# First Baptist Church of Central Square

September 2020

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Birthdays:

Penny Faulter 2
Courtney Balch 14
Andy Bettinger 16
Phyllis Smith 18
Dail Mizerski 20
Randi Driesen 21
Zane Zustra 22

Amelia Shanahan 23

Nick Cuny 26

Margaret Heitmann 25

Anniversaries:

Courtney & Nathan Balch 3 Cherie & Merrill House 12



## 2020 Missions

The mission committee met and we will be collecting cans of soup for the food pantry. They like to have the "cream" soups when possible so folks can use them for casserole dishes. There's nothing like a nice warm bowl of soup on a chilly day. We are also starting to collect hat's, mittens and aloves for the cold winter months ahead. Please leave it on the parsonage porch or bring to church on Sunday



# Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to <a href="mailto:fbccsny@gmail.com">fbccsny@gmail.com</a>

#### **Tithes**

Please have offering ready when you come into church or mail to Attn: Cherie House P.O. Box 476
Central Square, NY 13036

## Covid Update

We are OPEN! Come join us on Sunday mornings while following all safety guidelines. For those who are choosing to stay home still, Follow the link below to the sermons!

# Trustee Updates

No updates.

# **Diaconate Updates**

No Updates.

# **Christian Education Updates**

No Updates

# AB Women

Unfortunately we will not be holding our Annual Trunk-or-Treat due to the uncertainty with Covid Precautions and where they may be at that time. We are hoping to be able to meet in person for our Women's World Day of Prayer in November, but may have to resort to a Virtual or Hybrid devotion. We will update as the time grows closer!



#### AB Women

# TWO TUESDAY'S BIBLE STUDY:

Beginning September 15th at 7:30pm join us in our FB Room for our new Virtual Bible Study! Two Tuesday's will meet bi-weekly, our first study is "Running on Empty." Participants are welcome to order their own study, or wait for the material to be uploaded and sent in advance via email. Check out the Facebook page for more info!

# Do to others as you would have them do to you.

# World Mission Offering

October is World Mission Offering time. Our offering will go to support our Adopted Missionary, Mercy Gonzalus-Barnes. As giving to International Ministries has declined, our missionaries depend on the support given directly to their ministry. We hope you are able to give generously, but if not just remember every little bit helps.

# Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

# <u>Important Dates</u>

October 6th, we will be hosting the Fall Mission Meeting for the Oswego and Cayuga-Onondaga associations of AB Women Ministries. Mercy will be joining us virtually. Registration begins at 5:00pm with a dish to pass supper and then we'll be moving into the sanctuary where Mercy will join us at 6:30 to share with us her ministry work. The whole family is invited to eat and meet Mercy.

Philippians 2:3 (MSG)

The ABCNYS Region Biennial will be held virtually October 14, 15,16, and 17th at 7PM via Zoom. It will be one hour sessions on those evenings and then on Saturday the 18th there will be the business meeting in the morning for the necessary election of board members and officers, and presentation and approval of the budget. We will be worshipping and fellowshipping together in a new and exciting way. The speakers still expect honorariums so a small fee of \$25.00 is all it costs.

"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."

October 25th, the Iroquois Association will be meeting (also via Zoom) at 2pm for a time of discussion on what we have learned during this time of pandemic and where we can go from here.

April 23rd - April 25th AB Woman and AB Girls Conference

# **Heath Kits**

The Homeless Women in the Oswego County Shelters need supplies. Some suggested supplies

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Femine Products

Please place items in a ziplock plastic bag.



### From the Pastor

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8

Have you ever been frustrated? Angry? Afraid? Me too.

King David is credited with writing many of the Psalms. Reading through them we see times when he cries out for comfort and encouragement. He asks for deliverance from enemies and forgiveness for his mistakes. Sometimes it's downright depressing. Sometimes he writes joyful praises. Each reflects the human condition. We all falter from time to time. We endure all of the ups and downs of life on earth: hard times, illnesses, loss, laughter and joy. Yet, when we have confidence and trust in our Lord, we manage to stay upright. He gives us the courage to keep going. He holds out His hand and offers us comfort. He walks by our side in times of discouragement, frustration, anger and fear. That's why we need to keep him close with prayer and Bible reading. We do these things to get to know Him better; to understand Him and have confidence that He is holding each of us close to His heart.

Jesus had all the positive and negative emotions that we experience. But, He kept His eyes on the Father and had the courage and determination to complete the task given to Him. I'm pretty sure I wouldn't have handled it as well but then I'm not God. That's okay, I would not want all that responsibility. But I know I'm glad that Jesus did.

I'll be at all of these meetings listed above and I'm hopeful that I can count on you to come along.

Blessings, Lillian



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