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Happy New Year!

If you asked 100 churches what one thing needs to change in their church life, what one improvement would have the most positive impact in their community, 99 of them will offer one particular answer – COMMUNICATION. I think to some extent this is true but I also think that to some extent it is overplayed and might serve as an excuse, a red herring of sorts, that distracts from issues that we would actually much prefer to not talk about.

All of the church's work is communication. We find our primary identity as an outpost of the gospel, a local expression of the body of Christ in our neighborhood and community. Living into this identity means communicating the love of God in Christ – the *gospel* – in a multiplicity of ways. And we need to think about our *communication strategy* so that we can make good decisions about deploying scarce resources – time and talent and financial - in the most effective ways.



The church communicates *internally* in many ways: the weekly worship bulletin, announcements in worship, the monthly newsletter, and the ever-present grapevine. The church communicates *externally* through press releases, advertising, and personal touch, like soliciting auction donations.



Newer modes of communication include email and texting and social media such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Although many people currently *inside* the church may not participate in many, or any, of these, this is where we will find people *outside* the church to connect to and, potentially, to serve. Our overall church communication strategy has to cover both internal and external audiences as well as traditional and newer media channels. One of my goals for 2019 is to reinstitute the Technology Committee, perhaps as a broader Communication & Technology Committee,

where we can think about these things together, to the glory of God! Might God be calling you to this work? Pray on it and let me know what you hear!

In Christ together,

Handwritten signature of Lynn Brown.

Rev. Lynn Brown
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Thank you for all of the the cards, gifts, and holiday prayers that you shared with me during the Christmas season. Steve and I feel very blessed to be part of such a caring and welcoming community. May New Years' blessings be yours in abundance!

Rev. Lynn Brown



The December Session meeting was postponed until January 2. Look for the Session update in the next PRES.

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 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Husted Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to hear reports, elect elders, deacons, and trustees and deal with any other business that may properly come before the meeting.



CHURCH OFFICERS 2018

SESSION

ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)

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
Dawne 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.



Please keep these people in your daily prayers.

Prayers of the People

To add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Pastor or the Church Office.

- For the Buell family, on the passing of David Palmquist (Sally's brother).*
- For the Fay family, on the death of Barbara Vache (Dawne's mother).*
- For the Murphy family, Jim Killmer (Beth's father), struggling with health issues.*
- For Steven Albrecht (grandson of Steve & Jean) who is currently deployed overseas.*
- For Muriel (friend of Barbara Huneke) as she faces difficult medical issues.*
- For Linda Woodward (Harriet Mark's sister-in-law) who fell and broke her ankle*
- For Jane Ramsey (Patrick Martin's grandmother) who suffered a stroke, but is now receiving rehabilitation.*

Looking toward or recuperating from surgery: Betty Wigsten, Don Cookingham (friend of Phyllis Menzenski)

Living with cancer: Tom Simonton (Traci Haight's father), Penny Sawner (James's mother), Mike Mikula (Joyce's brother-in-law), Napoleon (friend of Linda Morey), Chris Woodward (Harriet Mark's brother), Karen Livingston Bernardo (friend of Phyllis Menzenski).

Ongoing health issues: Carol Belton, Rick Fay, Donna Mears, Carol Albrecht (Steve's sister-in-law), Richard Joseph (Mary Jane Gardner's brother, Edith & Dave (Donna Sheak's parents)

Long Term Residence Lutheran Care

- Prayers for **Dort Traver** (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Rm 111a South.
- Prayers for **Jane Barden** (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Rm 115a South.

Friendship Callers



Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, January 15 at 9:30 a.m. to visit our shuts-in. We meet in the yellow room. Any questions, please call Joan Smith at 635-3687.



Adam's Gift Cards Fundraiser

Thank you for contributing to support our Adam's Gift Card fundraiser. We have been doing this since 2011. We did make about \$300.00 profit this year! Selling (or buying cards) is like collecting pennies, every little bit helps add up to a good result.

If you don't have an Adams Gift Card in your wallet and you go to Adams to shop, please consider participating in this fundraiser in 2019.

Thank you to all who have supported the First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Valley with your gift card purchases. It is greatly appreciated. Blessings to you and for our church each day.



Thank you!! Thanks to every person who helped with any portion of the Christmas Eve Service. Your willingness to help the congregation and the community-at-large celebrate Christ's birth is a major reason for Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church's reputation as a caring, sharing, Christian Church

Jerry & Alta

We would like to thank everyone for love and support during the death of our mother. Your kindness and concern means a great deal to us. We are so honored to a part of this wonderful Church family..

Sincerely,
Dawne and Rick Fay

Christian Education

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The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be on Thursday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Anyone that is looking for something new and interesting to do, please feel free to join us! The Christian Education Committee is focused on sharing the good news with all the followers of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month and meet for 1 hour. The time frame has been established so interested volunteers can become involved while their children are at Jr. Choir, will have a chance to attend Sr. Choir or know that the business of the day will be completed by 7 pm.



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



TODDLER CLASS

The CE Committee provides a Sunday School class on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. It meets in the Nursery Room (last door on left of 2nd floor hallway)

Pictures from Advent and Christmas Eve Services









JANUARY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ClosedPVN	2 8-1:00 PVN	3 8-1:00 PVN	4 8-1:00 PVN	5
		OFFICE CLOSED	10-1 Bargain Basement 6:30 Session	6:30 Boy Scouts 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 pm Senior Choir		10-1 Bargain Basement Powers Party (FH)
6	7 8-1:00 PVN	8 PVN 8-1:00	9 8-1:00 PVN	10 8-1:00 PVN	11 8-1:00 PVN	12
9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION 11am Bible Study	6pm Stamping w/Jean 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 PM Bell Choir	7 pm Trustees 7:30 pm N.A.	10-1 Bargain Basement 6:15-7:45 Girl Scouts (BR) 7 pm Mission Study Mtg 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Mtg	6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 pm Senior Choir	6:30 pm Lisa/ Stamping Class	10-1 Bargain Basement
13	14 8-1:00PVN	15 8-1:00PVN	16 8-1:00 PVN	17 8-1:00 PVN	18 8-1:00 PVN	19
9:30 am WORSHIP 11am Bible Study 2-4pm CMVACA	6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 PM Bell Choir	9:30 am Friendship Callers 7:30 pm N.A.	10-1 Bargain Basement 6:30 pm Session 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Mtg	6 pm CE Comm Mtg 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 pm Senior Choir		10-1 Bargain Basement 11-5 Brower Party
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