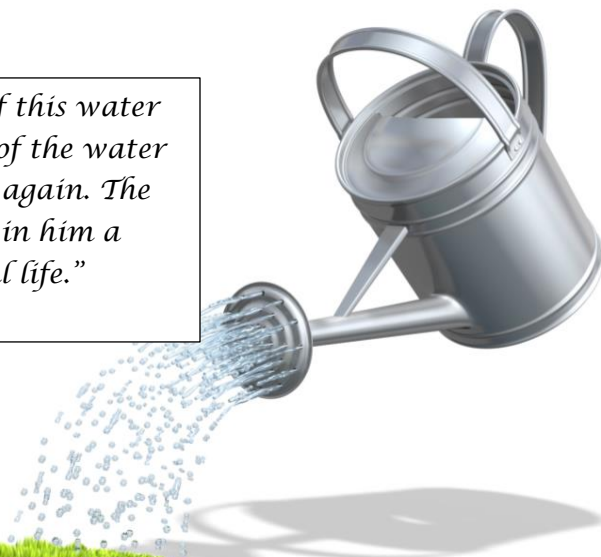


JANUARY

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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,

Happy New Year! Are those three words full of hope and expectation still echoing in your ears, or have they already lost the New Year's luster?

So often the New Year brings resolutions fought long before; recycled resolutions full of "I won'ts" instead of "I wills." We look, in retrospect, at what we deem failures instead of rejoicing at the successes, albeit minor. We wallow in the "I should haves" instead of luxuriating in the "I dids." We look at what we had hoped would occur, rather than what was accomplished. Do you see where I am going with this?

This year, I encourage you to recognize the victories in your life. When life becomes full of difficulties and you feel overwhelmed, please know that there is *always* hope and *help* to be found in the written word and the living Word of God. Open your Bibles; read and discover God's word for you. One of the scriptures that I embraced as a young woman (and to which I still cling) is the text from Philippians 4:13, "***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me***" (KJV). This is the one resolution that will never fail. Set your goals along the lines of scripture: grow closer to God, read God's written word, commune with the living Word and actually live as one dedicated to spreading Jesus' message of *love*, justice and responsibility among yourselves and with the world. Endeavoring to live in this manner will change the I "should haves" to I dids."

Live according to Matthew 6:33; you will be strengthened in this life and rewarded in the next. As Christians, our ultimate responsibilities are reading, keeping, and living God's word so others may come to know the joy and hope of salvation. Let us share this challenge together as we walk lives empowered by the Holy Spirit – lives that will lead others to Christ. So put away your list of "I won'ts" and hold close the "I wills" of scripture.

For those of you who have Internet connections, I would encourage you to look up the song "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" by the group Maranatha. Taken directly from scripture, let it become your mantra this year. You can find it here. <https://youtu.be/6HniSUB3Qh0>

♪ Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness ♪
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone ♪
But by every word
♪ That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you ♪
Seek and ye shall find
♪ Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

♪ Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness ♪
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Grace and peace,
Pastor Shawn



Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn explained the initial steps in moving toward her retirement. Presbytery has assigned Reverend Luanne Panarotti, pastor of the Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church, to be the Presbytery liaison to our congregation during the transition to our next pastor. A congregational meeting will be called for January 7 for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship. On January 30 Pastor Shawn's retirement will be acted upon at the Presbytery meeting. Any members of the congregation may attend that meeting. Elders Gary Murphy and Mary Jane Gardner will serve on the Interim Search Committee; we will be looking for 3 members of the congregation to serve on this committee.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands presented a change to the By-Laws of the congregation that was requested by the Nominating Committee. This change will continue the term of elders and deacons to be 3 years, but these officers will be allowed to serve a second term for a total of 6 years. The Active Roll of members was reviewed.
3. Finance Committee Chairperson Roland Neumann presented the 2018 Budget prepared by his committee. Session approved the budget as presented and this will be brought to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.
4. Stewardship/Church Growth Committee Chairperson Edith Keck reported that the committee has designated recipients for the Mission Budget and checks have been sent.
5. Christian Education Chairperson Mary Jane Gardner reported that the cookie sale was a success. The final profit was \$848.50. CE Committee will determine how to distribute the funds at their next meeting.
6. Worship Committee Chairperson Phyllis Menzenski assigned Communion servers for January, February, and March.
7. Nominating Committee member Judy Brandow reported that her committee has been unsuccessful in filling the openings for officers. At present there are two unfilled openings on Trustees, two on Deacons, and one on Session. The proposed By-laws change would be helpful in filling offices for 2018.



