



THE PRES

The First Presbyterian Church Pleasant Valley
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Greetings in the name of the LORD Jesus Christ!

Summer is rapidly bidding us farewell. Sunday School and secular schools are coming alive with the buzz of young voices. We will soon be back to our full fall schedule and I, for one, am really looking forward to seeing the return of our vacationers.

Also, I am really excited about the coming Sunday School year, as the various classes will be with us in worship once a month to share what they are learning. Their sharing may come as a song from the wee ones, or a scripture text, or as readers and helpers in the Worship Service.

We have been blessed with an abundance of young people, and faithful Sunday School teachers. Let's encourage them as they study God's word, for they are important, not only to the future of First Pres, but to the future of God's kingdom on earth.

Of course our Youth Choir, ably led by Alta, will be blessing us with their joyful songs. Soon Jerry will be putting the Senior and Bell choirs through their paces as they return to rehearsals and sharing their beautiful music with us.

The scriptures tell us *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..."*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

Now is the time, and now is the season for spreading the good news of God's Word! Can't wait to see you

Your pastor and friend,
Shawn



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Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 1st:

- 9:30 am Summer Worship Service
The Lord's Supper
10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn
11:10 am Bible Study

Sunday, September 8th: Sunday School Rally Day

- 9:00 am Sunday School Registration
9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
11:10 am Bible Study

Sunday, September 15th:

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

Sunday, September 22nd:

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

Sunday, September 29th:

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

STEWARDSHIP AND CHURCH GROWTH

We will be viewing an exciting video about Christianity by Billy Graham during worship on September 15, 2013. It's all about Christians spreading the news about Christ. Christian churches throughout the world will also be viewing this video. The purpose of viewing this video is two-fold: 1) How do we, as faithful believers, share the good news of the gospel; 2) How do we increase church attendance and membership?



Also, a brief survey of our thoughts will take place after we view the video. As most of us are aware Christian church attendance is down in the United States and abroad. Hopefully, we can use the basics of the video, coupled with our survey comments, to help grow our church, and enrich God's kingdom on earth.

While we have been growing spiritually, it would be nice if we added additional members with whom we could share our spirituality.

Questions for consideration:

1. What are your thoughts, and what is your immediate reaction, after watching the video?
3. Our congregation is known to be a sharing, loving, and friendly congregation! What can we, as a part of the body of Christ, corporately and individually do to increase membership and attendance?
4. What have we learned from the video that we may use to enhance Christian fellowship and faith-sharing beyond the walls of the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley?

In Christian Love,
Jerry Conklin
Stewardship & Church Growth
Chairperson

P.S. Come and join us, and invite a friend....



Invite a Neighbor to Church



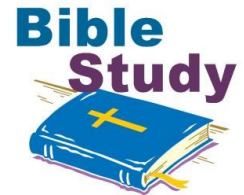
Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn presented a video, "My Hope for America." Elders were asked to comment and consider whether our church could make use of this in attracting new members.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands reported that she has received two communications from Presbytery that their Prison Partnership, funded entirely from donations, is running out of funds. Staffing has already been reduced and it is hoped that churches will donate so that the activities to support prisoners can continue. The Clothing Shed has been successful. Presbyterian Women have suggested that the funds received from this project should be given to PW one month and to the church's operating budget the next month throughout the year. Session gratefully approved this proposal.
3. Stewardship/Church Growth Chairperson Jerry Conklin led a discussion in other possibilities to increase attendance and membership. He proposed ideas for donations from the Stewardship/Church Growth Discretionary line in the Mission Budget. Session voted to donate \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, \$250 to the Step Up for Kids walk in support of the Child Advocacy Center of Dutchess County (serving victims of child abuse), and \$250 to the Presbytery Prison Partnership.
4. Christian Education Chairperson Debi Tyger reported that Vacation Bible School was a success with 53 children attending and 55 volunteers. The VBS mission projects raised \$375 for Heifer International to buy 2 pigs, and there was an anonymous donation to buy a third pig. Food was collected for the Food Pantry. Sunday School will begin on September 8. There will be a float in the Pleasant Valley Weekend parade, featuring the castle that Deb Murray made for VBS. The

cookie sale will be on December 14 and the Sunday School pageant will be on December 22.

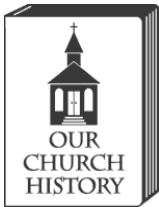
5. The following church events were approved by Session: Harvest Buffet on October 5 and Holiday Auction on November 23.

You are invited to come and join us for weekly Bible Study. We meet in the yellow room at 11:10 a.m., giving people the opportunity to visit with each other after church and grab a snack. We are currently using the scriptures included in the book "*A Faith of Your Own*" as a catalyst for discussion. Our discussion time is open and exciting as we search for a deeper understanding of the scriptures and a more meaningful way to articulate our faith. We look forward to seeing you.



