

First Baptist Church of Central Square

September 2024

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Food Pantry - soup & pasta

Missions -
White Socks for Men
Hats, mittens, gloves

White Socks for Homeless
Men - ongoing all year

Sept 22nd - Chicken & Biscuit dinner

Sept 25 - Free Lunch

Oct 11 - Baked Potato Fundraiser

Nov 27 - Free Thanksgiving Dinner



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:

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Birthdays:

Paul Ayre 2
Joan Haury 8
Olivia Kryger 12
Landon Desrosiers 12
Angela DeFalco 12
Elaine Lynch 16
Carol Chamberlin 23
Lynn Bort 24
Janet Bettinger 25
Dakota DeFalco 26
Harper Long 28
Nate DeFalco 30
Brody Shanahan 30

Anniversaries:

Theresa & Bob Besanson 30

Please submit witness articles and prayer requests to
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Watch Past Services

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

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is starting up next week, (9/15/24).

Christian Education

Senior appreciation luncheon next week. A meal will be provided.

Diaconate Updates

Yes...it's starting to feel like Fall is coming soon. Cooler and more colorful days will be with us sooner than maybe we want. Maybe God wants "change" in our weather to tell us that can be a positive for us...presenting thoughts about our own lives.

All of us at FBC sometimes hope we can feel better. Your Diaconate tries to be more attentive to needs and, if there are better outcomes, we want to share them. Soon we will try posting "Prayers Answered!" Speaking of sharing, we are asking prayers for a church friend who has journeyed to meet his Lord and one who is now in the hospital recovering from surgery. If you have shared names for our Prayer List please keep us up-to-date for any changes or outcomes. Call the church phone or contact any of us: Pastor Lillian, Rich, Maggie or Don.

Also, our ongoing priorities remain: contact with those we haven't seen in a while; financial assistance from the Deacon's Fund; contact by phone, e-mail, mail, personal contacts; monthly free lunch to the community; communion; Baptism when requested.

Enjoy the coming Fall beginning with a very busy September!!

God Bless Us All
Your Diaconate

Trustee Updates - No Update

Women's Group - No Update

Mission Committee

As an ongoing mission project we will be collecting WHITE socks for Homeless Men in and around Oswego County. White socks are easy to launder. There is no worry of bleaching them or matching them. White is white and socks are always in need to keep feet warm and dry. White socks can be found at the Dollar (and a quarter) Store. And also wherever Men's socks can be found. Whenever you shop and happen to be in the area of men's socks, think of the homeless and be a blessing. We are the hands and feet of Jesus and what better way to serve Him than keeping feet clean and dry.

From the Pastor

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Labor Day Weekend; here at last or should I say here too soon?

For us in Central New York it signifies the end of summer (along with the Great New York State Fair) and back to school for the kids, the teachers and the entire staff. No more rest and relaxation. No more sleeping and camping outdoors. It's that time of year when we have to get back to it, whatever it is.

So here we are ready to start a new year of busy. Now personally I haven't experienced "not busy", but that's me.

Most of us rarely step foot in a school so we aren't affected, right? Wrong. It feels to me that with the "end" of summer the colder air arrives with a vengeance. Now that's a bummer. I'm never ready for that. Put away the shorts and bring out the sweaters.

Labor Day was meant to be a day of relaxation for workers that worked long hours', day in and day out 364 days a year. That doesn't really sound like a good ratio to me, but who am I?

God also set a day of relaxation. It's known as Sabbath. Sabbath actually means rest. One day every week is set aside by Him to take a break away from our daily routines to rest and give worship and praise to Him that gave us this day. Now 1 out of 7 is a much better ratio and ratios were never my strong point. We seem as a society to have forgotten how to Sabbath.

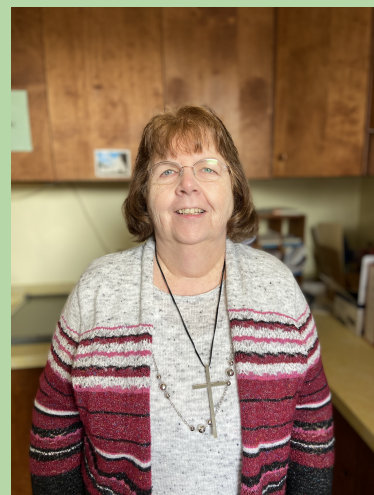
But back to my main point that I had planned to make....we are all God's working staff and we never really take two months off from that work. It's a 24/7 365 days' job. So whether we are relaxing on the beach, camping, vacationing, or grilling in our backyard we are coworkers in his plan of salvation.

Time to get back to work folks. Love and Blessings to all, Pastor Lilly

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Attn: Cherie House/Money Tree
Fundraiser

These funds will be used for larger projects that the Trustees are working on.

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Autumn Blessing



O God of Creation, you have blessed us with
the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the
breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us
of the abundance we have been given and
bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind
us of your great promise that death is
temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever
and ever. Amen.





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