

2018



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REFORMATION CORNERSTONES

Every October, many Protestants celebrate the work of reformers who brought about much-needed change in the Christian church. At the center of their contributions were four teachings:

- Scripture alone: The supremacy of the Bible as the surest guide for faith and life.
- Grace alone: The supremacy of God’s undeserved love. God counts us “right” with him when we accept his free gifts of forgiveness and salvation.
- Faith alone: The supremacy of faith. Only by believing and trusting in God’s promises, and through no works or achievement of our own, do we receive eternal life.
- The priesthood of all believers: Christians are “members of one another” (Ephesians 4:25, NRSV). In God’s eyes, Christians are all on the same level. We each have a ministry to fulfill to one another and to people outside the faith. Martin Luther said we’re “reciprocally and mutually one.”



~Beginnings~

Greetings!

Beginnings are important. On October 1, I will begin ministry alongside you as your Interim Pastor.

Some of you have been part of this or another congregation long enough to have gone through one or more interim times, the time between settled pastors. For others of you, this will be your first time through this in-between time. You might ask, “What is an interim pastor? Why do we have an interim pastor? How is this different from having a settled pastor?”

An interim pastor is first and foremost a pastor, and I will be your pastor – we will worship and celebrate and grieve together and walk through these next months and years in community. Beyond those very essential activities of being the Church, much of the rest of our work together will be focused on interim, or transitional, questions and issues; big picture things like, Who are we? What does it mean to be the First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Valley into the 2020s? Where is God at work in our lives and in our communities? How do we participate in that work? This transitional work is important and exciting, but it can also be hard and tiring. So, we will also make sure to take care of each other well as we engage in it.

My first Sunday with you will be October 7. That day, our scripture will be Genesis 1 – “In the beginning...” Through the rest of October, we will take up other scriptures about beginnings – and new beginnings: John 1, Jeremiah 1, and Matthew 28, perhaps some others. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you as we embark on our work together!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn".

Rev. Lynn Brown

Lkbrown27@gmail.com

From the Session to the Congregation: Thank you!

As we welcome our Interim Pastor, Reverend Lynn Brown, the Session would like to express appreciation for all that our congregation has done without pastoral leadership during this in-between time:

- March: Spaghetti Dinner
Easter egg hunt for children
Holy week services with other churches
- April: Pot luck luncheon sponsored by Stewardship Committee
Paint Party sponsored by CE Committee and PW
- May: May Fest
Dinner Theater trip
- June: Chicken Barbecue
Yard Sale
Celebration of Christian Education
- July: Summertime Lobster Rolls on 3 Fridays
Vacation Bible School
Prize winning Float in the Pleasant Valley Weekend Parade
- August: Planning already underway for the November Auction
- September: Sunday School begins

Along the way, the Friendship Callers and Deacons have cared for members, meals have been prepared for the Homeless Shelter, offerings have been collected for local and world mission, Deacons have performed all those tasks for worship services, and Trustees have planned for building repairs and rentals.

We extend a special thank you to the following:

Staff Linda and Joyce, Alta and Jerry, Beth, and Keith for keeping us on track.

Interim Search Committee Gary, Mary Jane, Faith, Traci and Paul for countless hours of work, thought and prayer.

Worship Committee Judy Brandow for filling the pulpit for 33 Sundays with inspiring preachers, and Phyllis Menzenski for arriving 30 minutes early every week to make sure the minister was comfortable with the service.

With God's help, we have made it to this new chapter in the life of our church!



1. Interim Search Committee Chairperson Gary Murphy presented the contract that has been offered to Reverend Lynn Brown. After discussion, Session unanimously approved this contract. Reverend Brown will be our Interim Pastor beginning October 7.
2. Finance Committee Chairperson Myung Sung reported that the church presently has a surplus of \$8,496, compared to a deficit of \$11,404 this time last year.
3. Stewardship Chairperson Edith Keck reported that the Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received on October 7. A request for disaster relief will be placed in this Sunday's bulletin.
4. Christian Education Chairperson Mary Jane Gardner reported that a toddler class will be provided on first and third Sundays; Session approved this addition to the Sunday School program.
5. Worship Committee Chairpersons Judy Brandow and Phyllis Menzenski were thanked for their efforts in obtaining ministers and for the extra time involved in making sure each Sunday that the ministers were comfortable with the service. Judy will call the October pulpit supply ministers to explain that we will have an Interim Minister in place.

