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April 2015
Happy Easter
This is your copy of The Witness
We wish God's Blessings on



THE WITNESS

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Central Square

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"Our mission as a church is to share and respond to God's love for each person by welcoming all. Together, we can return God's love by becoming witnesses and followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ throughout our daily lives. We allow these things to help us become new people in Christ."

Lynn Bort, Moderator

Megan Biddle, Pastor

Linda Heer, Church Clerk

Cindy Cuny, Church Secretary

Victor Vrooman, Organist

Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor

News and Upcoming Events about our Community of Faith

Notices Concerning Our Affiliated Denomination – The American Baptist Churches in the USA

Information to Help Live a More Fulfilled Life

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these members and friends in your prayer: Ken Bird, Mark & Margret Heitmann, Ken House, Stewart Smith, Phyllis Smith, Stephen Springer, Andy Spry, Helen Webb, Mike White, our missionaries, our nation, and our denominational and local church leaders.

PRAYER FOR APRIL

Awesome God,

you do not have to prove yourself to me. Rather,
please allow

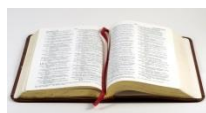
me to see the hidden treasure of evidence of your
presence that I stumble

over in the field of my life each day. Let me not
judge the obvious nature

of your revelations but be stilled and humbled by
the honor of knowing you

at all! Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH



The Lord will fight for you, and you only have to
keep still. (Exodus 14:14)

MEETING NIGHTS

Deacon's	April 14 th	6:30
Church Council	April 15 th	7pm

WITNESS ARTICLES

All witness articles for May are due by April 20th. All boards should submit an article and any members who would like to put an article in. If you need help with a topic just ask.

Free Lunches



Our first lunch was held on February 24th. We served 16 people, but only 2 from outside of our church family. We hope to increase that number, now that our artic freeze has subsided and people are, more likely to venture out.

Continue to keep this mission in your prayers as I feel God has led us to reach out to others in need within our community. Please tell others you see and know and ask them to join us.

God Bless,
Cheryl Backman

ATTENTION ALL BOARDS



There is a lot going on and it's nice to know what's going on at each board. So, please write an article and submit it by the 20th of each month. After all this is your newspaper.

BLOOD DRIVE



The Red Cross will be here on April 9th from 1:30-6:30. Please consider giving you could save a life. Please call 1-800-Red-Cross to get an appointment.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL



Nancy flower - 3 Rich Mizerski – 20
Art Brooks – 20 Stewart Smith - 24

ANNIVERSARY



Don & Nancy Flower - 2

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



We have canceled the pictures for the picture directory. This is due to lack of interest.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



On April 15th at 7pm will be our church council meeting. Please mark your calendars.

THE WATCH



In the spirit of Jesus praying in the garden the night before his arrest, we would like to offer the same type of experience for our church family. Maunday Thursday we will have a service at 7pm. Beginning at 8pm, we would like to have someone begin praying in the church. The idea is that each hour a new person comes and takes the next watch, this would continue overnight, with the final person praying from 11am-noon. At noon, we will hold a short prayer service in honor of Good Friday. So that no one is in the church alone, Pastor Meg will be staying in her office overnight, and is willing to cover the hours that no one signs up for. The doors to the church will be locked at all times for safety purposes. Consider prayerfully joining in on this amazing experience.

SPECIAL SERVICES



April 2nd Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

April 3rd Good Friday Service 7pm

Both services are here at the church.

CHRISTIAN ANATOMY



Head- faith/to know Jesus.

Neck- turn yourself away from temptation.

Arms- to wrap around someone in a warm embrace.

Elbows- to interlock with others and include them.

Hands- touch someone and pray for them.

Fingers- to interlock and pray/count our blessings on.

Eyes- to see reality and make changes.

Nose- smell (sense) danger (Satan) and walk away.

Mouth- to speak the words of Jesus.

Tongue- to control your words.

Ears- to listen twice as much as you speak.

Heart – to love everyone regardless of differences.

Lungs- to breathe in the life God has given us.

