

# First Baptist Church of Central Square

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**Prayer Concerns:** Melody Clark, Jeff Clarey, the DeLong Family, Nancy Flower, the Fuller Family, Pat Harrington, Christa Koagel, Leighton Merritt, Donnie O'Neill, Helen O'Neill, Frank VanBuskirk, Helen Webb, hurricane victims, our schools, our nation, and our military.

## Birthdays:

Karl Backman 1	Emily Schaefer 6	Lynn Cuny 6
Pat Harrington 20	Mark Heitmann 22	Kay Springer 25
	Jeffery Desrosiers 25	

## Anniversaries:

Maggie & Scott Heitmann 30

## Mystery Member:

December's Mystery Member is Rebekah Springer! She loves being in the sunshine. Rebekah loves to fish, hike, and enjoys being outdoors. She recently just started working as a teacher which has always been her dream job.

January's Mystery Member has a favorite color of blue, they have a talented singing voice, and while they detest hugs, they have more love in their hearts than most. Can you guess who it is?

## Witness Articles

Please submit all articles by January 26<sup>th</sup> to [Kahminder@gmail.com](mailto:Kahminder@gmail.com)

Life is about making an impact, not making an income. --Kevin Kruse



## Upcoming Events

### January 7

Annual Reports Due  
Advisory Council Meeting (11:15)

### January 11

Take down Christmas Tree (6pm)

### January 21

Annual Meeting  
with a Carry-In Lunch



1 Year  
=  
365 Opportunities



## Christian Education Facilitators Update

Aiden Baxter was presented with his Bible on November 26th due to his absence the previous week. Congratulations, once again to Aiden and Areyu.

December saw the completion of several Christian Education Facilitator projects. On December 10th our Junior Church students, under Rebekah Springer's supervision, presented the annual Children's Christmas Play. All of the students preformed their parts well and brought a special Christmas message to the congregation which was enjoyed by all.

The white gifts for the family selected as this year's recipient were also collected during the service. These gifts were delivered to Millard Hawk Elementary School on December 18th to be distributed to the selected family. Our congregation was very generous furnishing a gift for every tag placed on our white gift tree plus other items to give this family a Christmas at a time they are experiencing financial difficulties.

After the service on December 10th we had our carry-in luncheon during which the Wise Men brought gifts to our young people.

We will be bringing back a monthly movie night in the 2018. We decided to show The Chronicles of Narnia movies based on the novels by C. S. Lewis. We hope to encourage a discussion of these movies which will be continued in the Junior Church program.

The middle of January we will be starting our Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) which will run for four weeks ending in February. This offering is the one offering we collect every year that benefits people that we know and have served our congregation. Please prayerfully consider contribution to this offering.

If anyone has concerns or suggestions regarding Christian Education issues please contact one of the Christian Education Facilitators.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxanne L. Spink, Christian Education Facilitator Chairperson  
Carol Chamberlin  
Misty DeFalco

## Trustee Update

It only took one and a half years, but the smoke alarm system was completed. I really appreciated the fact that a different company looked at this and felt that we could reuse the old system. This saved us approximately \$6000; and we had the blessing from the zoning officer of the village of Central Square. As is typical with any old building, maintenance issues are a priority. Whether it is siding, snow removal, or a shingle blown off in a windstorm, the trustees need to take care of this. Yes, the shingle issue is still being worked on and winter got in the way, but it will get done.

