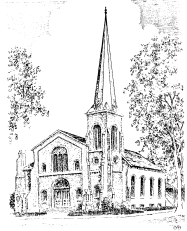




# THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2015



## CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### PRAYER CORNER

*Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works - Hebrews 10:24.*



One grasshopper seems insignificant as it leaps across a field. But when it joins forces with other grasshoppers, the resulting swarm can soon devour all the vegetation in its path.

Grasshoppers demonstrate the power of working together for a common cause. What they cannot do individually, they are able to accomplish together. In the Old Testament book of Proverbs, the wise man Agur observed, "The locusts have no king, yet they all advance in ranks" (30:27).

We can learn a lesson from these little creatures. Followers of Christ can make far greater advances for Him when they act and pray together than they could ever make alone. When Christians are united in serving the Lord, they can become a mighty force for God in fulfilling His purposes for the church.

Let's enjoy and contribute to the strength and fellowship of the unified body of Christ. An effective church will demonstrate the good sense of the grasshopper by our cooperation and unity in the Holy Spirit.

*We Christians have a kinship with all others who believe, and from that bond of faith and love a mutual strength receive.*

Our Daily Bread

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## MAJOR GIFTS & ENDOWMENTS

### College Scholarship Fund

This endowment was established to provide scholarships to students who are enrolled in a brick-and-mortar college or university studying in the sciences, the ministry, or the humanities.

This year we are planning to award two scholarships of \$300.00 each. Students who are members or have family who are members of FPC will have preference, but all students who apply will be considered.

Applications may be picked up in the church office or high school guidance office and completed applications must be returned to the church office by April 15, 2015.

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### The Memorial Garden

The First Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden was created in the summer of 2004 – dedicated October 31, 2004 – rededicated with the addition of columbarium October 2006.

The Memorial Garden is a place set apart where cremated ashes are placed. It allows ashes to be scattered in the soil, becoming part of a living garden, or placed in cremation urns in niches of the columbarium.

The Garden at First Presbyterian provides:

- an appropriate place for cremation
- a quaint place for meditation
- a place where small groups might meet
- where a single committal service might be had

Arrangements and applications shall be made through the church office or the minister.

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## PARISH LIFE

### Fellowship Time

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.

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### Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

Please join us for a delicious soup supper at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd, to be followed by the meaningful Maundy Thursday worship service.

Bring your own table service or use disposable, and, if possible, make a reservation by March 30th 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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### Dinner Theater

Join us on Saturday, April 25th, at 7:30 p.m. to see *Cats* at Corning-Painted Post High School. Dinner will be at Bob Evans Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at fellowship time on April 5th and 12th. If you missed the ticket sales, you are welcome to buy your own ticket directly from the high school box office and join us for dinner. Dinner reservations are due by April 22nd. This promises to be a most enjoyable evening.



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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, please. Meet us at Sorge's or call the church office if you need a ride. Hope to see you there!

## WORSHIP & LITURGICAL LIFE

### Kirkin' O' th' Tartans

Bagpipes, drums, banners, and people wearing tartans will be featured at Sunday morning worship on April 26th.

After the Risin' of 1745, it was illegal to wear tartans. It was also a crime to play the pipes or sing hieland songs. These laws played a unifying factor among Scots. Clans people walked to kirk (church) in a reverent and orderly fashion. At a certain time during the service, a signal known only to clergy and clans people, would be given. Then they would touch a piece of their tartan concealed on their person. The clergy would then bestow a blessing on clans and families.

In modern times this service was continued as an occasion when "Scots away from Scotland" would ask God's blessing. The custom started in the United States during World War II. The Presbyterian church has deep roots in the land of moors and heath. Today the Presbyterian church is rich in diversity, as it should be. At the Kirkin' "everyone is at least an honorary Scot." The service will include a blessing of the tartans.