CHURCH OFFICERS 2017

SESSION

ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)

Pastor Shawn – Moderator

845-723-4419 (H) 845-797-7144 (C)

CLASS OF 2017	CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019
Roland Neumann	Mary Jane Gardner	Judy Brandow
Karen Sheer	Phyllis Menzenski	Edith Keck
Pat Zerbe	Kim Daley	Gary Murphy
Clerk – Marilyn Brands		
TRUSTEES		
(Take Care of the Physical Plant)		
Frank Mears	Caroline Dolfi	Andy Albrecht
Debbie Traver (Chairperson)	Rick Fay	Tracy Keck
Steve Traver	Don Traver	Philip Keck
DEACONS		
(The Service Body of the Church)		
Dawne Fay	Steve Albrecht	Barbara Huneke
Tom Smith	Kathi Clark	Richard Moysey
Myung Sung	Traci Haight (Chairperson)	Jack Smith
Youth - Amanda Smith		

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.



**WE ARE PRAYER PARTNERS
COME AND PRAY WITH US**

You are welcome to join the Prayer Partners as we pray for the needs of our church and learn more about growing closer to the LORD.

We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

This month's meeting is the 24th of January

- Prayers for **Barbara Huneke** (member) who is suffering with back problems.
Prayers for **Jim Tyger** (Debi Tyger's husband) who is recovering from brain surgery.
Prayers for **Joe Stefan** (friend of Phyllis Menzenski) who is having hip surgery.
Prayers for **Michael Brandow** (Judy Brandow's grandson) who is recovering from knee surgery.
Prayers for **Darryl Brandow** (Judy's son) who is having recovering from 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 **Nick Becker** (Karen Haight's grandson) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Leeann** (Hope Murphy's dance instructor) who suffered a mini stroke.
Prayers for **Ron Meek** (father of Rev. Gavin Meek, our General Presbyter) who is suffering with health issues.
Prayers for **Beth Murphy** (member) who is struggling 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 **Rick Fay** (member) who is struggling with health issues.
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.

Long Term Residence Lutheran Care

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



MIRACLES

In an age of miracles, O God,
when the horizons of the planets
are displayed in our morning newspapers,
and folk take routine walks in the vacuum of space,
in an age of miracles, I come to you in search of a miracle.

I come because,
despite its spectacular achievements,
this is also the age of anxiety.
And I am deeply anxious.

I come because,
despite the mind-expanding times in which I live,
these are also times of confusion, loneliness,
and the loss of meaning.
And I am profoundly confused.

In these quiet morning moments, Lord,
speak to me of your own miracle,
the miracle of love.
Perform, here and now, within me
the miracle of forgiveness, of renewal,
of life out of death.

Set before my eyes
the entire miraculous spectrum of your creation,
the infinite majesty of your universe,
the fathomless mystery of your atom,
the boundless possibility of the human spirit.

Then send me forth this day,
to bear these miracles to the heart
of an otherwise spectacularly empty world.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A brief congregational meeting will take place January 7, 2018, immediately after the Worship Service with Reverend Luanne Panarotti, the Chairperson of the Committee on Ministry from the Hudson River Presbytery moderating the meeting. The first part of this meeting is to vote on changing the By-laws of the congregation. The proposed change is as follows: Article 9: Terms of Office for Elders and Deacons. "Two consecutive full terms of three years (totaling 6 years) shall be allowed."

