

First Baptist Church of Central Square

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Prayer Concerns: Ken Bird, Melody Clark, Jacob House, John Alberry, Steve Pumphrey, Bernadette Lynch, Morris Reels, Smith Family, Central Square Schools, Frank VanBuskirk, Hurricane Matthew Victims, Ken Bird, Moore/ Pumphrey Family, Rev. Dr. John Kuiper, Gagnon Family, Scott Heer, Watkins Family, Bradigan Family, Mark Roth, and those unspoken.

Birthdays:

Cindy Cuny 14

Merrill House 24

Chris Ayre 27

Mystery Member

September's Mystery Member: Courtney Cuny

October's Mystery Member used to do gymnastics, loves to eat chicken, and hates the feeling of sand. Can you guess who it is?

Witness Articles

Please send anything you would like published to the email Kahminder@gmail.com by November 26th!

Volunteers

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

Free Lunch

This month's Free Lunch will take place on November 29th. The menu is Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Cranberry sauce, and Assorted Pies

National Day of Prayer

The theme is "Arise, Shine. When we rise up, he shines through." All are welcome, November 7th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Upcoming Events

November 6

Faith Promise Carry In

November 6

Trustees Meeting (9am)

November 7

World Day of Prayer

November 12

Craft Fair (9-4)

November 13

Iroquois Association Meeting
(2:30 PM)

November 20

Pledge Sunday

November 29

Free Lunch (11:30 – 1:30)



Dakota's Mission

For the next year Dakota will be collecting New & Gently used books, coloring books, and crayons for both children and adults using the Syracuse Ronald McDonald Housing. As his box is filled we will make trips to Syracuse to drop them off. He has set a goal to reach 600 items by September 2017. All donations will be appreciated!

Christmas Cantata

It is hard to believe Fall is here but it is time to start thinking about Christmas Music. I need to know who would be interested in doing a Cantata this year. If there are people I have not included please reach out to them. I do have a couple of ideas for a Cantata but really need to know if we have the voices that we need to do it. If you could just send me an email to let me know if you are interested (lmbw13203@msn.com) or see me in person. We will need to start practicing very soon.

- Lynn Bort

Bible Study

Don't forget to check out Bible Study every Thursday at 6:30pm! Come as you are!

Constitution Review Committee Report

A member of the constitution review committee will be available to talk to in Fellowship Hall after church every Sunday until November 13th. We will take suggestions, comments, praises, questions, and anything else you would like to share about it. The committee hopes to have this voted on at the annual meeting in January.

O Tannenbaum and Pizza

What is the HAPPIEST time of the year? This is! And the Worship Committee can prove it on Thursday, December 1st at 5 PM. Free pizza and salad will be available at fellowship hall and after we eat, we get to put up our magnificent sanctuary Christmas Tree. PLEASE come to help even if you can't get there right at 5. We need branch open-uppers (who get to sit in the pews), light testers, ornament placers, and for a select few, ladder climbers. If you want to be a branch open-upper, bring gloves for those scratchy branches. So, please come for a happy time! We need a headcount to order the pizza so please call us and leave a message or sign up on the sheet in the hall at church. Did I mention that we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP?

From The Worship Committee, Dail Mizerski 675-3271

Church Officers

Reverend

Meg Biddle

Moderator

Lynn Bort

Church Clerk

Rebekah Springer

Treasurer

Elizabeth Rotundo

Financial Secretary

Grace Fuller

Sunday School Supt.

Misty DeFalco



Board of Christian Education Update

Our three Sunday School classes are continuing their studies. The Tuesday afternoon Ecumenical Prayer and Bible Study and the new Thursday evening Prayer and Bible Study classes are off to a good start for the year. Our World Mission Offering is off to a slow start but \$146 toward our goal of \$416 was collected during the first two weeks of the campaign. White Gift discussions have begun and we are considering selecting one or two local families for these gifts this year. We hope to make a decision and have these gift requests ready by mid-November. Senior Appreciation / Recognition Day went well in the spring this year so we decided to hold it in May next year.

