

First Baptist Church of Central Square

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Prayer Concerns: Ken Bird, Melody Clark, Jacob House, Frank VanBuskirk, Donnie O'Neil, Nancy Flower, Richard Alberry, Michelle Heitmann, Bev, Mitchell, Gagnon Family, Steve Pumphrey, West Virginia Flood Victims and Survivors, Service Men and Women, and those unspoken.

Birthdays:

Grace Fuller 10	Maggie Heitmann 10	Ryan Casatelli 11
Andy Biddle 13	Don Flower 15	Cheryl Backman 15
Mike Gladle 16	Genie Rotundo 17	Misty DeFalco 23
Katie Rotundo 23	Junis Clark 24	Patrick Bort 27
	Cherie House 31	

Anniversaries:

Pastor Meg & Andy Biddle 3		Lynn & Dale Bort 5
Kay & Stephen Springer 18		

Mystery Member

June's Mystery Member: Jacob Biddle

July's Mystery Member play a very important role in our church. They are a social worker, loves her grandkids, and claims their significant other is nuts. Can you guess who this is?



Upcoming Events

July 8

Young Life Youth Group
(6:30 – 8:00)

July 9

Feasting on Fellowship
(11am)

July 10

Executive Committee

July 17

Ordination (2:30)

July 26

Free Lunch (11:30 – 1:30)



Church Secretary:

Our new secretary, Christa, is doing a wonderful job and has asked for anyone who has a project for her, question, or simply wants to talk to please email her at cgibson11@twcny.rr.com and she will get back to you quickly.

Witness Articles

Please send anything you would like published to the email Kahminder@aol.com by July 28th!

Office Supplies:

The office is in need of donations of postage stamps.

Volunteers

We are in need of worship leaders and greeters. Please see Pastor Meg if you are willing to help.

Board of Christian Education Update

Vacation Bible School:

VBS is coming up faster than you'd believe! We will be needing volunteers in all sorts of areas! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you are willing! If you have any questions please contact Misty DeFalco at mdefalco2004@gmail.com or (315)935 – 6267. It will be a Safari theme. We will be ordering the t-shirts displayed on the right!

Children's Day:

Children's Day was a huge success! Our four performers (Jillian Biddle, Dakota DeFalco, Atreyu DeFalco, and Aubrey Biddle) did a wonderful job!

Junior Church:

Volunteers are needed to staff Junior Church. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall.

Roxanne L. Spink, Board of Christian Education Chairperson
Misty DeFalco, Sunday School Superintendent

Trustee Update:

The pancake breakfast fundraiser brought in just over 400 dollars for our church. Thank you to everyone who supported and helped!

Free Lunch

This month's Free Lunch will take place on July 26th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The menu is Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Baked Beans, and Ice Cream!

Church Officers

Pastor

Meg Biddle

Moderator

Lynn Bort

Church Clerk

Available

Treasurer

Elizabeth Rotundo

Financial Secretary

Grace Fuller

Sunday School Supt.

Misty DeFalco



God didn't need us.
He wanted us.
and that's the most
amazing thing.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The wonderful people who knit together have decided they are going by a new name. They will be known as "JUGS." Can you guess what it means?

The picture below is a hint!



Through the Eyes of Peter Woodin By Delores Olin

A continuation...

Look at that – a new building next door – the new parsonage built by Reverend Russell. He only has to walk next door to church!

That ladies auxiliary is busy raising money for God's work. Reverend Rawson's announcing a fair at the grange, probably to help with the remodeled kitchen and redecorated dining room. They thanked Reverend Woodin for the quilt frames he gave. Hear that bell toll! It was recast in 1910, possibly calling attention to the new baptistry just built. Do you hear that new baby cry? Bet that's baby Erwin Flower born when all these things were going on.

Thought that light in the parsonage was dim – just got it wired for electricity during Reverend Miller's pastoring.

Reverend Shaw is beaming – one of his congregation is being ordained – that's Grace Fuller's relative, Carlos Fuller.

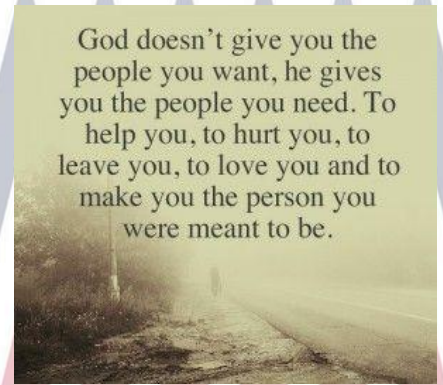
Look for more next month!

Pick Your Cross

A young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said, "I have too heavy of a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in." When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.



God is With Us

The man whispered,
"God, speak to me"
And a meadowlark sang.
But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled,
"God, speak to me"
And the thunder rolled
across the sky.
But, the man did not listen.
The man looked around and said,

"God let me see you."
And a star shined brightly.
But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "God
show me a miracle."
And, a life was born.
But, the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair,
"Touch me God, and let me
know you are here."

Whereupon, God reached
down and touched the man.
But, the man brushed the
butterfly away and walked on.



From The Pastor

At long last, I am finished! On Sunday, June 19th, my colleagues in ministry, our associate executive minister, and representatives from thirteen churches in our association gathered in the sweltering sanctuary for my Ordination Council. Anyone who saw me Sunday morning knew I was nervous. So much had gone into getting to this moment: undergraduate degree, 91 course hours to earn a Master's Degree in Divinity, internships, additional courses for boundary training, polity, as well as that trip to Boston for "Fit for Ministry" testing. And then there was a sixteen-page paper explaining my call to ministry, an explanation of my beliefs, as well as my plans for the future. Not only do you have to read your paper to a room full of people, they ask you questions regarding the paper, and then they vote. The vote was unanimous in affirming this church's, as well as my own desire to be Ordained. There were several times along the journey that I wanted to quit. The process stalled a few times, because people that needed to meet could not seem to make it together. I was ready to quit if I had a meeting that was less than affirming, and I was tired. After pouting for a day or two, and praying about it, I was ready to pick up where I left off.

We all get discouraged, some of us more than others. In those times, I find that what I need most is to be silent. Yes, pour out your heart to God. Tell your creator that you are frustrated, you are angry; whatever it is that you are feeling, lay it out for the Lord. God wants you to communicate, and even if all you feel like you can do is yell, then do it! Ask your questions. Talk to someone about your frustrations; my door is always open, or I would be happy to come and meet with you. You do not have to go through your discouragement and frustration alone. In my silence, I look for God in what I am reading and my interactions with others. Our Lord works in pretty fantastic ways! I find that when I am silent, something I just read, or that I have been praying about comes up in my conversations with others; yes, God, I hear you.

I am so thankful for everyone who has walked with me on this journey to Ordination. It is so much more than just a title. Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. I am excited to see what God has planned next for me, and this church. Please let me know if there is some way that I can walk with you on whatever journey you are on in your life.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Meg

