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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

What a quick but incredible Advent Season! The choirs (Senior, Bell, Children and Combined), under the able and loving direction of Jerry and Alta, made a wonderful impact on our Worship services throughout the Advent. Many people who occupied the lectern as readers and Worship assistants blessed us with their presence.

On Christmas Eve Jerry and Alta introduced a new program while maintaining many of the aspects of long standing tradition. It was an inspiring service with an able narrator and pageant stealing Children's Choir! You can all be very proud of the contributions you made to this wondrous time of year. Alta and Jerry, a special thank you for all that you do, not only in the life of our church, but also in the lives of so many people. You gift us all by your presence.

First Presbyterian of Pleasant Valley is fortunate to have many people who labor long hours to keep our church in working order and moving forward into a bright future. As pastor, and friend, I am so grateful for all of you, and the contributions that you make to increase the kingdom of God on earth.

As we enter the chronological new year of 2014, we also enter the preparatory year of our big 250th Anniversary Celebration, which will

The Annual Meeting of the congregation and the corporation of the First Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Valley, New York is called for Sunday, January 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports, elect elders, deacons, and trustees and deal with any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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take place in 2015. Imagine, for 250 years resolute people of this church have served the LORD right here in Pleasant Valley! When we make "New Year's resolutions," let us remember to include renewed commitment to fellowship with God and with each other. Invite your friends and acquaintances to church and church activities that we may remain a strong and vibrant congregation. In that way First Presbyterian's service to our LORD and Savior will continue long into the future.

In all your ways acknowledge Him. And He shall direct your path.

Proverbs 3:6 (NKJV)

Blessings on 2014!

Your pastor and friend,

Shawn

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

--Unknown Author



Sunday, January 5th:

- 9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School.
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 11:10 am Bible Study

Sunday, January 12th:

- 9:30 am Worship Service, Holy Communion & Sunday School
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 11:10 am Bible Study

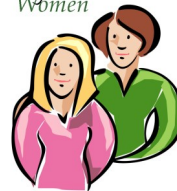
Sunday, January 19th:

- 9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 11:10 am Bible Study

Sunday, January 26th:

- 9:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

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PW MEETING
Tuesday
January 14th
7 p.m.

There will be a PW Meeting on January 14th at 7 pm in the church parlor.



Session Update

1. Pastor Shawn reported on members who are ill or grieving. She will be on vacation beginning January 2, with Harriet Sandmeier filling the pulpit on January 5. Communion will take place on January 12. Upcoming dates include reception of new members on January 26, Ordination and Installation of Officers on February 9, and a service of healing on February 16.
2. Finance Committee Chairperson Dick Walker presented the first draft of the Budget for 2014.
3. Stewardship Committee Chairperson Jerry Conklin reported that pledges to the local budget are \$100,878 and pledges to the mission budget are \$15,058 at this point. There is still time for members to turn in their pledges.
4. Christian Education Committee Chairperson Debi Tyger reported that the Holiday Bake Sale made a profit of \$495. This will be donated as follows: \$100 to the youth of our church for mission projects, \$100 to the Deacons, \$200 to the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry, and \$95 to Christmas in the Country.
5. Worship Committee Chairperson Judy Brandow assigned Communion servers for January, February, and March.

6. Personnel Committee Chairperson Gary Murphy reported that his committee will meet on Sunday, December 22.
7. Nominating Committee Chairperson Edith Keck reported that there is a full slate of officers to be presented at the annual meeting of the congregation on January 26, 2013.



January Birthdays

Jim Albrecht, Kyle Albrecht, Nathan Albrecht, Carol Carnell, Jack Lashway, Zoe Naselow, Jill Palmiotti, Cody Perotti, Ginny Rossway, Malene Rubin, Wayne Sauer, Missy Sauer, Donna Sheak, Karen Sheer, Carol Smith, Amanda Smith, Jaiden Thomsen, Matt Thurston, Theresa Traver, Debbie Traver, Debi Tyger, and Kristina Wenzel.



Friendship Callers

January 21st

9:30 a.m.

The Friendship Callers will meet on Tuesday, January 21st to go visit our shut-ins. All are welcome. We meet in the Yellow Room at 9:30 a.m. Any questions please call Joan Smith at 635-3687.

