

# THE MESSENGER

## JULY 2020



July 1, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Apostle Paul reminds us that because we have been given faith in Jesus Christ, “we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Cor. 4:16-18 NIV).

The past several months have been a master class in not losing heart. They have been wearying for us all. There is nothing we want more than to get back to our definition of normal, whatever that was. And we feel frustrated in the knowledge that if “normal” returns, it is likely still a long way away.

Part of the definition of normal we all share is our joy in worshipping the Lord together in our church sanctuary. Sadly, this was one of the first casualties of the necessity for us to practice physical distancing to protect our own lives and the lives of people in our community. Since the pandemic began, First Presbyterian Church has continued to offer worship online and has not missed a single Sunday of worshipping together in this new way. As elders serving on Session, we grieve over the fact that this leaves some of our community out who either do not use the internet or do not have good internet access in their homes. At the same time, we rejoice that this has opened the door to people worshipping with us from places across our country on Facebook and YouTube. We pray that the online part of our church may continue to grow alongside the physical part as one body in Christ, even as we prepare to resume in-person worship in our sanctuary. Together we find new meaning in the words of Job, “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”

Preparations for in-person worship have been ongoing throughout the past few months. We have ordered a Protexus sprayer unit that will allow us to sanitize the sanctuary and other rooms between uses in an efficient manner. The sprayer emits a fine non-toxic mist that settles on and wraps around all surfaces to sanitize them. We have also ordered two touchless hand sanitizer stations and a supply of disposable masks. We hope to receive the equipment and supplies we have ordered sometime in mid-July. However, due to high demand, this date is tentative at best. We have also spent this time reviewing the best public health information and advice available in order to develop a plan that will meet New York State guidelines and provide the safest in-person worship environment possible.

At its meeting on June 25, the Session adopted a plan for reopening our church sanctuary for in-person worship, subject to certain conditions. The first condition is that before worship in the sanctuary can begin we must have received and had the time to test and deploy the sanitizing equipment we have ordered. We have contacted the vendor of the Protexus sprayer and the best they can tell us is to expect delivery between July 26 and August 23. We anticipate needing at least a week to test and deploy the equipment and ready the sanctuary and the support team we will need. This is why we cannot give a certain date for reopening the sanctuary other than August 2 “or as soon thereafter as the way be clear.” Rest assured, it will be without undue haste or delay.

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The second condition is that the congregation worshipping in-person must follow the plan the Session has adopted, which we believe is in compliance with New York State health guidelines and the best public health advice available. A copy of that plan is attached for your information and we ask that you familiarize yourself with it before coming for worship. **For this plan to work, we will need everyone to exercise Christian charity and patience with one another and especially with those of us who have accepted responsibility for implementing the safety plan.** We're all in this together and we are all doing the best we can do under the circumstances.

Key parts of the plan are physical distancing within the sanctuary and the wearing of masks. We ask that everyone coming to worship bring their own mask if they can, which must be sufficient to cover their nose and mouth, and wear their mask at all times while in the building. If anyone forgets their mask, a disposable mask will be provided. Worshippers will be seated by ushers according to a seating chart beginning from the front of the sanctuary and working toward the back. At the end of worship, ushers will dismiss people by rows in the opposite direction, from back to front. Members who live together in the same household may sit together in the same pew, otherwise worshippers will need to sit 6 feet apart. This is the basis of the seating chart the ushers will be following. This will mean that we will likely not be sitting in our favorite pews with our favorite worship partners who are not a part of our household. This is a regrettable necessity if we are to be able to offer in-person worship in our sanctuary in a reasonably safe and responsible way before a coronavirus vaccine becomes widely available.

We will need additional volunteers to serve as greeters and ushers and hope that people will step forward to assist in these essential roles. We would like to have enough people on our team so that not everyone needs to serve every week. Please contact the church office if you are able to serve.

The other part that may be difficult for us to adjust to is that we will not be able to include congregational or choral singing in our worship. Sadly, this is due to simple physics. Although 6 feet is sufficient distance for most activities, public health experts have determined that this distance must be increased to at least 12 feet between singers, who are pushing out a much greater volume of air and fine droplets of moisture which can spread the virus. It would not be practical to space everyone in the worshipping congregation 12 feet apart to allow congregational singing with reasonable safety and it would be practically impossible to put 12 feet of distance between each choir member. Our plan is to have singing by individuals or household groups as a part of our worship, with the increased risk of viral spread mitigated by a clear plexiglass shield. Again, this is not ideal, but it is necessary.

