

First Baptist Church of Central Square

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Prayer Concerns: our church, our schools, our nation, and our military.

Birthdays:

Alexander Springer 8	Stephen Springer 8	Ken Bird 10
Matt Shanahan 10	Cody Nelson Jr. 11	Heather Bettinger 12
Shaylee Woolson-Smith 15	Joshua Heitmann 26	Dale Bort 27
Nicholas Heitmann 31		Nathan Heitmann 31

Anniversaries

	Cheryl & Karl Backman 12	
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Thank You

Instead of Mystery Member, I will now be recognizing people who selflessly give themselves to this church.

Thank You... **Grace Fuller!** As busy as this woman's life is, she still dedicates her time to the church and takes time to get to know everyone she comes across. She has deep relationships with so many people and we value the hard work she does! Thank you!!

Witness Articles

Please submit all articles by December 28th to fbccsny@gmail.com

Pledge Sunday

As we move into the New Year, please consider completing a pledge form and make a promise to give this coming year. It helps us plan for the future of our church. Please turn them in by December 16th!



Upcoming Events

December 2

Craft Day

December 6

Decorate Christmas Tree (5pm)

December 9

Children's Day

December 15

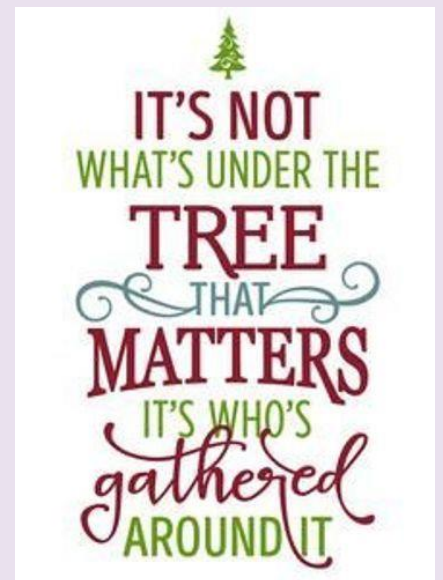
Make Baskets & Caroling (12:30pm)

December 16

Pledge Sunday

December 24

Christmas Eve Service (8pm)



The Gold Wrapping Paper

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper.

As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten the money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!"

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her.

But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!"

The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Diaconate Update:

On December 15th, the deacons will be making baskets for our community and then they will be caroling with anyone who would like to! If you would like to make baskets, meet at the church at 12:30pm and then we will leave for caroling at 1pm! All are welcome!

Trustee Update

Welcome Nate DeFalco as our newest trustee!!

Church Officers

Interim Pastor
Pastor Lillian Cabral

Moderator
Lynn Bort

Church Clerk
Rebekah Springer

Treasurer
Elizabeth Rotundo

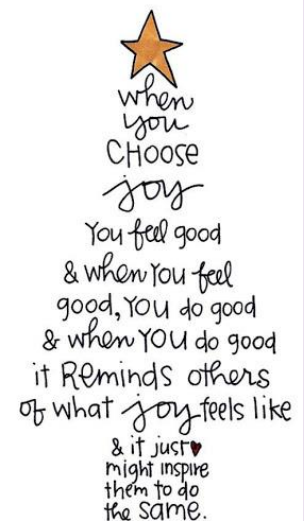
Assistant Treasurer
Roxanne Spink

Financial Secretary
Grace Fuller

Christian Education
Facilitators
Roxanne Spink
Carol Chamberlin
Misty DeFalco

Trustee Facilitators
Cherie House
Diana Baxter
Nate DeFalco

Diaconate Facilitators
Rich Mizerski
Penny Faulter
Cheryl Backman



when
you
CHOOSE
joy
You feel good
& when you feel
good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good
it REMINDS others
of what joy feels like
& it just
might inspire
them to do
the same.

Christian Education Facilitators Update

Please take a white gift tag and return it ASAP. We are supporting one family in the community this Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne L. Spink, Christian Education Facilitator Chairperson

Carol Chamberlin

Misty DeFalco

You are cordially invited to A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!!

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: Every day. Traditionally, December 25 but He's always around, so the date is flexible....

Time: Whenever you're ready. (Please don't be late, though, or you'll miss out on all the fun!)

Place: In your heart.... He'll meet you there. (You'll hear Him knock.)

Attire: Come as you are... grubbies are okay.

He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.

Tickets: Admission is free. He's already paid for everyone... (He says you wouldn't have been able to afford it anyway... it cost Him everything He had. But you do need to accept the ticket!!)

Refreshments: New wine, bread, and a far-out drink He calls "Living Water," followed by a supper that promises to be out of this world!

Gift Suggestions: Your life. He's one of those people who already has everything else. (He's very generous in return though. Just wait until you see what He has for you!)

