

# Gracenotes

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Otisville-Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church

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## Mark Your Calendar

2.8

Blanket Sunday

2.15

Hot Breakfast Sandwiches

2.18

Ash Wednesday

2.21

Coffee House

2.22

Black Heritage Sunday

## Pledges

By Jeff Farley

If you are a church member or a regular participant or friend, we hope you have filled out a pledge card and are now a regularly contributor, using envelopes or even electronic giving.

Often when we are young and making our first salary we kind of argue with ourselves and say "oh, I will do that later"; but the reality is just like everything else in life, the important things you need to start doing early and often!

Exercise works out much better if you start out slower and smaller, but regular, because your body gets stronger, uses nutrients better, including oxygen.

It's the same with any spiritual exercise: prayer, bible reading, service to others, and giving. Small but regular efforts can result in a lifetime of health, including spiritual health!

So listen to an old pro at stewardship. Give a little early and regular and work your way to a lifetime of thrilling spiritual growth and closeness to our Lord and Savior Jesus. All it takes is a little blue pledge card and a willingness to grow in faith!

If you'd like a box of giving envelopes,  
please see Chuck Kroglund





## Legacy Lunch

November 2014

The Deacons had the privilege to serve and spend time with some of our Senior members in November at our annual Legacy Lunch. This is a fantastic afternoon to spend time with individuals who are rich with experience—professional, personal and spiritual; individuals we can all learn from. The lunch is free and available to anyone who considers themselves to be a Senior. The Deacons are already discussing and planning the next lunch. Stay tuned for more details.



## Advent & Christmas

by Marilyn Komstedt, Special Event Director

We were so blessed to have such a Wonderful Advent and Christmas Season, and as always, there are so many people to thank for each event.

First and foremost, Jeff for all he does to plan and lead us through all the meaningful services that help us to stay mindful of the true meaning of the season. And to Sue and Mike for planning all the wonderful music that brings Advent & Christmas alive through song, as well as Penny, the choirs, the brass choir, the woodwinds quartet, our many soloists, and other musicians.

I hesitate to list names for the rest as I wouldn't want to miss anyone, so "Thank You" to:

- ◆ All who came to help decorate the church
- ◆ Everyone that helped with the Advent Party (Sunday School)
- ◆ The Christmas concert and Coffee House
- ◆ All the children, teachers and adults that were part of the Christmas Pageant (Sunday School)
- ◆ Everyone that went Christmas Caroling through Otisville
- ◆ The men that braved the cold and constructed our stable
- ◆ Mary, Joseph, our angel, three Wise Men and three shepherds in our live nativity
- ◆ Allison for the hot chocolate and hot apple cider to keep us warm
- ◆ Frank and Karen Ketcham & Orrin Pierson for their animals
- ◆ Four Wonderful Services on Christmas Eve
- ◆ Wendy for coordinating dinner for those staying for several services
- ◆ Elizabeth for all the wonderful presentations projected on our screens

If you missed any of our Fall/Winter events, check out the photo spread!

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We began a new bible study on January 28 on 'Spiritual Warfare.' The study takes up the topics: "Detecting the Deceiver", "Facing Temptation", "The Serpent's Strategy", "The Armor of God", "The War Within", "Defeating the Destroyer", "Overcoming Our Accuser", "Surviving Satan's Attacks", and "Standing Firm". We'd love to have you join us! You can start at any time.

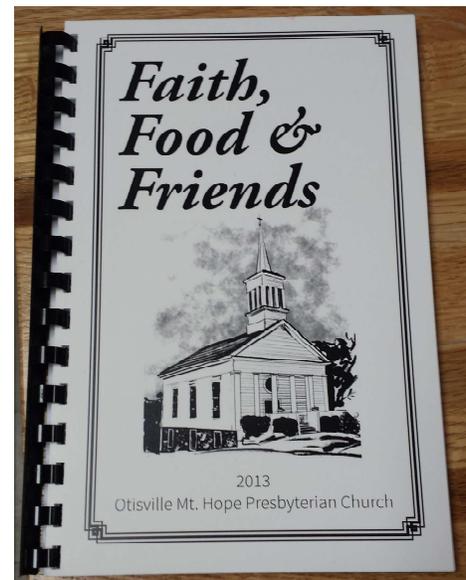
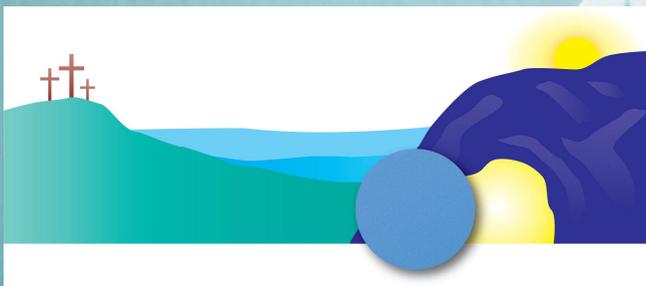
## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the **18th of February** this year. It is the beginning of the 40 days of penance and reflection until Easter (minus the Sundays).

