

Fall is Here!



Enjoy the beautiful scenery and the wonderful colors of fall.

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Happy Halloween
This is your copy of *The Witness*
We wish God's blessings on



THE WITNESS

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“Our mission as a church is to share and respond to God’s love for each person by welcoming all. Together, we can return God’s love by becoming witnesses and followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ throughout our daily lives. We allow these things to help us become new people in Christ.”

Lynn Bort, Moderator

Linda Heer, Church Clerk

Victor Vrooman, Organist

Cindy Cuny, Church Secretary

Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor

News and Upcoming Events about our Community of Faith
Notices Concerning Our Affiliated Denomination – The American Baptist Churches in the USA
Information to Help Live a More Fulfilled Life

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these members and friends in your prayer; Mavis Cooter, Ken House, Stewart Smith, Phyllis Smith, Stephen Springer, Helen Webb, Mike White, and our missionaries, our nation, and our denominational and local church leaders.

PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Eternal God, the same yesterday, today, and forever; you are glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abounding in grace and truth. All your works praise you in all places and at all times. We worship you. Praise be to you, O God. Amen.

MEETING NIGHTS

Christian Ed	October 5 th	11:00
Trustees	October 5 th	11:00
Deacons	October 8 th	6:30
Council Meeting	October 15 th	7:00

Verse of the Month



“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for one another”

(1John 3:16,TNIV).

WITNESS ARTICLES

All witness articles for November are due by October 20th. All boards should submit an article and any members who would like to put an article in. If you need help with a topic just ask

October Birthdays



Penny Faulter	02	Randi Driesen	21
Courtney Cuny	14	Erin Rose Shanahan	24
Andy Bettinger	16	Margaret Heitmann	25
Phyllis Smith	18	Nicholas Cuny	26
Dail Mizerski	20		

Trunk or Treat



On October 25th from 4-6 we will have our annual trunk or treat for the children of our community. We are looking for donations of large bags of candy, donut holes, and cider. Please contact Misty DeFalco at 935-6591 for more details. We will also need volunteers to help out with this event especially inside and those who are willing to decorate their trunks for this event.

Day light savings Time Ends



November 2nd

Anniversaries



Cherie & Merrill House - 8

Rummage Sale



The rummage sale will be October 3rd from 1-7 & on the 4th from 9-2 and we will have a bake sale. We need people to volunteer to help set up and clean up and to be there for the sale. We need donations of baked goods. Please contact Linda Heer at 215-0440 for the rummage sale.

AB Girls Starts



October 6th here at church 6 – 8pm. grades 5th - high school. Call Grace Fuller for more information at 409-3532.

Fall Clean Up



It's that time of year again!!!! The leaves are falling as well as the temperatures so the Board of Trustees want to announce the Fall cleanup date so you can mark your calendar; Saturday October 25th 2014 at 9 am . We will be not only cleaning up on the outside but on the inside as well.

We would really like to reach out to everyone in the congregation to get a group of more than 6 or 7 people. There is a lot to be done; organizing, cleaning, dusting, making sure things are where they belong. In the past we have heard comments about “paying someone to clean” so we should not have to, or I am busy on that day, or I do not have much to offer as far as cleaning. We do pay to have **BASIC** cleaning done weekly, but as you know in your own home there is always a bit of deeper organization and cleaning to be done a few times a year. We want to be proud of our church home, so it is our responsibility to care for it. If your schedule does not meet our date, feel free to come on your own schedule and let us know what you would like to tackle and when (classrooms, library, narthex, music room, nursery, bathrooms, meditation room, kitchen, yard work, dusting) any organization skills can be used. Just a few notes..... that any raking needs to be taken to the curb for village cleanup and if any hardwood floors are cleaned we use vinegar and water only. So please plan to join us on the 25th and bring any supplies that will help, (rakes, shovels, tarps, paper towels, window cleaners, dusters, ect.)

We typically have snacks for breakfast so if you are planning to participate on the day please let a Trustee know so that we can plan accordingly.

Just another note, as the temperatures fall the heat will soon be on in the church. If you need to adjust the temp, please only use the up and down arrows, **NEVER, NEVER hit HOLD PROGRAM** and when you are finished please make sure to use the arrow buttons to turn the heat back down and please make sure that **LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF AND DOORS CLOSED** even if you were

not in all areas please do a quick check of the building. This helps keep our costs down and our building safe. Any questions, suggestions or concerns please see a Board of Trustee member (Mark Heitmann, Lynn Cuny Jr., Cherie House, Nate DeFalco, Diana Baxter, or Randi Driesen).

Happy Fall to everyone!!!!

Submitted by the Board of Trustees

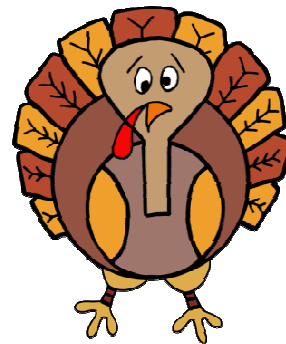
Family Fun Day



October 11th

We would like all families to meet at church and drive to Granger Pumpkin Farm in Mexico, New York at 11:00 am. Admission is free, if you wish to buy something you're responsible for it. We hope to see a lot of the young families with their children, but the older children are invited too!!!

Looking Ahead



We will be putting on a turkey dinner on **November 8th**. There will be more details as we get them we will inform you.

Pastors Corner



Change is difficult, at best for all of us. Even when we know change is coming, even when it is to benefit us, our instinct is to shun it. I realize that this church has gone through a tremendous amount of change, especially within the last two years; from full-time pastor, to interim, and now to full-time pastor again. Please know that I am praying for God's wisdom as we journey together, and I won't always get it right, but I am certainly trying.

In the spirit of change, I wanted to make you all aware of some new and exciting things. Our church website is being updated. The site address will not change. Tom Bailey and I are working to make it up to date and user friendly. If you have digital photos you would like to include on the site, please e-mail them. Tom is connecting my blog and our church's Facebook page, as well as keeping the calendar and links to The Witness. We hope to be able to record podcasts of the service to keep our snow birds and those who cannot make it to service connected. We also hope to be able to offer the ability to give financially through the website in the future.

The e-mail addresses are changing. We are dropping the Juno accounts because they attach spam at the bottom of each message. Our new address is: Info@fbc-cs.com. My e-mail address is meg@fbc-cs.com. Feel free to message me on my personal Facebook page as well. My office hours are as follows:

Monday – Off

Tuesday – 9-12, 1-4 (Visitation)

Wednesday – 9-12, 1-4 (visitation)

Thursday – 9-4 (prep day)

Friday – 9-12

Saturday - Off

Worship Hour Schedule



October - Executive

November - Trustees

December – Board of Christian Ed