

The Peekskill Presbyterian Church

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the saying goes, “All good things must come to an end.” And so it is with my time here in Peekskill as your interim pastor. At its January 13 meeting, the Session accepted my request to make February 20 my last Sunday at Peekskill Presbyterian Church. We’ve had a good two-year journey together, but it is time for both me and this congregation to move into the next thing God calls us to do.

As I prepare to leave, I offer my heartfelt thanks for your care and support as well as the privilege of being part of your lives during joys and celebrations as well as challenges and losses. You have blessed me with your warm welcome, your generous personal affirmations, and your general tolerance of my personal peculiarities.

I will miss worshipping with you in your beautiful sanctuary. I will miss your strong sense of faith and family and your intense commitment to this church. But I leave feeling so proud of you and so confident in this church’s future that I won’t worry about you—much. I know that I leave you in good hands—those of your strong church leaders and, most importantly, in God’s hands. I will continue to pray for you and for the person God has in mind as your next installed pastor.

As much as I have loved being your interim pastor, it is appropriate for the emotional and spiritual health and future of all of us that I end my participation in any way in the life of this congregation effective February 20. This includes not making pastoral calls, hospital calls, or counseling with members; not presiding at weddings, funerals, or baptisms of members or their families; not having personal contact (e-mail, telephone, or letters) with members; and not participating in conversations about PPC or the decisions or direction of the church. Thank you for your understanding.

And thank you for two wonderful years. Blessings on you!

Rev. Rhonda K. Kruse

New Members



Minerva Clarke

Cindy Dubrishing

Pamela Pollock

2nd Fridays Youth Group Going On a NIGHTWATCH

When: Friday evening February 11 OVERNIGHT until Saturday morning February 12th

Where: The Cathedral of St. John the Divine 1047 Amsterdam Ave. New York City

What is Nightwatch? It is an intense one night experience of the Cathedral for Christian youth. It includes a time for meeting and mixing with other youth groups, a tour and exploration of the Cathedral including the Great Organ and the labyrinth, a candlelight meditation, and Communion. While the program is run by staff of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, our youth will be accompanied throughout by our own Second Fridays adult volunteers. *A sample schedule:*

6:15 - 7:15 pm. Arrive, unload, register

7:30 pm. Advisors meeting

8 pm. Singing and Games

9 pm. Program and Great Organ

11 pm. Break Time

12:00 mCandlelight meditation and Eucharist

The next morning —

7:00 am. Wake up, get up, eat up, and clean up!

8:30 am. Tour of the Cathedral

9:45 am. Closing service

10:00 am. Nightwatch is over.

Place & time: 4:30 pm Friday, February 11, at the Peekskill Presbyterian Church , 705 South Street in Peekskill, where we'll load up and hit the road!

Post Nightwatch pickup: 11:30 am Saturday February 12, at the Peekskill Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$50/person; make checks out to Peekskill Presbyterian Church and list "youth group" on the notation line

What to Bring: Comfortable clothing: sneakers (for gym floor), something modest to sleep in (we're all on the gym floor together), sleeping bag, pillow and toiletries. You may bring an air mattress if it would make you more comfortable. And, if you play one, bring a musical instrument. Please don't bring valuables or electronic devices, and of course, no drugs or alcohol.

Let's Go and Watch Night at the Cathedral

Save the Date

Our congregation has been blessed for the past two years with the presence of Pastor Rhonda Kruse . When Rhonda came to our church it was with the understanding that as an interim pastor her tenure with us would be for approximately two years. During this short time in Peekskill she has warmed the hearts of so many of us. February 20th is Rhonda's last day serving this congregation. The Congregational Life Committee is planning a celebration of her ministry with us. Mark your calendars to plan to attend worship and the reception following on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th.

- Nancy Horton, Chair

We All Have Birthdays, So Why Not . . .

CELEBRATE !! Congregational Life is hosting the annual Birthday Sunday on February 27th. Needed are twelve cakes, one for each month in the year. If you are willing to donate a cake let me know. Thanks, Nancy Horton (914) 737-0315




February Birthdays

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 7:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:30-9pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	2 3pm Good News 6:15pm Lord's Attic 7:30pm Ch. Choir	3 7:30pm C&B Mtg.	4	5
6 8:30am Breakfast, Installation of Officers 11:30 Islam Std 12-1:30 Gates of Heaven Service	7 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284, Social Hall	8 , 2pm Yorktown Presby Soup Kitchen Prep 7:30-9pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	9 7:30pm Ch. Choir	10 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 7pm Session Mtg.	11 12 noon Women of HOPE Midwinter Mtg. 4:30pm 2nd Fridays NIGHTWATCH	12 11:30am Youth Pickup Peekskill Pres. Church
13 9am Cong Life Mtg. 11:30 Islam Std 12-1:30 GOH Service 3pm "Fiesta" Social Hall	14 VALENTINES DAY  7:30 Boy Scouts Mtg.	15 7:30-9pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	16 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE 7:30pm Ch. Choir	17 5:30-7:30 Headstart Parents Meeting	18 Snowdate Women of HOPE	19
20 Rhonda Farewell Coffee Hour, 11:30am Islam Std Prayer Chain/Mission Mtgs, 7:30pm Scout Ldrs.	21 OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENTS' DAY 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284	22 7:30pm Deacons Mtg. Mission does Soup Kitchen Prep 7:30-9pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	23 7:30pm Ch. Choir	24 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study	25 7:30pm Book Discussion Group, Parlor	26
27 Birthday Cake Coffee Hour-Family & Friends 11:30 am Stwrdsip Mtg 12-1:30 Gates of Heaven Service	28 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284, Social Hall		Every Sunday 9am Confirmation 9:15am Choir 10am WORSHIP Sunday School	Church Office Hours 8am-2pm, M-Thrs, 737-3322, 737-7822 fax PeeksPres@aol.com	Thrift Shop Hours (845) 538-2669 Wed., Thrs. Sat. 10-3 PeeksPres@aol.com	Every Sunday 12-1:30 Gates of Heaven Service, also Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm