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## THE MAIN ARTERY

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## May Events

### May 7 – Lamb to Loom -Mizpah Room 10 AM- 2PM



Learn or share fiber arts skills (knitting, crochet, weaving, spinning etc.). Last month, Gail Welter demonstrated different aspects and types of weaving including the use of back strap to weave. She is very knowledgeable as well as a good teacher! In addition, the guild members are quite helpful if you have questions. All are welcome to attend!

### May 8 – Mother's Day



**May 12 Thursday Evening Bible Study 7 PM.** A study on Heaven will begin. See Jeannette Farr if interested as a book needs to be purchased.

**May 15 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Community Baptist Church of Port Dickinson's present building 2:30pm.** 743 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY (See Bulletin Board in Foyer for more information).

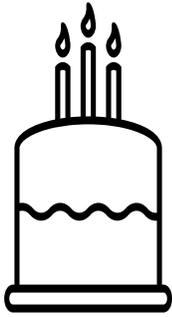
### May 21- Free Clothes and More 10AM – Noon

### May 21- Pulled Chicken BBQ & Dessert Auction 5PM - \$5.00 pre-paid.



The meal includes pulled chicken BBQ, macaroni salad, chips, and cookies. There will be a dessert auction featuring Auctioneer Dennis Moulton wielding the gavel. Desserts to be donated for the occasion are greatly appreciated. If you haven't been to one of the dessert auctions before, please join us for lots of fun! See You There!

Reservations will be taken May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and May 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Birthday and Anniversaries

May	
11	Amy Allen
12	Reg Dunneman
13	Chris Luckert
15	Bob James
18	Rick Allen
27	Joe Kotylo

### May Anniversaries: Tammy & Mike Giovinazzo

**FUN WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE BURDENS OF LIFE** – (excerpts from haystack@myadvantage plus.com) 2008 - Submitted by Diane Runion

“Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can.”  
Think about this:

“Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.”

“If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.”

“Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.”

“The second mouse gets the cheese”

“When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.”

“You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.”

“A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.”

“Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.”

“It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply kind to others.”

“ Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.”

# Church News

In 1982, the church underwent several personnel changes. Rev. Timothy Bennett began his ministry here. Mrs. Priscilla Pease became the new church secretary. On the business side, Mrs. Betty Fortran became the first woman to become Main Street Baptist's Council Chairman. {Keep in mind, the church council was just instituted in 1976 with the adoption of a new Constitution. Prior to this the Board of Trustees oversaw matters.} Betty was extremely active in the church particularly with missions. As a council chair, she started a column in the Artery called "Your Council at Work." The purpose was to keep church members informed of "council's concerns and achievements" (1982 Council Annual report). {Likewise, she invited members to present their concerns to council}. This was important not only for the congregation but also for the history records. Other Council Chairmen continued writing the column up until the early 1990s.

Betty also encouraged members to be involved in church affairs by reading the annual reports, attending the annual meetings and to participating in the discussions. She noted in the January 1983 "Your Council at Work" - "As a church member this is your privilege."

As a grateful nod to Mrs. Fortran, the Church News section will try to provide updates on the various activities. If anyone has any information or news to include, please let the church office know. - Teresa Luckert



Derrick Holmes became Main Street Baptist's first new member of 2022 when he joined on Palm Sunday April 10th. Derrick has been very generous in providing hundreds of cans of food for Free Clothes and More. Also impressive is that he brings them to the church without the use of a car. Thank you, Derrick! Main Street Baptist is fortunate to have him as a member.

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## Church News Continued:



Anna Kalivoda will be graduating from Houghton College on May 14, 2022. Congratulations, Anna, on earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science, a concentration in Pre-Physical Therapy with the honor of summa cum laude. Anna will continue her studies beginning in June at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse pursuing her Doctor of Physical Therapy. Anna is the daughter of Jim and Deb (Pease) Kalivoda and granddaughter of Ed and Priscilla Pease.



Cyndi Petito was hired as our new church janitor on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. She is already working hard organizing and keeping the church tidy. Thank you to Bob Larnerd for his service in that position.

The Property Committee held a clean-up day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



As advertised, Sunday School for younger children began on Palm Sunday April 10, 2022. Thank you to the Christian Education Committee.



Free Clothes and More served 40 families on April 16<sup>th</sup>.



