

*"Striving to be the Church of Jesus Christ where Every Member is a Minister"*

## AT FIRST BAPTIST JULY/AUGUST 2017

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Make a  
**Joyful** noise  
Unto The  
**Lord!**

### **MUSIC SUNDAY AND CHICKEN BARBEQUE JULY 9**

Sunday, July 9, will be a musical day of Praise and Worship! The morning service will feature special music from the Sr. Choir, Handbell Choir and Praise Team. Following worship and a brief fellowship time, you'll want to stay as we will enjoy a mini-concert by the **Enchanted Mountain Chorus** – better known as the Olean Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They will bring their special blend of sacred, spiritual, patriotic and secular tunes.

The (Trapper's) chicken bbq will begin at 11:30 and include a half-chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, a roll, and beverage for \$10 pre-sale (til July 2); \$12 after July 2. Take-out orders will be available. BBQ tickets are available in the church office. The funds raised at this event will benefit the Women's Ministry events at FBC.



### **JULY/AUGUST BOARD MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, July 11, and Tuesday, August 15:**  
7 PM – Trustees

**Tuesday, August 29**  
7:00 pm - Advisory Council

**Tuesday, August 15:**  
5:30 p.m. – Board of Christian Education @ Rosels

The Diaconate and Board of Christian Missions will meet on an "as needed" basis during the summer months.

### **MISSIONARIES DAN & SARAH CHETTI VISIT ON AUGUST 7**

All retirees are invited to lunch at noon with the Chettis, Missionaries to Lebanon. Transportation to this event is available for any who need it. There is no charge but donations will be gratefully accepted. Sign up on the bulletin insert or call the church office by Thursday, August 2, if you would like to attend.....Come and bring a friend!!

We'll gather again at 5:30 p.m. for a Pot-Luck Supper and a presentation from Dan and Sarah Chetti. Bring a dish to share.

### **Summer Outreach Opportunities**

**Thursday Night Outreaches @ Martha Court**  
Every Thursday night starting July 6 thru August 24 – from 4:00 -5:30 at Martha Court - there will be hotdogs, drink, games, ministry to the families at those apartments complexes. Pastor Bruce and Carole are seeking volunteers to help provide supervision and transportation to these events!

### **K.W.A.M. Kids With A Mission!**

Every Wednesday afternoon starting July 12 and running through August 23 from noon to 5:00 pm Pastor Bruce and Carole will lead up to 12 of our young people (age 7 and over) who want to learn how to pray for our city, schools, businesses, churches and families as well as doing service projects around our community. The first 12 to commit to this ministry and agree to follow the instructions that they are given will be registered!



On May 28, 2017 the Memorial Committee was privileged to dedicate the following gifts to the Glory of God and the Service of His Kingdom.

### **BELL MINISTRY**

Given in memory of Helen Fortner by Bud Fortner

### **CAMPERSHIPS**

Camp Vick Camperships

Given by Richard and Mabel Lyons Estate

### **CHURCH GENERAL USE**

New Projector

Given in Memory of Arthur Brown, Mildred Montgomery,  
Carl Samuelson by Family and Friends

### **CHURCH MAINTENANCE**

Commercial Vacuum Cleaner

From Designated Church Maintenance Account

### **RADIO ROOM**

New High End Lap Top Computer, Lenovo P70  
(to cover Sunday Worship and Other Areas of Interest)

And a DN-500R CD Recorder

Given in Memory of June and Kenneth Wallace by  
James and Sylvia Van Horn,  
Pauline and Preston Lucas, James and Dolores Cross, Pamela Weart,  
Emil and Joanne Joseph, William Fraser, and other Friends and Family

Given in Memory of Margaret Robinson by Jane Robinson and Friends

### **Thank You.....**

*"We thank you for the gift of \$321.50 to the Medical Loan Closet Ministry. This gift will be used in the preparations of equipment for people in need. The gift is greatly appreciated and will help meet the needs of other in our community and surrounding area. ~Rev. John A. Lounsbury*

*Jerry and I would like to thank our church family for the many cards, visits, thoughts and prayers during his recent surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Pastor Millard for his many visits in Buffalo as well as after our return to Olean. God's Blessings,  
Pam and Jerry Nutt*

## **The Family of God**



We extend our Love and Sympathy to Faith Boyce on the loss of her brother, Jamie, on May 31.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
ON TUESDAY, JULY 4  
for the National Holiday**

Pastor Bruce will be serving at Camp Vick on Tuesdays during July 11 thru August 8