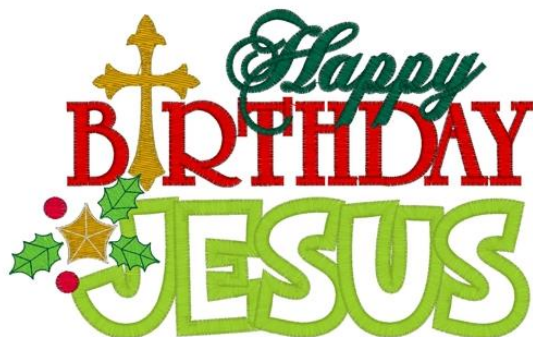
Entertainment: Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise, Contentment, and much more! (All "G" rated, so bring your family and friends.)

R.S.V.P. Very Important! He must know ahead so He can reserve a spot for you at the table.

Also, He's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Party being given by His Kids (that's us!!)

Hope to see you there!



A Note

By Delores Olin

Let's join our hands
and hearts,

Put all doubts and
questions aside

It's time for each one of us
to do our parts

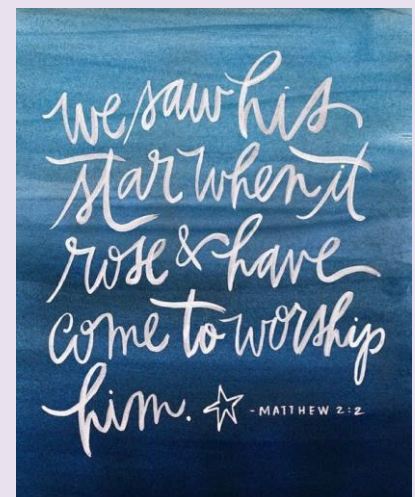
Talking, listening,
sharing, aiming

For the best side.



Motto of the Day # 15

Cultivate a habit of
looking on the sunny
side of life and you will
forget you are
dwelling in the
shadows.



From The Pastor

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters in Christ at First Baptist Central Square:

My name is Lillian Cabral and it is my honor and privilege to walk along beside you during this time of transition as your Interim Pastor.

I started on November 4th and what a blessing it has been so far.

A little about me –

I live in Cato, NY and have 7 grown children and 7 of the best grandchildren ever. In the spring, I will be blessed with my first great-grandchild. It seems the grandchildren grew up faster than the children did.

I retired as Payroll and Human resources at Cato-Meridian Central School in 2011. They asked me to stay on part time as the Accounts payable clerk and I do that two days a week – Monday and Tuesday.

I am a widow. My husband passed away in May of 2017. He was a wonderful encourager of my ministry. It was because of his

encouragement that I became a Certified Lay Pastor with American Baptist Churches of NYS. I have served on the Advisory Council of the Iroquois Association for close to 20 years as the treasurer. (Mainly because no one else wants the job. It's not that hard – really!) I am also currently serving as President of American Baptist Women's Ministries of NYS. That term ends in April.

I can be stubborn, sarcastic, and light hearted. I think I have a good sense of humor (a personal opinion, of course) but mostly I'm a very good listener, (except to my kids – they tell me I don't listen). I think I'm reasonably intelligent. I have an Associate's Degree in Accounting. I love the Lord and for some reason He planned on my becoming a pastor. I think that has something to do with His sense of humor. I know this because He tells me constantly, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. I don't preach earthly prosperity because God's provision for prosperity is in Eternal Life with Him; but he gives me mountains of Hope that I will be spending quality time with Him in heaven.

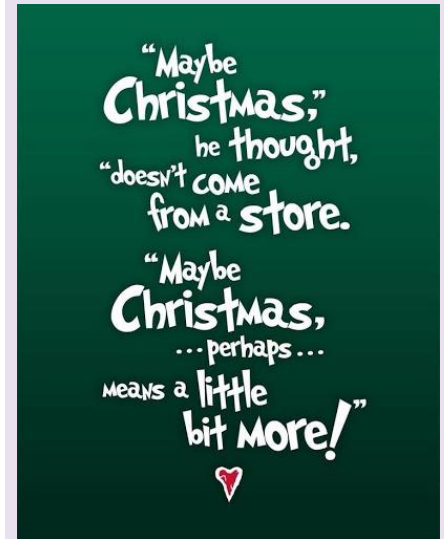
I'm available during office hours which will mostly be on Thursday afternoon. Some weeks I will need to be in the office on Wednesday. If you need to consult with me feel free to call me at (315) 626-3220 and we can set up a time and place to meet. Please leave a message on the answering machine if I don't answer. I am planning to visit some of our homebound members. I'm also planning on setting up a pictorial of all of you for future reference.

This is an exciting time as we move forward together, while searching for your next settled pastor.

As we approach Advent and the season of Christmas may each of you be blessed with HIS presents. He gifted us with His mercy and grace, salvation, and Eternal life. What more can we ask of a Savior?

In His Service,

Pastor Lilly



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November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Craft Sunday	3	4	5	6 Christmas Tree Setup (5PM)	7	8
9 Rev Bud Adams	10	11 Council Meeting (6pm)	12	13	14	15 Deacon Caroling & baskets
16 Pledge Sunday	17	18	19 WIC (8:15 – 4:30)	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve Service (8pm)	25	26	27	28	29
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