

# THE MESSENGER

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## Upcoming Events

November 13 – Stewardship  
Commitment Sunday

November 20 – Mission Trip  
Presentation & Pie Sunday

November 24 – Community  
Thanksgiving Dinner at United  
Methodist Church

## Opportunities To Serve

November 6 – Community  
Breakfast – *speaking to Linda Johns*

November 22 – Soup Kitchen  
Prep – *speaking to Christine Button*

November 26 – Greening of the  
Sanctuary – *speaking to Nancy  
Horton*

Give a Turkey to the  
Community Thanksgiving  
Dinner – *drop off at the Salvation  
Army on Nelson Avenue*

Be Liturgist on Sundays – *speaking  
to Marsha Vernon*

Be an Usher on Sundays – *speaking  
to Nancy Horton*

Host the Coffee Hour – *speaking to  
Brenda Martinez*

Church Work Projects – *speaking  
to Steve Johns*

## Session Highlights

Session discussion focused on the creation of a manual of operations which would state policies and procedures for the major functions of the church and each of its ministries (committees). If your eyes are glazing over at this point look at it this way: suppose you had just joined the church and you were trying to decide how to become involved in the life of the church. It would be handy to know what the various ministries are trying to achieve, how often and how long they meet, and what people are expected to do in these ministries. Or suppose you were the new pastor: what better way to get a fast overview of the goings-on in the church? Or suppose an outside organization wants to rent the social hall for a function; what is our policy on who can rent it, whether they can use the kitchen, and what would we charge? The new form of government (nFOG) approved at the last General Assembly and being implemented by the various presbyteries and their member churches has led, in part, to the call for the creation of manuals of operations at the member-church level, in lieu of the older very detailed constitution that nFOG replaced. The vagueness of nFOG has given the member churches new freedom, and the necessity, to organize themselves to fulfill the mission of the church to spread the Good News of the Gospels, to minister to the world around us, and to provide a nurturing community of worship. You will be hearing more about the manual of operations this fall and winter and, insofar as these impact the congregation, will be asked to vote on accepting it as written.

By the way, in the August Messenger I indicated that from now on, under nFOG, sessions and presbyteries would be called councils; that was incorrect. Sessions are still called sessions and presbyteries are still called presbyteries; the difference is that they now both function as councils. A council is made up of autonomous units having equal power or authority—a federation. Thus councils have more of an advisory than a policy-making impact on their members. Thus, for example, under nFOG, each presbytery can decide for itself what its ordination standards will be, rather than the General Assembly. How the council concept plays out at the national General Assembly or regional Synod levels is, as yet, unclear.

Session Highlights continued Session organized a lively retirement celebration for Ray Brown. Turnout in the after-service potluck celebration was very large, a strong tribute to Ray's service to the church as sexton, as well as his ministry to the church over the years. Speeches and presentations were made, cake was cut, and a good time was had by all. Thank you Ray.

Session voted to receive the Independent Auditors Report for the year ending December 31, 2009 (dated December 9, 2010). The auditor found that the church's financial statements were "free of material misstatement."

The recent silent auction yielded about \$675 for the church. Thanks to John Burke and Linda Buckiewicz for their help in making the event a success.

- Dan Harrison, Clerk of Session

## A SHOUT-OUT TO PANERA BREAD

The Panera Bread store in the Cortlandt Town Center deserves a big shout-out from the Peekskill Presbyterian Church. Faithfully, every month for the past year, Panera Bread has donated bushels of delicious breads, bagels, and pastries to our monthly mission breakfasts. They've been great about helping us feed the hungry in our community, as well as in our congregation. So the next time you're at the Cortlandt Town Center, stop in at Panera Bread and offer thanks on behalf of our church. And maybe have a sandwich.



## Commitment Sunday is November 13

Our 2011 Commitment/Pledge cards will be received during the 10:00am worship service on Sunday, November 13. After church everyone is invited to a light luncheon of soup and dessert to celebrate the mission, ministry, and fellowship of Peekskill Presbyterian Church. The luncheon is sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. All are welcome.

- Stewardship Committee



## Pie, Pie & More Pie!!

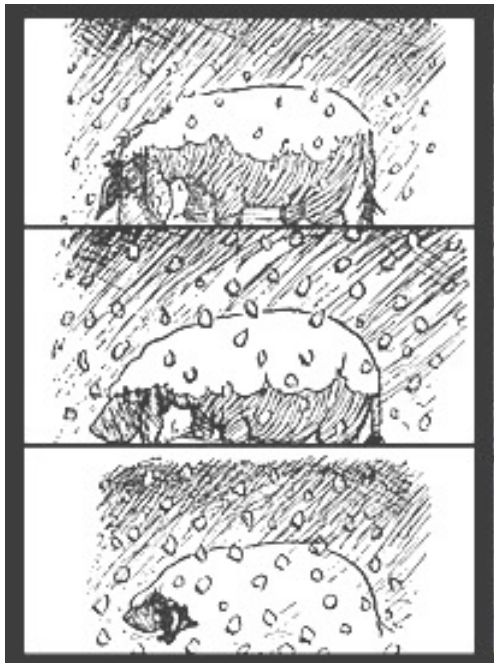
Mark your calendar...Congregational Life Committee is hosting PIE SUNDAY on November 20th. Pumpkin - apple - lemon meringue - coconut custard ... have one or try them all.



