

First Baptist Church of Central Square

July 2021

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Birthdays:

Grace Fuller 10
Maggie Heitmann 10
Ryan Casatelli 11
Brycen Cuny 12
Don Flower 15
Cheryl Backman 15
Genie Rotundo 17
Katie Rotundo 23
Misty DeFalco 23
Patrick Bort 27
Lillian Cabral 27
Cherie House 31

Anniversaries:

Lynn & Dale Bort 5
Kay & Stephen Springer 18

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Tithes

Please have offering ready when you come into church or mail to
Attn: Cherie House
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Covid Update

We are OPEN! Come join us on Sunday mornings while following all safety guidelines. For those who are choosing to stay home still, Follow the link below to the sermons!
<http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm>

Diaconate Updates

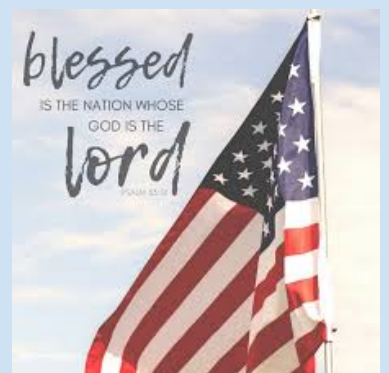
Please see a diaconate if you have a need.

Food Pantry

In July we are collecting:
Tuna Fish
Mac & Cheese
Cat Food
Dog Food
Old Towels
Blankets
Cat Litter

Music Committee

We are trying different ideas with our opening praise songs. Let us know if you have any requests! All singers are welcome to join us at 9 AM on Sunday morning for rehearsal.



Trustee Updates

Good morning we have been very busy with the lawn and working around the church. We have been working hard and trying to figure out what's going on with the roof still waiting for more quotes to get in. It seems to be an issue if we want to replace the whole roof or if you want to just try to fix the area that is causing us the problems at this point.

We also have been working hard with trying to figure out what we're gonna be doing with the parsonage. In the near future the trustees are planning to send out a letter to all members in a date of when we should vote on what we would like to do with the building itself. It is important that all members of the congregation realize and pray about what our future will be holding for the building .

We also are maintaining the lawn if anybody would like to mow the lawn please let us know. We will put you into the schedule of people. We also been looking at the garage and we are planning to take things out of it so we have room in the garage if anybody has anything that is theirs or wanted to be saved please let us know by the end of July. We plan on taking all stuff to the dump unless it is tagged with your name or what the purpose is for it.

If there's anything that the trustees need to be made aware of please feel free to contact one of us or leave us a message in our mailbox in the office. If you have any concerns emergency wise please feel free to call me my phone number is 315-944-5640. And I will try to get all things done as soon as possible. God bless all MarkHeitmann chairman of the trustees

Fundraising Committee

For Outreach and Fundraising it has been offered that we will reinstate the free lunch for the public on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We will begin on June 23rd and the following dates for the year are July 28th, August 28th, September 22nd, October 27th, November 24th and December 29th.

July 11th, we will be hosting the Third Annual Picnic in the Parking lot after church. Other suggestions include Chicken and Biscuit dinner in September; Turkey Dinner in October; free Chili lunch in November and Craft Show in December.

Mission Committee

The mission committee met and are excited to submit the following mission opportunities.

Please remember we ask that you consider as little or as much as you are comfortable donating.

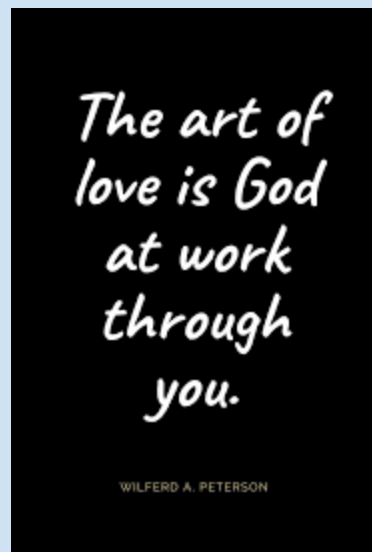
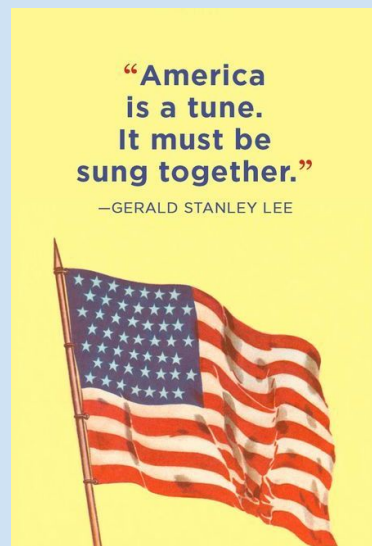
Going forward:

