

PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE 2021 MESSENGER



"Now is the winter of our discontent
Made glorious summer ... "

—William Shakespeare, *Richard III*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It seems like every day brings news of restrictions lifting and signs of new hope in our corner of the globe. With all my heart I urge you and those you love to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible so that we may finally turn the page on this pandemic which has killed so many in our country and around the world.

As we look forward to the ending of the "winter of our discontent" and the dawn of a "glorious summer," my hope is that we will all take a moment and reflect. How did we get here? In addition to God, whom should we thank? Having emerged from treacherous waters, what is our new course? Will we only attempt to recapture the way things were before or can we do and be something better? Along with tragedy, there is great opportunity in this season of pandemic, if only we choose to realize it.

As the body of Christ, it is my prayer that we not be in such a rush to get to summer that we lose the precious lessons we have learned at such great price. Lessons like that we are not a collection of rugged individualists but a community where everyone needs each other. That being a good neighbor is what makes a collection of houses into a neighborhood. That being able to see one another's faces in worship on Sunday morning could become something we missed so much. I'm sure there are other hard lessons we've all learned as we've ground through this long pandemic season together. What are some that you have learned? And now that you've learned them, what will you do from now on?

Each of us has the power to make someone else's life harder or easier today. We can be grateful or ungrateful for what God provides. We can use our "time, talents, and treasures" to pursue our own pleasure or find our deepest satisfaction in bringing wholeness and joy to another. As the body of Christ, our mission is not to return the world to normal, but to help transform the world into the kingdom of God. God grant us all the grace to never be content with "normal" when we have been called and empowered to do so much more.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jeff



CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SESSION RESPONDS TO RECENT CDC GUIDANCE

At its meeting on May 20, the Session discussed the latest guidance from the CDC on mask wearing and social distancing and its impact on Sunday worship. We took into account the growing number of people in the congregation who are vaccinated and the lowering risk of contracting COVID-19 overall. At the same time, we are aware that children under 12 cannot yet be vaccinated and that there may be people in our congregation who cannot be vaccinated for health reasons. Neither does anyone want to create an environment where we are interrogating everyone who enters the sanctuary as to their vaccination status. Taking these and other potential factors into account, the Session decided to take an incremental approach to changing the guidelines we have been worshiping under since September. Here is what we decided to do, effective May 30:

- We ask that all congregants continue to wear masks while entering, exiting, and moving about the sanctuary and narthex (entryway);
- Unless you are all of the same household, we ask that all congregants continue to physically distance themselves from one another by sitting only in separate pews marked with blue tape.
- Once you are seated, congregants may remove their masks so long as they remain seated during worship. If you need to get up, please wear your mask.

THE CHURCH MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

MAY 14, 2021

INCOME

Jan 1 - May 14 **\$43,783.68**
(pledges and special offerings)

EXPENSES

Jan 1 - May 14 **\$90,265.99**
(salaries for staff of 4,
utilities, office and cleaning
supplies, maintenance, insurance,
Local and global mission)

DEFICIT TO DATE **\$46,482.31**

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- Anyone who wishes to leave their mask on during worship is welcome to do so. Whether people choose to remain masked or not while seated is a matter of personal conscience and no one should be made to feel judged one way or the other.

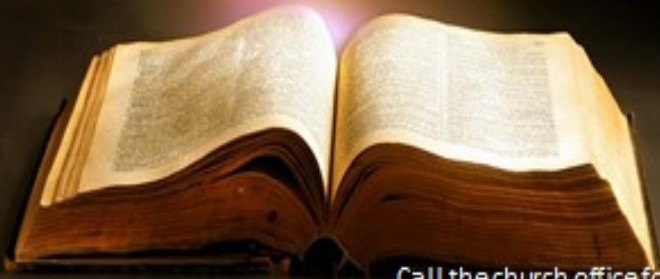
We will continue to monitor the general health of the congregation and surrounding community and make further changes as we deem it safe enough to do so. God bless our congregation and community with health and well-being.



