

Peekskill Presbyterian Church

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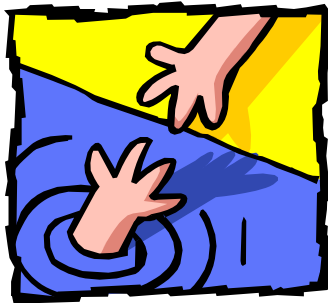
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## Fall Workbee, October 15

On Saturday October 15, 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*



## Church Internship Plan

Christian Education is trying to jump start a program that will benefit the community as well as the church. This program will reach out to the high school students who are looking for some way to participate in a community service. We have tasks around the church that need to be done. We are asking for your help in identifying those tasks that could be done on a short term basis by these students. Some things that came to CE's thoughts were clerical assistance, thrift shop organization or clean up and painting the parking lot lines. If you have any other thoughts please feel free to share them with any member of Christian Education or specifically Brenda Martinez at [beeasy411@optonline.net](mailto:beeasy411@optonline.net). Thanks.

- *Brenda Martinez*

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## Session Highlights

Save the date. Join with the session on October 2 in the social hall following worship in recognizing Ray Brown's service as sexton; he retires as sexton at the end of September after serving as such since the mid 1990's. A pot luck lunch will be supplemented by beverages, rolls, and desert provided by session. Fun and fellowship for all. Bring a pot luck entrée if you can (bring to the kitchen before the church service).

The session was notified by presbytery that the church needs to develop a manual of operations—that is to say, the church needs to collect written policies for all the entities (ministries/committees) through which it conducts its activities. The idea is to put in writing the practices that have been followed in the past and/or are anticipated for the future. Collected together, these policies would constitute a manual of operations. With time these manuals will be updated as situations and practices change. So the next time your ministry meets, you may hear discussion of what the written policies of that ministry are. For example, how is a request to the church Corporate and Business Ministry to use the social hall for a private wedding to be handled? What is the policy for use and fees?

Session set the times for Christmas Eve (8:00pm) and Christmas day church services (carols at 10:00am, followed by the Christmas dinner (11:00am-1:00pm).

The Mission ministry reported to session that the community soup kitchen started up again in September with 18 people from the area (mostly migrant workers) participating.

Session is also asking the various ministries to list tasks that high school students can do in the church to satisfy high school 20 hour community service requirements and to specify an adult in each ministry who can verify that the tasks were actually completed.

Our elders (and ministers) are invited by presbytery to participate in Boundary Training on November 19 (Stony Point Conference Center, 9:00am-3:00pm); elders need not be currently on session to participate. Among other things, this training looks at the way to maintain healthy relationships between members of the congregation and clergy.

*- Dan Harrison, Clerk of Session*

## October Birthdays



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## Thanks for the Memories - P.P.C. Tag Sale!

Over the years the Peekskill Presbyterian Church has put on a good number of Tag Sales. Each one special in its own right. We've been fortunate to have received spectacularly fine donations. We've had *customers* who left their own *special* memories behind, and some that will forever *warm our hearts!* For most of us that volunteered at the sales, it was the *anticipation & excitement* of what treasure might be found in the *next* box, that kept us *going & returning* each year, and most often, trying to figure out what that *thing-a-ma-gig* is!

All in all, those who Volunteered their time & energy over the many years, have experienced the gambit of highs and lows, sorting through hundreds & hundreds or, is it thousands by now, of pounds of - *as the late comedian, George Carlin, coined - " STUFF "*! Volunteers, who unselfishly gave many many hours - Volunteers, we could not have succeeded without - Volunteers, **too** numerous to list here but, ***each are known*** and ***remembered*** - Volunteers, who pooped themselves out for the cause - Volunteers, we had the opportunity to know better.