July Food Pantry - Canned tuna and Mac and cheese

Other mission - Perks for pets – cat food and cat litter for Unity Acres in Orwell and old towels and blankets for local animal shelters.

Thank you for all you do to help those in need.

Blessings,
The Mission Committee



Christian Education Updates

On July 1, 2021 the Christian Education Facilitators had their first "in person" meeting of the year following the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions. Most of our January – June projects have been completed, despite our not being able to have face to face meetings. The Retired Minister and Missionaries, America for Christ, and One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings were completed as scheduled. Mother's and Father's Day gifts were handed out. Thank you, Mary for your ideas and for making the gifts for these special days. We would also like to express our special thank you to Eleanor "Ellie" Cuny and her grandmother Cindy Cuny for their help distributing the Father's Day gifts. We were hoping that there would be other children to help but Ellie did an exceptional job and added a beautiful touch to the day. We were not able to have a Children's Day due to the lack of children. There were no graduates to honor and because of Covid-19 we did not have any teachers / facilitators to celebrate. The only activity for the first six months that we did not complete was Senior Appreciation Day which we decided to hold on September 12, 2021.

Now the rest of the year's activities. Mission projects will be taken over by the Missions Committee with the assistance of the Christian Education Facilitators. Members of this committee will attend Christian Education Facilitators meetings to coordinate their plans. Although it is late, we will investigate the possibility of offering a Vacation Bible School this year in coordination with other churches in the community. We are also investigating starting a Men's Bible Study and Adult Sunday School in the fall. Other July through December projects will be discussed during our hopefully monthly Christian Education Facilitators meetings. If anyone has concerns or suggestions regarding Christian Education issues, please contact one of the Christian Education Facilitators.

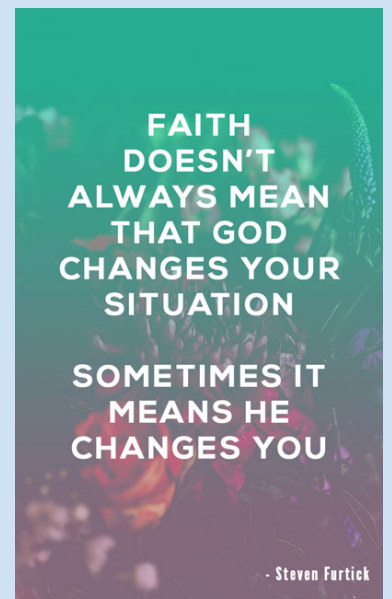
Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne L. Spink, Christian Education Facilitator Chairperson
Mary L. Sanford
Margaret Heitmann



American Baptist Women

To stay connected with everything First Baptist AB Woman join us on Remind! It's super easy! Text: ABWO To: 81010 and you can receive up to date texts!

Two Tuesday's Bible Study will be returning this Fall! We're praying to be able to hold it in person! Stay tuned for details!



From the Pastor

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. Psalm 1:1

Why do the nation conspire and the peoples plot in vain? Psalm 2:1
We are told that David, son of Jesse, wrote most of the Psalms. Many of the Psalms were songs the Hebrew people sang in times of worship and praise. When we look at them we might be able to see them as a type of journaling for David as he records his thoughts, anxieties, emotional pains; his love of God and his joys in praise. The beauty is that we can often relate to David's experience. You know, "the more things change the more they stay the same".

