



THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2014



INTERIM CO-PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“The Three Days”

For Mary Magdalene, it ends with tears, disbelief, and then, a conviction that has earned her the title, “apostle to the apostles.” What ends for her? It is what for centuries has been called the *triduum*—Latin for “three days.” It is the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

John 20 records how she goes to the tomb, and instead of finding the body of Jesus, she is greeted by two angels. And when she **does** see Jesus—alive!—she mistakes him for the gardener. After Mary realizes the incredible, outrageous, and wonderful truth, the other disciples (the men) refuse to believe her.

What’s been going on for those three days? Why are they the three days like none other?

What is going on with the disciples? Surely they have feelings of grief, anguish, and fear. Perhaps there are voices of self-recrimination welling up within them. “What were we thinking? How could we have believed him?”

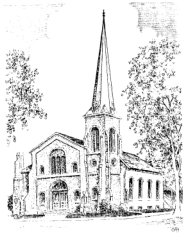
Those three days are an interim time like none other. There were so many things they talked about. There were so many dreams. There was so much that they felt like they could accomplish. Still, didn’t he make that strange comment that they would do even “greater works”? (Jn 14:12).

This is a model for interim time for all places and all seasons. It is a time for the birthing of dreams and visions. It is a time for seeing a new thing, for singing a new song. Still, not everything gets done. Not everything that we feel is important gets accomplished. We might try some things, and then realize that they really aren’t what we need. (At least, not now.)

And there’s always the astonishing discovery of what **we were sure was dead** coming back to life!

Your partner on this Easter journey,

Pastor James



CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MISSION & OUTREACH

Food Pantry

The cold weather continues, and everyone is tired of the freezing temperatures, snow, and ice. Due to the inclement weather we were closed two days in both January and February. In spite of the weather the monthly statistics of the Corning Community Food Pantry continue to hold steady.

In January we served: 624 households, 736 children, 1,286 adults, and 157 elderly. In February we served: 493 households, 563 children, 940 adults, and 131 elderly.

Please consider donating new or gently used clothing to our Pantry as clients are always in need. We could also use tuna, pasta, and canned fruit. These healthy nutritious items are favorites of children and elderly and are easy to serve. **Consider putting an extra item in your grocery cart each time you shop.** Food donations can have a significant impact on a pantry budget and clients are the benefactors of your generosity.

Corning Community Food Pantry volunteers and Board members appreciate your generosity and thoughtful sensitivity to the hunger issue on the lives of those in our community who suffer from it on a daily basis.



PARISH LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

Fellowship Time

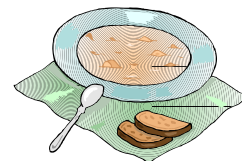
The PL&M Committee would like to thank the Girl Scouts and the Holmes family for hosting a weekly Fellowship Time in March.

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

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Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

Please join us for a delicious soup supper at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, to be followed by the meaningful Maundy Thursday worship service. Bring your own table service or use disposable. Also, reservations are needed by April 14th to help us plan to have plenty of soup! Several different types of soup will be served, as well as bread, beverages, and dessert.



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Ladies Night Out

Our traditional Ladies' Night Out will be held on Wednesday, April 30th, at 6:30 p.m. at Sorge's Restaurant on Market Street. Reservations are needed by Monday, April 28th. Meet us at Sorge's or call the church office if you need a ride. Hope to see you there!





PRAYER CORNER

For Today

Graham and Dee Wightman want to sincerely thank the person or persons who anonymously provided the alter flowers on February 23, 2014, in honor of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were beautiful, and we are still enjoying them at home. Thank you.

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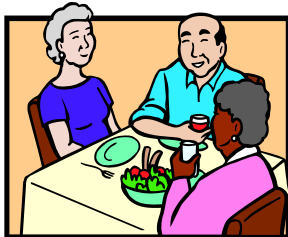
Thank you to everyone who had a part in my birthday celebration; what a great surprise!! It was wonderful to see and hear from so many of you. I miss you all more than you know. Thank you again!

Blessings and love,
Kathy Strack

First Lunch Bunch

The First Lunch Bunch will meet again on Wednesday, April 9th, at 12:00 p.m. Come and join us for great food and fellowship.

Reservations are required and the deadline is Monday, April 7th. So don't forget to call the church office to sign up or you can sign up on the Friendship Tablet on Sunday morning.



