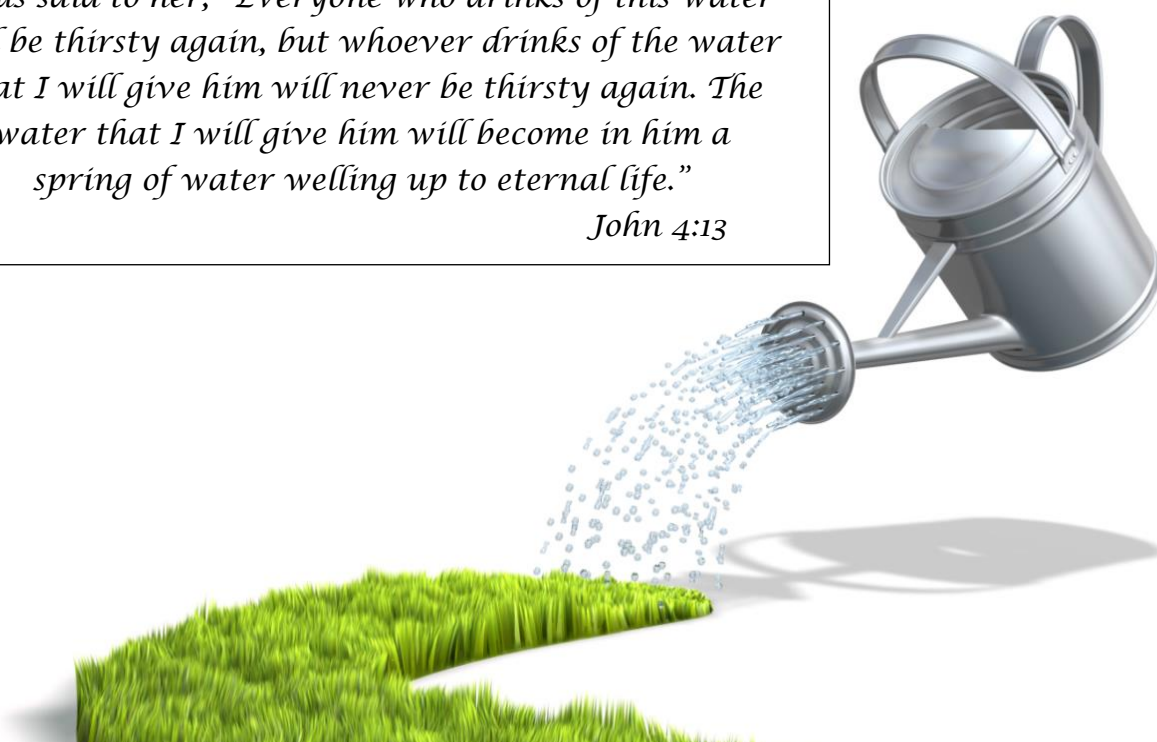


# SEPTEMBER

## PRES

*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,

One Sunday morning I was jolted out of my morning reverie by the piercing noise of a fire alarm. With my heart beating a heavy cadence in my chest, and the discordant sound still blaring in my ears, I ran from room to room checking for signs of a fire; thankfully there were none. Then just as suddenly as it began the blaring of the alarm stopped.

Standing motionless I noticed that everything was totally quiet. There was no hum from overhead lights, the refrigerator was not moaning and the whirring of the air conditioner had ceased. As it was quite dark in my inner rooms I lit wood wick candles and the crackling sound of the flame echoed in my ears. Finishing my morning devotionals I readied myself to face the world.

Enjoying the silence I began to notice the little sounds that accompany our daily lives: the sound of water rising to the top of a glass, the gliding sound of apparel as it rests into position, the soft noise that is made when toothpaste is applied to a toothbrush, the swish of my skirt as I step through the doorway. I could almost hear God whispering in the quiet.

