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THE WITNESS

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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
Megan Biddle, Pastor

Linda 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: Adam Backman, Melody Clark, Ken House, Barry Mugglin, Stewart Smith, Phyllis Smith, Stephen Springer, Helen Webb, Mike White, Lilliah Woolson-Smith, Cheryl Backman, our missionaries, our nation, and our denominational and local church leaders.

PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

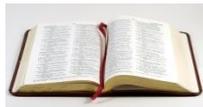
Mighty God, there are times when I want you to let me of easy when a trial is staring me in the face, and there are times when in the darkest hour I have forgotten your absolute goodness. O God, when the sorrow is too much to bear, be my only comfort.

Amen

MEETING NIGHTS

Trustees	September 1 st	6:30
Deacon's	September 8 th	6:30
SNIC	September 12 th	5:00
Rally Day	September 13 th	9:00
Christian Ed	September 20 th	after church

VERSE OF THE MONTH



Indeed, you are my Lamp, O Lord, the Lord lightens my darkness. This God- his way is perfect; the promise of the Lord pores true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

WITNESS ARTICLES

All witness articles for October are due by September 20th. All boards should submit an article and any members who would like to put an article in. If you need help with a topic just ask.

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER



Paul Ayre	2
Susan Fenton	8
Bruce Herrick	20
Beverly Mitchell	22
Carol Chamberlin	23
Lynn Bort	24
Janet Bettinger	25

RUMMAGE SALE



September 25th & 26th, Friday from 2-7 and Saturday 10-2. So, if you have any items laying around in good condition please bring them up before the sale. Leave items in basement with a note attached to it so we know it's for the sale.

Rally Day



September 13th Sunday school is back in session. It's for all ages adults and children starts at 9:00. Please invite a friend to join us.

SNIC



Saturday, September 12th at 5pm will be our first SNIC service. Everyone is welcome. The Saturday service will have the same message as Sunday, but different music will be used. Saturdays are for anyone, and will hopefully be a relaxed atmosphere, where anyone would feel welcome to join in worship.

I am a parent, and one of my children has special needs. When we have looked for a church home in the past, finding a place where my kids are comfortable, is high on my priority list, my hope is that Saturday services become a place where everyone is comfortable. There have been a few times when I have felt the need to apologize for my child, and I don't want any parent to feel that way. You are welcome to join us on Saturdays at 5pm. Service will last less than an hour. If you don't want to come, please pray for this ministry, and tell someone about it.



A big thank you to the Church for sending 3 of our youths to Summer Camp this year!! Shaylee and Lilly both attended Ontario Bible Camp this summer and they thoroughly enjoyed it! Both are hoping to attend again next year! Dakota attended his second year at Camp Vick! He chose "Choose Your Own Adventure Week" and looks forward to next year!! They will discuss their experiences this September!! If you see them ask them about camp!!



Fishing For Faith

Thank you to all of the volunteers and donators that helped make VBS possible this year. Unfortunately we didn't have as many kids as we'd like. That just gives us something to strive for next year! It was a lot of fun! The children seemed to enjoy the lessons, music, and the puppet show was a huge hit!!

Misty DeFalco - Sunday School Superintendent



The Annual AB Women's Retreat will be Saturday
September 12th
At The Rotundo Household
Light Refreshments beginning at 9:30
Meeting begins at 10:00
There will be a lunch please bring a dish to share.
All Women are welcome.
Any Questions/Concerns please contact
Misty/Genie.



I'm so excited to jump into our studies this year!! I have some really fun lessons planned!! And a new classroom format that I think will be agreeable for all the students! In September and October we will be studying Genesis! November and December I have some great stuff centered around the Holidays!! We will also be studying the *Hero's of the Bible*, which will lead into what is presented for Children's Day in June! I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday mornings!!

Miss Misty

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The trustees have been busy working this summer. We had the building looked at, and we are going to have it re-sided. This is due to the ice last winter that broke into the north side siding. The insurance has settled with us, and we are taking bids to see who will be the best. We have done a few other projects such as new carpet in the offices, and we also had work done on the carpet in the church. We still need help with painting the porch at the parsonage. The front porch needs a good cleaning and painting. If there is anyone who can help out let a Trustee know and we will be glad to set you up. There are some plans for dinners this fall, and more to come once we set dates. If there is anything that the trustees can do, please let us know.

Thanks

Mark Heitmann Co-Chairman board of trustees

Pastor's Corner



It is hard for me to wrap my mind around having moved to Central Square a year ago. At times it feels like we just arrived, and some days, I feel like I have known you all my life. It has been the best year of my life, so far. It is really amazing coming to know the peace that passes all understanding that comes when you are being obedient to the will of God.

Our family rolled into town on August 18th, and I preached my first sermon on August 31st. Since arriving, I have preached 53 sermons including the extra services for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and

Holy Week. I still get nervous. I have officiated at least eight funerals, but I feel like it has been far more, with the whole spring burial and all. I have also participated in two community services honoring our vets, and so many meetings, I have lost count.

I have learned so much in the past year, and I want to thank you for being patient with me, for encouraging me, and especially for being a part of my journey. Our family loves calling this, "home." The kids have adjusted to their new schools better than expected. Aubrey is starting kindergarten, and is so excited to be going to school with big brother and big sister. The fire siren does not bother us; most days we don't even notice it. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life, it has been an amazing first year!

Now we move forward knowing that all good things come from God. What good things have you received from God? If it is passion and the desire to serve in some way, we need to talk! Telling God that you are too old isn't going to cut it. You can still be passionate for God, no matter what age you are. May we never lose sight of the real reason we come together- To worship our creator and enjoy him fully and to point others to the cross and the love of Jesus that is for all people.

See you in church!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Meg