We know this is a lot to digest at once and that there will be a period of adjustment for us all. We anticipate you will have many questions about how this plan will work in practice. Please feel free to contact any ruling elder on Session or Pastor Jeff and we will do our best to help you. As soon as we have a firm date for our return to in-person worship, we will let everyone know. In the meantime, we will continue to prepare. God bless and keep you all healthy and safe.

Grace and peace of Christ be with you all,  
The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Corning

Rev. Jeffrey E. Ugoretz, Moderator  
Elder Jennifer Nelson  
Elder Skip Moore  
Elder Kay Rogus  
Elder Mark Landin

Elder Peggy Schuckers, Clerk of Session  
Elder Ken Baer  
Elder Andrea Fisher  
Elder Phil Bradney  
Elder Susan Vermillion

### **First Presbyterian Church of Corning** **Reopening Plan for Sanctuary Worship**

#### **A. Pre-Worship**

1. Those who are particularly vulnerable to infection or are not feeling well are asked to stay home and worship with us online. For this reason as well as others, the availability and quality of the worship livestream will be maintained.
2. Non-essential corridors will be roped off with appropriate signage asking people not to use them.
3. Tower door and exterior Pine Street doors will be kept open whenever weather permits to allow for greater exchange of air within the sanctuary.
4. Worshippers are requested to bring their own masks. Disposable masks should be available to give to those who do not for whatever reason.

#### **B. Entering**

1. Entry into the sanctuary is only permitted through the two smaller doors opening into the sanctuary from the Narthex. Entry through doors at the front of the sanctuary are only allowed by staff or when necessary for others leading the worship service.
2. Greeters (2), wearing facemasks and gloves, should welcome worshippers as they enter, direct them to use the two hand sanitizer stations, and hand them disposable masks and communion kits as needed.
3. Ushers (2, 1 at each entry door), wearing facemasks and gloves, should escort people to seats according to a seating chart, starting in the front and working toward the back of the sanctuary. Only those living in the same household may sit together in the same pew.
4. Offering plates should be on the table in the back of the sanctuary for worshippers to drop their offerings into while entering or exiting.
5. Bathroom availability and disinfection of bathrooms between users remains an open issue. Use of the Protexus unit is a possibility depending on how noisy it is.

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#### **C. Worshipping**

1. Masks must be worn by all worshippers at all times and 6 feet of distance maintained between anyone who does not live in the same household.
2. There will be no congregational singing (studies show singing projects fine droplets potentially containing virus up to 12-16 feet away from the singer and so is strongly discouraged by all reputable groups that have looked at church reopening issues).
3. As much as we can, we need to do away with anything that is passed from one person to another or touched by multiple people or encourages physical touch between people. In practical terms, this means:
  - a. No passing of the peace in our usual way.
  - b. No passing of offering plates. Offering plates will be on the table as people enter the sanctuary.
  - c. No passing of communion plates. Individual self-contained disposable communion cups will be distributed on entrance.
  - d. No printed bulletin. All worship texts will be on the screen.

#### **D. Exiting**

1. The congregation should remain seated until instructed to leave by an usher. Ushers should instruct people to exit starting from the rear of the sanctuary and working toward the front.
2. The Congregation is asked to proceed directly from the sanctuary and immediately exit the building.

#### **E. Post-Worship**

1. We will not be able to have fellowship time or other post-worship events until underlying risks are significantly reduced or eliminated such as the development of a cure or an effective vaccine for the Coronavirus-19.
2. Sanctuary, narthex, bathrooms, and open hallways will be disinfected sometime after worship using the Protexus unit.



# Welcome Back! The Church Office will be open starting Tuesday, July 7

## A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR YOUR SAFETY

- 1) The courtyard entrance will be open during regular office hours.
- 2) In order to maintain the sanitized condition of the facility, we ask that you come directly to and from the office.
- 3) Please wear your mask. Because there is safety when both parties wear a mask, we will have our mask handy for your visits.



Hand sanitizer and masks will be available.

Your cooperation will be great appreciated. Thank you

## JOIN PASTOR JEFF FOR WEEKLY DISCUSSIONS IN JULY ON RACE & AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

Anyone in our church who is participating in Houghton College's online course, Race & American Christianity, is welcome to join our Zoom discussion group, which will gather on Mondays at 6:00 pm to discuss the readings and lecture from the prior week. Please email [pastorjeff@corningpresby.org](mailto:pastorjeff@corningpresby.org) for an invitation to the discussion group if you would like to participate.



