

First Baptist Church of Central Square

July 2026

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Food Pantry - Canned Tuna, Mac n Cheese, School Supplies and Pet Supplies

July 22nd - Free Lunch

Missions -
White Socks for Men
Cat food & Litter
Cleaning supplies like PineSol, hygiene supplies

Birthdays:

Julius Watson 1
Grace Fuller 10
Maggie Heitmann 10
Ryan Casatelli 11
Brycen Cuny 12
Cheryl Backman 15
Katie Rotundo 23
Misty DeFalco 23
Donna Fisher 26
Patrick Bort 27
Lillian Cabral 27
Susan Sigmon 28
Cherie House 31
Bryan RaPray 31

Anniversaries:

Lynn and Dale Bort 5
Michael and Mary Long 9
Steve and Kay Springer 18
Dakota and Rebekah
McGraw 23

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to fbccsny@gmail.com,
By the last full week of the month

Watch Past Services

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

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is on hold, anyone interested in doing Sunday School should approach the Board of Christian Education.

Christian Education

Anyone that is willing to do the Sexual Abuse Reporting Training that is mandated to lead the youth in any Sunday School leadership, please see Roxanne Spink and she will set you up. We have a need to lead the youth during worship and need people to step up, please!

Summer Picnic

We are aiming for August 23rd @ Goettel Park.
Details to follow



Council Meeting

July 12th following service, Refreshments will be provided!

Diaconate Updates

Summer has started...BUT...daylight is getting shorter...only seconds at a time. Our lives change...affected by events in our lives...good and not so good.

Changes as well as some existing needs are happening here at FBC and will continue. We, on the Diaconate, see that and we try to act lovingly and supportive as we reach out in love and concern. We believe God is leading us in ways that are good for all! If you see or want to make suggestions, please share those with us. Cards and notes will continue to be sent; phone or e-mail thoughts will be shared; visits, when appropriate will be made; Communion is a monthly witness to Jesus' love and sacrifice for us. Membership with us dots your "I's (eyes)" and crosses your "T's (Teas)" saying you believe in who we are!!

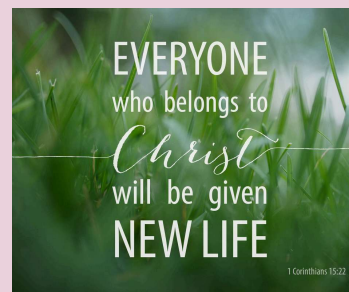
So, as we move on for the second half of 2026, we're praying for a beautiful and healthy America...welcoming a meaningful and magic ministry in this small but growing community.

Blessings,
Your Diaconate

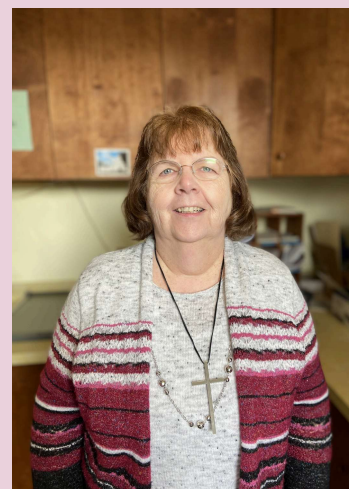
Mission Committee

Every month this congregation donates to the Divine Mercy food bank and not only do we thank you but each month we receive a thank you note from Divine Mercy. We also collect items for Unity Acres, a shelter for homeless men in Orwell.

Mission giving offers a "ripple effect" of



*From our
Pastor*



opportunities to help those in need. One person can't do it all; it takes a community.

Matthew 25:37-38 reminds us of the words of Jesus:

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?'"

One Great Hour of Sharing is an interdenominational offering given by Christians of varying denominations who answer the call to help people throughout the world in times of need. International Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA provided immediate financial assistance of \$15,000 to the emergency disaster relief fund to assist global servants in Venezuela with food and supplies. Double earthquakes have left thousands homeless and missing or killed. We will be collecting our annual offering for One Great Hour of Sharing throughout this summer for natural disasters not only around the world but also for disasters in our own country. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. The Mission Team

Trustees Report

Parsonage Sale Update:

June was a very busy month with lots of exciting things happening! On June 14th we welcomed Mr. Kevin Watson to our team!

