

Newsletter of **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
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Sheila Griffin - Worship
Susan Belding - Missions
Peter Achilles - Treasurer
David Belding - Financial Secretary
Nancy Robbins - Church Clerk

OUR SCHEDULE

Neighborhood Saturday Lunch Ministry - 11:45am – 12:15pm
Worship - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Sunday, 11:00 – 11:30 am
Bible Study - Sunday, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Prayer Time – every Wednesday, 5:00 pm

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer Time 5pm Marcy Myers Birthday Hugh Price Birthday	2	3 Elyssa (Belding) Krivicich Birthday	4 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
5 Worship 10am Pastor Bill	6	7	8 Prayer Time 5pm Gary Hartman Birthday	9	10	11 Harvest Dinner 11:45 am
12 Worship 10am Pastor Bill Jay Frederick Birthday	13	14 ABW Mtg 10:00 am Carley Rouse Birthday Jacob Frederick Birthday	15 Prayer Time 5pm	16	17	18 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
19 Worship 10am Rev. Granger Jason Swinehart Birthday	20 Grant Swinehart Birthday	21 Board Mtg. 6:00 pm Pete Achilles Birthday	22 Prayer Time 5pm	23	24	25 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am
26 Worship 10am Rev. Granger	27	28	29 Prayer Time 5pm	30		

PASTOR PAGE FOR NOVEMBER:

When we think of November, we most often think of Thanksgiving. So the first thing I would like to say is **THANK YOU, THANK YOU** for the wonderful Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. A special thanks to all who donated the delicious food, to all the hands that turned it into a beautiful display of goodies, and to all those that shared such kind words on our behalf. The members of First Baptist Church are truly a special family. I would also like to thank Sue Wakely for bringing in a delicious carrot cake to celebrate the October birthdays, of which my October 30 was included. She will be bringing in a birthday cake on the 4th Sunday of each month to celebrate the birthdays of that month. Thanks Sue for your kind and delicious gesture.

Next, I'd like us discuss the word "grateful." At Thanksgiving, we often give thanks to God for all the wonderful things He has blessed us with such as family, church, good health, enough income to live comfortably, the beauty of God's creation with the special gifts of each season and many other things. But have we ever thought to thank God for the cross He has not asked us to carry. Let me explain.

A couple of months ago when I was confined to bed with neuropathy, unable to put any weight on my feet without severe pain and feeling so helpless, I had two choices. One, I could be frustrated and feel sorry for myself or two, be grateful this was hopefully only temporary. As I was confined to bed totally dependent on the care of my husband, daughter and neighbors, I began to think of all the people who had to spend every day of their life in bed. I was grateful that God did not give me that cross to bear, and prayed for those who were confined to bed.

After a month, I graduated to a wheel chair for church or doctor appointments. As I struggled, felt helpless, had to depend on others for assistance, and experienced life from a wheel chair, I again was grateful that I was able to leave my bed for short periods of time and that this too would pass in time. As I thought about the people who lived their entire life from the wheel chair, I lifted them up to the Lord in prayer.

Soon I graduated to a cane and then to a shuffle without a cane. I am grateful to a loving congregation who allowed me to preach from a wheel chair and then a chair on ground level all the while wearing my bedroom slippers because my feet would not fit into shoes. This would not always be true in the world outside our loving church.

This experience has given me a greater understanding of the needs of those with disabilities and medical issues. Yes, I have always supported good health care and handicap accessibility, but living it for the past few months brings a greater understanding of their frustrations and their needs.

So this Thanksgiving, be grateful and give thanks to God for all your blessings—both for the things He has given you and for the things He has not given you.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Pastor Phyllis

November Preaching Schedule:

- Nov. 5 Pastor Bill**
- Nov. 12 Pastor Bill**
- Nov. 19 Pastor Phyllis**
- Nov. 26 Pastor Phyllis**

Harvest Dinner

November 11, we will be sharing a Harvest dinner with the Saturday Lunch families and the First Baptist church families. Please sign up for your dish to pass on the bulletin board and let Judy know how many in your family will be attending so the proper arrangements for food and seating can be made. Please do this by November 5.

Hanging of the Greens

On December 2 at 5:00, a chili supper will be held in the fellowship hall. After the meal, everyone will help with decorating the tree and the church for Advent. Many hands make light work, and it is a great time of fellowship. Please come to help.

Christmas Bags

We will be making 12 small Christmas bags to distribute as a token from First Baptist Church. Donations for these bags need to be brought to the church by December 3. Suggestions would be small oranges, individual packages of crackers or cookies, candy, or you could donate bags of muffin mix, cookie mix, or bread mix. We will be baking and packing the bags on Wednesday morning, December 6. All are welcome to come and help. You can also donate money, and we will shop for goodies to fill the bags. If you have any questions, ask Pastor Phyllis, Judy, or Sheila.

Operation Smile Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you First Baptist Church family for your generous donations. Because of your efforts, Dusty and Marcy were able to assemble 19 shoeboxes. The board voted to pay for shipping from the youth fund portion of our budget. This allowed more of your donated money to buy gifts for the children. Thank you Dusty and Marcy for shopping and assembling the Christmas shoe boxes. They will be dedicated at the November 5 worship service.