Often in our culture, people will ask you, "What are you giving up for Lent?" What will your response be?

### Upcoming special dates:

Feb 18—Ash Wednesday  
 Mar 29—Palm Sunday  
 Apr 2—Maundy Thursday  
 Apr 3—Good Friday  
 Apr 5—Easter Sunday



## Faith, Food, & Friends Church Cookbook Addendum

by Candy Burnett, Volunteer Director

The new 2014 "Faith, Food & Friends Cookbook" Addendum is now available! Those who have purchased a cookbook may pick up a free stapled copy at the bookstore or if you bring in your current cookbook, Candy will insert the pages for you.

## T-shirt Quilts

by Sue Farley

We have planned another T-shirt quilting class on Thursday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. This is a course on taking some of your most favorite t-shirts and making them into a wonderful quilt that can be a family heirloom. See Sue Farley for more info. Begins in March.

But I trust in your unfailing love;  
 my heart rejoices in your salvation.

Psalm 13:5

# Women's Auxiliary

The first 2015 meeting for the Women's Auxiliary will be held on February 3rd at 7PM. Anyone interested in helping to plan the annual dinners and any additional activities are more than welcome. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7PM in the Memorial Room. We will be meeting to make plans for the Roast Beef Dinner which will be held on March 7.



And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

– Romans 8:30

## Answers to December's Word Find Puzzle

Answer Key  
for  
Brownielock's  
Christmas Carol Word Find Puzzle

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● Horizontal   
 ● Backwards (Any Direction)   
 ● Vertical   
 ● Diagonal  
● Shared Letters

## Blanket Sunday

We will be participating in our Blanket Sunday service on Sunday, February 8th. Blanket Sunday is a delightful celebration where the congregation is invited to bring blankets (quilts and afghans) and share their blanket's stories.

Then we gather an offering used by **Church World Service** ('CWS' - the CROP Walk people) to distribute 100% wool blankets worldwide to disaster situations.

CWS guarantees that a 100% wool blanket will be given to a person in need for each \$5 that is donated!

Many families give \$5 for each member of the family as a way of saying thank you to God for the fact that they are not right now in need of one of those blankets themselves!



MCGINNIS, Henry  
 MCGINNIS, Kari  
 MCGINNIS, Rebecca  
 TERWILLIGER, Laurelei  
 LYNCH, William  
 HOWARTH, Sara  
 KETCHAM, Frank  
 KINZONZI, Mukoko  
 MOORE, Briana  
 O'CONNELL, Brenda  
 MOBLEY, Scott  
 SANTACRUZ, Kristina  
 STEIXNER, Ryan  
 SCHWARTZ, Todd  
 ADDY, Sean  
 HAYES, Micah  
 KETCHAM, Jason  
 VOORHEES, Emma  
 SMITH, Peyton  
 LYNCH, MacKay  
 LYNCH, Connor  
 SIMPSON, LaVella

FRANK, Mark  
 VERMEULEN, Nicholas  
 MCCOMBS, Janell  
 PIERSON, Caroline  
 HALSTEAD, Alice  
 DEFAZIO-SCHULTZ, Marie  
 KNECHT, Brianna  
 DOLSON, Kimberly  
 KETCHAM, Karen  
 VANCE, Lucas  
 DEYOUNG Jr., Nathaneal  
 SWAINE, Jason  
 SWAINE, Jennifer  
 BAGGATTA, Jazmine  
 FARLEY, Jeff  
 MCCLINE, Jemnyha  
 MCCLINE, Mya  
 DULLAGHAN, Katie  
 MORLEY, Mack  
 TUCKER, Samuel  
 WILLIS, Harry

ANDREWS, Grace  
 HUMS, Katelyn  
 KETCHAM, Katie  
 PIERSON, Rita  
 BABCOCK, David  
 KIRBY, Tammy  
 CANONICO, Tootie  
 CARD, Luna Star  
 GIBBS, Tyler  
 WORRELL, William  
 HOOLAN, Gavin  
 HOOLAN, Leah  
 GREEN, Andrew  
 DINEEN, John  
 TITSWORTH, David  
 KROGLSLUND, Charles  
 RUFINO, Michaela  
 KOMSTEDT, Robert  
 CHASE, Emily  
 EISENTRAUT, Kaitlyn  
 BAISELY, Stacey



ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

*Jaclyn & Nicolas Chase  
 Charles & Gerda Kroglslund  
 Orrin & Jackie Pierson  
 Mike & Allison Wilbur*



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# Christmas Eve Services



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## Coffee House

By Sue Conklin, Music Director

February's Coffee House features Arlene Whiteman (snowed-out last year!) with the annual February "Chocolate Extravaganza"! Two great reasons to come to the February Coffee House! The date is Saturday, February 21st at 7:30 - 9:00pm, with complimentary desserts and hot/cold beverages around our "chocolate theme" to celebrate Valentine's Day! We will enjoy Christian music and fellowship and relax and meet new friends! To donate a dessert contact Sue Conklin in advance - 386-8114.