With assistance from Dave Bardoun, surveyor, our total property abstract of title was very promptly updated June 5th by Mr. Travis Kimball, Gateway Abstract, Inc. Phoenix. On June 8th, contractor. Corey Buyck completed installation of

The heavens declare
the glory of God,
and the skies above
proclaim the work
of His hands.

Psalms 19:1 (NIV)



Thank You Pastor

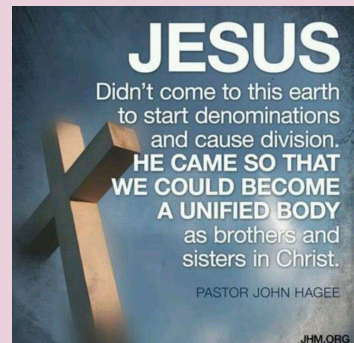
I PRAY THAT IN THIS
SEASON THAT GOD WOULD
BE YOUR CONSTANT
COMPANION. WE THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ENDURANCE AS
OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER!



JESUS

Didn't come to this earth
to start denominations
and cause division.
**HE CAME SO THAT
WE COULD BECOME
A UNIFIED BODY**
as brothers and
sisters in Christ.

PASTOR JOHN HAGEE



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the parsonage driveway and replaced two sections of broken sidewalk near the front entrance. It all looks super nice! Final cleanup meant removal of a huge tree root base with his trailer, no small task commented on by neighbors. It took some ingenuity to figure out how to maneuver and a couple of damaged beyond repair chainsaw bars/blades cutting bricks enveloped by roots long ago. Thank you to Corey for his hard work! Rebekah updated and certified our list of requires which allowed our attorney representative Carol Lemmon to submit our petition to the State of New York for approval to sell the parsonage last week!

We anticipate a smooth review process and closing the sale in August. It's been a long journey for our congregation but with much introspection and God's guidance, we will have new resources to invest in the future of FBC.

Facilities Maintenance:

Thanks to all those who have volunteered time out of their busy summer schedules with mowing, flower bed maintenance and cleaning services! For those who work behind the scenes to help with many projects, you are very much appreciated.

Many hands and willing hearts make the service to church and community a beautiful reality that connects us all deeply. Thank you to one and all who volunteer donations and for your valuable time. With your dedication and by the grace of our Lord, we will continue to meet these opportunities and challenges.

Respectfully submitted your Trustee Facilitators:
Kevin Watson, Lynn Cuny, Art Brooks

From the Pastor

God! I pray, I cry out to you! The fields are burning up, the country is a dust bowl, forest and prairie fires rage unchecked. Joel 1:19
The Message

I recently flew west to South Dakota. I flew because there are no trains going to South Dakota unless I wanted to hop on a freight train. Unfortunately, I don't hop as well as I used to. My step-daughter and son-in-law moved there about five years ago and purchased 13 acres of prairie. Twice a day they walk the perimeter of their property to exercise the family dog.

Their new home sits all alone. When out-of-town people talk about Cato or Central Square they may say these two small communities sit in 'the middle of nowhere'. My guess is they don't know what 'the middle of nowhere' actually is. As I looked out of the large windows while they walked the dog, I saw I was definitely in 'the middle of nowhere'. I could see flat land for miles. On the horizon there appeared to be gentle small knolls of prairie grass swaying in the constant dry wind and I could easily imagine how quickly a prairie fire could spread. Their closest neighbor was that little dot across the way in the center of the planted trees. (There are no naturally growing [wild] trees on the prairie.) Yet they live in a close-knit community.

Besides the prairie, we drove through the 'Badlands', more prairie, some mountain area where Mt. Rushmore is and on to the 'Black Hills' (where trees do grow), driving though Rapid City to see a Nordic Chapel and Wall Drug (basically a tourist place) for lunch in the "city" of Wall (at least I think that was where we had lunch, they are known for

their donuts. Definitely had a donut!) It was all beautiful.

God created beauty throughout every piece of His creation and He gave His creation to us as a gift to enjoy. Take the opportunity to get out into Nature this summer and enjoy our gift.

May you be blessed near and far as you journey through this season,

Pastor Lilly

Emily McGraw will be dedicated on Sunday July 19th with cake and refreshments following service.

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