As, when after many days of dust, heat and aching feet - *someone*, does **it**, the ***thing***...the thing, we have come to unconsciously expect after all these years, the ***thing***, that lifts our heads up out of the endless boxes and bags - As, *someone*, parades around in an **outrageously humorous outfit**, made up of an assortment of clothing & accessories, made all the more laughable by our fatigue, comradery and fashion, from a long gone era. The ***thing***, you ***had*** to be there to really appreciate. **"Good Times"** ...*and there were many!*

The best though, always came at the very end...when the last penny was tallied, and we gathered together, totally spent, but joyful in the bonds of fellowship we forged, the job we accomplished, and the seeds we planted for the benefit of our Church. We, the *Thrift Shop Committee* and the *Peekskill Presbyterian Church* wish to Thank "**ALL**" our many many Volunteers, for their Faithful Support and the Wonderful Memories over the years! **THANK YOU**,

We can't do it without "**YOU**"!

**"See you in the Shop"**!

*Hilda Arturi, The Lord's Attic Thrift Shop Committee*



## Summer's Over!

Yes, we are once again approaching a season when we will be spending more time indoors - and that often means rearranging, purging, and sprucing for the coming Holidays.

As you may be doing these activities, please keep the **Lord's Attic Thrift Shop** in mind...We have a wonderful selection of ***one of a kind*** decorating and gift items, and if, the spirit moves you, we would be ***honored*** to accept your gently loved items to offer to our loyal customers.

You can find us open Tuesdays, Weds, Thurs and Sat's from 10 - 3, ...tell your family & friends too!

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

*The Lord's Attic Thrift Shop Committee*



## **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**  
Reservation form and deadline date will be included in November Messenger.



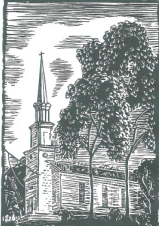
## **Good News Ministry Messenger Report**

Good News Ministry had an evaluative and planning meeting this month. We began by looking once again at our mission statement—spreading the Good News-- and then evaluated the initiatives we took over this year in terms of this statement, deciding which ones to continue next year and which to discontinue. We then considered new initiatives to try for the remainder of this year or next, again in line with our mission statement. This is an exercise that we feel is advisable to do from time to time. More news later. By the way, we are always looking for more hands to help us in our work; some of this work is directed within the church and some is directed without. Contact any of the Ministry members if you would like to become involved: Dick Belliveau, Christine Button, Julia Church, Beverly Dyckman, Dan Harrison, or Jamel Haight. Dan is Chairperson.

*- Dan Harrison*

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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
2 8:30 am Breakfast <b>10 am WORSHIP</b> RAY BROWN Retirement Potluck Coffee Hour	3  7:30pm Boy Scout Troop #284	4  7:30 pm Christian Education Meeting 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	5  6:15pm Thrift Shop Mtg. NO CHOIR	6  7:30 pm Corporate & Business Meeting 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Bible Study	7	8
9 9am CongLife Mtg <b>10 am WORSHIP</b>	10 <b>COLUMBUS DAY                      OFFICE CLOSED</b>	11 2 pm Yorktown Soup Kitchen Prep 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	12  NO CHOIR	13 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 7:30 pm Session Mtg 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Bible Study	14	15 8-12 Noon  WORK BEE
16 <b>10 am WORSHIP</b> 11:30 am Prayer Ch, Mission Meeting 2-6pm Bohler Party 7pm Scout Ldrs	17  7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284	18 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	19 <b>MESSENGER                      ARTICLES DUE</b>  7:30pm Choir	20 5:30-7pm Headstart Parents Mtg.  7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Bible Study	21	22
23 <b>10 am WORSHIP</b> HARVEST SUNDAY 11 am Cider & Donuts	24  7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284	25 5:30 Soup Kitchen Prep 7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Prayer Service	26  1:30pm Bridge, Heaton's 7:30pm Choir	27 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study  7:30 pm Gates of Heaven Bible Study	28  7:30pm Book Discussion Group	29  7:30pm Bridge, Button's
30 Reformation Sunday <b>10 am WORSHIP</b>  11:30 am Stewardship Meeting	 31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b> 7:30-9pm Boy Scout Troop #284					



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