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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

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We wish God's Blessings on



THE WITNESS

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Central Square

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"Our mission as a church is to share and respond to God's love for each person by welcoming all. Together, we can return God's love by becoming witnesses and followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ throughout our daily lives. We allow these things to help us become new people in Christ."

Lynn Bort, Moderator
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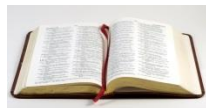
News and Upcoming Events about our Community of Faith
Notices Concerning Our Affiliated Denomination – The American Baptist Churches in the USA
Information to Help Live a More Fulfilled Life

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these members and friends in your prayer: Adam Backman, Ken Bird, Melody Clark, Ken House, Barry Mugglin, Stewart Smith, Phyllis Smith, Stephen Springer, Helen Webb, Mike White, Charleston our missionaries, our nation, and our denominational and local church leaders.

VERSE OF THE MONTH



It is the Lord who goes before you, He will be with you; he will not fail you or for sake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 31:8

PRAYER FOR JULY/AUGUST

God, you are the source of all blessing. Since we deserve nothing, we get far more than we deserve, I want to long for your blessings, not as an accumulation of things but as an affirmation that you are allowing me to bless others in your name. In all we say and in all we do, May we seek to bring the praise, honor, and glory to your name.

Amen

MEETING NIGHTS

Christian Ed	July 12th after church
Constitution Review	July 14th 6:00
Deacon's	Sept. 8 th 6:30
SNIC Launch	Sept. 12 th 5:00
Trustees	Sept. 13 th after church
Rally Day	Sept. 13th

WITNESS ARTICLES

All witness articles for September are due by August 20th. All boards should submit an article and any members who would like to put an article in. If you need help with a topic just ask.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Grace Fuller	10
Andy Biddle	13
Don Flower	15
Genie Rotundo	17
Katie Rotundo	23
Misty DeFalco	23
Patrick Bort	27
Cherie House	31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Diana Baxter	02
Roxanne Spink	04
Delores Olin	04
John Zelesnik	11
Rebekah Springer	13
Vesta Lewis	16
Rachel fuller	18
Freda Lawton	20
Aleza Jo Shanahan	31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Pastor Meg & Andy Biddle	03
Lynn & Dail Bort	05
Kay & Stephen Springer	20

SERVICE AT THE LAKE



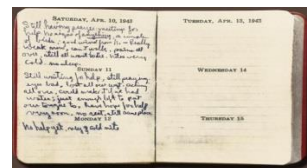
On August 9th is our annual service by the lake and a picnic lunch. Please bring a chair to sit on and the following items: dish to share, Plates, napkins, silverware, and drinks. Meat will be provided. Service starts at 10:30. See you there!

DISPOSE OF ALL LIQUIDS



Please dispose of all liquids prior to throwing cups in the trash.

DATES TO REMEMBER



September 12th Launching SNIC 5pm
September 13th Rally Day

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Fishing For Faith

First Baptist of Central Square **FREE ANNUAL
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

PreK-12 Years

**August 8th 10-2 @ First Baptist Church,
Central Square**

**August 9th Annual Picnic @ David C. Webb
Memorial Park at Taft Bay**

Register early and your child receives a prize!!! Bring a
friend- you and your friend get a prize!!!

Registration/Information:

Call/Text/Email: Misty DeFalco (315)935-6267
Mistydefalco@gmail.com

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kahminder@aol.com



SOMETHING NEW IS COMING

9.12.15



We are overjoyed to announce our new service beginning September 12, 2015 at 5:00pm. One hour, all your worship. Saturday Nights in Christ. We would appreciate your prayers as we continue toward our launch date. If you would like to be a part of the planning or worship team, please contact Pastor Meg.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF PACKPACKS



On August 30th will be the blessing of the back packs. We encourage you to have your children bring their back packs to church on this day so Pastor Meg can bless them as the new school year begins.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE



Please remember to check your boxes so more mail can be put into them. Make sure over the summer you keep checking the calendar for all the events that are coming up!!! You don't want to miss a thing.

AB WOMEN ASSOCIATION PICNIC



Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 pm in Scriba. Bring a dish to share, and a bingo gift. Come for good fun, fellowship and sharing.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

The first week of June, I went “home”. I drove 698 miles back to Indiana. My youngest daughter, Aubrey went with me. It is a very long trip. It takes about twelve hours with stopping to eat and all those stops to potty. Aubrey did great; better than I imagined she would.

I met my niece, who arrived after we moved. I am happy to report that she is adorable. (She takes after Aunt Meggie). I attended the ordination of my dear friend, Mike, who is now a Roman Catholic Priest. I spent time with my grandmothers, my parents, and my mentor in ministry.

Before leaving my birthplace, I attended my former church for Sunday service. It was wonderful to see the people who had been holding me up in prayer for the last years as I completed my master’s degree, worked as an intern, and went on the journey that is our call process. Knowing that you are loved so much is an amazing gift that I hope everyone experiences at least once in their life.

As I sat in the pew I looked at my watch and found myself thinking of you all. And praying for the kids especially since they were in charge of the service. And then something unexpected happened. My colleague my mentor, my friend, the person I still consider my pastor announced, “We have a special guest with us today, Pastor Meg Biddle, from the First Baptist Church of Central Square, New York. I know you all will want to greet her and make her feel welcome.

If I wasn’t ready to come back before, I was certainly ready then. There were so many hugs and well wishes from my former church family. More times than I can count, I heard, “You look so happy.”

It was certainly a wonderful thing to be able to say, I am happy. I love New York (Yes, even with all the snow.) I love my people.”

We all know that God does amazing things on a regular basis. So I am blessed beyond measure to be content where I am. It is something I have longed for, prayed for, a very long time. It is my honor to call you my people and to be your pastor. Home is where your heart is, and for me, for my family, home is Central Square.

Have a wonderful summer; please join us in worship when you can. May God’s traveling mercies be with you where ever you go.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Meg

ATTENTION ALL READERS...



There are some new books in the library for your use. They are mostly Christian fiction, and I hope you will feel free to stop by the library and borrow one.

Jan Karon- The Mitford Years
Stephen Pumphrey- Red Lick Pilgrim
Walter Wangerin - Paul, a Novel