



# THE PRES

The First Presbyterian Church Pleasant Valley  
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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

*Love, Love, Love, Love  
The gospel in one word is Love  
Love Thy neighbor as thy brother  
Love, Love, Love, Love*

The above words are from a song that I learned at church camp many moons ago. It is done in the form of a round, and Heather and I used to sing it to our shut-ins when she was little girl and went visiting with me.

Something about the simplicity of the words and melody seemed to return the aging residents to their childhood. Very quickly after a couple of "rounds" they would begin singing with us. Their faces glowed with pleasure, and with each succeeding verse the smiles grew larger and the volume increased. These occasions were magical for Heather, for the frequently forgotten ones, and for me.

But perhaps the greatest magic was found in the bright blue eyes of the little red haired girl standing beside me singing with great gusto. Heather enjoyed singing to and visiting with the elderly people, and they delighted in her presence, often reaching out to touch her shining curls, pat her cheek, and occasionally ask for a hug.

Heather has a zest for life, and when she accompanied me on these visits her enthusiasm and joy changed the atmosphere of that nursing home. Her "new friends" were quickened by her presence and the infusion of youth that exuded from every pore. Smiles and chuckles would escape from even the saddest people in the room. She came to love them and they her, taking on the quality of the song we shared.

When I think back upon these times I remember the love emblazoned on those faces and I am reminded of the scripture from Isaiah 11:6.

"... and a little child shall lead them."

Grace, peace, and love,  
*Pastor Shawn*



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CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR  
GRADUATES!



John Gilroy

Dana Morgan

Arlington Central School District

Collgen Smith

Pine Plains Central School District

Alex Murphy

Dutchess Community College



COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
EVERY THURSDAY

At 10 a.m.

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

Coffee Fellowship

Financial  
Report



Financial Summary...

As of May 31, 2012 the General Operating Fund has collected \$71,027 and expended \$87,310, leaving our Church with a five month deficit of \$16,283. In comparison, the 2010 five month deficit was \$15,800.

A special thank you goes out to everyone for supporting our fund raisers. Our Mayfest produced a profit of \$2,494; our Chicken Barbeque raised \$1,400, and our recent yard sale raised \$140. Let's not forget about the ongoing Adam's gift card sales that have generated \$900 for the Church through May and we project another \$400 in June!

If you recall we all were saying thank God for the mild winter we had this year. This indeed was a blessing as our Church saved over \$3,000 in fuel oil this winter.

Thank you for faithfully supporting our Church.



Worship Schedule

**Sunday, July 15th:**

9:30 am Summer Worship Service  
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Sunday, July 22nd:**

9:30 am Summer Worship Service  
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Sunday, July 29th:**

9:30 am Summer Worship Service  
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Sunday, August 5th:**

9:30 am Summer Worship Service  
The Lord's Supper  
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Sunday, August 12th:**

9:30 am Summer Worship Service  
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Sunday, August 19th:**

9:30 am Summer Worship Service  
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Sunday, August 26th:**

9:30 am Summer Worship Service  
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn

**Sunday, September 2nd:**

9:30 am Summer Worship Service  
The Lord's Supper  
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn



**Session Update**

Session is not meeting in June or July so please look for the next Session Update in the September PRES.

**August 14th  
MEAL FOR THE  
HOMELESS SHELTER**



We will be preparing a meal to take to the homeless shelter on August 14th. Items needed for the meal are 9 cups cooked and diced chicken, 9 boxes of penne pasta, and 15 dozen cookies. We are in need of 2 people willing to deliver the food. Please sign up during Lemonade on the Lawn.



**Chicken BBQ Update:**

The 9th Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser dinner was another great success thanks to all of the volunteers and supporters! This year we had a PROFIT of \$1,400 which will go directly to the General Operating Budget for our church. As always, we have a great time doing this event, and we look forward to next years BBQ!

**September PRES**

All articles and information for the September PRES must be given to Wendy by August 27th. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: [secretary@pvpresby.org](mailto:secretary@pvpresby.org).



CONGRATULATIONS to Wyatt Keck and his teammates of the Town of Poughkeepsie 9/10 Little League division "Stewarts" for winning the championship game to end the Little League regular season.



**July Birthdays**

Tim Albrecht, Charles Carnell, Monet Halliday, Ashley Keck, Joe Kirchhoff, Troy Kirchhoff, Charles Miller III, Linda Morey, Alex Murphy, Alex Neumann, Lydia Palmiotti, Danielle Powers, Katie Quigley, Cassidy Scharff, Katie Seigh, Dort Traver, Steve Traver, Taylor VanDeWater

**July Anniversaries**

*Steve & Jean Albrecht  
Ken & Dara Brands  
Jeff & Dawn Fuller  
Frank & Donna Mears  
Stephanie & Charles Miller  
Bill & Lois Miller  
Dick & Skip Walker*

