

The Peekskill Presbyterian Church

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Peacemaking Offering Received October 3

Dear friends in Christ,

Every time our congregation receives the Lord's Supper, there is opportunity to remember other Christians around the world who are also receiving these gifts of God. But we make a special point of remembering our unity with Christians worldwide on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. It is a day to be mindful of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences.

As Presbyterians, we recognize that Christ taught us to be peacemakers, and that being peacemakers is part of being Christ's followers. So on World Communion Sunday, we receive the bread and cup of heaven, and we bring our gifts of self, service, and money to be put to work for Christ's peace in the world. This year is the thirtieth anniversary of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering. The Offering was set up in a way to encourage all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work for peace. Each congregation is invited to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. For that reason, our church will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive, and we will decide how best to put this money to work. Another 25 percent goes to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 3 as our church celebrates World Communion Sunday and as we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.

- Rev. Rhonda Kruse—Interim Pastor

Celebrate Our Diversity on World Communion Sunday!

On Sunday, October 3 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and the blessed diversity of our congregation by wearing clothing from our native lands and enjoying worship music and customs from our various cultures. If you want to share a favorite native food in coffee hour, you're welcome to do so. Don't miss this joyful celebration of our church family around the world! For more information see Rhonda Kruse.

Community Youth Group Visits Drum Hill

On October 8th the 2nd Fridays Community Youth Group will meet at the Reformed Church of Cortlandtown and then go to Drum Hill to socialize and play games with the seniors there. Watch for more information in the bulletin and a flyer via email. Questions? See Rhonda Kruse or Christine Button.

On September 10, 15 community youth and 6 leaders hiked Anthony's Nose and enjoyed the beautiful fall day with lunch, devotions, and Holy Communion on the mountaintop. Peekskill Presbyterian Church hosted this great kickoff to the 2nd Fridays meeting season. You can find pictures on the church website, www.peekskillpresby.org, by clicking on "About Us" and then "Photo Gallery."

Nominating Committee

All church members wishing to add their names for consideration to be deacons or elders please contact any Nominating Ministry member. They will be meeting after church on October 3.

“One World, One Peekskill,” Community Healing Through the Arts

A **Healing and Harmony Concert** will take place on **October 16, 2010, 7:00pm at the Paramount Center for the Arts**, in the heart of Peekskill's downtown. Co-sponsored by ArtsWestchester, Hudson River HealthCare Cultural Committee, the Paramount Center for Arts, and the Peekskill Area Pastors Association, the event will feature many local professional and community artists performing instrumental and vocal music; dance, drumming, and the spoken word. Among the many artists scheduled to appear are: the **Mount Olivet Baptist Choir**; singer **Mary Mancini**; Ecuadoran musical ensemble **Inti Andino**; the **Children's Theatre Company of Peekskill**; Peekskill's own youth band **Backlash**; **Los Rufianes**, a Peekskill Guatemalan community-based *ranchero* band; the **Westchester Band**, an Ecuadorian brass band; a program of African and Afro-Caribbean drumming and dance with master drummer **Maxwell Kofi Donkor** and friends with **Nydia and Sergio Rodriguez**; and poetry / spoken word by **Nancy Ewing**, **Ibrahim Saddiq (P-O-E-T)** and Hip Hop recording artist **Noodle**; and tap dance by actor, songwriter and dancer **Marcus Franklin**.

This event articulates a message of unity and acceptance, not only in Peekskill, but in every hometown across the globe. It is an opportunity to make it known that the citizens of the Peekskill area are united in our common humanity and strive to think in terms of not merely tolerating differences, but embracing each other as citizens of One World.

Peekskill Presbyterian Church has participated in the Peekskill Area Pastors Association for many years. Please come out and show your support for this important event. See Rhonda Kruse for information.

October Birthdays



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Special Mission Project Christmas 2010

Christmas 2010 is fast approaching so we need to start thinking about that date so we will be ready. Our church participates annually in its own special project known as the Christmas Day Dinner. This is the day we serve dinner with all its flair to members of the community and surrounding area who may otherwise be alone on this holiday. You have been most helpful in the past and we are hoping you will again give your support – in any form – to this great project. We will be in need of turkeys (16-24lbs) and pies as our big items and hope you will again help supply these and other items. As usual, a more detailed list will appear in the next Messenger and the signup sheets for items needed will be posted by the first Sunday in December.

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Church-wide Breakfast

Breakfast resumes October 3, 2010 in the church social hall. All members of the church are invited to attend. Why go to church hungry? Join us at 8:30am for a home-cooked hearty breakfast followed by a

little chit-chat with members. Go to church well-fed and eager to receive your spiritual food. *Join us Oct. 3rd – 8:30am sharp!*

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

The 2nd and 4th Thursday each month are the days the men of the church meet to have breakfast and a bible discussion led by Dick Belliveau. This small gathering is enjoyed by all and you (men) are encouraged to join in. Meetings this month will be Thursday, October 14th and Thursday, October 28th. We look forward to seeing you.

