

2020



Church Family,

On October 17th at 11:30am join us at Stoughton Farms. Let's hang out in the Corn Maize together!

"MAiZE" Prices:

Ages 3 and under - Free

Ages 4-9 - \$6

Ages 10 and up - \$10

****Masks and Social Distancing are required during your visit****



In addition to helping to sustain our Free Clothes and More through the breadbox offering, we have opportunity to gain through a Boscovs initiative called Friends Helping Friends. This is how you can help:



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OCTOBER 14TH AND/OR 15TH

YOU RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL PURCHASES

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CLOTHES AND MORE**



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The Autumn Morning

See! the pale autumn dawn
Is faint, upon the lawn
That lies in powdered white
Of hoar-frost dight

And now from tree to tree
The ghostly mist we see
Hung like a sliver pall
To hallow all.

It wreathes the burdened air
So strangely everywhere
That I could almost fear
This silence drear

Where no one song-bird sings
And dream that wizard things
Mighty for hate or love
Were close above.

White as the fog and fair
Drifting through the middle air
In magic dances dread
Over my head.

Yet these should know me too
Lover and bondman true,
One that has honoured well
The mystic spell

Of earth's most solemn hours
Wherein the ancient powers
Of dryad, elf, or faun
Or leprechaun

Oft have their faces shown
To me that walked alone
Seashore or haunted fen
Or mountain glen

Wherefore I will not fear
To walk the woodlands sere
Into this autumn day
Far, far away.

C.S. Lewis
Spirits in Bondage

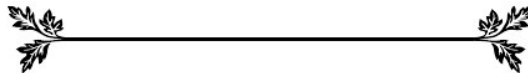
Pastor Luke Beattie • Organist Bill Lawson • Choir Director Jan Kliewer • Secretary Katie Nicholson

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Breadbox Offering: Free Clothes and More

In September, Free Clothes and More celebrated its 2nd anniversary of service to the community by giving toiletries, paper products, cleaning agents and clothing for free for those who come once a month to receive them. During this time, we've served from a few families to 87 families each time we're open and have developed a bit of a relationship with some of the clients who come regularly. Most are very grateful for what they receive, and we are blessed in return. Thus far, we've not received money from grants, but have been blessed by the gracious giving of our own people, some from another church, from two businesses who've had fund-raisers for us, and from several people in the community who've been supportive of the effort. This outreach is pretty much the only game in town. Many depend on it and have been missing this generous program during the pandemic. Your committee is looking for ways to get clothing out to people in a safe and practical way. Free Clothes and More was re-instituted in August after a 4 and ½ month hiatus. God has richly provided our needs through these two years, meeting the outflow with the income to keep us going. Thank you for your support. We've decided to have the project as the October breadbox and would appreciate your continued prayers and financial generosity as you can.

Demonstrating the love of Jesus is the goal along with meeting people's needs. If you write a check, make it out to the church and annotate it for Free Clothes and More or October breadbox offering. We may reinstitute the little breadbox offering envelopes that were in the pew racks before the pandemic so cash can be included.



Mom's House

Mom's House helps single parent families in our community by providing child care to those enrolled in college, assisting them with completion of their degrees.

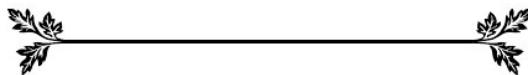
One of the largest fundraising events for this organization is the Night of Hope which this year is held on Nov. 5th at Traditions at the Glen from 5:30 to 9PM. Currently, a maximum of 50 people are able to attend and socially distance. Take-out orders can be arranged as well.

To sign up for Night of Hope:

In Person: includes dinner, butlered hors d'oeuvres, raffle baskets, silent and live auction, wine pull, and live stream speakers and more . (Cost-\$60)

Curbside pickup- dinner: includes wine pull, on-line silent auction, live streamed speakers, and more. (Cost - \$60)

Tickets available online @ www.momshouseny.org by October 23 or by calling 644-9972 or through e-mail: momshouseny1@gmail.com.



Hope From Scriptures

Isaiah 45:3

“I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord.”

“The brightest diamonds grow in the darkest cavities of the earth... Times of darkness can be some of the best times...When God takes away the good, he replaces it with something better. Didn't Jesus tell the disciples, 'It's for your good that I'm going away'? And do you think they went for it?... But when the Holy Spirit came, the disciples had more than Christ in their midst- now he was in their hearts.” (quoted from “The Light in the Window” by Jan Karon.)