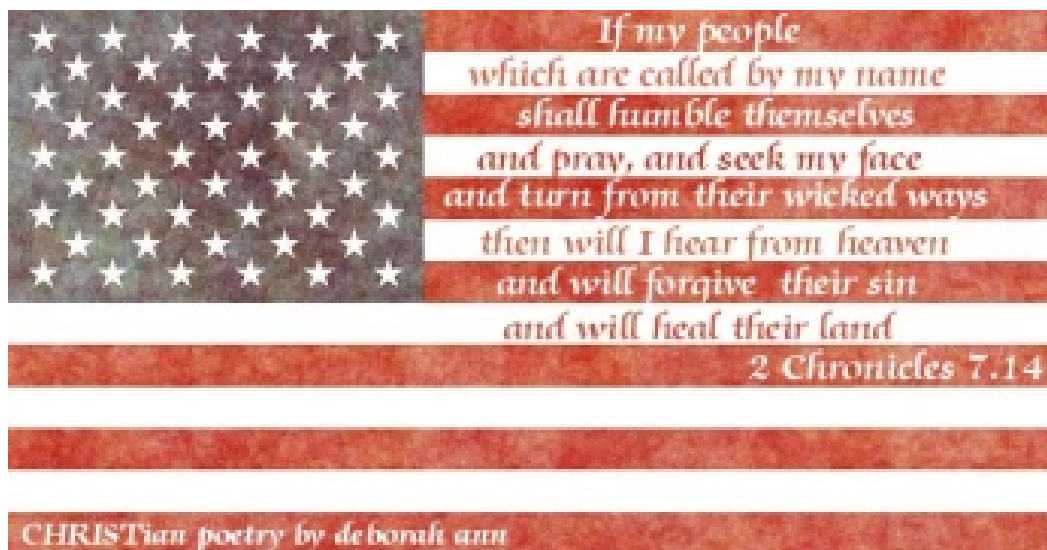
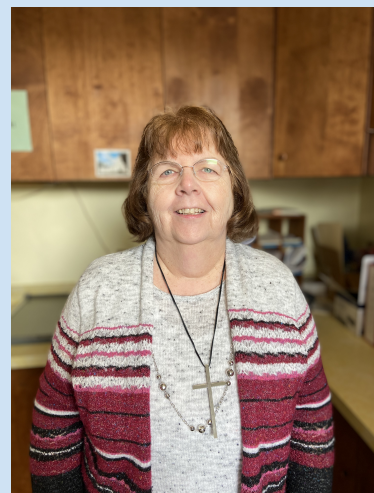
I don't journal. I would love to but things always get in the way; things mostly of my doing. It takes effort to put aside all of the distractions in our lives and settle into recording what is going on inside of us. I've heard that once you start doing that and make it a daily habit, it becomes a necessary part of your day. I think of devotions like that. Sitting down and spending a few minutes with God is not only beneficial but necessary for me. My day goes smoother. If I get distracted and forget, I can feel it; I know something is missing. So I can understand David's need to do his journaling.

We have been looking into David's life and we will continue during July, picking up on Solomon after that as we try to figure out what all of that history has to do with us in the 21st century.

I pray July will bring you a time of relaxation with family and friends and we hope to see you at our upcoming events because we are all part of God's family.

Shalom,
Pastor Lilly

From the Pastor



Good morning,

As you got up I watched and hoped you would talk to me. Just a few words, such as thanking me for something good in your life yesterday or last week would do.

But I noticed you were busy selecting the right clothes for work. I waited again to hear from you. When you ran around the house collecting papers, I knew there would be a few minutes to stop and say hello, but you never slowed down.

I wanted to tell you that I could help you accomplish more than you ever dreamed possible if you would just spend some of each day with me. At one point, you waited fifteen minutes in a chair with nothing to do. I waited to hear from you.

Then I saw you spring to your feet; I thought you wanted to talk to me, but you ran to the phone and called a friend. I watched as off to work you went and waited patiently all day long to hear from you. With all your activities you were too busy to talk with me.

I noticed at lunch you looked around; maybe you just felt embarrassed to talk to me. You glanced three tables over and noticed some of your friends talking to me before they ate, but you wouldn't.

There was still more time left, and I hoped that we would talk. You went home and had many things to do. After they were done, you turned on the TV; just about anything goes there and you spend many hours watching. I waited as you continued watching TV and ate your meal but again you wouldn't talk to me.

At bedtime you were totally tired. After you said good night to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep. I had so much wanted to be part of your day. We could have had so much fun and accomplished so much together.

I love you so much that I wait every day for a thought, prayer or thanks. Well, maybe tomorrow! I'll be waiting.

Your Friend,
God

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