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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

As most of you know, Bob's mother, Gladys, and our sister-in-law, Sue, died recently. When we arrived for Sue's viewing, we learned that Bob's uncle Peter, much to our surprise, had died as a result of a heart attack that very day.

The past months have contained some very trying times – times that we all share as a part of the human community. That being said, we feel so blessed to have two supportive church families that contain many prayer warriors. We have been sustained and strengthened by our faith in the LORD Jesus Christ, and prayers submitted on behalf of our loved ones and ourselves.

Rev. Bob, Bob, Heather, Victoria and I would like to thank those of you who have sent us cards, called and prayed for our family over the past many months. Your prayers and friendships have been, and remain, invaluable to us.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Pastor Shawn

***Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.***

Psalm 30:5b

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Sunday, March 1st:

9:30 am Worship Service, Holy Communion, Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee Hour
 11:10 am Bible Study

Wednesday, March 4th:

7:00 pm Lenten Service in the 3rd floor Chapel.

Sunday, March 8th:

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee Hour
 11:10 am Bible Study

Wednesday, March 11th:

7:00 pm Lenten Service in the 3rd floor Chapel.

Sunday, March 15th:

9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee Hour
 11:10 am Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18th:

7:00 pm Lenten Service in the 3rd floor Chapel.

Sunday, March 22nd:

9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee Hour
 11:10 am Bible Study

Wednesday, March 25th:

7:00 pm Lenten Service in the 3rd floor Chapel.

Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee Hour
 11:10 am Bible Study

Thursday, April 2nd: Maundy

Thursday

6:00 pm Potluck Supper
 7:00 pm Worship Service in the sanctuary. Communion will be given.

Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Service begins at our church and travels to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and ends at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Sunday, April 5th: Easter

6:30 am Sunrise Service at the Mill Park. Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall.
 9:30 am Easter Festival Service



March Birthdays

Jean Albrecht, Cory Albrecht, Gretchen Burnett, Garrett Burnett, Emmalee Dolfi, Karen Haight, Kevin Haight, Thomas Halliday, Harriet Mark, Frank Mears, Irene Muntz, Bill Plass, John Thurston, Ted Traver, Erika VanDeWater, Skip Walker, & Sarah Williams

March Anniversaries

*David & Marilyn Brands
 Joe & Andrea Kirchhoff*



Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn expressed her gratitude to the congregation for their cards and support as she and her husband grieve for the loss of his mother. She reported on members who are sick or in the hospital.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands asked for Session input concerning a 2015 Church Directory. After discussion, it was decided to again include black and white photographs. Members will be asked to provide updated photos.
3. Personnel Chairperson Gary Murphy reported that Christian Education Coordinator Dara Brands is already working hard. Session formally approved her appointment as of February 1, 2015.
4. Roland Neumann was welcomed as the new Finance Chairperson.
5. Stewardship/Church Growth Chairperson Linda Morey reported that her committee still has mission funds to disburse, thanks to the generosity of the congregation in exceeding the mission budget. The Souper Bowl collection came to \$262 for the Food Pantry.
6. Christian Education Chairperson Karen Haight reported that the Sunday School children will receive their copies of the historical coloring book illustrated by Kathi Clark on Sunday, February 22. They will also be invited to take part in the History Hunt. The CE Committee has proposed a stewardship project for children during the Anniversary year, "Pennies for Palates." Session approved this project.
7. Worship Committee Chairperson Judy Brandow assigned Communion servers for March 1, April 12, May 3, and June 7.
8. Nominating Committee Chairperson Greg Clark thanked Roland Neumann, Pat Zerbe,

and Karen Sheer for their willingness to serve as elders.

9. In Old Business, Session approved the following dates suggested by the Anniversary Committee: March 15, Window Walk; April 18, Spaghetti dinner; May 8-9, May Fest.

YOU ARE INVITED !

EVENT: Men's Communion Breakfast

WHEN: Sunday, March 22, 2015

WHERE: The Husted Fellowship Hall

TIME: 7:00 a.m.

The ladies will prepare and serve eggs, ham, juice, coffee, milk, and delicious homemade hot cross buns. Communion will also be served. This year we are honored to have an incredible speaker, "Ric" Riccardi.

As an author Mr. Riccardi has been published in and or written for Field & Stream, Sports Afield, Quebec Ministry of Tourism and numerous other publications. Wilderness Consultant, Camping, Hunting and Fishing guides are just a few of the monikers Mr. Riccardi wears. An avid sportsman, Ric has guided, hunted and fished trips as far afield as Africa, and Australia. A world traveler, he has also led European trips to Scotland, Spain and Italy. In addition to the above Ric has journeyed to New Zealand, Belize, Mexico and has honed his skills while traveling throughout the United States. Ric also ties his own fishing flies, and crafts traditional bows and arrows. To reserve a place, please see Barbara Huneke (635-3918) at coffee hour or call the church office. Adult admission - \$6.00, Children 5-12 - \$3.00, Children under 5 free.



