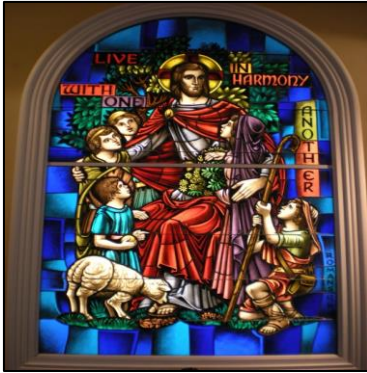


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Mark your Calendar

January 2015

- 1-1 Happy New Year – Church Office Closed
- 1-4 Communion/Epiphany of the Lord
- 1-11 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 1-19 Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.
- 1-28 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.

February 2015

- 2-1 Communion/Souper Bowl of Caring
- 2-8 Annual Congregation Meeting/Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 2-15 Snow date for Annual Congregation Meeting
- 2-16 Presidents' Day
- 2-18 Ash Wednesday Service – 7 p.m.
- 2-25 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.

Message from the Pastor

Jesus said, "...truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

—Matthew 17: 20

Faith is taking the first step, even when you can't see the whole staircase."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Friends,

Looking back on the past year, I can see evidence of a wonderful journey of faith. It was a time in which we learned to work together as we sought to trust God, and trust one another, more deeply and more sincerely.

Living in faith is never an easy calling. If you're like me, you like to live life with a degree of certainty, a sense of knowing what's in store, of what will be happening next. But these are uncertain times—in the world, in the church, and in our lives. Indeed, the only sure and certain thing in our lives is God's love, revealed in Christ Jesus, who is, as John's Gospel tells is, "*the light that shines in the darkness.*"

As I reflect on the year to come, I remain hopeful that we will continue to walk this journey of faith, a journey none of us can walk alone. Just as we need to be lifted up, we must continually lift up one another with our support, our prayers and our encouragement. This is Christ's church, entrusted to our care that it might be a place of nurture, love and hope as it shines the light of Christ into our community and our world.

God calls us to be stewards, and faithful stewardship is about how we use the gifts God has given us. I would encourage you to take time this year to reflect on your own particular gifts, talents and passions. Then ask yourself, "How is God calling me to use my gifts to serve Christ, or Christ's church in Harmony."

I pray that you all may receive God's abundant blessings in the year ahead.

Peace,

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 January Session Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular February Session Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon Update

Regular January Meeting

Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular February Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Usher Schedule

January 4	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
January 11	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Tina & Lance Evans
January 18	Dick & Loyce Johnson Jeri Lynn Flynn, Cindy Winters
January 25	Joe & Dianne Marchie Dave & Suzanne Swanson
February 1	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
February 8	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Tina & Lance Evans
February 15	Rex LaBarre, Mark Marason Bert & Jan Kuhn
February 22	Russell Scott, Lynn Ehrhardt John Counterman, John Ehasz

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 4, 2015 – Communion/Epiphany Sunday

Assisting Elder Tom Wismer
 Greeters Rich & Betty Salter
 Assisting Deacon Brittany Marchie
 Servers Richard Fehr, Bert Kuhn, Jan Kuhn, Sandi Skibenes

JANUARY 11, 2015 - Fellowship

Assisting Elder Nancy Farley
 Assisting Deacon Emily Swanson
 Greeters Mark Marason

JANUARY 18, 2015 - Fellowship

Assisting Elder Barbara Cosimano
 Assisting Deacon Richard Fehr
 Greeters Evans Family

JANUARY 25, 2015 - Fellowship

Assisting Elder Natalie Dutt
 Assisting Deacon Gail Bragin
 Greeters Jeri Lynn Flynn

FEBRUARY 1, 2015 – Communion/ Souper Bowl of Caring

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson
 Assisting Deacon Karen Roses
 Greeters Sandlin Family
 Servers Debbie McKenna, Rex LaBarre, Vicki Stevens, Tom
 Wismer

FEBRUARY 8, 2015- Annual Congregation Meeting

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst,
 Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley
 Greeters Wismer Family

FEBRUARY 15, 2015 – Snow Date for Annual Meeting

Assisting Elder Lance Evans
 Assisting Deacon Vicki Stevens
 Greeters Lee Smith Family

FEBRUARY 22, 2015 - Fellowship

Assisting Elder Lori Frankenfield
 Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn
 Greeters Rothrock Family

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.**

HOME VISITATION

If you would like Rev. Magnan 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 minds" so please let the church know of any needs.

