

October 2017

News from the Pews

It is hard to believe that I have been preaching at Conklin Presbyterian Church for five months already. Given that so much time has passed, and we have had several months to get to know each other, I thought that perhaps it was time to share with you what brought my wife and me to Conklin in the first place, not so long ago.

First, some background. Beginning in July 2000, and following more than five years of bi-vocational, pastoral ministry in West Virginia, I was called to serve as the pastor of a Baptist church in western New York state. God blessed us with some sixty baptisms over nine-years in that rural place. But even as the church continued to grow, God began directing us elsewhere.

In July 2009, we packed our belongings and moved to Binghamton. I am currently in my ninth year as a full-time professor with Davis College, chairing both the Organizational Leadership program and the Pastoral Studies program. I also serve as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology. Several years ago, LB came to work as Assistant to the Registrar at the college. She now serves as Adjunct Professor of Mathematics, as well.

Throughout my time at Davis, I would occasionally fill pulpits across the region. More recently, that ministry intensified as I divided my Sundays between Horseheads First Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church of New Milford, Pennsylvania. By mid-winter of this year, however, my preaching schedule began to lessen. Not by accident, that is when God sent a snowstorm. So, LB and I crossed the street from our home to First Presbyterian Church, rather than to drive to our own church in West Windsor. That visit would prove to be providential.

Before we left the church that day, Pastor Peak had shared about the need at both Conklin and Broad Avenue – North. That conversation led to my visit on March 12. I would preach for Pastor Peak at First Presbyterian once in April, then return to CPC and BAN in May. On Tuesday, June 6, Pastor Peak and I headed to Bainbridge for my interview with the Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry. That meeting led to a six-month pulpit-supply contract under which I currently serve.

This chain of events is typical of the way God has always led me. First, He prepares my heart and mind, and that can take years. In this case, God had been preparing me to venture outside of Baptist circles by giving me preaching opportunities in other churches over several years. Then, He opens a door. It is hard to miss, really. I would be disobedient to not walk through the door. So, that is why this Baptist currently ministers in two PC(USA) congregations.

Over the several months that LB and I have been a part of Conklin Presbyterian Church, you have made us feel welcome. In fact, we consider both CPC and BAN to be our spiritual home. We could not imagine being anywhere else. How thankful we are to God that His sovereign plan led us to you. One year ago, we could not have known where we would be ministering in 2017. Now that we are here, we could not be happier. Thank you for accepting us. We are overjoyed to serve with you. Soli Deo gloria.

Rev. Colton

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October Birthdays

October 4	Dot Brown
	Connor Cleary
October 5	Georgia Brundege
October 7	Eleanor Jones
October 8	Jackie Guillon
	Debbie Konnick
October 9	Richard Lunn
October 13	Doris McWenie
October 14	Nancy Rychlewski
October 18	Rachel Shirvan
October 19	Bob Weyant
October 20	Bruna Warner
October 21	Richard Ferris
October 26	Gabby Killmeier
October 28	Grace Ferris
October 29	Carolyn Groupe
	David Parkhurst
October 30	Jill Miclon
October 31	Kyle Ferris
	Angela Lunn

October Anniversaries

October 5	Lisa & Bob Weyant
October 10	Carol & Bob Scherer
October 13	Carol & Jack Bell
October 14	Luann & David Parkhurst
October 19	Linda & Paul Schofield

Deacons

Jackie Guillon

The Deacons will be asking the congregation to help us fill 20 boxes for families in need. It has become a tradition to partner with St. Mary's Church in Kirkwood for this project. More information will follow in the weekly bulletins.

Volunteer for the Church Office

Karla Toman

I will be away October 23rd—the 26th. If you can answer the phones while I'm away, please call the church office. Thanks for your help.

Healing Prayer

Dot Conklin

Julie Allen	Jody Nagel
Alexandra Atwood	Jan Patchen
Baby Quinn, 11 months old	Jan Quigley
Lynn Bond	Phil Quinn
Allen Bonner	Don Roe
Mary Borley	Jonathan Rouse
Jim Davern	Rosemarie Rullo
Harriet Dimidio	Maddie Shaw
Family of Mary DeVoe	Millie Simmons
Family of Don Everett	Family of Greg Stayer
Nancy Fairbairn	Rich White
Paul Ives	John Yedinak
Marge Jacobs	Our Church
Family of Jeff Knapp	Our Country
Sandy & Bill Llewellyn	Hurricane victims in Houston & Florida.
Jody Nagel	
Sandy & Bill Llewellyn	

The next healing prayer meeting will on
Tuesday, October 16th @ 11 AM in the CPC Chapel.

