

First Baptist Church of Central Square

November 2019

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Birthdays:

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Ken Myers 14
Merrill House 24
Kristen Desrosiers 24
David Shanahan 24
Chris Ayre 27

Anniversaries:

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Women's World Day of Prayer 2019

As always EVERYONE is invited to Women's World Day of Prayer. It will be held Monday, November 4th beginning at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. We encourage everyone to join us!

Remembrance Service

On November 24th, the Central Square churches will be holding a service together at the Central Square Community Church at 10am. There will be no services at FBC that day. All are welcome to come and enjoy the service. We are better together!

Trunk or Treat 2019

We had between 80-100 kids come Trunk-or-Treating on the 26th. The amount of vehicles was drastically reduced compared to prior years, but the kids still came! All in all another successful year. We've already begun plans for next year.

Pastoral Search Committee

The pastoral search committee is proud to announce that we have finished completing our history as a church and other prerequisites and we are ready to meet with Reverend Kelsey to see what our next steps will be! Please continue praying that the committee is able to find who God intends for our church.



Upcoming Events

November 4

World Day of Prayer
(6:30pm)

November 10

Pastoral Search (6:30)

November 17

Council Meeting

November 24

Remembrance Service
at community church
**NO CHURCH SERVICE
HELD AT FBC**



Where have you
seen God
working?



Trustee Updates

We are continuing to look into getting a new copier, and fixing the roof leak.

Christian Education Updates

All adults or young adults are welcome to attend Sunday School at 9am.

Family Craft Day

The last few years' participation in Family Craft Day has been dwindling. It saddens us to see this. Unless we here from folks who can guarantee their presence & participation we will not be holding this event this year. If you are interested in participating please contact Misty before Thanksgiving so arrangements can be made. (Please note that we would like at least 10 or more people.)

Diaconate Updates

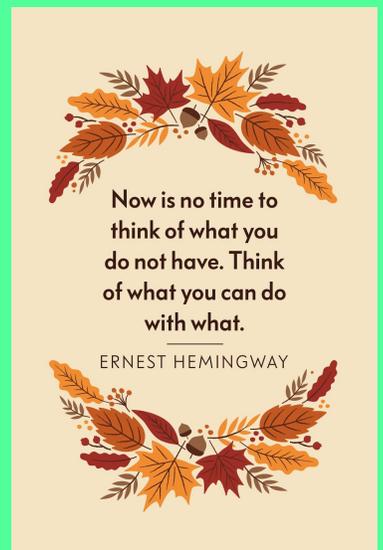
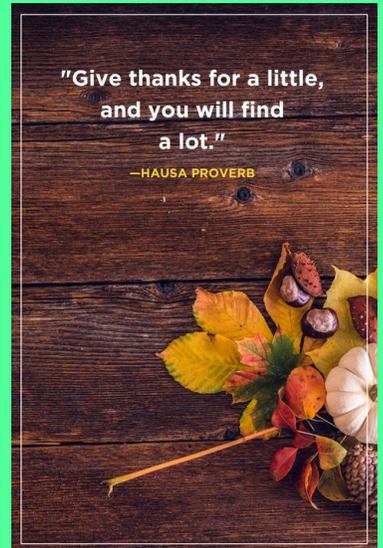
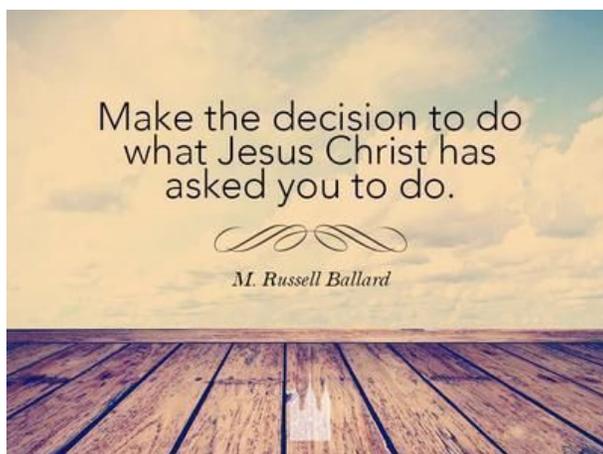
The deacons are working through membership to ensure we have an accurate member count.

