

June/July  
August  
2014

# The Tower

Harmony  
Presbyterian  
Church



## Mark your Calendar

### JUNE 2014

- 6-1 Communion
- 6-8 Pentecost
- Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 6-15 Trinity Sunday/Father's Day
- 6-25 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.

### JULY 2014

- 7-6 Communion
- 7-13 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 7-20 – 7/24 VBS 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 7-23 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.  
(Tentative)

### AUGUST 2014

- 8-3 Communion
- 8-10 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 8-27 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.  
(Tentative)

## *Message from the Pastor*

Dear Friends,

When someone asks me about my work, I say that I am a Presbyterian pastor doing interim ministry. Invariably, their next question is, “*What’s interim ministry?*” And I say...

Well, it’s sort of like Moses. Like him, I’m leading the children of Israel (a congregation) through the wilderness (of being without an installed pastor), to the Promised Land (of having an installed pastor). And like the children of Israel, the people I serve can be anxious and fearful about having their needs met (Exodus 16:1-32), sometimes impatient and quarrelsome (Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 11:1-15), and usually open and excited about the new possibilities that God has planned for them in the future, and committed to preparing themselves for what lies ahead. And while interim ministry doesn’t take 40 years, it usually takes about three years for a congregation to call a new pastor. Also like Moses, I won’t be entering the Promised Land with them (Deuteronomy 34).

Well, it’s sort of like John the Baptist. Like him, I’m preparing the way for the one who is to follow. And even though the new pastor won’t be the Messiah, there’s still a lot of work that needs to be done. I want things to go well for the new pastor, which requires a lot of preparation – helping the people to fill up valleys, make mountains and hills low, straighten out crooked places, and smooth down rough places (Luke 3:4-6). Also like John, I won’t be there to see how everything works out (Matthew 1:1-12).

Well, it’s sort of like an army drill sergeant. Just as a drill sergeant prepares recruits to survive the rigors of combat, I try to prepare the congregation to survive the rigors of ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I try to give people the tools they will need to insure that they and their new pastor enjoy a fruitful relationship and a successful ministry. (And as much as I may like this analogy, I haven’t met many veterans who actually liked their drill sergeant.)

Then I tell them that I think interim ministry is interesting, exciting, and at times even fascinating – just like the good people I have been called to serve.

See you in church!

*Peter*

Rev. Peter Magnan, Interim Pastor

## REMINDER

Bible study meets every Sunday at 8:45 a.m.  
We will be looking at what the Bible has to say  
about the seven deadly sins. Come join us!

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**UPDATES**

**Session Update**

**Regular June Session Meeting**

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular July Session Meeting**

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular August Session Meeting**

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Note: Summer Session Meetings are held if needed**

**Deacon Update**

**Regular June Meeting**

Sunday, June 8, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular July Meeting**

Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular August Meeting**

Sunday, August 10, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

*The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is ... in the hands of God.*

*Prayer*  
is the key to heaven but  
*Faith*  
unlocks the door.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**JUNE**

**JUNE 1, 2014 – Communion**

Assisting Elder Joe Marchie Greeters Sandlin Family  
Assisting Deacon Richard Fehr  
Servers Ruth Skirbst, Richard Fehr, Charlie Cummins, Lance Evans

**JUNE 8, 2014 - Pentecost**

Assisting Elder Kate Harris Assisting Deacon Sue Gentle  
Greeters Don & Lois Myles

**JUNE 15, 2014 – Trinity Sunday/Father's Day**

Assisting Elder Scott Aydelotte Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn  
Greeters Bob Sanders

**JUNE 22, 2014 –**

Assisting Elder Natalie Dutt Assisting Deacon Brittany Marchie  
Greeters Wismer Family

**JUNE 29, 2014 -**

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson Assisting Deacon Tom Wismer  
Greeters Rose Family

**JULY**

**JULY 6, 2014 – Communion**

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst Assisting Deacon Gail Bragin  
Greeters Mark Marason  
Servers Lori Frankenfield, Chuck Nowalk, tba, Nancy Farley

**JULY 13, 2014 -**

Assisting Elder Chuck Nowalk Assisting Deacon Karen Rose  
Greeters Rich & Betty Salter

**JULY 20, 2014 -**

Assisting Elder Lance Evans Assisting Deacon Dianne Marchie  
Greeters Zagra Family

**JULY 27, 2014**

Assisting Elder Lori Frankenfield Assisting Deacon Tina Evans  
Greeters McKenna Family

**AUGUST**

**AUGUST 3, 2014 – Communion**

Assisting Elder Tom Wismer Assisting Deacon Richard Fehr  
Greeters Austin Family  
Servers Sherri & Scott Aydelotte, Sandi Skibenes, John Counterman

**AUGUST 10, 2014 –**

Assisting Elder John Ehasz Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley  
Greeters Bryan and Lee Smith

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)

**AUGUST 17, 2014 -**

*Assisting Elder*    *Becky Brandt*                      *Assisting Deacon*    *Suzanne Swanson*  
*Greeters*                      *Evans Family*

**AUGUST 24, 2014 -**

*Assisting Elder*    *Nancy Ehasz*                      *Assisting Deacon*    *Sue Gentle*  
*Greeters*                      *Dave and Nichole Ehasz*

