



THE MESSENGER

MAY 2013



INTERIM CO-PASTORS' MESSAGE

The fifty day long season of Easter ends this month on Sunday the 19th. That is the day of Pentecost, which is sometimes called the birthday of the church. The word "Pentecost" means "fiftieth." It's the Greek name for the Hebrew Festival of Weeks. As Christians, what really gets our attention is Acts 2:1-4, which reads:

"When the day of Pentecost had come, [the disciples] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

Speaking in tongues! That gets the attention of plenty of people! These followers of Jesus have been through a lot recently. Their Lord and friend has been crucified, put in a tomb, and raised from the dead. As the Christ, he has ascended. Now, as promised, the Spirit has visited them and filled them with power.

Still, aside from the drama and spectacle, the real power of the Spirit is seen in the halting, stumbling efforts that this community of people from different backgrounds demonstrates in their life together. "With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need" (Acts 4:33-35).

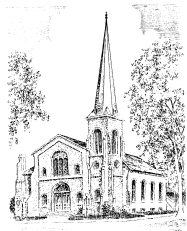
Here's what Jürgen Moltmann says about it: "Why does the Pentecost community always have 'more than enough'? Because the power of the resurrection and the Spirit of fellowship have liberated them from the fear of death and from anxiety about life. If God is for us, if God is in our midst, between each and all of us, then there is no longer any want, in any sector of life. People share everything and share *in* everything, *divide* and *confide* all that they have. That is the message of the Pentecost community in Jerusalem, which made so many rich. And that is their message to us as well."

There isn't any one single right way to "do" church. Still, what can we in Corning learn from their example? One of the amazing things about the Spirit is that there is always more than enough. Can we trust that? Can we trust the call and receive the courage it takes to be Pentecost people?

May we seek the power of the Spirit,

Pastors Banu and James

**REMINDER - PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 19TH
DON'T FORGET TO WEAR RED**



**CORNERS AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

PARISH LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

Fellowship Time

The PL&M team would like to thank the following groups for hosting a weekly Fellowship Time in April: Revs. James and Banu Moore, the Finance Committee, and the Worship & Liturgical Life Team. We would also like to recognize the contributions (of both time and talents) of many individuals who have helped us to provide fellowship opportunities to the congregation in recent weeks. We couldn't do all that we do without the generous help of so many of YOU!

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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Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will be held on Wednesday, May 1st, at 6:30 p.m. at EnEn Chinese Buffet. Reservations are needed by April 28th. Carpooling is available. Just let the church office know if you need a ride. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of fellowship.



**PASTORAL CARE
CONTACT CARDS**

GOOD NEWS!! The long-awaited Pastoral Care Contact Cards have arrived. As you will recall, in May of 2012, Session adopted a plan of providing each member of the congregation over the age of 18 a pastoral care contact card to be used upon admission to Corning Hospital (and, hopefully, other hospitals) so that the church is notified. It was recommended that these cards be kept with your insurance information so as to be readily accessible.

Use of these cards is strictly voluntary, but they will be helpful in allowing our Interim Pastors and Deacons know who is in need of a hospital visit inasmuch as this information is not always readily provided to the church.

The cards are now available to be picked up in the office. If you are unable to pick yours up, please notify the office, and your cards will be mailed to you.

The cards must be signed. If you are going to laminate your card, please remember to sign it first.

If you have any questions regarding the use of these cards, please call the church office (937-5419).



**Pastoral Care Contact Card for
1st Presbyterian Church, Corning**

Your Name

To Health Care Facility: Immediately upon my admission, please call: 607-937-5419 or 607-654-7875. Please try *both* numbers before leaving a recorded message.

