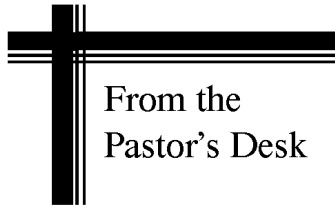


THE MESSENGER

JULY 2019



From the
Pastor's Desk

Faith Hacks

Dear sister or brother in Christ,

How in the world are you? Are you happy? Could you use some more joy in your life?

I encourage you to try the following spiritual practice for a month and see if it does not increase the amount of joy and peace you are experiencing. Summer is a good time to try new things, so why not give this a shot?

Not too long after you wake up in the morning, spend 5 minutes talking to Jesus about whatever you are thankful for. 5 minutes. That's all, unless you want to talk longer, but start small. When you run out of things to talk about, just listen for the rest of the time. Listen for what God might be saying to you. Set a timer if it helps. The important thing is to begin the day by expressing gratitude to Jesus for all the blessings you have been given and not to short the Lord or yourself on the time.

Next, around midday, on your lunch break or other convenient time, find a place where you can concentrate and spend 5 minutes praying for **Others**. Pray for their needs. Ask God to bless them, especially that person you can't stand. Pray for family, pray for friends, pray for co-workers, pray for enemies, You get the idea. If you run out of people to pray for and still have time left, just listen. What might God be saying to you about your relationships with other people? Again, set a timer if it helps. The important thing is to lift up the people in your life and pray on their behalf.

Last, sometime before going to bed at night, spend 5 minutes praying for **Yourself**. God cares about you and your needs and, like any loving parent, it pleases God when we ask for what we need. What are you struggling with? Where are the places of longing in your soul? What needs are going unmet? Try talking with God about those and see where the conversation takes you. And yes, if you run out of things to talk about, spend the rest of the time listening to what God may be saying to you about your life. The important thing is to recognize in prayer that you are God's child, precious and loved. There is no detail of your life, no matter how seemingly small, that is beneath God's loving care. So let God care for you.

As I'm sure you've noticed, the first letter of each time of prayer spells J.O.Y. Of course, this is no accident. We experience joy in our lives to the extent that we are closer or further away from God. Prayer draws us closer; sin and the distractions of life pull us further away. The mistake many of us make in trying to cultivate a habit of prayer is to bite off more than we are spiritually ready to chew. Martin Luther may have said, "I have so much to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer," but no one is capable of that kind of prayer marathon starting out on their spiritual journey and, frankly, I am not convinced it is all that productive for our relationship with God. What I do know is productive is a *habit of regular prayer*. Anybody can pray for 5 minutes three times a day. Anybody. None of us is so busy that we cannot carve out 5 minutes three times a day for prayer. And if we feel like we can't, then that is something we need to take a hard look at and do something about.

The Apostle Paul told us that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23). God desires that each and every one of us enjoy these gifts, but we can't receive them as long as we avoid spending time with their Giver. 5 minutes three times a day. Jesus, Others, Yourself. Try it for a month and see if they do not increase in your life.

You can do it, Christian! Jesus has faith in you and so do I!

Grace and peace to you all,
Pastor Jeff

The Corning Community Food Pantry

We have served around 400 families who have come to our location in East Corning. We are now located at 11715 East Corning Road. As you head east from Corning on Route 352, turn back at the bowling alley exit to access the Pantry. We are open on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 until noon, Wednesday 10:00 until 2:00, Thursday and Friday noon until 3:00 and the second and fourth Saturdays 10:00 until noon. Our phone number is 607-962-6750.

Items that we could use this month are dish soap, laundry soap, and hand or bar soap. These are items that are often requested by our clients and are available only if donated. Thank you so much for your continuing support. We are so appreciative of your willingness to help us in our mission to eliminate hunger in our area.



Submitted by Jean K. Krebs Corning Community Food Pantry

Baccalaureate Service

We are happy to announce the first Baccalaureate Service we held at First Presbyterian Church on June 23 was a success! We had 63 friends and family members attend and 10 graduates.

What is a Baccalaureate Service?

Baccalaureate is a service of Christian worship giving thanks to God for all of the blessings given to students in our community who have completed diplomas and asking God's continued blessing on them in the next stage of their life journey. At the service, we glorify God who has graced us with the abilities to teach, learn and grow "in stature and wisdom" (Luke 2:52) Baccalaureate services challenge us to bless God through the developing of the gifts we have been given. We acknowledge that our abilities are not just for personal use but intended to be shared in the community. As we approach the transitions that graduations signify, together we affirm that God is with us throughout all our days. Thank you to everyone who attended in support of our local graduates.