P.S. The Mitford series by Jan Karon are delightful novels about an Episcopal priest in a small town in the South and about those to whom he ministers. These can be found at Parable store. The Gospel is presented in each book.



Reformation Day 1955

Many Protestant churches celebrate "Reformation Day" on the last Sunday of October to commemorate Martin Luther posting his 95 theses on October 31, 1517. This act that would lead to the Protestant Reformation.

Though Lutheran churches had been celebrating the day for years, one of the first local interdenominational services was held at Conklin Ave Baptist Church, Binghamton on October 30, 1955 at 7:30 PM. The event was sponsored by the United Churches of Broome County. Other participating churches included Trinity Episcopal Church. The guest speaker was Colgate Rochester Divinity School Professor Justin Wroe Nixon.

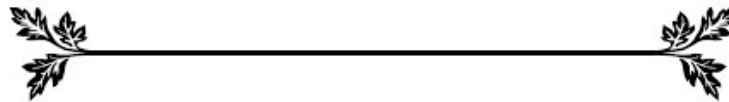
Whether or not Main Street Baptist took part is unknown. The Binghamton Press articles and our church ad did not mention it. In fact, the scheduled morning sermon was "Sermon in Shoes" James 1:6 "This thing called faith". (One might chuckle if they are familiar with the story of Martin Luther wanting to exclude the Epistle of James from the Bible 😊). The evening service was a Family Night featuring a play "Family Worship at Murphy's".

Sources:

Main Street Baptist Church Ad in Binghamton Press [Saturday] October 29, 1955 pg. 2

"Two Reformation Day Services" Binghamton Press [Saturday] October 29, 1955 pg. 2

At Reformation Day Talk – "Protestant cooperation urged by speaker" Binghamton Press [Monday] October 30, 1955 pg. 2



In the recent tumultuous months, knowledge of history seems to have fallen by the wayside.

It should be greatly appreciated, then, that our two recent pastors – Rev Timothy Bennett and Rev. Luke Beattie provided us with historical background and context on scripture or events they preached on.

To avoid the oversimplifying the past, the church library has several books and videos on the Reformation from various perspectives. Two DVDs were recently added to the collection:

"The Spreading Flame" – Winds of Change –part 4 - focuses on Swiss Reformer Ulrich Zwingli and King Henry VIII's English Reformation.

"The Protestant Revolution" by Trent Horn. This shows a view of the Protestant Reformation from a Roman Catholic perspective.

Nikita Robinson (9), Tony Klenchik (11),
Isabella Ferenczi (11), Arabella Ford (13), Cole
Root (19), Mallery Root (20),
Mykayla Carl (28), and Aaron
Conklin (28)



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

*Steve and Deb Stalker celebrate 12 years
together on the 4th*
*Duane and Elizabeth Gevert celebrate 30
years together on the 6th*
*Luke and Jennifer Beattie celebrate 8
years together on the 21st*
*Dan and Margaret Fassett celebrate 39
years together on the 24th*



Greetings Church Family,

By God's grace we've endured together through the trials of this year to Autumn. As we look forward to the remainder of the year I wanted to prepare you for what portions of the Bible we will be discussing together as a church.

In the evening service it is my intention to explore some of the Psalms. The Psalms are God's songs written for us to sing back to him. They tune our hearts to speak to God rightly. Are you angry or frustrated? There are Psalms that can help you voice that to God constructively. Are you scared or ashamed? There are Psalms to remind you where to place your trust. Are you joyful or thankful? The Holy Spirit has provided us Psalms to help express this as well.

Come out as we explore some of the common themes and tropes, see how the Psalms point us to Christ, and how these inspired words can deepen our prayers to the Triune God who gave them to us.

In our morning service throughout October we will finish up Joel, and then pick up where we left off last Fall in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. I encourage you to reread the entire letter before we start to refresh yourselves with what we have gone over in previous years together. Lord willing, the tentative sermons schedule for October is as follows:

October 4: Joel 3:1-21

11: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

18: 1 Cor 9:1-14

25: 1 Cor 9:15-23

Read ahead and come prepared to worship and hear our Lord from his Scriptures this month.

In Christ,

Pastor Luke