Baby Shower for Lizzy & Ryan

The Women invite the Congregation to join us in celebrating the upcoming arrival of the Casatelli Baby! Following Service Sunday, November 10th. This will be a Pot Luck so please bring a dish to pass! The Women will provide the Cake! If you're interested in donating toward a Gift Card please give that to Cheryl Backman. You are more than welcome to bring your own gift! Remember Baby Casatelli is surprising us with the Gender on the day of the Birth – Gender Neutral is best. We hope you will all join us!

Council Meeting

Next Council meeting is November 17th after church .



Mission Project

Our church is making Health Kits again! The health kits will be used by Church World Service to meet the needs of those who have been misplaced due to hurricanes, flooding, nor-easters, or other disasters; many of which are in our own area. If you would like to participate, please put the following into a gallon ziplock bag:

- One hand towel (approximately 16' x 28')
- One wash cloth
- One wide tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap in wrapper (bath size)
- One toothbrush in original packaging
- Six bandaids

DO NOT ADD ANY OTHER ITEMS!

Bring your care packages to church so we can collect them to send out.

Thank you Nancy Leamon for your continuing mission work!



Mission Project - Lions Club

The Community Church donates to the Lions Club each year and has invited us in helping with their mission project. Please consider donating the following and bringing them to this service:

<p>Toys: Small cars Balls Dolls Small etch-a-sketch cards</p>	<p>School Supplies: Pencils Markers Paper Coloring books Picture books Reading books for age 9-12 Post it notes</p>
<p>Personal Items: Toothbrush Tooth paste Mild soap Wash clothes Comb Hair clips Shampoo Socks Sunglasses Hats gloves/mittens Gum Mints Hard candy</p>	<p>NOT ALLOWED: NO Chocolate NO Peanuts NO Lotions NO Military toys NO Glass containers</p>



The Pastor's Corner



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by pray and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:4-6

We've all spouted the words, "Where has the time gone?" We are about to turn the corner. The holidays are approaching very quickly. November is a month we think about thankfulness. And, preparing for the feast; the turkey, the stuffing, the mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, pies and delicacies we all love to eat until we feel much like that stuffed turkey. Our former busyness will gradually build until we find ourselves at warp speed. December, Advent and Christmas follows with shouts of acclamation. Like the folks in Whoville, we hear them shout, "We are here! We are here! We are here!" At least that's what it's like in my world.

Writing this article has made me think about the things I am thankful for. The normal things automatically come to mind: my family, my friends, the roof over my head, the food in my belly, my church family and not the least is my special friend, Jesus. All good things to be thankful for.

We did an exercise in an AB Women's national board meeting one time and it was repeated at the state level. Person A asks a question to which person B answers but then it gets a little more intense when the next question is "why?" Six times person B is asked "Why?" Each time the question was answered, the answer came closer to the real convicted answer. So as I thought about it I asked myself - If I was to pick one thing that I was really thankful for, what would it be and why?

The thing I am most thankful for is the tough times I have gone through. Yep, you read it right the tough times. Each of us have experienced tough times. Times when we are broken; physically, mentally and spiritually. Times when we say, "Why God? What did I do to deserve this? Why me?" It's during those times that we become stronger versions of ourselves. It's during those times that Jesus is walking by our side, holding us up and keeping us safe. As long as you allow Him to. Sometimes we don't include Him in our troubles. We have the tendency to try and fix things on our own. We get so wrapped up in our own little world that we forget to lean on the one waiting for the invitation to come along side in our suffering.

I have quipped on occasion that bad food choices have made me the woman I am today. That's just the outside package; the physical. The tough times have molded and shaped me into the woman I am today spiritually and mentally. And for that I am forever thankful. What about you? What are you thankful for? Why? (Don't forget to invite Jesus into the conversation.) As you approach this season of Thanks-giving, spend time asking yourself those questions. Don't be anxious about anything; Jesus has your back.

May you have a blessed November.
Pastor Lilly