First Baptist Church of Central Square

July 2023

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Birthdays: Grace Fuller 10 Maggie Heitmann 10 Ryan Casatelli 11 Brycen Cuny 12 Cheryl Backman 15 Katie Rotundo 23 Misty DeFalco 23 Marilyn DeMarzo 25 Patrick Bort 27 Lillian Cabral 27

Donna Fisher 26

Cherie House 31 Bryan RaPray 31 Anniversaries: Lynn & Dale Bort 5 Mary & Michael Long 9 Kay & Stephen Springer 18 Rebekah & Dakota McGraw 23



Food Pantry - Tuna & Mac & Cheese

Pets - Pet Supplies (old towels, blankets, wet food, toys) to be donated to the CNY Cat Coalition and B&R Bunkhouse Adoptables

July 14 - Red Cross (1:30 - 6:30)

June 28 - Free Lunch- Hot Dog & Hamburger

THE GREATEST FREEDOM WE HAVE IS THE FREEDOM TO COME TO GOD AT ANY TIME

"It is for FREEDOM that CHRIST has set us FREE."

- Galatians 5:1



Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to fbccsny@amail.com

Watch Past Services

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

Sunday School

We will resume in the fall.

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Christian Education

No Update.

<u>Trustee Updates</u>

No Update.

Diaconate Updates

We have begun reviewing our entire birthday/anniversary/member/friend lists with the intent of making contact with individuals that we have not corresponded with or seen in some time.

<u>Women's Group</u>

We will set a meeting soon!





Fundraising Committee

Be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers!

From the Pastor

Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; Proverbs 30:25

I have two points to state on this passage;

- 1. It wasn't what I was expecting to find and
- 2. Ants are pretty strong creatures.

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Ants don't look like much to the naked eye. They are a nuisance when they make their way into our kitchen looking for crumbs to feed their community or store for later. That crumb can be weightless for us but it weighs considerably more than the ant that is carrying it.

The fact remains that most of us, especially the females among us, are not fond of insects in general and ants fall into that category. Creepy crawlies of all kinds are just plain YUCK!

However, God created them, just as He did us humans. What lesson can we learn from that?

When we consider all that God created to make this world work, it's pretty astounding. Even though we aren't crazy about insects, birds and anteaters find them delicious. Many insects are rich in protein. Some say they are the food of the future. More YUCK! I'm fairly environmentally conscious but not so much that I want to change my diet that_much. I'll look for my protein from a different source thank you.

But before you ask, NO, I have never eaten a chocolate covered insect and I'm not ever planning on it either. Whew, got that off my chest.

It's also kind of astounding to acknowledge this sort of thing is going through my head and I'm sharing it in a public format. WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME????

The fact is God created everything. Even weird thinking and insects. And summer, when we all thrive together in a break from cold and gloomy; a real chance to live in and experience the beauty of His creation and everything and everyone in it.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Amen. Pastor Lilly

From our Pastor









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