Pleasant Valley Weekend Sept. 14th & 15th Nacho Booth

Come one, come all! It's Pleasant Valley Weekend time and we're once again serving our famous Nachos!! We need many volunteers to man the booth and it's so easy to help. Just sign up for a two-hour shift with two friends, bring your smile and you're set. If you have any questions, call Beth Murphy at 868-7298. Look for the sign-up sheet at coffee hour after church. PV Weekend is back at Cady Field this year!



THE HISTORY CORNER

By Joan Traver

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

What we today call the Church School was known for many years as the Sunday School and, prior to that, as the Sabbath School. Although attendance records for our church school begin with Nov. 3, 1878, Mrs. Susanna Ward had donated \$600 toward furnishing the Sabbath School in the new brick building, constructed in 1848. Since the present brick building was completed in 1848, Mrs. Ward's bequest may have applied to an area in the original wooden structure which had been built in 1770. There are also references to Sabbath School classes and prayer meetings being held, around 1825, in the upper room of the stone store near the Pleasant Valley cotton mill. That building now houses the Pleasant Valley Historical Society.

In 1886, a chapel was constructed at the rear of the church and Sunday School classes were held there and in the basement. 70 years later, in 1956, the old chapel was demolished to make room for the Christian Education Building which included Fellowship Hall. Classes were held there, separated by chalkboard dividers, and on the stage as well. Additional classrooms, offices and restrooms were housed on the second floor, as they are today. The third floor completion took place about 15 years later when classrooms and a chapel were constructed there.

The attendance records of 1878 show a roll of 77 with an average attendance of 53. The pastor at that time, Rev. Prichard, was the superintendent. These records often make note of the weather. For example, on Dec. 1, 1881 the weather was stormy and the attendance was 49, whereas on Dec. 8, the weather was pleasant and attendance was 87. Collection envelopes were first used in 1889.

A very battered secretary's book records quarterly meetings of the officers and teachers between 1907 and 1919. These meetings were held in the manse. This building is now the Pleasant Valley Library. An important office was that of librarian and donations of books and of money for their purchase are often noted, as are dates of Church School picnics, missionary studies and resolutions regarding temperance. Temperance, the abstinence from alcohol, was an important issue at that time in the community, the church and the Church School.



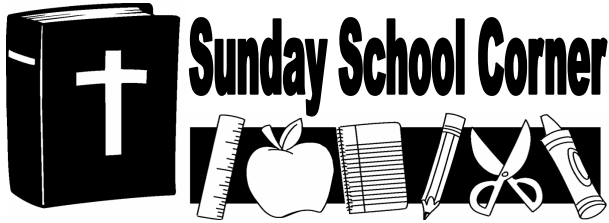
Holiday Auction

Our Annual Holiday Auction will be held on November 23rd!

When doing your fall cleaning, save those unwanted items (in good condition) for the Auction.

Donations may be left on the stage in the Fellowship Hall, beginning Sept. 15th.

See page #7 for the Promise Sheet!

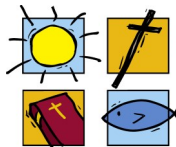


By Melissa Palestro, CE Coordinator
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Sunday School Starts September 8th

Now that the summer is winding down, back-to-school is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for the start of Sunday School on September 8. Registration will begin at 9 am in Fellowship Hall. We are blessed to have so many people volunteering to help this year. We are looking forward to another exciting year of Christian enrichment. If you received a letter and registration forms in the mail, please help make the first day easier by filling those out in advance and returning it to the church office or dropping it in the offering plate before September 8.



Substitute teachers

If you are willing to fill in on short notice, please call Melissa Palestro at the office.



2 year old Class

We are looking to continue the 2 year old class again this year. This class will be held once a month and have time for storytelling, learning and play. If

you are interested in having your child attend this class, please call Melissa Palestro at the church office or email atPVChristianEd@gmail.com.

VBS



Thank you again to all of our VBS volunteers. Kingdom Rock VBS 2013 was a huge success. We had 53 royal subjects join us for a week of learning about and celebrating standing strong for God. The royal subjects donated food and personal items for the local food bank and raised \$375 to buy three pigs for families in need through The Heifer Project International. We raised over \$1,300 to cover our expenses and church members donated over \$700 worth of supplies & decorations. That is a total of over \$2,000! THANK YOU! Check out the VBS page on the website for photos of our royal extravaganza.



Pleasant Valley Days Parade

We are going to march and have a float in the parade this year. If you or your children would like to march/ride with us, please contact Melissa at the office. We are also in need to volunteers to help put together the float. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Melissa at the office.