Special dates in October

- World Communion Sunday, *October 7, 2018*
 - Reformation Sunday, *October 28, 2018*
 - Reformation Day, *October 31, 2018*



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 for **Barbara** (Rev. Spencer's mother) who is recuperating from back surgery.
- Prayers for **Ginger** (friend of Marilyn Brands) who is dealing with health issues.
- Prayers for **Sue Moore** (member) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **our church** that God will send us a Pastor who will lead us in God's way.
- Prayers for **Betty Wigsten** (member) who is recovering from surgery.
- Prayers for **Nancy Brinkerhoff** (Judy Brandow's sister) who is recuperating at the Pines from a broken hip.
- Prayers for **Kelly** (friend of Karen Haight) who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Prayers for **William and Carol (his mother)** who are both dealing with health issues.
- Prayers for **Athena** (6 yr old sister of Max, our VBS helper) who is in Westchester Medical Center, she has been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.
- Prayers for **Carol Albrecht** (Steve's sister-in-law) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Marshall Truex** who is struggling with pneumonia and other health issues.
- Prayers for **Penny Sawner** (James's mother) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Ginny Rossway** (member) who is recuperating at home.
- Prayers for **Mike Mikula** (Joyce's brother-in-law) who is undergoing cancer treatments.
- Prayers for **Napoleon** (friend of Linda Morey) who is fighting cancer.
- Prayers for **Carol Belton** (member) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Chris Woodward** (Harriet Mark's brother) who is battling prostate cancer.
- Prayers for **Rick Fay** (member) struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Karen Livingston Bernardo** (friend of Phyllis Menzenski) whose cancer has returned.
- Prayers for **Donna Mears** (member) who is struggling with health issues.
- Prayers for **Barbara Vaché** (Dawne Fay's mother) who is struggling with health issues.
- 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 of gratitude for **Jim Tyger** (Debi's husband) who is doing well as he continues his treatments.

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.





Adam's Gift Cards

September is a great time to get our routines and habits back on track. 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.

We have been selling Adam's gift cards since May 2011 and add approximately \$3000.00 per year to the Local Fund. YOU can help us reach or perhaps exceed that amount this year. It is easy to do (just purchase a card) and makes shopping more rewarding. You are supporting our church and a local business at the same time.

I thank all who purchase cards currently and will certainly thank new participants, as well. Contact Helen Traver (635-8192) with any questions or to make arrangements other than mentioned above for purchasing a card.

THANK YOU!!



October 31 - Westchester Dinner Theatre



Holiday Auction News !!

Date: Saturday November 17th

Silent Auction & Live Auction Preview 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Live Auction starts at 7:00pm with Don Traver as our Auctioneer!

Lite food available throughout the evening (donations accepted)

We need YOUR help to make this a success !!

- No Children's Table this year. Any donations will either get put into the Silent Auction or the Live Auction, wherever it's best suited.
- All new, or gently used items can be dropped off by Monday, Oct 15th. Items can be put in the small room to the left of the stage. If you have larger items where you need help with pickup please contact Debbie Traver to make arrangements.
- Good suggestion was made...check your Credit Card for its reward program. If you are not using your rewards for yourself please consider purchasing something for the auction. Also if you use store loyalty cards look for special deals that could be used towards the auction.
- Please consider donating your time, service, baked goods etc. We have had people donate dinners, baked goods, services, firewood etc. These are bigger money items for us! You can turn in your "promises" into the Church Office, by Thursday, November 1st.
- Feel like donating but don't know what? Buy a Gift Card for us or donate theme items for a basket to raffle off. We will have some basket suggestions in the Church Office if you want to stop by and look. If you see an idea you like, grab the card to take shopping with you (and so that someone else doesn't buy the same thing).
- We will need helping rounding up Gift Certificates/or new items from businesses. Please grab some Gift Certificate Requests from Karen Haight or the Church Office. We will have some ideas of companies to talk to but please think of ideas to...do you have a favorite restaurant, salon, business that you frequent? Know anyone who offers services or has a business?
- The following people are in charge of the following areas. Please contact them if you are willing to help!!

Silent Auction - Phyllis Menzenski 635-2632 (grouping items/setting up, and the help night of auction)

Food Table - Judy Brandow 635-2045

Collecting Gift Certificates (needs help now!) - Karen Haight 635-2632

Advertising - Marilyn Brands 223-5717 (let us know if you have any contacts!)

Wayne and Missy are Treasurers

We will keep you posted as time goes on. We will need help with setting up tables and chairs, etc. as we are closer to the date.

Please call Debbie Traver (845) 702-4770 with any further questions.

Thank You!



Church Holiday Auction
Saturday, November 17th
Fellowship Hall



**5:30 - 6:30 pm Viewing of Items
& Silent Auction**
7:00 pm Live Auction Begins

Refreshments will be available

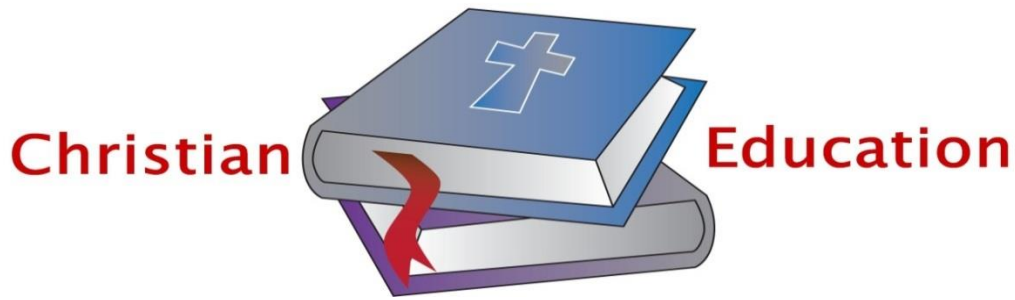


Yes, I would be happy to provide: _____

for the auction.

