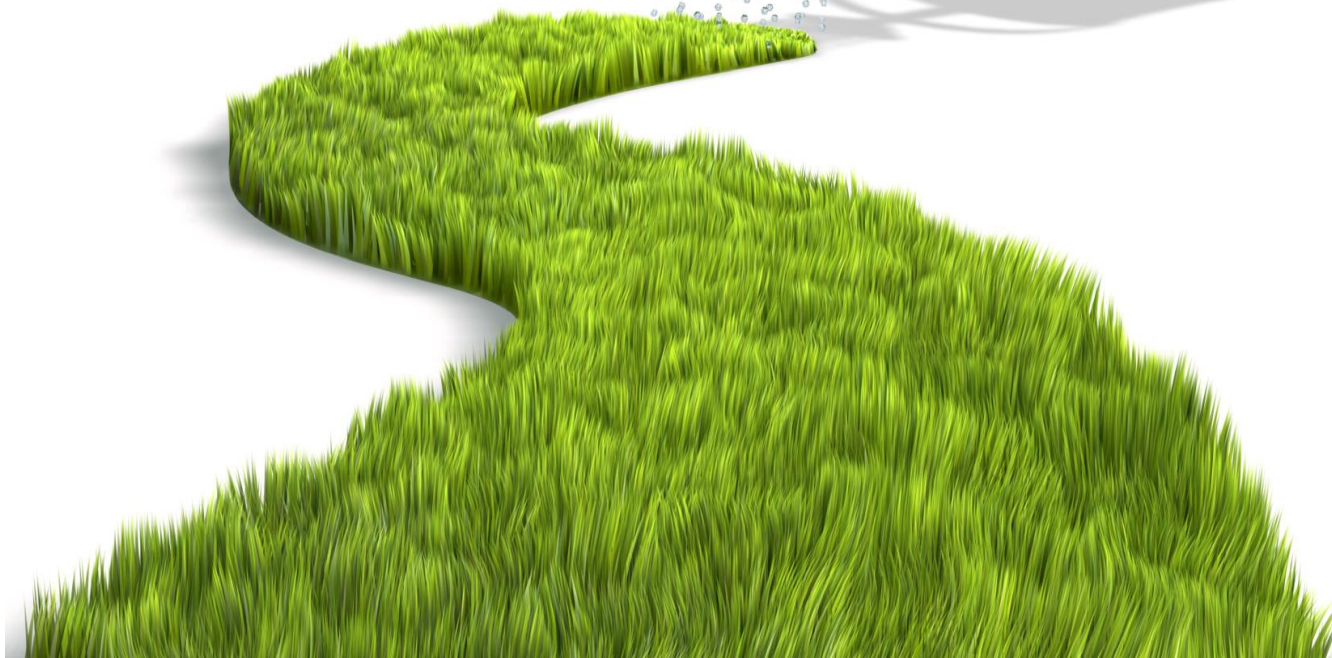
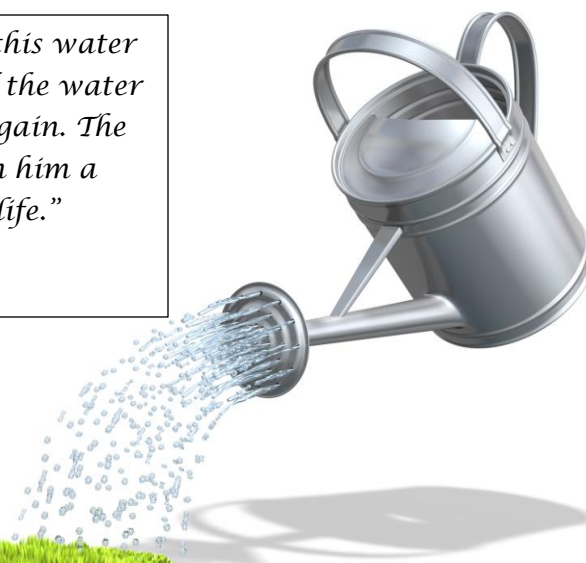




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Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal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

John 4:13



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

The summer months are nearly behind us and fall quickly looms in their wake. We have much to celebrate, and much for which to give thanks. This has been a wonderful summer of worship and fellowship. Many of you have taken that long awaited vacation and some have taken the time to simply kick back, relax and enjoy the company of friends.

