

June/July  
August  
2015

# The Tower

Harmony  
Presbyterian  
Church



## Mark your Calendar

### JUNE 2015

- 6-7 Communion
- 6-14 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 6-21 Father's Day
- 6-24 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.

### JULY 2015

- 7-5 Communion
- 7-12 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 7-12 – 7/16 VBS 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 7-22 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.  
(Tentative)

### AUGUST 2015

- 8-2 Communion
- 8-9 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 8-16-8-23 InterFaith Hospitality here
- 8-26 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.  
(Tentative)

## *Message from the Pastor*

Dear Friends,

As many of you no doubt already know, on May 16th Elder Amy Sandlin received her Master of Divinity from Drew Theological Seminary, and she received an award for showing the “Most Potential for Success in Town and Country Ministry.” She has completed all of her written ordination examinations, so that all that remains is for her to complete a unit of Clinical Pastor Education, and then to be examined by the Presbytery’s Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She has already been called to serve two yoked congregations; First Oxford P.C. at Hazen, and Delaware P.C.

We often assume that when people decide to become ministers, they act on that decision as individuals. But in our tradition, ministry is a vocation like any other—the result of a unique combination of gifts and skills and inclinations that come together in response to God’s call— so I’m not sure that we can say that anyone ever *decides* to become a minister. And while seminary involves much study and preparation, and many hours of fieldwork, it is just as much a collaborative effort as it is an individual one.

Which is why Harmony Church should recognize, and celebrate, the role it played in helping to bring about Amy’s new vocation. You are the church where Amy first discerned her calling, and you helped nurture and support her in her understanding of what God has called her to do. Her experiences as a member of Harmony Church- including worship, leadership, and opportunities to teach and preach – will shape her approach to ministry in the years ahead, and she will bring something of Harmony Church with her wherever she is called to serve.

So don’t think of this as “Amy left our church to go and become a minister.” Instead think of it as, “Our church helped to shape and nurture Amy’s vocation, and we have sent her out to minister to other in Jesus’ name.

Peace,

*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 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular July Session Meeting**

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular August Session Meeting**

Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Deacon Update**

**Regular June Meeting**

Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular July Meeting**

Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular August Meeting**

Sunday, August 9, 2015 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 7, 2015 – Communion**

Assisting Elder *Becky Brandt* Greeters *Dick & Loyce Johnson*  
Assisting Deacon *Dianne Marchie*  
Servers *John Ehasz, Jeri Lynn Flynn, Jan Kuhn, Lori Frankenfield*

**JUNE 14, 2015 -**

Assisting Elder *Scott Aydelotte* Assisting Deacon *Tina Evans*  
Greeters *Lee Smith Family*

**JUNE 21, 2015 – Father's Day**

Assisting Elder *Tom Wismer* Assisting Deacon *Brittany Marchie*  
Greeters *Olivia Swanson, Louise Harris, Ben Rose*

**JUNE 28, 2015 –**

Assisting Elder *Natalie Dutt* Assisting Deacon *Tom Wismer*  
Greeters *Evans Family*

**JULY**

**JULY 5, 2015 – Communion**

Assisting Elder *Lance Evans* Assisting Deacon *Richard Fehr*  
Greeters *Cheryl Edison*  
Servers *Rex LaBarre, John Counterman, Sandi Skibenes, Sherri Aydelotte*

**JULY 12, 2015 -**

Assisting Elder *Nancy Ehasz* Assisting Deacon *Richard Fehr*  
Greeters *Kim Beers*

**JULY 19, 2015 -**

Assisting Elder *Dave Swanson* Assisting Deacon *Emily Swanson*  
Greeters *Wismer Family*

**JULY 26, 2015**

Assisting Elder *Lori Frankenfield* Assisting Deacon *Vicki Stevens*  
Greeters *Austin Family*

**AUGUST**

**AUGUST 2, 2015 – Communion**

Assisting Elder *Lynn Ehrhardt* Assisting Deacon *Suzanne Swanson*  
Greeters *Russell Scott*  
Servers *Charlie Cummins, Bev Lalley, Kate Harris, Lance Evans*

**AUGUST 9, 2015 –**

Assisting Elder *Niki Carr* Assisting Deacon *Sue Gentle*  
Greeters *David and Nicole Ehasz*

