

This is God's most beautiful time of year. Try to make time to get out and apple pick, rake leaves, or take a drive so you can catch it all. These are the things that make people's heart feel wonderful. So get out there and enjoy! Bake an apple pie or take a walk and it will rejuvenate your soul. See God's beautiful world up close!



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Happy Halloween!

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; Stewart Smith; Phyllis Smith; Delores Olin; Ray Olin; Steve Springer; Don Flower; our missionaries; our nation; and our denominational and local church leaders.

PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Dear God, give us the grace not to let our pride get in the way in life. Teach us humility and forgiveness.

Amen

Board meetings

Christian Ed	Sunday 7 th	11:15
Trustees	Tuesday 9 th	6:00
Deacon's	Tuesday 9 th	6:30
Executive	No Meeting	--

Verse of the Month



When pride comes, then comes
disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.

(Proverb 11: 1& 2)

WITNESS ARTICLES

All articles for the **November Witness** are due in the church office by **October 23rd**.

Fall Birthdays

October

2	Penny Faulter	7	Jim Edick
14	Courtney Cuny	16	Andy Bettinger
18	Phyllis Smith	20	Dail Mizerski
24	Erin Rose Shanahan	26	Nick Cuny
31	Roseann Prouty		

FALL ANNIVERSARIES

Merril & Cherie House - 8

Fall Clean-Up Day

Our annual Fall Clean-Up Day has been established for Saturday Morning, October 20, 2012 beginning at 9 AM. Basically we will concentrate on the outside grounds of the church with raking, maybe washing windows, weed wacking, etc. Trustees will be working on servicing our back-up generator. Additionally, there may be a need for some inside work, but we're not sure at this time.

Many helping hands make light work...so if you can make it, your help would be appreciated.

Your Trustees

RUMMAGE SALE

Our Rummage sale will be in October on the 26th and the 27th. Friday 3:00pm - 7:00pm., Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm. We also have a **Bake Sale** with it. Please plan to bake lots of goodies to help them out. All your help is very much appreciated. Please call Lynda Heer with any questions.

(Her phone number is 668-1304)

HEALTH TIPS!



Hello! We're back. Time for our next health tip. It's old fashion and you have heard this before I'm sure. When my parents grew up sweets were treats. Once a week. We, in today's society have exchanged our snacks or treats or both for meals. We also eat sweets and snacks regularly. So, let's stop eating sweets and snacks every day. So try this. Once a week treat yourself with a sweet instead of every day. Don't eat any other snacks or treats during the week. (No Cheating!) Watch your waist decrease and your money in your pocket increase. Wow! Two for one. Note I never mentioned exercise. Either you're not trying to improve your health and wallet! Or you're shy!

***Till Next Time ***



Church Basement Rooms Keys

We are missing a key ring containing 3 keys to the room doors in the basement of the church. This necessitated an expense of needing to make replacements. If anyone has, or knows of someone who may have, these keys please return them to any member of the Board of Trustees.

Thank you!

Your Trustees

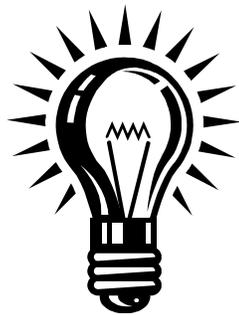


Master Calendar of Events and Meetings

We have had some recent potential conflicts of events happening in the church at the same time and using the same facilities. To avoid this in the future, we are asking all responsible persons, boards, committees and users of the building to post their event(s), meeting(s), etc. on the calendar hanging on the large doors leading into the sanctuary.

That way, you will know if there is a conflict and it will give our Church Secretary, Cindy Cuny, the correct and timely information to include with the Sunday Church Bulletin and The Witness Newsletter.

Thank you,
Your Trustees



Church Lights

We continue to look for ways to control costs. One of those ways is to be sure the lights inside and outside are put to use only as necessary. We had a number of times pointed out to us of persons coming into the church and finding hallway or room lights that have been left on. A sign has been posted on the Fellowship Hall exit/entry door alerting everyone, if they know they are the last person in the building, to be sure all lights are turned out when they leave and lock the door. All of us can help that person by making sure lights are turned off in the room or area where they were if they were the last person there. Cooperation from everyone is sincerely appreciated!!

Your Trustees



Parsonage Status

The final disposition and closing for our Church Parsonage has taken a long time and we are well aware of that. Contact continues with the Fire Company and our attorney, David Russell. The Fire Company then maintains contact with their attorney, Kevin O'Connell.

Initially, the accepted proposal from the Fire Company stated that the structure would be demolished and some members of our congregation who had expressed an interest in some of the items contained there would be able to acquire them. Three items have been removed: refrigerator, hot water heater and some kitchen cabinets. Everything else is now on hold because we learned of a person, through the Fire Company, who has offered to pay the cost of moving the Parsonage to another location in the village and remodeling/upgrading it for office use. Our attorney was not aware of this until Don Haury discussed it with him within the last month. Mr. Russell has since requested and has been furnished a list of interested items from us along with a question regarding a potential new purchase price.

Mr. Russell has made all the necessary contacts with the Fire Company attorney and the State Attorney General's office and is now awaiting feedback from Mr. O'Connell or the Fire Company. Once we receive that, your Board of Trustees is asking for everything, including interested items, building disposition and potential revised purchase price in writing for our final acceptance.

We will continue to keep you posted.

Thank you for your patience,
Board of Trustees