Vacation Bible School was quite successful thanks to the coordinating efforts of Dara, the Christian Education team, and the tremendous energy expended by so many volunteers. The children were so much fun, full of joy, curiosity and energy. What a pleasure it was to watch the interactions among the staff and VBS attendees!

The cycle of life continues as some of our members have left this earthly life to join "...the great cloud of witnesses..." that have preceded them. Their contributions to the history and stability of this church are innumerable. Our gratitude for their faithfulness is boundless. Numerous visitors continue to grace our congregation with their presence, and others are ready to make the commitment of membership.

As a community of faith we have laughed, sung, wept, prayed and praised together. How very blessed we are!

Enjoy the remaining "dog days of summer" and come back, refreshed, invigorated and ready to gather as a joyous community of faith. I look forward to seeing all of you as we return to our regular Sunday School and Worship schedule on September 11th. We have much to share!

Just a reminder:

PW Bible Study resumes September 9th at 11:00 a.m. We meet the 2nd Friday of each month.

Prayer Partners resume September 28th at 7:00 p.m. We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Coffee and Conversation continues at Panera Bread every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Shawn

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12



Notes from Session

1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are sick. She led a discussion on the Child Safety Policy required by Presbytery for all churches. Discussion of the policy and its implementation will be continued at the next Session meeting.
2. Clerk Marilyn Brands reported on the meeting of the Auction Committee. Session approved having the Holiday Auction on Saturday, November 19, 2016.
3. Personnel Committee Chairperson Mary Jane Gardner read the letter of resignation from Christian Education Coordinator Dara Brands, effective September 30, 2016. Dara has enjoyed her time in this position and will be available to assist the new Coordinator. Her resignation was accepted with regret.
4. Stewardship/Church Growth Committee member Karen Haight suggested that Stewardship funds designated for Mission should be donated to Louisiana to help with recovery from the flooding there, with the amount left to the Stewardship Committee to decide. Session approved this suggestion. Pastor Shawn showed a post card template suggested by Lisa Wendell, which would be available at church events, so that people could request notification of church dinners, etc.; this was approved by Session.
5. Technology Chairperson Ken Brands reported that he had received a thank you for blankets donated by our church, from VBS last year. He will help with publicity for the Holiday Auction through the web site.



Committees & Boards

CHURCH OFFICERS 2016

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

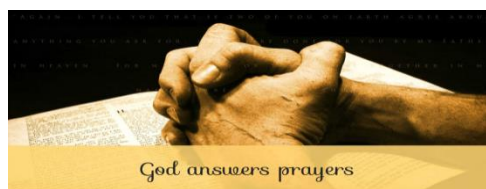
**We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month
at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.**

This month's meeting is the 28th of September

Prayers for **Janet Vail** (Marilyn Brands's sister) who was recently diagnosed with diabetes.
Prayers for **Buddy Brandow** (Judy's husband) who is home recovering from knee surgery.
Prayers for **Dorothy Vail** (Marilyn Brands's mother) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Mike Jessup** (a friend of Billy Mark) who is struggling with cancer.
Prayers for **Jack Kessinger** (Barbara Huneke's brother-in-law) who is recovering at home.
Prayers for **Bill Kasper** (a friend of Barbara Huneke) who just had heart bypass surgery.
Prayers for **David Brands** who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Richard Callameri** who has 2nd and 3rd degree burns from an accident.
Prayers for **Nancy Summerville** who has breast cancer.
Prayers for **Dick Walker** who is home recovering.
Prayers for **Edith** (Donna Sheak's Mother) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Merle Coy** who had a heart attack and is recovering at home.
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 **Donna Mears** as she is recovering at home from shoulder surgery.
Prayers for **Sue Moore** who is recovering at home.
Prayers for **Jason** (A former student of Melissa Palestro) who is home recovering.
Prayers for **Betty Palmquist** (member) who is recovering at home.
Prayers for **Fred Albrecht** (Steve Albrecht's brother) who is home recovering.
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 **Dianne Sullivan** (friend of Faith Reynolds) whose cancer has returned.
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 **Charlie & Heather Holohan-Guarneri** (Hope's dance teacher & her husband). Charlie 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 **Rick Fay** (member) who is struggling with health issues.
Prayers for **Carol Belton** (member) 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 **Ellen Sutcliffe** who has rejoined her Creator.
Sympathy prayers for family and friends of **Donnie Lattrell** who has rejoined 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, Room 103 South.





