

# Gulf Coast Prayers

With one crisis after another, it doesn't take long for the victims of tragedy to escape our consciousness. But for the victims, the results of a tragic event can live on for what seems to be an eternity. So it is with the people who live along our nation's Gulf Coast.

InterFaith Works will hold an interfaith service along the shores of Onondaga Lake on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. People from various faith traditions will lead attendees in prayer for the people of the Gulf Coast, the animals, the coast itself, and the spoiled water.

In support of that, our young people are making cards that will be delivered to school-aged children in the Gulf Coast so they know there are students their age in Central New York who care about them and have not forgotten about them.

The cards will be blessed at 5:00 that evening at the Willow Bay area of the Park with the prayer service beginning at **5:30** and concluding at **5:45**. Please add your name to the bright yellow sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you expect to attend.

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## HOSPICE MEMORIAL

Oswego County Hospice is inviting all to their Annual Hospice Memorial Service, bringing us an opportunity to gather with others as we remember those loved ones who have died during the past year. This event will be held at The Fulton Alliance Church, 1044 State Route 48 in Fulton on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

Those who expect to attend are asked to please RSVP by calling Oswego County Hospice at 349-8259.

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## Hayride – Family Fun

Art Brooks is again opening his heart and his property to our congregation for an evening of fun including a hayride. The date is October 29<sup>th</sup> – the time is 6:00.

# Musical Notes



The leaves are turning color – and falling, the nights are growing shorter, the air is getting crisper, footballs are flying through the air. That all means that Christmas will be upon us before any of us are ready – except for our choir. They'll be ready. Why? Because they'll begin practicing for this year's cantata starting 6:00 Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing every Tuesday evening at 6:00 until mid-December.

If you would like to be a part of this fun-loving, enthusiastic group and if you enjoy music, you are expected to just show up.

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## Deegan Funke Bracelets

"I have been given 100 bracelets to honor Deegan Funke. The bracelets are \$2 per bracelet or a donation totaling more than \$2 per bracelet. The profit generated from the bracelets will be collected by a team of teachers at Hastings Mallory Elementary School (HME) and will go towards purchase of a memorial for Deegan at HME. There has been talk of a plaque for inside the school as well as a bench with a plaque for outside the school. It is my understanding that profits generated beyond whatever memorial(s) are decided on will go to a charitable cause selected by the HME community and the Funke family. I will have the bracelets available at the church on Sunday, October 3." *Jill Gillette*

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## Directory Update

Please add this college address to your directory:

**Rachel Fuller**  
**53 Canal Hall, Box 515**  
**Rochester, NY 14623**

And please remind Rachel from time to time that you are keeping her in your prayers.

## Baptist News

ABC/NYS is putting together a mission trip to Haiti, led by Rev. John Buskey. The planned dates are February 19 – 26, 2011. The plan is to work on rebuilding a school in the Port-au-Prince area with ABC International Ministries missionary Deliris Carrión.

The cost of the trip is \$1,500 – \$1,600 per person with a \$500 deposit due by October 21. Anyone who would like to offer general support can do so by making a donation to ABC/NYS, with “Haiti Mission Trip” in the memo.

You will need a valid passport, money for a visa and any incidentals, as well as transportation to meet the team for a training event and transportation to the airport of departure. Immunizations and prophylaxis medicine will be also required for this trip. See Pastor Bud for more information.

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Our Church Council will be called to order at 7:00 on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Council consists of **all Board and Committee members** and is **open** to participation by all who are part of our community of faith. The primary purpose is so everyone has the opportunity to know what is being done by the various ministry groups within our congregation.

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## CANNED GOODS SUNDAY

The state of our economy is hitting many households hard in our local area and our Diaconate is asking us to help St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church with their Downstairs Scotty food pantry ministry. How? By donating canned goods. On the first Sunday of every month, there will be a wagon in the front of our sanctuary to collect canned goods that will be delivered to The Scotty the following day. There's no limit to the number of cans you're allowed to donate.

## RUMMAGE SALE

Our ABWomen will hold their famous **Fall Rummage Sale and Chili Hut** on **Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>**. They are asking for whatever *clean, serviceable* items and articles of clothing you may wish to donate. You may take them to the Jude classroom, down to the basement, or leave them in Fellowship Hall.

As always, proceeds will be used to help fund their many mission projects.

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## Small Group Ministry

The Introduction to Small Group Ministry that was scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> had to be postponed at the last minute. We now have a new date: **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Meanwhile, several persons have asked some interesting questions about Small Group Ministry. Paraphrasing, some of them are, “So, how is a small group different from a book study?” “I’ve been involved with (ABWomen, Bible study, etc.) for years and have enjoyed it. Besides the fact that men might be involved, how will this help me grow spiritually any more than I already have?”

These are good questions. The fact that people have these type of questions – and more – is the reason this session is necessary. The Church exists to help others become apprentices of Jesus; to nurture, exercise, and develop their spiritual nature; and to lead others to do the same. But we can't lead others down a path we've never traveled ourselves. Other church-related activities people are involved in may help a person grow spiritually, it's not their primary purpose.

Our session will begin at **11:45** in one of the classrooms and will include **pizza**. To help in planning for this, please add your name to the **orange sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall** if you expect to attend. If you desire a beverage other than water, please bring your own.

# **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.”*

Rev. Bud Adams, Pastor  
Lynn Bort, Moderator

Cindy Cuny, Secretary  
Sharryl Baker, Church Clerk

Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor  
Victor Vrooman, Organist

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



## **Mystery Member of the Month**

Our September mystery member is Bob Abel. Bob is a true first responder. Day, night, cold, heat, rain, snow – none of it stops him. In fact, he was awarded as top responder of the Central Square Volunteer Fire Company.

Our mystery member for October is someone who is responsible for keeping our snow plows running round the clock. Do you know who this person is?



## **Prayer Concerns**

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers: Mavis Cooter; Alice Silva; Joe Silva; Bob Abel; Penny Faulter; Ken Bird; Stewart Smith; Jackie Willmer; Jan Rogacki; Hazel Schaff; Arlene LeBeau; Eva Kairis; Peter Bailey; Peggy Sue Ashby; Patrick Bort; our missionaries; our nation; and our denominational and local church leaders.

## **Verse of the Month**



“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

- Isaiah 40:31

## **Men’s Breakfast**



Our Men’s Breakfast offers a time of sharing our lives and our faith along with a hearty meal. So, men, plan to be in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 – and bring a buddy.

## **Prayer for October**

“O God, give us courage to be doers of your word. In a world that cherishes rhetoric and eloquent speech, help us move beyond lofty words to actually doing your will. Give us boldness to act on your call to do justice, even when no one is watching or applauding. Amen.”

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

Our Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15, and our Board of Christian Education will meet at 6:00 on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, immediately preceding our Church Council.

## **Deadline for Witness Articles**

All articles for the October Witness will be due in the church office by **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

*“Since when do you have to agree with people to defend them from injustice?”*

-- Lillian Hellman