Join Us For Our Weekly Zoom Meetups

**BIBLE STUDY (open forum)
with Pastor Jeff
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
WEDNESDAY AT 11:00 AM**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME
WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY
THURSDAYS AT 11:00 AM**



Call the church office for more information at 937-5419



Please Join Us!

**LUNCH IN THE GARDEN
SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

**On Sunday June 6, Parish Life and Fellowship is
hosting an outdoor light lunch event
in the Memorial Garden.**

**All foods will be packaged,
and social distancing will be practiced.**

**On that Sunday, Dr. Boell and his wife Jean,
will join us for worship
as they are on their way to Chautauqua.**



WINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

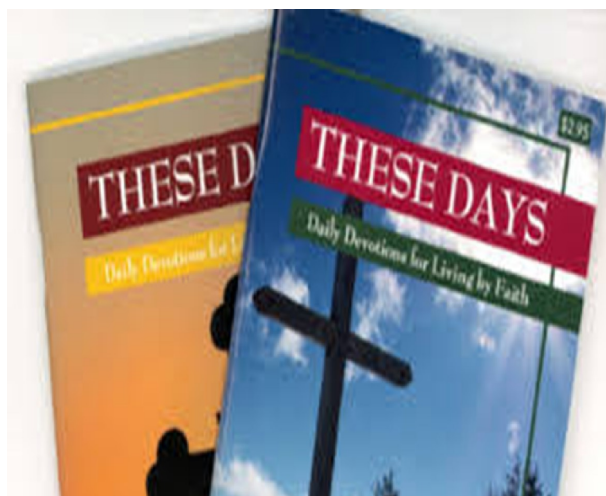


Kudos to All! We have received \$1,505 and gone over our goal of \$1,500. Let's keep going! Thank you to all who are supporting this local program and investing in the future of Winfield School kids!



THESE DAYS

Daily Devotions for Living by Faith

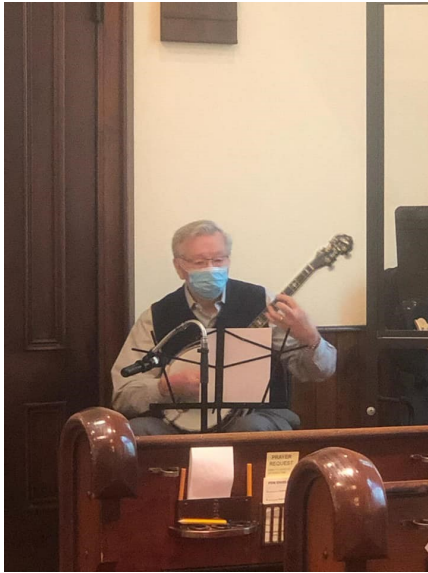


THESE DAYS
Daily Devotions for
Living by Faith For
April/May/June
2021

are now available in the back of the
church or in the courtyard entryway



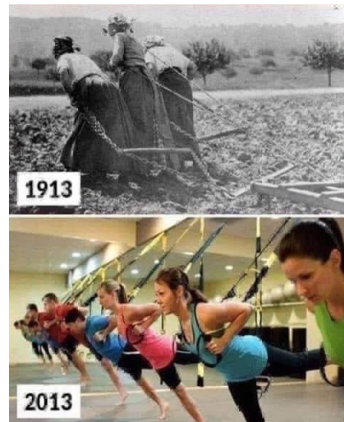
MAY I NEVER
FORGET ON
MY **BEST DAY**,
THAT I **STILL**
NEED GOD AS
DESPERATELY
AS I **DID** ON
MY **WORST**.



AND THE BEAT GOES ON...

We were so thankful for Michael McNaughton (drums), Dave Anderson (banjo), Jackson Smith (bass), Ernie Danforth (vocals) and David Smith (Music Director) for giving their God-given talents for the work of his church at Sunday's worship service on May 16.

