



June 2020

The Church Bell



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"Don't Forget Your Spiritual Well-Being"

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Air conditioners are coming on all over the city. Daily temperatures are increasing. Summer weather is here. With this warmer weather comes an increase in people desiring more normalcy in their lives even while much loved fairs and events remain canceled. As the work begins to rebuild our society and economy where does one start? One starts in the Word of God. One starts by rebuilding their spiritual life. One starts by rebuilding God's church.

In 520 B.C. the Temple of God was laying in ruins after being destroyed by the Babylonians. As God's people began to return to Jerusalem years later, they neglected rebuilding the Temple. As a result, their physical lives suffered. Their lives suffered because our physical life is tied closely with our spiritual life. If one part suffers, so does the other. The people had not made this connection, and so, the prophet Haggai told the people in Haggai 1:2-4 "The LORD of Hosts says this: These people say: The time has not come for the house of the LORD to be rebuilt" The word of the LORD came through Haggai the prophet: "Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?"

While, today, there have been those growing spiritually, many have neglected their spiritual well-being. The body of Christ has been separated for a prolonged period of time. We were not designed to function independently, but in communion with one another. It is time to rebuild the church – which is the body of Christ by returning to corporate worship as we are commanded to do in Hebrews 10:25. It does not mean that we are to be unsafe about it, for the Bible encourages us to use wisdom, but we do need each other. Do not be deceived that you do not need the church. We each have our role to play in the body, and if you choose to go it alone you will be like a hot coal removed from a fire... you will slowly go out. United with the fire that coal comes quickly back to life. United with the body you will grow in the faith because believers support and encourage one another.

If you have concerns about returning to corporate worship, speak to your pastor. See how you can safely participate in the body. Pastor's care about their flock that Christ has entrusted them with, and they prayerfully make the best decisions for their specific flock's physical and spiritual well-being, for all flocks are different and different considerations need to be made for each. Do not go it alone. If your congregation has decided not to reopen yet, still stay connected on a regular basis. Do your best to grow spiritually and as soon as you are able, again each person is different based on their health and age, return to corporate worship as the LORD has intended. Do not go it alone.

Pastor Casey Chapman



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Monday-Thursday

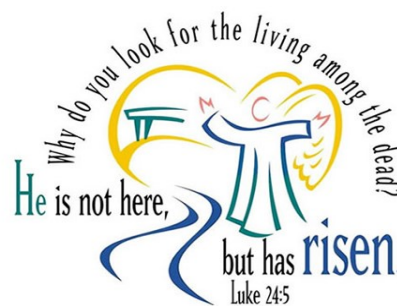
8am-Noon

Happy Fathers Day,

and all the holidays we missed together.

Mothers Day, Pentecost and Easter and Memorial Day, a reminder that we celebrated these other wonderful holidays separately, under quarantine.

So Happy "everything" Holidays



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Happy 
Mother's
Day

"Happy Birthday"

June 2 Janice Kemmer
June 4 Kim Truhan
June 7 Brooklyne Bland
June 8 Erma Jean Bellitt
June 10 Sharon Polakoff
June 19 Amanda Bland
June 24 Carol Deemer
June 28 Judene Ainsley
June 29 Alice Everett
June 30 Pastor Curt Miller



Important Meetings

June 9

Board Meeting

6:30pm

In the Fellowship Hall



"Happy Anniversary"

Anita and Curtis Bell
June 29

Pastor Curt and Carol
June 28



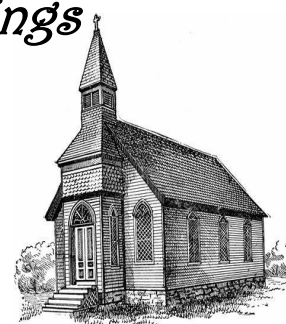
BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized ? or maybe having your child or all of you baptized . please contact Pastor Casey.

Pastor will put plans in motion.

Elders Meetings

Third Sunday
in month at 8 am
or whenever .
one is called.



L.O.A.F.