**August Birthdays**

Karen Albrecht, Mary Albrecht, Renee Albrecht, Keith Daley, Charlotte DeGroff, Norel Halliday, Hildegard McQuillan, Donna Mears, Stephanie Miller, Dana Morgan, Gary Murphy, Joe Palestro, Megan Palestro, Brenna Pisanelli, Julianna Powers, Dorothy Vail, Darlene Williams, Roxanne Wolf, Pat Zerbe

**August Anniversaries**

*Tom & Tia Albrecht  
Robert & Carol Belton  
Gary & Beth Murphy  
Danielle & Eric Powers  
Wayne & Missy Sauer  
Jim & Debi Tyger  
Charles & Darlene Williams*



# Stewardship Thoughts

By Jerry Conklin

Thank you for supporting our current stewardship approach, which links the Stewardship and Finance committees and Board of Trustees as they work together in managing the entire care program of our church.

Thank you for continuing your support as we start raising funds to help our church prepare for its 250th Celebration (Campaign). Your "Yes" vote on June 3rd allows us to immediately begin raising the sum of \$65,000.00 to refurbish the sanctuary and narthex as well as celebrate our 250th anniversary.

Below is a copy of the pledge card that is available to pledge to the Celebration Fund. Feel free to use this card or you may get one from the church office.

Make Checks Payable to  
**First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley**  
And include **Celebration Fund** on the memo line.

Pledges may be placed in the Sunday offering plate  
or mailed to:

First Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 664, 1576 Main Street  
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

or  
Mr. Paul Keck  
Treasurer Celebration Campaign  
425 Creek Road  
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

The campaign has begun as of June, 2012 and will end in September 2015.

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**First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley**  
**CELEBRATION FUND**

To refurbish the sanctuary & narthex and  
to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our church.

I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to this campaign.

I will give my gift as follows

12 monthly payments

24 monthly payments

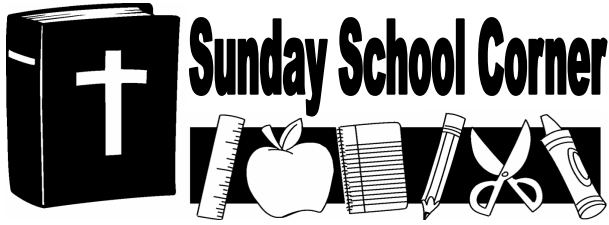
36 monthly payments

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



By Melissa Palestro, CE Coordinator  
 PVChristianEd@gmail.com



**THANKS to Our  
 VBS Volunteers!**

We would like to **THANK** all of our dedicated volunteers for another Bugtacular Vacation Bible School Program! Our success is directly related to the support from our congregation! **THANK YOU!**

Jean Albrecht  
 Marilyn & David Brands  
 Ken & Dara Brands  
 Joyce Brower  
 Aimee & Nolan Brower  
 Gretchen & Garrett Burnett  
 Wendy & Matt Cady  
 Greg & Kathi Clark  
 Alta & Jerry Conklin  
 Merle Coy  
 Brenda & Paige Daley  
 Andrew Franks  
 Darcy Gordineer  
 Karen Haight  
 Norel Halliday  
 Ginda Harden  
 Barbara Huneke  
 Edith & Paul Keck  
 Tracy Keck  
 Harriet Mark  
 Bill & Lois Miller  
 Shaun & Linda Morey

Roger & Irena Morse  
 Gary & Beth Murphy  
 Deb, Rich, Paige & Garrett Murray  
 Melissa & Joe Palestro  
 Jill & Evan Palmiotti  
 Brenna & Samantha Pisanelli  
 Margaret Russell  
 Natalie Rutbell  
 Missy Sauer  
 Barbara & Denny Smith  
 Jack & Joan Smith  
 Charlie Traver  
 Helen Traver  
 Debi Tyger  
 Lisa Wendell  
 Sarah Williams  
 Jonathan Wolf-Davidson  
 Pastor Shawn



**VBS WAS A HIT!**

If anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation.  
2 Corinthians 5:17



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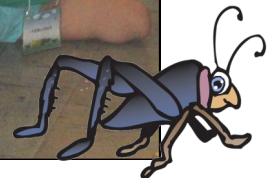
TRANSFORMED BY OUR BIG GOD!



“Be Strong and of Good  
Courage; ... for the Lord your  
God is with you.”  
Joshua 1:9



Fear not,  
for I am with you;  
Be not dismayed,  
for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you,  
yes, I will help you.  
Isaiah 41:10





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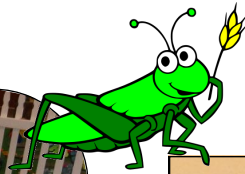
TRANSFORMED BY OUR BIG GOD!



Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.  
Romans 10:13



Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For his mercy endures forever.  
Psalm 107:1





Prayers for **Peter Morey** on his recovery from a surgical procedure.

Prayers for **The Martin Family** as they struggle with health issues.

Prayers for **Charlie Haight** who is home under hospice care.

