



*It's summertime!
So, get outside and
enjoy the beautiful
days of summer.
Here are a few
ideas!!!!*



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Happy Father's Day
Congratulations Graduates
This is your copy of The Witness
We wish God's Blessings on



THE WITNESS

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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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Linda Heer, Church Clerk

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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: Ken Bird, Ken House, Stewart Smith, Phyllis Smith, Stephen Springer, Helen Webb, Mike White, our missionaries, our nation, and our denominational and local church leaders.

VERSE OF THE MONTH



I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

PRAYER FOR JUNE

O Loving God, my best efforts to love you are simple a pale reflection of the love you have for me. Thank you for accepting my love, infantile and fragile though it may be. Strengthen it Lord, so that I may have the joy of loving you better.

Amen

MEETING NIGHTS

Deacon's	June 9 th 6:30
Trustees	June 9 th 6:00
Board of Christian Ed	June 14 th after church
Constitutional Review	June 16 th 6:00
Executive	June 28 th after church

WITNESS ARTICLES

All witness articles for July/August are due by June 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.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE



Daisy Ayre	11
Cheryl Shanahan	18
Jean Hart	28
Helen Webb	26

SPAGHETTI DINNER



June 20th from 4-7. Call Mark Heitmann at 668-8004 for more details. We will need help setting up, clean up, and donations of food. Please plan to help out.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



It's that time of year again!! I'm in desperate need of volunteers!! I need help with preparation, kitchen staff, registration help, teachers, and teacher assistants!! Please let Misty know if you're interested ASAP! Any capacity of help will be welcomed! VBS will be 3 days again this year beginning Friday August 7th and 8th wrapping up at the annual picnic on the 9th. Let's show the kids a GREAT TIME!

ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE



Ed & Diana Baxter	06
Genie & Marcus Rotundo	28
Bob & Carol Chamberlin	29

PASTORS CORNER



I have been many places over the last month that have taken me away from Central Square- the Minister's Council Retreat, The Good Funeral Lecture, and a minister's gathering for the association, just to name a few. It is nice to join with my colleagues in ministry, as I get to know them better, and hear about what God is doing in our midst. I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to go.

I was blessed to share about the free community lunch that has started here, and how our ladies were faithful to what they believed God wanted them to do, even when the numbers were so small the first two months. They did not give up, and last month they fed 47 people! It was wonderful to be able to share that at Neil Strong's last meeting. He is the pastor of Port Byron Federated Church, and is retiring. Our ladies got the ideas for their own vision while at Port Byron for an association meeting last fall.

I had more than one occasion to share my own vision for our church. I was given the opportunity to share about our additional service that begins this fall. It was encouraging. Please know that the American Baptist pastors, churches, and administration is holding our church up in their prayers, and there is never such a thing as too much prayer! I believe the sanctuary will be full the night we launch our Saturday service, September 12th, at 5:00 p.m.

While we look forward to the wonderful things we believe God is going to continue to do in this congregation and financial difficulties. We have young people in our midst, and even though the building is not filled, we still have many reasons to have hope. What we must not do is let our anxiety get the best of us. In times of uncertainty and crisis, especially when our concerns are focused on attracting young families, growth, or finance, our anxiety tends to increase which causes our effectiveness to decrease.

How can you help? I am so glad you asked!

We are having visitors regulars, please be sure to greet them, and make them feel welcome. Pray, Pray for your church family, your pastor, the churches in our community, our schools, our nation, and for God's will to be made known to us.

Communicate. Communicate. Communicate. If there is something going on that I need to know or you are unhappy about, e-mail me at meg@fbc-cs.com, call the office and make an appointment, let's talk about it. If I am not the right person to help, I will find out who is.

See you all in church!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Meg