Stomach- to share food with others.

Bottom- to sit on and listen to sermons.

Spine- to sit or stand tall when facing adversity.

Legs- to help us travel to the people who need us.

Knees- to drop down to and pray when all else fails.

Feet- to step gingerly and respect all.

Toes- to count our blessings when we run out of fingers.

Written by
Rebekah Springer

PRAYER CHAIN 2015



Any who feels they have a situation that needs the power of prayer may call for help from our telephone prayer chain group. Please start with Pastor Meg but if she is unavailable, leave a message and call Delores Olin. The prayer chain participants will call the next person on the list. If that person is unavailable, they will leave a message and continue down the list until they speak to someone in person. To prayer chain participants: Thank you so much for your prayer support and belief in the power of prayer!

Pastor Meg 668-2138 (church)

Deloris Olin 668-2719

Carol Chamberlin 676-7461

Lynn Bort 317-3864

Genie Rotundo 675-8646(home) 952-5427 (cell)

Cheryl Backman 668-2230

Linda Heer 668-1166

Dail & Rich Mizerski 675-3271

SPAGHETTI DINNER



April 18th from 4-6 we will be having a spaghetti dinner. Please contact Mark Heitmann for more details. (668-8004)

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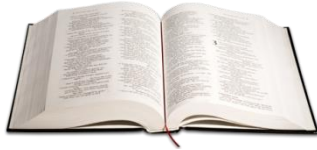
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YOUR COMMUNITY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO FEED SENIORS IN YOU'RE COMMUNITY



Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.-Nutrition Services is seeking compassionate, caring people with a good driving record to transport meals to homebound senior citizens throughout Oswego County. There is an urgent need for volunteer meal deliverers in your area. However, volunteer opportunities are available countywide. Our program engages people from all walks of life in helping their elderly neighbors and it only takes a time commitment of 45 minutes to an hour, one day a week, to make a difference. Mileage is reimbursed, Please contact the Nutrition Services office, Christine Parks at 598-4712 ext. 1807 for more information.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Pastor's Corner-

I have been promised by more people than I can count, that this winter has been one of the worst in a very long time. Thank you, Central New York, for the warm welcome! Well, I am pleased to say that I survived. I have come to the conclusion that since I managed to survive one of the worst winters, that next winter should be much easier.

While I am ready for warmer weather, and the snow birds to return to the congregation, I do not want to wish life away, because it just goes so fast. One day you find yourself married with small children, and then you blink, and those little ones are taller than you. We live these lives of wishing everything would just hurry up and get here, and we forget just how important it is that we wait. There have been so many times that I have been with patients and families in the hospital that have said, "There is nothing we can do, but wait." Well, who says you need to "do" something anyway? Waiting is extremely difficult, especially when we are in the midst of a crisis, when we are waiting for a diagnosis that will change our lives forever, or we are waiting on life to get better.

"The Lord will fight for you, and you need only to be still." (Ex. 14:14) "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps. 46:10) These are two of my favorite verses. Isn't it amazing to know that we serve a loving God who fights for us, who seeks us when we are lost, and who redeems us every day of our lives. Please know that no matter what you are waiting for, you are loved, even those who stopped attending church a long time ago, and even those who never have been to church. I pray for you all. We serve a God who loves us unconditionally and

who never stops calling our name, all we need is to be still. Invite someone to church this month. Please, don't wait. No matter how young or old, invite them. Knowing that you think enough of them to invite them to church may be the encouragement they needed to keep going. Remember that none of us can really know a person until we are a part of their life.

If you stopped coming to church, and are reading this, know that you are loved and missed. I have heard so many amazing things about the people who USE to come to church here, consider coming back and trying it again. If you have been hurt by the church in the past, please know that I am sorry, and while I cannot take away the pain, I can, we can, help you heal and move past it.

See you all in church!

Pastor Meg

THANK YOU



I wanted to thank the entire congregation for my beautiful gift. The cross is stunning. I appreciate it. Our family is so blessed to be a part of this congregation, and I am honored to serve as your pastor.

Pastor Meg