



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



July/August 2017

WELCOME

Rev. Martha Carlson



**As of July 1, we welcome the Rev. Carlson to our
faith family and to the County of Orange.**

**First Presbyterian Church
of Washingtonville**

Session Moderator
Rev. Martha Carlson

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Deborah Chedister

The Session
Lois Dunikowski 2017*
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Nancy Popoloski 2019*
Bill Cooke 2019

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Karen Lipton 2017
Beth Tyrrell 2017*
Mark Chedister 2018
Debbie Woodmansee 2018*
Sue Roosje 2019

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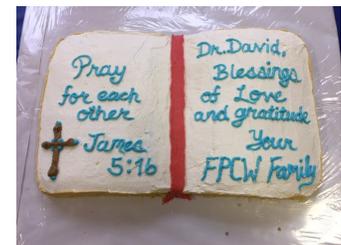
**IN CASE OF
PASTORAL
EMERGENCY**



Pastoral Emergency Care

If you know of a need for emergency care please call the church office at 496-3814 or contact Rev. Carlson at 717-953-2257.

Blessings to Dr. David Jacobsen





Worship Ministry

With great enthusiasm and joy, we welcome the Rev. Martha Carlson to our faith family! Beginning July 2nd, Rev. Carlson will be leading worship at FPCW at 9:30 AM. Summer celebrations of the Lord's Supper will be July 2nd and August 6th. From July 16 through August 13, FPCW will worship jointly with Bethlehem PC. The joint services ONLY will begin at 10:00 AM. The joint services are as follows:

July 16	10:00 AM	Bethlehem PC (outdoor service)
July 23	10:00 AM	FPCW
July 30	10:00 AM	Bethlehem PC
August 6	10:00 AM	FPCW
August 13	10:00 AM	Bethlehem PC

Worshipping jointly will provide a wonderful opportunity for our faith families to build relationships and share ideas. Wishing everyone in our faith family a happy, restful and safe summer.

If you are travelling and visit churches on your way, please bring back bulletins to share. This is a very exciting time in the life of FPCW as we begin a new chapter with Rev. Carlson! Looking forward to seeing you in worship!

Blessings and peace,
The Worship Ministry

Congratulations Graduates!

On June 25, we recognized our high school and college graduates during worship with gift bags and prayer shawls. Congratulations to Jordan Allen, Stephanie Caven, Suzanne Dunn, Katelyn Lipton, Sara Tyrrell and Victor Tyrrell.



Independence Day lessons for church life

Return to the basics – On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.

Honor the gift of freedom – “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.

Enjoy community – July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.

Be light in the darkness – As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel’s unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power – as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) – share a root. Through God’s power in us, we share Jesus – dynamically! – with others. - Heidi Mann

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11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

2	John Imperato	17	Jenessa Cabral
3	Hillary Erchick	21	Sara Tyrrell
6	Hayley Knips	26	Katherin Downing
9	Danielle Imperato	27	Hanora Sullivan
14	Sue Roosje	30	Adam Lipton

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10	Karen Lipton	21	Heather Dunn
15	Christian Adams	26	Anne Bruscino
18	Bill Cooke	27	Tyler Fuentes
19	Daniel Grove		

Parish News

(Parish Model describes a situation where two or more churches form a joint structure to support specific ministries or to share staffing. Each congregation, however, keeps its own facility and identity. The term "parish" in the Presbyterian Church can be traced back to John Knox and the Scottish Reformation.)

Community Movie Night - On July 12th "The Shack" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. under the big-top tent on the lawn at Bethlehem PC. Admission is free. Bring your own lawn chair for seating. Popcorn and drinks will be available for free.

BETHLEHEM SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

1520 Route 94
New Windsor, NY
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The Bethlehem Summer Music Festival, in conjunction with the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, will be celebrating our 41st Anniversary Show this year with the Rogers & Hammerstein's production -"Oklahoma". The production is made available by arrangements with R&H Theatricals. Our 2017 performance weekend will be Friday, August 18th @ 7:00PM, Saturday, August 19th @ 7:00PM, and Sunday, August 20th @ 6:00PM. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for Seniors and Children 10 and under for each of the performances. There will be complimentary dessert and beverages served during intermission.



Each of the performances are being held in the Fellowship Hall at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Route 94 and South Jackson Avenue in New Windsor, NY. For advanced ticket sales and additional information call 541-2434 or email tickets@bsmf.org

****We are an air-conditioned venue****

BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER

FOR DINNER TICKETS:
CALL 845-561-6969 OR
845-565-2399



ADULTS \$12
CHILDREN (10 AND UNDER) \$8
ALL DINNERS ARE TAKE-OUT
PICK UP BETWEEN 5-7PM
LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

YARD SALE

YARD SALE OPENS AT 8 AM
COME FIND YOUR TREASURES
BEFORE THEY
ARE GONE!



