First Baptist Church of Central Square

November 2026

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Birthdays:
Melissa Kyle 2
Robert Watson 4
Cindy Cuny 14
Ken Myers 14
Dottie Landers 18
Aaron RaPray 23
Merrill House 24
David Shannahan 24
Chris Ayre 27

Anniversaries:
Don & Joan Haury 7

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to fbccsny@gmail.com by the last full week of the month.

Watch Past Services
http://www.fbc-cs.com/media.htm

Sunday School
Adult Sunday School is on hold, anyone interested in doing Sunday School should approach the Board of Christian Education.

Help Wanted
We are looking for people to be worship leaders, door greeters, acolytes etc. We are also looking to fill the Pianist position again if you know of any such person?? Please let the Pastor know if you can help.

Council Meeting
November council meeting will be Sunday November 15th following service.

Christian Education
The classroom has been set up with a TV and activities for the youth to keep busy during service. We are looking for volunteers to monitor and work with the children, if you are interested please reach out.

Pledge Letters
The proposed 2027 budget and pledge letters should be going out this month, please check your email or mail for yours and think prayerfully on what you can pledge and return to the church via mail or in the collection plate with Attn: Cherie House, Financial Secretary

Christmas Tree
We will be putting up the Christmas Tree on Saturday 11/21 starting at 10:00 am, many hands will make for an easy chore, please let Theresa Besanson know if you can be available to help.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders
Orders are currently being taken. Cost is $8 per plant, this can be named in memoriam. Deadline is 11/8. See Theresa Besanson.

Reminders

Food Pantry -
Holiday fixings

Missions -
White Socks for Men
Hats and gloves
White Gifts

Dates

Nov 25th - Free Thanksgiving Dinner 12pm-6pm





Sunday November 8th
Magda from the Baptist Community Foundation will be here to worship with us and to meet with the Committee to answer and advise on how to invest the monies from the parsonage sale.

Wednesday November 25th
Free Thanksgiving Dinner, 12pm-6pm, Mary is looking for donations and help before with prep and the day of, for prep, serving and cleanup. Look for sign up sheets or reach out personally to Mary



Diaconate Updates
Do you need help for a variety of reasons like: Long Term Care, Re-Hab, Continuing Education, Senior Citizen Clubs/Education, Libraries, Home Aides, and so much more. Just check the " RESOURCE BOOK " on our Sunday Bulletin table.
Also...your Diaconate is still busy (along with Trustee assistance) welcoming new member candidates who worshipped with other churches and Baptism!
Contacts continue thru mail, phone and e-mail.
Holiday events are getting ready and wonderful assistance is being offered
and acted on.
God is continuing needed prayers for any in need!
Keep continued personal efforts in staying warm for yourself and other friends and FBC Members.
Staying busy...busy...busy...keeps all of us happy, loving and blessed
Please stay in touch if there is anything we can do:
Rich Mizerski: (315)675-3271 or (716)934-3946; Pastor Lillian: (315)626-3220 or (315)668-2138(church phone); Maggie Heitmann: (315)676-2151; Phyllis Wilson: (315)668-5346 and Don Haury: (315)668-6245 or (315) 382-6245(cell).

GOD BLESS US ALL!!







Trustee Updates
The Trustees have been busy.....plans for the doors and some roof work is in the works. Leaves have been cleaned up. And more will fall. If there is something you notice please reach out.

Fundraiser
No update.

Mission Committee
The mission committee is accepting white socks and hats and gloves. Collection is ending for the WMO (World Mission Offering). This offering goes to support missionaries serving people called to share the gospel to those who need to learn, hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Music Committee
We are currently cleaning up the music room, it is a slow process but it is happening. We would also like to present special music for Christmas. If you are willing and able to sing please reach out. We are also prepared to fill the pianist position if you know of a talented individual that may want to fill the position. The Trustees and music committee would be thrilled to do an interview.

Nominating Committee

It is that time of year that the nominating committee is looking ahead for 2027. If you are interested in filling a position in the church or if you can no longer fill your position, please let them know as soon as possible so we can reach out to others and be prepared for the annual meeting. See Cherie House, Rebekah McGraw or Maggie Heitmann.

From our Pastor





From the Pastor
Many of you know that I'm deeply invested with the American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) New York State. I recently spent a day and a half at the Fall Board Meeting. Each Member of the Board was challenged to do at least one thing this month to bring awareness to our Ministry.

This is my attempt to meet that challenge.

Every woman who attends an American Baptist church is an American Baptist woman and is welcome to be a part of the ministry. Women and girls of any, all or none of any other denomination are also welcome to any and all event gatherings.

The core purpose is to reach women and girls for Christ. American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) has a long heritage of being on the forefront of mission and ministry with women and girls. From our very roots to today, ABWM has addressed critical issues such as sex trafficking, poverty, equal voice, safety and security, access to water and other natural resources, proclaim liberty and release leadership development, and, of course, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. The primary goal is to have an active AB Women's group in every American Baptist Church in the country that reflects the mission statement and purpose.



We have a strong, caring and loving organization. Both the National and the state ABWM have websites full of information. (Abwomensministries.org and abwmnys.org). My closest friends are American Baptist Women; the women are truly Sisters-in-Christ. I'm 99% sure I would not be your pastor if it wasn't for this organization. Through their encouragement and love I crawled out of my shell and comfort zone.

Bible study, devotions and events keep us connected; but as all things American Baptist, the local church women have the choice as to how they can encourage women and girls for Christ. This may give the local group a different perspective than other groups. Local groups will gather at Association meetings. Our Oswego Association last met about two years ago. We invited 'In My Fathers Kitchen' founders, John and Leigh-Ann Tumino who shared about their ministry in Syracuse with us. It's not uncommon to have "real-live" missionaries share the work they are doing somehow somewhere in the world.

Individuals from local churches and associations gather once a year for an annual meeting in our state. In April 2027 we will be celebrating our 78th gathering. We will be joining together for fellowship, Bible study, workshops, praise and worship in Word and song. Well versed American Baptist Women from all over the country will come and share their testimony with us.

American Baptist Churches USA will be having their 2027 Biennial in Rochester NY in June. It's been many years since a National Biennial has been held in NYS. This is a golden opportunity to gather with the family of American Baptists from around the country and around the world as our missionaries gather with us. We would love to see every member of the family for the grand reunion. American Baptist Women will gather on June 11, 2027 for Women's Day. Who's going with me?

Stay tuned; stay connected,

Blessings,

Pastor Lilly



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