

Something To Think About

Father X Son X Holy Spirit = God

**Originates
From whom**

**Mediates
through whom**

**Executes
by whom**

1 X 1 X 1 = 1

1 X 1 X 0 = 0

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**November
2012**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Be Thankful !!!

This is your copy of *The Witness*
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

Lynda Heer, Church Clerk
Cindy Cuny, Church Secretary

Victor Vrooman, Organist
Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor

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; Bob Abel; Mavis Cooter; Stewart Smith; Phyllis Smith; Delores Olin; Ray Olin; Steve Springer; Arlene LeBeau; Helen Webb; our missionaries; our nation; and our denominational and local church leaders.

PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Dear God, remind us to be thankful every day for our families and friends and for the things we have: jobs; good health; money for bills; and for love we have to share with everyone.

Amen

Board meetings

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| Christian Ed | Sunday 4 th | 11:15 |
| Trustees | Tuesday 13 th | 6:00 |
| Deacon's | Tuesday 13 th | 6:30 |
| Executive | No Meeting | -- |

Verse of the Month



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

(Psalm 107: 1)

WITNESS ARTICLES

All articles for the **December Witness** are due in the church office by **November 22nd**.

Fall Birthdays

November

Arlen LeBeau – 1 Alyssa Brooks – 19
Cindy Cuny – 14 Merrill House – 24
Chris Ayre – 27



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Envelopes will be placed in the pews during November for a Thanksgiving Offering. The Board of Trustees has voted to donate all the proceeds from this in support of St. Michael's Food Pantry. We are currently giving monthly food items collected on Communion Sundays to them. This offering will be a nice additional way for us to assist them in their community needs outreach.



Annual Faith Proposal and Pledge Sunday

Every year we have the opportunity to share in a carry-in meal, fellowship and time to review and accept a Faith Proposal for the new calendar year. This event provides time for all of us to share our views and will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 immediately following worship on that day. We all will be given copies of the Faith Proposal and a Pledge Form to prayerfully consider within our own households. Then, on the following Sunday, November 18, 2012 there will be a time set aside during our worship service to present those commitments and desires for the new year.

Please make every effort to be a part of this important time. We are in a period of transition of Pastoral Leadership and need to be there for each other.

HEALTH TIPS!



Welcome back, here's our next tip. Moving any motion will help your body get into better shape. This doesn't mean just exercise. Most of us don't like to exercise. So, try this clean your home. No laughing! This will benefit you three ways. First you will lose weight. Second you will improve your health. Thirdly you will save money if you're not out spending money on a gym membership or fancy equipment. Wow! Just think about this. Most of my tips cost you nothing. Just some of your time. (Very little though) So, make it fun turn on the radio. You can sing or dance around while cleaning. Helps make this tip more enjoyable.

***Till Next Time ***



Roof Fund Appreciation

A number of you have, for some time now, contributed to a Parsonage Roof Fund. You will be pleased to know that your funds, combined with some additional ones, are now being used. The Trustees accepted a bid on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 and work has begun on the new roof. The old one had really been deteriorating, so this is really an important step for the Parsonage update. A sincere "Thank You" to those of you who responded to this need!



CHURCH ORGAN STATUS

We are sure you have noticed that our church organ has not been used very frequently. It has had serious problems with many of the keyboard and pedal notes staying in tune. We recently had it analyzed by a professional from Piano & Organ Center in Great Northern Mall. They told us that they believe it is a nearly 60 year old analog instrument and repairs could reach the 4 or 5 \$ figure repair cost. To replace that organ with a digital one looking nearly like the one we have would cost an estimated \$20,000. If we wanted one with a few more “bells & whistles” it would be \$30,000. Digital instruments cost far less to maintain.

Our organist, Victor Vrooman, is very comfortable and accomplished using a digital keyboard or piano and that both instruments would provide the “organ sound” many of us like or prefer. The cost range there is \$5,000 to \$8,000.

Now, we would like your input. Realize, also, that occasionally a guest organist may be required or requested. Additionally, the obvious question of “Where will the funds come from?” needs to be answered. Please contact Lynn Bort or any member of the Music Committee with suggestions, opinions, etc.