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

Trustees Report

There is not too much to report since our Council Meeting on October 12, 2016. We are still waiting for the north wall to be sided. I had mentioned that the roof needs repair in the valley area over the meditation room. VanDusen Exteriors gave us an estimate of \$1200. I have contacted Randy House and he is going to look into this.

The trustees were finally able to meet with Ed Cosato, the new Fire and Safety Inspector for the village of CS. He will contact Doyle Security and we will all meet together to discuss the particulars. I appreciate Mr. Cosato as he will do the best he can in regard to the fire alarm system and the cost to First Baptist Church.

We have had a donation of a new dehumidifier for the basement.

The boiler has been inspected and it passed. The next inspection is due in 2 years.

Soon you will be receiving a letter from me that will come with the Faith Proposal for 2017. Please prayerfully consider all the items that you will be seeing and reading.

Randi Driesen, Trustee Chairperson

Side Note

Randi Driesen would like to remind people that she is a notary public if you need anything notarized.

Through the Eyes of Peter Woodin

By Delores Olin

A continuation...

Mr. Neil Gilmour was the first moderator. George Maunt and Lowell Gregg were deacon emeritus. Two new classes joined Baraca – Philathea – Hearthstone and Fry –C. The Klatz property was purchased for an office, nursery, and classes.

New church school curriculum was tested when Rev. Morrison was pastor. A Palm Sunday Community Choir was enjoyed. Bertha Harrington and Ester Coder established the church library. Boy Scout Troop 334 was sponsored by the church – another community outreach.



Annual Craft Show

Our Annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday November 12th from 9am-4pm. There will also be a basket raffle and bake sale this day. Please contact Cheryl and tell her what you will be baking if you plan to donate baked goods. We are still looking for basket donations (new items only) and help to assemble these baskets on November 3rd (in the afternoon until 6:30pm). The women will have a table at the show, so if anyone has handmade items they would like to donate that would be great. The knitters have made cotton dish clothes, and knitted scrubbies. Please call Cheryl Backman at 315 663 4545 with any questions! See you there!

Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 4:00-6:00pm. Please be willing to volunteer your time, energy, and car for our Annual Trunk or Treat Community Event! We will be accepting candy donations right up to the 29th! Please contact Misty DeFalco at 315 935 6267 if you would like to help or have any questions.

