

# First Baptist Church of Central Square

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**Prayer Concerns:** Ken Bird, Melody Clark, Jacob House, John Alberry, Roxanne Spink, Steve Pumphrey, Bernadette Lynch, Morris Reels, Jeannie Parks, Smith Family, and those unspoken.

## Birthdays:

Penny Faulter 2	Courtney Balch 14	Andy Bettinger 16
Phyllis Smith 18	Dail Mizerski 20	Randi Driesen 21
Erin Rose Shanahan 24	Margaret Heitmann 25	Nick Cuny 26

## Anniversaries:

Courtney & Nathan Balch 3		Cherie & Merrill House 8
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## Mystery Member

September's Mystery Member: Carol Chamberlin

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@aol.com](mailto:Kahminder@aol.com) by October 27<sup>th</sup>!

## Volunteers

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



## Upcoming Events

### October 8

AB Women Meeting (Noon)

### October 9

Trustee's Meeting

### October 11

Deacon's Meeting (6:30)

### October 15

Fall Clean Up

### October 25

Free Lunch (11:30 – 1:30)

### October 29

Trunk or Treat (4 – 6)

### October 30

Church Luncheon



## Free Lunch

This month's Free Lunch will take place on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The menu includes, Chicken and Biscuits, Peas and Onions, Applesauce and Cupcakes. Everyone is welcome.

## Bible Study

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

## Constitution Review Committee Report

A few weeks ago we handed out the drafts on the new Constitution. At the Church Council meeting on Oct 12, please come prepared to ask questions. If you are unable to make the meeting, we can have a short meeting after church the following Sunday to answer questions. It is the committees hope to have this voted on at the annual meeting in January.

## ABW Fall Association Dinner

Will be held on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (registration starts at 6:15) at the First Baptist Church of Central Square. The speaker will be International Missionary Ray Schellinger.

## Meeting

The American Baptist Churches of New York State Biennial Meeting will be in Liverpool at the Holiday Inn on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40. Please let Pastor Meg know if you would like to attend. There is a \$5 discount if a group of 5 or more registers at one time.

## Annual Women's Retreat

Will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at Noon. Please bring a dish to pass; we will be eating as we meet. It is very important for everyone to try to make this as we discuss our organizations future. Any Questions/Concerns: Call/Text Misty at (315)935-6267

## Show and Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment of bringing something to represent their religion.

The first student got in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is the Star of David."

The second student got in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I am Catholic and this is the Crucifix."

The third student got in front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy and I am Baptist and this is a casserole."

## Church Officers

### Reverend

Meg Biddle

### Moderator

Lynn Bort

### Church Clerk

Available

### Treasurer

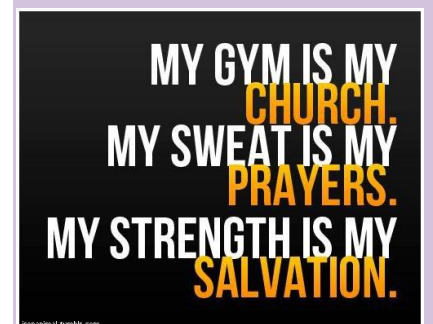
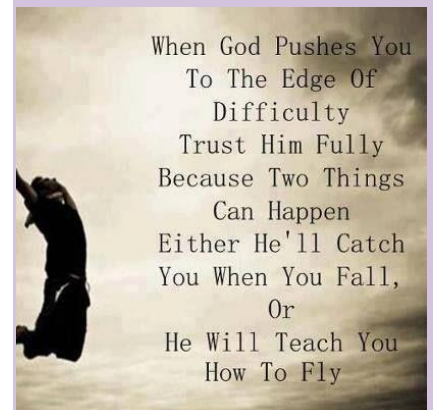
Elizabeth Rotundo

### Financial Secretary

Grace Fuller

### Sunday School Supt.

Misty DeFalco



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## Board of Christian Education Update

Rally day was a success! Three Sunday School classes are up and running. Misty DeFalco hosts a class aimed for children ages 0 – 8. Carol Chamberlin hosts a class aimed for ages 8 – 18. Delores Olin hosts a class aimed for adults, but any ages are always welcomed. Sunday School starts at 9am! See you there!

The students in Junior Church have been learning how to navigate the bible and have been memorizing verses for prizes each week! Every week they are getting faster and faster at finding the verses in their bible! After church, ask the children what they learned! They would be thrilled to share with you.