As I stepped out into my community there was total silence. Because it was early in the morning nothing was moving. No sounds came from any of the residences. No engines were being turned over in the cars. Even the morning doves were quiet. The silence felt almost holy. I found myself thinking, not about the fact that my hair was wet, or that fewer people might be in church because they had no power, but that the church might be able to experience this silence too...this quiet reverent silence. I could envision Alta at the piano, the quiet beauty of the sanctuary without electric lights, and the reverent hush of the congregation as they too experienced this rare moment from God. I was actually excited at the prospect.

Inserting the key into the ignition of the car the engine broke the silence and the radio jarringly sprang into life. I quickly hit the off button. As I began the descent of the hill on West Road work crews filled my vision and my hope that the church and I could share this rare moment of quiet abruptly ended. For a moment I was saddened, but life goes on...

Our lives are filled with these brief but wonderful moments. Each may be seen as a gift from God. If we open ourselves to the Creator these tiny moments, these wonderful gifts can fill our lives ... even in the most mundane of days.

The Holy may be found in many circumstances. I wish you many quiet moments with God.

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Shawn*

***"Be still and know that I am God."***

Psalm 46:10



## Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are sick. She is planning a communicants' class and will meet with the group on September 10 to discuss classes. Margaret Meyer has requested a transfer of membership to our church from the Mahopac Presbyterian Church; Session approved this transfer. Pastor Shawn will be on vacation in October.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands presented a letter from the Trustees about their plan to change to lock on the side door, and issue new keys. After discussion, it was suggested that the change should take place on October 1, after all key holders have received their new keys.
3. Stewardship/Church Growth Committee will plan Minutes for Mission based on the new Stewardship packet. Plans for Pleasant Valley Weekend were discussed. Phyllis Menzenski is working on the float with the theme "Our Family Tree." Names of 10 families who have been church members for generations will be placed on the tree, and members old and new will be invited to ride and walk with the float.
4. Christian Education Committee Chairperson Mary Jane Gardner reported that Vacation Bible School went well, and CE Coordinator Beth Murphy is sending a letter to all children who attended, inviting them to Sunday School here. Sunday School will begin on September 10. The Sunday School calendar has been set up for the year.
5. Worship Committee Co-Chairperson Judy Brandow assigned communion servers for September, October, and November.
6. Nominating Chairperson Karen Sheer will set up a meeting with the Nominating Committee to begin seeking officers for 2018.



## CHURCH OFFICERS 2017

### SESSION

**ELDERS (Ruling Body of the Church)**

**Pastor Shawn – Moderator**

845-723-4419 (H) 845-797-7144 (C)

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 September 27<sup>th</sup>.*

Prayers for **Fred Albrecht** (brother of Steve Albrecht) who is in VBMC in Room 548.

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

Prayers for **Sandy** (friend of Karen Sheer) who is in ICU following a car accident.

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

Prayers for **Ryan Hawley** (Jean & Steve's grandson) recovering from injuries due to an accident.

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

Prayers for **Olivia Martin** (Carol Smith's daughter) who is struggling with health issues

Prayers for **Ted Norelius** who is recovering from a medical procedure.

Prayers for **Layla Kirchoff** who is struggling with health issues.

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

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

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

Prayers for **Janet Buell** who is recovering at her daughter's home in Cottekill.

Prayers for **Dan Masterson** (friend of Debi Tyger) whose cancer has returned.

Prayers for **Joan** (friend of Hilde) who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for **Pat Zerbe** (member) who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Diane Sullivan** (a friend of Faith Reynolds) 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 **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother) who is struggling with health issues.

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

Sympathy prayers for the family of **Betty Palmquist** who has rejoined her Creator.

**Long Term Residence Lutheran Care**

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





## ***FRIENDSHIP CALLERS***

*The Friendship Callers will resume visitations on September 19th. 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.*



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.



# Bargain Basement

We need as many hands as possible to help set up the Bargain Basement on **Tuesday September 5th.**

We will reopen on Wednesday, September 6th.