**AUGUST 16, 2015 -**

Assisting Elder *Bert Kuhn* Assisting Deacon *Jan Kuhn*  
Greeters *Barber Family*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)

**AUGUST 23, 2015 –**

*Assisting Elder*    *Joe Marchie*            *Assisting Deacon*    *Tina Evans*  
*Greeters*            *Rich and Betty Salter*

**AUGUST 30, 2015 –**

*Assisting Elder*    *John Ehasz*            *Assisting Deacon*    *Dianne Marchie*  
*Greeters*            *Indyk Family*

## **Usher Schedule**

June 7            Communion Servers will be the Ushers

June 14          Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Tina & Lance Evans

June 21          Russell Scott, Lynn Ehrhardt, John Counterman, John Ehasz

June 28          Rich & Betty Salter, Rex LaBarre, Becky Brandt

July 5            Communion Servers will be the Ushers

July 12          Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Tina & Lance Evans

July 19          Dick & Loyce Jhnson, Jeri Lynn Flynn, Ruth Skirbst

July 26          Lois and Don Myles, Ray Lalley, Cindy Winters

August 2        Communion Servers will be the Ushers

August 9        Charlie & Joyce Cummins, Lance & Tina Evans

August 16       Richard & JoAnn Fehr, Debra McKenna, Nancy Farley

August 23       Susan Gubitosi and children

August 30       Russell Scott, Lynn Ehrhardt, Rex LaBarre, John Ehasz

## 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 12 – Thursday, July 16, 2015 **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

Jim Barr, Joan Barry, Diane Bigelow and family, Jill Broschious, Jared Bucey, Joan Buck, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Carol Cutrer, Glenn David, Jean Dutt, Tina Evans, Kelly Fox, Denise Frankenfield, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Frank and Sue Gentle, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, family of Nate Hagerty, Winnie Kiley, Larry Hengst, Merle Karp, Cecelia King, Bev Lalley, Sam Marino, Tracy Matlock's dad, Lori McVey, Nathan and his family, Jace Nikoden, Rhonda Olsowski, Emma Raywood, Joan Richards, Renee Roche, Vicky Santini, Kurt Schubert, Carol Scott, Sandy Scott, Amy Shandor, Diane Shipe Armstrong, Sgt Ryan Skibenes, Ron Smith, Earl Steele, Sr., George Stevens, Summitt Family, Sue Timke, baby Trent, Joanna Vegh, Marge Walsh, Kate Weirsky, Debbie Wittschiebe.

## BAPTISMS

We are always pleased to welcome God's children into our church family. Baptized on April 26, 2015 was **Taylor Lynn McKenna**, born on July 22, 2014, daughter of Kyle McKenna and Jessica Dalrymple.

## 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!!**



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

The following graduates were honored during worship on May 17, 2015: Junior High – Olivia Swanson, Ryan Vegh, Biagio Fischer, Elisa M. Beers, High School- Emily Swanson, David Harris, Kayleigh Ficarra, Phillip Lawry, College – Kaitlyn Cymerman, Amy Sandlin. 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 17. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. Kids can register for Church School at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 13.

### 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).

### UPDATE FROM YOUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Proverbs 16:9 states "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determine his steps."**

And so it will be with your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). We will not be choosing the next Pastor since he has already been chosen by God – It is the journey and responsibility of the PNC to listen and hear where He is leading us.

His will be done. The PNC will be guided by Him to find the right Shepherd for this, "His Flock" here in Harmony. Continue to keep your PNC in your daily prayers as they continue their prayerful journey and search for that special "Shepherd."

God bless us and God bless Harmony Presbyterian Church.

*Ruth, Niki, Nancy, Rich, Bert and Jeri Lynn*

*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.*

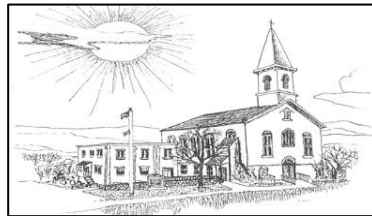
**FOR LADIES ONLY! - HEARTS AND HANDS**

Let's get together again on Tuesdays once a month, let's say from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for Hearts and Hands.

Please plan on coming Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month thereafter at 1:00 p.m. There are always "projects" to get into or perhaps talking about some of the women in the bible. Or you just might want to gather in the lord's house for fellowship...

**CALENDAR REMINDER: CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE SEPTEMBER 13.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 21st



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