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. –Alice Walker

## Church Officers

Reverend

Moderator

Lynn Bort

Church Clerk

Rebekah Springer

Treasurer

Elizabeth Rotundo

Financial Secretary

Grace Fuller

Christian Education

Facilitators

Roxanne Spink

Carol Chamberlin

Misty DeFalco

Trustee Facilitators

Randi Driesen

Cherie House

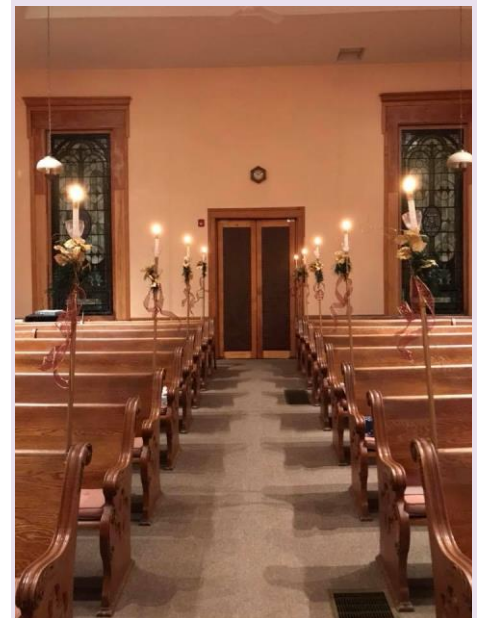
Diana Baxter

Diaconate Facilitators

Rich Mizerski

Penny Faulter

Cheryl Backman



### Pizza Gift Certificates

We are still selling Pizza Gift Certificates! If you are able to sell any or want to buy some as Christmas Gifts please see Cherie House, email her at [CherHou3@aol.com](mailto:CherHou3@aol.com), or call or text at 315-391-5408.

### **Bottle Drive Fundraiser**

Any Bottle and Cans to be returned??

We can pick up or bring to the church and Cherie or Rebekah will make sure they get returned to get 6 cents per can for the Church! Take your returnables to **Vern's Return** located at: **5501 Bartell Road Brewerton, NY** (Closed Wednesday & Sunday).

### **AB Women Update:**

Next meeting will be in February!

### **Diaconate Update:**

We have successfully filled the pulpit through January  
January 7<sup>th</sup> – Terry Nichols  
January 11<sup>th</sup> – Bud Adams  
January 21<sup>st</sup> – Jim Stone  
January 28<sup>th</sup> – Ken Leamon

### **Scrap Metal Recycling**

We are starting to collect scrap metal to make a little extra \$ for the church.

### **Worship Arrangements**

Thank you to anyone who provided lilies and poinsettias for the holiday season in memory of loved ones. Also to those who came to set up and take up and take down the Christmas Tree. Many hands make for light work and fellowship. God Bless, Janet Bettinger

### **God's First Name**

This guy dies and goes to heaven. When he gets there, St. Peter is standing at the gate. He says, "If you can answer these three questions I will let you in to heaven. First, how many seconds are in a year? Second, how many days of the week have a 'T' in them? Third, what is God's first name? You have until tomorrow to answer these questions." The guy comes back the next day, St. Peter asks the first question and the guy says, "Twelve." "Twelve?" says St. Peter, "how did you get that?" The man replied, "January 2nd, February 2nd and so on." Peter thinks it over and says, "Well that is not exactly what I meant, but it's technically correct, so I will give you credit." Then St. Peter asks the second question and the guy answers, "Two." St. Peter asks how he got that answer and the man explains, "Today and Tomorrow." St. Peter again admit that wasn't what he had in mind, but he'll accept that. Peter then asked the third question -- God's first name. The man says, "Howard." St. Peter, really perplexed, inquires how the guy got that and the man says, "You know -- it's in the prayer: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Howard be thy name...'"

### **History of the Ladies Auxiliary By Delores Olin**

A continuation...

In 1911, the guest of the afternoon was baby Erwin Flower.

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1946, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary closed with a banquet by the Ladies Auxiliary. This was an active, busy group that eventually made a huge change.

In May 1963, the organization was changed to the "Women's Society" with four circles; Lois, Lydia, Eunice, and Phoebe. Morning, afternoon, and evening meetings each month and Society Meetings quarterly.

Officers were: President, Missions, Church Service, Christian Training, and Secretary/Treasurer.



### **Motto of the Day # 5**

Give love and love to your life will flow a strength in your utmost need. Have Faith and a score of hearts will show their faith in your word and deed.





## MISSION PROJECT HEALTH KITS

The health kits will be used by Church World Service to meet the needs of those who have been misplaced due to hurricanes, flooding, nor-eastern, or other national disasters. Many of which are in our own area.

Please include the following:

- One hand towel (Approx. 16" x 28")
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
  - One nail clipper
  - One bar of soap (bath size) in wrapper
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six (6) band-aids

DO NOT ADD ANY OTHER ITEMS!

Place these items in a gallon plastic zip-lock bag.

"To believe is to care...To care is to do."

Thank you for your help in these projects for our sisters and brothers who are without basic needs.

- Nancy Leamon



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## January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5	6
7 -Council Meeting -Reports Due -Terry Nichols	8	9	10	11 Take down Christmas Tree (6pm)	12	13
14 Bud Adams	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
21 Annual Meeting Jim Stone	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Ken Leamon	29	30	31			

