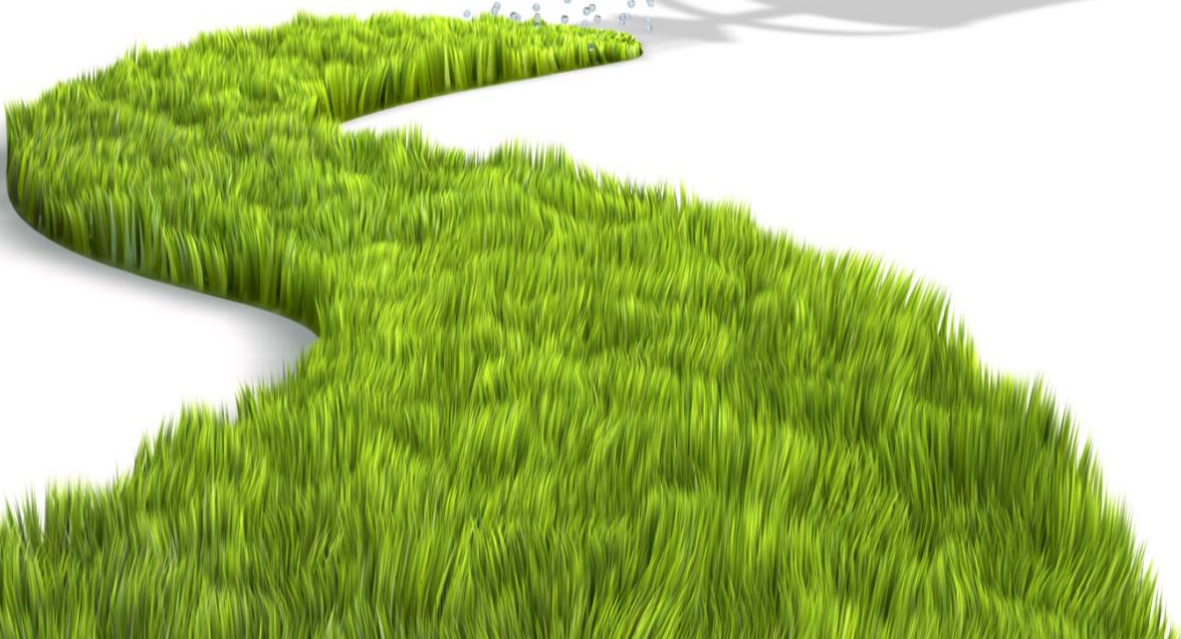
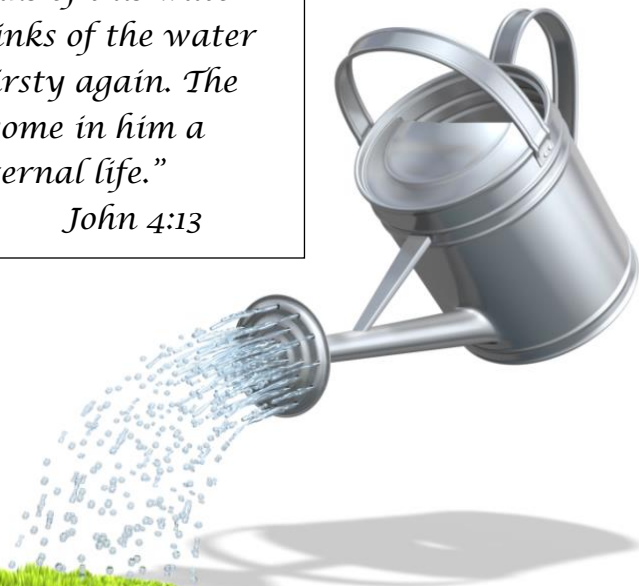




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Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

This month I would like to share a brief excerpt from *The Gift for All People: Thoughts on God's Great Grace* by Max Lucado.

But God showed his great love for us in this way: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:8

Lucado asks our Lord:

Jesus, do you give no thought to saving yourself? What keeps you there? What holds you to the cross? Nails don't hold Gods to trees. What makes you stay?

[and responds . . .]

Christ came to earth for one reason: to give his life as a ransom for you, for me, for all of us. He sacrificed himself to give us a second chance. He would have gone to any lengths to do so. And he did. He went to the cross, where man's utter despair collided with God's unbending grace. And in that moment when God's great gift was complete, the compassionate Christ showed the world the cost of his gift.

