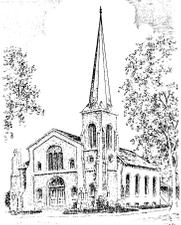




# THE MESSENGER

## NOVEMBER 2015



### CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### DEACONS

##### Memorial Flowers

The Deacons have the responsibility for flower arrangements on the chancel for Sunday worship services.

Flowers serve as a way to memorialize our loved ones or to honor family and friends on their birthdays, anniversaries, or special days. Also, they serve as a wonderful way to express thanksgiving to our family and friends for all that they have done for us.

The flowers are presently purchased from Northside Floral, and the cost is \$25.00. They do an amazing job.

The order forms are located on the bulletin board outside the church office. The completed order form, along with your payment, may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning or dropped off at the church office.

We sincerely appreciate your participation.

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#### MISSION & OUTREACH

##### Food Pantry

The leaves are turning, the temperatures are dropping and the days are getting shorter. Welcome to FALL!

It is now time for the Corning Community Food Pantry to begin the application process for our Thanksgiving Basket Distribution on Saturday, November 21, 2015. This is an annual project of Corning Community Food Pantry, and each year our clients look to us for a healthy nutritious holiday basket. If you wish to make a monetary contribution to ensure the continuation of this project, send a check to CCFP, PO Box 1255, Corning, NY 14830.

Our September statistics were: 646 households served, 1,324 adults served, 779 children served, and 169 elderly served.

Please continue to donate your clean plastic bags for our packing purposes. We are in need of baby food and diapers. We could also use shampoo and deodorant. To offset food inventory costs, please consider donating chicken noodle soup, elbow macaroni, tuna, or hamburger helper.

The Corning Community Food Pantry acknowledges all community support. Without your generosity, we would not be able to feed those who come to us daily dealing with food insecurity.



## **MAJOR GIFTS & ENDOWMENTS**

### **Vacation Bible School Fund**

The purpose of the Vacation Bible School Fund is to support the Christian Education Committee in its efforts to organize and offer Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian Church.

The fund was established on April 18, 2007 with monies from an annuity of Richard Wheat who throughout his years as a member of the church always loved the children and supported their activities.

The income shall be used to support the Christian Education Committee in its efforts to offer Vacation Bible School to our congregation and to the community. This Fund will not necessarily be the sole funding source for VBS.

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## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **Report**

As we begin another church year, our commitment to stewardship is vitally important. Stewardship is often described as the 3 T's: Time, Talent, and Treasure. Our church has a strong tradition of members giving of themselves in all of these areas.

We donate our time to all kinds of church projects, from serving on committees, to working in the gardens, teaching Sunday school, and helping with church repairs and improvements. An excellent example of members sharing their talents is their involvement in our choirs.

Regardless of how much we share our time and talents, we need the gift of treasure, for that is what is needed to pay the bills. The most efficient way for the church to plan its annual budget is for its members to pledge their financial support for the given year. Over the past ten years our church leadership has not emphasized the necessity of pledging. As a result of that, last year we only pledged approximately 20% of our budget. The good news is that people who did not pledge still gave, but that makes planning the budget more difficult. This year your Stewardship Committee is emphasizing the importance of pledging.

Instead of having one day, a Pledge Sunday, we are designating November as Pledge Month. We are also asking our elected Elders, Deacons, and Trustees to make their pledges the last week of October as trend setters. We have set what we believe is a very realistic goal for pledging, \$120,000, which represents approximately 40% of our anticipated budget for 2016. We are hopeful that we can reach and far exceed that goal.

Progress reports and interpretations will be given each week. We will have a display to show our progress during the month of November. 2016 has the potential to be a very exciting year in the life of our church. With the potential for a new called pastor as the result of the diligent work of our PNC, our support of the budget is needed to allow our church to flourish under new leadership. We ask all of our members to be attentive to the budgetary needs of the church, consider the importance of God and the church to our lives, and prayerfully determine the level of support for our budget that we are able and willing to pledge.