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## 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**

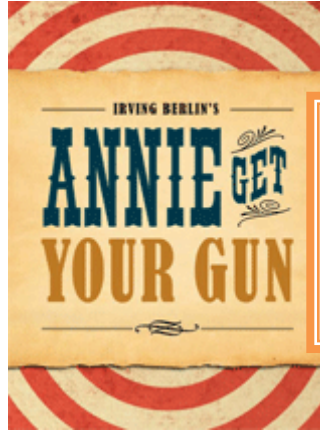
**Call the church office to make a reservation or see Linda Morey during coffee hour. As we did last year, to ease the congestion at the ticket table, we would appreciate payment for your tickets in advance. This is requested for all reservations, whether you phone in or sign up in person. THANK YOU!**

### Help Needed for Harvest Buffet

We will need lots of help to make the Harvest Buffet a success again this year. There will be sign up sheets for help in the dining room, for homemade desserts and items for the appetizer table in the Husted Fellowship Hall.



# Trip to Westchester Broadway Theatre



Friday,  
October 13<sup>th</sup>

A trip to the matinee performance at the theatre is scheduled for Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

The show will be *"Annie Get Your Gun"*.

Seating is limited, so make your reservation now! Cost is \$55.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the Husted Fellowship Hall. Payment will be due by Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> to Jean Albrecht.

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THANK YOU



To all of the people that helped in the kitchen preparing the lobster and to all those who helped serve the food on Fridays, A GREAT BIG THANKS. Of course, we are very grateful to those who came out to eat and supported us! Thank you.

Due to everyone's support, it was a big success for your church as we made over \$1087.00.

Thanks, Paul and Edith



choir practice

Choir rehearsals resume in September according to the schedule listed below.

Senior Vocal Choir: Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Senior Bell Choir: Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Junior Vocal Choir: Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Children from age 5 and up are welcome.

*Look around, help find new members to join our choirs.*



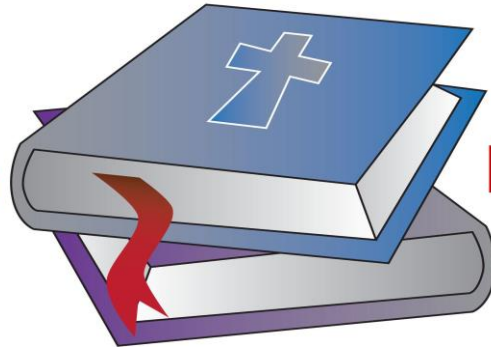
*Many thanks to those of  
you who sang solos  
during the summer.*

*We greatly appreciated  
you sharing your  
talents.*

*They were enjoyed!*

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Education

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



September  
10<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday School begins!

The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be Thursday, September 21st 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.

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## PLEASANT VALLEY WEEKEND PARADE



Come Join the Parade!!

It's not too late to join us for our church's float in the Pleasant Valley Weekend parade. Steve Albrecht is providing the wagon and Don Traver is driving. We thank them both for making this possible! The theme of the float will be "Our Family Tree," featuring a tree with the names of 9 families who have had members here for at least 4 generations: Albrecht, Conklin, Plass, Rossway, Sherow, Smith, Traver, VanWagner and Wigsten. (Do you recognize the names of our Pleasant Valley roads). We need members of our church family, old and new, all ages, to ride on and walk with the float. There is a signup sheet in the Husted Fellowship Hall, or call Marilyn Brands at 223-5717.

For those who purchased the new church tee shirt, they will be available at coffee hour on September 10. See you at the parade!

## Nacho Booth

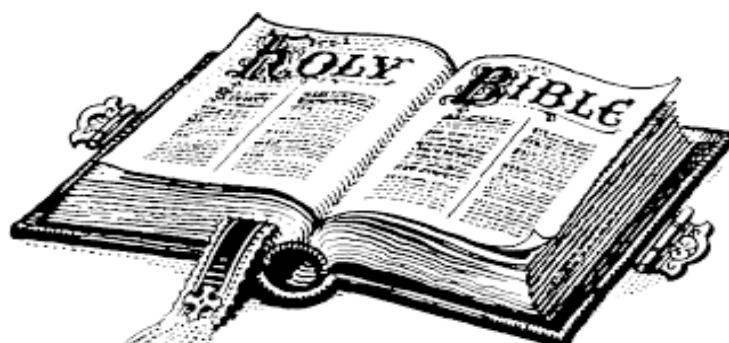
We are looking for MUCHO help selling our nachos. A signup sheet will be available in the Husted Fellowship Hall to volunteer to help in this booth for Pleasant Valley Weekend. Three people are needed per 2 hour shift. The booth will be manned on Friday evening 9/15, Saturday 9/16 and Sunday 9/17. Please consider helping out with this fundraising endeavor.