**COPY IS DUE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 17  
FOR THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF  
AT FIRST BAPTIST**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Nancy Taylor on her retirement from St. Bonaventure University on June 1, 2017



### **GENESIS HOUSE PERPETUAL WISH LIST**

#### **Women/Men/Children**

Personal Care Items: Deodorant, Razors, Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Body Lotion  
Diapers  
Clean Winter Coats

#### **Household and Move-Out Items**

Cleaning Supplies, Paper Products, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, New Pillows, Bath Towels, Wash Cloths, Dish Towels, Brooms, Mops, Working Vacuums, Pots, Pans, Crockpots, Spices, Dishes, Silverware, Cooking Utensils, Blankets, Sheet Sets

**AND Volunteers to meet a variety of needs**





In June, a picnic was held to thank the many musicians in our congregation for their continued dedication.

Forty singers, bell

ringers, instrumentalists, audio-visual technicians, narrators and guests gathered for an evening of food, fellowship and singing. I would like to add personal words of **THANKS** to all who minister through music! You are a blessing in so many ways!

During the summer months, while the Senior Choir & the In One A'Chord Handbell Choir take a brief hiatus, you'll enjoy singing congregational favorites and hearing some great special music. Here is the schedule to date with more folks to be added!

- Sun July 2** Lindsay Cummings
- Sun July 9** Music Sunday Worship Service
- 11 a.m. Mini-concert by Enchanted Mountain Barbershop Chorus
- Sun July 16** Lynn Brown
- Sun July 23** John Ross
- Sun July 30** Lori Funden
- Sun Aug 6** Jeanette Butler
- Sun Aug 13** Karen Goodwin
- Sun Aug 20** Michael Schultz
- Sun Aug 27** 3:16 –Casey DeGroff, Matt Sage, Jim Sorokes, Penny Sorokes
- Sun Sept 3** Katie Eifert

*Keep a song in your heart this summer!!*  
*Sue Neely VanBrunt – Minister of Music*



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

### WOMEN OF JOY 2017

**AUGUST 10- 12, 2017 Bankers Life Fieldhouse  
 Indianapolis, IN**



Angela  
 Thomas Pharr  
 Fri. pm

Natalie Grant  
 Concert  
 Fri. pm

Lisa Harper  
 Sat. am

Kirk & Chelsea Cameron – Sat. am  
 Christine Caine /-Sat. pm  
 Charles Billingsley – Worship Leader

A group of 16 women from Olean FBC will be traveling to this conference on August 10-12. Tickets (including conference hotel, transportation, and meals) are \$200.00 ea. The balance on accounts is due by July 15. We covet your prayers for safe travel and a time of meaningful praise, worship, growth and fellowship.

### LOOKING AHEAD.....

Our Fifth Annual Ladies' Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 9**. We'll provide a special advent message, carol singing, a delicious brunch, fellowship, fun, and door prizes!!

All women (ages 18 and up) are welcome and encouraged to attend these opportunities to grow in your walk with the Lord and in your relationship with your sisters in Christ.

Mark your calendars now to reserve the date and plan to attend with your friends! This event is open to the community ☺







## WHEN YOU PRAY

*“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” Mat. 6:6*

If prayer is every Christian's vital breath, how would you describe your prayer life? Is it strong or weak? Do you really pray as you should and as you would like? Many are not satisfied with the way they pray. That is why Jesus gave instruction to His followers on how to pray.

### I. When you pray, pray sincerely – Mat. 6:5

Jesus was aware that many had problems in learning to pray because they did not pray sincerely. They were making a stage production out of prayer, praying to be seen by others. As a result they knew nothing of true prayer.

1. Be truthful in prayer – There is no place for untruthfulness in prayer. Paul urged Christians. “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth” (Eph. 6:14) We do not pray to fool God but to communion with Him.
2. Be thankful in prayer – As Christians we are to give thanks always for all things. The psalmist said, “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name” Psm. 100:4
3. Confess your sins in prayer - “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” I John 1:9 – There are open sins that are known by others and there are hidden sins that are known only by God. There are sins of commission as well as sins of omission.
4. Ask of God in prayer – James 4:2 “Ye have not because ye ask not” Phil. 4:6 “Let your requests be made known unto God.” This includes request for ourselves as well as our requests for others. Do not be bashful you are only hurting yourself.

