

First Baptist Church of Central Square

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

Birthdays:

Linda Heer 23

Liz Rotundo 29

Nancy Leamon 31

Anniversaries

Dail & Rich Mizerski
25

Thank You

Instead of Mystery Member, I will now be recognizing people who selflessly give themselves to this church.

Witness Articles

Please submit all articles by April 26th to fbccsny@gmail.com

Holy Week:

Thursday, April 18th – 6:00pm – First Baptist (we) will be hosting a Last supper meal with communion.

Friday, April 19th - 7:00pm – A Holy Friday service will be at the Community Church

Easter Sunday – April 21 – 7:00am Sunrise Service at Goettal Park led by the Universalist and Community churches. If there is inclement weather, the service will be held at the Universalist church.

8:00am – Easter Breakfast will be served at First Baptist (here)



Upcoming Events

March 14

Informational meetings about community choir (3:30)

March 24

Soup on Sunday & Council Meeting



Trustee Update

A big thank you to Mark Heitmann for stepping up to be a trustee facilitator so that I Cherie could move to the assistant financial secretary position. I look forward to working with Grace and learning a new job within the church. So with that being said, if there are any issues within the church building that needs attention, please contact Nate DeFalco and or Mark Heitmann. We do expect Diana Baxter to return soon this Spring and once she is back she can be contacted as well. The biggest focus of attention is to repair the roof leak in between the meditation room and the adjoining office. They will be opening a new insurance claim and can hopefully get the problem fixed for good.

As always we can save money by making sure the thermostats are down when not in use, doors shut and lights off when the building is vacant. If you are in the church for any reason, please do a quick walk through to check the building. Please lock up when you leave. Let's pray for an uneventful year for the church building.

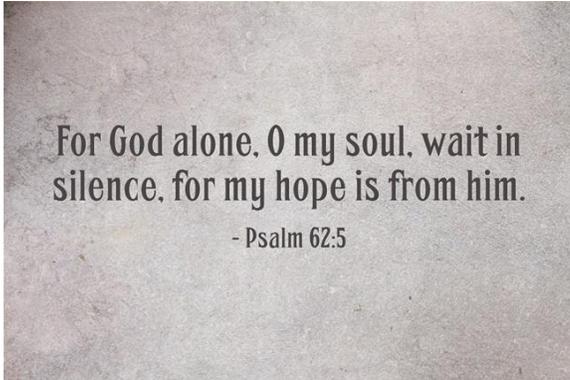
Respectfully submitted,
Cherie House

Diaconate Update:

No Updates.

Christian Education Facilitators Update

No Updates.



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

Assistant Financial Secretary
Cherie House

Christian Education
Facilitators
Roxanne Spink
Carol Chamberlin
Misty DeFalco

Trustee Facilitators
Nate DeFalco
Mark Heitmann
Diana Baxter

Diaconate Facilitators
Rich Mizerski
Penny Faulter
Cheryl Backman

**BELIEVE
THERE IS
GOOD IN
THE WORLD**

Pastoral Updates:

I found this story on a website I frequent:

Jack, the painter, often would thin his paint so it would go further. So when the Church decided to do some deferred maintenance, Jack was able to put in the low bid, and got the job. As always, he thinned his paint way down with turpentine.

One day while he was up on the scaffolding -- the job almost finished -- he heard a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened. The downpour washed the thinned paint off the church and knocked Jack off his scaffold and onto the lawn.

Jack knew this was a warning from the Almighty, so he got on his knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?" And from the sky, a mighty voice thundered: "REPAINT! AND THIN NO MORE!"

This week we will be starting our journey toward Easter. The season of Lent is a time of reflection; a time to repaint. Some of us "give up" something for the six weeks of Lent; others don't. It's not about not eating dessert, or candy or taking a break from bad habits. Lent is a time of fasting and prayer; a time to connect and grow a deeper, closer relationship to God. It's a time of repentance. When I stop and think about it, that's a lot to cram into six weeks. Or is it? Isn't that what we are supposed to be doing every day? The reality is, for most of us, life gets in the way.

As Baptized people, we see the words of Ezekiel come to life: "I will sprinkle clean water on you and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." Ezekiel 36:25-27

When we give our life to Christ, we receive salvation – we are washed clean. We don't have to do anything to make God love us. But maybe we need to do a little repainting. Maybe the love we are supposed to be sharing is a little thin. Maybe we need to paint our personal environment (our closest family and friends), our community and our world with more love, more understanding, more patience; more grace.

Maybe we aren't being the person God created us to be. Lent is the time set aside to think about where we could be better at being that person.

Lent is the time to put away our sinful nature (repent) and ask Our God of Grace and Mercy for forgiveness. Just by asking it is done. But the next step is the hard part. Put away the old self and put on the new self. Break the bad habit and pursue the new you. Praying for you to be able to accomplish your goal. Please pray for me as well. For we "have all sinned and fall short of the glory of the Lord."



God Speaks to Us
Every Day.

Only in Silence
Can We Hear His
Voice.

<http://www.simplecatholicliving.com>

God's silence
doesn't mean
His absence.

**Silence is
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you to grow
deeper.**

CHUCK SWINDOLL

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