Thursday June 4
Online meeting only

Pastor Casey -
President of LOAF



Don't let
worry get
you down!
Remember,
Moses
started
out as a
**BASKET
CASE!**



JUNE

GUIDELINES FOR CORTLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Opening June 7th.
- Masks available but not required.
- No Sunday School.
- Please try to avoid the kitchen since communion is prepared in there.
- Seating, every other pew.
 - o Households together.
 - o Children with their household, not with other children.
- North Room is a mask only seating area.
 - o With exception of overflow towards front.
 - o Mask only Entry|
 - Steps.
 - No Elevator. Use main entrance for elevation.
- Service as usual with these exceptions
 - o Communion
 - Deacons will wear gloves and masks.
 - They will hand you the elements.
 - Put the empty cup in your pews for collection, NOT IN THE TRAYS!
 - o Offering
 - Deacons will hold onto the trays and walk the rows.
 - o Children's Message will continue, but children will remain in their pews.
 - o NO Junior Church.
- Post Service Changes
 - o Pastor will not be shaking hands at the door, but will be down in the narthex to bestow the parting blessing.
 - o No Coffee Fellowship for at least the first couple of weeks back, maybe longer.
 - o You are free to remain and greet one another, but please be conscientious about doing so.
- Older Congregants should use discretion when returning, but Pastor would encourage you not to live in fear.
- If you have even a cold, please stay home until you are better.
- Mid-week Meetings
 - o Any Board or other Meetings will be done in the Fellowship Hall for the month of June where we can space out.

An Inspirational Story

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. 'Daughter, what do you see?'

'Potatoes, eggs, and coffee,' she hastily replied.

'Look closer,' he said, 'and touch the potatoes.' She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

'Father, what does this mean?' she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity– the boiling water.

However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

'Which are you,' he asked his daughter. 'When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?'



Religious Assistance

A man ran through a crowded train looking very agitated, calling out, "Is there a Catholic priest on board?"

When he got no reply, he ran back up the train shouting, "Is there an Anglican priest on board?"

There was still no reply. By now becoming more desperate, he ran down the train shouting, "How about a Rabbi? Is there a Rabbi on board?"

Eventually, a gentleman stood up and said, "Can I be of any assistance, my friend? I'm a Mormon bishop."

The man looked at him and said, "No, you wouldn't do at all."

The Mormon was a bit taken aback. "But why, good sir? I'm a Christian and experienced with all sorts of religious needs!"

"Because," the man said, a bit exasperated, "I need a corkscrew!"

On Stress and Worries

“Once upon a time a psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they’d be asked the typical ‘glass half empty or glass half full’ question. Instead, with a smile on her face, the professor asked, ‘How heavy is this glass of water I’m holding?’ Students shouted out answers ranging from eight ounces to a couple pounds.



She replied, ‘From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass doesn’t matter. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it’s fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn’t change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me.’

As the class shook their heads in agreement, she continued, ‘Your stresses and worries in life are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralyzed – incapable of doing anything else until you drop them.’”

“Happy 43rd Anniversary “

Spencer and Cheri Chapman



Spencer and Cheri Chapman looking like the roaring twenties with their stick masks.

Happy Anniversary



A Great Man Died Today

He wasn't a world leader or a famous doctor or a war hero or a sports figure. He was no business tycoon, and you will never see his name in the financial pages. But he was one of the greatest men who ever lived. He was my father.



I guess you might say he was a person who was never interested in getting credit or receiving honors. He did corny things like pay bills on time, go to church on Sunday and serve as an officer in the P.T.A.

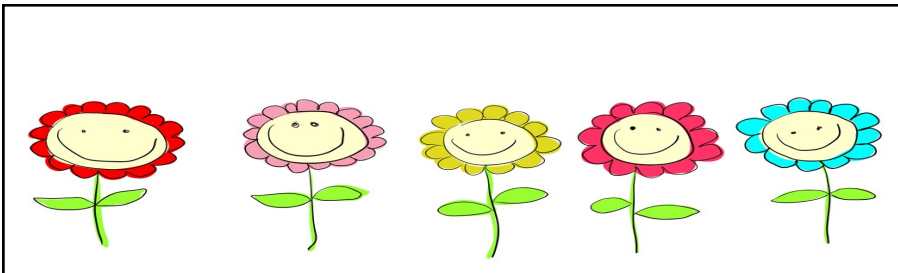
He helped his kids with their homework and drove his wife to do the grocery shopping on Thursday nights. He got a great kick out of hauling his teenagers and their friends to and from football games.