## Houghton College Offers Free Course on Race and American Christianity

[www.houghton.edu](http://www.houghton.edu) › News › Academics

Jun 19, 2020 - Houghton Offers Free Course on Race and American Christianity. Recent events have created a “kairos moment”—a moment when glaring disparities in American culture due to racism have our attention. ... The course is titled *Race and American Christianity* and will take place on Thursday nights live from 7 to 9 pm ET.



# The Washington Post

Tori was interviewed by the Washington Post for Operation Star Ways. This photo was taken when we used the fellowship hall. Here is the link to the interview with another young woman from Tennessee that did a similar project. For more information on the Star Ways Project email the Holmes family at [operation-starways@gmail.com](mailto:operation-starways@gmail.com). The Washington Post article link is below:

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Those who can, do.  
Those who can do more, volunteer."



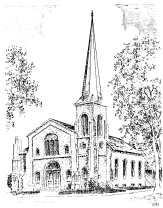
Bampa's House is continuing to plan our opening, which we hope will be sometime this summer. In order to do so, we need volunteers and paid overnight staff! There are both caregiving and non-caregiving volunteer opportunities. If you are interested, please fill out the volunteer application linked below and either email it to our director, Ann Roberts, at [ann.roberts@bampashouse.org](mailto:ann.roberts@bampashouse.org) or mail it to us at Bampa's House, P.O. Box 965, Corning, NY 14830. If you have any questions, please contact Ann by email or by calling 607-654-4205.

Starting June 29th, the Southeast Steuben County Library will hold curbside service, by appointment only, 9:00-5:00 Monday-Friday. Return and pickup of items will be happening only through this service for the time being. For further instruction, or to make an appointment, please go to <https://www.ssclibrary.org/appointment>

Questions & answers are available at: <https://www.ssclibrary.org/q-and-a>

For further information, or for assistance scheduling an appointment, please call the library at (607) 936-3713.





## CORNERS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### THE WINFIELD LITERACY PROGRAM

In May 2015, Kate and I challenged you all to join us in supporting literacy by adopting kindergarten students at Winfield School and providing them with books through their 2nd grade year in an effort to help prepare them for their 3rd grade reading test. This test has been shown to be the best predictor of success in high school. We adopted the kindergarten class beginning in the fall of 2016.

The program was so successful that we adopted the new kindergarten class in the fall of 2019. Teresa, Jim, Larry, and I have agreed to provide \$1500.00 each year for the three years of this cycle. We were set to have our second annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in March when the Covid-19 shutdown began. Usually there would be a group of us who would go into the school each month to share some time with the kids and present them with their books. This did not happen for the last few months of the year, but Janet Jones and I were able to create some videos of us reading stories to the kids and had them distributed to through the teachers.

I want to share with you all the contents of a recent e-mail I received from Stacey Griffin, one of the kindergarten teachers.

“ \* First, the students are loving your stories and I am pleased to report you have about 15/19 students listening to them. Three out of the four that are not it is because of lack of internet. I have been able to reach out to them and read a story over the phone.”

\* In our latest pick up of new material we were able to send home the remaining books that were purchased through your sponsorship. You will be happy to know how excited the kids were to receive them. I have hosted several google meets this week and the majority of the students have been bringing them to the meet and we have been reading and taking picture walks. One little girl stated "her favorite part of this week was reading Baseball Fever", which was one of the books you sponsored. So, even though we are apart they are still LOVING reading these books.

\* Lastly, I wanted you to know that we are putting together a summer reading bag for the kids (just like we would have done for the carnival). In this bag the students are receiving, 13 books (an assortment of fiction and nonfiction, a book timer, a journal, a bookmark, pencils, and a pencil sharpener, as long as, a cute summer bag). The students will be collecting these bags on the last drop off day and pick up day in June when they come to get all their belongings. I think they are going to be OVER THE MOON when they see this surprise. So thank you for sponsoring our K classes and bringing the joy of reading to life for them.”

As of June 1, we had \$2665.00 of the \$3000 necessary to fund the Literacy Program for 20-21 school year. We cannot know what the next year will bring, but the need for these kids to continue their reading skills and their desire to read will certainly continue. So, if you have a few resources to share please direct them to the church and mark them for the literacy fund.