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The Worship and Liturgical Life team is excited about worship in the upcoming months. In addition to ordained ministers and lay preachers, we have this special opportunity to draw on the unique God-given gifts that our own people have been blessed with. Let's support and encourage each other as we continue to grow together as a worshipping community. You won't want to miss a Sunday! Here's what we can look forward to in April:

- April 2 (Maundy Thursday): Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel, Presbyterian minister from Elmira
- April 5 (Easter Sunday): Rev. John Kotun, retired Reformed Church of America minister from Ithaca
- April 12: Ken Baer
- April 19: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel
- April 26 (Kirkin O' th' Tartans): Michele Johnson

The Worship and Liturgical Life Team is grateful for the leadership of the following people who lead worship during the month of March : Rev. Virginia Murray, Ernie Danforth, the youth of our church, and Curt Neuner.

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## Good Friday

There will be an Ecumenical worship service at Christ Episcopal Church at noon on Good Friday, April 3rd. The service will be followed by "Stations of the City." A cross will be carried to places of ministry in the city where you will hear about the ministry, sing a hymn, and say a prayer.

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### Church Community Project

From time to time, our church undertakes 'hands-on' work projects to help out worthy non-profit agencies in our community – in other words to provide more than just dollars: actual sweat equity. You might recall our help in house construction for the local Habitat for Humanity a few years ago.

This year the Mission and Outreach Committee would like you to consider helping out the Family Service Society on Saturday morning, April 18th, from 9 a.m. to noon at their offices at 280 Princeton Avenue Extension in Corning. They would like us to wash their windows and clean their rugs and will supply us with all needed equipment and supplies. We would work together as a group.

If you can help out on April 18th, please sign up on the sheet outside the office or call Laura at the office (937-5419). Help our church to show its desire to help maintain the fabric of our community.

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### Corning Community Food Pantry

Temperatures are cold, ice is prevalent and the snow is piled high. None of the aforementioned climate conditions deter those who are facing the hunger issue from making their way to the Corning Community Food Pantry.

In February, the Pantry served 419 households, 368 children, 817 adults, and 114 elderly. The Pantry was closed for one holiday and three snow days during this treacherous month. So the days we were open were very busy! The Pantry volunteers did a tremendous job serving those with a hunger issue. The volunteer enthusiasm, kindness, and dedication are simply immeasurable.

We are constantly in need of clean plastic bags for packing groceries. We really appreciate all of you who routinely bring in bags. That makes such a

difference in our operation. We can also use cans of tuna and creamed soups for casseroles. Baby food and baby cereals are always welcome. If you are getting around to spring cleaning, our Lending Library could use adult and children's books.

We appreciate your dedication to our Pantry and the hunger issue in our area. 

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## JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL

The Jewish Food Festival will be held at the Congregation Kol Ami at 1008 West Water Street in Elmira on Sunday, April 19th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Listen to mesmerizing Klezmer music, performed without a mesmerizer! There will be raffles and a Tchotchke Shop featuring treasures at old-fashioned prices. There will be a delicatessen, soups and hot dishes, dairy, Israeli fast food, a bakery, and beverages.

Admission is \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door and includes \$3.00 in food tickets. Children under 13 admitted free with an adult.

Tickets are available at Congregation Kol Ami, the Jewish Center & Federation, Cappy's in Elmira, the Glass Menagerie in Corning, or call 734-8122.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** to Shari Koval and her family on the death of her father, Kent Kiehl, a former member of this church.

## NEW PHONE NUMBER

Kathy Strack  
607-776-5480



The semi-annual book sale for Friends of the Library will be held Saturday, April 25th, through Saturday, May 2nd, (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. most days) at the East Corning Fire Hall. Donations are still being accepted at the Library.

# MONTH OF APRIL

## Happy Birthday to:

- 1 Carolyn Woughter  
Mark Rogus
- 3 Trevor Sammis
- 4 \*Olivia Smaldone
- 6 Joan Woodhouse  
\*Sadie Beres
- 7 Skip Moore
- 8 Kate Danforth  
Stu Sammis  
Kirk Allen
- 11 Gail Bartkowski
- 13 Susan Sheldon
- 14 Janet Jones
- 15 Kim Ecker
- 20 \*Justin Lapham
- 22 \*Graham Robert Wightman  
\*Chloe Ann Wightman
- 23 Susan Vermillion
- 24 Matthew Reppert  
\*Quintin Fisher
- 25 \*Marcus McLaughlin
- 26 Patti Bradney  
Cheryl Wightman  
\*Ben 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 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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Visit us on the web: [www.corningpresby.org](http://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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