Patient Signature

OUTREACH & MISSION

Church World Service Spring Kit Drive

Put your hearts and hands into action and put together CWS Kits. Our truck will once again be picking up kits in May. For more info contact the Upstate NY Regional Office at: 315-458-8535 or email: abobbette@churchworldservice.org For detailed information about what goes into each kit and how to pack them go to: www.cwsglobal.org/kits

Please help us run an efficient kit drive and follow directions on the website and in our brochure. Please deliver kits to depots boxed with the type of kit written on the outside (except for buckets, they do not need to be boxed). Please prepare kits as specified. Extra components or materials that don't meet our specifications will be removed. For example, please include in a Hygiene Kit **one** toothbrush in its **original** wrapping. Some have reported having a hard time finding the 12 ounce liquid concentrated cleaner--many have had luck finding this at Wal-Mart.

If giving funds to help with getting kits to their ultimate destination, pay by check or money order.

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Food Pantry

Spring has not hampered the activity at the Corning Community Food Pantry. We are still very busy. March was also very busy with 590 households served, 681 children served, 1,129 adults served, and 164 elderly served

In an effort to continue to meet the nutritional needs of those who come to us with a hunger issue, we could use canned vegetables and canned chicken. Both of these items help to supplement the budgets of our clients and provide essential nutrients.

Please remember to "Plant an Additional Row" in

your garden so we can offer fresh vegetables to our families during the summer months.

We could also use new or gently used summer clothing especially for children.

Your dedicated and continuous support is greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a monetary donation, send a check to: Corning Community Food Pantry, PO Box 1255, Corning, NY 14830

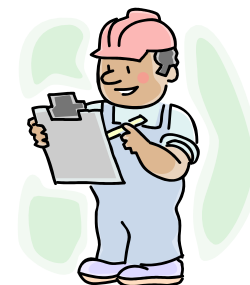
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Habitat for Humanity

We are going to be supporting the Southeast Steuben County Habitat for Humanity with their 20th anniversary double build. Yes, they are building two houses this year.

We will be working on the houses on Saturday, June 1st and June 15th. June 1st will be part of Habitat's Building Blitz. All are welcome, and we don't have a limit on the number of volunteers. If we can get enough women to volunteer, we will supply the women's build house with a crew. All skill levels are needed. Don't have a skill, we will teach you. Also, we get very hungry so if you can't build, in the words of Audrey the flower in Little Shop of Horrors, "Feed me."

If you can work an hour or two on one of the dates or all day both dates, please take a minute and sign up and fill out the waiver form, both available on the bulletin board outside the office. Or send an e-mail to: sammissk@hotmail.com to sign up and download the waiver.



RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") executed on this _____ day of _____, 20__,

by _____ (the "Volunteer") in favor of Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, and Southeastern Steuben County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., a New York State nonprofit corporation, their directors, officers, employees, and agents (collectively, "Habitat").

The Volunteer desires to work as a volunteer for Habitat and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer (the "Activities"). The Volunteer understands the Activities may include constructing and rehabilitating residential buildings, working in the Habitat offices, and living in housing provided for volunteers of Habitat.

The Volunteer hereby freely, voluntarily and without duress executes this Release under the following terms:

Release and Waiver. Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless Habitat and the its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer's Activities with Habitat.

Volunteer understands that this Release discharge Habitat from any liability or claim that the Volunteer may have against Habitat with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death or property damage that may result from Volunteer's Activities with Habitat, whether caused by the negligence of Habitat or its officers, directors, employees or agents or otherwise. Volunteer also understands that Habitat does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

Medical Treatment. Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge Habitat from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment or service rendered in connection with the Volunteer's Activities with Habitat.

Assumption of the Risk. The Volunteer understands that the Activities included work may that may be hazardous to the Volunteer, including, but not limited to, construction, loading and unloading and transportation to and from the work sites.

Volunteer hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in the Activities and release Habitat from all liability for injury, illness, death or property damage resulting from the Activities.

Insurance. The Volunteer understands that, except as otherwise agreed to by Habitat in writing, Habitat does not carry or maintain health, medical or disability insurance coverage for any Volunteer.

EACH VOLUNTEER IS EXPECTED AND ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN HIS OR HER OWN MEDICAL OR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Photographic Release. Volunteer does hereby grant and convey unto Habitat all right, title and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Habitat during the Volunteer's Activities with Habitat, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

Other. Volunteer expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of New York and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. Volunteer agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of the Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Volunteer has executed this Release as of the day and year first above written.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS LEGIBLY!