O God:

Give me strength to live another day;
Let me not turn coward before its
difficulties or prove recreant to its
duties;

Le me not lose faith in other people;
Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in
spite of ingratitude, treachery, or
meanness;

Preserve me from minding little stings
or giving them;

Help me to keep my heart clean, and
to live so honestly and fearlessly
that no outward failure can
dishearten me or take away the joy
of conscious integrity;

Open wide the eyes of my soul that I
May see good in all things;
Grant me this day some new vision of
thy truth,

Inspire me with the spirit of joy and
gladness; and make me the cup of
strength to suffering souls; in the
name of the strong Deliverer, our
only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Phillips Brooks, Forward Movement



First Presbyterian Church of Corning, NY
Profit & Loss
January 1 through March 11, 2014

	<u>Jan 1 - Mar 11, 14</u>
40000 · OPERATING INCOME	
<u>40001 · Pledges</u>	
44020 · Prior Year	78.00
44030 · Pledges	23,223.00
<u>Total 40001 · Pledges</u>	23,301.00
<u>40002 · Other Income</u>	
44070 · Loose Offerings	987.06
44080 · Building Use	1,850.00
44100 · Misc. Income	0.00
44110 · Initial Offering	132.00
44290 · Flower Fund	468.00
44300 · Weekday Preschool Payroll	8,900.82
<u>Total 40002 · Other Income</u>	12,337.88
<u>40003 · Mission Goals</u>	
44150 · \$.05 / Person/ Meal	66.00
44160 · Food Pantry	104.00
44170 · Souperbowl	214.81
<u>Total 40003 · Mission Goals</u>	384.81
<u>Total 40000 · OPERATING INCOME</u>	36,023.69
60000 · OPERATING EXPENSES	
<u>60001 · Ministerial Service</u>	
65010 · Minister	6,573.00
65030 · Ministers Auto Allowance	254.23
<u>Total 60001 · Ministerial Service</u>	6,827.23
<u>60002 · Administrative / Office</u>	
65060 · Admin. Assistant	4,269.16
65070 · Postage	432.08
65080 · Telephone	525.92
65090 · Office Supplies	211.84
<u>Total 60002 · Administrative / Office</u>	5,439.00
<u>60003 · Christian Education</u>	
65135 · Adult & Youth Faith Formation	494.32
<u>Total 60003 · Christian Education</u>	494.32
<u>60004 · Worship</u>	
65180 · Music Director	2,425.67
65200 · Organist	983.49
65230 · Music Library and Materials	272.72
<u>Total 60004 · Worship</u>	3,681.88
<u>60005 · Session</u>	
65280 · Outreach/Mission	120.00
65310 · Session	104.00
65335 · Interim Process	188.55
<u>Total 60005 · Session</u>	412.55
<u>60006 · Building & Grounds</u>	
65351 · Custodian	6,002.82
65370 · Trash Removal	132.00

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<u>65380 · Water</u>	434.92
<u>65390 · Gas - Church</u>	4,537.88
<u>65400 · Gas - Manse</u>	315.72
<u>65410 · Electric - Church</u>	576.70
<u>65420 · Electric - Manse</u>	236.86
<u>65450 · Supplies</u>	223.68
<u>65470 · Maintenance</u>	<u>1,222.24</u>
<u>Total 60006 · Building & Grounds</u>	13,682.82
<u>60007 · Personnel Expenses</u>	
<u>65480 · FICA Expense (7.65%)</u>	864.81
<u>65500 · NYS Disability</u>	108.44
<u>65520 · Medical Deductible</u>	1,000.16
<u>65550 · Pensions and Medical</u>	<u>7,727.70</u>
<u>Total 60007 · Personnel Expenses</u>	9,701.11
<u>60008 · Other Expenses</u>	
<u>64290 · Flower Fund</u>	230.00
<u>65600 · Deacons Regular</u>	147.61
<u>65640 · Weekday Preschool Payroll</u>	<u>6,144.72</u>
<u>Total 60008 · Other Expenses</u>	<u>6,522.33</u>
<u>Total 60000 · OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	<u>46,761.24</u>
Total Expense	<u>46,761.24</u>
 Net In- come	 -10,737.55
 Checking account balance	 8,831.58

MONTH OF APRIL

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 Carolyn Woughter
Mark Rogus
- 3 Trevor Sammis
- 6 Joan Woodhouse
Rev. Banu Moore
* Hannah Kelly
* Sadie Beres
- 7 Skip Moore
- 8 Kate Danforth
Stu Sammis
Kirk Allen
- 11 Gail Bartkowski
- 13 Susan Sheldon
- 14 Janet Jones
- 15 Kim Ecker
- 19 Kim Newton
- 20 * Justin Lapham
- 22 * Graham Robert Wightman
* Chloe Ann Wightman
- 24 Matthew Reppert
* Quintin Fisher
- 25 * Marcus McLaughlin
- 26 Patti Bradney
Cheryl Wightman
* Benjamin Smith
- 27 Norma Scott
George McLaren
- 28 Sally Richardson
Rob Wilcox

Happy Anniversary to:

- 8 Joe & Deborah Marino
- 16 Carlton & Barbara Fawcett
- 25 Michael & Carol Flook



If we miss your special day, please call the church office so we can get you entered on our calendar.

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

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



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DEADLINE for May Messenger articles is April 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 June issue.