



**The First Presbyterian Church
of Washingtonville**
The Good News-Letter

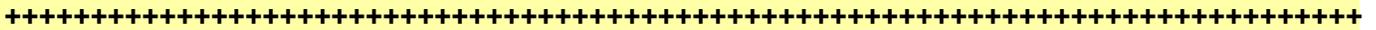


February 2017

**Saturday, February 25
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

First Presbyterian Church
Washingtonville

See Karen Lipton for details.
\$10 adults, \$8 seniors/children
Supply donation is posted.
Come join us!



**Ash Wednesday
March 1**

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Session Moderator

Anne Wood
Commissioned Ruling Elder

Clerk of Session

Deborah Chedister

The Session

Doris Dunn 2016
Nancy Popoloski 2016
Lois Dunikowski 2017
Nancy Bruscano 2018

Board of Deacons

Beth Cooke 2016
Beth Tyrrell 2017
Karen Lipton 2017
Mark Chedister 2018
Debbie Woodmansee 2018

*indicates second term

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**IN CASE OF
PASTORAL
EMERGENCY**



Important News: Pastoral Emergency Care

We have pastoral emergency coverage for our congregation. If you know of a need for emergency care please call the church office (496-3814) and leave a message if Cynthia is not there.

Any questions please email Lois Dunikowski at lbd9999@hvc.rr.com

Love ever gives,
forgives, outlives
and ever stands
with open hands.

And while it lives, it gives.

For this is love's prerogative —

to give, and give, and give. —John Oxenham



Extravagant love

The love St. Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 13 is “no mild, tepid thing,” writes Mark Buchanan in *Your Church Is Too Safe* (Zondervan). “It is no flight of fancy, no frisson of giddiness, no mere ruffle of sensation. This love is neither nice nor prissy nor fragile nor coy. This love is fierce and wild and dangerous and unbreakable. It is sublime and subversive. It is indefatigable and undefeatable. It is nothing less than the love God has for you, to bind you and to loose you, to take you captive and then set you free. This love is extravagant.”



Worship Ministry

Our journey through Advent with Dr. David Jacobsen was especially meaningful this year with an emphasis on the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ as shown in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Thank you David for your inspiring worship leadership! We were so blessed to have two very gifted friends of FPC, Amanda Thomas and Katie Thomas join the Chancel Choir on Christmas Eve. Thank you Amanda and Katie for lending your beautiful voices and enhancing our musical offerings! The Chancel Choir is missing LouAnne who is on a sabbatical through March vacationing in the state of Florida. We look forward to LouAnne's return in time to rejoin the choir for Easter.

Calling all Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts to worship on Sunday, February 5th - Scout Sunday! Join us as we recognize and honor these very special young people and their leaders!

FPC's visit to Valley View has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 12th. We will present program of Love Songs and other popular tunes. A sign-up sheet is posted outside Hazekamp Hall.

Guests preachers in our pulpit in February are:

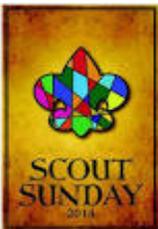
February 5	-	Dr. David Jacobsen
February 12	-	Dr. David Jacobsen
February 19	-	Dr. David Jacobsen
February 26	-	Elder Lynn Costa

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on February 12th led by Elder Lois Dunikowski.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful 2017.

The Worship Ministry

Scout Sunday February 8



Many churches will celebrate Scout Sunday this February. It's appropriate that many scout troops meet in a church. Boy and Girl Scouts are taught to develop themselves mentally, physically, spiritually and morally - all Christian virtues. They also learn to serve others.

Join us and our scouts as we celebrate Scout Sunday on February 5.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 8:00 PM A.A.	2 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM N.A.	3 Girl Scouts #493	4 10 AM Scouts #592 12:00-8:00 PM Private Party Hazekamp Hall 4:00 PM N.A.
5 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen Scout Sunday 8:00 PM A.A.	6 7:00 PM Session	7 7:00 PM Troop 416	8 4:00 PM PresbyBuilding Sterring meetng at Cornwall PC 8:00 PM A.A.	9 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM N.A.	10	11 4:00 PM N.A.
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19 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 8:00 PM A.A.	20 	21 7:00 PM Troop 416	22 8:00 PM A.A.	23 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM N.A.	24 Girl Scouts #493	25 10 AM Scouts #592 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00 PM 4:00 PM N.A.
26 10:00 AM Worship, Elder Lynn Costa Transfiguration of our Lord 8:00 PM A.A.	27	28 7:00 PM Troop 416				
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Sundays - 10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

11	Mary Kate Paulus	16	Helen Robinson
12	Beth Cooke	24	Bobbie Trager
14	Richard Baroni	27	Ray Fuentes

175th Anniversary



On December 3, 2016 we hosted an open house. The purpose of this was to share our rich history with the community. We didn't get as many visitors as we had hoped for, but those who came left with a sense of who we are and were gifted a past-anniversary Christmas ornament. We discovered a few unexpected things that day. The quilt that was on display was made by our women's sewing group in 1931 and one of its members, Pauline Owens, is the grandmother to Sue Roosje and great grandmother to Beth Cooke. We also found the quilt square with her initials. Following our celebration, we gave the Moffat Library a copy of our 175th Anniversary Book to put on display along with other local history memorabilia. Be sure to look for it when renovations are complete and the library reopens.