Tonight is my first night without him. I don't know what to do with myself. I am sorry now for the times I didn't show him the proper respect. But I am grateful for a lot of other things.

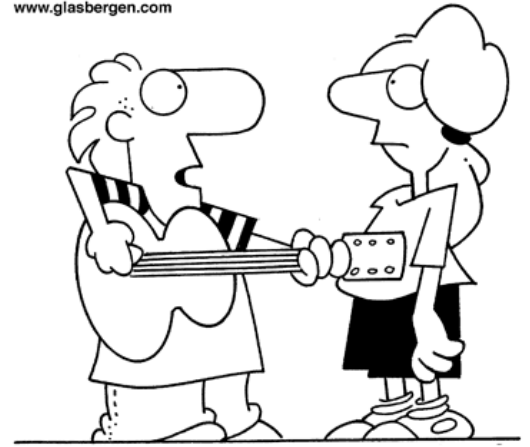
I am thankful that God let me have my father for 15 years. And I am happy that I was able to let him know how much I loved him. That wonderful man died with a smile on his face and fulfillment in his heart. He knew that he was a great success as a husband and a father, a brother, a son, and a friend.

I wonder how many millionaires can say that.

Author Unknown

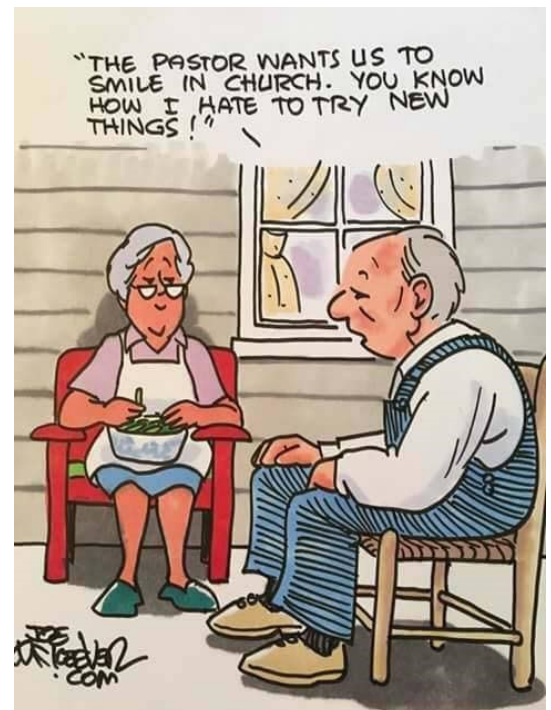


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"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!
I can't think of anything that rhymes with
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"

June 20th is the First Day
of Summer





MEMORIAL DAY TOWER SERVICE 2020

12:00 Chime & Strike

~Opening Hymn~

A Hymn of Glory We Sing

Let us in all we do glorify God as we gather on this Memorial Day.

AMERICA

"America" or "My Country 'Tis of Thee" is an American patriotic song. Smith wrote the lyrics to an existing tune in 1831, and it was first published in 1832. It was often used as a de-facto national anthem of the United States until the official adoption of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in 1931.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic," written by Julia Ward Howe in 1861. It was a fitting finale to the life of a great American because the story of the "Battle Hymn" is the story of the United States. The song is a hallowed treasure and a second national anthem. We have turned to it repeatedly in national crises. The "Battle Hymn" has inspired suffragists and labor organizers, civil rights leaders, and novelists—like John Steinbeck in *The Grapes of Wrath*. But most of all, the "Battle Hymn" is a warrior's cry and a call to arms. Its vivid portrait of sacred violence captures how Americans fight wars, from the minié balls of the Civil War to the shock and awe of Iraq.

On Eagles Wings

Composer Jan Michael Joncas wrote the song after he and a friend, Doug Hall, returned from a meal to learn that Hall's father had died of a heart attack.

Father Joncas doesn't recall if he ever met Hall's father, but he remembers wanting somehow to console his friend.

"I knew this was a hard, hard experience in anybody's life, [and I] just wanted to create something that would be both prayerful and then comforting,"

In the days preceding Hall's father's wake, Father Joncas returned to his parents' house in Minnesota and composed the song on his guitar, sketching out a melody line and accompanying chords. The now-famous hymn debuted at the wake.

