

First Baptist Church of Central Square

May 2023

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Birthdays:

Aaliyah Ripley 5
Lynn Cuny Jr. 6
Eleanor Cuny 7
Nathan Ayre 8
Mary Long 15
Kim DeFalco 18

Anniversaries:

Misty & Nate DeFalco 29
Linda & Sam Heer 29
Daisy & Paul Ayre 31

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Watch Past Services

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

Sunday School

We have enough studies to get us through the rest of the year. As always everyone is welcome to join us at 9:00 am. We do start promptly at 9:00 am but will welcome anyone that is running a few minutes behind. Hope to see our group grow and to gain some new knowledge and to hear some new perspectives.

Any questions, you can contact Cherie or Merrill House. 315-668-1400 or 315-391-5408.
See you soon!

Food Pantry

Food Pantry - Canned Fruit & Canned Chicken

Diaconate Updates

So far, this year, your Diaconate Facilitators, with Pastoral support, have been busy with phone, mail, e-mail or personal contacts that were needed or requested. We continue to try hard maintaining contact for many who are noted on the weekly list shown in the bulletin each Sunday. Of course, that prayer/contact list is only as good as the information we receive for prayer and follow-up. Please continue to keep any/all of us: Pastor Lilly, Rich, Maggie or Don for any updates or requests!

We are definitely grateful for your support of the Deacon's Fund collected monthly and used for needs like, food, personal needs, fuel, etc. Shut ins are contacted to see if they need/want one of our free lunches from the community-wide program our church offers.

Lately, we've had requests for transportation assistance and those were answered positively and will continue as needed!

We hope that all persons reading this are doing well and have enjoyed or are enjoying the beautiful Easter and Spring seasons. Continue to pray with us for individuals in need!

Thank you!



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May 13 - Mother's Day Brunch (8am - 11am) \$10

May 24 - Free Lunch



Trustee Updates

No Update.

Christian Education

No Update.

Women's Group



Maggie Heitmann and Mary Long would like to thank all the Craft Vendors who participated in our First Craft Show, all the volunteers who helped move things around to set up and tear down, those who worked helping to prepare food and serve food. Our first event was a huge success with many compliments. We have several vendors who have already signed up for the October 21st Craft Show.

Maggie Heitmann, Rebekah McGraw, Mary Long and Pastor all attended the American Baptist Women's Conference in Troy this past weekend.

Fundraising Committee

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Mother's Day Brunch will be held May 13th, 8 to 11:30. If anyone is interested in helping please let Mary Long know.

Maggie Heitmann and Mary Long would like to thank the business, community and church family for all of their support, care and dedication to make our first three fundraisers a huge success. We have met a lot of new people in our community who are grateful for our church.

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You can now place your offering in the plate as we pass or mail it to:

Attn: Cherie House

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From the Pastor

Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1

Spring is my favorite time of year. So, naturally, I looked for inspiration from the scriptures. Did you know the word "spring" is used 105 times in our NIV translation? Well, most of them are referring to springs of water. Not all that helpful at this moment but then seasons come and go. But the spring of living water is eternal. We are certainly blessed to have that spring running in our midst.

The eternal spring is available to everyone; all people.

We will finish our journey through God's Word this month for this year. (September – May) In June we'll be visiting Isaiah, then a few weeks in 2 Peter, followed by Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. During August and into the first week of September, I'll be deciding whether it will be a path of creed or Sabbath. Then we'll be off into a new season of lessons. (Whew, that should keep me out of trouble!)

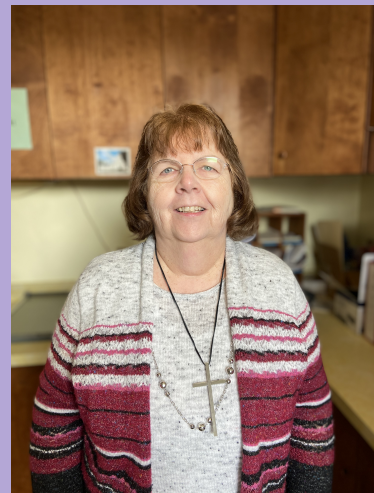
For now, I'm going to enjoy Spring; temperatures rising, grass growing, lawnmowers humming, flowers blooming and the outdoors beckoning. Oh yeah, and the showers and thunderstorms pouring refreshing pearls of rain upon us and all the earth's springs shall flow. And before long, the lazy, hazy days of summer will be here. Somehow those days seldom feel lazy. We are busy creatures and a busy church family.

Take some time to enjoy all that God's creation offers. He has given us life in abundance. Amen

Pastor Lilly



From our Pastor



"NOTHING IS
IMPOSSIBLE, THE WORD
ITSELF SAYS 'I'M
POSSIBLE!'"

AUDREY HEPBURN

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