

First Baptist Church of Central Square

March 2024

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Anniversaries:

Dail & Rich Mizerski 25

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Watch Past Services

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

Sunday School

We will start again soon!

Christian Education

The Christian Education Facilitators met on February 11th. Mary Long and Roxanne Spink will serve as co-chair persons this year. Plans were discussed for our 2024 activities. A decision was made to update the "activity bags" for our youth which we hope will be completed within the next couple of months. We look forward to a productive 2024.

Diaconate Updates

It's on to March (or, maybe just walk) to "More of '24." We, of your Diaconate at First Baptist, are experiencing very different days the same as everyone reading these notes. Weather is weird...the world is in turmoil...our lives are full of questions and answers as well...all while we continue our mission of sharing both concerns and celebrations.

Recently we visited and had communion at a private home; written greeting cards for a variety of recognitions; prayed for good and improving health for a number of families, friends and members; assisted with the monthly free lunch and delivered meals to some homebound; sent welcome greetings to a visitor; reviewed local Oswego County sources for assistance to a variety of needs...and more.

Continuing support of and contributions for all efforts is really appreciated as we attempt to answer God's call for positive actions. Continue praying, celebrating, helping, calling, reaching out, supportive, listening...and more!

Please stay in touch with us...contact Rich, Maggie, Don, Pastor Lillian or leave a message on the church phone.

God Bless You All,
Your Diaconate



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

March 15, 2024 - Red Cross

March 17, 2024 - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 27, 2024 - Free Lunch

March 31, 2024 - EASTER

"May the blessings of each day be the blessings you need the most."

—IRISH BLESSING

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BE LUCKY



LIVE on purpose



UTILIZE your strengths daily



be a **CATALYST** for change



KNOW who you are meant to serve



be **YOURSELF**



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!

From the Pastor

As Jesus started on his way (Mark 10:17a); They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, (Mark 10:32a)

We're Marching to Zion is running through my mind. The refrain goes: We're marching to Zion; beautiful, beautiful, Zion. We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Much like many tunes that run through my mind, it's the refrain that keeps playing over and over. Zion is Jerusalem where the Temple was built and not far from where the cross of Calvary can be found. It probably seemed a long way to the man carrying a large wooden cross on his back. We are marching through Lent following Jesus who is headed towards the cross. He's determined. He's apprehensive; dare I say, even afraid. Like us, created in His image, Jesus was born as a human and as a human He had human emotions. Reading about His journey to the cross we see many human emotions. Disappointment (at the disciples' thick headedness); frustration (with the religious leaders); loving caring kindness for the sick, poor and disenfranchised; anger (in the temple tossing tables); fear in the garden ("If it be possible let this cup pass from me"); betrayal (as Judas left the table to turn him over to His killers). Being God didn't keep Him from experiencing the same stuff we experience. But He followed through anyway. He did that for you and for me.

We see ourselves as 'a good person'. It's hard to recognize our sins. That's something those other people do; not us – not me. I/we need to spend considerable time praying on that and begging for His forgiveness as I/we repent for our sins. Such a small price for us to pay for the gift He gave us. Because of His willingness, strength, courage and love, we will experience the emotion of joy at His resurrection...and ours. Amen.

May you be blessed.
Pastor Lilly



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.

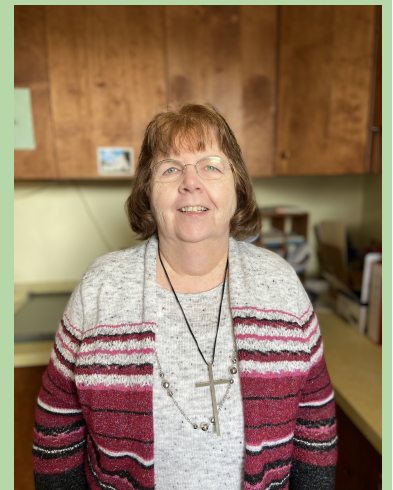
Most items are probably a duplicate item on your shopping list!

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:

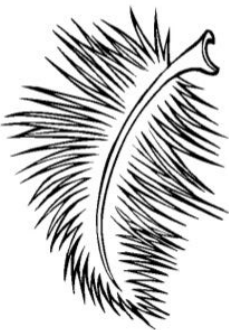
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Attn: Cherie House/Money Tree Fundraiser

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

From our Pastor



The Easter Story



Most of the crowd spread their coats on the road ahead of Jesus, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Matthew 21:8



Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 26:14-15



As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and asked God's blessing on it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it and eat it for this is my body."

Matthew 26:26



Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will." "Peter," Jesus replied, "the truth is, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."

Matthew 26:33-34



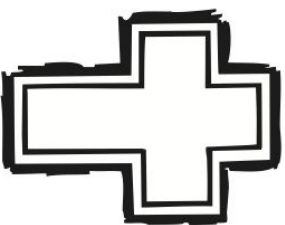
He went on a little farther and fell face down on the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine."

Matthew 26:39



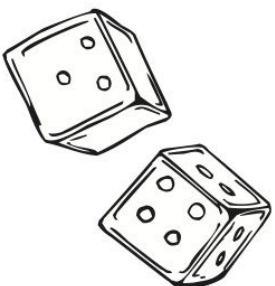
The soldiers made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head, and they put a royal purple robe on him.

John 19:2



Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross.

Mark 15:24a



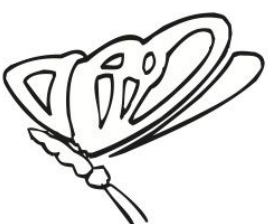
They gambled for his clothes, throwing dice to decide who would get them.

Mark 15:24b



Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance as he left.

Matthew 27:59-60



He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.

Matthew 28:6



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