

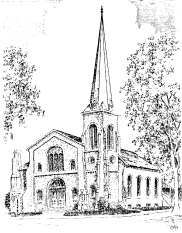


THE MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2015



CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MISSION & OUTREACH

Food Pantry

Our clocks have been set back and the daylight hours are quickly disappearing. But the numbers of folks with food insecurity problems coming to the Corning Community Food Pantry are not diminishing. Our statistics for the month of October, 2015 are as follows:

Households served: 707; Children served: 753; Adults served: 1401; Elderly served: 200; Total number of individuals served 2354.

We were closed on Columbus Day and closed early once.

We started our Thanksgiving Basket Application Process on Monday, October 5th. We follow criteria which enables us to serve as many households as possible and purchase healthy food items that allow folks to enjoy a nutritious Thanksgiving meal. These items include a whole turkey or ham slice, gravy mix, cranberry sauce, cranberry juice, canned fruits and vegetables, dairy if available, fresh produce, possibly eggs, and/or margarine and snacks. All purchases depend on cost and availability. If you wish to make a monetary donation to our **2015 Thanksgiving Basket Project**, please send your donation to: CCFP, PO Box 1255, Corning, NY 14830. Help make a difference during the

holiday season in the life of a person or persons who deal daily with food insecurity.

Monthly Pantry needs: canned tuna, canned soups, baby food, baby cereal and diapers. Please save and donate your clean plastic bags. We use them daily in our packing process.

We appreciate your help in the fight against hunger in our area.

Thank you also to those who helped in the recent Chicken Barbecue Fly-In at Costa's Airport. Both the Corning Community Food Pantry and the Painted Post Pantry appreciate all the volunteers, the sponsors, the vendors, the attendees and those who contributed food items. It was definitely a community event and the funds raised will go a long way in helping us help those in need.

DEACONS

Christmas Day Dinner

Our 2015 Christmas Day Dinner is fast approaching, and we need your help!

We need donations of food, such as turkeys, stuffing mix, pickles, olives, cheese, crackers, quick breads, and pies. We also need volunteers to help set up, with transportation, to serve, and to clean up. Sign-up sheets for donations and volunteers are located on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to check them out and consider how you might be able to help. Thank you!

The doors will open at noon, and dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m.

PARISH LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

Fellowship Time

Many thanks to the following committees and teams who have hosted Fellowship Times this fall: the trustees, the finance committee, the mission and outreach team, and the personnel committee.

If you would like to host a Fellowship Time some Sunday, please call Rose Houper, Susan Sheldon, or the church office. It is not difficult. Help is available and expenses are covered.

Wassail

The annual Wassail will take place following worship on Sunday, December 13th, in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your Christmas spirit and one dozen Christmas cookies (per family unit) to share with your church family as we join together to enjoy this traditionally beloved fellowship opportunity.

Birthday Party for Jesus

Please join us for a special Fellowship Time on Sunday, December 20th as we celebrate Christ's birth with birthday cake, coffee and punch.

WORSHIP & LITURGICAL LIFE



5:30 p.m. - Family Service

11:00 p.m. - Carols, Candlelight,
and Communion
Service

MAJOR GIFTS & ENDOWMENTS

The Telian Fund

The Telian Education Fund was established in 1986 by Margaret E. Telian in memory of Armen Telian and in honor of others of the Telian Family. The purpose of the Fund is to support the Christian Education program of the First Presbyterian Church.

The use of the Fund shall be upon recommendation of the Christian Education Committee to the Session for their approval.

First preference for the funds shall be for new projects, activities or support materials not covered by the annual budget – or to supplement the budget for the above.

Where appropriate, purposes supported by the Fund shall be noted in Messenger, Annual Report, or other such means.

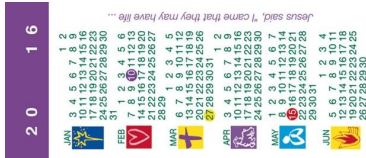


Mitten Tree

Once again we will be collecting new winter hats and mittens for distribution by the Salvation Army to those in need this winter season. Please help those less fortunate than us by dropping off new mittens, gloves and hats on our Mitten Tree in the Fellowship Hall November 29th through December 20th. Thank you all!

2016 CALENDAR KEY TAGS

The key tag calendars for 2016 will be distributed on Sunday, December 13th, following worship. Any remaining key tag calendars will be available in the church office.



POINSETTIAS

Would you like to place a poinsettia in the church for the Christmas season? The plants will be a part of the Christmas celebration and will then bring joy to others. Use this form to place your order for a plant. Following worship on Sunday, January 3rd, you may pick up your plant if you wish. Payment is due when the order is placed. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and note "Poinsettias" on the memo line.

Cost: \$8.00 per plant
 Deadline for ordering:
 Monday, November 30th

IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS RULES the last day contributions can be credited to your 2015 financial statement is Thursday, December 31st. Payments must be received, and mail must be postmarked by December 31st to be recorded in 2015. Payments received or postmarked after December 31st will be credited to your 2016 statement.



The office will be closed on Friday, December 25th. The church will also be closed on Friday, January 1st, for New Year's Day.

Remember, when the office is closed, you can leave a phone message and we will return your call when the office reopens. Or, if you have a pastoral emergency, you can call 607-207-6094.

Name of Donor(s):

Number of plants: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

I will pick up: Yes _____ No _____

MONTH OF DECEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 1 Liselotte Lull
David Rudy
- 2 James Ecker, Jr.
- 3 * Samuel Kelly
- 8 * Anthony Smaldone
- 10 Belinda Wilcox
- 11 * Megan Kelly
- 12 Kailee Neuner
- 14 Marjorie Denson
Rosalie Grigsby
- 16 Frank Hamm
- 17 Jeff Rice
- 19 Karen Perreault
- 20 * Hanna Millhollen
- 22 * Caitlin Holmes
- 23 Jeff Perrin
* Leah Rudy
- 25 Jesus
- 27 * David Kelly
- 31 Mary Baer
Barb McLaughlin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 7 Bob & Jean Boell
- 8 Jessie & Jackie Curry
- 12 Walter & Janet Jones
- 27 Robert & Margaret Brill



If we miss your special day, please let us know so we can include the information on our calendar.

Members, *children under 18, and non-member participants for whom we have birthday and anniversary information.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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**Church Hours: Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. - noon & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Church Email: office@corningpresby.org
Visit us on the web:
www.corningpresby.org**

**Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time: 11:30 a.m.**



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The Messenger is published monthly.

DEADLINE for January Messenger articles is December 15th. Articles may either be emailed to the church or left in the church office. Any information received after the 15th will appear in the February issue.