



# The First Presbyterian Church of Washingtonville

The *Good News-Letter*



October 2015



**First Presbyterian Church  
of Washingtonville**

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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. Pastors from area churches have volunteered to help us during our time of transition.

We have a church officer checking the answering machine daily when Cynthia is not working. Any questions, please contact Elder Lois Dunikowski.

## **Washingtonville Wizards Weekend Food “WWWF”**

Our community-wide mission, Washingtonville Wizards Weekend Food (WWWF), goes into action on October 16th. Thank you to all who have donated food so far. This will be an ongoing mission for the school year. Please remember to include an item or two on your weekly shopping list. Volunteer opportunities include: organizing the food and stocking the shelves, packing the food for backpacks, delivering to Taft school and enlisting others in the community to be involved.



Contact Lois Dunikowski (914-882-8527) or LouAnne Blanchard (914-216-9182) with questions or to volunteer.

## **Worship**

World Communion Sunday takes place on October 4, 2015. World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. Join us as we share this sacrament with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Our service will be led this year by CRE Gaye Hartwig.

The following pastors will be guests in our pulpit in October:

- October 4      CRE Gaye Hartwig
- October 11     Dr. David Jacobsen
- October 18     Dr. David Jacobsen
- October 25    Lynn Costa

Blessings, The FPC Worship Ministry

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry presented a shawl to Dr. David Jacobsen on September 20th. The shawl, made by LouAnne Blanchard, was blessed with prayers for healing his damaged fingers from an accident with a saw and for any time that prayers are needed for comfort. Dr. Jacobsen has been an inspirational guest minister at FPCW numerous times during the past year.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
O	C	T		1 7:00 PM Bible Study, Peggy Wright's home 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	2 2:30 PM Girl Scouts #493	3 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Girl Scout #592 4:00 PM N.A.
4 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 10:00 AM Worship, The Lord's Supper, CRE Gaye Hartwig 8:00 PM A.A.	5 7:00 PM Troop 416 Leadership Meeting	6 7:00 PM Troop 416	7 9:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	8 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	9 4:00 PM N.A.	10
11 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 8:00 A.A.	12 Columbus Day	13 7:00 PM Troop 416	14 9:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	15 4:00 PM Girl Scouts #503 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	16 2:30 PM Girl Scouts #493	17 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Girl Scout #592 4:00 PM N.A.
18 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 8:00 A.A.	19 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Court of Honor (sanctuary)	20 7:00 PM Troop 416	21 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Session 8:00 PM A.A.	22 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	23 4:00 PM N.A.	24 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Healthy Leadership Formation, Rev. Dr. Claire Bamberg
25 Reformation Sunday 10:00 AM Worship, Lynn Costa 8:00 PM A.A.	26 7:00 PM Troop 416 Board of Review	27 7:00 PM Troop 416	28 9:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	29 6:00 PM Lantern Tour at Washingtonville Cemetery 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	30 4:00 PM N.A.	31 Reformation Day 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Girl Scout #592 4:00 PM N.A.
						

**Sundays -** 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**



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| 3  | Derrek Cooke      |
| 12 | Lynn Imperato     |
| 18 | Mark Chedister    |
| 23 | Wayne Thode       |
| 30 | Nicholas Imperato |

## **Unpredictable**

Read: Psalm 46

*Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! - Psalm 46:10*

In the 2003 US Women's Open, the relatively unknown Hilary Lunke secured the greatest prize in women's golf - and a place in history. Not only did she win the US Open in an 18-hole playoff, but it was also her only professional victory. Her surprising and inspiring win underscores the fact that one of the most exciting things about sports is its unpredictability.

The unpredictability of life is not always so thrilling, however. We devise and strategize. We make plans, projections, and proposals about what we would like to see happen in life, but often they are little more than our best guess. We have not idea what a year, a month, a week, or even a day might bring. So we pray and plan, and then we trust the God who knows fully and completely what we can never predict. That is why I love the promise of Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Life is unpredictable. There are countless things I can never know with certainty. What I can know, however, is that there is a God who knows all and loves me deeply. And by knowing Him, I can "be still" - I can be at peace.

**What plans do I need to surrender to God today?**

**God's care is the certainty we take into life's uncertainties.**

**INSIGHT:** Today's psalm contains the much-loved and often-quoted words of verse 10: "Be still, and know that I am God." But it is interesting to note the content of these words. The psalmist opens by celebrating the help of God in times of trouble (vv. 1-3) and then shows how strong the city of God is because God is there (vv. 4-7). In verses 8-9 the psalmist describes the strength of the Lord in terms of His power over war and desolation, and in verse 10 he proclaims that God will be "exalted among the nations." In the midst of upheaval, whether natural or man-made, God is our stability.