AB Women at a Glance

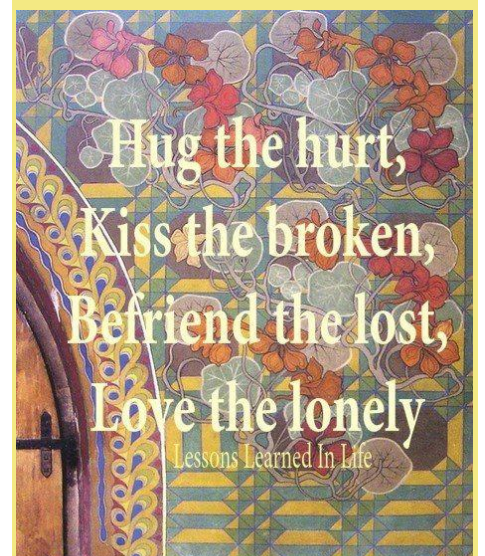
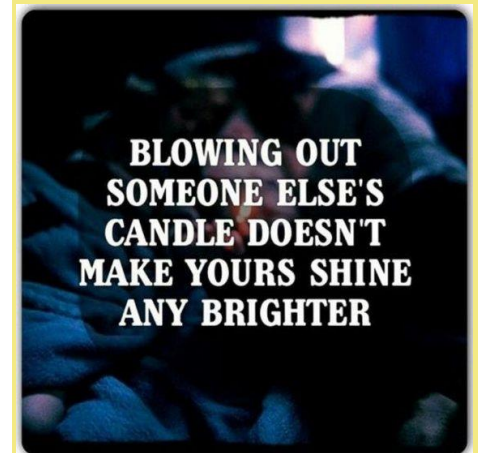
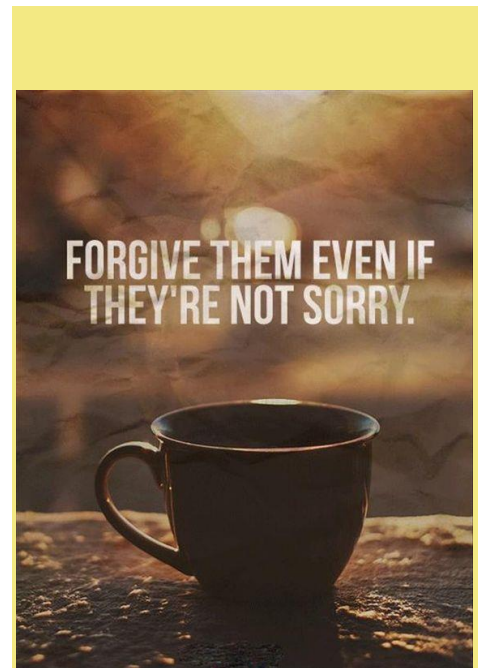
This group is open to anyone!! (Men...we don't bite!!) It is not something you have to commit to. You can pick and choose what you'd like to come to or help with. It's fun and offers great fellowship!! Join us sometime!

Mark Your Calendars!

- November 7th: World Day of Prayer! 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to share in Coffee & Donuts and a fantastic program provided by Delores.
- December 4th: Family Craft Day!! Join us in Fellowship Hall following service for lunch and crafts for both adults and children alike!

Side Note:

We'll be looking for help next fall. A lot of our members are getting older and are unable to do what they use to. We opted not hold any Rummage Sales this fall and spring, but this is our main source of income. Often times we donate what is made to the church when in times of hardship, in fact this is what we've done our last two Rummage Sales. We're asking members of the congregation to consider helping us with the Fall Rummage Sale 2017. More information about our needs will come, please keep it in the back of your minds.



VERY BRIEF Church Council Minutes

October 12, 2016

Church Treasurer Report By Lizzy Rotundo.

We are in good shape with current budget. Expects to close the year in decent shape. Building repairs may be the only cost that may affect this. Any questions, Lizzy is able to meet and discuss.

Financial Secretary Report By Grace Fuller

Giving is up since 2013. Up about 4000 dollars from last year. Few big donations given specifically for building funds (memorial and in the plate designated for building repair).

Board Reports

Trustees By Randi Driesen

Decided to redo back portion of siding on the church because it is the most damaged. Fire and safety report cited many hazards. Randi has been working aggressively to fix fire safety hazards on a low budget.

Deacons By Rich Mizerski

Last Church Picnic had 24 people attendees. They are possibly changing picnic venue next year to Goettle Park or possibly someone's home. There was one baptism this year - Dakota DeFalco on October 1st.

Board of Christian Education By Roxanne Spink

Children's Day went well. Sunday School is available for all ages. Canceled VBS due to lack of interest. Junior Church up and running. Working on memorizing bible verses and finding them in the bible.

Reverend Meg Biddle Updates

Amazon Smile donates half of a percentage to a charity of her choice. She is adding our church as a charity. When you buy something, it gives some money back to the charity. Will share how to add it to your amazon account shortly. Christmas is on a Sunday this year. Wants to ensure people want to have a Saturday Christmas Eve service, church at 10. Everyone said they wanted to keep it the same. Young Life started in the middle school and high school. Four new kids came to the high school one. Still meeting here and Mallory Wesleyan on a monthly basis. If anyone needs Meg, leave a voicemail. She will get back to you. Rebekah asked if she will be going by Reverend Meg or Pastor Meg. She said Pastor is fine, she is indifferent. Possibly, Pastor Meg, Reverend Biddle. We are working on communication within the church. Thinking about adding sheets of paper to share upcoming events, even though they're on the bulletin.