The Friendship Callers will meet
September 20th at 9:30 a.m.
to go visit our shut-ins.

All are welcome.
We meet in the Yellow Room.
Any questions, please call
Joan Smith at 635-3687



Many thanks to those who played and/ or sang solos during the summer.
Your talents are appreciated!

Look around, help us find new members to join our choir!
Our first rehearsal times and dates are listed below.

Senior Vocal Choir: Thursday September 8th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Yes, you can miss an occasional rehearsal and still sing at the Sunday service).

Senior Bell Choir: Monday, September 12th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (No, you don't need to be able to read music. We will "learn" you.) Bring your calendar.

Junior Vocal Choir: Thursday, September 15th from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. All from age five and up are welcome.



Bargain Basement

We need many hands to help set up
Bargain Basement on
Tuesday, September 6th.

Bargain Basement will re-open
Wednesday, September 7th.

September Birthdays



By Dara Brands, CE Coordinator
PVCE1765@gmail.com

Max and Kayla Gordineer



RALLY DAY

Sunday School will begin soon! Registration forms have been mailed. They can also be picked up at the CE office. Please return them as soon as possible. Rally Day is the Sunday School kick off which begins at 9:30 a.m. September 11th.

(Late registration will take place in the Husted Fellowship Hall)

Substitute Teachers

If you are willing to fill in for Sunday school on short notice, please call the Christian Education office at 845-635-3289 ext. 12



James and Betty Robison, founders of Life Outreach International, wish to extend a heartfelt THANKS to everyone who donated to Water for Life!



I Chicken BBQ was a success - all thanks to our
v id supporters! This fundraiser made **OVER \$1200.00**,
which will go towards the General Fund for our church.

This event would not have been possible without the many of you that
donated your time! We are grateful to our Church family!

Also I want to mention that our youth is **AMAZING** and **very helpful!** A
big thank YOU to **Christopher & Jeffrey Palestro, Ashley & Wyatt Keck,**
Amanda Smith and Paige Daley. Many positive comments were made
by the public and it was a pleasure to have you working along side us!

P.S. We all looked great in the aprons, provided by Donna Sheak and
Pat Zerbe! A great addition to our fundraisers! Thank you!

See you all next year!!



I would like to thank Paul and Edith Keck and their
daughter Lisa for the wonderful fundraiser they
instituted last year. Their foresight, and the care with
which they executed this project, certainly aided our
budget. Thank you very much and thank you to all
who worked on making this fundraiser a success.

On behalf of the church and with Gratitude,
Pastor Shawn

Harvest Buffet



October 1st is fast approaching. To ease the congestion of the ticket line, members are encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance. Phone reservations are also being asked to send checks in advance. Cost is \$15 for seniors or advance reservations and \$18 at the door. Children 5-12 are \$9;

Barbara Huneke will be available with tickets. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Husted Fellowship Hall for helpers.

Arlington Schools

First day of school

is Thursday,

September 8th!



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School



Open house for pleasant valley cooperative nursery school is from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Nursery School starts September 12th !



Office will be closed
on Labor Day

Holiday Auction



Plans are underway for the **Holiday Auction on November 19, 2016**. With new leadership, there will be changes. We will have the Live Auction and the popular Silent Auction, but we are eliminating the Children's Auction this year. Children's items can be part of the Silent Auction.



There will be two drop off days, supervised by Debbie Traver, on Tuesday, October 4, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. until noon. We will be accepting items for both the Live Auction and the Silent Auction. All items need to be clean and in working order. Steve Albrecht has graciously offered space for storage of large items. If these drop off times do not work for you, and you have items to donate, contact Debbie at 845-702-4770 or by email, debbietraver19@yahoo.com to make other arrangements.



Karen Haight will be organizing the canvassing of businesses. Look for the flier in September and October bulletins for donations of goods and services from the congregation. Your generosity has always made this event a huge success. Phyllis Menzenski will be organizing the Silent Auction, and Judy Brandow and Mary Jane Gardner will be looking for donations of food for refreshments. Don Traver will be our auctioneer, and Wayne Sauer will collect your money.