HOW DID WE GET THERE!



Generation Gap! 😂



GET TO KNOW

OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS



Wanji Seo was born in Seoul, South Korea and was brought up in a Christian family. I've lived in different countries in Asia, the Middle East, and the US (PA, OH, and NY), and Christianity is something I've always kept wherever I go. I came to Corning to work as an analyst for intellectual property management, which mainly involves patent and technology analysis. It has been wonderful to meet church members, and I have decided to continue and deepen my Christian faith at FPC. When away from work, I love hiking and enjoying Southern Tier scenery. I also like to cook diverse ethnic cuisines. My daily favorite activity is reading the Scriptures and trying to understand the meaning of them.

Lois McNaughton grew up on the largest lake in Orange County, New York in the Town of Newburgh. After high school Lois moved to New York City to live with her grandmother, study history and escape small town life. Along the way she took a filing job at a small boutique investment company in the city. Thirty years later, she still works with the same team and is Vice President of Montrose Advisors Incorporated.

Along the way she picked up an MBA to help her in the job, and about 15 years ago she left the big city for Beaver Dams (God has a sense of humor) to start raising her family. She continued to work remotely for the same investment firm. Today she is a solo mom of three boys: Michael, Luke, and Gregory. She has been active in the Winfield School PTA and local running groups.

Lois enjoys running, hiking, biking and swimming and has competed in a few marathons and 70.3 triathlons. Her hobbies include travelling, reading historical novels, and vegetable gardening.

She has been attending FPC since 2016, shortly after Gregory, her youngest, received his first book as part of the FPC reading partnership with Winfield.



Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library

BOOK SALE

June 5-26, 2021

IN THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, NY

**Open During Regular Library Hours- Check Website ssclibrary.org
Or Call (607) 936-3713**

Stock Frequently Replenished --- Each Week Prices Reduced

June 5-11 Full Price

June 12-18 25% off Full Price

June 19-25 50% off Full Price

June 26 Bags \$3.00, Boxes \$5.00 and Up



**Friends
of the
Library**

**This is a smaller sale, with limited capacity.
We suggest you bring your own bags!**

Most items priced .50 to \$3.00 Excluding Specials

MASKS REQUIRED Cash or Checks Only

God's creation speaks to us in so many different ways, often to our surprise.



MAY 2021 - TRIVIA ANSWER

Last month's Trivia picture shows the Choir Loft balcony floor with the plywood removed, exposing the floor joists. This is midway through the process of running 12/2 MC cable to supply electricity to the wall outlet (rectangular hole) and to hardwire the 2 emergency lights attached to the lower east edge of the balcony.

First Presbyterian Church Building Trivia June, 2021

This month's Trivia does not involve the Church Building, but it definitely pertains to the Church. First Presbyterian Church has a vast history of mission locally and globally. Can you guess where and when this picture was taken? What is being worked on?

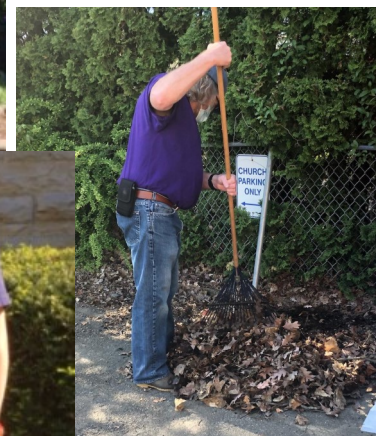


Email Curt at sexton@corningpresby.org with your guess.

Check out next month's Messenger for the answer and another bit of Church Building Trivia.

SATURDAY, MAY 16 CHURCH CLEANUP DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you volunteers! Your willingness to give freely of your time was greatly appreciated, and your efforts show on the church grounds. Having 18 of you participating made the tasks get done quickly and easily... we thank you for all you do for our church!