Memorial By Carol Chamberlin

Gave 1000 to general fund to help with bills and expenses. No kids went camping, money was not used in that fund.

THE TRICK IS TO
ENJOY LIFE.
DON'T WISH AWAY
YOUR DAYS
WAITING
FOR BETTER ONES
AHEAD.

-MARIORIE PAY HINCKLEY

Prayer
is the
road to
Heaven
but
Faith
opens
the door

**I didn't
come
this far
to only
come
this far.**

Women's Society By Delores Olin

National Day of Prayer November 7 (first Monday). Expects everyone to be there. Women have removed themselves from Oswego Association, stayed part of NYS American Baptist Woman. Lizzy noted that they made \$1,500 at last rummage sale, donated profits to the general fund.

Music Committee By Lynn Bort

Sent out interest email for Christmas Cantata, desperately looking for male voices.

Worship Arrangements By Rich Mizerski

Will share Christmas tree set up day shortly.

Ushers By Bob Chamberlin

Need some ushers. Appreciate the young children helping. Replaced church guestbook. Have people sign when they visit.

Auditing Committee

Roxanne and Rebekah completed audit from January 1st until June 30th. One discrepancy with women's society. Balance remained accurate.

Historical Committee

Delores Olin is still sharing a piece of history she wrote that is featured every month in the witness.

Nominating

Only one person on there. Need more people. If interested, talk to Meg or Lynn. Need to get positioned filled for upcoming year.

Constitution Review

All parts of the original constitution are in the new, but may look differently. We need to have a congregational meeting about it, any questions/comments/concerns? Going to take comments/suggestions about proposed constitution until November 13th.

Additional Business

Third Sunday of January, annual meeting (January 15) after church, will postpone if needed.

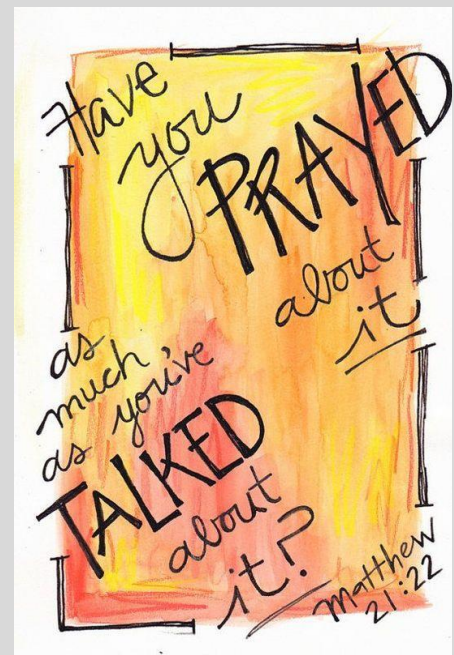
Refreshments for rest of year:

November - Trustees

December - Board of Education

Hygiene Kits for Disaster Relief

Help out without committing to a meeting by making hygiene kits for disaster relief! In one Ziploc bag, please include a hand towel, a washcloth, a bar of soap, a comb, (6) Band-Aids, 1 toothbrush (individually wrapped), and nail clippers. NO additional items please. You can bring your kits to Nancy Leamon.