HARVEST BUFFET

Saturday, October 5th

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Advance tickets are Adults \$12.00,
Seniors \$12 , & Children 5-12 are \$5.00
or At the Door

Adults \$15.00, Seniors \$12 , &
Children 5-12 \$6.00

As usual, many hands make light work, so look for a sign-up sheet at Lemonade on the Lawn. Invite all your friends, this is one of the best dinners around and a real bargain! Tickets will be available during Coffee Hour or call the church office (635-3289) to make a reservation.

Advance reservations must be made on or before Thursday, October 3rd.

Friendship Callers

September 17th 9:30 a.m.

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, September 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.

October PRES



All articles and information for the October PRES must be given to Wendy by September 24th. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: secretary@pvpresby.org.



Summer is over and our choirs will soon resume rehearsing in order to add to our worship services. New members are always welcome! If you are one whose hiding your voice “under a bushel,” please bring your oral or instrumental ability to “light.” Senior choirs rehearse from 7 - 8:30 p.m. while Junior choir rehearses from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals resume on the following dates: Senior Vocal Choir: Thursday, Sept. 5th; Senior Bell Choir: Monday, Sept. 9th; and Junior Choir: Thursday, Sept. 12th. (Junior Choir is open to all children, starting with first grade.)



Fall is coming! Think of the many colored leaves we will soon enjoy. Turn over your leaf and let its colorful beauty become a part of your blessings as a Christian. Come, join us as we worship God as a family each week.



HOLIDAY AUCTION DONATION/PROMISE

Please return promise to either the office
or put in the offering plate.

All items, except food should be received
No later than November 1st!

Please describe item(s)/dinner menu in full detail
on this form:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**PLEASE HAND IN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

THANK YOU!

Irene Bower Scholarships



The recipients of this year's
Irene Bower Scholarships, \$1,000 each, are
Luanne Panarotti and Ruth Smalt. Both will
be seniors this year, Luanne at Yale and
Ruth at Princeton.

The following letter has been received from
Ruth:

Thank you so very much for the generous
scholarship from the Irene Bower
Endowment! What a concrete gift from
God, through the loving people of the
church. Having taught a decade of Sunday
School myself, I feel a bond with Irene
Bower. As I prepare to head back to
Princeton Theological Seminary for my final
year, I am deeply grateful for the financial
support and prayerful encouragement. On
the journey together,
Ruth Smalt
Candidate, Hudson River Presbytery



COFFEE & CONVERSATION
EVERY THURSDAY
At 10 a.m.

At Panera Bread, On Route 44
Across the street from Adam's.

Coffee Fellowship





Prayers for **Sandy & Clarence Holdiman** (Jack Smith's sister) who have been struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **J.B. Walker** (Dick Walker's brother) who is recovering from a minor stroke.

Prayers for **Jim Tyger** who is recovering from surgery on Monday.

Prayers for **Jonathan Wolf-Davidson** who is in basic training at Parris Island.

Prayers for **Margaret Russell** who injured her ankle.

Prayers for **Alex Slater** (Classmate of Hope Murphy) who is home recovering from burns.

Prayers for **Dominique** (a student of Ken Brands) who was injured in a bike accident.

Prayers for **Robert Garramone** (Hilde McQuillan's neighbor's grandson) who is recovering from open heart surgery.

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

Prayers for **Bob Belton** who is home recovering from surgery.

Prayers for **Samantha Anderson** (the one year old daughter of Melissa Palestro's friend Michele) who is recovering from a traumatic brain injury.

Prayers for **Joyce Martin** (Judy Brandow's sister) who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for **Karen Sheer** who is recovering sight in one eye.

Prayers for **Lynn & Budd Winters** (Donna Sheak's sister & brother-in-law). Budd is now home recovering from a stroke.

Prayers for **Andrew Carroll** (Barbara Huneke's grandson) who is serving in Afghanistan.

Prayers for **Dan Baker** (Debi Tyger), **Vicki** (Chesney's mom), **Dennis** (Barbara Komondorea's friend), **Rick Fay**, **Edith Provencher** (Donna Sheak's mother), **Peter MacWilliams** (Donna Mears brother), **Alan & Ruth Arnfield** (Evelyn Frank's parents), **Bert** (Karen Haight's Uncle), **Eiluned Aikman**, **John & Jane Barden**, **Carl Freiberg**, **Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece), **Wylee Marie Spera** (granddaughter of Frank & Cindy Spera), & **Nan Ritchie** who are all struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Louava Traver** (Don Traver's sister-in-law), **Paul** (Hilde McQuillan's friend), **Bill Boyce** (Tara Carney's uncle), **Janet Arms**, **Shirley Kinne** (Steve's sister), **Jennifer** (Karen's Cousin), **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother), **Iris Riccardi**, **Cassidy Way**, **June**, **Steve**, **Matt**, **Pattie Thomas** (Judy Brandow's cousin), **Jean Armstrong**, **Gina Beckman**, **Cindy DeGarmo**, **Gary Guido**, and **Zachary Cookinham** who are all battling cancer.

