

First Baptist Church of Central Square

April 2024

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Nancy Flower 3
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Watch Past Services

<http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm>

Sunday School

We will start again soon!

Christian Education

We are working on making activity pages for the children who attend.

Diaconate Updates

So, it's finally Spring (at least that's what is shown on the calendar).

This month of March has certainly been busy with: a family funeral luncheon; assistance with our church corned beef dinner fund-raiser and the recent free lunch where 30 eat-in or take out meals were provided. Also, we assisted Pastor Lillian with Communion and the Maundy Thursday service, communion and soup.

As this is being written we are looking forward to Easter Worship and the joy this brings for our Risen Lord Jesus. As April begins, the follow-up musical Easter Cantata along with communion will be shared on April 7th. Also, the following Sunday will contain a memorial Celebration of life for Jefferson.

God Bless Us All,
Your Diaconate

Trustee Updates

The trustees are continuing to do work around the church. Thank you for all your help!

Women's Group

Our breakfast was a wonderful success! We look forward to gathering again!

Fundraising Committee

Be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers!



Food Pantry - Make a soup! Pasta, Noodles, Veggies, Stock, Cans of soup

April 24th - Free Lunch



**FBC Giving Tree
Take a leaf...fill a need!**

There are many little items that keep our church functioning and clean. Please stop by the table and grab a leaf to help support us financially.

Most items are probably a duplicate item on your shopping list!

If you are unable to stop by and grab a leaf or two and still want to support our fundraiser you can give any monetary amount by mailing it to the church:

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Attn: Cherie House/Money Tree Fundraiser**

These funds will be used for larger projects that the Trustees are working on.

From the Pastor

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. Mark 3:7

I like to think of Jesus as an introvert. I can relate to that. He often withdrew from the crowd that He found surrounding Him. I get Claustrophobic when I'm hemmed in by a crowd and I feel compelled to escape. I can't help but wonder if that was a small part of the reason Jesus withdrew. He needed to escape.

Of course, the writers of the Gospel never allude to that; or do they? They tell us Jesus withdrew to pray or teach something to the disciples. All good. But sometimes we forget that Jesus was human – Yes God but in human form with emotions and peculiarities like the rest of us. That was how God can relate to us. It's pretty amazing when we think that way. At least to me.

I wonder if this thought of escape was running through His mind when He was approached by Jairus as He was surrounded by the crowd. Cure the daughter; escape the crowd; what a great idea! Seek peace and pursue it. Paul said.

With escape in mind it's no wonder (to me) that He suddenly felt His power leave when the woman touched the hem of His cloak. 'Wait! What just happened, I'm suddenly feeling weak?'

Jesus was God but He died as a human with all the pain and suffering it took to open the gate of Heaven for people like me and you to be able to enter and spend eternity with Him in glory. Amen

There will be a gathering of the Iroquois Association on May 5, 2024 at Eastwood Baptist Church beginning with lunch at 1:00pm. Local churches are asked to come and share what each is doing to reach outside the walls of the building. This is a wonderful time to showcase what we do to let others in the community know we love them and want to share our gifts with them. And also to get ideas from other churches that might work for us. I'm hoping for a good turnout. So committees put your heads together and come up with ways to "show off".

For 44 years, Mary Schwarz has faithfully served the American Baptist Churches of New York State at the Region office. But sadly, for us, it has come the time for her to retire. A Retirement Party is planned for August 10, 2024 at Theodore's in Canastota from 3-6pm. Reservations are required for the celebration and buffet. Cost \$30 to cover the food and expenses. Pastor Lilly

From our Pastor



This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

On this day You were crucified,
On this day when You bled and died,
On this day of your riven side,
On this day which unleashed the tide
Of blood by which I'm justified
Because You pled my case and cried,
“Forgive them Father!”

On this grim day, so dark its hour,
On this “Good” day death smote with power
And took Your life amid the shower
Of spit and spite. You raised a tower—
Your Cross, Your life a seed to flower
All days since then—on this day.

So on this day I raise my voice
In praise with all who now rejoice
Because You made the Cross Your choice
And died to cancel the invoice
Of sin-debt—spent Your life for mine—
On this day.

– Jack W. Hayford

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