

First Baptist Church of Central Square

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Prayer Concerns: Daisy Ayre, Judith Backus, Family of Joan Brown, Melody Clark, Patricia Corey, Rachel Cole, Family of Doug Deer, Patrick Fenton's Uncle Mark, Nancy Flower, the Fuller Family, Graham Family, Pat Harrington, Jo Heitmann, Lynda Heer, Cherie House, Leighton Merritt, Bev Mitchell, Ken Leamon's Family, Vic Perotti, Ron Myers, Michael Thomas Richichi, Stephen Springer, Stagle Family, Frank VanBuskirk, Helen Webb, our church, our schools, our nation, and our military.

Birthdays:

Diana Baxter 2	Delores Olin 4	Roxanne Spink 4
Lilliah Woolson-Smith 9	John Zelesnik 11	Rebekah Springer 13
Aiden Baxter 15	Vesta Lewis 16	Taylor Baxter 17
Rachel Fuller 18	Alec Rich 20	Sofia Shanahan 23

Thank You

With deep sorrow, we share the news that Reverend Ken Leamon has gone to be with the heavenly father. This month's "thank you" is dedicated to him.

Thank You... **Reverend Ken Leamon** for putting a smile on every person's face you came in contact with. Thank you for sharing your wisdom and guidance through the hard times, and celebrating with us during the good times. Thank you for giving us so many wonderful sermons with us this past 10 months that reached each of us exactly how we needed. Thank you for sharing your love of God and making each member of this congregation a better person.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Central Square on August 12th, 2018. Calling hours will be 1pm – 3pm and services will be at 3pm. Reverend Kuiper will be leading the service.

Witness Articles

Please submit all articles by August 28th to Kahminder@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

August 12

Ken Leamon Memorial Service
Calling Hours (1pm-3pm)
Service (3pm)

August 14

Council Meeting (6:30pm)

August 25

Annual Retreat & Meeting
(9am breakfast)



Trustee Update

On Wednesday July 25th, the floors in fellowship hall, 2 Sunday school rooms and 1/2 of both hallways were sanded and refinished. They look great!!

In addition to the floors being refinished, we had another emergent expense that came up. During the sanding process, the power went off in only a few areas of the church building. The generator kicked on which it is supposed to do. But in follow-up a few days later, the generator was still on and we could not get it turn off. Long story short, the generator was finally turned off at the breaker. We still had some power in the sanctuary for church on July 29; however, there wasn't any power in the fellowship hall and bathrooms. This trustee was able to contact Rodney Weaver with Rural Bolt in Hastings, who graciously came to the church and fixed it, both the electrical service from the power box outdoors, and the generator. There may also be an issue with the gas service which will be looked at also. **This will be an added expense of at least \$1800. We are collecting specific donations to help cover this immense cost and keep our church in good running order. Please help if you can!**

A Message to the Congregation

For the past several months Rebekah or I have been bringing a microphone to people when they speak during the "Announcements" and "Joy and Prayer Concerns" times of the worship service. I started doing this because it is difficult for many of us that have hearing problems to understand what you are saying. The microphones are tied in to the PA system. This makes it easier to hear your voice because it is amplified. In addition, when individuals use the hearing aids provided they can hear what you are saying through that system. Any of you that have a hearing impairment know how frustrating it is to not hear or understand what someone else says. We all value everyone's participation in the worship service. So please keep this in mind in the future. Even if you think your voice is loud enough to be heard it probably is not and even if it is using the microphone makes it easier for others to hear what you want to share. So in the future when you have something to share during these portions of the worship service please, raise your hand so that we can get the microphone to you. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, Roxanne L. Spink

AB Women

Mark your Calendars!!

Rummage Sale September 14th (4-7) & September 15th (9-2) : Bag Sale 9/15/18 1-2pm

Looking for Baked Donations as well as Chili Donations!

AB Women Annual Retreat will be August 25th beginning at 9:00!! Breakfast Pizza will be provided!! All Women are welcome and encouraged to join!!

Church Officers

Reverend

Moderator

Lynn Bort

Church Clerk

Rebekah Springer

Treasurer

Elizabeth Rotundo

Assistant Treasurer

Roxanne Spink

Financial Secretary

Grace Fuller

Christian Education

Facilitators

Roxanne Spink

Carol Chamberlin

Misty DeFalco

Trustee Facilitators

Randi Driesen

Cherie House

Diana Baxter

Diaconate Facilitators

Rich Mizerski

Penny Faulter

Cheryl Backman

DARKNESS EXISTS,
BUT DO NOT DWELL THERE.

LIGHT ALSO EXISTS.

IT IS THE LIGHT OF
JESUS CHRIST.

Diaconate Update:

As the familiar verse in the Doxology goes, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow...", we at First Baptist have great reasons to praise God. On Sunday July 8th we welcomed four new members into our congregation, and on that same morning, two chose to be re-baptized in our sanctuary. I can't think of any more significant events that could occur in the life of our church at this time. These blessings from God comes at a time when the majority of churches are struggling just to keep their doors open, and we ourselves are in a long period without a full-time pastor. To me, these remarkable blessings are also sign from God that He wishes First Baptist to remain open; to remain a viable witness to our faith in Jesus despite the challenges and assaults from the world we live in today. May these blessings greatly increase our faith, hope and commitment. - Rich Mizerski

Pulpit Supply for August:

5 – Ms. Shirley Myers
12 – Rev Bud Adams
19 – Rev Terry Nichols
26 - Rev Terry Nichols

Christian Education Facilitators Update

No Update this month

Church T-Shirts

Are you ready to order your very own FBC Shirt?! Cherie House is now taking orders for tshirts! The design is below.



Shirts are \$15 each and orders forms are available at church or can be emailed to fbccsny@gmail.com or you can leave a message at the church phone and Rebekah or Cherie will get back to you!

History of the Ladies Auxiliary By Delores Olin

A continuation...

There is an annual fall retreat for planning the New Year.

Though there were many changes, the women are still helping with church finances with money raising projects and the following projects: trunk-or-treat in October, Baptist Women World Day of Prayer in November, Family Craft Day in December, Health kits, Paint Night, One of the sponsors of Randi Driesen's Mission trips to the Dominican Republic, Soup on Sunday for Women's NYS Project, mission giving to the Unity Acers, Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Women and Girls Leadership, we attend AB Conferences.

Yes, there are changes, but, our Women's Society is still active and we invite new women to join us and help carry out the mission statement.



Motto of the Day # 10

The inner side of every cloud is bright and shining; therefore turn your clouds about and always wear them inside out to show the silver lining.

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August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Shirley Myers	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Rev Bud Adams Rev. Leamon Services (1pm)	13 WIC 10:45 – 7	14 Council Meeting (6:30pm)	15 WIC 8:15 – 4:30	16	17	18
19 Rev Terry Nichols	20	21	22	23	24	25 Women's Annual Retreat & Meeting (9am breakfast)
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