

First Baptist Church of Central Square

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Prayer Concerns: Ken Bird, Melody Clark, John Alberry, Roxanne Spink, Steve Pumphrey, Danielle Gagnon, Bernadette Lynch, Morris Reels, Our students, teachers, and staff members as they return to school, those affected by the flooding in Louisiana, and tornadoes in Indiana.

Birthdays:

Paul Ayre 2	Susan Fenton 8	Crista Gibson 19
Bruce Herrick 20	Beverly Mitchell 22	Carol Chamberlin 23
Lynn Bort 24	Janet Bettinger 25	Dakota DeFalco 26
	Nate DeFalco 30	

Mystery Member

August's Mystery Member: Randi Driesen

August's Mystery Member has never pumped gas before, loves children no matter the age, has a favorite color of green, and could not survive without their significant other. Who is this?

Church Secretary:

Christa has asked for anyone who has a project for her, question, or simply wants to talk to please email her at cjgibson11@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 September 26th!



Upcoming Events

September 11

Installation Service for Rev. Tamara Jackson at FBC Syracuse (3:30pm)

September 15

Bible Study 6:30

September 18

National Back to Church Day (bring a friend!)

September 27

Free Lunch (11:30 – 1:30)



Bible Study

Beginning September 15th we will have a Thursday evening Bible Study starting at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. This will be an informal setting so everyone feels welcome, no matter where you are with your faith journey. Come, ask questions, bring friends.

Sermon Series

We will be beginning a sermon series discussing what it means to identify ourselves as a "Christian." Each week we will explore this topic using a different letter spelling out the word, Christian. Week one- Caring, Compassionate, Christ-follower. Start thinking of what you might use to describe yourself now. Invite someone who needs to hear what it means to be loved without limitations to come with you. We will begin August 14th.

Meeting

The American Baptist Churches of New York State Biennial Meeting will be in Liverpool at the Holiday Inn on November 4th and 5th. 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.

Volunteers

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

A Celebration

Nate and Misty DeFalco are proud to announce that Dakota DeFalco's baptism will be on Saturday, October 1st, 2016 at 11:00am. They are inviting all of the congregation to help them celebrate Dakota and his choice to proclaim to all that Jesus Christ is his Lord and Savior.

Free Lunch

This month's Free Lunch will take place on September 27th. The menu includes, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread, and Apple Crisp. Everyone is welcome.

Advice From The Ocean

Be shore of yourself
Come out of your shell
Take time to coast
Avoid pier pressure
Sea life's beauty
Don't get tide down
Make waves!

Church Officers

Pastor

Meg Biddle

Moderator

Lynn Bort

Church Clerk

Available

Treasurer

Elizabeth Rotundo

Financial Secretary

Grace Fuller

Sunday School Supt.

Misty DeFalco

If their name isn't
God, their opinion
doesn't matter and
their approval isn't
needed.

Always believe in
God.
Because there are
some questions
that even Google
can't answer.

An Invitation

You are invited to join the Adult Church School Class. Come, share God's Word, fellowship and great discussions. The study is Proverbs (never too late to learn more of how we Christians should react in this world; our gift from God).

Listen to my strong words! See, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make my words known to you. Proverbs 1:23

Sometimes talking is very necessary to solving difficult situations that arise. We can profit by listening and also by humbling ourselves and going to the base of a trouble and talking openly and honestly to bring about a solution,--peace to all, even those not connected to that situation. It's never too late to hear and do. Come join us and share. What do you think? Give us a try, I'm sure you'll like it--- you will be welcome with open arms and smiles all around.

Board of Christian Education Update

Rally Day:

Rally Day will take place on September 11th at 9:00am. This is the start of Sunday School classes. We hope to see everyone there! All ages welcome!

School Supplies:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! They will be donated to Millard Hawk and CSI to help support the students. If you have any late donations we will still take them and donate them!

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will start meeting regularly again starting in September, I'm targeting Thursday September 22nd from 1:30-5:00. Anyone who is interested in knitting or crocheting is welcome to join us. We would also like to try an evening meeting time for those who might want to join us after work. Let me know if one night is better than another.

We also are asking for everyone's help to contact us if you know anyone who may benefit from either a prayer shawl or prayer lap robe. Although our knitting group is small, God has kept our fingers and hands moving and to date we have given away 36. Many of the recipients are people we have never met, but God directs us to those in need. So please keep our group in your prayers so we may continue this ministry. Thanks. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 668-2230. Cheryl

Through the Eyes of Peter Woodin

By Delores Olin

A continuation...

More new additions during reverend Guckert's ministry - a Christian flag choir loft enlarged, a lightened Cass and blue curtains. Wait a minute this pastor single -who are those people in the parsonage? Ruth and Lowell Gregg are sharing this home until they are settled.

Wow! 100 years already! Rev. Clymer is helping out with a grand celebration - certificates are being sold to finance this event.

Reverend Baker's first pastorate brought 45 new members and 28 more this time. He's keeping those boys in shape gardening, shoveling, and whatever else he feels they need to be doing.



Trustees Report

The trustees have been busy getting some necessary work done on the church, many of which were noted by the Village of Central Square Fire/Safety Inspection Report. Emergency lights are being put up, CO detectors are in more areas, fire alarm system will be updated, to name just a few. The front doors will also be repaired. As these are added expenses, the bakeless bake sale fund raiser letters have gone out. We are always looking for ways to add more revenue to the church; we welcome ideas from anyone!

A chicken and biscuit dinner will be held on Sat. Oct 1, 2016 4-7 pm. Please watch for signs that will be posted in the fellowship for help with the dinner.

