

November/  
December  
2015

# The Tower

Harmony  
Presbyterian  
Church



## Mark your Calendar

### November 2015

- 11-1 Communion/Change clocks back
- 11-8 Special Congregation Meeting/Veteran's Day Celebration
- 11-15 Ordination and Installation of Officers/ Stewardship Sun 11:30 – Deacon Meeting
- 11-18 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 11-22 Farwell Luncheon for Pastor Peter following service
- 11-26 Happy Thanksgiving
- 11-29 Hanging of the Greens (following worship)

### December 2015

- 12-6 Communion /Member Recognition Sunday/Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Scott
- 12-13 Nativity Service/Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 12-20 Children's Program
- 12-24 Family Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7 p.m.
- 12-25 Christmas Day

## *Message from the Pastor*

To all the saints in Christ who gather at the Presbyterian Church in Harmony: Grace and peace to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I will give thanks to God for you whenever I pray for you, and remember with gratitude how, in the time that I was charged with caring for you, you cared for me as I endured illness, underwent surgery, and mourned the loss of Peggy, my mother-in-law, and Peggy, my sister-in-law.

I will remember with joy the many who were baptized into Christ while I served you—more in one year than in any other five years of my ministry—as well as the many who willingly united with a congregation that was seeking a pastor.

I will remember with fondness your struggles as you worked to understand your ministry, and claim your identity, as servants of Jesus Christ.

I will remember with great affection your quirks and your idiosyncrasies, so well expressed by words that I heard on many occasions, *"We do things differently in Harmony."*

I will strive to remember all that I have learned about interim ministry, and all that you have taught me about the broad and expansive nature of the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Please know that you will be a part of me in the remaining years of my ministry, wherever God calls me to serve.

And I charge you all, without exception, to do all you can—through your prayers and service, your study and participation, by your acts of kindness and forbearance, and by your faithful stewardship—to support and encourage your pastor as he begins his ministry among you.

It is my deepest hope that the good work that you have started will continue, until it is brought to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you, may the Holy Spirit inspire you, and may the peace of Christ be with you, now and always.

*Peter*

Rev. Peter Magnan  
Interim Pastor

## REMINDER

Bible study meets every Sunday at 8:45 a.m.  
Come join us!

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**UPDATES****Session Update****Regular November Session Meeting**

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular December Session Meeting**

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Deacon Update****Regular November Meeting**

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular December Meeting**

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

**Usher Schedule**

November 1	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
November 8	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Tina & Lance Evans
November 15	Lynn Ehrhardt, John Counterman, Jan Kuhn
November 22	Sheri & Scott Aydelotte Deb McKenna, Nancy Farley
November 29	Lois & Don Myles, Ray Lalley, Ruth Skirbst
November 29- December 6	Hosting Interfaith Hospitality Network
December 6	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
December 13	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Tina & Lance Evans
December 22	Rich & JoAnn Fehr, Dick & Loyce Johnson
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December 27	Becky Brandt, Victoria Stevens, Rich & Betty Salter

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE****NOVEMBER 1, 2015 - Communion**

Assisting Elder John Ehasz  
 Greeters Indyk Family  
 Assisting Deacon Brittany Marchie  
 Servers Scott Aydelotte, Sherri Aydelotte, Jan Kuhn, Deb McKenna

**NOVEMBER 8, 2015 – Special Congregation Meeting/Veteran’s Day Celebration**

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson  
 Greeters Shirley Beers  
 Assisting Deacon Emily Swanson

**NOVEMBER 15, 2015 - Ordination and Installation of Officers/ Stewardship Sunday**

Assisting Elder Niki Carr  
 Assisting Deacon Dianne Marchie  
 Greeters Jeff & Melissa Fehr

**NOVEMBER 22, 2015 - Fellowship-Pastor Peter’s Farewell Luncheon**

Assisting Elder Lori Frankenfield  
 Assisting Deacon Karen Rose  
 Greeters Rich & Betty Salter