**Happy Anniversary, First
Presbyterian Church of
Pleasant Valley!**



The Anniversary Committee would like to thank Paul Keck and Philip Keck for putting up historical signs and plaques around the building. We especially appreciate their ingenuity in mounting the 50 pound sign in the Yellow Room! We also thank Bill Miller for updating the plaques on the second floor, and Pat Zerbe for supervising the acquisition of the banner for the front of the building.

The history books have been launched! See Joan Traver if you would like to purchase a copy of her book, and talk to Kathi Clark if you would like to purchase her coloring book of history-aimed-at-children. Here are the events planned for the next two months:

On Sunday, March 15, a special event is planned for 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Paul Keck will provide a "Window Walk" as he describes the stained glass windows and their history. Musical interludes will allow people to walk around and take a closer look. This event is free and open to the public, so invite friends and families.



On April 18 we will have a Free Spaghetti Dinner (donations accepted) with our favorite chefs, Steve Albrecht and Joyce Brower, in charge of the kitchen. We will need lots of help to do the rest. Donations of angel hair and spaghetti sauce will reduce expenses. We will need homemade desserts (always a popular part of our dinners) and workers for the dining room.



**Save the dates for the Main Event:
November 13, 14, 15**

**An Addition to
the Sanctuary Plaques**

The gold cross which once hung above the chancel and is now located above the deacon's bench at the rear of the sanctuary holds the following inscription:

In Loving Memory of Chester Husted
1883 – 1945

For many years an Elder, Treasurer,
Organist, Teacher in the Church
The Gift of the Westminster Class



**SPECIAL FOOD
COLLECTION FOR THE
FOOD PANTRY DURING
2015!**

Donations received for the Food Pantry during the month of February—68 items! This makes our year to date total 131, more than half way to our goal of 250. It looks like we will reach that goal more than once this year. The items for March are deodorant and shower gel. However, as always, any item you wish to donate is appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

TAG & BAKE SALE

To benefit the American Heart Association

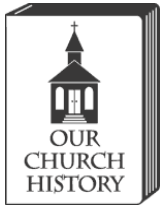
March 7th 9 am—4 pm

Gently Used Items or
Donations accepted
You May Also Join us
"The Pacemakers"



(the surgical services team at Vassar)
In the heart walk on March 14th
at Vassar College

Contact Tracy Keck (486-6179)
for more info!



THE HISTORY CORNER

By Joan Traver

The Chester Husted Fellowship Hall

When our education building was completed in 1957, the hall was named in honor of Chester Husted for his many years of service as teacher, organist and church officer. The following tribute to Mr. Husted, written by John W. Cavo, Clerk of Session at the time, was given at the dedication:

“Chester Husted was a life-long member of our church. Along with many other church interests, he taught in the Sunday School, was church treasurer and played the organ for about 25 years. He was a leader of the young people’s group and had for all ... the golden gift of friendship. We have often spoken of his generosity, his faithfulness to duty, his easy but serious assumption of responsibility and his many other rock-bound virtues.

He lived close to the beauty of the earth. Walking on a Sunday afternoon, how his long legs could cover the ground! Every morning he worked his garden and then took a quick dip in the creek before going to his office. In the spring he would be the first one up the creek in his canoe. During the summer, Chet, tanned like an Indian, soaking up sunshine, was a familiar figure in his canoe.

His law business kept him firmly in the midst of the commercial world. In spite of material success, he never lost the common touch, the earthy touch, the

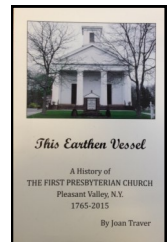
human touch. Pomp, ceremony and frills meant little to him. His was a free spirit and along with a warm, compassionate heart, there was enough of the native granite and hickory of his own fields in his being to make the composite, someone we loved and respected and after whom we are glad and proud to name our fellowship hall.”

Later, Pastor Robert Agnew would say, “There still hovers over this church an unwholesome influence from the past which cannot equate joy, laughter and dancing with Christian faith. The young people should be permitted to use the new building for wholesome social activities.” It might be considered a historic event for the church that on March 20, 1957, Session gave the Jr. High Fellowship permission to hold a dance in the Fellowship Hall. Contrary to many of his ancestors, Chester Husted would have applauded that decision!

More than Trivia

Have you ever wondered: When our church bldg. was wired for electricity? When the first indoor toilet was installed? Where the horses were kept during services? Who pumped the bellows so the organ could be played?

