



# THE MESSENGER

## SEPTEMBER 2014



### CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### PARISH LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

##### Welcome Back Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own table service or use disposable. Cost is a donation. Reservations would be helpful and you can call the church office; the deadline is Friday, September 5th.

Menu: Breakfast casseroles, quiche, frittatas, French toast, fresh fruit (each person is asked to bring one (1) cup), orange and cranberry juices, muffins, and beverages.



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#### DEACONS

##### Sunday Flowers

A new church year is starting and since we all like to see fresh flowers on the chancel each Sunday, please consider celebrating your anniversary or birthday with the church family.

There are nine anniversaries and 17 birthdays in September among our church families. How about sharing your event with thanks to our Maker this September? It is simple to do. Stop by the flower chart across from the church office, sign up for the Sunday nearest your birthday or anniversary, pick up a form from the pocket, fill out your choices, turn the form and \$25 into the church office, and a good deed is done for the glory of God, yourselves, and the church family.

Thank you,  
The Board of Deacons.

#### MISSION & OUTREACH

##### Food Pantry

As the summer months have passed, the hunger issue at Corning Community Food Pantry remains busy and constant. During July the Pantry served: 593 households, 804 children, 1,314 adults, and 135 elderly. The Pantry was closed for one day for the July 4th holiday.

Primary food items needed are pasta and tuna. Both are selected by our clients because they are nutritious and easy to prepare. We can always use baby food, cereal, and diapers of all sizes.

Please save your clean and gently used plastic bags for our Pantry to use in packing.

If you are sorting your clothing and find you have items to donate, please consider a donation to the Pantry. Clients can select new or gently used clothing for free.

As the summer months wane, the fall months are fast approaching and so, too, are the holidays. Budget and planning ahead are key elements of our Annual Thanksgiving Basket distribution that we have conducted for decades. If you are interested in helping, please contribute to our Thanksgiving appeal so that households in our area are able to enjoy a nutritious holiday meal. All Thanksgiving contributions should be sent to CCFP, PO Box 1255, Corning, NY 14830. Please note on your check: "Thanksgiving." Your help is greatly appreciated.



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#### NEW PHONE NUMBER

Amita Neuner  
607-346-6667

# MAJOR GIFTS & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE FUND HIGHLIGHT

## Swenson Fund

Each month the Major Gifts & Endowment Committee (MG&E) highlights one of the funds at our church. Last month, we highlighted the Weekday Preschool Scholarship Fund. This month, we are highlighting the Robert and Erma Swenson Fund. The fund was created in 1993 from the bequest of Robert and Erma Ellison Towne Swenson.

More informally referred to as The Swenson Fund, monies from this fund are used to fund major church projects, provide seed money for new projects, and expand existing projects outside of the church's general fund. The Swenson Fund may also be used to close any budget gaps in annual church operations. The fund is administered by MG&E which makes recommendations to Session. Generally, applications for grants for the following year are made in October of the current year.

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## COME TRY OUT THE CHOIR

The Senior Choir cordially invites you to "try us out!" Rehearsals start on Tuesday, September 2nd, from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. No experience is necessary!

If you are interested in joining handbells, please call Jamie at 962-8852.



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A very special thank you to all of the people who provided music during the summer while the choir was on vacation!

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## PRAYER CORNER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. - Matthew 6:9



On November 19, 1863, two well-known men gave speeches at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The featured speaker, Edward Everett, was a former congressman, governor, president of Harvard University, and considered one of the greatest orators of his day. Mr. Everett delivered a formal address lasting two hours. He was followed by President Abraham Lincoln, whose speech lasted two minutes.

Today, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is widely known and quoted, while Everett's words have almost been forgotten. It is not just Lincoln's eloquent brevity that accounts for this. On that occasion, his words touched the wounded spirit of a nation fractured by civil war, offering hope for the days to come.

Words do not have to be many to be meaningful. What we call the Lord's Prayer is among the shortest and most memorable of all the teachings of Jesus. It brings help and healing as it reminds us that God is our heavenly Father whose power is at work on earth, just as it is in heaven. He provides food, forgiveness, and fortitude for each day. And all honor and glory belong to Him. There is nothing in our past, present, and future that is not included in our Lord's brief words that help and heal.

*How easy it is to use many words and give little thought to the things you say; so willingly yield your lips to the Lord and hearts will be blest by them every day.*

Our Daily Bread

*August 15, 2014*

*Dear Friends and Fellow Members of First Presbyterian Church,*

*It was not my intention to leave my home and community while so many of you were on vacation and enjoying the Summer weather and activities. However, my family and I, by mutual agreement, felt it was time after twenty-two years of living alone, to move in with my daughter, Susan, and her family in Wisconsin. I have spent a lot of time in their home in the past years and always have felt comfortable here and accepted and cared for.*

*Naturally I shall miss all the activities that I have enjoyed in Corning but most of all I will miss my church family and all the activities and memories that it provided. Especially, I will miss the choir; not only the special members but also the beautiful and meaningful music that Jamie chose for us to share with the congregation. Keep singing!*

*May God continue to bless "our church" in the future as He has in the past. And may God bless each of you. Thank you for such meaningful and life-long friendships. Many of us worked together, side by side, to strengthen our church and support our members and, in the process, we strengthened our relationships with each other.*

*Please stay in touch and I will do the same! I can be reached at:*

*Betty Wheeler*

*435 West Thornapple Lane*

*Mequon, Wisconsin 53092*

*607-329-0183 (cell phone)*

*[bettywheeler1125@gmail.com](mailto:bettywheeler1125@gmail.com)*

*Love and God's blessings to you,*

*Betty*

# MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 5 Margret Lapp
- 10 Heather Hayes
- 12 Jean Boell
- 13 \* Amanda McEwen
- 14 Bill Uncapher, Jr.  
\* Rachel Hevey
- 16 Jamie Smith  
Silky Smith
- 18 Ann Powers
- 21 Barbara Rupert  
\* Alexander Chang
- 22 Rick Vermillion  
Glenn Morrisey  
Trevor Worthey
- 25 Curt Neuner  
Mike DeRosa
- 28 Jackie Curry
- 30 Walter Jones

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 1 Ken & Cheri Crozier
- 3 James & Banu Moore
- 4 Mark & Beth Landin
- 6 Chris & Alyson Sharman
- 7 Rob & Belinda Wilcox
- 17 Glenn & Lisa Morrisey
- 19 Jeff & Marilyn Hagy  
Lynn & Ann Powers
- 28 Matthew & Denise Reppert



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

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

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**Jesus Is  
Our  
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Home Phone: 607-654-7875  
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**Interim Pastors' Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - noon**

**Church Phone: 607-937-5419  
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](mailto:office@corningpresby.org)  
Visit us on the web: [www.corningpresby.org](http://www.corningpresby.org)**

**Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time: 11:30 a.m.**



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**DEADLINE for October Messenger articles is September 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 November issue.