Bless you all and STAY SAFE.  
Ernie Danforth



## THE FOUNTAIN IN THE GARDEN

In 1995, First Presbyterian Church first considered the possibility of a Memorial Garden on the church property. Because of pending major renovation projects (Horizons 21), this notion was deferred.

April, 2003 the Session and Trustees formed a special committee to pursue development of such a garden. The First Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden was created in the summer of 2004 dedicated on October 31, 2004--rededicated with the addition of the columbarium October, 2006.

All items in the garden were given as memorials. They included trees, shrubs, flowers, benches, table, planters, plaques, fence, fountain and monetary contributions.

In September, 2008 the garden was vandalized and the fountain destroyed. For nearly six years there was no fountain in the garden.

In July, 2014 an underground water line was drilled and a new fountain installed. It was dedicated in memory of Phillis Hamm who died October, 12, 2013.

The Memorial Garden is a place set apart where cremated ashes are placed. It allows ashes to be scattered in the soil, becoming part of a living garden or placed in cremation urns in niches of the columbarium.

On one of our garden benches, there is a plaque that reads as follows.

*Ruth 4:1. "Come over, friend; sit down here."*

Try it, come sit down awhile, listen to the fountain, relax and enjoy.







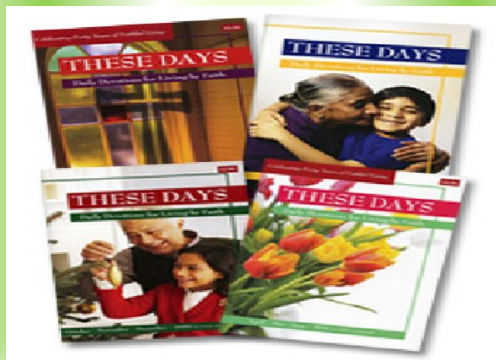
## CHURCH MAINTENANCE

The pictures you see here show work being done to our heating system on June 8, in the boiler room. Curt discovered the problem during the heating season. The work was completed in a day by BC Plumbing, Heating, Electric AC/R, Inc. Throughout this period of the coronavirus pandemic our church may have been closed, but we have not stopped functioning as a church. Our staff has continued to work in the building, keeping all the normal lines of communication open for members and friends, church committees, and others. With Pastor Jeff's leadership, combined with the worship team of staff and volunteers, we have had full worship services online, including communion when appropriate, on a weekly basis. Bible study and Fellowship Time are offered weekly on Zoom. Various committees, as well as Session, Deacons, and Trustees have conducted their meetings on Zoom.

During this pandemic, church expenses including staff salaries, utilities, inspections, and maintenance are necessary expenses. The unexpected heating repairs described above were over \$6,000.

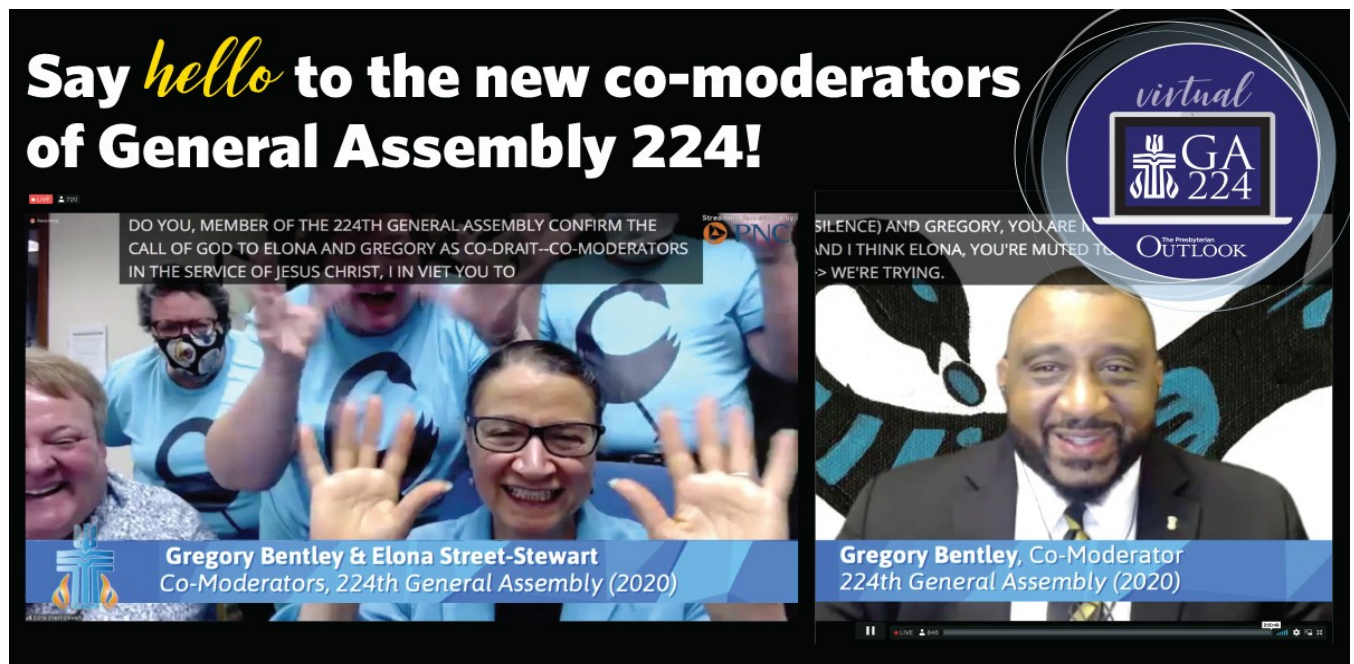
## THESE DAYS JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020