World Mission Offering is starting October 2<sup>nd</sup> and will continue for 4 Sunday's. This year's goal is \$416. There are envelopes in the pews for you to designate your funds. Please help our church meet its goal.

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

## Trustees Report

Last month I spoke about the fire and safety inspection report. We are in contact with the village zone officer to see exactly what we need to do for the fire alarm system. As I know more, I will certainly keep the members up to date on this. A back step out of the fellowship hall is being donated. A railing was installed in the basement leading out from the emergency door (Anyone willing to stain this railing please see me!). We have received 3 quotes for siding ½ of the north wall of the church. This is the wall of the fellowship hall down to the music room. A decision will soon be made on this. In the old mechanical room (new name "dungeon") we have found old light globes and sheets of slate. Pictures of these will go onto Craig's list in hopes of selling.

Thank you to Maggie Heitmann for heading up the chicken and biscuit dinner Oct 1, 2016; and for all who are able to assist! Cheryl Backman is doing a wonderful job of finding crafters for the craft show Nov. 12, 2016. I so appreciate her willingness to do this!

Finally, we all hate to think about it...but winter is coming. We have arranged once again to have Randy House do the snow plowing. We appreciate all that he does for our church.

Randi Driesen, Trustee Chairperson

## Through the Eyes of Peter Woodin

By Delores Olin

A continuation...

Do you hear those beautiful sound coming from the church? It's the new organ purchased during Reverend Vanderlinder's pastorate. He is part time but he's doing very well.

Reverend Owens came as a full-time pastor and also brought many changes.

First Baptist was incorporated, annual meeting change from May to January, the Ladies Auxiliary and Mission Circle merge to become American Baptist Women. There's that fellowship hall renovated again! There are new hymnals in the pews and new robes are hung in the new storage cabinet. Baptisms are warmer with the hot and cold water system.



## Annual Craft Show

Our Annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday November 12th from 9am-4pm. If you know of anyone who would like to have a table/space at this craft show, please invite them to call Cheryl Backman at 315 663 4545. Cheryl Backman also has flyers available that you can share with family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers with all the information.

## Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## The Passion of Christ is Rated R

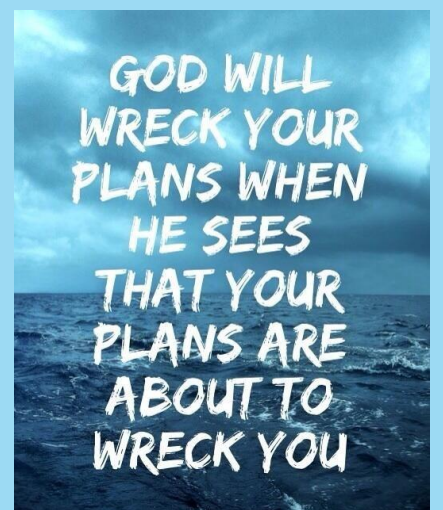
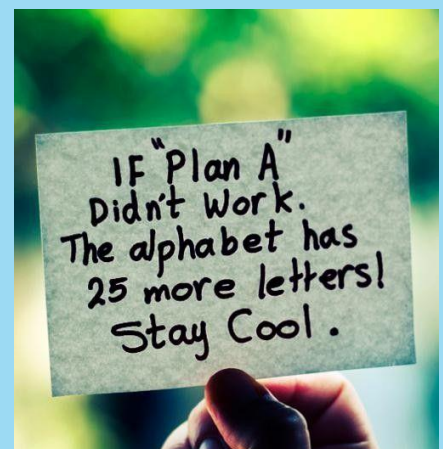
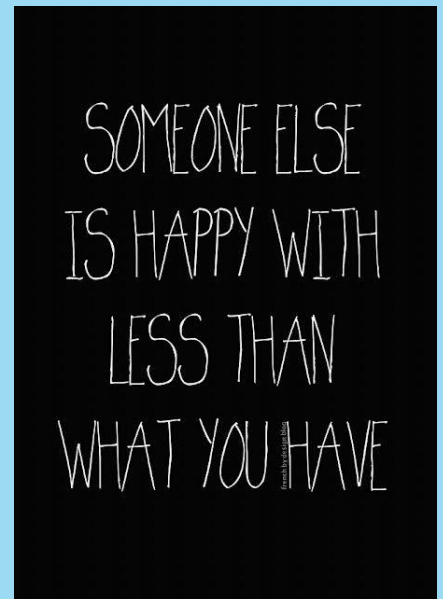
The "R" of course is because of the violence, the gore. In movie terms "R" stands for RESTRICTED, but in this movie "R" stands for RELEVANT, for REALISTIC, for it REALLY happened for a REASON because we were REBELLIOUS we needed a REDEEMER, we needed to be RECONCILED, we needed to be RECOVERED, we needed to be REGENERATED.