The winter storm on April 19<sup>th</sup> left several of our members without power and/or heat due to the large amount of heavy wet snow. Fallen trees and broken branches were a common site. Though Binghamton's westside was impacted by the storm, our church was able to operate as normal. By noon, the parking lot plowing and sidewalk shoveling were done.



Pastor Luke Beattie attended a pastor's conference in Kentucky called "Together for the Gospel". It featured great preaching, an emphasis on global missions, wisdom for addressing hot button issues, and 12,000 voices in congregational singing.



**MISSION MINUTES** by Diane Runion (Mission's Committee Chair)

**MAY BREADBOX OFFERING – MOM'S HOUSE**

Did you know? In Broome and nearby counties, single parent households make up around 35 % of all households. Each increase in education level yields a 30% increase in earnings.

This is why Mom's House impacts the community in its mission to help low-income single parents complete their education in order to be financially stable, to obtain better jobs, and to rely less on social programs.

Likewise, the children receive a better start in life with a well-rounded educational program, nutritious meals, mental health programs and physical activity.

Mom's House has been operating in this area for 34 years to provide free, quality childcare for single parents so they can go to school, breaking the cycle of poverty. If you wish to donate, write a check to Main Street Baptist Church, notating it for May breadbox offering or put cash in the small envelope in the pew rack and put it in any offering plate.

**MISSION UPDATES**

The CLEMMERS will be in the states this summer for a brief furlough and will be attending the World Mission Conference at Green Lake Wisconsin. For now, their regular ministries continue which include “Sunday School, Livelihood and Goat projects, a Savings and Loan program, Day programs for the homeless, vulnerable children, health care and social needs, etc.”

THOMAS RODRIGUES with CRU by this printing will be married and moving to NYC to work in a college in that area with his wife. He has been serving 2 colleges in the Buffalo area for 6 years. We wish him all the best in this new direction. We'll give more updates as we know them.

THE LEMANS – have sent prayer requests: They ask that the last 10 weeks of their language school would be profitable and that they would be able to transition well when they leave France in June. They hope to see us in NY now that COVID has died down.

TIM LONG reports that in-person classes at the Mexicali Seminary are still online and Patti's school has just opened for in-person classes. He has kept up with travels for the Master's program that he coordinates. So far, his cancer treatments have been effective. The plan is to retire in 2024 and they would love to be able to visit us between 2023 and 2024.



## HISTORY NEWS Ladies Aid and the Epidemic

“Vaccinations” and “quarantine” are words we hear on a daily basis today, but they were also familiar some 120 years ago. Smallpox outbreaks were occurring throughout the nation at the turn of the twentieth century. An article in the February 17, 1902 Elmira Star Gazette newspaper titled “Little of Everything” (pg.8) mentioned “*The residents of Binghamton have become so alarmed that compulsory vaccinations has been ordered among the employes of various manufactories and institutions*”. Mail service was also affected.

There wasn't much information in our church history files on how smallpox impacted Main Street Baptist. However, the Ladies Aid Society minutes and annual reports do shed some light. The Ladies Aid Society of Main Street Baptist dates back to at least 1894. The women were instrumental in raising funds for the church usually by “the needle arts” such as sewing and quilting. They also held rummage sales. They were quite successful. For example, their report for the May 21, 1902 annual meeting noted: “*Disbursements for the year were \$304.51, On July 1, 1901 \$250.00 of this amount was paid to the Trustees on church debt and interest*”.

The May 30, 1902 church letter to the Broome Tioga Baptist Association dated noted our church debt was \$2500. It had been at \$2700 the previous year.

The Smallpox epidemic interfered with the women's ability to raise funds. The May 21, 1902 Ladies Aid Report noted: “*The Ladies were planning to have a sale similar to the one last year but on account of the smallpox epidemic the sale had to be postponed until later so we cannot make as good a report as last year. The President of the Society, Mrs. Putnam ended her report by noting “Trusting by June 1, 1903, to give a better report”*”. In 1903, the church debt remained at \$2500.

This did not deter the Society from doing charity work. Their report for the May 19, 1903 Annual Meeting noted “*Clothing, bedding and food were given to a family who were in destitute circumstances through smallpox*”.

Though we no longer have a Ladies Aid Society we do have a reminder of them on the large sanctuary window facing the parking lot. Two of the windows are inscribed *Ladies Aid 1904*.