Strengthen your faith with *These Days*, an inspiring and uplifting daily devotional! Copies are located in the entryway for your convenience.



For all members and friends who have continued to support the church financially through regular offerings and pledges, the church is most thankful. Please consider how your life has been blessed by God, and support your church financially as you are able. Offerings can be mailed to the church or dropped in the mail slot near the courtyard door. Please let Rosie know if you drop it off and she will pick it up promptly. Offerings can now be made electronically by going to our church website and using the online giving button.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Michele Johnson and family on the recent passing of both her Father and Aunt. We pray that God will grant you peace. Our heartfelt condolences are with you.



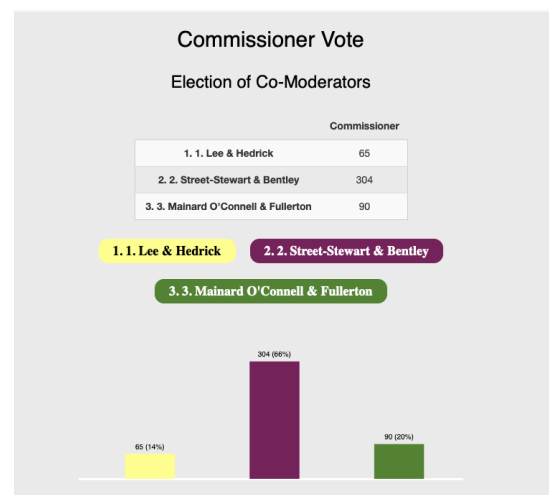
Needing only one ballot, the 2020 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) elected as its co-moderators an Indigenous woman and a Black man: Elona Street-Stewart and Gregory Bentley, a synod executive and a pastor, and the only team seeking election from which both candidates were persons of color.

Street-Stewart will serve as the first Native American co-moderator ever of a PC(USA) General Assembly; she is from the [Delaware Nanticoke](#) tribe.



The pair’s responses to the election were emotional: a sign of, as J. Oscar McCloud said in the prayer he offered during their installation, how their paths were watered with the tears and blood of their ancestors. Bentley pronounced himself to be “hippopotamus happy and dinosaur delighted.”

Some previous elections – including in 2018 – took a series of ballots to pick a winner, but the assembly elected Bentley and Street-Stewart on the first ballot during a special plenary convened June 20 when the assembly ran out of time the previous night. Bentley and Street-Stewart pulled in three times as many votes as the next-closest team – with 304 votes for them; with Arthur Fullerton and Marie Mainard O’Connell finishing second, with 90 votes; and Moon Lee and Sandra Hedrick garnering 65 votes.







The grounds were active early on Tuesday, June 16 with our caring church family volunteering their time to beautify the grounds. Heartfelt thanks to Ken & Mary Baer, Frank Hamm, Mark Landin, Kay Rogus and all our dedicated volunteers... you brighten our world.



## CHURCH HISTORY, FACTS, AND TIDBITS...

Our church building was constructed in 1867. The first organ, a pipe organ made by Hutchings and Votey was installed in 1902. The balcony was enlarged at that time to accommodate the organ. As electricity was not available at that time, the air for the organ was provided by human effort. A “pump boy” performed that service in the room behind the organ. That room is still used today to provide air for our present organ, powered electrically. The original organ was replaced in 1953 by an electronic organ which was used until 1978. At that time it was replaced by our present Schantz pipe organ.