More about this service on Page 10



Memorial Day Service At Cortland Christian Church 2020

A view of the church from the cemetery.
Cars of people waiting for the Memorial Day Service.



Bell tower chiming out hymns for this
Memorial Day service.



Pastor Casey and Jeff Byler bringing a wreath to the Memorial
Site in the Cemetery.



Pastor Casey and retired Master Sargent Jeff Byler.
Jeff served 21 years in the United States Air Force
protecting our country.



Hanging the wreath in memory of all those who have
gone before us in service of their country.



Pictures submitted
by Jack Hanna

AMAZING GRACE

"Amazing Grace" is a Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written in 1772 by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton (1725-1807).

Newton wrote the words from personal experience. He grew up without any particular religious conviction, but his life's path was formed by a variety of twists and coincidences that were often put into motion by others' reactions to what they took as his recalcitrant insubordination.

He was pressed (conscripted) into service in the Royal Navy. After leaving the service, he became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel off the coast of County Donegal, Ireland, so severely that he called out to God for mercy.

This moment marked his spiritual conversion but he continued slave trading until 1754 or 1755, when he ended his seafaring altogether. He began studying Christian theology.

"Amazing Grace" was written to a tune Newton heard being sung by the slaves he was transporting; the original lyrics remain unknown. Newton penned this the words to this beloved song to that old slave tune.

DANNY BOY

In 1910, Frederick Weatherly penned the lyrics to one of the world's most beloved songs, "Danny Boy". Several years later his son, Daniel, was one of 16 million who gave his life in World War I.

Moment of Silence

Breaking of the Silence (Seven Slow Tolls of the Bell)

Meaning of the 7 Bell Toll to the Soldier:

Toll 1 - They Responded...

Toll 2 - They Served...

Toll 3 - They Protected...

Toll 4 - They Defended...

Toll 5 - They Sacrificed...

Toll 6 - They Suffered...

Toll 7 - They Died.

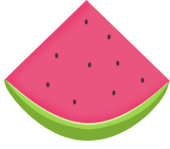
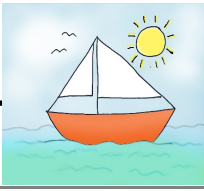


The Star-Spangled Banner

Taps & Laying of the Wreath

You may stand outside of your car doors in memory of our nation's fallen.

The Month of June 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1.	2. Board Meeting 6:30pm Fellowship Hall	3.	4.	5. 	6.
7. Service Begins again 	8.	9.	10 	11. L.O.A.F 10am Online	12.	13. 
14. Flag Day	15.	16 	17.	18.	19.	20. First day of Summer
21. Fathers Day Elder Meeting 8am	22. PASTORS VACATION	23.	24.		26.	26.
28. 	29. Pastor Returns	30.				

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.


Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

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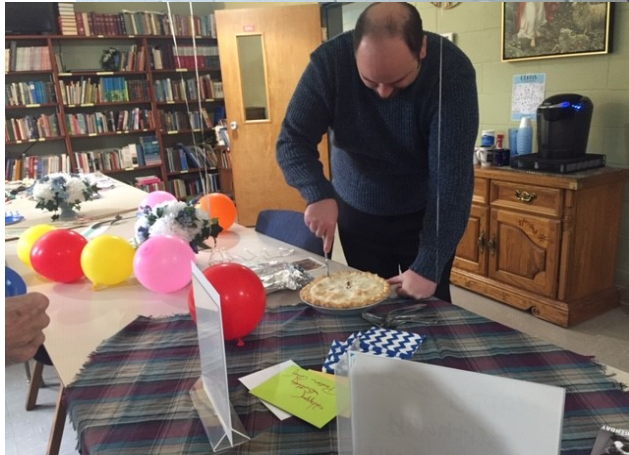
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Somebody had a birthday, I wonder who?



The Disturbed Pastor

The pastor had been disturbed by a person who was a fast reader.

"We shall now read the Twenty-third Psalm in unison," he announced.

"Will the lady who is always by 'the still waters' while the rest of us are in 'green pastures,' please pause until we catch up?"