Congratulations Ian Tschang!

Local students named as semifinalists in 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program! Among the 16,000 semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Scholarship program are several local students. The semifinalists are competing for about 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million. Among the semifinalists is Ian L. Tschang, of Seton Catholic Central High School.

We are so proud of you Ian!

BAN Chapel Congregational Calendar

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00

Building/Grounds----- Beth Lewis

Deacons----- Judy Evans, Debbie Konnick,
Betty Ann Puzo, and Nancy Rychlewski

Christian Education----- Debbie Konnick

Children’s Sunday School ----- Bev Emmett &
Debbie Konnick

Fellowship/Personnel CPC----- Mary Sternquist

Fellowship/Nurture CPC----- Bev Emmett

Choir Tuesdays at 6 PM ----- Gloria Larson, Music Director

Worship/Bulletin/Newsletter----- Marian Vergason

BAN WOC (Women of the Church)----- Mary Sternquist

AA Meets Saturdays at 7:00 PM

Next Chapel Meeting is October 14 at 9:00. “Clean Up” (the church) at 10:30 following the Chapel meeting.

Communion ----- October 1st

Communion Servers --- Bev Emmett & Mary Sternquist

BAN Deacons

Betty Ann Puzo

Recently BAN lost another long-time member, Jeff Knapp, who served faithfully as our Lay Leader every Sunday. Please keep his family, Margaret, Steve, Seneca, Alan and Carolyn Knapp, in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this very difficult time. Also please keep our shut-ins and those suffering with a health issue in your prayers. Our shut-ins include Naomi Clark and Bill Emmett.

Church Women United

Bev Emmett

Attention Ladies: North Fenton United Methodist Church will be hosting our Church Women United October get together. It is Friday, October 6 from 10 to Noon. Please come join us for fellowship at our Fall Celebration.

BAN Rummage & Bake Sale

Mary Sternquist

Coming October 5 & 6 from 9 to 3 and October 7 9 to Noon with “bag sale”. Much help is needed – please contact Mary Sternquist. Donations of baked items are also needed for the Bake Sale. Profits benefiting the WOC (Women of the Church organization). Most importantly, visit the sale...there’s something for everyone including lunch (or take home dinner) by Doc’s City Chicken; then finish it off with a sweet treat from the bake sale!!

BAN Christian Education

Debbie Konnick

BAN’s annual pancake & sausage breakfast will be held October 8 following the worship service. Donations will be taken to cover cost of food. Please see sign up sheet.

Thank You

To all our friends at Broad Ave-North & Conklin Presbyterian Church.....

Thank you all for all you did for us during Jeff’s recent passing – the visits, cards, phone calls, flowers, and food were greatly appreciated. Most of all thanks for all your prayers. We are truly blessed to have friends like you. May God bless all of you.

~ Margaret, Steve, Seneca, Alan and Carolyn Knapp

BAN Mission & Evangelism

Bev Emmett

This is “The Season for Peace” – thank you for your generosity this Fall with your donations to the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering (also known as Peacemaking). There are so many ways your dollars can help, programs that help families in need, struggling with the basic necessities. Sunday, October 1 is World Communion Sunday; “The Season for Peace” will go through October....again, thank you for your generosity.

BAN Worship

Marian Vergason

We were very saddened and shocked to hear of Lay Leader, Jeff Knapp's, passing on September 4th. We will miss seeing him in the pulpit every Sunday beginning our service with a friendly smile, a little humor, a love for our hymns and their history and a strong faith in God. We thank him for all his good work and we will miss him very much.

Thank you to our new Lay Leader, David Decker and Substitute Lay Leader, Clint Puzo.

Keep in mind we are looking for someone to head the Adult Sunday School/Bible Study time which is normally held during coffee hour on Sundays. This job has many rewards and no pay, but is an important part of our church life.

Church...we are reminded of what the church really is with the first verse of "We Are the Church" by Richard Avery and Donald March.

We Are the Church
by Richard Avery and Donald March

The Church is not a building.
The Church is not a steeple,
The Church is not a resting place,
The Church is a people.
I am the Church!
You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus,
All around the world!
Yes, we're the Church together!