NAME: _____

Please complete this form and submit to the church office or place
in the collection plate. Any questions call Debbie Traver at
(845-702-4770) . All forms and items , except food donations,
should be at the church by October 15th.



Beth Murphy, CE Coordinator

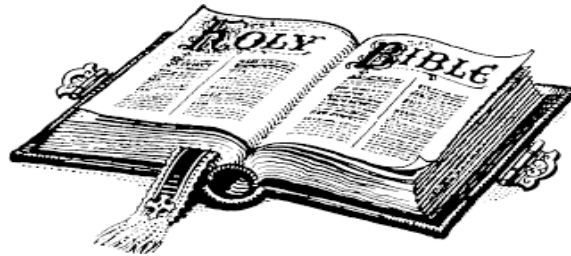
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[845-868-7298\(h\)](tel:845-868-7298)

[845-242-0325 \(C\)](tel:845-242-0325)

The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be on Thursday, October 18th 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.**

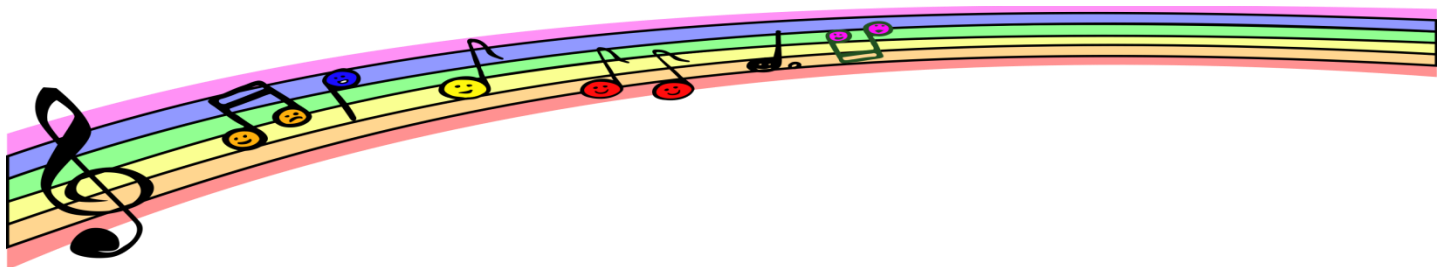
God's left hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."



REJOICE - BE GLAD - AND SING!

The vocal choir will now adorned with two sets of new robes. Our old robes were purchased in the early to mid-70's!

Our new robes were purchased with memorial funds for Irena Morse and by contributions from Harriet and Billy Mark. Irena was a long-time, faithful member of our choir, singing in the soprano section and serving as assistant librarian. She is missed by everyone; she will always be remembered.

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to this special memorial fund.**





FRIENDSHIP

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, October 16th at 9:30 a.m. to go visit our shut-ins. We meet in the Yellow Room.
All are welcome!

Any questions, please call Joan Smith at 635-3687.

October 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 6pm Stamping w/ Jean 7 PM Bell Choir	2 5:30pm - Yoga 7:30 pm N.A.	3 10-1 Bargain Basement	4 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 pm Senior Choir	5	6 10-1 Bargain Basement
7 9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION 11am Bible Study	8 PVN Closed CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 PM Bell Choir	9 8-1:00 PVN 4:45pm Prep Homeless Shelter Meal 5:30pm - Yoga 7pm Trustees Mtg 7:30 pm N.A.	10 8-1:00 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Mtg	11 8-1:00 PVN 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 pm Senior Choir	12 8-1:00 PVN	13 10-1 Bargain Basement 9:30 - 5:00 Christmas Stamp w/ Lisa (FH)
14 9:30 am WORSHIP 11am Bible Study	15 8-1:00PVN 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 PM Bell Choir	16 8-1:00PVN 9:30 am Friendship Callers 5:30pm - Yoga 7:30 pm N.A.	17 8-1:00 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 7:00pm Session Meeting	18 8-1:00 PVN 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 6pm CE Comm Mtg 7 pm Senior Choir	19 8-1:00 PVN 6-9pm Stamping w/Lisa (Blue Rm)	20 10-1 Bargain Basement
21 9:30 am WORSHIP 11am Bible Study	22 8-1:00 PVN 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 pm Bell Choir	23 8-1:00 PVN 5:30pm - Yoga 7:30 pm N.A..	24 8-1:00 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement	25 8-1:00 PVN 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 pm Senior Choir	26 8-1:00 PVN	27 10-1 Bargain Basement 1-4pm Nursery CoOp Monster Mash (FH)
28 9:30 am WORSHIP 11am Bible Study	29 8-1:00 PVN 6pm Pound Exr (FH) 7 pm Bell Choir	30 8-1:00 PVN 5:30pm - Yoga 7:30 pm N.A.	31 8-1:00 PVN 10-1 Bargain Basement 10:00am Trip to Westchester Theatre - Phantom			