How our church carried out its mission during the past 250 years? Find the answers and much more from our latest church history book, “This Earthen Vessel,” available for \$12.00 per copy, beginning Feb. 22. All proceeds will go to the church.





By Dara Brands, CE Coordinator

I am pleased to write my first article as Christian Education Coordinator. As I settle in to my new position, I am grateful to everyone who has extended a warm welcome. We are truly blessed to have such a variety of talents in this church and already I am enjoying working with you. It is reassuring to discover the wealth of resources we have here at church, and a bit overwhelming as I gaze upon the shelves and shelves of books and materials that it is now my job to organize!

Palm Sunday Sunday School students are learning about what Lent means, and will be preparing to participate in the Palm Sunday service on March 29th!

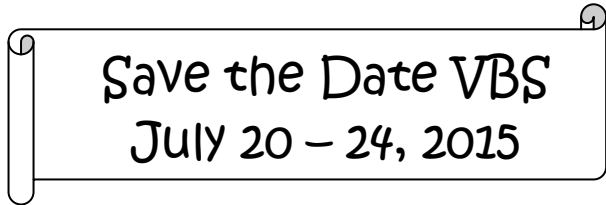
Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, March 29th, after the service! Please invite your friends and family to come and look for eggs filled with candy and prizes.



Although it is only March, in just a few months we will be living and moving in God's love at Vacation Bible School, and

enjoying the sunshine and warmth of summer. Please mark the dates on your calendar and keep your eyes and ears in motion for clues about this year's theme.



Dear 3rd & 4th Graders,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for collecting pull tabs for us. Although each tab is little, with many friends, schools and corporations joining together, every little bit adds up to make a big difference!



It is because of the generosity and dedication of supporters like you that we can continue in our mission to provide a home-away-from-home for families of critically ill and traumatically injured children. We appreciate your efforts and hope you realize your continued collection of pull tabs will go a long way in helping our families cope with caring for their hospitalized children.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Racioppo

Events & Communications Manager

Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley

To My Church Family,
 Many thanks for your prayers and caring thoughts for my son, Neil, as he recently underwent open heart surgery. Although complete recovery from such surgery takes time. I am happy to say that he is doing well.
 My heartfelt appreciation,
 Ginny Rossway



CHURCH DIRECTORY
FOR 2015

We would like to update our Church Directory! The last Directory was printed in 2012, and there have been many changes in our church family. This Directory will include members, people who attend regularly, and Sunday School families. A copy of the previous Directory will be placed downstairs on the sign-up table during Coffee Hour so that you can check the accuracy of your family's information. You may make corrections on that directory or let Wendy know if you have a different address, phone number, or email.

We would like to continue to include black and white photos of those listed in the Directory without the time-consuming task of retaking all those photographs. Please, please help us by providing a newer picture of you or your family if you wish. Many of you take Christmas card pictures, or vacation pictures. This can be a candid shot taken during any season. If those cute little children are now good-looking teens, if your teenager is now graduated from college and married, if the baby is now in school, those are reasons for new pictures! If you are satisfied with the picture from last time, we will use that again. If you are a new member of our church family, we definitely want you to be included. You can drop photos off for Wendy to scan or you can email them to her at secretary@pvpresby.org.

Our goal is to collect information in March so that the Directory will be ready in early April. Thanks in advance for your help!

April PRES

All articles and information for the April PRES must be given to Wendy by March 23rd. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: secretary@pvpresby.org.



*Easter plant order time is here! Please help decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday with a lily or spring flower. Orders are being accepted now through **March 16th**.*

Please send your order and payment (\$12 check payable to the First Presbyterian Church) to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Questions? Call Wendy at the church office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Bulletin to read: _____

Number of plants at \$12 each:

_____ *Lily* _____ *Spring*

_____ *Either*

Please check one:

_____ *I will pick up my plant(s) after the last Easter Service.*

_____ *I would like the deacons to distribute my plant(s) to some one who is sick or shut-in.*

Please include payment with your order!



To add names to the prayer list, submit a written request to the pastor, or call the Church Office. Names will be on for 4 weeks and then removed. You may request to have a name put back on the list. Please use this list in your daily prayers.

Prayers for **Karen Haight's grandson** who was taken to Columbia Hospital with a diagnosis of Leukemia.

Prayers for **Warren Wigsten** (member) who is in the hospital in Florida with heart related issues.

Prayers for **Bud Winters** (Donna Sheak's brother-in-law) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Tina Manzi** (Barbara Komondorea's sister) who is confronting cancer issues.

Prayers for **Bertha Howe** (member) who is recovering from hip surgery at The Pines.

Prayers for **Sue Morey** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Vikki** (Chesney Baker's mom) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Paul Haberstock** (Church florist) who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Prayers for **Nancy Cole** (Bill Plass's sister) who is struggling with health issues and is in the Pines.