Prior to 1965 there were two Presbyteries of Geneva – Lyons and Steuben-Elmira. In January 1965 they merged to form the Presbytery of Geneva of the United Presbyterian Church.





## LAPP MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lapp Memorial College Scholarship Endowment Fund was founded in 2013 by Dr. Milton Lapp and his wife Margret in memory of their son Dr. Josef (J.C.) Lapp. The fund has grown rapidly through the generous donations of family, church, and community members. This year the Major Gifts & Endowment Committee offered 3 scholarships of \$500.00 each.

Our thanks to Margret and her husband, Dr. Milton Lapp, and their family for their generosity in establishing the scholarship fund. This is a wonderful memorial and will continue to benefit our local graduates for years to come. We are happy to announce our three recipients of the \$500 Lapp Memorial College Scholarships for 2020 are Jessica Hamilton from Addison, Sha Liu from Painted Post and Ariel Ugoretz from Corning.



# **First Presbyterian Church Building**

## **Trivia #2 ANSWER**

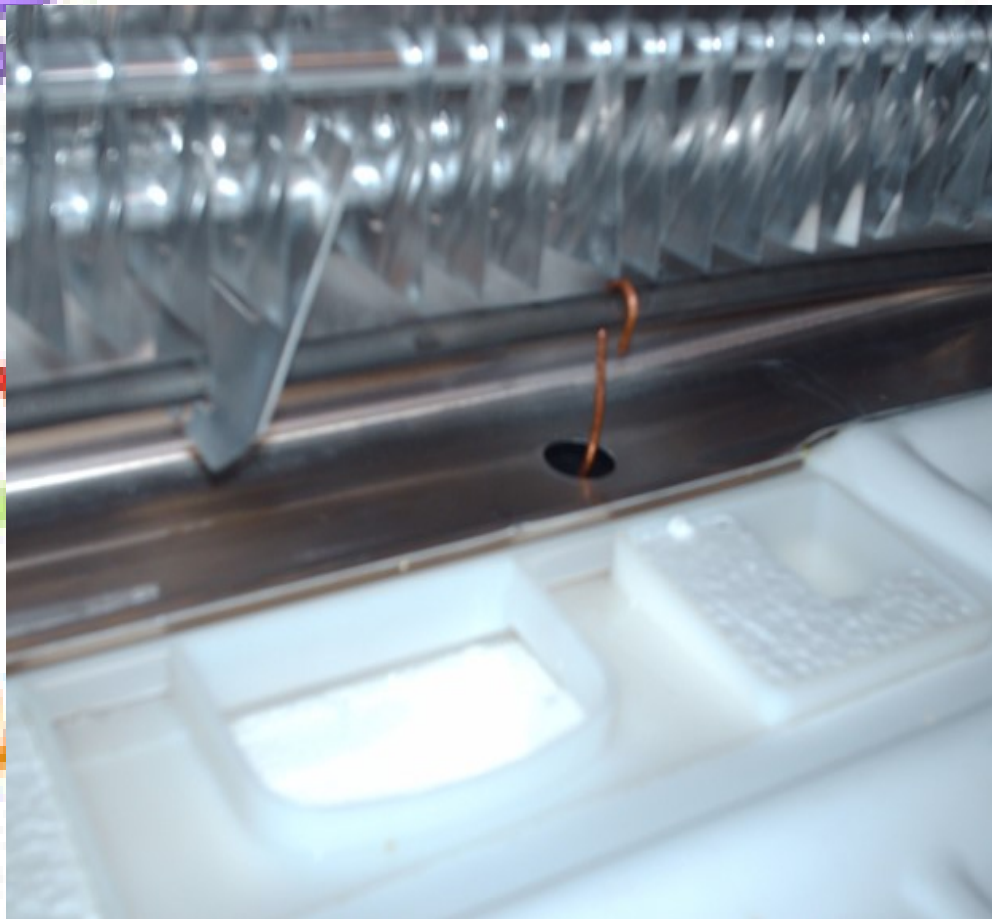
Last month's Trivia picture is a view of the inside of the grease trap under the middle sink in the kitchen. It is in the process of being cleaned and baffles replaced. Once again, Ken Baer got the answer correct. Great job Ken!

## **Trivia #3**

Can you guess where in the church I can be found? What is it I do?