Trace the path of this Savior, the God who swapped heavenly royalty for poverty. His bed became, at best, a borrowed pallet – and usually the hard earth. He was dependent on handouts for his income. He was sometimes so hungry he would eat raw grain or pick fruit off a tree. He knew what it meant to have no home. He was ridiculed. His neighbors tried to lynch him. Some called him a lunatic. His family tried to confine him to their house. His friends weren't always faithful to him.

He was accused of a crime he never committed. Witnesses were hired to lie. The jury was rigged. A judge swayed by politics handed down the death penalty.

They killed him.

And why? Because of the gift that only he could give.

He who was perfect gave that perfect record to us, and our imperfect record was given to him. Jesus was "not guilty, but he suffered for those who are guilty to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). As a result, God's holiness is honored and his children are forgiven.

In this book Max uses scripture to remind us of the amazing gift of God's love for us. He speaks of God's care for us, God's pursuit of us, and God's unwillingness to ever let us go.

Salvation is so simple – Christ is holding out his hand to us with this marvelous gift – all we have to do is receive it. There is no fee – no price – except the willingness, on our part, to love and be loved.

Christ's gift is utterly amazing! It completes our joy and sustains us in our sorrow. This gift of love gives true purpose and meaning to our lives. By following, and trying to emulate, Christ's example of authentic love we become true expressions of God's grace. We learn to love as he loved – genuinely and completely. And . . . God's love is communicable. As we grow in faith, individually and communally, the love that God has given us becomes more evident to others. Our excitement, our peace, our joy in the knowledge of Christ infects others with the desire to know and be known by our Creator and Savior – and the cycle begins anew.

Christ's hand is extended; we need only to respond. The gift is waiting – the question is – are we willing to receive it?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Shawn

*♪ The Savior is waiting to enter your heart.
Why don't you let Him come in? ♪
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart
What is your answer to him?
Time after time he has waited before
and now He is waiting again,
to see if your willing to open the door
♪ Oh, how he wants to come in... ♪*



Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are sick. Pastor Shawn will be on vacation October 7-October 20. Karen Sheer will fill the pulpit on October 8 and Reverend Arlene Wilhelm will fill the pulpit on October 15. The Communicants' class has started. William Meyer has asked to transfer his membership from the Mahopac Presbyterian Church to our church; this was approved by the Session.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands reported that Erika VanDeWater has audited the Treasurer's books and found all to be in order.
3. Finance Committee Chairperson Roland Neumann reported that the church's investments are doing well. The Treasurer's report was received.
4. Personnel Committee Co-Chair Gary Murphy reported that the Officer Managers, Linda Morey and Joyce Brower, are happy with their shared position and the office work is going well.
5. Stewardship Committee Co-Chair Edith Keck reported that her committee will meet on October 4.
6. Christian Education Committee Chairperson Mary Jane Gardner reported that Sunday School classes have begun. The calendar for the year has been set up.
7. Worship Committee Co-Chairs Phyllis Menzenski and Judy Brandow assigned communion servers.
8. Nominating Committee members will be contacted and a meeting will be set up to seek officers for next year.
9. The next meeting of the Session will be on October 25, after Pastor Shawn returns from vacation.



CHURCH OFFICERS 2017

SESSION

ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)

Pastor Shawn – Moderator

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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**

We invite you to join the **Prayer Partners** as we pray for the needs of our church and the world. We seek to learn more about the power of prayer, to grow in faith, and become closer to the LORD.

Prayer Partners meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

The next meeting is to be scheduled.

Prayers for **Poppy Jenks** (Amanda Smith's grandfather) who is having health issues.

Prayers for **Vikki Caswell** (Chesney Baker's mother) for her follow-up testing and for continued healing.

Prayers for **Patty Grega** (Steve Albrecht's cousin) who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Prayers for **Paul Menzenski** (Phyllis's husband) who is recovering from eye surgery.

Prayers for **families, friends of our church family and all people** affected by Hurricane Harvey or Hurricane Irma.

Prayers for **Dorothy Vail** (Marilyn Brand's mother) who is having issues with her vision.

Prayers for **Amelia Borland** (2 yr old child for whom Jen Miller babysits) who has leukemia.

Prayers for **Conor** (Joan and Jack Smith's great nephew) who is under Hospice care.