The celebration continued on December 4th with a wonderful worship service and luncheon. The music was outstanding, the sermon encouraging and the food plentiful. It was great to see some old friends and a few new ones. Through our research we discovered that not only was it a big anniversary for the church, but it was also the 60th- membership anniversary for Sue Roosje. However, Sue is not our longest-term member. That honor goes to both her husband and her brother-in-law.



For the Anniversary Celebration we put up a very special Memory Tree. The Christmas bulbs on the tree became Memory bulbs. They were tagged with the names of those who are remembered and nurtured our church and those who nurtured us. The list of names was read and a prayer of thanks was given daily for these individuals.



The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please submit the news you want to share, to Cynthia on or before the 20th of each month at firstpres@frontiernet.net.



Thank You

from Cynthia Carey for the generous gift at Christmas and the beautiful card with heartfelt sentiments.

This church is my family and I appreciate all of you especially during the difficult time after my mother's passing. I am so thankful to be part of this church.

Board of Deacons

Food Pantry The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed for February is glazed macaroni and cheese, canned or bag beans, canned fruit, pudding or Jell-O. Please add at least one of these items to your shopping list. Donations can be placed in the wicker basket outside Hazekamp Hall.

Angels on Call - We are creating a new list of volunteers who would like to do God's work by bringing meals to members that are in need (post surgery, trauma, emergency, etc). or drive a member who need a ride to the doctor. You can contact any of the deacons and/or sign up on the volunteer list which is posted.

Coffee Hour Needs: Currently coffee hour needs are paper towels, styrofoam cups along with cookies - baked or store bought. Thank you all for helping the Deacons keep the kitchen stocked!

Prayer Shawl The Deacons are so happy to have this special ministry to help with their shepherding.

E Prayer Circle Please contact Lois Dunikowski at lbd9999@hrc.rr.com if you have any prayer requests.

Emergency Use of the Church Building

If any person in our church family is without power, water, or heat, and needs to use the church as a safe haven, please contact your deacon shepherd so he or she can direct your need to the appropriate ministry elder(s).

The Deacons are very happy to serve the members of this congregation. Please let your deacon shepherd know if he or she can help you in any way. (There is a list posted on the bulletin board in the Denniston Room if you are not sure who your deacon shepherd is.)

Random Acts of Kindness

Read: Ruth 2:8-13

“Why have I found such favor (grace) in your eyes that you notice me - a foreigner?”

- *Ruth 8:1-17*

Some say that the American writer Anne Herbert scribbled the phrase “Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty” on a placemat at a restaurant in 1982. The sentiment has since been popularized through film and literature and has become a part of our vocabulary.

The question is “Why?” Why should we show kindness? For those who follow Jesus, the answer is clear: To show the tender mercy and kindness of God.

There’s an Old Testament example of that principle in the story of Ruth, the emigrant from Moab. She was a foreigner, living in a strange land whose language and culture she did not understand. Furthermore, she was desperately poor, utterly dependent on the charity of a people who took little notice of her.

There was one Israelite, however, who showed Ruth grace and spoke to her heart (Ruth 2:13). He allowed her to glean in his fields, but more than simple charity, he showed her by his compassion the tender mercy of God, the One under whose wings she could take refuge. She became Boaz’s bride, part of the family of God, and one in a line of ancestors that led to Jesus, who brought salvation to the world.

We never know what one act of kindness, done in Jesus’ name, will do.

*Lord, what do You want me to do for another today? Lead me.
And may that person see a glimmer of You.*

It’s never too soon to be kind.

INSIGHT: The command to be kind to others is embedded in the Law that God gave to the Jews fresh out of Egypt. God told them, “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord” (Lev. 19:18). Today, Christ-followers are to “be kind and compassionate to one another” (Eph. 4:32). And the reasons we are to show kindness have not changed: It is because of who God is and what He has done for us. We are to “follow God’s example,... and walk in the way of love” (5:1-2).

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--Our Daily Bread

With blessings of love from the Nurture Ministry



Calendar of Prayer for our Congregations and Leadership

The endorsed calendar of prayer is a way for us to be united. It's an awesome responsibility and gift to pray for one another. To make our offering on behalf of one another. Each member congregation, staff member, elected servant leader, ministry team, and mission commitment of our Presbytery is represented:

Patterson PC, Calvary PC Newburgh, The Rev. Harold Delhagen-Synod Transitional Leader, First Church Mahopac, First Church Denton-New Hampton, The Rev. Noelle Damico-Director of Communications for Presbytery, Smithfield PC Amenia, United PC Freedom Plains, The Stony Point Center and its staff, Cornwall-on-Hudson PC, and Elder Lori Hylton-Food Justice Advocate.



VISION STATEMENT

*Together, we worship God through our
Study, Stewardship, Service, and Song.*

Call Cynthia at **496-3814** or send an e-mail to firstpres@frontiernet.net
to share your news with our church family!



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