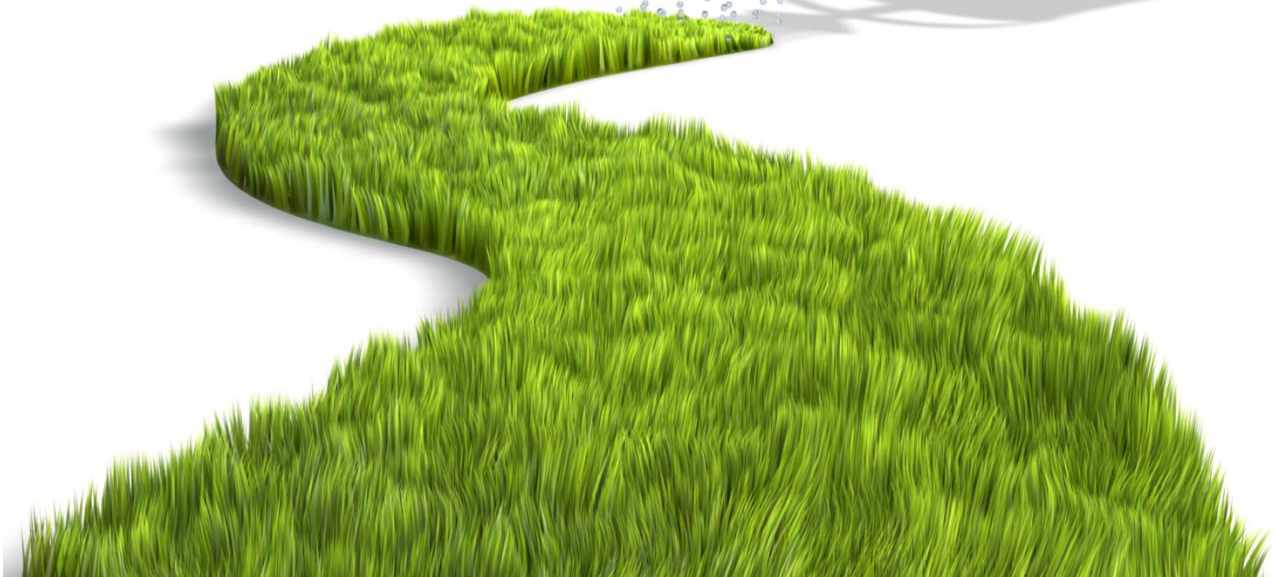
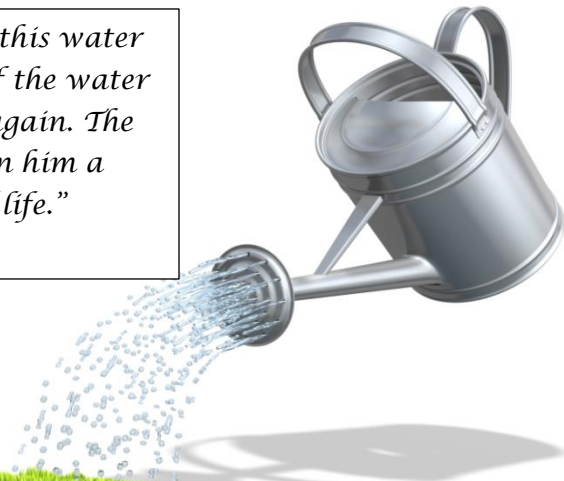




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*Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal 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, and the day view is resplendent with fall colors. The morning air is crisp and the afternoon sun beckons us to 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 summer 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 this 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.

So, God's people, let us embrace the 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*