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## WORSHIP & LITURGICAL LIFE

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 November:

- November 1 Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel
- November 8 Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel
- November 15 Curt Neuner
- November 22 Albert Johnson
- November 29 Stu Sammis

The Worship and Liturgical Life Team is grateful for the leadership of the following people who led worship during the month of October: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel, Curt Neuner, Rev. Jeffrey Ugoretz, and Susan Vermillion.

**The church will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th.**

**When the church is closed, you can leave a phone message, and we will return your call when the church reopens. In case of a pastoral emergency, you can call 607-207-6094.**



## PARISH LIFE

### Harvest Dinner

Please join us on Sunday, November 8th, following worship for good food and fellowship at this year's Harvest Dinner. Each family should bring a dish-to-pass and their own table service. Beverages will be provided. Reservations would be helpful in order to have enough seating for everyone. There will also be a presentation on Alzheimer's following the dinner.

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Join us on Saturday, November 14th, to see *Guys and Dolls* at Corning-Painted Post High School. Dinner will be at The Gaffer Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at Fellowship Time on October 25th and November 1st. If you missed the ticket sales, you are welcome to buy your own ticket directly from the high school box office and join us for dinner. Dinner reservations are due by November 11th. This promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

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## French Toast Casserole Recipe

1 loaf French bread  
2 cups half and half  
2 Tablespoons sugar  
¼ teaspoon cinnamon  
Dash salt

8 eggs  
1 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
¼ teaspoon nutmeg

### Topping:

1 ½ sticks of butter  
2 Tablespoons light corn syrup  
½ teaspoon nutmeg

¾ cup brown sugar  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
¾ cup chopped pecans

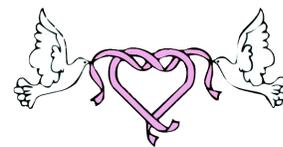
Slice French bread into 1-inch slices (approximately 20). Arrange slices in two rows in generously greased 9 by 13 baking dish. In large bowl, combine rest of French toast ingredients with beater until blended but not bubbly. Pour over bread, spooning some between slices. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

The next day preheat oven to 350°. Make Praline topping and spread over bread. (Spreads easier if softened in microwave). Bake uncovered until puffed and lightly golden (about 40 minutes).

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The First Lunch Bunch will get together on **Thursday, November 12th, at noon**. The date has been changed because the church will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, for Veterans Day.



Curt and Diana Neuner wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kailee Neuner, to Eli Van Brunt, son of Nick and Christy Van Brunt, of Topsfield, Maine. Kailee is an urban planner at LaBella Associates in Buffalo, New York, and Eli is an energy conservation engineer at General Motor's Tonawanda Engine Plant. Wedding plans are incomplete at this time.

# MONTH OF NOVEMBER

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 4 Doris Shanahan
- 8 David Powers
- 11 Marty Coates  
Jimma Powers
- 12 Maxwell SáPereira  
\* Trey Smith
- 15 Ann Howland
- 17 Dee Wightman
- 21 Meredith Watts
- 22 Robert Lull  
\*Joshua Beres
- 27 Gail Bardhan

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 7 Bill & Lisa Sebelle
- 20 Gil & Marcia Creelman
- 24 Lloyd & Barb Young



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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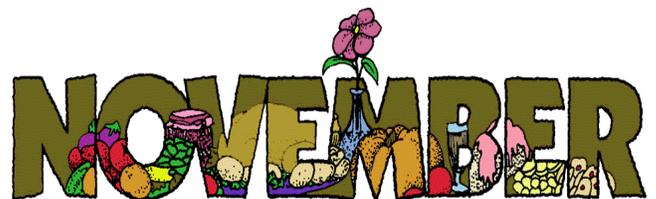
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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time: 11:30 a.m.



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**DEADLINE for December Messenger articles is November 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 January issue.