Dear Church Partners,

Recently we announced our Foreign Exchange student program to you. Our goal is to have 3-4 foreign exchange students join us this next year and we are excited to share with you that a female student, Yui, is ready to come to CCA! Yui is 15 years old and from Tokyo, Japan. She is only waiting on a family to commit to hosting her and that's where you come in! Would you consider being a host family to Yui? If you are praying about this and would like more information, please reach out to the main office ASAP. Students are being placed now for the upcoming school year! If you are interested but think a male student might be a better fit for your family, please let us know that too. We have 2 male students who are currently looking at CCA! Or maybe it's not you, but a family you know has been considering this fantastic opportunity. The family does NOT need to be a CCA family to host, but there is a tuition discount available to our families. We are excited about what these opportunities could bring to our school, to the students coming to us from other countries, and to your families!

In Christ,

Mrs. Erin Hughson
Director of Development
Corning Christian Academy





Please take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Bell Choir and Sr. Choir for the wonderful music they provided over the last year. Thank you also to David Smith for his work in helping coordinate special events as well as directing and assisting both choirs. We hope to see you all back in September!

Bell Choir 2019	Years of Service	Sr. Choir 2019	Years of Service
Denise Allen	13	Mary Baer	31
Kirk Allen	13	Kathryn Baker	18
Gail Bardhan	26	Ann Blood-Smith	3
Ann Blood-Smith	3	Ernie Danforth	38
Jimma Powers	17	Janice Haynes	34
Peggy Schuckers	19	Janet Jones	25
Garrett Smith	3	Walter Jones	27
Jackson Smith	2	Diana Neuner	12
Wyatt Smith	3	Anna Jean Smith	17
Dee Wightman	24	Jackson Smith	3
		Susan Vermillion	6
		Barb Worthey	11
		Gary Yoggy	18





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hosted by:

First Presbyterian Church, Salvation Army,
Christ Episcopal Church,
First United Methodist Church

Where: First Presbyterian Church,
1 East First Street, Corning
When: August 5-9, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Register at Cokesburyvbs.com/corningpresby

Facebook: [Corning First Presbyterian Church](#)

For more information contact the
First Presbyterian Church, Corning
607-937-5419

Recruiting ASTRONAUTS AND GUIDES
To Assist with
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5th -9th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

For more information contact the
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2019 Lapp Memorial College Scholarship Fund Recipients



Lapp Memorial College Scholarship Endowment Fund was founded in 2013 by Dr. Milton Lapp and his wife Margret in memory of their son Dr. Josef (J.C.) Lapp. The fund has grown rapidly through the generous donations of family, church, and community members. This year the Major Gifts & Endowment Committee offered 3 scholarships of \$500 each.

Our thanks to Margret and her husband, Dr. Milton Lapp, and their family for their generosity in establishing the scholarship fund. This is a wonderful memorial and will continue to benefit our local graduates for years to come. We are happy to announce our three recipients of the \$500 Lapp Memorial College Scholarships for 2018 are Katelyn Beck from Corning, Brynne Ketchum from Big Flats, and Alyssa Lynde from Cameron.

KATELYN BECK: Katelyn will be graduating from Corning Painted Post High School this June. She has been involved in many church activities at the Beartown Road Alliance Church to include teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and attendance at Leadership Camp at Houghton College.

Katelyn has also participated in extracurricular activities such as Pep Band, Youth Group Leader and is involved in the Connected Christian Club. Congratulations to Katelyn for having a High School GPA of 96.42 and being inducted into the National Honor Society at CPP. Katelyn has also taken the initiative to stand at the entrance to her school and greet students each morning with a "high five" to start their day. She does this as a way to show non-discriminating unconditional love to everyone and help end hate in our little corner of the world.

Her plans are to major in theology and psychology at Houghton College this fall. She hopes to further her education by going to grad school and getting her Master's in Psychology and becoming a youth counselor.



BRYNNE KETCHUM: Brynne will be graduating from Corning Painted Post High School this June. She attends All Saints Parish in Corning where she has attended a Faith Based Interaction Retreat as well as the Steubenville Conference.

