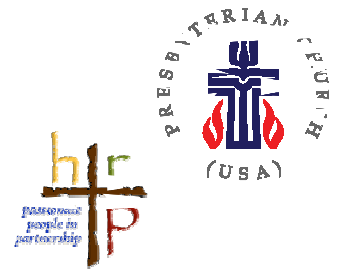




**The First Presbyterian Church  
of Washingtonville**  
**The *Good News*-Letter**



November 2015

*Everything  
Created by God is good  
Nothing is to be rejected if received with  
THANKSGIVING*



*Then it is consecrated  
By the Word of God and by  
PRAYER*

*1 Timothy 4:4,5*

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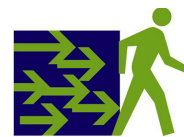
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## IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY



### 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

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows, Day of All Saints, Solemnity of All Saints or Feast of All Saints is a solemnity celebrated on November 1 by the Roman Catholic Church and various Protestant denominations. In Protestant churches the word "saints" refers to all Christians and therefore, on All Saints' Day the Church Universal as well as the deceased members of a local congregation are honored and remembered. In worship, on November 1 we will remember and give thanks to God for the saints who have come before us and hold a special place in our hearts.

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

November 1	Rev. Paul Min, The Lord's Supper
November 8	Dr. David Jacobsen
November 15	Rev. Glenn Henricksen
November 22	Lynn Costa
November 29	CRE Gaye Hartwig, First Sunday of Advent, The Lord's Supper

Blessings, The FPC Worship Ministry

## Washingtonville Wizards Weekend Food "WWWF"

The Washingtonville Wizards Weekend Food (WWWF) backpack program went into action on October 15th when food for children in need was packed at FPCW and made ready for delivery to Taft School. Backpacks were sent home with the children on Friday. This is an ongoing community-supported effort for the school year and relies on donations of food, money, grants and sponsorship as well as volunteers to sustain the program.

The Women's Association of Blooming Grove United Church of Christ has already stepped forward to sponsor two children for the entire school year.

To volunteer or sponsor please call the church office (496-3814) and leave a message. We welcome involvement and support from anyone in the community who shares our belief in serving those in need.

Matthew 25:42-45



Lois, Dolores, LouAnne



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>1</b> All Saint's Day 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Paul Min, The Lord's Supper 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416 Leadership Meeting	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Troop #416	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Bible Study at Peggy Wright's 7:00 PM N.A. 7:00 Venture Crew	<b>6</b> 2:30-4:00 PM Girl Scouts #493	<b>7</b> 4:00 PM N.A.
<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Troop #416	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Veteran's Day parade at Washingtonville Cemetery 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM N.A. 7:00 Venture Crew	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11AM Rev. Poole Memorial Service-VT 11:00AM-1:00 PM Girl Scouts #592 4:00 PM N.A.
<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Glenn Henricksen 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Troop #416	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 P M Session 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>19</b> 4:00-5:30 PM Girl Scouts #503 7:00 PM N.A. 7:00 Venture Crew	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline 2:30-4:00 PM Girl Scouts #493	<b>21</b> 4:00 PM N.A.
<b>22</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Lynn Costa Stewardship Sunday 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Troop #416 7:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service Mountainville United Methodist Church, Mountainville	<b>25</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>26</b> Happy Thanksgiving  7:00 PM N.A.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:00AM-1:00 PM Girl Scouts #592 4:00 PM N.A.
<b>29</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Gaye Hartwig First Sunday of Advent 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416 Board of Reviews					



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

Church Office Hours are:  
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO



- 3 Derrek Cooke
- 2 Ernest Hegmann Jr.
- 16 Delia Downing
- 26 Valerie Robinson
- 27 Sherri Fraser

## Spiritual Checkup

Read: Colossians 3:1-14

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. - Mark 12:30*

To detect health problems before they become serious, doctors recommend a routine physical exam. We can do the same for our spiritual health by asking a few questions rooted in the great commandment (Mark 12:30) Jesus referred to.

*Do I love God with all my heart because He first loved me? Which is stronger, my desire for earthly gain or the treasures that are mine in Christ? (Col. 3:1). He desires that His peace rule our hearts.*

*Do I love God with all my soul? Do I listen to God telling me who I am? Am I moving away from self-centered desires? (v. 5). Am I becoming more compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient? (v. 12).*

*Do I love God with all my mind? Do I focus on my relationship with His Son or do I let my mind wander wherever it wants to go? (v. 2). Do my thoughts lead to problems or solutions? To unity or division? Forgiveness or revenge? (v. 13).*

*Do I love God with all my strength? Am I willing to be seen as weak so that God can show His strength on my behalf? (v. 17). Am I relying on His grace to be strong in His Spirit?*

As we let “the message of Christ dwell among (us) richly...with all wisdom” (v. 16), He will equip us to build each other up as we become spiritually fit and useful to Him.

*Heavenly Father, when I rely on anything other than love in my efforts to initiate change in people, I am neglecting to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I choose today to exchange my strength for Yours.*

**To be spiritually fit, feed on God’s Word and exercise your faith.**

*INSIGHT:* We may find it difficult at times to motivate ourselves in Christian living and service to God and others. However, Paul reminds the church in Colossae that the reason we are to focus on God and serve Him well is that we have been “raised with Christ” (3:1). Because of what Jesus accomplished for us, we are to serve Him faithfully. --J.R. Hudberg

--Our Daily Bread

With blessings of love from the Nurture Ministry

## Veteran's Day Parada



Veteran's Day is a day not only to remember those who died in service to our country, but also to recognize those who continue to serve today.

A Veteran's Day parade, being held on the Washingtonville Cemetery grounds only will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 AM starting at the Washingtonville Cemetery with the Historic 5th New York Volunteer Cavalry Company B posting colors. A rededication of gravesites will also take place followed by hospitality and serving chili. All are welcome.

## Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Thanksgiving Beatitudes Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

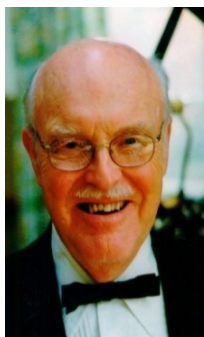
Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

- Author unknown



A reminder to all officers and or committee leaders to submit your 2015 annual reports to Cynthia before January 1, 2016.

## The Rev. Lee H. Poole



A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 14, at the United Methodist Church of Springfield, VT with the Rev. Gerry Piper officiating.

Rev. Poole was our pastor from 1960 - 1977. He is survived by his wife, Virginia and his two children, Benjamin and Lorrie and their families.

### Deacon Ministry

**Food Pantry** - The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed for November will be: Stove Top stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned corn and canned sweet potatoes. 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 Bill Cooke for removal of the air-conditioners throughout the building and preparing the heating system for the cold weather.
- to Derrek Cooke and Bill Cooke for beautifying our lawn throughout the summer and continuing throughout the fall.

### Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at the Mountainville United Methodist Church (615 Angola Road, Mountainville) on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 PM.



### A Taste of Christmas - Cookie Swap

The Congregational Life Committee presents our annual "A Taste of Christmas" on December 13.

The committee is asking for everyone to write their favorite cookie recipe(s) on a 3x5 index card and place it in the congregational life mailbox in the office or leave in Cynthia's mailbox. If you have any questions, please speak with Sue Hegmann or Hanora Sullivan.





## 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:

Bethel PC, PC(USA) Washington Office, Rye PC, National Council of Churches, First Church Jeffersonville, Educational Ministries Network, South in Greenburgh Dobbs Ferry and Border and Immigration Issues Network.



### 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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