- shared by Beth Lewis

BAN Shoebox Project

Marian Vergason

The Shoebox Project is coming to a close for this year. We will collect items and money until the middle of October. We have received a DVD from last year's campaign showing the children receiving their shoeboxes... for most, this would be the first shoebox/gift they have ever received. If you would like to borrow this DVD to watch at home and return it after you have viewed, please let Marian know. It is a very heartwarming experience to see the faces of truly thankful children and knowing that you had a part in bringing a smile to their faces. The head of this project, Sharyn Skinner, wanted to make sure everyone knows how much she appreciates your participation in this effort in memory of her son, Trooper Christopher Skinner. November 11 is "packing day" at Community Baptist Church in Port Dickinson. Everyone is invited to join in the packing process which will go on most of the day. Shoebox Sunday will be November 12.....experience the blessing of the boxes and the passing of the boxes from one to another all the way out to Sharyn's car where, when completely loaded, will transport all to the transfer center. Times for these events will be in the November newsletter.

The Garden Fairy

Master Gardner, Debbie Konnick

Coming soon to Broome County Co-operative Extension....a new classroom building with A Taste of New York Store and Coffee Bar overlooking Cutler Gardens! Also, remember, the Regional Farmer's Market is open year round Saturdays from 9 to 1.



Now is the time to get your Spring bulbs in and add bone meal – it will give you stronger flowers. Use your leaves to mulch your flower beds after you have cleaned out your annuals and finished weeding and thinning out your beds.

Story from Ron Hutchcraft

Sherry Brown

Below is a story I heard online the other day from Ron Hutchcraft. It hit home with me as I come to the end of my 6th year on Session & Chair of the Personnel Committee. It is so tempting to say I've done my time and I need to rest. As I looked around the church on Sunday just about every face I saw is doing something in the church and I realize that right now is not the time to just rest.

We are not the young, large congregation we have been in the past. We have 3 Elders and 4 Deacons that will be retiring from their positions and all are CPC members. BAN is well represented. I know you are all doing something and you have all paid your dues but as the Nominating Committee starts their work I would ask that you pray and examine your heart to the work that needs to be done and what you can do for God and his ministry here at Conklin Presbyterian Church.

In Christian Love ~ Sherry Brown

Here is the Message from Ron Hutchcraft:

One little light. That's all it took to render our car totally unusable. The little light in the rear of our vehicle was left on one night after we unloaded some things, and it stayed on for several days while we were gone. When we got back, everything in that car said, "I'm not starting, pal!" because that one little light totally drained our battery. But then came the hero! Yes, up came our friend in his pickup truck with his trusty jumper cables. And those cables delivered the energy that my flat old battery needed to run again!

I'm Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have A Word With You today about "Human Jumper Cables."

What does it take to get a drained and tired battery going again? A jolt from jumper cables that infuses the energy needed to revive it. And what does it take to get a drained and tired person going again? Human jumper cables that deliver new energy to revive them.

I'm guessing that you know someone right now who is pretty depleted-emotionally, mentally, maybe spiritually or physically. When they turn the key, not much is happening because their battles, their responsibilities have left them unable to get going again. That's why God has given us each other though. To be jumper cables for each other when we sense that someone we know is pretty run down. If you've got your eyes open for them, you'll see someone in need of an emotional and spiritual "jump" most every day of your life.

There's a wonderful example of this. It's in 2 Timothy 1:16-17, our word for today from the Word of God. This is the last letter Paul ever wrote. He's away from most of his friends, he's locked up in Caesar's prison in Rome, and he knows he may never leave there alive. And in fact, he won't. Then along comes an unsung hero called Onesiphorus, and he is God's jumper cables to help the great apostle find the energy to go on.

Listen to Paul's testimony and think about how you could be this for someone you know: "May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains...When he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me."

Okay, when you're one of God's jump starters, you wake up in the morning and you say, "Lord, show me who needs me today." Then you look for, even go out of your way if necessary, to call that person who needs encouragement, or to write them, or e-mail them, or visit with them, text them, Facebook them, just stop and take time with them.

It's almost always a sacrifice to do that because of all the things you've got to do. But you may have nothing more important to do than this extension of Jesus' love to someone who's really depleted right now. Your joy can jump start theirs. Your praying in faith can jump start theirs. Your affirmation of their value and their significance can jump start them believing it again themselves. Your belief in them can re-energize their courage to get back in the ring for another round. Your reminder of who they really are to God and to you may be just the spiritual jolt they need to get going again.