LAPP MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

The College Scholarship Endowment Fund was created in 2013 by Dr. Milton Lapp and wife Margret in memory of their son Dr. Josef (J.C.) Lapp. In 2018 it was renamed the Lapp Memorial College Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The Fund provides scholarships for students enrolled in a brick-and mortar college or university. Students who are members, or have family members who are members of First Presbyterian Church of Corning and students studying the sciences, the ministry, or the humanities, will have preference, but all students who apply will be considered.

This year, as in the past few years, three \$500 scholarships were awarded. The recipients this year are:

Owen Fisher from Big Flats - CPP High School

Nicholas Jubilee from Painted Post - CPP High School

Mary Parker from Corning - CPP High School

Congratulations! Please join us for Sunday Worship Service, June 13 as we give recognition to these deserving recipients.

Kay Rogus is starting a new chapter in her life and moving out of the area to North Carolina. Thanks to all the focus on communication technology during the Pandemic, she will be able to continue as a member of our Session and acting as Presbyterian Commissioner. Kay has been the spearhead for our memorial gardens and church grounds for many years and has been active on many committees, for this we give thanks to you! Although she will not be actively maintaining the grounds, she will still be part of church policy decision making. Thank you Kay for all your past participation within the church and we look forward to your continuing with the church in this different form. Here is Kay's new address information.

17 Craftsman Circle
Asheville, North Carolina 28805
Cell Phone Number 607-368-5011 (same)



PENTECOST—SPECIAL OFFERING

Children at Risk - Youth – Young Adults

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Envelopes available in the back of the church or call the church office to have one mailed to you today.



An original musical presented by the CPPHS Drama Club
June 3-5 at 7:00 PM & June 6 at 2:00 PM

Dear Corona...

an original musical
presented by the
Corning-Painted Post
High School Drama Club

7:00 PM on June 3, 4, 5
2:00 PM on June 6
2021

David H. Smith, Jr.
music & lyrics

Michael Hurd
story & script

Amy Ginalski
choral & instrumental
arrangements

Taylor Hurd
additional music & lyrics



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MONTH OF JUNE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 2 Ken Baer
- 14 Jacquelyn Jones
- 15 Peggy Schuckers
- Nicole Ecker
- 17 Kathryn Baker
 - * Michael Sheldon
 - * Caroline Sheldon
- 18 Carly Morrisey
- 22 Margaret Brill
- 23 Susan Vermillion
- 24 * Charlotte Rogus
 - * Emma Rogus
 - * Natalie Rogus
- 28 Diana Neuner
 - * Liam Holmes
- 30 Charlie McLaren

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 4 Mike & Becky DeRosa
- 11 David & Diane Rudy
- 20 Ken & Marilyn Thomas
- 30 Skip & Alice Moore



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



JUNE 2021

First Presbyterian Church
1 East First Street
Corning, NY 14830



Jesus is our focus in
all that we do.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 6:30p Mission & Outreach	2 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study "The Gospel of John"	3 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time 5:30p Worship Committee	4	5
6 10:30a Communion Worship Service FACEBOOK YOUTUBE Lunch in the Garden	7	8 6:30p Deacons	9 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study "The Gospel of John"	10 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time 5:30p Trustees	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 10:30a Worship Service FACEBOOK YOUTUBE Recognition Awards Sunday	14 	15	16 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study "The Gospel of John" 6:30p Faith Formation	17 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time	18 Church Office Closed	19
20 10:30a Worship Service FACEBOOK YOUTUBE Men of the Church Sunday	21	22 5:30p Library Reno Meeting	23 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study "The Gospel of John"	24 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time 6:30p Session	25 Church Office Closed	26
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THE MESSENGER

First Presbyterian Church

1 East First Street

Corning, New York 14830

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Jesus Is
Our
Focus
In All
We Do

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Our Facebook Page:

www.fb.me/CorningFirstPresby

The YouTube Channel:

www.bit.ly/CorningWorship

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all
places of his dominion. Bless the
Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103:22

Reverend Jeffrey Ugoretz, Pastor

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(closed 12 - 1 for lunch)

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