Brynne has been a participant in the Corning Track & Cross Country Team and the Prefo Running Team as well as volunteering at PRC and attending a Leadership Conference. Congratulations to Brynne for achieving a High School GPA of 93 and being inducted into the National Honor Society at CPP. She also received an induction into the National Technical Honor Society, Hands of Christ Award, and Principles Award at CPP High School.

Along the way, Brynne has included in her busy life employment as an office cleaner at Benjamin F. Edwards.

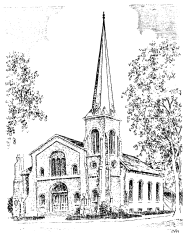
Her plans are to study the Sciences at Canisius College this fall followed by Medical School where she hopes to become an OBGYN Doctor.

ALYSSA LYNDE: Alyssa will be graduating from Addison High School this June. Alyssa attends the Victory Highway Wesleyan Church.

Alyssa has participated in many extra-curricular activities while attending school such as basketball, soccer, softball, track and field, Girl Scouts, and Yearbook Club. She has volunteered at the local Animal Haven. We also congratulate Alyssa for achieving a GPA of 4.0, being on the high honor roll, and being inducted into the National Honor Society at Addison Central School. She has received awards for 1st and 2nd team All-Star for soccer in Steuben County.

Alyssa has worked outside jobs, along with her busy school life, such as working serving ice cream, refereeing, and outside/landscape work.

Her future plans include attending Hobart William Smith College where she will major in Biology and minor in Nutrition with an interest in becoming a Nutritionist. Hobart William Smith has awarded her a well-earned scholarship also.



CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Shepherd's Table

We are looking for servers and cakes for the upcoming Shepherd's Table.

Three times a year - - - our church is responsible to prepare and serve the Sunday Meal at the Corning Salvation Army. Our next opportunity is Sunday, July 28. Servers need to be available from about 3:00 – 5:30 pm and cakes need to be delivered to the church on Sunday morning.



If interested in helping out, please contact Cheri Crozier.

SUMMER MUSIC

SING PRAISES!



Since our choirs are on break for the summer, we invite anyone who wishes to provide special music for Sunday morning Worship to do so. Can you sing or play a musical instrument, or know someone who can? Or, if you want to sing and need accompaniment, we can help you! Do you have children who wish to sing but need someone to play piano for them? We can help! Please contact Rosie in the church office if you would like to be put on the schedule. All ages, genders, and abilities are welcome. Help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Thank You



For Your Kindness

Thank you all for the wonderful retirement party and donations that you gave to me June 16. Your generosity is overwhelming. Scott and I were certainly right when we said that the congregation of this church felt like a family from the first time we attended. We are glad I am only retiring and we not moving away. We love all of you and look forward to being a part of the First Presbyterian Church family for years to come. Thank you again!

JULY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

7 – Swenson Committee
14 – P.L. and F.
21 – Hand Bell Choir
28 – Faith Formation Committee



JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 1 * Jacob DeRosa
- 2 Cheri Crozier
- 5 Deborah Marino
- 7 * Brittney Millhollen
- 8 Evelyn Wood
Danielle Beres
*Michael
McNaughton
- 13 Wayne Templer
- 14 Gary Yoggy
Kay Rogus
- 15 Marilyn Hagy
Brendan Holmes
- 16 Pastor Jeff
- 17 Ray Hampson
- 25 Matthew Smith
- 27 Albert Johnson, III
- 30 Becky Speciale
* Anya Beres

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 15 Jim & Carolyn Woughter
- 19 David & Jimma Powers
- 23 John & Kathy Keech
Eli and Kailee Van Brunt
- 31 Brendan & Kimberly
Holmes

THE KISS OF PEACE

*Steadfast love and faithfulness
will meet;
Righteousness and peace will
kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from
the ground,
And righteousness will look
down from the sky.*

Psalm 85:10-11

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Jesus is our focus
in all that we do.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURS- DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	1	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 8:30a Fellowship Breakfast
7 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	8	9	10	11	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	15	16	17	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship	22	23	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship 3:00-5:00p Shepherds Table	29	Vacation Bible School runs August 5-9, 2019, from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join in the fun. All children from First Grade - Fifth Grade are encouraged to attend. This years theme is TO MARS AND BEYOND.				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11:30 AM

“He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.”

Deuteronomy 10:21 (NIV)

Reverend Jeffrey Ugoretz, Pastor

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