# HOLIDAY AUCTION



*Our Holiday Auction will be held on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please consider how you can help or if you have items to donate. Debbie Traver will be in charge of the live auction, Phyllis Menzenski will be in charge of the Silent Auction, and Marilyn Brands will be signing up helpers. We welcome all suggestions to make this a successful and fun event. Watch the bulletins for information on when to donate items. Thanks in advance for your generosity!!*

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## *Bible Study resumes:*

*PW Bible Study - Friday, Sept 8th at 11:00 am  
(meets in the Parlor)*

*Bible Study - Sunday, Sept 10th at 11:10 am  
(meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, in the room at the top of  
the stairs)*



# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations, Tyler!



**Congratulations to:**

Edith Keck for being awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Best in Show and People's Choice for one of the quilts she showed at the Dutchess County Fair.

Wyatt Keck for being awarded Reserve Grand Champion - Market Steer-Crossbred, Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship - Crossbred Steer and Grand Champion Showmanship - Angus Steer at the fair.

Ashley Keck for 5<sup>th</sup> place in Market Steer. Great job!



Congratulations to Donna Sheak

1<sup>st</sup> place in her division in the  
McCann Ladies League.



# September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Barg Bsmt Setup  6:00 Stamping w/Jean (blue room)	<b>6</b> 10-1 Barg Bsmt  7:30 Lyme Disease	<b>7</b> 10 am C & C  6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Sr. Choir	<b>8</b> 11:00 PW Bible Study	<b>9</b> 10-1 Barg Bsmt  5 pm Deaf Club
<b>10</b> 9:30 am WORSHIP 11:10 am Bible Study	<b>11</b> PVN 8-3:30  7 pm Bell Choir	<b>12</b> PVN 8-1:00  7:00 pm Trustees  7:30 pm N.A.	<b>13</b> PVN 8-3:30  10-1 Barg Bsmt	<b>14</b> PVN 8-1:00 10 am C & C NACHO BOOTH SETUP 6:00 pm Jr. Choir 6:30 pm Jr. Grange 7:00 pm Sr. Choir	<b>15</b> PVN 8-3:30  PLEASANT VALLEY WEEKEND/Nacho Booth	<b>16</b>  10-1 Barg Bsmt  PLEASANT VALLEY WEEKEND/Nacho Booth
<b>17</b> 9:30 am WORSHIP  11:10 am Bible Study  PV WEEKEND Parade & Nacho Booth	<b>18</b> PVN 8-3:30  7 pm Bell Choir	<b>19</b> PVN 8-1:00  9:30 Friendship Callers  7:30 pm N.A.	<b>20</b> PVN 8-3:30  10-1 Barg Bsmt  7:00 pm Session	<b>21</b> PVN CLOSED 10 am C & C  6 :00 pm CE Comm 6:00 pm Jr. Choir 7:00 pm Sr. Choir	<b>22</b> PVN 8-3:30  11 AM PW Bible Study	<b>23</b> 10-1 Barg Bsmt
<b>24</b> 9:30 am WORSHIP  11:10 am Bible Study	<b>25</b> PVN 8-3:30  7 pm Bell Choir	<b>26</b> PVN 8-1:00  7:30 pm N.A.	<b>27</b> PVN 8-3:30  10-1 Barg Bsmt  7 :00 pm Prayer Partners	<b>28</b> PVN 8-1:00 10 am C & C 6:00 pm Jr. Choir 6:30 pm Jr. Grange 7:00 pm Sr. Choir	<b>29</b> PVN 8-3:30	<b>30</b>  10-1 Barg Bsmt