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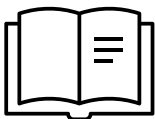
A GLAD NEW YEAR
Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber, kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy does leap
My lips no more can silence keep,
I too must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle song.

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son has given,
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new Year to all the earth!

Martin Luther

BIBLE READING & STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



Start the New Year off right by participating in the 52 Week Bible Reading Plan. Copies can be found at the back of the sanctuary courtesy of the Deacons Committee.



Judy Wark is leading a new Adult Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Mizpah Room starting January 11th. The Book of Exodus will be the topic.

January & February Events

BIRTHDAYS

January	
12	Tammy Giovinazzo
25	Margaret Fassett
28	Dorene Aleccia
29	Naomi Beattie
30	Eliza Beattie
30	Hannah Farr

February	
3	Maryanne Kotylo
3	Toby Lyon
4	Gordon Blakeney
4	Florence Grivas
15	Debbie Carl
24	Gretchen Dunneman
25	Wanda Carl

January 6th – Epiphany

January 8 – Lamb to Loom 10 AM – 2 PM

January 15 – Free Clothes & More 10 AM- Noon

February 24th Annual Business Meeting for Church Members.

From the Mailbox



Dear Church Family,

We greatly appreciate your generous and completely unexpected Christmas gift. It reminds us once again of what we never need to be reminded of - namely, your kindness and support over the course of our many years at Main Street.

Time passes and life changes, but nothing will ever diminish our gratitude to you and our love for you. Be assured that we remain profoundly connected through our daily prayers and thankful memories. And our certain hope is for the permanent reunion when He comes again.

Love in Christ,

“Pastor” and Peggy Bennett 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

To Main Street Baptist - Thank you for the Christmas gift and cookies. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated. – Teresa Luckert

Church News



Free Clothes and More was cancelled December 18th due to staffing and weather concerns.

♪ The Church's "Carols and Cocoa" was able to occur on December 17 as scheduled. About 25 carolers sang to residents on Matthews Street & Crary Ave. Some listeners were brought to tears. Thank you to Jennifer Beattie for arranging the event.

💰 Thank you everyone for your generous response to our Church's financial needs.
Your Finance Committee

🌲 *The Pease Christmas tree sales were \$ 4200. Thank you to those who shopped at the farm and to the many over the years who planted trees. – Ed and Priscilla Pease. Many thanks to Ed and Priscilla for their very generous donation!*

☞ OUR SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED to Randy Fortran and family in the death of his wife, Paula on November 25, 2021. A memorial service was held at the church on December 17th.

☞ OUR SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED to DLouisa Ford and family in the death of her father, Demos Kontos on December 4, 2021.



MISSIONS NEWS FROM DIANE RUNION

CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

We thought we'd pass on a very interesting ministry of Chosen People as it certainly meets a pressing need. We help support this mission through our Mission Budget, but perhaps many of you haven't encountered it in the past. Chosen People Ministries works to present Christ to the Jewish people here in this country, in Israel, and around the world.

One avenue is to serve the diminishing number of Holocaust survivors throughout Israel. So many of this demographic are elderly and frail, having left their homes and all

possessions behind as they left the country of origin just to survive the persecution that took the lives of many of their families and friends. Chosen People recently received permission from the government to visit the survivors in their homes, providing them

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with food and other necessities and offering a personal connection, prayer and comfort in sharing the good news of the Messiah if they were open to it. They taught homebound survivors how to use computers and Zoom for virtual meetings. For others who can leave home, small groups meet for fun, fellowship and Bible studies. Every Sabbath, hot and nourishing meals are delivered to between fifty and seventy folks. The care given is noticed by families. One grandson said, “ My grandmother said you prayed for me. Who are you and why are you praying with and helping my grandmother?” Unfortunately, 70 to whom this group has ministered have died in the last year. Please pray for these people who have suffered so at the hands of the merciless and pray for efforts to bring them to faith in Jesus, their Messiah.

SO, WHAT'S IT LIKE TO LIVE IN A REFUGEE CAMP IN UGANDA?

Moses reports on one of many camps in Northern Uganda which is overseen by a Roman Catholic group, Caritas Internationalis. It is called Bidi Bidi settlement and houses about 270,000 S. Sudanese refugees. It was founded in 1970 and covers about 100 square miles. One of the needs he reports is that they need latrines built. I can't imagine trying to house and feed and care for so many people who have lost everything. This is one camp that Moses hoped to provide with blankets. We raised \$362 for his use in this effort. Thank you for your generosity.

The mission committee would like to make sure you know how much comes in for breadbox offerings each month. We are very grateful to God and for you.

JANUARY BREADBOX – Send Relief/ Fight Human Trafficking

January is the month in which there is a designated day to spur awareness of human trafficking which is a world-wide travesty. Men, women, boys and girls are lured into thinking a wonderful opportunity awaits, but find themselves forced into sexual slavery or slavery in sweat shops. It's a billion-dollar industry that ruins lives and pads the pockets of those who sell these disadvantaged people.

One organization that actively fights this, among other things, is Send Relief which is administered through the Southern Baptist Convention. In this country, Send Relief works in Las Vegas, New Orleans, and Los Angeles to alleviate poverty which makes people vulnerable, partners with churches and organizations already on site, and ministers to the physical and emotional and spiritual needs of women and children who are homeless and victims. They help administer safe houses around the world as well. Please check out their website, Send Relief. Go to focus areas, then, “fight human trafficking”.

