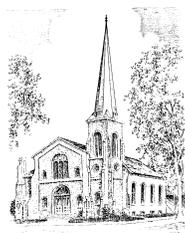




# THE MESSENGER

## MAY 2015



### CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### MISSION & OUTREACH

#### Food Pantry

The winter months are slowly becoming a memory as the traffic continues to increase at the Corning Community Food Pantry. With the milder weather, food-insecure individuals are coming to the pantry for help with their food needs.

In March the Pantry served: 598 households, 631 children, 1,240 adults, and 169 elderly. This is a significant increase from last month.

There are several ways you can help us at the pantry:

- Save clean plastic bags that we can use for packing food items.
- Donate any new or gently used clothing to our pantry clothing closet.
- Donate any new or gently used books to our pantry lending library.
- Foods needed: canned tuna and hamburger helper
- Personal items needed: toilet paper and dish soap

You are an integral part of our pantry team. We appreciate your support and dedication to our mission statement. You have a tremendous impact on many who suffer from food insecurity in our area.



### WORSHIP & LITURGICAL LIFE

#### Pentecost

Pentecost is Sunday, May 24th. Pentecost was the beginning of the church as we know it. We encourage you to wear **red** on Pentecost as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. We wear **red** to recall the tongues of fire of the first Pentecost. We have scheduled communion for Pentecost Sunday and the Learning to Worship participants will be making their first communion.

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#### 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 May:

- May 3rd Rev. George Taylor (former minister of our church)
- May 10th Stu Sammis
- May 17th Joel Robinson, Jr. (lay preacher)
- May 24th Rev. Virginia Murray (retired minister from Bath)
- May 31st Kirk Allen

The Worship and Liturgical Life Team is grateful for the leadership of the following people who led worship in April: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel, Rev. John Kotun, Ken Baer, and Michele Johnson.

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### PARISH LIFE

#### Fellowship Time

Just a reminder that Parish Life would appreciate your help with Fellowship Time. Please call Susan Sheldon or the church office for more information. Thank you!

## MAJOR GIFTS & ENDOWMENTS

### Camp and Conference Scholarship Fund

The purpose of the Camp and Conference Scholarship Fund is to encourage attendance by the youth of our church at Presbyterian and ecumenical camps and conferences, and to assist with the costs of participation. This fund is part of First Presbyterian's endowment, and the principal cannot be withdrawn; all monies must come from the annual earnings of the fund.

The uses of the fund shall be upon recommendation by the Christian Education Committee (now the Faith Formation Team) to the Session. Anyone interested in this scholarship may submit an application to the Faith Formation Team. The balance in this fund is healthy, and there are currently camp scholarship funds available.

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### Thank You!

Thank you to Frank Hamm for his donation to the Landscape Endowment Fund in memory of former member, Kent Kiehl.

Thank you to Lloyd and Barb Young for their donation to the College Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of Dr. J.C. Lapp.

Thank you to Curt and Diana Neuner for their donation to the Weekday Preschool Scholarship Endowment Fund.

We would also 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!

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**GWEN E. WATSON**  
**July 24, 1923 - April 14, 2015**

## PRAYER CORNER

*You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.* - Revelation 3:1



Legendary basketball coach, John Wooden, believed that character is far more important than reputation. "Your reputation is what you're perceived to be by others." Coach Wooden often told his players, "but your character is what you really are. You're the only one that knows your character. You can fool others, but you can't fool yourself."

In the book of Revelation, we find the words of the risen Christ to seven churches in Asia. To the church in Sardis, Jesus said, "I know your works, that you have a name (reputation) that you are alive, but you are dead." The Lord knew the truth about them, and no doubt deep down they knew it too. Jesus told them to wake up and strengthen the spiritual life inside them that was about to die. He urged them to remember the truth they had received, obey it, then turn around and start moving in a new direction.

When the Lord shows us what's wrong in our lives, He always provides a remedy for change. When we turn from our sins, He forgives and strengthens us to start over.

How liberating to exchange a false spiritual reputation for the true, life-giving character that comes from knowing Christ our Lord!

*Men talk too much of gold and fame, and not enough about a name; and yet a good name's better far than all earth's glistening jewels are.*

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## TRUSTEES

### Church Clean Up Day

The church clean up day will be Saturday morning, May 9th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. There are a variety of inside and outside chores at the church as well as some chores at the manse that need to be done. If you can't help on Saturday, but are available during the week, the list of jobs that need to be done will be in Fellowship Hall starting on Sunday, May 3rd.

If you can come for the three hours or any part of it, your help would be greatly appreciated.



# 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 Houser  
Susan McLaren
- 19 Ernie Danforth  
Diane Rudy
- 20 Barbara Fawcett
- 23 Carol Lapham
- 24 Eric Meek
- 31 Denise Allen

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 2 Al & Michele Johnson
- 7 Steve & Silky Smith
- 8 Curt & Diana Neuner
- 17 Rick & Susan Vermillion
- 22 Kirk & Denise Allen
- 23 Galer & Karen Perreault
- 30 Christopher & Grace Kelly  
Dave & Barb McLaughlin
- 31 Ernie & Kate Danforth



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

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

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Fellowship Time: 11:30 a.m.**



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