Email Curt at [sexton@corningpresby.org](mailto:sexton@corningpresby.org) with your guess.

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







## Support PARENTS' RETURN TO WORK Coming, NY

During these challenging times, The Corning Salvation Army continues to meet human needs without discrimination by providing comprehensive services and assistance to our neighbors in need. Across Steuben County, your Salvation Army is taking every step possible to address the unprecedented challenge that COVID-19 presents to us all.

As New York reopens we anticipate a significant increase in emergency assistance for low-wage employees who have been temporarily laid off due to the Coronavirus. Types of support include rent/mortgage, utilities, food assistance and childcare. Your ongoing support will be needed to ensure parents have everything the need to return to work!

**Together with our local Advisory Board, our goal is to raise \$25,000 between now and July 31, 2020 – to meet the needs of parents returning to work.** Your donation stays right here in Steuben County and enables us to support families as parents return to work – by continuing to provide basic needs and services like emergency food services, meal delivery, and financial assistance – and give hope to families who desperately need our help.

We can't do this important work without you! We are grateful for your support!



**Keep a Family in Their Home** \$250

As delayed rent/mortgage payments become due individuals and parents are already requesting help to ensure they stay in their homes. Your gift of \$250 fills the gap for parents coming up short financially.



**Keep the Lights on For a Family** \$150

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The Salvation Army of Corning, 32 Denison Pkwy E. Corning, NY 14830

**YES, I WILL SUPPORT THE SALVATION ARMY OF CORNING'S PARENTS' RETURN TO WORK**

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

- ☐ \$250.00    ☐ \$150.00    ☐ \$100.00    ☐ \$25.00  
☐ OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUPPORT US ONLINE AT: [GIVE.SALVATIONARMY.ORG/CORNINGRETURNTOWORK](http://GIVE.SALVATIONARMY.ORG/CORNINGRETURNTOWORK)**

- ☐ My company offers a matching gifts program and will match my donation to The Salvation Army.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ I am making this gift in honor/in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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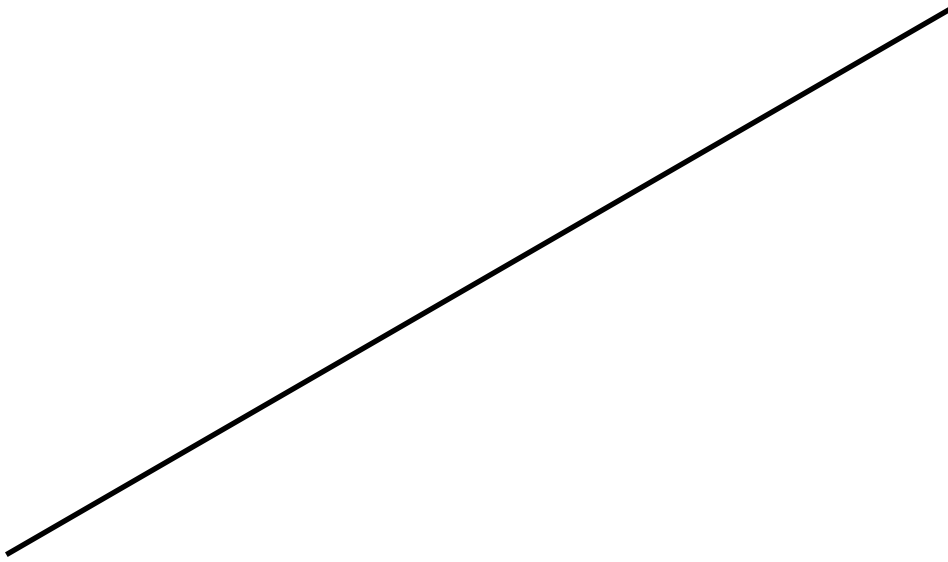
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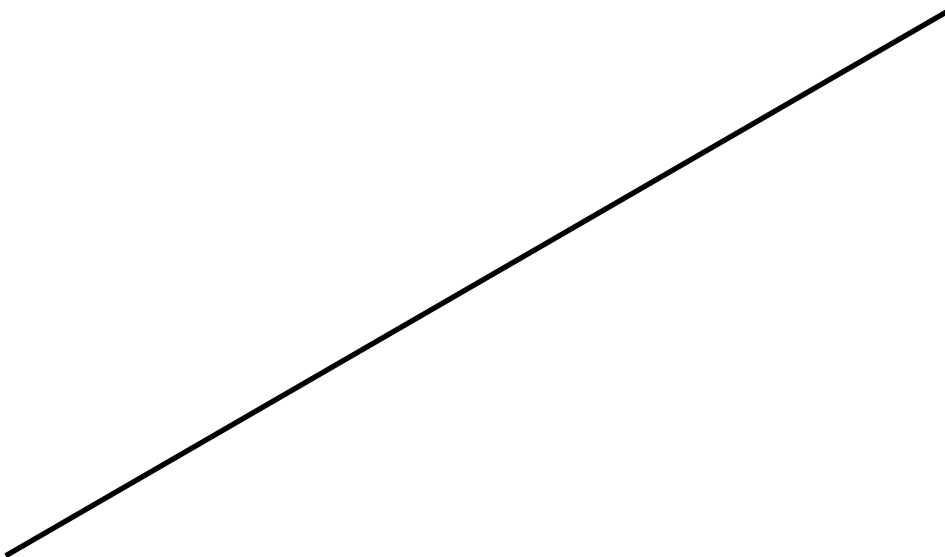
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# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## MONTH OF JULY

