

First Baptist Church of Central Square

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

Birthdays:

Karl Backman 1	Emily Schaefer 6	Lynn Cuny 9
Pat Harrington 20	Mark Heitmann 22	Kay Springer 25
	Jeffery Desrosiers 25	

Anniversaries

	Maggie & Scott Heitmann 30	
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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... **Victor Vrooman!** You dedicated every Sunday to be with us and we value your talents so much. Every age in this church appreciates your gifts from the older members who enjoy hearing you play melodies, to the younger folks who you allow to sit near you and even touch the piano. You are a valuable asset to this church and we are so thankful for you.

Witness Articles

Please submit all articles by January 25th to fbccsny@gmail.com

Annual Meeting

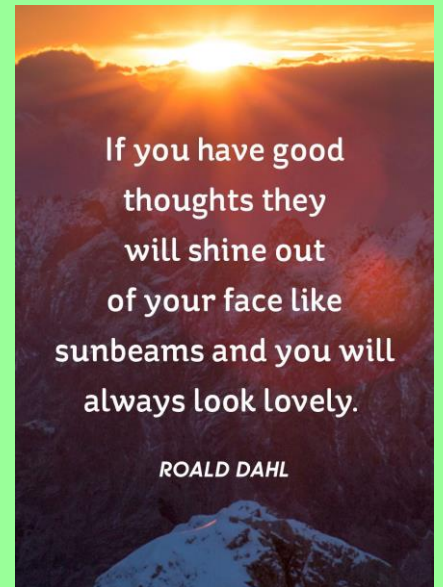
Our Annual Meeting is January 20th following service. It is a carry in so please bring a dish to past! We can all work better with full bellies!



Upcoming Events

January 20

Annual Meeting (Carry In)



Diaconate Update:

The Deacons had a successful year helping as many people as they could!

Trustee Update

As we close out 2018 all is quiet as we prepare for 2019. If you have not filled out your pledge form, we ask that you think and pray about it to help us prepare for the Annual Meeting. We did have to interview for the custodial position and had 5 great candidates apply. The decision will be difficult but hope to have someone in the job by the start of 2019. As a reminder, if you are in the church for any reason please do a quick walk through to make sure all heat is turned down, lights are off and doors are closed. This will help keep the utilities cost down this winter. And if you see anything that needs attention please contact Cherie House and or Nate DeFalco so that we can take care of the matter. May God continue to bless us as we prepare to leave 2018 behind and to start a new in 2019.

Happy New Years!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Cherie House
Nate DeFalco
Diana Baxter

Christian Education Facilitators Update

December saw the completion of several Christian Education Facilitator projects. On December 9th our Junior Church students, under Rebekah Springer and Misty DeFalco's supervision, presented the annual Children's Christmas Play. Dakota DeFalco, Atreyu DeFalco, and Jase Bettinger performed their parts well and brought a special Christmas message to the congregation which was enjoyed by all.

We were able to support two families with white gifts this year. The white gifts for the family selected as this year's recipient were also collected during the service. These gifts were delivered to two Elementary School on December 17th 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 9th we had our carry-in luncheon during which the Wise Men brought gifts to our young people.

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

Whatever you are, be a good one.

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

**BELIEVE
THERE IS
GOOD IN
THE WORLD**

The 12 Days of Christmas Explained

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. Have you ever wondered about THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS? What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a Catholic reality, which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or law, the five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

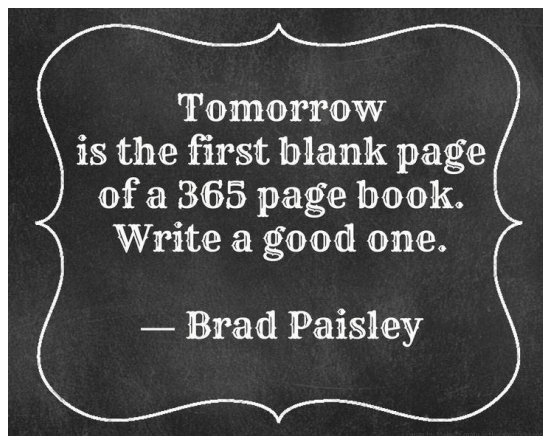
The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



A Note

By Delores Olin

We need persistence,
determination, and
courage too.

Persistence in never giving
up
Determination – no ifs, ands,
or buts will do

Courage is having the
“guts” to do what needs to
be done by me and you!

Amen



Motto of the Day # 16

Expect good, look for
good, believe in good,
and life becomes
good and grows even
better.



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January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Take Down Christmas Tree (5pm)	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 WIC (8:15 – 4:30)	17	18	19
20 Annual Meeting (Carry In)	21	22	23	24	25	26
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