

First Baptist Church of Central Square

May 2024

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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:

Liz & Ryan Casatelli 6
Misty & Nate DeFalco 29
Daisy & Paul Ayre 31

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

Watch Past Services

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

Sunday School

We will start again in May! 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

May is here and Spring & Summer temps are closing in...thank goodness. Your Diaconate is enjoying new positive weather...like everyone else. We are also asking you to join us in ongoing prayer for nearly 30 members & friends on our prayer list.

Additionally, we continue our Monthly Free Lunch with attendees from 10 to 40 persons. Along with those who come in, we arrange for delivery or pick-up for another 10-15 persons when needed.

Our primary concern continues with health challenges along with contact opportunities with previous members & friends. Please pray with and for us as we continue outreach. Continuing gratitude for your contributions allowing us to assist when and where needed. At least one instance occurred this last month.

On Sunday, April 28 th we welcomed Rev. Jim Kerr-Whitt as guest Pastor while Pastor Lillian attended the ABW Conference in Corning. With Care, Love and God's Blessings,
Your Diaconate

Trustee Updates

No Update

Women's Group

No Update

Fundraising Committee

Be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers!



Food Pantry - Canned fruit, canned meat
May 10, 2024 - Red Cross

May 22, 2024 Free Lunch

June 26, 2024 - Free lunch

June 17, 2024 -WIC

June 26, 2024 - Free lunch

July 24, 2024 - Free Lunch



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 the Pastor

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come; the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Songs 2:12

"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. Luke 12:27

Another month has flown by and it was a very busy one at that. It also seemed very rainy and wet. The first thing that came to mind when considering this month's article was the infamous rhyme we learned as children; 'April showers bring May flowers'. And then I thought, "Lillian, you're in a rut." So let's talk about flowers. (Okay, I might still be hovering that rut.)

Who doesn't love flowers? They look beautiful and most of them give off a pleasant scent for us to savor and enjoy. It's a joy to drive by homes and parks where someone has lovingly cultivated the soil and landscaped the area with flowers, flowering bushes and trees. It is balm for our very tired and worn souls. But that takes work! Oh that nasty four-letter word.

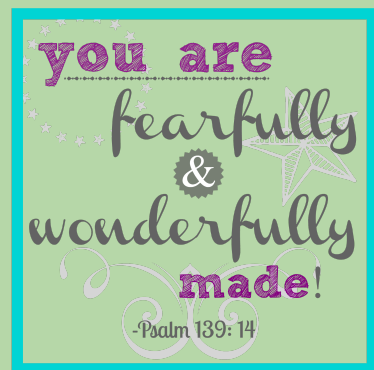
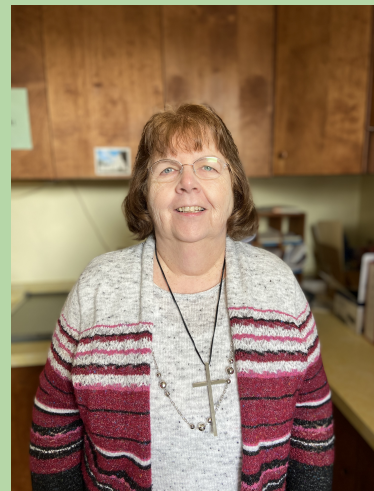
Jesus said, "Look at the wild flowers, not even Solomon in all his splendor cannot match their beauty." One summer too many years ago, my husband and I had traveled to Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin for the national conferences of women and men. We set up a tent in the camping area near the field named 'the Meadow'. They had burned the meadow so it could get a fresh start. Let me tell you, I had never seen a more beautiful array of wild flowers. Jesus knows what He's talking about!

We are so blessed to be His followers as we get to know him more and better every day. He works diligently to cultivate us and be the balm we need for our tired and worn souls. He stays by our side when we get burned. And then, when we are ready and able to sprout and face the Son, he will see us as more beautiful than elegantly dressed Solomon.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Pastor Lilly

From our Pastor



An Irish blessing

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavor.

There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.
- Author Unknown

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.
There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.
- Author Unknown

A Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!
- Author Unknown



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