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

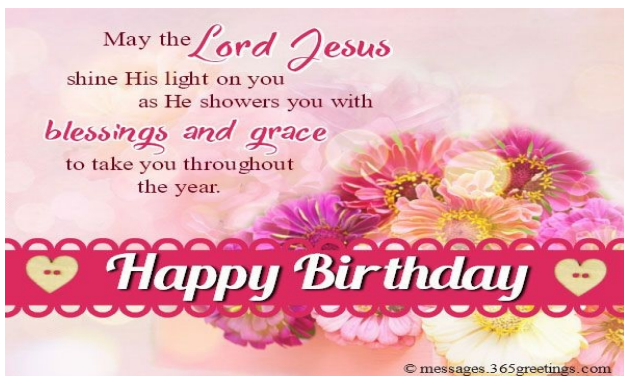
- 2 Cheri Crozier
- 5 Deborah Marino
- 8 Evelyn Wood  
Danielle Beres  
\*Michael  
McNaughton
- 13 Wayne Templer
- 14 Gary Yoggy  
Kay Rogus  
Brendan Holmes
- 16 Pastor Jeff
- 17 Ray Hampson
- 27 Albert Johnson, III  
\* Anya Beres

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

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 19 David & Jimma Powers
- 23 John & Kathy Keech  
Eli & Kailee Van Brunt
- 31 Brendan & Kimberly  
Holmes

If we miss your special day,  
please let us know so we can in-  
clude the information on our cal-  
endar.





# July 2020

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
			<b>1</b> 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study	<b>2</b> 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time 7:00p ZOOM Race & American Christianity (See Page 5)	<b>3</b> Church Office Closed	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 10:30a FACEBOOK YOUTUBE Communion Worship Service	<b>6</b> Church Office Closed for July 4th Holiday 	<b>7</b> The Church Office Opens 	<b>8</b> 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study	<b>9</b> 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time <b>5:30p Worship</b> 7:00p ZOOM Race & American Christianity (See Page 5)	<b>10</b> Church Office Closed	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30a FACEBOOK YOUTUBE Worship Service	<b>13</b> 6:00p ZOOM Race & American Christianity Discussion (See Page 5)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study	<b>16</b> 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time  7:00p ZOOM Race & American Christianity (See Page 5)	<b>17</b> Church Office Closed	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:30a FACEBOOK YOUTUBE Worship Service	<b>20</b> 6:00p ZOOM Race & American Christianity Discussion (see Page 5)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study	<b>23</b> 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time <b>6:30p Session</b> 7:00p ZOOM Race & American Christianity (See Page 5)	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30a FACEBOOK YOUTUBE Worship Service	<b>27</b> 6:00p ZOOM Race & American Christianity Discussion (see Page 5)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 11:00a ZOOM Bible Study	<b>30</b> 11:00a ZOOM Fellowship Time  7:00p ZOOM Race & American Christianity (See Page 5)	<b>31</b> Church Office Closed	

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CORNING  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM**

**Facebook Live Worship Service**

**I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'**

Isaiah 41:13

**Reverend Jeffrey Ugoretz, Pastor**

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**Church Office Hours:**

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(closed 12 - 1 for lunch)**

**Church E-Mail: [office@corningpresby.org](mailto:office@corningpresby.org)**

**Web Page: [www.corningpresby.org](http://www.corningpresby.org)**



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