Please consider how you can help, by donating items or offering a dinner or service or baking for refreshments. The deadline for donations is November 1 so that the program can be prepared. We thank the following people who have already volunteered to serve on the 2016 Auction Committee: Debbie Traver, Karen Haight, Phyllis Menzenski, Judy Brandow, Marilyn Brands, Karen Sheer, Joyce Brower, Pat Zerbe, Traci Haight, and Dawne Faye. If you have ideas or suggestions or would like to help, call Marilyn Brands at 845-223-5717.



Pleasant Valley Weekend



- PV Weekend will be a “haunted weekend” – Come dressed in a costume
- Shamrock Amusements is coming back with more rides
- Biker Parade (Friday)
- PV Lions Bike Journey (Saturday, 9 & 10am)
- Mill Site will be open (Saturday & Sunday)
- Pleasant Valley Parade (Sunday, 1pm)
- Fireworks (Sunday, Dusk)
- Talent Show
- Historical Cemetery Walk
- K-9 Demonstration
- Dunking Booth
- Fun foods: Burgers, Milk Shakes, Pizza, Pulled Pork, Fried Dough
- Beer Tent
- Model Planes
- Bands and Dancing
- Duck Races
- Featuring a Zombie Escape Box

SPOOKTACULAR!

The celebration for our Town's weekend starts Friday, September 16th and goes until Sunday, September 18th. The grand finale is the fireworks display on Sunday night.

Parade Details

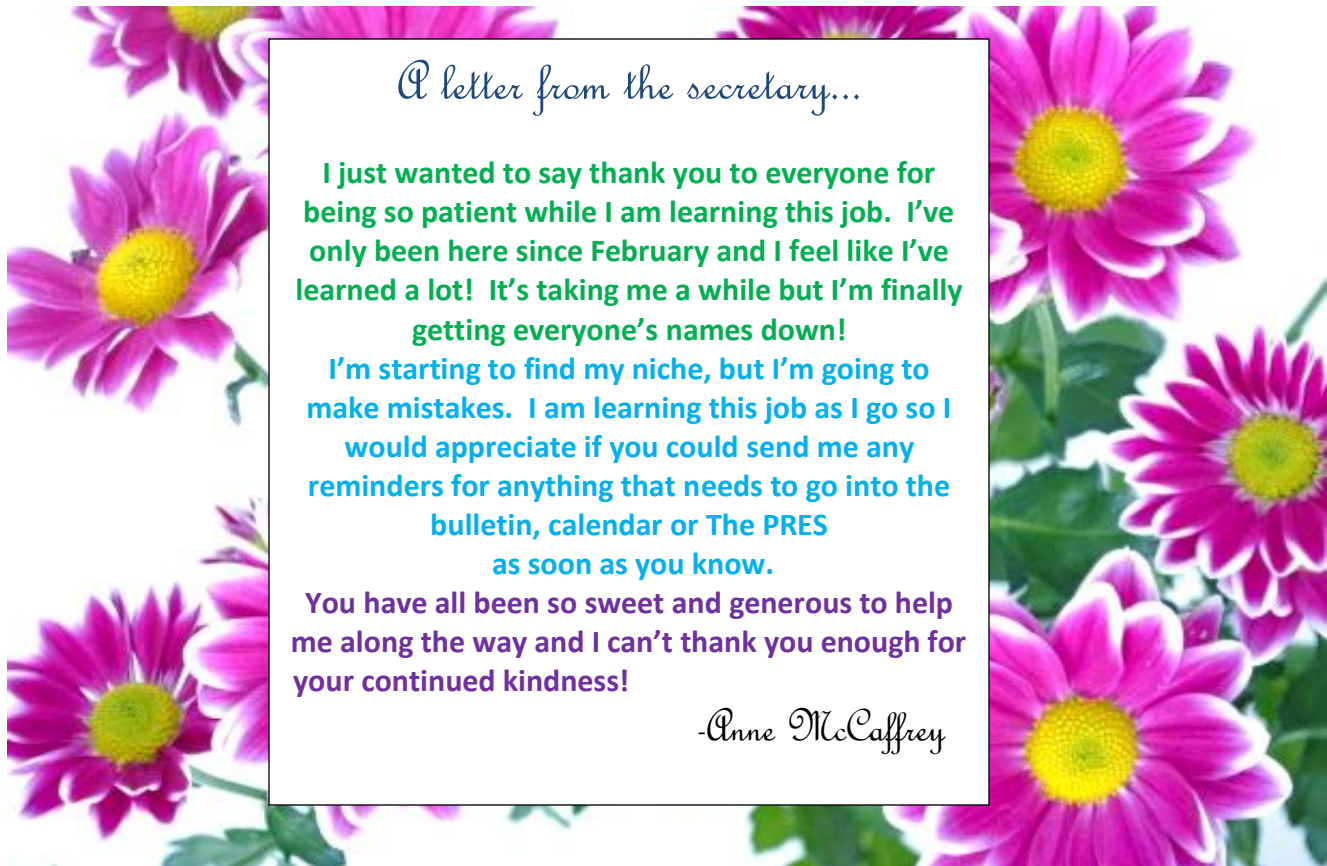
Parade line up is at 12 noon at Traver Road School. Bathroom facilities will be at St. Paul's Church for marchers. Parade starts at 1:00pm. The Park will open at 12:30pm, and will close after the fireworks show which starts at dusk.