# November 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> pvns 8- 1  7:30 N.A.	<b>2</b> pvns 8- 1 10-1 BB	<b>3</b> pvns 8- 1 10 C& C 6pm Jr Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts 7pm Sr. Choir	<b>4</b> pvns 8- 1	<b>5</b> 10-1 BB
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> pvns 8- 1 -6pm stamp w Jean 7pm Bell Choir	<b>8</b> pvns 8- 1 7pm Trustee Mtg 7:30 N.A.	<b>9</b> pvns 8- 1 10-1 BB 7:30 Lyme disease mtg	<b>10</b> pvns 8- 1 10 C& C 9:30-2 Dutchess Quilters 6pm Jr Choir 6:30 Jr Grange 7pm Sr. Choir	<b>11</b> pvns closed 11am Bible Study 6:30pm Stamp w Lisa	<b>12</b> 10-1 BB  5pm Mid Hudson Deaf Club
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> pvns 8- 1  7pm Bell Choir	<b>15</b> pvns 8- 1 9:30am Friendship Callers 7:30 N.A.	<b>16</b> pvns 8- 1 10-1 BB 7pm Session Mtg	<b>17</b> pvns 8- 1 10 C& C 6pm Jr Choir 6:30 Jr Grange 7pm Sr. Choir	<b>18</b> pvns 8- 1	<b>19</b> 10-1 BB <b>4:30 - 7:00 pm.</b> <b>Holiday Auction</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> pvns 8- 1  7pm Bell Choir	<b>22</b> pvns 8- 1  7:30 N.A.	<b>23</b> pvns closed 10-1 BB 7pm prayer partners	<b>24</b> pvns closed <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>25</b> pvns closed <b>Office closed</b>	<b>26</b> 10-1 BB
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> pvns 8- 1  7pm Bell Choir	<b>29</b> pvns 8- 1 7:30 N.A.	<b>30</b> pvns 8- 1 10-1 BB			



## CHURCH OFFICERS 2016

SESSION		
<b>ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)</b> Pastor Shawn – Moderator 845-723-4419 (H) 845-797-7144 (C)		
CLASS OF 2016	CLASS OF 2017	CLASS OF 2018
Greg Clark	Roland Neumann	Mary Jane Gardner
Karen Haight	Karen Sheer	Phyllis Menzenski
Linda Morey	Pat Zerbe	Ken Brands
Clerk – Marilyn Brands		
TRUSTEES		
(Take Care of the Physical Plant)		
Paul Keck	Frank Mears	Caroline Dolfi
Steve Morey, Sr.	Debbie Traver	Rick Fay
Denny Smith (Chairperson)	Steve Traver	Don Traver
DEACONS		
(The Service Body of the Church)		
Chesney Baker	Dawne Fay	Steve Albrecht
Beth Murphy	Tom Smith	Cathy Clark
Donna Sheak (Chairperson)	Myung Sung	Traci Haight
	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.



**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 23<sup>rd</sup> of November***

Prayers for **Barbara Huneke** as she will be having a medical procedure.

Prayers for **Charlie & Heather Holohan-Guarneri** (Hope's dance teacher & her husband), Charlie's cancer has returned.

Prayers for **Danielle Monaco** (a friend of Debi Tyger) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Edith & Dave** (Donna Sheak's parents) who are struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Elizabeth Duncan** (Nancy Murphy's sister in law) who has liver cancer.

Prayers for **Ginda Harden** who is home recovering from surgery.

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

Prayers for **Jack Kessinger** (Barbara Huneke's brother-in-law) who is recovering at home.

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

Prayers for **Richard Callameri** who has 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns from an accident.

Prayers for **Nancy Summerville** who has breast cancer.

Prayers for **Chelsey's** baby (Kathy and Greg Clark's daughter) for a healthy baby.

Prayers for **Linda** (a friend of Joan Traver) who suffers from COPD and is on Hospice care.

Prayers for **Sue Moore** who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Jason** (Melissa Palestro's former student) who is recovering from another surgery.

Prayers for **Betty Palmquist** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Fred Albrecht** (Steve Albrecht's brother) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Wayne Tyger** (brother of Jim Tyger) diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma.

Prayers for **Charlotte** (friend of Hilde McQuillan) who is dealing with health and family issues.

Prayers for **Conor Behan** (great nephew of Jack & Joan Smith) who is struggling with illness.

Prayers for **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's Mother) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Rikki Clayton** (friend of Karen Haight) who is battling breast cancer.

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

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

Prayers for **Jane Barden** (member) who is struggling with health issues but is home.

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

Sympathy prayers for **Betty Dunkin** and family at the death of **Elizabeth Dunkin**.

Sympathy prayers for the family of **Mike Jessup** as he has returned to his Creator.

**Long Term Residence Lutheran Care**

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

Prayers for **Margaret Traver** (member) who is in the Lutheran Care Center, Rm 103b South



## SESSION MEETING

Due to Pastor Shawn's illness, the October session meeting was canceled and there are no session minutes. Stay tuned for session minutes in the December PRES.