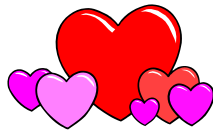


WREATH MAKING!

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's wreath making fundraiser! We raised \$4005 for our operating budget!

February PRES

All articles and information for the February PRES must be given to Wendy by January 24th. Articles may be emailed to the church email address: secretary@pvpresby.org.



COFFEE & CONVERSATION EVERY THURSDAY

At 10 a.m.

At Panera Bread, On Route 44
Across the street from Adam's.

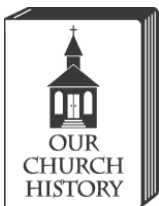
Coffee Fellowship

SNOW CLOSINGS

www.cancellations.com

Or

94.3 FM, 101.5 FM,
97.7 FM



THE HISTORY CORNER

By Joan Traver

The History Corner will resume after the first of the year.



By Melissa Palestro, CE Coordinator
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Thank you to everyone involved in the Children's Christmas Pageant. Everyone did a fantastic job! Thank you to all the students who worked so hard memorizing lines.



Thank you to all the parents who brought the actors and actresses to rehearsals. Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers for your support and help. Thank you to Jerry and Alta Conklin for all their hard work with the Junior Choir and to Alta for playing all the beautiful music. Thank you to all the elves who helped with costumes, the set, and coffee hour.

Thank you to everyone involved in the Cookie Sale. It was a huge success! Thank you to Debi Tyger for organizing it and to all her elves who helped make it the success it was! Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and came by that morning and bought delicious goodies.

Youth Group! Youth group will meet Sunday, January 12 after coffee hour.





Prayers for **Olive Doty** who is in the hospital after a recent fall.

Prayers for **Barbara Huneke** who is home recovering from pneumonia.

Prayers for **Myung Sung** for a quick recovery.

Prayers for **Jack Kessinger** (Barbara Huneke's brother-in-law) who is being treated for lung cancer.

Prayers for **unborn twin children** of a teacher friend of Beth Murphy's.

Prayers for **Heather** (Pastor Shawn's daughter) who is having some issues with her MS.

Prayers for **Jonathan Wolf-Davidson** who is at Camp Lejeune for 2 months of infantry training.

Prayers for **Dorcas Brower** who is in Lutheran Care recovering from a minor stroke.

Prayers for **Joseph Berger** (Friend of Brian Franks) who has been having dizzy spells.

Prayers for **Hattie** (friend of Beth Murphy) who had a massive stroke.

Prayers for **Andrew Franks**.

Prayers for **J.B. Walker** (Dick Walker's brother) who is recovering from a minor stroke.

Prayers for **Nathan Wells** (Friend of Irena Morse) who was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Prayers for **Samantha Anderson** (the one year old daughter of Melissa Palestro's friend Michele) who is recovering from a traumatic brain injury

Prayers for **Karen Sheer** who is recovering sight in one eye.

Prayers for **Stephanie Morey, Dan Baker** (Debi Tyger), **Vicki** (Chesney's mom), **Dennis** (Barbara Komondorea's friend), **Rick Fay, Bob Belton, Edith Provencher** (Donna Sheak's mother), **Alan & Ruth Arnfield** (Evelyn Frank's parents), **Bert** (Karen Haight's Uncle), **Eiluned Aikman, John & Jane Barden, Carl Freiberg, Jesse** (Karen Haight's niece), & **Wylee Marie Spera** (granddaughter of Frank & Cindy Spera) who are all struggling with health issues.

Prayers for **Sandy Holdiman** (Jack Smith's sister), **Georgina Sorcie** (friend of Brian Franks), **Louava Traver** (Don Traver's sister-in-law), **Bill Boyce** (Tara Carney's uncle), **Janet Arms, Shirley Kinne** (Steve's sister), **Jennifer** (Karen's Cousin), **Anita Wolf** (Roxanne Wolf's mother), **Iris Riccardi, Cassidy Way, June, Steve, Matt, Pattie Thomas** (Judy Brandow's cousin), **Jean Armstrong, Gina Beckman,**

Cindy DeGarmo, and Gary Guido who are all battling cancer.

Sympathy prayers for **the family and friends of Charlie Haight** who passed away.