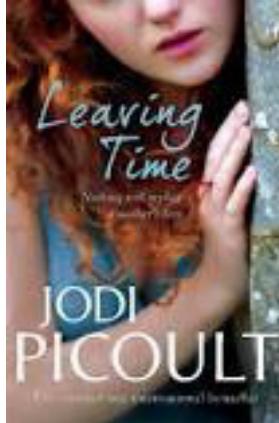
--J.R. Hudberg

--Our Daily Bread

With blessings of love from the Nurture Ministry

## Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax

"Leaving Time"  
by Jodi Picoult



For more than a decade, Jenna Metcalf has never stopped thinking about her mother, Alice, who mysteriously disappeared in the wake of a tragic accident. Refusing to believe that she would be abandoned as a young child, Jenna searches for her mother regularly online and pores over the pages of Alice's old journals. A scientist who studied grief among elephants, Alice wrote mostly of her research among the animals she loved, yet Jenna hopes the entries will provide a clue to her mother's whereabouts. Desperate to find the truth, Jenna enlists a psychic and a private detective, Virgil Stanhope, who originally investigated Alice's case along with the strange, possibly linked death of one of her colleagues. As the three work together to uncover what happened to Alice, they realize that in asking hard questions, they'll have to face even harder answers. As Jenna's memories dovetail with the events in her mother's journals, the story races to a mesmerizing finish.

The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax are reading this book for our next meeting. The next meeting will be on Friday, October 30 at 7:00 PM at the home of Peggy Wright.



At Lincoln Center to see Shows for Days  
starring Pattie Lupone and Michael Urie

## Field Trip



## Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax

Lunch at Il Violino before the show

# Memories of VBS 2015!



**Wine-Tasting  
Business Mixer &  
Silent Auction:**

**Join us for an evening of networking at the beautiful Benmarl Winery in  
Marlboro, NY**

**Thursday, October 22nd  
6:30-9:30 PM  
to benefit Family Promise of the Mid-Hudson Valley**



*Join us for a beautiful autumn evening at the picturesque Benmarl Vineyard & Winery for a Wine-Tasting Business Mixer & Silent Auction*

Family Promise would like to offer local businesses in the Hudson Valley the opportunity to network with one another at a beautiful venue, for a good cause. Proceeds from this event go directly back into the Family Promise program, allowing us to continue to serve local homeless families in our community.

**Tickets to the event must be purchased in advance!  
Your payment confirms your RSVP.**

**\$25/person includes:**  
Tour of the Vineyard and Winery  
Tasting of Premium Benmarl Wines  
Lite Fare  
Networking Opportunity (bring business cards/brochures to share)  
Participation in the Silent Auction

Space is limited and tickets are going fast!  
To reserve your spot, RSVP to: [christina@familypromisemhv.org](mailto:christina@familypromisemhv.org)  
and mail your \$25 check made out to FPMHV to:  
P.O. Box # 104 Newburgh, NY 12551  
or click on the Donate button at the top of the page.

**\*\* Note: Bids for the Silent Auction must be paid in **cash or check**  
**only** the night of the event**

## Deacon Ministry

**Food Pantry** - The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed for October will be: dry or canned soup, canned tuna, canned chicken and pudding/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.

**Coffee Hour Needs** - Needs for the coffee hour are as follows: small paper plates, juice, coffee and tea. We can always use goodies (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.

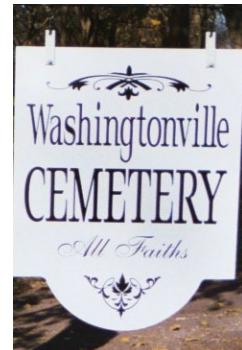
**Emergency Use of the Church Building** - If any person in our church family is without power, water, or heat, and needs to use the church as a safe haven, please contact your deacon shepherd so he or she can direct your need to the appropriate ministry elder(s).

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.)



- gratitude to Sue Hegmann and Hanora Sullivan, our Congregational Life Committee, for planning and hosting the wonderful Homecoming Luncheon on September 20th. The apple-themed event was enjoyed by all!

### Cemetery Lantern Tour October 29



Linda Standish would like to invite everyone to a lantern tour at the Washingtonville cemetery on October 29 at 6:00 PM. The tour will focus on the Revolutionary War Era and people living in Blooming Grove at that time.





## 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:

Graham's PC Pine Bush, New Rochelle PC, First Church Congers, Harrison PC, South PC Yonkers, Elder Linda Valentine-Executive Director General Assembly Mission Council.



Newsletter articles  
November 2015 issue  
are due before  
**October 20!**

## 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](mailto:firstpres@frontiernet.net)  
to share your news with our church family!



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