Nacho Booth

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.





A letter from the secretary...

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for being so patient while I am learning this job. I've only been here since February and I feel like I've learned a lot! It's taking me a while but I'm finally getting everyone's names down!

I'm starting to find my niche, but I'm going to make mistakes. I am learning this job as I go so I would appreciate if you could send me any reminders for anything that needs to go into the bulletin, calendar or The PRES as soon as you know.

You have all been so sweet and generous to help me along the way and I can't thank you enough for your continued kindness!

-Anne McCaffrey



Christian Education Coordinator Dara Brands is stepping down from her position effective September 30, 2016. Therefore, the Personnel Committee is looking for a qualified candidate to fill the position. The position carries a time commitment of an average of eight hours per week, but the actual time spent will vary during the year, with many more hours spent during busy times like Vacation Bible School, and fewer hours spent in other weeks. If you have questions regarding the position, please feel free to contact Gary Murphy at [845-868-7298](tel:845-868-7298) or via email at murphygba@aol.com. Please send a letter of interest and resume to the church office, directed to Personnel Committee Chairperson.

Deadline: September 25, 2016



“Many waters cannot quench love, neither can love drown it.”

—Song of Solomon 8:7

In the past week, catastrophic flooding has covered many of the Gulf states, especially in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, parts of Mississippi, and parts of Texas, damaging tens of thousands of homes.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has responded by sending needed emergency funds and deploying members of the National Response Team to assess the damage and to begin organizing both immediate and long-term responses in affected communities. Long after the initial wave of relief recedes with the waters, PDA will remain to accompany those impacted and to connect volunteers in the work of long term recovery and rebuilding.

The needs for the response will be great. God’s people are once again called on to stand in the “GAP”: Give. Act. Pray.

Yes, I want to help!

Checks can be made out to:

**The First Presbyterian Church
PO Box 664
1576 Main Street
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569**

★ We will be accepting donations until September 11th



Food Pantry Wish List

Any and all donations will always be gladly accepted but here is a list of some of the items that are needed. Thank you for your generosity!

Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry

NOTE: Quantities may be limited

Family Size _____

Date: August 10, 2016 Number _____

Seniors _____

Name _____

Adults _____

Family Size (Circle) 1 2-3 4+

Children _____

Write quantity needed in the family size column next to the food category (we may not be able to offer a total of any one item).

