

# First Baptist Church of Central Square

November/December 2025

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## November Birthday's

Melissa Kyle 2  
Judy Hedgecoth 9  
Cindy Cuny 14  
Ken Myers 14  
Dottie Landers 18  
Aaron RaPray 23  
Merrill House 24  
David Shanahan 24  
Chris Ayre 27

## November Anniversaries:

Don & Joan Haury 7

## December Birthday's

Alexander Springer 8  
Stephen Springer 8  
Scott Heitmann 9  
Heather Bettinger 12  
Ed Baxter Jr 15  
Shaylee Woolson-Smith 15  
Hannah DeFalco 23  
Stewart McLain 25  
Joshua Heitmann 26  
Dale Bort 27  
Nicholas Heitmann 31  
Nathan Heitmann 31

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 will resume in 2027... hopefully.

## Christian Education

No Updates.

## Diaconate Updates

WOW...Time is flying ( or walking fast ) By!!

The weather doesn't know what it is doing...the world is upside down reaching always to just be "Up!" "I wonder why!!" is something being asked.

We...Your Diaconate are willing to help if there are needs of comfort...communication...celebration...all while we offer the celebration of Communion monthly which reminds us of the strength our Lord possesses.

As the Holiday Season winds up we think of Family and Friends...gifts and gaiety...all with the Wonders God offers as we focus on the positive times we experience. We try to stay in contact with: postal greetings, contributions to the Deacons Fund to use when needs are made known to us, share outside resource organizations for specific needs and our prayer list that is reviewed and updated monthly with positive outcomes noted in the Sunday bulletin.

Finally...busy we will continue as you tell us if and how we can help and pray with us to guarantee we're doing God's Will!!

God Bless Us All  
Cordially,  
Your Diaconate



**Food Pantry - Holiday**  
food fixings for

**Offering - World Mission**  
Offering Let's support  
Mercy!

**Missions - Unity Acres**  
Laundry Detergent  
Pine Sol (or similar)  
Cleaning Products in  
spray bottles  
Clorox Wipes  
Cat Food  
Cat Litter

<https://unityacres.org/>

December 13, 2025  
Lasagna Dinner \$14.00

December No Free lunch



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### Trustee Updates

The Trustees are working hard to navigate the process of selling the parsonage. Please pray for them.

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### Women's Group - No Update

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### Mission Committee

We are collecting for Unity Acres. - <https://unityacres.org/>

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### Fundraising Committee

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### From the Pastor

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23*

'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la la la

I guess that's not a scripture reference. Often it's not a feeling felt in the hustle and bustle of getting ready for the Big Event; the birth of our Savior and His return in the Second Coming when He comes in all His glory. Dare I say that sometimes we get downright grumpy?

Advent - a time of anticipation and preparation. We have the preparation part down pat but I wonder sometimes what it all has to do with anything other than running ourselves ragged as we shop, bake, cook, decorate, party, shop some more, address greeting cards, and repeat throughout the month. We drive ourselves crazy finding the perfect gift, cookie recipe, etc., and attend all the activities we can. Many of us find our families are growing as children and grandchildren begin to spread their wings and add more to our to-do list. (How did they become adults so quickly?)

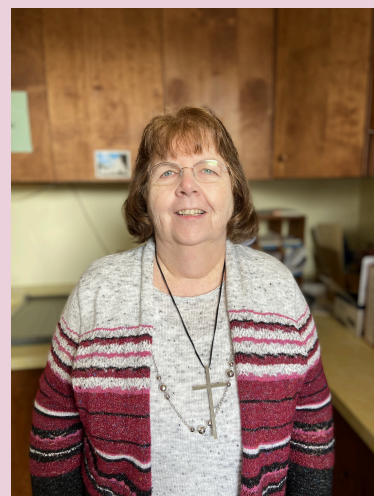
Hurry, hurry, hurry, the time is short.

STOP! Let's not let the preparation get us down. Let's face it; we love Christmas. We love all the preparations; the celebrations and the wonder of Christmas. We love the cheerfulness we see on the faces of others and the generous giving spirit most people display. We love the birthday of our King.

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### *From our Pastor*



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He embodies hope, offers joy, delivers peace and never ending love. And as a bonus gift, He has promised us Everlasting life. While we complete our list of things to do, remember those that are hurting and not able to find a reason to celebrate. It's up to us to invite them to the table; to offer them the gospel and let them know someone cares. There's room at the table where Jesus is waiting. Can I get an "Amen"?

I don't know about you but it's time for me to get busy. So much to do and so little time.

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philemon 1:3*

Pastor Lilly

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**"What is  
Christmas?  
It is tenderness  
for the past,  
courage for  
the present,  
hope for  
the future."**

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