Prayers for **Helen Kelsey** (member) who is in the Pines (room 512.)

Prayers for **David Brands** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **David Morse** (Irena Morse's brother in law) who is undergoing medical procedures.

Prayers for **Sue Moore** (friend of the church) who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for **Margaret Traver** (member) who is in Lutheran Care Center, Room 103 South.

Prayers for **Grace** (Hilde's McQuillan's sister-in-law) who is battling breast cancer.

Prayers for **Lee Burgess** (Friend of Karen Haight) who is battling pancreatic cancer.

Prayers for **Nathan Wells** (Friend of Irena Morse) who was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Prayers for **Rick Fay** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Bob & Carol Belton** (member) who are struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Eiluned Aikman** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **John & Jane Barden** (member) who are struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayer for **Jennifer** (Karen's Cousin) who is battling cancer.


Prayers for **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother) who is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Iris Riccardi** (member) who is battling cancer.

Prayers for **Gina Beckman** (friend of Andrea Kirchhoff) who is battling cancer.

Sympathy prayers for **Ginny Rossway and family** on the passing of her brother, Ernie.

Sympathy prayers for **Pastor Shawn and family** on the death of her mother-in-law, Gladys, sister-in-law, Sue, and Pastor Bob's Uncle Peter.



Friendship Callers

March 17th 9:30 a.m.

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, March 17th 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.



Save the Date:

Spaghetti Dinner, April 18th

4:30-7:00

Needed:

Donations of angel hair & spaghetti sauce

Homemade desserts

Workers to serve in the dining room

Set up and clean up helpers

People to come and eat

Don't forget to change your clocks!

Daylight Savings Begins
on March 8th!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion, & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	2 8 - 3 pm PVN 6 pm Stamping Class 7 pm Bell Choir	3 8 - 3 PVN 7:30 pm NA	4 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Lenten Service	5 8 - 3 pm PVN 5:45 pm Jr Choir 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Sr Choir	6 8 - 3 pm PVN	7 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 9 am—4 pm Tag & Bake Sale to benefit the AHA
8 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study	9 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	10 8 - 3 PVN 7 pm Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm NA	11 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Group	12 8 - 3 pm PVN 5:45 Jr Choir 6:30 pm Junior Grange 7 pm Sr Choir	13 8 - 3 pm PVN 11 am PW Bible Study 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa 7 pm Prayer 101	14 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 5 pm Mid-Hudson Deaf Club
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Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs

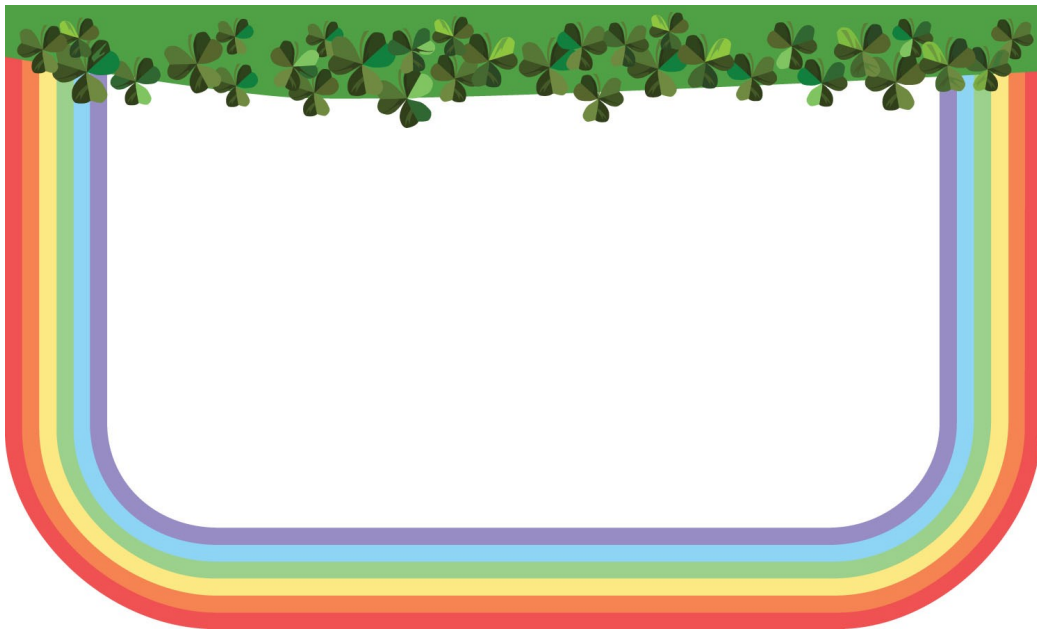
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