You could say, "Well, I need someone to jump start me!" You're thinking a lot lately about your burdens, your problems, and your feelings. You know the greatest way to get out of your pit is to reach out and help someone else get out of theirs. Proverbs 11:25: "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

You have what someone needs today to get started again. You know that? Don't just cruise on by, oblivious to the needs in front of you. "Lord, show me who needs me today." That's the prayer that will make you the conduit to deliver the very resources of God to someone who really can't go on without them. You are God's jumper cables.

Stewardship Committee

Jack Bell

2017 August Financial Standings

* figures rounded to nearest \$100

Balance Sheet:

	8/31/17	8/31/16
Tioga checking account	\$86,300	\$81,800
Unrestricted fund balance	\$25,300	\$15,900

A large donation by a member seems to have been given earlier this year than it was in 2016. It significantly "boosted" the above numbers.

Revenue & Expenses:

	August				YTD			
	2015	2016	2017	%	2015	2016	2017	%
Revenue	\$24,500	\$16,100	\$26,600	47	\$191,600	\$172,300	\$157,500	[8.5]
Expenses	\$23,300	\$22,100	\$17,500	[21]	\$202,500	\$186,700	\$153,900	[17.5]
Difference	\$2,100	[\$6,000]	\$6,100		[\$10,900]	[\$14,600]	\$3,600	

We can certainly see the financial effect of not having a full time pastor! Envelope giving is only down about 4% compared to last year but loose offering is significantly up due to (what would be your guess?)!

Endowments:

New Covenant Funds as well as LPL (our endowments at Tioga Bank) currently total approximately \$540,000. We have touched very little so far this year.

In Christ's Service,
Your Stewardship Team,
Barb, Dana, Dave, Jack



2017 Harvest Festival

Reenie Dedrick

The Conklin Presbyterian Church 2017 Harvest Festival

Saturday, November 4, 2017

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Reminder to our church family: The success of this annual fund raiser depends upon all of us participating!

How can you help?

- ◇ Donate items for the "gently used sales".
- ◇ Donate a theme basket - Betty Noccolino is coordinating and is in need of donors so contact her. An opportunity, at the church, to purchase tickets for the theme baskets will begin in Sept.
- ◇ Bake some goodies for the bake sale.
- ◇ Volunteer to help - don't wait to be asked. You are needed to set up and to clean up and take down. We all can help in some way.

This year, in the North Hall is a **3-day New 2 U Rummage Sale** is featured. The sale begins Thursday, November 2nd and continues thru Saturday, November 4th. This sale needs items as well. As you do your fall cleaning, set aside your "gently used" stuff and donate it to the North Hall **3-day New 2 U Rummage Sale**.

- ◇ Pocketbooks and purses.
- ◇ Gently used children's toys. Boxes are available now in the north hall for these two items.
- ◇ Gently used books, CDs, DVDs, games, and puzzles to the kitchen annex. These items to be sold in the rummage sale.
- ◇ Items needed: linens, kitchen items, items to be sold in rummage sale
- ◇ Household items, holiday items, etc.
- ◇ **No clothing or shoes please.**

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Killmeier at 607 - 287-7254.

Your gently used stuff could be some else's treasure! The 2017 Harvest Festival event is a big event and we need your help.

Amanda Killmeier, Coordinator and Renee Dedrick, Public Relations

Separate Check Club

Carol Fuller

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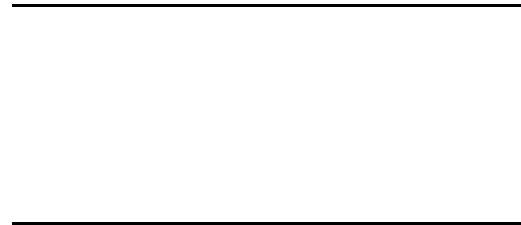
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Permit #4



BAN Rummage Sale

Thursday, October 5 & Friday & October 6th

9 AM—3 PM

& Saturday, October 7th from 9 AM to Noon!

Separate Check Club

1st Lunch will be at the Park Diner
on Tuesday, October 10th at Noon
(see inside for more details)

Bowl of Plenty

Free Community Dinner on
Thursday, October 12th @ 6 PM
Conklin Presbyterian Church