*To add names to the prayer list, submit a written request to the pastor, or call the Church Office. Names will be on for a month, but a request may be renewed. Please use this list in your daily prayers.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



September Birthdays

Andrew Albrecht, Thomas Albrecht, Tia Albrecht, Chesney Baker, Jane Barden, Greg Clark, Jerry Conklin, Dawne Fay, Devon Florea, Dawn Fuller, Jeff Fuller, Kayla Gordineer, Max Gordineer, Alex Palmiotti, Evan Palmiotti, Shannon Perotti, Samantha Pisanelli, & Carrie Sauer

September Anniversaries

Steve & Karen Albrecht
Blaine & Gretchen Burnett
Kevin & Traci Haight
Peter & Tracy Keck
Marty & Karen Sheer
Denny & Barb Smith
Don & Joan Traver



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Summer Worship Service Holy Communion 10:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	3 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:15 - 9 pm Stamping Class 7:30 pm NA	4 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement	5 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 7 pm Sr Choir	6 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement	7 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement
8 Sunday School 9 am Rally Day! 9 am Registration 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1 pm Stamping Class	9 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	10 8 - 3 pm PVN 5 - 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm NA	11 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Trustees/Session Meeting 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Support	12 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir	13 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Anniversary Comm. Mtg 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa	14 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 5 pm Mid-Hudson Deaf Club PV WEEKEND at Cady Field
15 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour PV WEEKEND at Cady Field	16 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Kids Stamping with Lisa	17 8 - 3 pm PVN 9:30 am Friendship Callers 5 - 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Girl Scout Unit Meeting 7:30 pm NA	18 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Session Mtg	19 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange 7 pm Sr Choir	20 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement	21 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement Prichard/Adams Wedding
22 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1-4 pm Christmas Stamp-a-Stack with Lisa	23 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	24 8 - 3 pm PVN 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm NA	25 Closed PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement	26 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir 7 - 10 pm NA Counselor Meeting	27 8 - 3 pm PVN 3 - 5:30 pm Bargain Basement Smith Wedding Rehearsal	28 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement Smith Wedding
29 9:30 am Worship & Church School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	30 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir	 <p>SAVE THE DATE Harvest Buffet Saturday, October 5th</p>				All church events are in Bold .

Our Church Staff & Committee Chairs

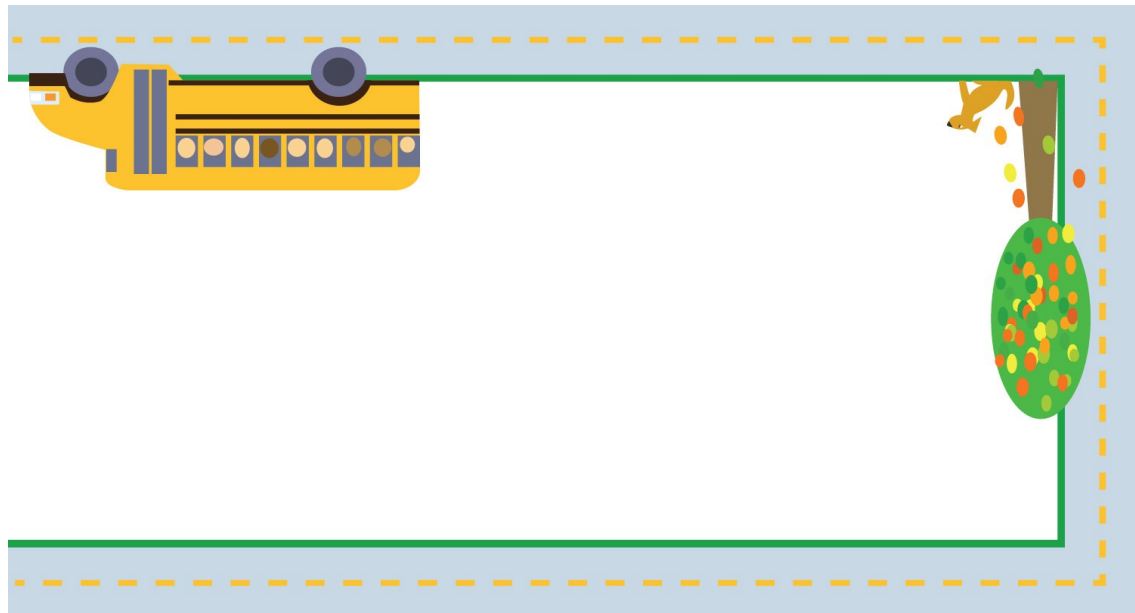
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	Fax Line	635-3382
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Mission Treasurer	David Brands	223-5717
Coordinator Christian Ed.	Melissa Palestro	635-3289 ext. 12

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