Presbyterian Women/Women of H.O.P.E.

Women of H.O.P.E. held its kick-off meeting Friday, September 10, 2010 at the home of Ruth Dyckman. This was a pot luck garden meeting with gorgeous weather just for the occasion which was enjoyed by all in attendance. A brief installation ceremony was officiated by Rev. Kruse and the following officers were installed: Eartha Brown – moderator; Beverly Dyckman-vice moderator; Vera Sokol-corresponding secretary; Jean Valente-Treasurer. Leonore Mancebo, our recording secretary was unable to attend this meeting.

The women are making plans for the years' activities and do solicit the help and attendance of all ladies of the church.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held Friday, December 10, 2010 at the Piazza Roma Restaurant in the Cortlandt Town Center. Please save the date and make plans to attend and enjoy a spectacular pre-Christmas event. A beautiful program has been planned for your entertainment. More details regarding the luncheon will follow in next month's messenger

Fall Workbee, October 23

On Saturday October 23, the Corporate and Business Ministry is hosting the fall work bee. If you appreciate rewarding work and amazing fellowship, this is the event to attend. Bring your gloves, your gardening tools and a joyous spirit. Coffee and donuts will be available at 8:00 am and we will work from 9:00am to 1:00pm. You are welcome whether you come for the day or an hour. Rain or shine!

- Corporate & Business Ministry

News from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Our Church Information Form has been completed, approved by 3 levels of Presbyterian government, and posted! Resumés have already begun pouring in. Please pray for our church and our committee as the search for the new minister gets underway in earnest.

The Harvest Truly Is Plentiful

On Sunday – October 24, 2010 we will be celebrating the harvest season during our regular Worship Service starting at 10:00 A.M. The service will be led by the Rev. Rhonda K. Kruse and harvest hymns will be sung. Additionally, we are planning to have the sanctuary decorated to reflect the season. If you would like to bring items from your garden to be included in our decorations, please contact any member of the Congregational Life Committee. Following worship we will continue our celebration of the season with our Annual Cider and Donut coffee hour in the Social Hall. Please bring your family and friends to this wonderful day of worship.

Thank you to Steven Johns for donating to our church a new barbeque grill! The grill was tested at our end of summer barbeque on September 19.

-Congregational Life Committee

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Memorial Bricks Now Available

Four years ago our Memorial Meditation Garden came to life with a Memorial Brick Path framing the garden.

The brick path is to have a place where you can leave a long lasting memorial to a loved one, someone you respected or anyone else you so choose.

The engraved 8 x 8 white granite bricks are again available and will be ordered on November 7, 2010. We hope to place them in the path before Christmas.

The cost is \$50 for each engraved brick.

Each brick can have five lines with no more than fourteen characters per line (letters and spaces).

To order a memorial brick:

Fill out the grid(s) below for each brick. Mail your order to The Peekskill Presbyterian Church, 705 South Street, Peekskill, NY 10566. Enclose a check in the amount of \$50/brick and note it is for the Memorial Path. The order may also be delivered to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

Your Name:

Phone #

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday 9am Confirmation 9:15am Choir 10am WORSHIP Sunday School	Every Sunday 12-1:30 Gates of Heaven Service, also Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm	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		1	2
3 8:30am Breakfast, 9am CongLife Mtg. No Sunday School, 11:15am Nominating Mtg.	4 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284, Social Hall	5 7:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:30-9pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	6 10:30am Bells 3pm Good News 6:15pm Lord's Attic 7:30pm Ch. Choir	7 7:30pm C&B Mtg.	8 4-8pm 2nd Friday Community Youth Group	9
10	11 OFFICE CLOSED Columbus Day	12 12:30 PAPA Mtg. 2pm Yorktown Soup Kitchen Prep 7:30-9pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	13 10:30am Bells 7:30pm Ch. Choir	14 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 7pm Session Mtg.	15	16
17 11:30am Prayer Ch 3-8pm Church in the Wilderness, Social Hall 7-8:30pm Boy Scout Leaders Mtg., Rm 101	18 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284, Social Hall	19 7:30-9pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	20 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE 10:30am Bells 7:30pm Ch. Choir	21 5:30-7:30pm Head Start Parents Mtg., Social Hall	22 7:30 Book Discussion Group, Parlor	23 FALL WORKBEE  9AM-1PM 7:30pm Brdge, Heaton's
 24 Cider & Donuts Coffee Hour	25 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284, Social Hall, Soup Kitchen Prep, C&B	26 7:30pm Deacons Mtg. 7:30-9pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	27 10:30am Bells 7:30pm Ch. Choir	28 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study	29	30
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