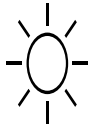


# THE MAIN ARTERY

## JULY/AUGUST 2022

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## Upcoming Events



**July 3-** Meeting after Church for volunteers interested in Child Evangelism Fellowship in the Chapel.

**July 16** Free Clothes and More 10 AM-12 PM

**August 20** Free Clothes and More 10 AM-12 PM



### July and August Birthdays

| July                      | August                    |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>2</b> Jennifer Beattie | <b>5</b> Stephanie Howard |
| <b>4</b> Olivia Ciacelli  | <b>12</b> Priscilla Pease |
| <b>4</b> Jill Blakeney    | <b>15</b> Luke Beattie    |
| <b>8</b> Jack Svoboda     | <b>20</b> Tabitha Reed    |
| <b>19</b> Diane Runion    | <b>26</b> Janet Blakeney  |
| <b>19</b> Amanda Svoboda  |                           |

### Wedding Anniversaries

July 22 Dennis and Marcia Moulton

July 22 Marty and Debby Carl

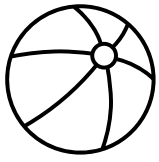
August 17 Pastor Timothy & Peggy Bennett

August 26 Rick and Amy Allen

August 26 Janet and Gordon Blakeney



*We would like to thank our church family for your many expressions of sympathy during the loss of our beloved mother and grandmother. The memorial donations, cards, visitations by Pastor Luke and the many kind words from the church family helped us through this most difficult time. Thank you for your love, prayers, and continued support. God Bless You All. The Family of Wanda Carl*



### **Summer Schedule for Church**

Most of our Sunday activities will continue throughout the summer with the exception of the Evening Service.

The evening bible study service began with I Samuel 1 on September 12, 2021 and concluded with the last chapter, I Samuel 31 on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Diane Runion provided homemade desserts for the finale. If you have not had a chance to attend, it is well worth it. They are informative and entertaining. In addition, prayer concerns are addressed. The average attendance was 7. The service will start back up again in the fall.

The Nursery and Sunday School for young children will continue throughout the Summer. The Children's Sunday school starts at 10 AM. The nursery for children ages 3 or younger takes place during the morning worship hour. Thank you to the Christian Education staff who work hard to make this happen.

Pastor Luke's Sunday School class on church history commenced on June 5<sup>th</sup> with 11 people attending. The class has been averaging 9 students since then. Starting with the Book of Acts the class will trek through the next 2000 years of Christian history. Pastor Luke presents the events in an interesting and understandable way. Questions are always welcomed. The class meets in the old youth room on Sundays at 10 AM.

History need not be dry as parchment either. There are plenty of fascinating people and events to learn about such as Bishop Cyprian of Carthage and the lapsed Christians of the 3rd century. Or the 16<sup>th</sup> Century uprising of a polygamous Anabaptist sect led by Jan van Leyden in Münster, Germany.

In our library, there are books, DVDs and CDs about Christian History and its contribution to healthcare, education, missions, society, and the arts.

The Thursday Evening Bible Study will continue for the next few weeks and possibly longer!



### **Church News**

Enough volunteers have been recruited for the Fall 2022 Afterschool Program at Horace Mann Elementary School. This will be in conjunction with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Thank you to Gail Welter for leading this project and all the volunteers.

With Church Council's approval, our old KJV and NIV pew bibles were donated to the Broome County Council of Churches' Hospital Ministry on May 31st. The BCCC sent a very nice thank you card which is on the bulletin board in the coat room.

Isabelle Ferenczi passed away on June 8<sup>th</sup>. She was baptized on Easter Sunday April 14, 1930 and was a devoted church member for 92 years. A graveside service was officiated by Pastor Luke on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Vestal Hills Memorial Park. Approximately 40 people attended and shared many memories.

On Children's Day, June 12, 2022 flowers and books were given to the children. Abigail Farr directed four of the youth, Naomi, Eliza, Lily, and Evelina, in a song during the morning service.



### **MISSIONS NOTES**

FREE CLOTHES AND MORE benefitted from a donation from Pampered Chef purchases for a month. Many thanks to that organization and to Wendy Leathers who coordinated the sales. We were given \$197.42.

60 families benefitted from Free Clothes and More on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the volunteers and to those who donate regularly to this outreach. We are blessed to be able to serve the community in this way.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – A representative called our church office in May to thank us for our partnership with them in Operation Christmas Child in which shoeboxes of gifts were given to impoverished children in this country and around the world. This year, the collection effort will be from November 14<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## HEAL AFRICA IN GOMA -

Ann Clemmer's report -

1. Sunday School programs average about 850 children each Sunday and has led to : Leadership Training, weekly Bible Study, and special programs like VBS.
2. Classes for children who cannot attend school because of tuition fees: Music Theory, Literacy, English, Computer Science with a lab, Art, Dance, Musical instruments , and children's choir.
3. Programs for parents: Parenting classes ( always a waiting list), exercise class, a Village Savings and Loan Program to benefit cottage industries, literacy and English classes, and a startup for financially struggling parents.
4. New program for homeless children called “Enfants Bien Aimes” (dearly beloved children): teaching about Jesus; counseling; personal care – clothing, food, places for safe bathing, a place to stay; and a day program and emergency shelter are being built.

“What started as just one Sunday school with about 200 children has grown as God keeps opening doors! Stay tuned.”

## RHAYLENE ABBEY

Those of you who have been here at Main Street Baptist for a while know about Rhaylene as our missionary in Kodiak, Alaska through Interact ministries. She is still receiving support from us in our Missions budget and a friend recently wrote that she is content and doing well and is in assisted living, having dementia. She speaks about the Lord often. There are no aches and pains and is very healthy. Some have asked about her.

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP-Breadbox recipient for July  
Our church has been exploring working with Child Evangelism Fellowship in teaching a Good News Club. This is an after-school program in which kids who are students at Horace Mann school around the corner would be attending at their school. Most years, we collect money through our Breadbox offering during July to help fund the local organization. There are several clubs around the

area at which children are taught a Bible lesson, have a song time and Scripture memory and mission story time, and have other activities around the lesson's theme. Every club includes strong discipleship training to build character and strengthen moral and spiritual growth and to possibly get them established in a local church. If you wish to donate, write a check to Main Street Baptist church and annotate it for July Breadbox. Cash can be put in the small envelopes in the pew racks and put in any offering plate.

LORD, WHILE FOR ALL MANKIND, by John R. Wreford

Lord, while for all mankind we pray,  
Of every clime and coast,  
O hear us for our native land,  
The land we love the most.

O guard our shores from every foe,  
With peace our borders bless,  
Our cities with prosperity,  
Our field with plenteousness.

Unite us in the sacred love  
Of knowledge, truth, and Thee,  
And let our hills and valleys shout  
The songs of liberty.

Lord of the nations, thus to Thee  
Our country we commend;  
Be thou her refuge and her trust,  
Her everlasting Friend.

### **BOOK REVIEW**

“LIGHT FORCE, A STIRRING ACCOUNT OF THE CHURCH CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE EAST CROSSFIRE” is a moving and eye-opening accounting of unending struggles in Lebanon, Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel. Brother Andrew is the author and he has experienced first hand the volatility of the region. His mission is to bring hope to believers and he has been an active force for change through bold interactions with Muslims, Jews, and Christians. It is an engaging true story and is in our library on the turntable in the entry. Good read!



### **HISTORY NEWS A look back 10 years ago - 2012**

In this month's Missions Notes, Diane gave updates on the Clemmers and Rhaylene Abbey. Ten years ago they were featured in our bulletins and news letters.

◇ In April 2012 the Main Street Baptist Prayer Concern was for Ann and Bill Clemmer: Missionaries to the new country of South Sudan. (South Sudan had just become an independent country in July 2011). The April 2012 Artery had the following information: *"Dr. Bill and Ann have relocated to South Sudan after 16 years of service in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Bill a physician serves as country representative for International Ministries' partner IMA World Health, working with a team from six African nations to help establish primary health care services for an estimated 4 million persons. Anne supports communications, logistics, and the needs of Sudanese health care workers."*

In the June 2012 Artery Missions Report – *"Please be in prayer for the Clemmers our American Baptist Missionaries serving in the South Sudan. Less than 1 year after South Sudan celebrated its independence from Sudan, these two nations are on the brink of war, it will cause unimaginable suffering for countless innocent civilians. Prayer is needed for the safety of many."*

The October 07, 2012 bulletin had an American Baptist World Mission Offering insert featuring Anne and Bill's work in South Sudan.

◇ Rhaylene Abbey, spoke during the September 9, 2012 evening service about her missionary work in Alaska.

### **Other Happenings in 2012**

◇ Seven people were baptized on Easter Sunday April 8, 2012 (Thomas Reed, Isaiah Space, Emily Sisson, Ann James, Steven James, Bob James and John Klenchik)

◇ The Vacation Bible School Theme was "SKY, Anything Is Possible with God" It featured an Imagination Station where the children did 'hands on experiments' with hover balls, tube-a-loons, fizzy fliers, a 'buddy' fly and home made bubbles". Timmy Reed, Gail and Arch Welter were in charge of the Station. Tabitha and Tommy Reed were Crew leaders for the 4 & 5 year olds. Jeannette and Scott Farr led the 3rd-6th graders. (September 2012 Artery)

◇ Jessica Carl was awarded the Presidential Scholar at SUNY Geneseo. *"The distinction recognizes the highest level of accomplishments in academic study and community service"*.(June 2012 Artery)

◇ Monetary Pledges were being taken for the Handicap Ramp.