

First Baptist Church of Central Square

October 2019

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Birthdays:

Penny Faulter 2
Courtney Balch 14
Andy Bettinger 16
Phyllis Smith 18
Dail Mizerski 20
Randi Driesen 21
Zane Zustra 22
Amelia Shanahan 23
Margaret Heitmann 25
Nick Cuny 26

Anniversaries:

Courtney & Nathan Balch 3
Cherie & Merrill House 12

Upcoming Events

October 9
Pastoral Search (6:30)

October 20
Council Meeting

October 26
Trunk or Treat

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
fbccsny@gmail.com

Church Rummage Sale

The Annual Church Rummage Sale made over \$1,800! Thank you to all who helped and especially to Dianan Baxter for coordinating the event!

Praise Chorus

Back by popular demand... THE PRAISE CHORUS IS BACK!!! No experience is necessary! See Lynn Bort for details and practice times!

AB Women

The Women are pleased to announce our plan to expand our Annual Trunk-or-Treat Event! We are inviting ALL local businesses to partake, whether that be by decorating a vehicle or donating something toward the event. If we get enough interest generated we'd like to hold the Event at Goettel Park. Mark your calendars for *Saturday, October 26th*! If you know of any Business or Organization that would be interested please contact Misty DeFalco so a formal invite to the event may be sent.

Trustee Updates

We are continuing to look into purchasing the insulation to install it before winter to prevent the roof leaking.

Just do
small
THINGS WITH
great love

HAPPINESS
Blooms
FROM
Within



Christian Education Updates

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

Diaconate Updates

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

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.

Council Meeting

Next Council meeting is October 20th after church .

Mission Project

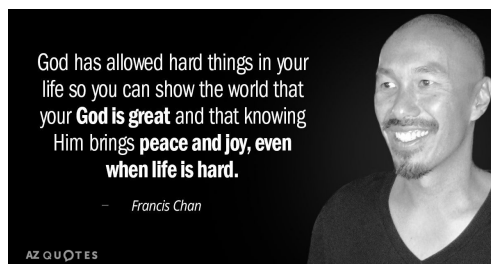
Our church is making Health Kits again! The health kits will be used by Church World Service to meet the needs of those who have been misplaced due to hurricanes, flooding, nor-easters, or other disasters; many of which are in our own area. If you would like to participate, please put the following into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



The Pastor's Corner



I don't know about you but I have come to the conclusion that the "Lazy, hazy days of summer" is a myth we dream about. For one thing, it is too short. It's rarely lazy but does get hazy on a hot, muggy day.

So here we are, Labor Day weekend. It's September and time to get moving. I've been serving this congregation for 10 months. It hardly seems possible. I have enjoyed every minute. I've spent some time getting acquainted with as many of you as I could and with how you function as a church family. I'm delighted that you get along well with other and love and care for each other. All families have their disagreements and I have heard some grumbling on occasion but for the most part this is a close-knit family.

I have also seen some stubbornness. We can't always do things the same way they have always been done. This has happened partly because the way things have always been done were done by people who are no longer active in our church. We need to look at what has been done; what has been done well and how we can continue to do what needs to be done while still reaching those that need to know Jesus.

One of the responsibilities of an Interim Pastor is to help the church prepare for the next called/settled pastor. A mission/ministry should be in place and running smoothly when that person arrives so they don't have to start at step one. The mission/ministry of the church should ideally be exactly that not the mission/ministry of the pastor. For that to happen the congregation needs to look at their strengths and weaknesses. And then determine what ministry opportunities they can successfully accomplish. That is the main reason the search committee has asked for comments related to people and events that shaped the ministry and the congregation thus far. We need to dig deeper. Why is it that the building sits in the center of the village but the membership live outside the center of the village? (I am using membership as a representative of all regular attendees not the card holding duly baptized members.) My guess would be that at one time, probably when it was built, the church attracted people in the surrounding community. As time went on people moved to the "suburbs" of Central Square. So a weakness I see is the lack of people from the surrounding community. Now, I know times have changed and people don't attend church like they used to. But what can we learn from this? People in our surroundings need to hear the message. How do we deliver it to them? This is what we need to determine. If we sit by and do nothing there is the serious danger of becoming a group of people looking out for themselves and "their" church and not doing what they have been called to do. The chances are very good that whatever we do will not put people in the pews on Sunday morning but we will have done what Jesus told us to do and He will bless our efforts.

For the next few months, I hope to be able to work among you to help figure it all out so when you find that person you are looking for, you will be already doing what you need to be doing. God is faithful. We believe this. We know this. We also know He has a plan and a ministry for us to do.

To God be the Glory.

Pastor Lilly

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Pastoral Search Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Council Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26 Trunk or Treat
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