Sympathy prayers for **the family and friends of Howard Hewlett** who passed away unexpectedly.

Sympathy prayers for **the family and friends of Richard White** who passed away unexpectedly.

Sympathy prayers for Donna Mears and family on the death of her brother, **Peter MacWilliams**.

Sympathy prayers for the family, friends & students of **Michael Garan** who passed away unexpectedly. He was a teacher at Arlington Middle School.

*To add names to the prayer list, submit a written request to the pastor, or call the Church Office. Names will be on for a month, but a request may be renewed. Please use this list in your daily prayers.



250th Anniversary
Celebration!

**Anniversary Committee
Meeting**
Friday, January 10th
7:00 pm
In the Church Parlor



"Millions of fish begging to be caught,
and we only brought two worms."

Creation KALEIDOSCOPE

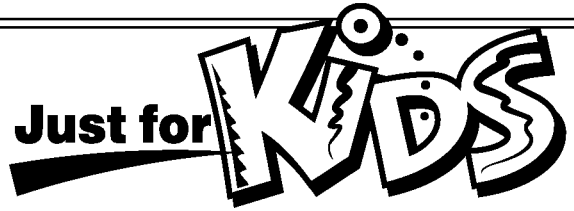
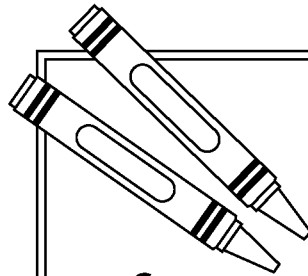
Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Tact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Tact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Tact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Tact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ... " on can.

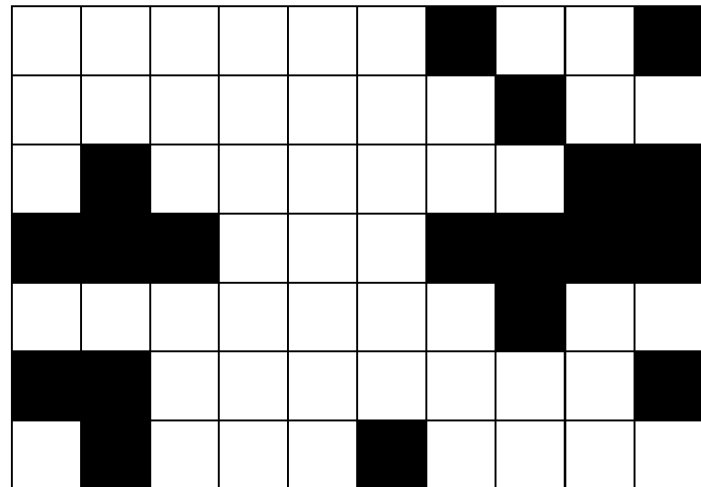


CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.

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Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>PVN = Pleasant Valley Cooperative Nursery School</p>		<p>All church events are in Bold.</p>	<p>1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 6 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3 8 - 3 pm PVN</p>	<p>4 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
<p>5 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study</p>	<p>6 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:15 pm Stamping Class</p>	<p>7 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Prayer 101 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>8 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Trustees Mtg 7:30 pm Lyme Disease Grp</p>	<p>9 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 6:30 pm Jr Grange 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>10 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:30 pm Stamping with Lisa 7pm Anniversary Committee Meeting</p>	<p>11 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement 5 pm Deaf Club</p>
<p>12 9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:10 Bible Study 1 pm Stamping Class</p>	<p>13 8 - 3 pm PVN 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>14 8 - 3 pm PVN 3:30 - 5 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm PW Meeting 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>15 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 Bargain Basement 7 pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>16 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>17 8 - 3 pm PVN</p>	<p>18 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>
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<p>26 9:30 am Worship & Church School 10:30 am Coffee Hour Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation</p>	<p>27 8 - 3 pm PVN 6:30 pm Girl Scout Unit Meeting 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>28 8 - 3 pm PVN 7:30 pm NA</p>	<p>29 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 - 1 pm Bargain Basement</p>	<p>30 8 - 3 pm PVN 10 am Coffee & Conversation 5:45 pm Jr Choir 7 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>31 8 - 3 pm PVN</p>	

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