If you wish to donate, write a check to Main Street Baptist Church, and notate for January breadbox. You can use the small envelopes in the pew racks for cash.

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FEBRUARY BREADBOX – Tioga County Open Door Mission

We've had the Tioga County Open Door Mission as a breadbox recipient before. It's a faith-based organization that helps provide for the needs of the county by supplying food, clothing- professional and regular, and housing and counseling for those with addictions. It is a leg up, not just a handout for many who face deprivation. It is a way to show Christ's love to those in need. We will offer more information in bulletins and announcements as the month progresses.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE DONATIONS -

Many have been horrified with the pictures of tornado devastation in Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas. It's hard to feature where to start in wanting to help the victims of such great damage.

If you are interested in helping monetarily, Samaritan's Purse funnels money into U.S. Disaster Relief and most likely they are already in Kentucky, surveying the damage and bringing in their relief trucks and volunteers. You can give by sending a check to: Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC, 28607-3000, notating it for disaster relief- Kentucky, or by going to their website, Samaritan's Purse.org, and paying with credit. As you recall, Samaritan's Purse was the recipient of our October breadbox and \$346 was the total giving.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK?

Look no further than our church library on the turntable in the entry. "God's Smuggler" by brother Andrew is an engaging look into courageous and God-centered missions to Communist countries. Andrew smuggled Bibles into Yugoslavia, Russia, Bulgaria, and even China, a task that could have brought him an extended jail sentence or worse. He relates how God took charge and made things happen that only He could have engineered. Good read for teens and adults.

Brother Andrew also worked in the Middle East. His book Light Force co-authored with Al Janssen, describes this endeavor. A copy was recently added to our Library. -TL

HISTORY NEWS

When I first started attending Main Street Baptist Church @late1990/1991, King James Bibles imprinted with *In Memory of Marian Tribol* were in the pews. (Though I believe the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible was being used during the service). The church has since gone from using the King James and NIV to the English Standard Version. However, it is still very important to remember our past members and their contributions.

Mrs. Marian Tribol was a member of Main Street Baptist Church for just a short time but the thoughtfulness of her and her family went beyond that. She and her husband William E. Tribol were baptized on July 16, 1978, and received the Right Hand of Fellowship on September 10, 1978. Marian passed away two years later, on September 20, 1980 at the age of 64. In addition to her memorial gifts going to the church's Maintenance Fund, pew bibles were given in her memory by relatives.

The Dedication of the Bibles took place on September 20, 1981, during the morning worship hour. At this time, the church was without a permanent minister, so our interim pastor was Rev. H. Victor Kane conducted the service. Incidentally, Dedication Services for items was much more prevalent in the past years so here is a good example of one from the September 20, 1981 bulletin.

DEDICATION OF PEW BIBLES

THE STORY BEHIND THE GIFT

Marian Tribol, wife of William E. Tribol, went to be with her Lord and Savior exactly one year ago today, Sept. 20, 1980, on her 64th birthday. It was her wish to present Bibles for the pews as a memorial gift to the church she loved. This was made possible by her niece, Mrs. Milford (Ann) Doland, and the rest of her nieces and nephews whom she loved very much. In Bill's own words, "Marian always gave a helping hand to all she knew".

RESPONSIVE READING -- Psalm 119: 9-18

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:

Pastor: For this Book, with its consolation in sorrow, hope in discouragement, light in darkness, truth in error, faith in doubt, victory in temptation, peace in turmoil, strength in every need, and inspiration for service -

People: We give you thanks, God!

Pastor: For this Book, the precious heritage of all mankind, a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, from youth to old age, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, until the eternal Day breaks and the shadows flee away -

People: We give you thanks, O God!

UNISON PRAYER~ As we dedicate these Bibles, O Lord, we give thanks for your servant, Marian Tribol, in whose memory they have been provided; even as we rejoice for all faithful souls who have testified to the Faith within these walls. May all who worship here be refreshed in the reading of these pages, like a thirsty traveler finding streams of water in a desert. Give inspiration and strength not only to those who preach the Word from the pulpit and teach it in the classroom, but most of all to those who take its truth to heart and live out its teachings in daily life. In the Master's name. AMEN.

History News continued:



On December 6, 2021, WSKG Television aired Brian Frey's Documentary "*The Devil's Fire – The True Story Behind the 1913 Binghamton Clothing Factory Fire*". The Binghamton Clothing Factory once located in downtown Binghamton caught on fire on July 22, 1913, killing 31 workers. A stone monument can be found near the site of the tragedy on Wall Street and Dwight. Of the 31 victims, twenty-one of the bodies remained unidentified. On July 28, 1913, a trolley car funeral procession for those unidentified traveled from downtown Binghamton to Spring Forest Cemetery. It is said up to 20,000 people viewed the event. At the cemetery, the twenty-one coffins were placed in a circular fashion at the designated plot with a platform in the middle for the speakers. The minister chosen to do the committal service was our very own, Rev. F.O. Belden (1903-1914). The documentary featured the reading of the words he spoke on that sorrowful day.

The Binghamton Press (7/28/1913) printed Rev. Belden's remarks as well. Here is just a small part: "*Do not think that your own are being put into nameless graves and do not think that your dear ones will be forgotten. Do not think we do not realize your emotions. Our hearts throb for every aching heart among you; we weep with you; we sorrow with you*".

The Scranton Truth newspaper noted "Tears came about to the eyes of those standing about the enclosure as Rev. F.O. Belden, Pastor of the Main Street Baptist church made an eloquent eulogy."

In Spring Forest Cemetery there is a stone monument for the fire victims.

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