Prayers for **Caroline** (friend of Evelyn Franks) who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for **Ben Brands, Nick Becker and Justin Studler** who are stationed in Afghanistan.

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 **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), **Louise Zigrossi** (Dara Brands's grandmother), **Rev. Tom & Eiluned Aikman, John & Jane Barden, Sue Morey, Carl Freiberg, Carla** (a friend of Pat Zerbe), **Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece), **William & Nan Ritchie** who are all struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Margo Day** (Jill Palmiotti's aunt), **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother), **Iris Riccardi, Cassidy Way, June, Steve, Matt, Edward, Pattie Thomas** (Judy Brandow's cousin), **Trisha** (Kathi Clark's sister-in-law), **Jean Armstrong, Gina Beckman, Cindy DeGarmo, Gary Guido, Mike Wetzal, Frances Bowman** (Pat Zerbe's sister) and **Zachary Cookinham** who are all battling cancer.

Sympathy prayers for **The Breiseth Family** (friends of the Zanicky's) who lost their beloved Jane.

\*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. Please use this list in your daily prayers.

*To My Church Family,*

*I wanted to thank you for the scholarship for college. I also wanted to thank you for all of your cards and well wishes on my graduation. I really appreciate it. I am extremely grateful for my church family on always encouraging me to pursue my goals. Thank you so much for all you do.*

*Love, Monet Halliday*

Presbyterian  
Women



PW Meeting  
Sunday,  
August 12th  
After Church

## Bus Trip to Radio City to see Cirque Du Soleil Zarkana!

We have put a bus trip together to go to Radio City to see the Zarkana Show! The price per person is \$78.50 each and we need to have 47 people to fill the bus. The date is August 4<sup>th</sup>, and the bus will leave the Family Dollar parking lot at 12 noon so pack a lunch or eat beforehand. The show time is 3 p.m. and there will be time for supper before we catch the bus for the return ride at 7 pm. Please call Jean Albrecht at 635-3563 by July 26th to make a reservation. Zarkana is a fantastically twisted acrobatic extravaganza!



# July/August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7/8 9:30 am Summer Worship Service 10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn	7/9 8 - 12 Noon VBS 6:15 pm Stamping Class	7/10 8 - 12 Noon VBS 7:30 pm NA	7/11 8 - 12 Noon VBS 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 6 - 8 Play to Heal 7 pm Trustees Mtg 7:30 pm Lyme Group	7/12 8 - 12 Noon VBS 10 am Coffee & Conversation	7/13 8 - 12 Noon VBS 7 pm VBS Closing Ceremony	7/14 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
7/15 9:30 am Summer Worship Service & Lemonade on the Lawn	7/16 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	7/17 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	7/18 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 6 - 8 Play to Heal 7 - 9 pm Karate	7/19 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 - 9 pm Karate	7/20 7 pm Book Club	7/21 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
7/22 9:30 am Summer Worship Service & Lemonade on the Lawn	7/23 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	7/24 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	7/25 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate	7/26 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 - 9 pm Karate	7/27	7/28 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
7/29 9:30 am Summer Worship Service & Lemonade on the Lawn	7/30 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	7/31 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	8/1 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate	8/2 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 - 9 pm Karate	8/3	8/4 Bus Trip To NYC 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
8/5 9:30 am Summer Worship Service with Holy Communion & Lemonade on the Lawn	8/6 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	8/7 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	8/8 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate 7 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Lyme Group	8/9 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 - 9 pm Karate	8/10 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa	8/11 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
8/12 9:30 am Summer Worship Service & Lemonade on the Lawn	8/13 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	8/14 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	8/15 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate 7 pm Session	8/16 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 - 9 pm Karate	8/17	8/18 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
8/19 9:30 am Summer Worship Service & Lemonade on the Lawn	8/20 7 pm PV Co-op Nursery School Board Meeting	8/21 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	8/22 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate	8/23 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 - 9 pm Karate	8/24	8/25 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
8/26 9:30 am Summer Worship Service & Lemonade on the Lawn	8/27 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	8/28 7 - 9 pm Karate 7:30 pm NA	8/29 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 - 9 pm Karate	8/30 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 - 9 pm Karate	8/31	

**Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs**

Pastor's Study	Reverend Shawn Zanicky	635-3289 ext. 11
Pastor's Residence		723-4419
Office, Secretary	Wendy Cady	635-3289 ext. 10
	Fax Line	635-3382
Bell Choir & Sr. Vocal Choir	Jerry Conklin	635-8178
Jr. Vocal & Bell Choir Directors	Alta & Jerry Conklin	635-8178
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

**Committee**

Christian Education  
 Finance  
 Personnel  
 Stewardship/Church Growth  
 Worship  
 Nominating  
 Technology

**Chair**

Beth Murphy 868-7298  
 Richard Walker 635-2906  
 Deborah Murray 635-8887  
 Jerry Conklin 635-8178  
 Greg Clark 849-2199  
 Edith Keck 635-8413  
 Kenneth Brands 632-1714

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