Parsonage Update

On Sunday, October 7, 2012, a Special Congregational Meeting was held immediately following Communion. The sole purpose of that meeting was to decide: (A) To accept the Purchase Offer withdrawal by the Central Square Fire Company for the Parsonage along with the anonymous donation of \$20,000 for parsonage needs or (B) To keep the original January vote in place to sell the Parsonage. A paper ballot was distributed to qualified voters and the vote results were 31 “Yes” and 3 “No” votes in favor of option (A).

We have been faced with a new situation since the January, 2012 vote. Our Pastor, Bud Adams, had a new calling as a Counselor with Harbor Lights in Mexico, NY. That left us with a new housing need for an Interim Pastor and, potentially, a new Pastoral Family.

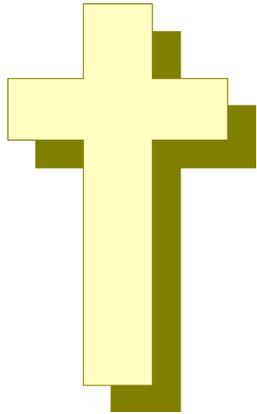
Therefore, processes have begun to make some external and internal improvements along with reconnecting utilities to the Parsonage property. If there is anyone that has furniture, bedding, dining, etc. items they wish to donate for use in the parsonage please contact Haury or any member of the Board of Trustees. Thank you!



CRAFTERS WANTED

December 8th we will have vendors in to sell stuff. We will charge \$25 for a table. If they have their own table we will charge \$20. If you know of anyone who would like to buy in on a table, just call the church office at 668-2138. Please spread the word! Leave a message on the machine. Thank you!

Baptisms



This year's annual church picnic at The Webb Memorial Park in Bernhards Bay was the scene of a very blessed event. On that day, five (5)! people made a public confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by being baptized in Oneida Lake. Pastor Bud conducted the worship service, then led Randi Driesen, Steve Springer, Alex Springer, Misty DeFalco and Theresa Lord to the water. Five baptisms in an entire year would be tremendous for our church – but to have five in one day is just beyond words! Praise God for moving in the lives of these precious people, and congratulations to these five for responding to the Holy Spirit and stepping out and showing their faith for all to see.

Rich Mizerski



FALL CLEAN-UP FOLLOW-UP

About ½ dozen wonderful people showed up on Saturday, October 20th to help take care of some of the planned Fall Clean-Up projects at church. A lot of leaf raking was done, bushes were trimmed, a shop vacuum had been put to use in the garage, generator servicing was set to happen on October 23rd (weather permitting) and some vacuuming had been done in the church basement storage area.

Now, as we all can see, the leaves are NOT through falling from the trees surrounding the church properties!! The Trustees do NOT have an exclusive on leaf raking operations, SO...anyone with some free time and a rake and some energy is more than welcome to rake them to curbside piles in front of the church and parsonage on Route 11. Your assistance is sincerely appreciated. The Village will continue to pick them up, we believe, through November.

Also, we still want to clean and repaint the church bulletin board sign. Please keep in touch with the Trustees about this.

Finally...work is progressing on getting the parsonage ready and we will be in need of additional cleaning and painting people, so we'll keep you posted. Our appreciation goes out to all who have worked so hard so far to get it in shape.

Your Board of Trustee

Mark Your Calendars



Please mark your calendars for the annual “Eating Pizza and Putting up the Christmas Tree Gathering”! The Date: Friday, December 7 at 5pm-ish.

Time Change



Turn your clocks back one hour. This happens on November 3rd. Don't forget!

Search committee

The committee is meeting the first wed of November at 6 pm. We have finished the church survey and are now getting it all together. The next steps will be to send it off to the Iroquois Association who will send it onto Valley Forge. They will start trying to match our profile with possible pastors. We will try to get this all out by mid November. If you did not send back your survey We are sorry you did not take the time to share your concerns . For those who did thank you .If you have any more questions please ask any of us.

Thanks,

Co Chairperson of Pastor search comm..

Mark & Janet