**FRIENDSHIP CALLERS WILL MEET TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:30 A.M. TO VISIT OUR SHUT-IN'S.**

**WE MEET IN THE YELLOW ROOM.**

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL JOAN SMITH AT  
635-3687**

I wish to thank my church family for all the help, prayers and support during my surgery and recovery.

- Ginda Harden

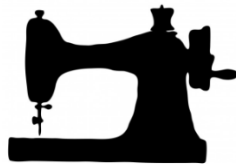


**The Hudson River Presbytery Prison Partnership Program is sponsoring a Forum to encourage all to reach out to the prison population with compassion and support. For many, the question is not why but how. Come learn what programs are already in place (you need not reinvent the wheel) and be inspired to create your own! Perspective will be shared by both Corrections Officers and Returning Citizens. Big Picture topics addressed will be Criminal Justice, Restorative Justice, Reentry Issues, Education, Rehabilitation, and Healing Communities. Nuts and Bolts topics will be discussed by congregants in our Presbytery currently running programs on Prison Correspondence, "Bars of Soap", Prison Visiting Programs, The New Jim Crow Book Group, and more. Join us on November 12, 2016 at Rye Presbyterian Church from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. There is no charge. Please RSVP to [hans@hudrivpres.org](mailto:hans@hudrivpres.org) or just come!**



## **YOU THINK YOU KNOW PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN? THINK AGAIN.**

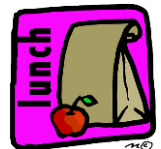
Presbyterian Women in Hudson River Presbytery have recently donated \$1000 to Stony Point for a new Picnic table. In addition they recently purchased Sewing Machines and sent them to the Eastern corner of India for a Sewing Cooperative, teaching women how to use them and to learn how to cut out pattern and sew garments to address critical issues of sustainability.



In addition they have also sent \$500 to PDA for floods in Louisiana. There are several ideas brewing on how to use Fall offerings to start a program modeled after Heifer International to make a real difference in the lives of some extremely poor people. Stay tuned and be prepared to be amazed.



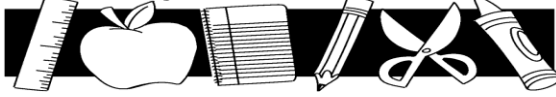
The Group Home Luncheon will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. We will be looking for donations of clothing items as well as toiletries. More information will follow.



Our PW election and installation of officers will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will also have our optional cookie swap for those who wish to participate.



# Sunday School Corner



## Pictures from the Youth Group Hike



**Saturday, December 17**  
**Cookie Sale**  
**Sunday, December 18**  
**Christmas Pageant**





Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Stampin with Lisa

Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Stamping with Jean



The Harvest Buffet made a profit of \$2, 915! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this very successful fundraiser!!



*Pleasant Valley  
Food Pantry*

**Donations to the food pantry for the month of October totaled 103 families of which 195 were adults, 131 children and 23 seniors. The items suggested for November are ketchup, mayonnaise, chicken noodle soup, chicken broth, ranch and Italian dressing.**

**All donations are appreciated! Thank you for your generosity.**



The Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on **Saturday December 17th** from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Join us for a day filled with yummy goodies, lots of Christmas spirit and fellowship!

We will need cookies, candies, specialty-baked items (*no cupcakes or store-bought items, please*) to sell....Please mark any allergens on your item(s) and drop off to the Church on Friday December 16, or by 9:30am on December 17th.

This fundraiser supports **our youth** programs and a portion will benefit the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please call Tracy Keck at [\(845\) 486-6179](tel:8454866179). *This fundraiser was started in 2008, please help keep this going strong for our youth and the PV Food Pantry - spread the word and don't forget to BAKE and SHOP!*





# Holiday Auction

The Holiday Auction will take place on November 19, 2016, with Silent Auction bidding and Live Auction viewing from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Live Auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Don Traver as Auctioneer.

Thanks to all who have donated items, gift certificates, and services. Judy Brandow and Mary Jane Gardner will be looking for people to help provide refreshments so people attending can keep up their energy for bidding.

Please plan to attend. It's a night for fun and fellowship as well as one of our most successful fundraisers.

**Holiday Auction Silent Auction needs some helpers. Please sign up in Husted Fellowship Hall or contact Phyllis Menzenski at 845-635-9112. Thank you!**

