

First Baptist Church of Central Square

March 2026

<p>701 North Main Street P.O. Box 476 Central Square, NY 13036</p>	<p>www.fbc-cs.com 315-668-2138 fbccsny@gmail.com</p>	<p>Food Pantry - Canned Meat (tuna/canned chicken, ham, sausages)</p> <p>All Easter Lily Orders need to be in by March 8th. \$9.50 per Easter Lily Order form is included.</p> <p>March 17th. 7th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Raffles and Bake Sale - 12:00 pm till gone \$15.00</p> <p>March 25 - Free Lunch</p> <p>Missions - White Socks for Men Hats, mittens, gloves, hygiene products</p>  <p><i>“May the blessings of each day be the blessings you need the most.”</i> —IRISH BLESSING RD</p>
<p>Birthdays: Don House 16 Lynda Heer 23 Lee Alder 23 Liz Casatelli 29 Nancy Leamon 31</p> <p>Anniversaries: Dail & Rich Mizerski 25</p>		
<p>Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to fbccsny@gmail.com</p>		
<p><u>Watch Past Services</u> http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm</p>		
<p><u>Sunday School</u></p> <p>It has been discussed at the last couple of council meetings that we have some new families with children and it would be nice to get the Sunday School Program up and running.</p>		
<p><u>Christian Education</u></p> <p>Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School please see Roxanne Spink so that we can get you enrolled in the training that needs to be done prior to starting.</p>		
<p><u>Diaconate Updates</u></p> <p>Yes, February, 2026 is nearing or has advanced to an end. It's the month of the fewest number of days. BUT...it has given us days of challenges: More snow to remove, members and friends in hospitals, doctor visits, miscellaneous health changes, house chores, personal rehabilitations and more.</p> <p>Now we will begin a new month of " MARCH "-ing challenging...not orders. Even our savior," Jesus ", was crucified...but ROSE to tell us we now must carry on helping, praying and broadcasting the good news of what faith is all about.</p> <p>Yes, we are blessed with a few new faces, working together to welcome new opportunities, sharing community needs like our Divine Mercy friends finding food and more where needed. Contributions to our Deacons Fund and Prayer Shawls offering a comforting gift for personal joy and help certainly continue.</p> <p>Do you know people, places and things needing attention and/or</p>		

assistance? If so, let us know! Our efforts to re-interest some friends and inactive members are continuing. "MARCH"-ing is not advised, but maybe we can "SPRING" into action with a smile!

God Bless Us All
Your Diaconate

Trustee Updates

Art, Lynn and Michael all attended the Village Board Meeting and we have been approved to move forward at putting in a driveway at the parsonage and getting a tax map number so that we can put it on the market. The Boy Scouts have been working on putting a sealant on the walls in the basement. This was an Eagle Scout project for them. We are very thankful for all the hard work that the Trustee's do for our church.

Fundraiser

No Dinner, Dinner Fundraiser was a huge success bring in \$1920.00

Our Annual Potato Bar was another successful event bringing in \$769.00.

Our 7th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on March 17th starting at 12 pm till gone. We will also have raffle baskets and a bake sale. Anyone who would like to help or make a donation please see Mary.

Mission Committee

The mission committee is accepting white socks and hats and gloves.

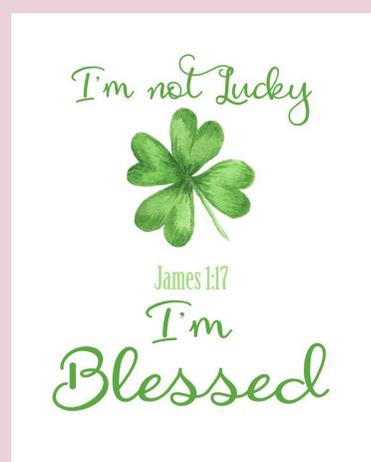
From the Pastor

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Growing up where I lived, my next door neighbors were devout Catholics. My friends always gave their favorite items up for Lent. I didn't know what Lent was but knew that it was something to do before Easter. My Dad was a freight agent on the railroad. Sometimes freight would arrive damaged and he could purchase the items for a very reasonable price. I don't know how much because I was young and didn't need to know (or care). One year, Dad was able to get bushels of bananas that came in damaged and he was bringing them home a bushel at a time. Yummy, I loved bananas.

Along came Lent. What would be a good thing for me to give up? You got it, bananas! Dad brought home a bushel in a timely fashion and I couldn't eat them. That was a bummer. I had an 'Aha' moment. 'I'll freeze a bunch.' In that time, freezing foods was a new thing. We didn't freeze as much then as we do now. But I was thinking frozen bananas would be fine. Of course, I expected the bananas to be just the same frozen as they were fresh. Freezing didn't change the bread or the ice cream so surely bananas would be perfect when I could and would eat them.

NOT!



From our Pastor



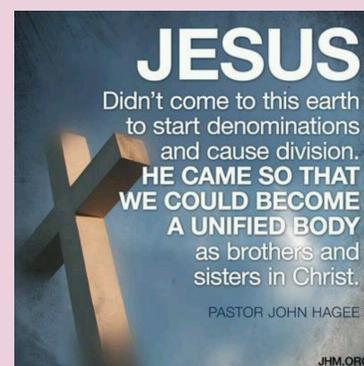
I was beyond bummed when I took my bananas out of the freezer and found the peels were black and the inside was mushy. I had to throw them away. Okay maybe they were good enough for banana bread or cookies but what did I know? I was just a kid.

There is a reason for Lent and giving up something important to you. During Lent we prepare our hearts for Easter by helping us remember the path Jesus walked toward the cross and the hope of resurrection. Giving up is about 'fasting'. Lent, through fasting and prayer, gives us permission to slow down and to name the things that separate us from God. It's seven weeks of looking inward to see where our sinfulness lies, to repent of our sins and reconnect the places where we have disconnected from our Savior and Redeemer.

I would like to encourage you to put some time aside to spend extra time in the presence of God and look into your heart, recognize where you fall short, and repent at the foot of the cross of Christ.

It's the least you can do for the man who gave His life for your salvation.
Amen

Pastor Lilly



Easter Lily Order Form

It's time to order Easter Lilies!
Orders will be taken on the following Sundays
March 9
March 16
March 23

Please make checks payable to Theresa Besanson.

I wish to order _____ lilies at \$9.00 each.

Total: \$ _____

Your name(s) _____

Circle One:

In Memory of / In Honor of

Your names will appear in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

You may take your lily home after the service.

Please fill out this form and give it to Theresa Besanson in church by March 23rd.

OR

Mail to:

ATTN: Sanctuary Arrangements

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