AND CHURCH FAIR

BAKED GOODS
GAMES
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BOOK TABLE
REFRESHMENTS

JULY 29TH, 2017

1520 ROUTE 94, NEW WINDSOR (CORNER OF RT. 94 AND JACKSON AVE.)

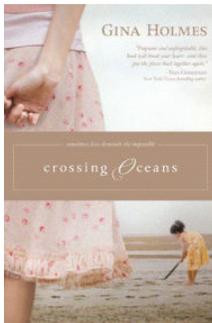
Savvy Soul Sisters o Syntax

The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax have chosen these two novels for our summer reading. We will discuss the Fredrik Backman novel at our annual book club pool party hosted by Mary Thomas on July 14th. The date and hostess for the Holmes' novel is to be determined then.

Our book club has also scheduled a "field trip" to the movies on August 25th to see "The Glass Castle."

We look forward to seeing how one of our favorite reads from the past will be rendered as a movie!

Crossing Oceans by Gina Holmes



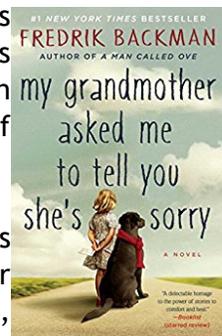
2011 Carol Award winner for Debut Author from ACFW (American Christian Fiction Writers) Jenny Lucas swore she'd never go home again. But being told you're dying has a way of changing things. Years after she left, she and her five-year-old daughter, Isabella, must return to her sleepy North Carolina town to face the ghosts she left behind. They welcome her in the form of her oxygen tank-toting grandmother, her stoic and distant father, and David, Isabella's dad . . . Who doesn't yet know he has a daughter. As Jenny navigates the rough and unknown waters of her new reality, the unforgettable story that unfolds is a testament to the power of love and its ability to change everything to heal old hurts, bring new beginnings . . . Even overcome the impossible. A stunning debut about love and loss from a talented new voice.

My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry: A Novel by Fredrik Backman

A charming, warmhearted novel from the author of the New York Times bestseller *A Man Called Ove*.

Elsa is seven years old and different. Her grandmother is seventy-seven years old and crazy—as in standing-on-the-balcony-firing-paintball-guns-at-strangers crazy. She is also Elsa's best, and only, friend. At night Elsa takes refuge in her grandmother's stories, in the Land-of-Almost-Awake and the Kingdom of Miamas, where everybody is different and nobody needs to be normal.

When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. Her grandmother's instructions lead her to an apartment building full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and old crones but also to the truth about fairy tales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other.



My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry is told with the same comic accuracy and beating heart as Fredrik Backman's bestselling debut novel, *A Man Called Ove*. It is a story about life and death and one of the most important human rights: the right to be different.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

- to the PNC for bringing to us, the Rev. Martha Carlson. We appreciate and are thankful for all your hard-work and the tireless hours you spent

on this search.

- to those who have helped make Martha and Edd Carlson feel welcome their first few days in the area with meals.
- to all those involved in making our recent graduates feel special.

Board of Deacons

Food Pantry The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed for July and August is: saltine crackers, hot or cold cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned or bagged beans, macaroni & cheese, and rice. 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.)

Should I Forgive?

Read: Matthew 18:23-35

“Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

- *Colossians :13*

I arrived early at my church to help set up for an event. A woman stood crying at the opposite end of the sanctuary. She'd been cruel and gossiped about me in the past, so I quickly drowned out her sobs with a vacuum cleaner. Why should I care about someone who didn't like me?

When the Holy Spirit reminded me how much God had forgiven me, I crossed the room. The woman shared that her baby had been in the hospital for months. We cried, embraced, and prayed for her daughter. After working through our differences, we're now good friends.

In Matthew 18, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a king who decided to settle his accounts. A servant who owed a staggering amount of money pleaded for mercy. Soon after the king canceled his debt, that servant tracked down and condemned a man who owed him far less than what he'd owed the king. When word got back to the king, the wicked servant was imprisoned because of his own unforgiving spirit.

Choosing to forgive doesn't condone sin, excuse the wrongs done to us, or minimize our hurts. Offering forgiveness simply frees us to enjoy God's undeserved gift of mercy, as we invite Him to accomplish beautiful works of peace-restoring grace in our lives and our relationships.

Lord, help us give our grievances to You so that You may turn them into something good. Make us ready to forgive completely and earnestly. Give us Your spirit of unity.

Forgiving others expresses our trust in God's right to judge according to His perfection and goodness.

INSIGHT: Are you withholding forgiveness from someone who has harmed you? As you reflect on how merciful God has been to you, why not ask Him to help you have a spirit of forgiveness.



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:

First Church Goshen, Congregation and Mission Ministry, Irvington-on-Hudson PC, Congregational Change Ministry, First Church Liberty, Emerging Ministries, Pleasantville PC, Stewardship Ministry, Vocations Ministry, PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, South Salem PC, Candidates and Inquirers for Ministry, Palisades PC, Presbyterian Women, Lake Huntington PC, HRP Gun Violence Response Network, Livingston Manor PC, and PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteers.



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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