-2 dozen cookies when you can. Donated items must be in the church kitchen no later than noon of the day of meal. Monetary donations are accepted to help with the cost of miscellaneous items. Thank you for your continuing generosity in helping those in need. Any questions see Linda Morey or call 226-6402.



*Bible Study - meets on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
in the classroom on the 3rd floor.*



Congratulations to Irene Muntz on the birth of her grandson, Gunnar Emmanuel Muntz

February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8 - 1 PVN 10am C&C 6 pm Junior Choir 6:15-8:15 Girl Scouts (YR) 6:30am Boy Scouts 7 pm Senior Choir	2 8-3:30 PVN	3 10-1 Bargain Basement 10-4 Stamping w/Lisa - Fellowship Hall
4 9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION 11am Bible Study	5 8-3:30 PVN 6 pm Stamping with Jean (YR) 7 PM Bell Choir	6 8-1 PVN 7:30 pm N.A.	7 8-3:30 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement	8 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6pm Junior Choir 6:30pm Jr Grange 7 pm Senior Choir	9 8-3:30 PVN	10 10-1 Bargain Basement 10am Stamping with Lisa (Blue Rm) PASTOR SHAWN'S RETIREMENT PARTY
11 9:30 am WORSHIP 11am Bible Study	12 8-3:30 PVN 7 PM Bell Choir	13 8-1 PVN 4:45pm Homeless Shelter Meal 7pm Trustee Mtg 7:30 pm N.A.	14 8-3:30 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7:30 pm Lyme Disease ASH WEDNESDAY	15 8-1 PVN 9:30-2 DC Quilters (YR) 10 am C & C 6 pm CE Comm Mtg 6 pm Junior Choir 6:15 Girl Scouts (YR) 7 pm Senior Choir	16 8-3:30 PVN	17 10-1 Bargain Basement
18 9:30 am WORSHIP 11am Bible Study	19 8-3:30 PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	20 8-1 PVN 9:30 am Friendship callers	21 8-3:30 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Session	22 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6 pm Junior Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange 7 pm Senior Choir	23 8-3:30 PVN	24 10-1 Bargain Basement
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