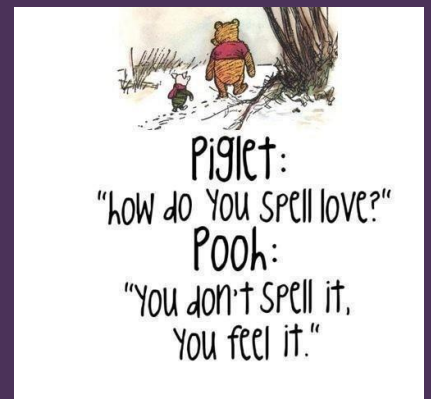


From The Reverend

I feel as though the entire month of October passed me by and somehow I missed it. I am not sure how that happens, but that is how I feel knowing that I am about to change the calendar to November. I am seeing more gray sky than sun, and I saw snowflakes swirling about today as I went to run a quick errand. We will blink, and it will be time to decorate for Christmas. Thankfully, there is still a little time before we get there.

During the month of November last year, we explored 30 days of being thankful. Do you have 30 things in your life to be thankful for? I certainly hope so. Here is my list:

1. God still provides the ram in the bush- God will provide exactly what I need when I need it.
2. My family- This one needs no explanation
3. Home- My home is where I am loved and accepted for who I am, not a geographic location
4. The Call- I am grateful that God called me to be a minister, and that I now get to live that call
5. Ordination- I am thankful it is finished, and for all the people who supported me through the entire process
6. Health- I am thankful that I am alive and well
7. Health Insurance- I went without insurance for four years, so glad to have it now
8. This church- What a wonderful group of people I have been given to lead and to love
9. Waffles the cat- Not so thankful for the cat, but for the sermon material she provides
10. My women clergy group- A group of colleagues supporting and loving one another
11. Free Tuesday Lunches- Fellowship, giving back to the community, and food
12. Coffee
13. Books- Because, books!
14. A working car- remember last year? Thankful to have a car that starts and can get me where I need to go
15. A bed to sleep in- It is comfy and it is mine. Those who have traveled will agree, there is nothing like coming home to your own bed.
16. Laughter- there is nothing like having people in your life who make you laugh until you cry.
17. Time- even though we often think time as cruel or a thief, we still have more time to make memories, dream dreams, and love others. Don't take it for granted.
18. Tears- sometimes I need a good cry, especially in those situations where there just are no words to explain my feelings
19. Indoor Plumbing- My granny died in 1999, and did not have running water at the time of her death. I have used an outhouse more than once!



**THERE ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM IN
YOUR MIND FOR BOTH WORRY
AND FAITH. YOU MUST DECIDE
WHICH ONE WILL LIVE THERE.**

From the Reverend Continued...

- 20. Clue, the movie. I watch this movie on a regular basis. It just makes me happy.
 - 21. Eyesight- Sometimes there is nothing better than the beauty of God's creation. Be thankful that you can see it.
 - 22. Diversity- if we were all the same, the world would be a very boring place
 - 23. Air conditioning- because sticking your head in the freezer is not very effective
 - 24. Children- the noise and laughter that they bring is pure joy, and reminds us that we are still alive
 - 25. Challenges- it is how we grow, change, and become better people. Without challenges, we would not be the people we are now.
 - 26. Bubble wrap- I love it when I order something and it is wrapped in bubble wrap, it is so much fun to pop!
 - 27. Getting mail- Okay, not bills, but actual mail. Cards, notes, letters.
 - 28. Music- I make no secret about loving music. I love so many different genres of music. It is also how I connect to God and how I worship.
 - 29. Baptism
 - 30. When we join hands after communion and sing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"
- These are just a few of the things I am thankful for. I challenge you to take the time and make a list of thirty things that you are thankful for. Take the time to thank God for those things on your list, and realize just how blessed you are.
- Grace and Peace,
Pastor Meg

The right side of the page features three vertical panels with a pink border. The top panel has a grey background with the text "I will WALK BY FAITH even when I can not see" in a mix of cursive and colorful block letters, with a double arrow graphic and the reference "2 Corinthians 5:7" below. The middle panel has a white background with the text "When you're tempted to lose patience with someone, think how patient God has been with you all the time." in a bold, black, serif font. The bottom panel has a grey background with yellow diagonal stripes and the text "GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD." in a bold, grey, sans-serif font, with "PASTOR ROD" at the bottom right.