Jesus needed to be REJECTED so that we could have a RELATIONSHIP not just a RELIGION. The "R" is to REMIND us to REMEMBER what Jesus did to REMOVE our sin to RENDER Satan powerless, to RESCUE us from eternity in hell.

The "R" rating is to show that Jesus was RESPONSIBLE for giving you REST. As a RESULT of his death. Jesus RETIRED your debt.

The "R" rating means that some will be REPULSED, some will REFUSE to believe, some will be RELUCTANT, some will think you are RIDICULOUS in believing that a death was REQUIRED.

The "R" rating means that the RESULT of sin has been REVERSED and now through faith in Christ your REWARD is eternity and you are now RIGHTEOUS before God because you have RECEIVED him as the RULER of your soul. What a REVOLUTIONARY and RADICAL solution to REDEEM mankind.



## From The Reverend

I cannot believe we are already changing the calendar to October, fall has arrived, and the holidays will be upon us before we know it. I wanted to use this opportunity to update everyone on what is going on in our church, ways you can get involved, and some future events.

In September, we began a Thursday evening Bible Study that begins at 6:30pm. We are currently discussing "Celebrating God." We have a great group of participants, and would welcome anyone who like to join us.

I love music, and music is vital to our worship services. I am looking for people who are musically gifted and would like to share during worship. It can be vocal or instrumental. If you are interested in sharing, please let me know. I think it would be a wonderful addition to our service.

I have a friend who is a missionary to the Lakota tribe at Wounded Knee, in South Dakota. The Lakota have come a very long way. They allowed a church to be built on the reservation where my friend, Emily Clark, serves as Associate Pastor. Emily has lived on the reservation for the last 3 years. The Lakota are dealing with extreme poverty, lack of proper medical care, lack of education, and a high teen pregnancy and suicide rate. Through a great deal of prayer and hard work, the Women, Infant, Children's Program (WIC) is now going to be available on the reservation. This is a tremendous blessing for them. WIC's first request was for knitted or crocheted baby blankets. If you would like to donate one you have made, or one that is gently used, I would be happy to ship them to South Dakota.

Our Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of New York State, Rev. Dr. Jim Kelsey, will be with us for worship on October 30th. I have asked Rev. Kelsey to come out to discuss with us some of the issues facing the church today. My request has been for him to help us find a better way to facilitate communication, as well as the challenges every church faces with both an aging congregation and an aging building. We all know that people just are not going to church like they once did, and Dr. Kelsey will offer help with strategies that will allow us to continue the ministries of this church. You will have an opportunity to speak confidentially with him if you would like to. We would like to have a luncheon after church to welcome him. Please keep October 30th open on your calendar.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that I have been nominated for the Nehemiah Leadership program, twice. I was nominated by Dr. Kelsey and Rev. Jerrod Huguenot, who serves as our Associate Executive Minister for New York State. According to the program packet, "The purpose of the Nehemiah Leadership Network is to provide specialized training, guidance and support for persons identified as having high potential for leading congregations to become renewed and transformed and who feel called by God to this form of ministry." I will work with my colleagues and mentors over the next three years to lead this congregation through transformation. The theme of my next three years in ministry is called, "Come, let us rebuild." I am excited to see what God will bring to this place over the next three years. I am grateful that the executive board is willing to support me in this adventure, and I would appreciate your prayers as I begin the program in February.

Keep your eyes and hearts open, for we have had visitors in our midst lately. Please greet them and make them feel welcome. If you have been missing someone who has not been around for a while, reach out to them, let them know they are loved and welcome to come back anytime. Thank you for all that you do, for your faithfulness to this church, and for your love and support. May God Bless each and every one of you!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Meg



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without  
condition. Talk  
without bad  
intention. Give  
without any  
reason. And  
most of all, care  
for people  
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