

First Baptist Church of Central Square

December 2020

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Birthdays:

Alexander Springer 8
Stephen Springer 8
Ken Bird 10
Matt Shanahan 10
Cody Nelson Jr. 11
Heather Bettinger 12
Ed Baxter Jr 15
Shaylee Woolson-Smith 15
Hannah DeFalco 23
Joshua Heitmann 26
Dale Bort 27
Nicholas Heitmann 31
Nathan Heitmann 31

Anniversaries:

Cheryl & Karl Backman 12

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Tithes

Please have offering ready when you come into church or mail to
Attn: Cherie House
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Covid Update

We are OPEN! Come join us on Sunday mornings while following all safety guidelines. For those who are choosing to stay home still, Follow the link below to the sermons!

<http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm>

Trustee Updates

No updates.

Diaconate Updates

No Updates.

Christian Education Updates

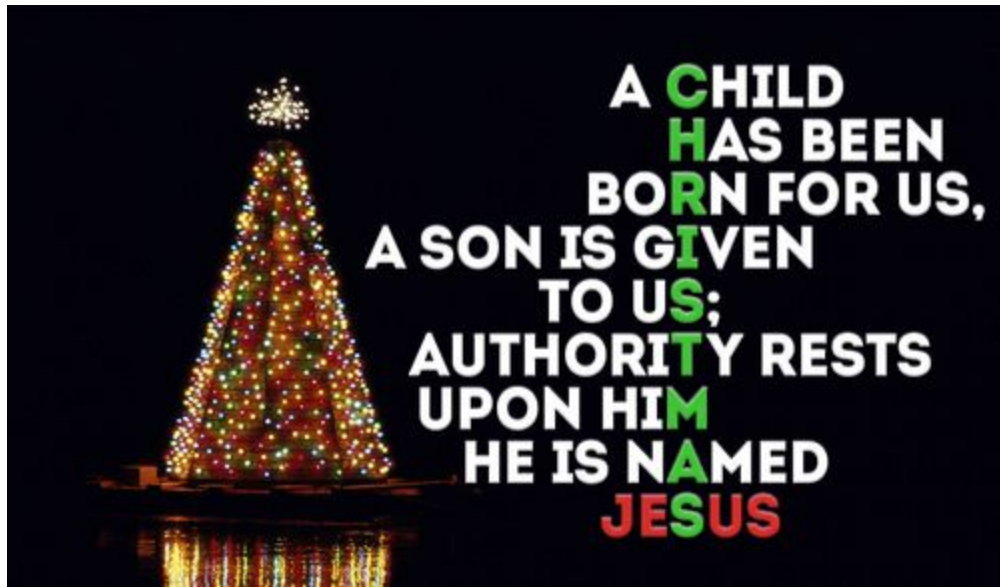
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Christmas Eve

Join us on Christmas Eve at 8pm for our Annual Special Christmas Eve service.





Advent

This advent season, we are asking each family to donate food towards our Christmas Baskets. (I've added in past weeks)
Nov 29th - Instant Potatoes & Can of Turkey Gravy
Dec 6th - Boxed Dressing & Can of Turkey Gravy
Dec 13th - Canner Vegetables
Dec 20th - Donations for Pies

2020 Missions

The mission committee met and we would appreciate your donations for items for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

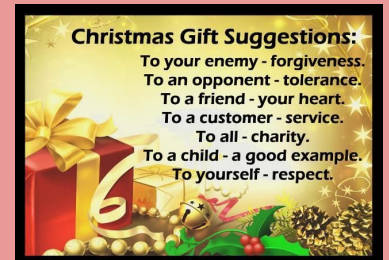
Don't forget that our outhouse needs toilet paper. Single wrapped rolls or four roll packages. We are also starting to collect hat's, mittens and gloves for the cold winter months ahead. Please leave it on the parsonage porch or bring to church on Sunday.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we will not be able to due White Gift this year.

Health Kits

The Homeless Women in the Oswego County Shelters need supplies. Some suggested supplies

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Feminine Products



Please place items in a ziplock plastic bag.

From the Pastor

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

I serve a church where several of my people enjoy the Winter. I probably shouldn't say this but I've gotten braver as I "mature". I'm not a fan. The only good thing about Winter is Spring is coming.....eventually. I used to think, sitting in a warm house and watching the flakes fall lazily to the ground, that the view was pretty. That "s" word has become a swear word in my house. Well the other morning it was swearing up a storm.

You know when your children were young, sometimes they needed an "attitude" adjustment. I'm beginning to think I need an attitude adjustment. The thing is, when we dislike, disagree, or become discontent with something or someone, all these negative feelings pop up. How can we possibly concentrate on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love when we are overcome by negativity?

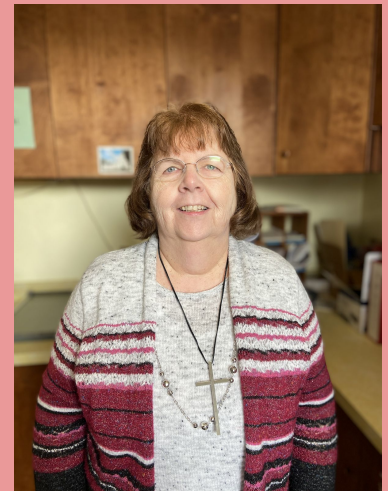
Life on earth occasionally gives all of us the need for an attitude adjustment. God came to earth in the body of a baby to show us how to have the hope of heaven, the calm of peace, the joy of the gospel and in that way show His love for all. God could have written the song, "I never Promised You a Rose Garden". Life is difficult for many, and not just in our congregation. Our Christmas celebrations will be different this year. Let's put on the slogan - New and Different. As we hunker down, it may not be as bad as we think. We will be safe and our families and friends are just a phone call, Skype or Zoom away. So as you shop, plan, wear a mask, socially distance and get ready and wait for the celebration of the birth of the baby in the manger, be kind, be patient, be understanding and most of all show the love of Jesus to everyone. We are trudging ahead in hope that some form of a Cantata will be presented on December 20th during the service. You might imagine it has been a challenge to get some practice in but Mary and Aaron have been diligent in their efforts. As all things have developed this past year - it will be what it will be and we are thankful that some form of Christmas normalcy will happen. I hope to see as many as possible to celebrate together for the Christmas Eve service at 8:00pm on the 24th.

Have a blessed Advent season and a very Merry Christmas.

*Blessings,
Pastor Lilly*



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