Report from the Financial Secretary

Some Christians hold that during communion the bread and wine are physically transmuted to the body and blood of Christ. While many have doubts about this doctrine of transubstantiation, I think that most of us have witnessed and experienced transmutation of another kind: the transmutation of the human heart. Who has not seen occasions of anger, stress, loneliness or confusion completely transformed through gentle, loving words or simple gestures of kindness? At every point in our lives, through even our tiniest actions, God can change our own hearts and the hearts of those around us.

These thoughts arose in reflecting on the words of one of the pieces that the Colleges Community Chorus will be performing at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 29th at the Presbyterian Church. The simple song is entitled:

Give almes of thy goods
By Christopher Tye

*Give almes of thy goods,
And turn never thy face from any poor man,
And then the face of the Lord
Shall not be turned away from thee.*

It is through sharing our bounty of “goods” in all our words and deeds that we begin to glimpse the face of God.

Attendance

October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
34	28	30	31	30

Pledging

At the end of October, our pledges totaled \$56,186. This is \$7,335 above anticipated pledges of \$48,851 and only \$1547 from our total year pledge of \$57,733. Plate collections also continued their strong pace with a year-to-date total of \$4,910. In recent years we have been able to exceed our yearly goals, which has helped to minimize any withdrawal from our reserves. God has certainly blessed First Baptist Church with a wonderfully generous congregation.

(If anybody wishes to know where they currently stand on their pledge for 2017, please feel free to contact me.)

Dave Belding
Financial Secretary

World Mission Offering 2017 Update

During October's month of discipleship, we followed Christ alongside missionaries working to promote economic and community development in Chile, conflict transformation in Egypt's Muslim communities and recovery for victims of global slavery through trafficking and forced labor. With so much help needed worldwide, our current **World Mission Offering** of \$542 is a faithful response to God's call to bring the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters across borders around the world.

The dedication of our **World Mission Offering** towards *International Ministries* (including any additional gifts from WMO envelopes and children's coin boxes) will take place on November 5th, All Saints' Day!

Thanks be to God for opening our hearts as we continue the mission to follow in Christ's footsteps.

Susan Belding
Mission Coordinator

ABW NEWS

The ABW Women will meet on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 10:00 at First Baptist Church. Plans for the Christmas Luncheon and program will be discussed.

The program will continue with Lesson 2---Exodus and Lesson 3---Leviticus and Numbers, from the study, "Opening the Bible".

Thank you to our church family,

What a joy it is to serve in such a loving and caring church. We can't thank you enough for the kind words, thoughts, prayers, and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers and we are strengthened by your love and support. What a blessing for us that God led us to you.

We wish you all God's blessings in the coming year as we worship our loving Lord together.
Pastor Bill and Nancy

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Obituary of Allelia Getz

WATERLOO— Allelia "Lee" Getz, 83, formerly of Waterloo, N.Y., passed away peacefully Thursday (October 26, 2017) at Brightview Retirement Community, Danvers, Mass., with her loving family by her side.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday (Nov. 3) at Coe-Genung Funeral Home, Waterloo, N.Y. The funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 4) at the funeral home. Rev. Phyllis Granger, pastor of First Baptist Church of Geneva, N.Y., will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Waterloo, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pathway Home, P.O. Box 516, Seneca Falls, NY, 13148 or online at www.pathwayhome.org.

Lee was an active member of First Baptist Church of Geneva. She was a homemaker, Den Mother, Scoutmaster's wife, a water aerobics instructor for the New York Chiropractic College, plus owned and operated for many years Getz Ceramics.

She was the beloved wife of the late Robert R. Getz, Sr. and daughter of the late Harry and Nettie Newman of Waterloo, N.Y. After Harry died, while Lee was very young, Nettie married Sherrill Clark. Lee is also predeceased by her step-father, Sherrill.

Lee was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her sons Robert (Terri) R. Getz, Jr. of Middleton, Mass. and Richard (Valerie) R. Getz of Fairport, N.Y.; grandchildren Kelly (Michael) Daggs, Richard Getz, Jr., and Steven Getz of Fairport, N.Y.; step-grandchildren Melanie Porter of Peabody, Mass and Allison Trovage of NYC, N.Y.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Condolences for the family may be sent to www.coegenungfuneralhome.com.

Christian Bible Reference Site

Crossword Puzzle: Exodus

Desktop, laptop: Type with your regular keyboard. Click on a square to type across. Click twice to type down. Or click on a clue then type. Or print this page and solve on paper. **Tablet, mobile, smartphone, touchscreen:** Type with the on-screen keyboard below the puzzle. Tap a square to type across. Tap twice to type down. The **Solve** button at the top of the puzzle shows the solution.

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ACROSS

- 3 Destination of Israelites (2 words)
- 4 Rules that God gave to Moses (2 words)
- 6 Wife of Moses
- 9 Death of all Egyptian ____ (final plague)
- 11 Jewish holiday with origin in Exodus
- 12 Egyptian ruler
- 15 Waters parted by God (2 words)
- 16 Second plague
- 17 God called Moses from a burning ____

DOWN

- 1 Pillar of ____ (nighttime guide)
- 2 Food supplied by God
- 4 Number of plagues on Egypt
- 5 Ninth plague
- 7 Sister of Moses
- 8 A land flowing with milk and ____
- 10 Eighth plague
- 13 Brother of Moses
- 14 ____ of the Covenant

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