**NOVEMBER 29, 2015 – Fellowship**

Assisting Elder Nancy Farley  
 Assisting Deacon Tina Evans  
 Greeters Lee Smith Family  
 Advent Reader Kim Beers, Cheryl Edison

**DECEMBER 6, 2015 – Communion/Member Recognition Sunday/Pastor Scott Welcome Luncheon**

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn  
 Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley  
 Greeters Carr Family  
 Servers Jeri Lynn Flynn, Sandi Skibenes, Rex LaBarre, Charlie Cummins  
 Advent Readers David Ehasz Family

**DECEMBER 13, 2015- Nativity**

Assisting Elders Aydelotte Family, Marchie Family, Rose Family, Evans Family, Fehr Family, Wismer Family  
 Greeters Gentle Family  
 Advent Readers Indyk Family

**DECEMBER 20, 2015 – Children’s Program**

Assisting Elder Kate Harris  
 Greeters Louise Harris, Ray Bragin, Ben Rose, Olivia Swanson  
 Advent Readers Evans Family

**DECEMBER 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve Family Service -5:30 p.m.**

Assisting Elder John Ehasz

**DECEMBER 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Assisting Elder Joe Marchie Assisting Deacon Vicki Stevens  
 Greeters Dick & Loyce Johnson

**DECEMBER 27, 2015 - Fellowship**

Assisting Elder Lynn Ehrhardts Assisting Deacon Sue Gentle  
 Greeters McKenna Family

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### CANCELLATION OF WORSHIP

**IN TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**, please tune in to the following radio station for notices about cancellation of worship or check our church website: **WEST AM 1400.**

### END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

Time is on your side! Your year-end gifts to the church should be received by the last Sunday in December, for your tax purposes and the church's. Thank you!

### HOME VISITATION

If you would like Rev. Magnan or Rev. Bohr or a member of the Board of Deacons to visit you at home, please contact the church office to set up a date. The Deacons are interested in visiting, providing meals, etc. However, they can not "read inds" so please let the church know of any needs.

### CHOIR NEWS

If anyone is interested in joining the Children's Choir or the Adult Choir please see Sandy Vliet. We are always glad to have new faces and voices. Anyone interested in singing in the choir for the Advent/Christmas Season is welcome to join the choir in the Choir Room 40 minutes before each worship. Choir rehearsal is from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Children's Choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

### FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY

Remember the FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. As you come to worship, please place your nonperishable food items in the baskets located in the downstairs hallway. Poverty and hunger, like God, do not take a vacation.

### REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

Randa Barabas, Jim Barr, Joan Barry, Jared Bucey, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Barbara Cosimano's mom, Sheila Costanza, Christine Dancy, Glenn David, Flo Disarsky, Jean Dutt, Kelly Fox, Denise Frankenfield, Dick Frankenfield, Josephine Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Wes Garrison, Sr., Charletta (Red) Geis, Frank Gentle, Sue Gentle, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, family of David Hendershot, Larry Hengst, Hoff Family, Merle Karp, Winnie Kiley, Eric Kirchgassner, Rex LaBarre, Sam Marino, Tracy Matlock's dad, Veronia Matus, Alice McElhinney, LoriMcVey, family of Evan Murray, Nathan and his family, Jace Nikoden, Rhonda Olswfski, Joan Richards, Vickie Santini, Kurt Schubert, Carol Scott, Sandy Scott, Amy Shandor, Diane Shipe Armstrong, Sgt Ryan Skibenes, Henry and Ruth Skirbst, Ron Smith, Earl Steel, Sr., Sharon Smith, George Stevens, Sue Timke, baby Trent, Joanna Vegh, Diane Wilkinson, Kevin Wisner, Debbie Wittschiebe.

### DECORATE THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS IS COMING

It's time to "Hang the Greens"  
Sunday, November 29, 2015 (after worship service)

There is something for everyone to do as we "deck the halls" with boughs of holly, greens, poinsettias, lights, and tinsel. The carols will be sung as we begin the special season of Advent, as we prepare for the arrival of the birth of Jesus. All are welcome, plan on being part of a special family time as we enjoy fellowship and a covered dish luncheon. Please let the Church office know how many are attending at 859-0355.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Children's Christmas Program will be held during worship on Sunday, December 20, 2015.  
Mark your calendars and be sure to join us then!

## CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

**December 24**

**5:30 p.m.** Family Christmas Eve Service.

**7:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

There will be **no Church School** on December 27.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in offering flowers in memory or honor of a loved one for the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight worship, please call Cathie Fischer at the Church. The cost will be \$8 (subject to change). Order forms will appear in the bulletin; the deadline is December 6, 2015.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the church office at 908-859-0355 or send e-mail to [tomcat507@verizon.net](mailto:tomcat507@verizon.net). Please note that the birthday and anniversary lists will be no longer appear in the Tower but will be available on our website [tpcnh.org](http://tpcnh.org).

## FAMILY PROMISE OF WARREN COUNTY

**Our next week as host church is : November 29 – December 6**

Please prayerfully consider when you can give the most priceless gift of all – your time – to those who are in need of help at this time in their lives. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Jan Kuhn at 908-859-5721 for more information.

## HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Please begin to think of the needy families in our church and community. We will be collecting food for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for these families. Please give generously so we can make the holidays better for them. Items such as turkeys, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, dessert mixes, etc. are needed. Please supply any small boxes. Please leave these items in the baskets in the hallway opposite the kitchen. Thank you for your donations to families who are less fortunate and those who need some holiday cheer.

**In an attempt to save postage costs, the newsletter will be on the church website. If you would be interested in not receiving a copy in the mail – please notify the church office. Thank you.**

***“The Next Chapter in the Life of the Presbyterian Church of Harmony Township”***

Many years – many different pastors – many different folks attending! We have truly felt the “hand of God” over these years leading us in our “pathway” to serve Him in many different ways. We hope you will all be here to travel the path with our new full-time pastor.

We come now to the end of a most important part of this journey – having Rev. Peter Magnan to lead us thru the “daunting task” of saying good bye and God’s blessings to our previous Pastor and taking us through the steps involved in our searching for the next person whom God has sent our way to lead this flock forward. Those who have come to get to know “Pastor Peter” will always share fond memories, and appreciation for what he has been able to accomplish in this special task assigned to him, and for that we are truly grateful. We will gather together to wish him God’s speed in his next assignment on Sunday, November 22, 2015, following his final worship experience with us.

Our next chapter is about to begin on December 1, 2015 when the Reverend Scott Bohr begins his full-time pastorate here in Harmony. His first Sunday service will be on December 6, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. We can’t help but look forward to this “new beginning” in the life of our church.

So, mark your calendars for: November 22<sup>nd</sup> –to wish Pastor Peter a fond farewell with a luncheon following the service and then, December 6<sup>th</sup> – as the next chapter begins under Pastor Scott’s official arrival along with his wife, Rose, here in this church, of course with lunch to follow the service. May God continue to shine His goodness on us all as we strive to serve Him, each other and our community.

**See you all on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and on December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Call to Meeting**

There will be a Special Congregation Meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Harmony, on Sunday, November 8, 2015, immediately following worship, regarding the election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees. All members of the Church are asked to be present to do the business of the Church.

By order of the Session, Rev. Peter Magnan, Moderator

### **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

Stewardship letters along with pledge cards will be in the mail shortly. Bert Kuhn, Stewardship Chairperson, will be addressing the congregation on November 15 during worship. Come and hear his message of THRIVE!



**THE STAFF WISHES YOU ALL A VERY JOYOUS AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY!**

May the peace and blessings of our Lord descend upon us all during this Holy Season!

“Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David , a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward ALL.” Luke 2:14

A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who help our church run so smoothly by devoting so many hours of service throughout the year.

*Rev. Peter Magnan*  
*Joe Marchie*

*Rev. Scott Bohr*  
*Sandy Vliet*

*Cathie Fischer*  
*Sandi Skibenes*

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