

# First Baptist Church of Central Square

July 2024

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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 RoPray 31

## **Anniversaries:**

Lynn & Dale Bort 5  
Mary & Michael Long 9  
Kay & Stephen Springer 18  
Rebekah & Dakota McGraw 23

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to  
[fbccsny@gmail.com](mailto:fbccsny@gmail.com)

## **Watch Past Services**

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

## **Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School is running! Everyone is welcome at 9am in the fellowship hall.

## **Christian Education**

The Christian Education Facilitators have not formally met but continue to work on our 2024 projects. Mother's and Father's Day gifts are ready for these special days.

## **Diaconate Updates**

Good day to all reading this as we celebrate the freedoms that July 4<sup>th</sup> reminds all of us to enjoy! We know God continues to reinforce lives of Love and Comfort that we practice. Your Diaconate is still reaching out, even though we may not always be physically present. We mail greetings, call occasionally to keep in touch, send comments online to inform or answer questions AND keep everyone in prayer. A specific "Thank You" to Maggie for being there so many times to organize, assist and so much more to prove what Diaconate is all about!!

Evidence of our practices are seen: Through Pastor Lillian's sharing and caring personally or with written notes; our monthly Community Free Lunch; Greeting cards for a variety of events of both celebration and concern; preparation of and sharing monthly Communion...and more. Please continue to keep in touch and we will do the same!  
Your Diaconate Team

## **Trustee Updates**

No Update

**Women's Group** No Update



Food Pantry -Cereal,  
Canned Pasta Products

School Supplies  
White Socks for Homeless  
Men - ongoing all year

July 24,2024 - Free Lunch

August 16th AFundraiser  
Instrumental concert

August 18th - Summer  
Picnic

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



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### Mission Committee

As an ongoing mission project we will be collecting WHITE socks for Homeless Men in and around Oswego County. White socks are easy to launder. There is no worry of bleaching them or matching them. White is white and socks are always in need to keep feet warm and dry. White socks can be found at the Dollar (and a quarter) Store. And also wherever Men's socks can be found. Whenever you shop and happen to be in the area of men's socks, think of the homeless and be a blessing. We are the hands and feet of Jesus and what better way to serve Him than keeping feet clean and dry.

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Friday August 16th An Evening Fundraiser Instrumental concert featuring our own Aaron RaPray and Lisa Kelly. Details to follow.

Sunday August 18th the Parking Lot Picnic following Church Service...Invite a friend!

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### From the Pastor

*From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. Psalms 33:13-15*

As an introvert, I need my alone time; a time to process my thoughts and just be alone. The idea that someone (greater than myself) is listening in can cause anxiety. I'm also stubborn. Scripture tells us that isn't necessarily a good trait to possess.

Psalm 32:9 warns. "Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

1 Peter 5:6 - Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

I don't think I'm like a horse or mule but I might need to work on that humility piece.

Our omniscient God is all-knowing and all-seeing and He is always present even when we don't want him around. You know what I'm talkin' about.

We all have times when our less than perfect selves are even less perfect than usual. We don't want God to see us doing that! But since He's all-knowing, He knows we are going to have those times. The challenge is to not do that thing that we know we shouldn't be doing. And, yet, we continue to fail. That's why God sent Jesus. Now we have a big brother that stepped in for us at the cross. When God looks at His wayward child, (me or you), He sees the clean slate; no more sin acted out, no thing done that we shouldn't have done. And that's cool!

Thank you, Jesus! Thank you God for giving us your son to teach us and wash away our sinfulness. Amen.

Love and blessings, Pastor Lilly

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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.

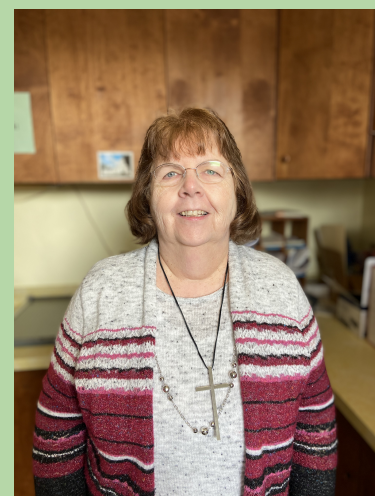
Most items are probably a duplicate item on your shopping list!

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:

First Baptist Church of CS  
PO Box 476  
Central Square, NY, 13036  
Attn: Cherie House/Money Tree Fundraiser

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

### *From our Pastor*



## **Trust In Jesus**

Poet: J. J. Thorne

Christians wait and trust in God,  
While in this vile world you plod.

In your troubles and despair,  
Blessed Jesus is even there.

When we are loaded down with care,  
It seems that all are in despair.

We then are further off from harm,  
Resting safe in Jesus' arm.

When we rejoice in nature's delight,  
Satan is near, mark his flight.

When we are on the mountain peak,  
In nature we are always weak.

But when we drop clown in the vails,  
Jesus is near, he never fails.

When the clouds are looking dark.  
And you have lost your trusting spark.

Look to Jesus for your rest,  
In whom you were always blessed.

Amid the darkest, dreary night,  
Far up above there is light.

Jesus with his smiling face,  
Discloses home and heavenly place.

In Jesus up above so far,  
You are typical to a star.

The star shoots and faids away.  
Typical to your dying day.

A Christian's life is never lost.  
Neither a star of the heavenly host.

You reach heaven by angelic grace,  
The star proceeds to its former place.



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