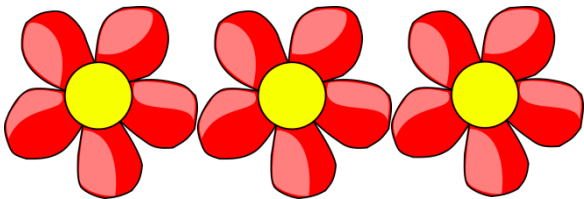
The second portion of the meeting will be moderated by Reverend Luanne Panarotti, the Chairperson of the Committee on Ministry from the Hudson River Presbytery to begin the dissolution of the Pastoral Call between Reverend Shawn R. Zanicky and the congregation of The First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley as she retires from full-time Pastoral Ministry.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the congregation and the corporation of the First Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Valley, New York is called for Sunday, January 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Husted Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports, elect elders, deacons, and trustees and deal with any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Please submit all reports for the Annual Report as soon as possible but no later than January 12th 2018.

Thank You!!!



The Flower Chart for 2018

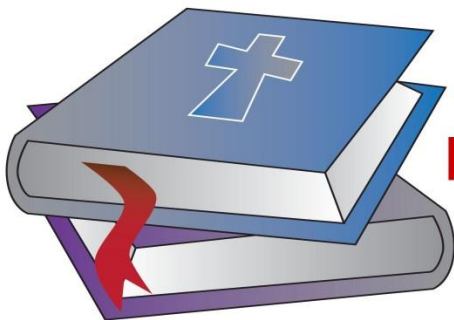
The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs in the CE Building. Please sign up to purchase the Sanctuary flowers on a date that is special to you.

The cost is \$35.00, flowers will be ordered for you and the bill will be paid through the Deacon's Fund. A reminder will be sent to you prior to the date with a request for payment and how you wish the bulletin to read.

If you wish to take the flowers please return the pot to the church by Thursday of the week following you donation. Thank you!!



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Education

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**THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THE CHILDREN'S PAGENT**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Annual Installation of Officers

The annual installation of officers meeting will be
January 14th after coffee hour.

WESTCHESTER DINNER THEATRE



"THE SISTER ACT"

May 18, 2018

Please see Jean Albrecht to sign up.

HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS FOR 2018



PW will be preparing and serving a meal for the Homeless Shelter on the 2nd Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. 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.



PW Bible Study - Friday, January 12th at 11:00 am (meets in the Parlor)

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



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you for your pledges to our church for 2018. At this time, we have received 42 pledges totaling \$114,724 for the year - pledged for the Local Fund is a total of \$102,912 and for Benevolence/Mission a total of \$11,811.00. It has been a busy time of year, so if you have not yet submitted your pledge of financial support to the church office, please do so now. The Financial Committee is in the process of finalizing the budget for next year. Thank you for your support.

We ask for additional 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 for considering giving this contribution.

Thank you to all for giving to and supporting the church in 2017 in so many ways – pledges, mission, special offerings, buying Adams cards, planning, working at and supporting fundraisers, serving on Church boards, and giving of your time and talents to keep our church operating and doing God's work.



January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8-3:30 PVN HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 8-1 PVN 7:30 pm N.A.	3 8-3:30 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement	4 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6:15pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm Sr Choir	5 8-3:30 PVN	6 10-1 Bargain Basement
7 9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	8 8-3:30 PVN 6 pm Stamping with Jean	9 8-1 PVN 6:30 pm Jr. Grange 7pm Trustee Mtg 7:30 pm N.A.	10 8-3:30 10-1 Bargain Basement 7:30 pm Lyme Disease	11 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 7 pm Sr & Bell Choirs	12 8-3:30 11 am PW Bible Study	13 10-1 Bargain Basement
14 9:30 am WORSHIP	15 PVN Closed	16 8-1 PVN 9:30am Friendship Callers 7:30 pm N.A.	17 8-3:30 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Session	18 8-1 PVN 9:30-2 DC Quilters 10 am C & C 6 pm CE Comm Mtg 6 pm Jr Choir 6:15 Girl Scouts 7 pm Sr Choir	19 8-3:30 PVN	20 10-1 Bargain Basement
21 9:30 am WORSHIP	22 8-3:30 PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	23 8-1 PVN 7:30 pm N.A.	24 8-3:30 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Prayer Partners	25 8-1 PVN 10 am C & C 6 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange 7 pm Sr Choir	26 8-3:30 PVN 11 am PW Bible Study	27 10-1 Bargain Basement
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