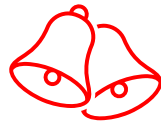


# THE MAIN ARTERY

## DECEMBER 2021

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### December Events:

- December 11 – Lamb to Loom 10-2 (Mizpah Room)
- December 12 – Christmas Hymn Sing 6 PM
- December 19 – Coffee Hour after church
- December 24 – 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Service.
- December 25 - Christmas

### Birthdays

December	
6	Rev. Timothy Bennett
22	Beth Blakeney
28	Steve James



December Wedding Anniversaries:  
December 20th - Tom & Tabitha Reed



### ***Mom's House Christmas Fundraisers***

#### Two December Events to benefits Mom's House:

#### **December 4 from 8am -11:30am Breakfast with Santa- Saturday,**

All Saints School – 1112 Broad Street, Endicott

Pancake Breakfast(pancakes, eggs, sausage, pasties, coffee, hot chocolate, juice)

Cost: \$8.50 adults; \$5 children 5-12; Free under 5 (Pre-sale tickets available at Mom's House, or at the door) Santa Photos, Hot Cocoa Bar, Baked Goods, Gift Baskets, Crafts

#### **December 11 – 15 from 9am-10pm - Barnes & Noble Book Fair**

Vestal Town Square Mall

**\*\*Must mention Mom's House at check-out and a percentage of sales will be donated to benefit Mom's House. On-line sales not included.**

## CHRISTMAS HYMN SING



SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 12, 2021, AT 6PM



### Christmas Tree Sale

Peases' Christmas Tree Farm at 209 Gray Rd. , Harpursville will be open Nov 28 and weekends in December from 9am to 4pm. Trees are \$15. All proceeds will go to Main Street Baptist Church.

### Horace Mann School Outreach



The season of giving is fast approaching, and we have an opportunity to be a blessing to the children at Horace Mann Elementary School. The school has a clothing boutique for children in need. This year we will be collecting new packages of socks and underwear to help stock the clothing boutique. The children range in age from 5-10 years old. A decorated bin will be placed in the entryway of the church to collect your donations beginning Sunday 11/21/21 through 1/2/22. The underwear and socks will be delivered to the boutique after the Christmas holiday. Thank you blessing the children.

## Church News

### Operation Christmas Child

16 boxes (which included 2 online boxes) were collected for Operation Christmas Child this year. The boxes were prayed for and dedicated during the November 21, 2021 morning service. Thank you to everyone who participated and to the Missions Committee for covering the shipping costs.

### Free Clothes and More

58 Families were served at the November 20 Free Clothes and More Event.

 OUR SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED to Randy Fortran and family in the death of his wife, Paula on November 25, 2021.



## MISSION NEWS FROM DIANE RUNION

### BOOK REVIEW

"Forward" by David Jeremiah is a book that points to the discovery of God's plan for seizing tomorrow. The fly leaf says, "Your best days are not behind you! Now more than ever God is ready to use you, and your greatest moment could be only a step away. It doesn't matter who you are or what your age or your current situation may be – God will strengthen you, fulfill you, and partner with you to see great things accomplished in your lifetime." He admonishes us like Paul to forget those things which are behind and reach forward to those things which are ahead (Phil. 3:13). This is a good read and will be in our church library soon.

### BREADBOX

For December, there will not be a designated recipient. We will keep what comes in as a reserve for unplanned for needs that come up in ministries in future. Thank you for your giving this past year which has benefitted 11 very worthwhile causes in our community, our country, and around the world.

### Thomas Rodrigues

Thomas Rodrigues works with CRU, an organization that interacts with college students, sharing the Gospel with them and developing friendships and support avenues. He is assigned to Niagara University and University of Buffalo. Cru works with Christian professors and employees of the schools; Bible studies are held; there are welcoming parties for new students, discipleship studies for new Christians, and daily one-on-one trust-building encounters. "God is on the move" is what Thomas reports. He also reported that he is now engaged to be married and we have a picture of his future bride. Pray for his ministry at those two colleges.

### Universal Bible Sunday December 14, 1941

*"It has been most appropriate that this week of America's entry into World War II should have been observed as Bible Week. At no time in history has there been a greater need to turn to the Gospel for comfort and guidance". - From the "Bible Week" editorial in the Binghamton Press [Saturday] December 13, 1941, pg.6.*

"Universal Bible Sunday" just happened to be on December 14, 1941, exactly one week after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Several days earlier the U.S. declared war against Japan on December 8, 1941.

How the church reacted to such important historic events is always of interest. In our history collection we have several binders of Rev. John Sivewright's Sermon notes. Fortunately, the December 14<sup>th</sup> Morning and Evening services were included. Rev. Sivewright served at Main Street Baptist from 1933 until his death in 1947.

The morning message was titled "The Book of Books". He indicated "*Bibles in red, white, and blue on display*". He also references the "Bible Week" editorial in the Binghamton Press cited at the beginning of this article. Here are a few excerpts from Rev. Sivewright's December 14<sup>th</sup> morning sermon:

"12/14/1941 AM Service "Book of Books" Universal Bible Sunday

"It's great when the Press which goes into the hands of the believer and the unbeliever, is not afraid to publish an editorial about the Word of God"

"This is the only book ever written by the finger on God. This book makes great claims about itself-"

"A department store in England ordered 100,000 copies of the Bible, after they had sold so many copies. This is the largest single order of the Bible known-"

"Great religious organization have been asking the president to appoint a day of prayer- . God has asked us to give our substance. About 40% of this people gave last Sunday. It's too late now. The world cried and asked, "Help us, for God's sake".

Last year alone, more money was spent for chewing gum than [sic?] in the U.S.A. than was given by all denominations, Catholics included, towards missions in foreign countries".

"No man ever became impoverished, that they gave God a tenth. Isn't that strange!"

"You could pour all the wealth of the Morgans and the Rockefellers into this thing, but it wouldn't do any good now. God asked for his people to sacrifice. You wouldn't do it. I'm talking to Christians now, who absolutely squandered the portion of your earnings, instead of giving to the Lord."

At the end he posed he questions: "Have you looked in the Book? Do you believe in it? Are you standing on it? The world hasn't anything to cling to."