CHOIR NEWS/RING THOSE BELLS!

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. Also, please let Ruth or Sandy know if you feel called to ring some bells. 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

Jim Barr, Joan Barry, Diane Bigilow and family, Jill Broscious, Jared Bucey, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Jean Dutt, Denise Frankenfield, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Larry Hengst, Higgs Family, Susan Homa Smith, Winnie Kiley, Bev Lalley, Sam Marino, Tracy Matlock's dad, Ryan McVey, Connie Mueller, Nathan and his family, Jace Nikoden, Rhonda Olswfski, Emma Raywood, Vickie Santini, Kurt Schubert, Sandy Scott, Amy Shandor, Sgt Ryan Skibenes, Ron Smith, Earl Steel, Sr., George Stevens, Sue Timke, baby Trent, Joanna Vegh, Marge Walsh, Kate Weirsky.

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. 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.

A CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Session of The Presbyterian Church in Harmony, New Jersey, has issued a Call for the **2014 ANNUAL CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION MEETING** to be held following Morning Worship on **Sunday, February 8, 2014** (snow date, February 15). **ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH** are asked to be **PRESENT** to do the business of the church. At the meeting, written reports of the organizations, committee and programs areas of the Church will be presented, and plans and budgets for 2015 will be reviewed.

BY ORDER OF THE SESSION

Rev. Peter Magnan, Moderator

??, Clerk of Session

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for you to pick up in Fellowship Hall. If you could deliver envelopes to relatives, friends, or neighbors, it would save the church postage. Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER to all persons submitting reports for the Annual Meeting: **PLEASE, PLEASE** have your reports in to the Church Office by **January 11, 2015**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cathie Fischer, Office Administrator

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

Last year, the "SOUPER" BOWL raised over a million dollars to support anti-hunger programs around the country. This made a big difference to hungry people in our community. Our church will again be taking part in this effort on "Souper" Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2015. Be sure to bring a can of soup, with a \$1 bill wrapped around it, to worship with you that day. Baskets will be located in the church.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you would like to give flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, or just for a special day, a sign-up chart is on the door to Fellowship Hall. Flowers cost \$25.00 for two vases.

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.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Our offerings do not meet all the church expenses. Working and praying together, along with our donations of time, money and talents, and income earned from our investments, we continue to meet our obligations. These obligations include both Local Mission (which is the expenses necessary to operate our house of worship, pastor, staff, and activities) and the World Mission (which is funds to be used outside our community: state, national and overseas).

If you have not already pledged for 2015, it is still not too late. Thank you for your support.

Dick Johnson, chair

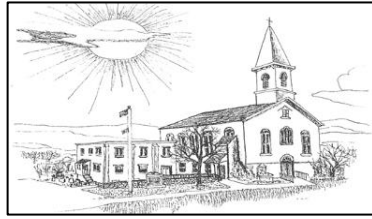
MESSAGE REGARDING *THE TOWER*

The Tower, which is now to be published five times per year, is a miraculous publication. Recent editions have included children born to the wrong people, and occasionally, *The Tower* even has raised people from the dead. Perhaps a healing or two has occurred by simply touching *The Tower*.

Errors do occur — sometimes glaring errors. The point is that your church staff is fallible, and we often overlook the obvious because we are so close to it. We could use your forgiveness and help.

Therefore, all seriousness aside, we invite you to volunteer to assist with the next edition as proofreaders, folders, and collators. And if The Spirit moves you accordingly, please call the church office at 908-859-0355.

Peace, and may God continue to richly bless our endeavors.



THE CHURCH STAFF would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made possible our Christmas gift. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. We extend to each of you, our church family, our prayerful wish for a year full of blessings in 2015!

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