**AUGUST 31, 2014 -**

*Assisting Elder*    *Lynn Ehrhardt*                      *Assisting Deacon*    *Jan Kuhn*  
*Greeters*                      *Indyk Family*

## Usher Schedule

June 1                      Communion Servers will be the Ushers

June 8                      Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Tina & Lance Evans

June 15                      Ray Lalley, Bob Sanders, Don & Lois Myles

June 22                      Vicki Stevens, Becky Brandt, Suzanne & Dave Swanson

June 29                      Dick Johnson, Lori Frankenfield, Jeff & Lori Indyk

July 6                      Communion Servers will be the Ushers

July 13                      Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Tina & Lance Evans

July 20                      Joe Marchie, Brittany Marchie, Emily Swanson, Dave Swanson

July 27                      Vicki Stevens, Mark Marason, Richard & JoAnn Fehr

August 3                      Communion Servers will be the Ushers

August 10                      Charlie & Joyce Cummins, Lance & Tina Evans

August 17                      Debra McKenna, Gail Bragin, Dick Johnson, Tom Wismer

August 24                      Susan Gubitosi and children

August 31                      Cindy Winters, Ashley Winters, Kyle Winters, Becky Brandt

## SUMMER DONATIONS

Summer is a fun time, but it is also a time when traditionally it is more difficult to meet the budget. Please help your church by mailing in your offering if you are going to be away. We need each of you to fulfill your obligation so that the church can continue to fulfill its own obligations. Thanks.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Sunday, July 20 – Thursday, July 25, 2014**

**5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Dinner will be served**

The Christian Education Committee reminds parents that the deadline for registration for Vacation Bible School is July 20. Please fill out registration form and place in the offering plate, mail or deliver to the church office. You may also call the church office at 859-0355 to register by phone. Payment of A\$5 per child is due at the first VBS gathering on Sunday, July 21, 2013.

## 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. The summer can be more difficult for parents as their children are home all day and cannot take advantage of federal school breakfast and lunch programs

## REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

Joan Barry, Diane Bigelow and family, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Carol Cutrer, Michael DeMarco, Jean Dutt, Nancy Ehasz, Rebecca Filipski, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Mia Gibson, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, family of the Rev. Charlie Jenkins, Winnie Kiley, Larry Hengst, Susan Homa-Smith, Sam Marino, Tracy Matlock's dad, William Meeryeck, Ryan McVey, family of Don Pelouvet, Barbara Philipp, Cindy Presto, Maureen Quinn, Emma Raywood, Vicky Santini, Kurt Schubert, family of Brennan Smith, Ron Smith, Earl Steele, Sr., Greg Taynor, baby Trent, Joanna Vegh, Marge Walsh.

## BAPTISMS

We are always pleased to welcome God's children into our church family. Baptized on March 23, 2014 was **Harlow Raine Caffrey**, born on October 29, 2013, daughter of Ryan and Michelle Caffrey.



## SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of **Brennan Smith**, who returned to his Lord on April 4.

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of **Pat Melchor**, who returned to her Lord on March 14.

We express our sympathy to the **Betty Holod and family** on the loss of her sisters, Verna Nuttall and Stella Young, who returned to thier Lord.

## THANK FOR TONER/INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to all who have turned in ink and toner cartridges. We receive \$2 for each one turned back into Staples. We have received many rebate checks and have really saved on our office supply orders from Staples. Every little bit helps and we appreciate your support. **Please keep them coming!!**

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### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

The following graduates were honored during worship on May 18, 2014: Junior High – Brad Unangst, Nicholas Austin, High School- Brittany Marchie, Joshua Unangst, College – Melissa Unangst. We congratulate them and wish them the best on their next journey.

### ARMED FORCE MEMBERS

Please keep our armed force members in your thoughts and prayers.

### CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

Our Children's Day Program was presented on May 18. We wish to thank all the children and their teachers for a wonderful, meaningful program. Thanks to Sandy Vliet for her assistance with this program.

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Do you want to remember a loved one? Or would you like to honor a special person or day, such as a birth, anniversary, marriage or birthday. Chancel flowers are only \$25 for two vases. You can take the flowers with you after the service or the Board of Deacons will see that they are distributed to a church member who is ill or shut-in. A sign-up chart is located on the door to Fellowship Hall. Please place your donation in the offering plate and make the envelope "flower fund." If you have any questions or if you can't come in to sign the chart please call the church office.

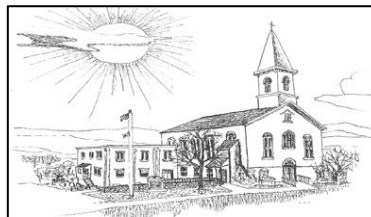
### CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will resume on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Kids can register for Church School at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 14.

### 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).



*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.*

**FOR LADIES ONLY – HEARTS AND HANDS**

The Hearts and Hands Club will meet again on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring some hand work you have been working on or come wanting to learn how do something or just bring a story a share. We will also take part in a short devotional having to do with some type of needlework. Please plan on coming on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

*Wherever one of two are gathered together, there He will be also!*

**CALENDAR REMINDER: CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE SEPTEMBER 14.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>

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