

November/  
December  
2014

# The Tower

Harmony  
Presbyterian  
Church



## Mark your Calendar

### November 2014

- 11-2 Communion/Stewardship Sun  
Change clocks back
- 11-9 Special Congregation  
Meeting/Veteran's Day Celeb  
Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.  
Congregational Luncheon
- 11-16 Ordination and Installation of  
Officers
- 11-26 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 11-27 Happy Thanksgiving
- 11-29 Hanging of the Greens (time  
tba)

### December 2014

- 12-7 Communion /Member  
Recognition Sunday
- 12-14 Nativity Service/Deacon  
Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 12-21 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*

Dear Friends,

This past year saw the release of two films based on the Bible: *Son of God*, in January, and *Noah*, in March. December will see the release of *Exodus: Gods and Kings*, by one of my favorite directors, Ridley Scott (who also directed *Alien* and *Blade Runner*).

Sometimes people will ask me to recommend movies like these, and I have to admit that I'm not always impressed by their treatment of the Biblical story, or their quality as films. There are a few films, however, that do stand out in their understanding and depiction of both the Biblical story and the Christian faith, including *Places in the Heart* (Robert Benton, 1984), *Chariots of Fire* (Hugh Hudson, 1981), *Jesus of Nazareth* (Franco Zeffirelli, 1977), and *The Prince of Egypt* (Chapman, Hickner & Wells, 1998), a wonderful animated film.

But far and away my favorite "religious" film is the often-overlooked *Babette's Feast* (Gabriel Axel, 1987). It tells the story of how the members of a small, austere Christian community in northern Denmark find their lives transformed when Babette, a woman fleeing political persecution in her native France, come to live with them. I am unwilling to say any more about the film for fear of spoiling anyone's experience of the many delights that are revealed as the story unfolds. But I will say that the film has a lot to say about how God's presence, and God's grace, are revealed in the world around us, as well as the heavenly banquet, and the ways in which the Sacrament of the Lord's Suppers help to build, strengthen and nourish us as we live in community with one another.

So, as the weather begins to cool down, plan a family movie night that has more going for it than car chases, exploding cities, and vengeful middle aged actors. And just to make it affordable, *Chariots of Fire*, *Jesus of Nazareth*, *The Prince of Egypt* and *Babette's Feast* are all available on DVD at the Headquarters branch of the Warren County library.

See you in church!

*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. , 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular December Session Meeting**

Wednesday, Dec. , 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

**Regular December Meeting**

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

**Usher Schedule**

November 2	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
November 9	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Tina & Lance Evans
November 16	Cindy, Ashley & Kyle Winters, Lynn Ehrhardt
November 23	Sheri & Scott Aydelotte Rich & Betty Salter
November 30	Lori Frankenfield, Jeff & Lori Indyk, Natalie Dutt
December 7	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
December 14	Joyce & Charlie Cummins Tina & Lance Evans
December 21	Susan Gubitosi and children
December 24	tba
December 28	Deb McKenna, Gail Bragin, Dick Johnson, Tom Wismer

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE****NOVEMBER 2, 2014 – Communion/Stewardship Sunday**

Assisting Elder     Lance Evans  
 Greeters            JoAnn & Richard Fehr  
 Assisting Deacon   Vicki Stevens  
 Servers              Vicki Stevens, Dianne Marchie, Ray Lalley, Tom Wismer

**NOVEMBER 9, 2014 - Special Congregation Meeting/Veteran's Day Celebration**

Assisting Elder     Henry Skirbst  
 Assisting Deacon   Suzanne Swanson  
 Greeters            Mark Marason

**NOVEMBER 16, 2014 - Ordination and Installation of Officers**

Assisting Elder     Kate Harris  
 Assisting Deacon   Sue Gentle  
 Greeters            Wismer Family

**NOVEMBER 23, 2014 - Fellowship**

Assisting Elder     Lori Frankenfield  
 Assisting Deacon   Jan Kuhn  
 Greeters            Rich & Betty Salter

**NOVEMBER 30, 2014 - Fellowship**

Assisting Elder     Tom Wismer  
 Greeters            Matlock Family  
 Assisting Deacon   Dianne Marchie  
 Advent Reader     Kim Beers

**DECEMBER 7, 2014 – Communion/Member Recognition Sunday**

Assisting Elder     Lynn Ehrhardt  
 Assisting Deacon   Tina Evans  
 Greeters            Niki Viscomi-Carr Family  
 Servers             Ruth Skirbst, Sherri Aydelotte, Charlie Cummins, John Counterman  
 Advent Readers     David Ehasz Family

**DECEMBER 14, 2014- Nativity**

Assisting Elders    Sandlin Family, Marchie Family, Aydelotte Family, Evans Family, Ruth & Henry Skirbst, Natalie Dutt  
 Greeters            Indyk Family  
 Advent Readers     Richard and JoAnn Fehr

**DECEMBER 21, 2014 – Children's Program**

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

**DECEMBER 24, 2014 – Christmas Eve Family Service -5:30 p.m.**

Assisting Elder     John Ehasz

**DECEMBER 24, 2014 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Assisting Elder     Joe Marchie     Assisting Deacon     Sue Gentle  
 Greeters            Dick & Loyce Johnson

**DECEMBER 28, 2014 - Fellowship**

Assisting Elder     Kate Harris     Assisting Deacon     Suzanne Swanson  
 Greeters            Zagra 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.**

**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 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/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. 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**

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

**DECORATE THE CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

It's time to "Hang the Greens"  
Saturday, November 29, 2014 (time tba)

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 evening.

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 21, 2014.  
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 28.



## 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 Carolann Ficarra at 454-6157. The cost will be \$8. Forms will appear in the bulletin; the deadline is December 7, 2014.

## 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 [admin\\_asst@tpcnh.org](mailto:admin_asst@tpcnh.org). 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.**



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***“Running on Faith”***

We are all so blessed to live and freely worship our Lord Jesus Christ in the land that we love. Through His wisdom we are made increasingly aware of the beauty that surrounds us.

As grateful Christian people we are so blessed by choosing to start our week worshipping God. We truly believe in the great power of our communal prayers, transforming hearts and impacting our world with the message of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this “busy life” we are freely choosing to tithe some of the first moments of our week. As Christians we are called to tithe money, time and talents to God. How do we respond? Do we give first to God or last?

“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither rust or moths destroy.”

Tithing is a vital expression of our faith allowing our church to carry on its mission of impacting our world through the love and wisdom of the “body” of Christ.

Only through His grace are we able to break the bonds of fear, imparted by this world and truly trust in Him, the giver of all good.

Together let us give more to God with the confidence that we will be increasingly blessed.

Please return your pledge cards that you will be receiving in the mail soon. You may mail them to the church or place them in the offering plates.

*Bert*

Bert Kuhn  
Stewardship Chairperson

**Amended Call to Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Presbyterian Church in Harmony, on Sunday, November 9, 2014, immediately following worship, to receive the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee regarding the election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees, *and to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee.*

By order of the Session, amended Sunday, October 26, 2014.



**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*

*Cathie Fischer*

*Joe Marchie*

*Sandy Vliet*

*Sandy Skibenes*

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