## Greening of the Sanctuary

Saturday, November 26th at 9 am

It is easy as pie IF you volunteer just a few hours to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. For more information call Nancy Horton 914-737-0315.



"It's snowing still," said Eeyore gloomily. "So it is." "And freezing." "Is it?" "Yes," said Eeyore. "However," he said, brightening up a little, "we haven't had an earthquake lately."



Eeyore is right, and even though we haven't had an *earthquake* lately, the cold, wet winter is fast approaching.

You can warm up the winter for someone in need by sharing your gently used men's coats, long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, winter hats, gloves, and scarves. New, packaged socks are also welcome. All donations will be gratefully received. We'll give them away at the Community Breakfast and during the Christmas dinner.

Organizing a coat drive at your place of business or across your email address book would be a terrific idea too

Leave your donations in the Church Social Hall near the Mission Shelves.

And speaking of the Mission Shelves, toiletry items continue to be wildly popular. Shampoo and soap seem always to be the first items folks go for. Next are juice, soup, and cereal. Rice and beans are always in need, in addition to canned stew. Many of the people who receive items from our shelves don't have full kitchens to cook in, so foods that are ready made and require only heating are the best choice.

Thanks to all for your help and donations. They know we are Christians by the way you have shared your clothes, your food, and your love. ~ Thanks from Your Mission Team

## November Birthdays



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**Save the Date**

**WOMEN OF HOPE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011 - NOON**

**at PIAZZA ROMA RESTAURANT**

**CORTLANDT TOWN CENTER, MOHEGAN LAKE**

**LUNCHEON BUFFET COST IS \$25.00 per person**

An invitation to the members of the Women of Hope, their guests and to all members and friends of the Peekskill Presbyterian Church to celebrate Christmas and warm fellowship.

For more information and to make reservations, please contact:  
**VERA SOKOL (845) 528-6641 or JEAN VALENTE (914) 737-1060**

Deadline for payment and reservation is November 28, 2010

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**ANNUAL WOMEN OF HOPE LUNCHEON**

Return this sheet with payment to the Peekskill Presbyterian Church  
please make check out to:

Peekskill Presbyterian Church (memo "Women of Hope")

Cost \$25 per person

Deadline for payment and reservations is November 28, 2010

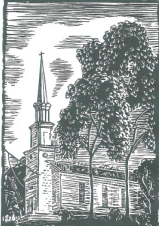
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Number of guests & Names



# NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday: 10:00 am WORSHIP with nursery care  Gates of Heaven: 12 – 1:30	Church Office: 8:00 – 2:00, M – Th 914-737-3322 phone 914-737-7822 fax peekskillpresby.org	Thrift Shop: (845) 538-2669 Tu, W, Th, & Sa 10:00 – 3:00				
		1 7:30 pm Christian Education Meeting 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	2 6:15pm Thrift Shop Mtg. 7:30pm Choir	3 7:30 pm Corporate & Business Meeting 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Bible Study	4	5 <b>SET CLOCKS                      BACK ONE HOUR</b> 
6 8:30 am Breakfast  <b>10 am WORSHIP</b> No Gates of Heaven Service	7 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284	8 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> 2 pm Yorktown Soup Kitchen Prep 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	9 7:30pm Choir	10 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 7:30 pm Session Mtg 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Bible Study	11	12
13 <b>COMMITMENT                      SUNDAY</b> 9am CongLife Mtg <b>10 am WORSHIP</b>	14 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284	15 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	16 <b>MESSENGER                      ARTICLES DUE</b> 7:30pm Choir	17 5:30-7pm Headstart Parents Mtg.  7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Bible Study	18	19 9am Hudson River Presbytery Boundary Training, Stony Point
20 <b>10 am WORSHIP</b> 11am Pies Coffee Hr. 11:30 am Prayer Ch, Mission Meeting 7pm Scout Ldrs	21 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284	22 5:30 Soup Kitchen Prep 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	23 7:30pm Choir	24 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> 	25 7:30pm Book Discussion Group	26 9am-12noon <u>Hanging of the Greens</u> 
27 <b>1st Advent</b> <b>10 am WORSHIP</b> Coffee Hr. Holiday Sale 11:30 am Stewardship Meeting	28 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284	29 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	30 7:30pm Choir			



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