

# First Baptist Church of Central Square

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

**Birthdays:**

Maelynn Desrosiers 4	Victor Vrooman 14	Bob Chamberlin 28
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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... **John Zelesnik!** No matter what, you are consistently here every Sunday you are able with a smile on your face. Your personality shines every where you go. We are blessed to have someone as dedicated to God as you are. While your verbal words are limited, your unspoken words are not. We hear you, we appreciate you, and we love you!

**Witness Articles**

Please submit all articles by February 23<sup>rd</sup> to [fbccsny@gmail.com](mailto:fbccsny@gmail.com)

**Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting was successful and productive. Please see the minutes if you missed it.

YOUR LOVE  
NEVER FAILS  
NEVER GIVES  
UP NEVER  
RUNS OUT  
ON ME

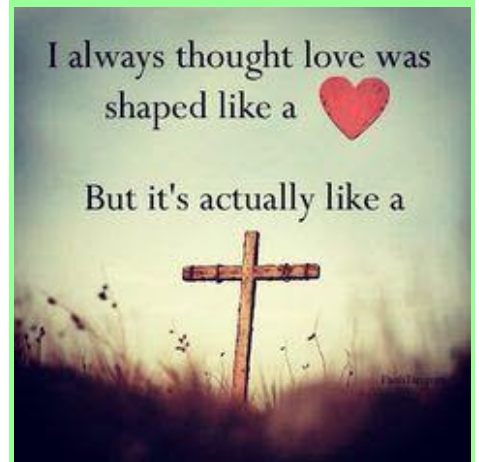
ROMANS 8:37-39



**Upcoming Events**

**February 10**

Congregational Meeting



### **Diaconate Update:**

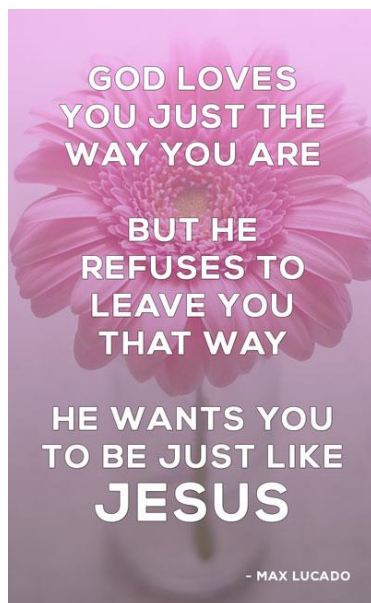
The Deacons had a successful year helping as many people as they could! They look forward to a new year!

### **Trustee Update**

During the Annual Meeting, there was a shift in positions. Nate DeFalco is now the Chair of the Trustee Facilitators. Cherie House has stepped down as a Trustee and is now acting as the Assistant Financial Secretary. Mark Heitmann was called by God to step back into the role of Trustee Facilitator. Praise God!

### **Christian Education Facilitators Update**

The Christian Education Facilitators hope to see more children more often so they can help them grow!



### **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

Assistant Financial Secretary  
Cherie House

Christian Education Facilitators  
Roxanne Spink  
Carol Chamberlin  
Misty DeFalco

Trustee Facilitators  
Nate DeFalco  
Mark Heitmann  
Diana Baxter

Diaconate Facilitators  
Rich Mizerski  
Penny Faulter  
Cheryl Backman



## From the Pastor

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

This is my life verse. It's a fairly well known verse, I think. I see it on jewelry and plaques in many places.

As humans we set goals. Over time those goals can, and often do, change. As a small child I wanted to be a teacher. After graduating high school, I went to business school for a time. I wanted to get married and live happily ever after. We all know that isn't so easy. I would get married at 23. Instead I got married at 18. I wanted to have 3 children and adopt another 3. I gave birth to 5. No matter what direction for our lives we plan, what goals we set, if they don't align with God's plan things get in the way and we find ourselves going in a different direction than what we planned. God has planted me for a time here in Central Square. Who'd have ever thought it? I came and saw a congregation of loving people and slowly as the weather became less friendly, some headed south to warmer weather. Gradually I noticed concern and worry set in on those still here, doing the work to keep the ministry going.

Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Do not be anxious about anything.....". Thank you Paul but that's easier said than done. He continues, "but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." Sounds pretty simple, but is it? Unfortunately, for many of us, God is not the first place we turn too. We are too busy worrying. Too busy trying to fix it ourselves.

The good news is, we don't have to! God has a plan. God is faithful. Whatever God has planned, His Will will be done! So we can relax and let Him direct our path. Giving over control to God isn't an easy task. We want that control. That's a problem we can overcome but not easily. All we can do is what God requires of us. Continue caring for our loved ones, our church family and the community where we serve; always remembering the "least of these" and doing our small part for the Glory of God and the furthering of His kingdom in Central Square, in our state, in our country and around the world.

It all starts with Prayer. When you observe the missing friends and loved ones that should be sitting in church with us, pray for them. When there are no children present on Sunday morning, pray for them. We all know kids today live a very different life than we did at their age. Continue praying for the shut-ins, the sick, the addicted, first responders, military personnel, and our government leaders. They need our prayers. If you're reading this in a warmer climate, don't forget to pray for all of these things, but mostly remember those of us still in upstate New York that are pressing on with the job at hand! Praying is a full-time job.

There's another verse I often lean upon. Isaiah 43:19 "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

This is exciting news!! God is working on His plan and it will be something new. I can hardly wait to see what He has in store for us.

To God be the Glory, great things He has done! Amen May you experience His blessings.

In His service, Pastor Lilly



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Congregational Meeting	11 WIC (10:45 – 7pm)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 WIC (8:15 – 4)	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