Food Category				Family Size			Food Category				Family Size			Food Category				Family Size									
				1	2-3	4+					1	2-3	4+					1	2-3	4+							
Beverages				1	1	2	Condiments				2	2	3	Personal/Baby				2	4	4	Dry / Canned Fruits & Nuts				2	2	4
Cranberry Juice (Limit 1)							Mayonaise (Limit 1)							Bar Soap							Raisins						
Grapefruit Juice							Salad Dressing (Limit 1)							Toothpaste (Limit 1)							Applesauce						
Tea (Limit of 1)							Jelly (Limit 1)							Toothbrushes							Cranberry sauce						
Regular Coffee (Limit of 1)							Ketchup							Deodorant													
Decaf Coffee S-Cups (Limit 1)														Fixodent / Denture Clean (Limit 1)													
Sauces				2	2	3	Dry Goods				1	2	2	Formula & Baby Food (Check)													
Tomato Sauce / Paste (Select)							Rice							Bladder Control Pads/Briefs													
Pasta Sauce							Instant Mash Potatoes							Cloth Diaper Inserts													
Gravy							Stuffing Mix (Limit 1)							Tampons (Limit 1)													
							Boxed Rice Mixes							Panty Liners or Pads													
Pasta				2	4	6	Breakfast Foods				1	2	3	Shampoo / Conditioner							Household				2	2	3
Egg Noodles (Limit 2)							Toasty O's							Soups / Other Canned Food				2	4	6	Mushroom						
Pasta (spaghetti, penne, etc)							Corn Flakes							Vegetable							Toilet Paper						
Elbow Macaroni							Grits (Limit 1)							Chicken Noodle (Limit 2)							Paper Towel						
Mac & Cheese (Limit of 3)							Oatmeal (Limit 1)							Tomato							Napkins (Limit 1)						
							Pancake Mix & Syrup (Limit 1)							Ramen (Limit 3)							Dish Detergent (Limit 1)						
Protein				2	3	4	Desserts & Baking				1	1	2	Canned Vegetables				3	4	6	Fresh / Frozen Foods (as available)				2	2	2
Tuna - Canned														Corn							Dozen Eggs (Limit - 1 dozen)						
Salmon							Cooking Oil (Limit 1)							Green Beans							Bread Loaf (Limit 1)						
Peanut Butter (Limit 3)														Peas							Rolls (Kaiser, etc)						
Powdered Milk (4 packets=1 Gal)							Cake Mix							Mixed Vegetables							Fresh Cake						
Beef Ravioli or Spaghetti-os							Sugar							Carrots													
Comed Beef Hash (Limit 1)																											
Chili (Limit 1)							Snacks				1	1	2														
Beef Stew (Limit 1)																											
Pork and Beans							Crackers (variety)																				
Beans (Kidney, Chick, White)																											
Dried Lentils or Split Peas																											
Shelf Stable Milk (Limit 2)																											
Packer Notes																											
Order Taken By _____																											



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering to be collected Sunday, October 2, 2016

Setting the table of peace

Every day, we are witnesses to conflict. We read news stories of violence and supposedly irreparable divides. Angry rhetoric fills our airwaves, inboxes, and social media feeds. We see conflict tear apart communities, families, even people we know. Surrounded by this strife, it's easy to see the world through a dark lens of discord. We may even come to share the doubt expressed in Psalm 78:19: "*Can God spread a table in the wilderness?*"

Yet our faith tells us despite our doubts, sins, distrust, or even anger, God not only sets a table, but also invites us to join it and partake in an abundance of peace.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering challenges us to look at the world not as a place where conflict is inevitable, but where Christ's peace is possible. The programs supported by the Peace & Global Witness Offering to help bring people to tables of peace, justice, and reconciliation even in the wilderness of war, violence, and division. In places of abiding conflict, the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the work of Presbyterian mission co-workers who bring together former enemies and assist with healing the spiritual wounds of war. In congregations closer to home, support from this Offering also enables efforts to educate people regarding gun violence that claims too many American lives. In other communities, it's facilitating a transformative dialogue about the difficult subject of race and ways to find new common ground. And everywhere, this Offering supports witness, because by sharing the abiding love and mercy of Christ, more people can find their way to a seat at God's table.

Your support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering acknowledges that a wilderness of conflict may surround us, but we are not abandoned there. If we open our eyes to the possibilities of peace, we see God has set a table for anyone willing to take a seat.

Please give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering:

Please make checks payable to:

The First Presbyterian Church/ Peace & Global Witness

Checks may be placed in the Collection Plate or mailed
to the Church Office at:

The First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley
PO Box 664
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Thank you for your consideration in this serious matter.

Peace,
Linda Morey
Chairperson
Stewardship and Church Growth

*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense to anyone
who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in
you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.*

*1 Peter
3:15*