### II. When you pray, pray secretly – Mat. 6:6

1. It will keep prayer from becoming a show – The prayer of the hypocrites was all about show and to be seen of men. It was filled with a false piety and a false concern for others.
2. Shut out the thoughts of the world – when you pray can be bombarded by all types of thoughts.

A whole list of things that you need to do that very day will come to your mind. Keep a pencil and paper handy so that you can make a note and get that thought out of your mind. For those thoughts can cause so much distraction and we can lose the urgency of prayer.

3. Have communion with God – This is the private time that you are able to know God in a personal way. You will be able to gain spiritual knowledge from God and be enabled to serve with greater strength.

### III. When you pray, pray simply – Mat. 6:7-8

1. In words – The hypocrites of Jesus' day would pray complex and high sounding prayers. Pray is to be a simple language that comes from the soul. Words that show our love for our Lord. Words that show our need and our commitment to trust that He will supply.
2. In faith – Without faith prayer is meaningless. We express our faith that we believe in God. We exhibit our faith by our obedience to His Word. We exercise our faith in the way in which we serve Him.

Through prayer we will be able to gain the spiritual strength and wisdom we need for living and serving. As Jesus taught others to pray, so will he teach us. May we like the disciples say, “Lord, teach us to pray.”

*~Pastor Millard*



## **PASTOR MILLARD'S UPCOMING SERMONS:**

**July 2:** Are You a Good Citizen? – Romans 13: 1-7

**July 9:** Music Sunday

**July 16:** The Primacy of Love – 1 Cor. 13: 1-7

**July 23:** Cari Matejka - Speaker

**July 30:** Power Over Demons and Disease –  
Luke 4: 31-44

**August 6:** Christ's Call to a Christian Life –  
Luke 5: 1-11

**August 13:** When the Song is Gone –  
II Chron. 29:27-30

**August 20:** Helping or Hindering Revival –  
Luke 5: 1-17

**August 27:** Wonders of His Grace – Luke 5: 27-39



***Where was  
Solomon's  
temple?***

On the side of his  
head!

***Who was the  
greatest financier  
in the Bible?***

Noah! He was  
floating his stock  
while most  
everyone else was in  
liquidation.

***Adam's excuse to his kids for no longer living in  
Eden was, "Your mother ate us out of house and  
home."***

***A priest and pastor are standing by the side of a  
road holding up a sign that reads "The end is near!  
Turn around now before it's too late!"***

***A passing driver yells "You guys are nuts!" and  
speeds past them. From around the curve, they  
hear screeching tires –  
then a big splash.***

***The priest turns to the pastor  
and says, "Do you think we  
should just put up a sign that  
says  
'Bridge Out!' instead?"***



## **WHITE CROSS REQUEST**

This year the overland request will be going to  
Cameron Community Ministries in Rochester, NY.

Cameron Community Ministries is a very important  
ministry in Rochester. Last year they served 45,000  
hot meals to needy families. There is also a clothing  
house utilized by over 1,000 families. Many  
families are served at the food pantry on site. The  
after-school program gives a safe place for the kids  
to receive tutoring, learn positive behaviors, conflict  
solutions as well as Bible lessons and music in a  
loving and caring environment. Children can also  
attend the summer program for kindergarten through  
6<sup>th</sup> grade- emphasis on reading and academics, fun,  
games, short trips and , of course, meals.

Adults are taught job skills as well as finding family  
help in community services such as health and  
wellness screenings, veterans outreach services,  
applying to financial aid for the needy.

Our request list is early enough to take advantage of  
"back to school" sales. If you wish to take  
advantage of this, any items purchased can be turned  
in to Rita Wymer before the September "Christmas  
White Cross Tree" is on display in the lobby. The  
list is varied so there are a lot of choices (ie: postage  
stamps, crayons, construction paper, pens, pencils,  
socks, underwear, jeans, receiving blankets, personal  
care items, towels, etc.) Please see the list posted on  
the bulletin board near the lobby coat racks. There  
is also an overseas cash request for \$400 and 250  
rolled bandages (3" x 5 yds).

FBC Mission Board



### **CARING HEART: A Free Respite Program**

Christ United Methodist  
Church in conjunction with  
the WNY Alzheimer's  
Caregiver Partnership are

offering this free program on the second Wednesday  
of each month from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM  
At Christ United: 633 Linwood Ave. Olean

Trained volunteers offer fun, supervised activities to  
keep your loved one purposefully occupied while  
you take a much needed break! The program is open  
to the community ....all are welcome!

Registration is required. For more information or to  
register your loved one, please contact Leona Fisher  
at 716-373-9893.