Prayers for **Sandy** (friend of Karen Sheer) who is recovering from surgery following a car accident.

Prayers for **Alecia** (Jean and Steve's granddaughter) struggling with personal issues.

Prayers for **Karen Livingston Bernardo** (friend of Phyllis Menzenski) whose cancer has returned.

Prayers for **Bob** (Pastor Shawn's son) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Karen Norelius** who is struggling with health issues.

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

Prayers for **Margaret Russell** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Joyce and Dave Heagney** (friends of Charlotte Papineau) who are both battling cancer.

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.

Prayers for **Diane Sullivan and her husband, Ron** (friends of Faith Reynolds) whose cancer has returned.

Sympathy prayers for **Lisa** (Chesney's co-worker) on the death of her husband.

Long Term Residence Lutheran Care

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

FRIENDSHIP CALLERS

The Friendship Callers will resume visitations on October 17th. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Yellow Room.

Perhaps you would like to brighten someone's day by joining us as we visit? Or if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, please see Joan Smith or call her at 635-3687.



The October harvest is in and Adams has lots of fresh goodies. Please consider making it a habit to participate in the Adams Gift Card Fundraiser this fall. Cards can be purchased during coffee hour or from Joyce or Linda during church office hours. You are supporting our church and a local business at the same time. Thanks to all who purchase cards!! Contact Helen Traver (635-8192) with any questions or to make arrangements other than mentioned above for purchasing a card.

Harvest Buffet

Sat, October 7th,
4:30pm - 7:00pm



Let us do the cooking!

Enjoy a yummy 4 course meal served buffet style. Fresh, homemade foods fill our Appetizer, Salad, Dinner (Chicken, Ham, Beef) and Dessert tables.

Advanced Tickets (reservations before Tues Oct 3rd)

Adults \$19 - Seniors \$17 - Kids (5 - 12) \$9



or At the Door

Adults \$20 - Seniors \$17 - Kids (5 - 12) \$9

Call the church office to make a reservation or see Linda Morey during coffee hour. As we did last year, to ease the congestion at the ticket table, we would appreciate payment for your tickets in advance. This is requested for all reservations, whether you phone in or sign up in person. THANK YOU!

Help Needed for Harvest Buffet

We will need lots of help to make the Harvest Buffet a success again this year. There are sign-up sheets for help in the dining room to serve beverages and to clear and set-up the tables. Contact Linda Morey to volunteer 226-6402.



Homeless Shelter Meal - October 10th, 2017

PW will be preparing and serving a meal for the Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, October 10th. We meet in the church kitchen at 4:45 pm to prepare the meal. If you donate items for the meal, please leave them in the kitchen no later than Tuesday by 12 noon. We serve 60-70 people that night and they look forward to the homemade cookies for dessert. If you can help by making 2-3 dozen, there is a sign-up sheet in the Husted Fellowship Hall. We leave the church at 6:45 pm to go and serve the meal. If you would like to help prepare the meal or serve it, please see Linda Morey or Karen Haight. Thank you!



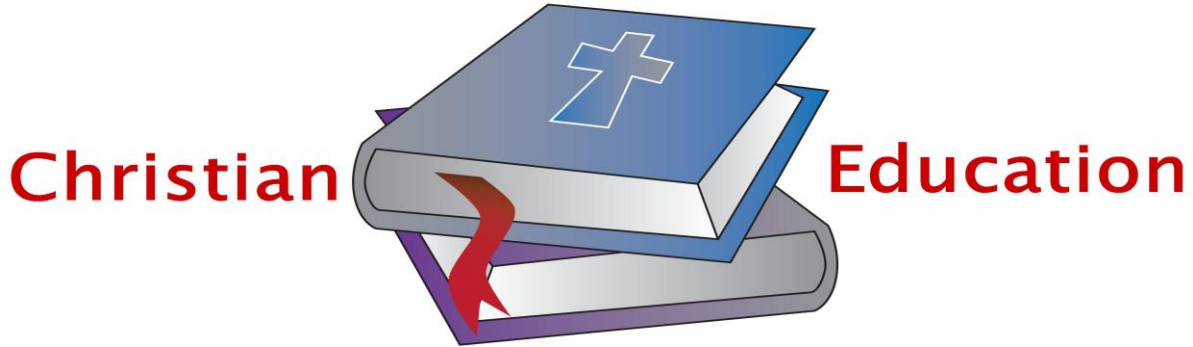
PLEASANT VALLEY WEEKEND

Pleasant Valley Weekend is now a pleasant memory. We have so many people who helped make our church family part of the festivities. THANK YOU to the following:

- Gary and Beth Murphy for organizing the Nacho Booth. All who worked selling nachos.
- Steve Albrecht who provided the wagon for the parade
- Don Traver who provided the truck that pulled the wagon, who drove the truck and who put the float together with some help from his friends.
- Phyllis Menzenski who repurposed Kathi Clark's beautiful painting of a tree to make it "Our Family Tree"
- Aaron, Kyle and Zachary Traver who carried the banner
- Hope Murphy who carried the sign
- 33 people who rode and walked with the float

We also thank the congregation for the amazing response to the new tee shirt. 51 shirts were everywhere to show how much we love our church! We thank Pastor Shawn for finding the design and Phyllis Menzenski and Marilyn Brands for ordering and delivering the shirts.

Finally, we congratulate our own Steve Albrecht who was the Grand Marshall of the parade.



Beth Murphy, CE Coordinator murphygba@aol.com /845-868-7298(H) 845-242-0325 (C)

The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be Thursday, October 19th 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

PW Bible Study - Friday, October 27th at 11:00 am (meets in the Parlor)

Bible Study - each Sunday, at 11:10 am (meets on the 3rd floor, in the room at the top of the stairs)

HOLIDAY AUCTION



Our Holiday Auction will be held on Saturday, November 18th, 2017, with the Silent Auction bidding and Live Auction viewing from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The Children's Auction will be held at 6:30 p.m., and the Live Auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Don Traver as Auctioneer.

In October we will be collecting items and promises of goods and services so that we can meet our November 1 deadline. This deadline will give the committee time to prepare the program and plan for set up. Small items for the silent auction or live auction can be left in the small room to the left of the stage starting now. If you have a large item to donate, or an item too valuable to leave unattended, please contact Debbie Traver at 845-702-4779 or by email, debbietraver19@yahoo.com to make arrangements. For questions about the silent auction, please see Phyllis Menzenski or Dawne Fay.

If you have a business or frequent a business that could offer a donation, please see Karen Haight. To donate refreshments, please see Judy Brandow or Mary Jane Gardner. If you can help by donating goods or services (such as the popular dinners), you can fill out the form in the Sunday bulletin or call the office, 635-3289, or call Marily Brands, 845-223-5717. We will need a brief description of your donation as well as your contact information (phone number and/or email). The generous donations from our congregation have made this event a success year after year.

October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION 11:10 am Bible Study	2 PVN 8-3:30 6 pm Stamping w/Jean 7 pm Bell Choir	3 PVN 8-1 9:00 am Barg Bsmt Setup 7:30 pm N.A.	4 PVN 8-3:30 10-1 Barg Bsmt 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 Lyme Disease	5 PVN 8-1 10 am C & C 6:00 pm Jr. Choir 7:00 pm Sr. Choir Harvest Buffet Set-up	6 PVN 8-3:30	7 10-1 Barg Bsmt HARVEST BUFFET 4:30-7:00
8 9:30 am WORSHIP 11:10 am Bible Study	9 PVN Closed 7 pm Bell Choir	10 PVN 8-1:00 4:45 Homeless Meal 7:00 pm Trustees 7:30 pm N.A.	11 PVN 8-3:30 10-1 Barg Bsmt	12 PVN 8-1:00 10 am C & C 6:00 pm Jr. Choir 6:30 pm Jr. Grange 7:00 pm Sr. Choir	13 PVN 8-3:30 West. Dinner Theatre "Annie Get Your Gun" 6:30 pm Stamping w/Lisa	14 10-1 Barg Bsmt
15 9:30 am WORSHIP 11:10 am Bible Study Crop Walk	16 PVN 8-3:30 7 pm Bell Choir	17 PVN 8-1:00 9:30 Friendship Callers 7:30 pm N.A.	18 PVN 8-3:30 10-1 Barg Bsmt	19 PVN CLOSED 10 am C & C 6 :00 pm CE Comm 6:00 pm Jr. Choir 7:00 pm Sr. Choir	20 PVN 8-3:30	21 10-1 Barg Bsmt
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