VOLUNTEER: _____ **WITNESS:** _____

ADDRESS (HOME): _____ **PHONE:** _____

E-MAIL: _____

Music for Two Keyboards

The Annual Blair Bigler Concert Series presents *Music for Two Keyboards* on Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on Pulteney Street in Corning.

Music of Handel, Milhaud, Raney, Gershwin, Mussorgsky, and more will be performed by local artists Claire Smock and Jamie Smith.



The event is free and open to the public.



Know Someone Looking for a Summer or Fall Internship?

Presbytery is looking for summer interns to work on Presbytery of Geneva and Camp Whitman projects this summer. This is a “real work” internship for a self-starter and motivated person looking to gain a variety of experience this summer. We will do our best to work with the intern and their school to secure credit hours for their time with us. The descriptions can be found on our resource page on our site:

<http://www.presbyteryofgeneva.org/resources>

DIVORCECARE & DIVORCECARE 4 KIDS

The First Presbyterian Church of Elmira will be offering DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K). The spring/summer session begins on April 29th, and the group meetings will be on Monday evenings for 13 weeks from 6 - 8 p.m.

The goal of DivorceCare is to provide a safe environment within which participants can face the challenges of divorce and move toward rebuilding their life.

DC4K is a special group to help children heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce. DC4K provides them with a safe and neutral place to recognize and learn to share their feelings.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins at 607-734-1614.

IN MEMORIUM

NANCY OBERMAN BAKER

November 30, 1919 - April 14, 2013

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, who has given us this good heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will.



Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endow with the spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be peace and justice at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. Amen.

George Washington

SESSION'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

2013 Operating Budget Needs

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$172,541
Total includes all part-time and full-time staff salaries and benefits, supplies and materials	
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	\$38,764
Total includes insurance, water, gas, electric, supplies and maintenance	
OTHER MINISTRY NEEDS	\$20,669
Total includes Christian education, child care, outreach and mission, per capita	
2013 TOTAL NEEDS	\$231,974

As of April 16, 2013

Operating Income	\$55,787.44
Operating Expenses	\$73,668.33
Mission	\$1,497.17
 Checking Account Balance	 \$1,277.37
Net Operating Loss	-\$19,378.06
 Anticipated Income from Tithes and Offerings	 \$125,506.00

2013 ANTICIPATED OPERATING LOSS **-\$106,468**

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Announcement. Church Clean Up Day. Saturday morning, May 4th, will be the annual Church Spring Clean Up Day. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. (or after the Men's/Women's breakfast) until noon. There are a variety of inside and outside chores that need to be done. If you can help for the three hours or any part of it, simply keep in mind you are welcome and your contribution is appreciated.



The FPC Board of Trustees



We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Milton and Margret Lapp for making sure all the gardens around the church were spruced up and have new mulch. The gardens really look great. Thank you!

MONTH OF MAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

3 Dorothy West
Bethany Rudolph
7 Robert Brill
9 Steve Smith
* Alex Hevey
10 Martha Saunders
13 Betty Wheeler
14 Bob Behrens
Laura Palmesano
16 Shari Koval
* Kyle McEwen
17 Horace Bradley
18 Rose Houper
Susan McLaren
19 Ernie Danforth
Diane Rudy
20 Barbara Fawcett
23 Carol Lapham
24 Eric Meek
28 * Merrilees Craig
31 Denise Allen

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

2 Al & Michele Johnson
7 Silky & Steve Smith
8 Curt & Diana Neuner
9 Angus Craig & Kim Newton
22 Kirk & Denise Allen
23 Galer & Karen Perreault
30 Grace & Christopher Kelly
Dave & Barb McLaughlin
31 Ernie & Kate Danforth



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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Jesus Is
Our
Focus
In All
We Do

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Church Fax: 607-937-9731

Church Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - noon & 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Church Email: office@corningpresby.org
Visit us on the web: 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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DEADLINE for articles for the **June Messenger** is **May 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 July issue.