



THE MESSENGER

JULY 2015



CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAJOR GIFTS & ENDOWMENTS

Mission Support Fund

The purpose of the Mission Support Fund is to support Christian mission projects and endeavors beyond the internal program and mission of First Presbyterian Church. It is a way of building on the annual giving by church members in their commitment to Jesus' "great commission" to "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." (Mark 16:14)

The fund was established May 15, 1996, with monies from a bequest from Sylvia Pierce Brown as well as memorial monies from family and friends in memory of Sylvia Pierce Brown and Donald Nicol Brown.

The Fund is an endowment. No part of the principal may be expended. Income from the Fund shall be used for mission projects or endeavors beyond the internal program of First Presbyterian. Projects may be anything from within the Corning area to world-wide. Efforts shall be made, over the years, to support a variety of projects, provide seed money for new projects, and avoid long-term support of an individual project.

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College Scholarship

On June 7th, a \$300 scholarship was presented to Emma Rogus who is enrolled at Appalachian State University in Boone,

North Carolina, and plans to major in business or sustainable development. She picked this college because of the strength of the academic program. The college is close to the Appalachian Trail which was appealing, and she has relatives in the area.

The scholarship is the result of the College Scholarship Endowment Fund which was established in 2013 by a gift from Dr. Milton and Margret Lapp. The endowment has grown since its inception as the result of numerous generous gifts.

WORSHIP & LITURGICAL LIFE TEAM

Pulpit Supply

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 July:

- July 5 Rev. Virginia Murray
- July 12 Michele Johnson
- July 19 Rev. John Kotun
- July 26 Gary Yoggy and Ernie Danforth

The Worship and Liturgical Life Team is grateful for the leadership of the following people who led worship during the month of June: Rev. Virginia Murray, Kim Holmes, Susan Vermillion, and Curt Neuner.

WEB MASTER

We are in dire need of a new Web Master for the church website. If you have talent in that area that you are willing to share with the church, please contact the office.

We appreciate your prayerful consideration of this request. Thank you.

Cheri Crozier, Clerk of Session

SUMMER CHURCH HOURS

During the summer, the church is open from 9:00 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday. Since vacations are scattered throughout the summer, if you need to know when the church will be open in the afternoon, please call the church office at 937-5419.

SUMMER PLEDGE REMINDER

Summer and vacation time are here! Even though the activities at the church slow down during the summer, we still have bills that need to be paid.

You can mail your check to the church office if you are unable to attend Sunday services. Have a great summer!



The Weekday Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. Please call the church office at 937-5419 for more information or for a brochure and application.

PRAYER CORNER

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. - Psalm 130:5

Most people hate waiting. We are told to hurry up and then end up waiting. We do a lot of waiting in bus terminals, train depots, and airports when going on vacation or home to visit family. While we don't enjoy the waiting, it is different. It is waiting with anticipation.

This describes the kind of waiting expressed by the writer of Psalm 130. He had been in the pit of despair over the guilt of his sins (vv. 1-3), and he had prayed and gained assurance of forgiveness (v. 4). But he explained that it was the Lord Himself for whom he was waiting - not just His forgiveness (v.5). He waited with the anticipation of a watchman who knows that light will appear in the morning (v. 6).

When we're hurting or in distress, we can look up and wait with anticipation. The Lord will come! Whether through a promise directly from His Word, the wise counsel from a friend, or the quiet witness of the Holy Spirit, He will meet our needs, as certainly as morning light always breaks through the darkness of night.

O my soul, wait on the Lord and know He sees your needs; he'll make His presence known to you through word or kindly deeds.

Our Daily Bread



MISSION & OUTREACH

Food Pantry

Special projects at the Corning Community Food Pantry have finished for the summer months but the daily activity remains hectic and constant. The May statistics continue to illustrate that hunger is still evident in our community and surrounding area. In May we served 565 households, 673 children, 1,239 adults, and 137 elderly.

Remember to ADD AN ITEM to your grocery list and DONATE to our pantry to help provide additional food since the children are at home for summer vacation. Special needs are baby food and baby cereal. Pantry food needed are cereal and tuna.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the Pantry, please send your contribution to CCFP, PO Box 1255, Corning, NY 14830.

If you are a golfer, mark your calendar for the Miraclefest's eighth annual community fund raiser for the benefit of our Pantry. This year's event will be a golf tournament held at the Corning Country Club on Sunday, September 20, 2015. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. We are looking for sponsors, silent auction items and raffle items, as well as teams. Golfers, this is an opportunity for a fun day for a good cause. For more information, visit www.miraclefest.com.

LITERACY PROGRAM

Did you know that 43% of the children attending school in the Corning Painted Post School District are eligible for free lunch? Although not in and of itself a very reliable statistic, it is an indication that there are a great number of economically-disadvantaged school children in our district. Were you also aware that reading levels at the third grade level are a very strong predictor of success in high school and beyond? Since Winfield Elementary, the school Barb Hampson taught at for many years, has a very high percentage of the disadvantaged school children, in an effort to make a difference, the Corning Rotary Club will adopt a kindergarten class this fall and provide each member of the class with a new book each month for the kindergarten year, the first grade year, and the second grade year. This is an effort to encourage them to read. Many of these children have no books at home. These books will be the students to keep if they so desire. In the third grade year, these students will be tested like all the rest of the third graders, and the program will be evaluated. The cost of this program because of good relationship with Scholastic Books is about \$1,000 annually. But this is one class in one school for the entire district.

To mark our 40th wedding anniversary, we are going to challenge you, our friends and colleagues, to help us make a difference in our community. We want to adopt another kindergarten class at Winfield School and supply them with books for the next three years. To further demonstrate our commitment to this project, Kate and I will match the first \$500 pledged to this campaign with \$500 of our own. Since we made this announcement in church on May 31st, we have already collected over \$1,100. Soon we will meet with the Principal at Winfield Elementary to explore ways we as a congregation can make a difference with these children. If you would like to make a financial contribution, send it to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning with a note that it is for the literacy program.

If the contributions exceed our expectations, our plans are to expand this program. We will keep you informed of our progress. For those of you who have contributed, we thank you. If you have not, we hope you prayerfully consider it.

Ernie and Kate Danforth



MONTH OF JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 1 * Jacob DeRosa
- 2 Dorothy Cawley
Cheri Crozier
- 5 Deborah Marino
- 7 * Brittney Millhollen
- 8 Evelyn Wood
Danielle Beres
- 10 * Owen Sharman
- 13 Wayne Templer
- 14 Gary Yoggy
Kay Rogus
- 15 Marilyn Hagy
Brendan Holmes
- 16 Liz Shoemaker
- 17 Ray Hampson
- 20 Sally McLean
- 23 * Victoria Holmes
- 25 Matthew Smith
- 27 Albert Johnson, III
- 29 Chet Chang
- 30 Becky Speciale
* Anya Beres
- 31 Forrest Behm

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 15 Jim & Carolyn Woughter
- 19 David & Jimma Powers
- 23 John & Kathy Keech
- 31 Robert & Liselotte Lull
Brendan & Kimberly Holmes



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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www.corningpresby.org**

**Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time: 11:30 a.m.**



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