We are also planning on another craft show Sat. Nov 12. If you know of anyone who would like to have a table/space at this craft show, please do invite them to call the church phone number 668-2138.

Constitution Review Committee Report

The new Constitution has been completed and already is in many of the church members and friend's hands. Please take time to review this. We will appreciate everyone's comments, thoughts, additions, subtractions. This new constitution is a lot different than the old constitution, but we think you will see the benefit it will be for our church. This will be presented in full at the October church council meeting.

I want to thank Lynn, Rev. Meg, Rich, Roxanne, and Rebekah (and Rebekah's fast fingers on her laptop!) for their assistance in this very long and time-consuming process.

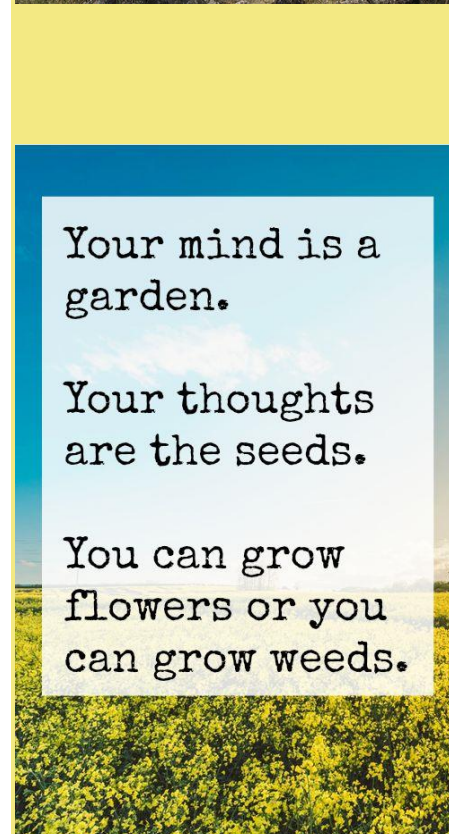
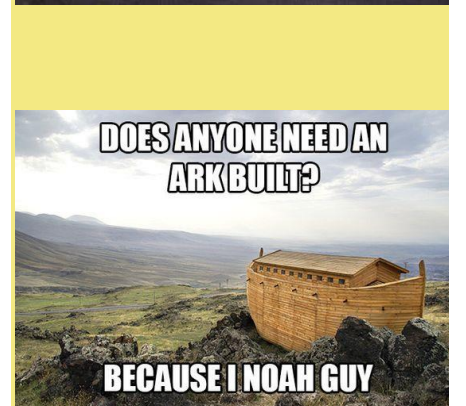
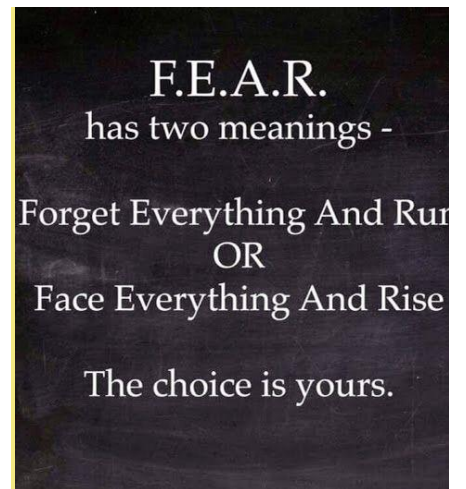
The Scorpion

There was this Christian who saw a scorpion floundering around in the water. He decided to save it by stretching out his finger, but the scorpion stung him. The man still tried to get the scorpion out of the water, but the scorpion stung him again.

A man nearby told him to stop trying to save the scorpion that kept stinging him.

But the Christian said: "It is the nature of the scorpion to sting. It is my nature to love. Why should I give up my nature to love just because it is the nature of the scorpion to sting?"

Don't give up loving. Don't give up your goodness. Even if people around you sting.



From The Reverend

Two years ago, our family became residents of the great state of New York. It is really hard to believe that two years have passed since we left Indiana with everything we could stuff in the van, and the two moving pods full of our junk. We did not have much to fill the house with, but we have since taken care of that problem. We all accumulate junk, stuff, treasures, memories; some of us have more things than others. Sometimes letting go of things is really difficult.

If I have to part with some of my accumulation of treasures, I would survive so long as I get to keep my memories. In these past two years, there have been some really great memories made. Baptizing my daughter and Maggie Heitmann as my very first non-school related baptism was fantastic, even if the water was incredibly cold. I am looking forward to baptizing Dakota DeFalco in October. The wedding of Courtney Cuny to Nathan Balch was also a beautiful event that I hope I never forget. It was lovely to have so many people from the congregation and community there to support them. Of course there was my installation and ordination services that were events that left me speechless (I know, hard to believe). So much love was present that words were not necessary. You all know that I preach without my shoes on, but I had no idea that those who would stand behind the pulpit at my ordination would remove their shoes as well.

Not all of my memories have been happy ones. I have officiated 15 funerals in and made numerous hospital visits in my two years. Even at those sad events, if you look for it, you can find joy. Many times, although the family is grieving, they know that their loved one is no longer in pain, and for that, they can rejoice. After the celebration of life at the funeral home and thanksgiving to God for a life full of worth, there is peace. Life is short, time goes faster and faster it seems, each year; so, let us rejoice, and make more memories together.

My prayer is that we will find a way to show the love of Christ to everyone we meet, and find more ways that we can minister to the community. Be kind to one another, even if you do not agree. Disunity and conflict turn people away from the idea of entering or reaching out to the church. Let's get rid of all of the junk in our lives that gets in the way of sharing the Gospel of love.

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor for the last two years. I look forward to whatever God has planned for this ministry.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Meg

