


THE MAIN ARTERY

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September means the resumption of many church activities, such as Sunday evening services, council, and committee meetings. New endeavors are being planned to include the Horace Mann Good News Club and the Adult Sunday School Book Club.

One difference this year, was the nursery, Thursday Evening Bible Study and the Sunday School Classes continued throughout the Summer. Thank you to the Christian Education Committee, volunteers & Pastor Luke for keeping it going.

 A Sunday School Rally Day is scheduled for September. More details coming shortly.

September Events:

September 11 – Mac & Cheese Luncheon- Mizpah Room

September 11 – 6 PM Evening Services tentatively scheduled to begin.

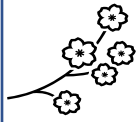
September 15 – Thursday - Church Council Meeting 6:30

September 17 – Free Clothes & More (10AM-Noon) – If interested in volunteering see Diane Runion.

September 24 – CEF Training at Grace Point Church for those participating in the Horace Mann Good News Club. See Gail Welter for details.

Birthdays

| September | |
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| 1 | Anna Kalivoda |
| 9 | Doug Johnson |
| 16 | Jessica Carl |
| 23 | Ed Pease |



Thank you to all for your caring thoughts, prayers, and cards after the recent passing of my Mom. -Marcia & Dennis

Our sympathies to Marcia, Dennis and family in the passing of Marcia's mother, Mrs. Margaret Gill on July 25, 2022.

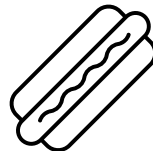
GREAT IN LITTLE TASKS

People who are faithful in that which is least wear very radiant crowns. They are the people who are great in little tasks. They are scrupulous in the rutty roads of drudgery. They win triumphs amid small irritations. They are as loyal when wearing aprons in the kitchen as if they wore purple and fine linen in the visible presence of the king.

They finish the most obscure bit of work as if it were to be displayed before an assembled heaven by Him who is the Lord of light and glory. Great souls are those who are faithful in that which is least.

J.H. Lowett (submitted by Diane Runion)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



September 11 - Mac & Cheese Luncheon- Mizpah room following the Morning Worship Service. Hot Dogs, Desserts & Beverages will also be provided.

A deaconess will be taking reservations at the back of the sanctuary after church on August 28th & September 4th. There is no charge but monetary donations will be most welcomed.



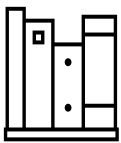
Thursday Night Bible Study meets at 7pm in the Chapel (except when council meets)

The group is learning about the twelve disciples. If interested let Jeannette know.

New Book Club is starting

To supplement the Church History theme, the Adult Sunday School class will be starting a book club led by Pastor Luke. The first reading will be a short second century work titled *The Epistle of Diognetus*. The reading materials will be provided. You do not have to be in the class to participate. All you have to do is email or call the church office if interested.

As noted before the class (except for a two-week break) continued through July & August. Despite the summer heat the class still averaged around 8 people. One of the passages we studied was Acts 9:36-43, concerning Dorcas or Tabitha being raised from the dead by Peter. Dorcas was known for the garments she made. Interestingly enough some churches would later establish Dorcas Societies or Circles where women would make clothes for the less fortunate. I'm not sure if Main Street Baptist had one specifically. However, our church had similar sewing groups (Ladies Aid, White Cross etc.) throughout the years.



In the Library

“The Most Reluctant Convert” The Untold Story of C. S. Lewis” DVD. The movie follows author CS Lewis at various stages on his path to Christianity. It was filmed in England and includes special features.

“Exploring Ephesus” City of Apostles. For those who have never been to Ephesus, the DVD is a good resource for studying the New Testament. Two historians, Dr. Andrew Jackson and Dr. Mark Wilson give a tour of the sites (ex-Temple of Artemis, John the Apostle’s burial place, the Island of Patmos) while providing interesting information on ancient events. It also has bonus commentaries.

MISSIONS MINUTE by Diane Runion

BREADBOX OFFERING -

Our offering this month will go to Moses Agapito who will most likely be returning to S. Sudan by the end of the year to continue projects in that country and in Uganda. He is asking for money to buy really large pots in which food can be cooked for those living near the school he helped build and continues to help fund. He'd also like to purchase sacks of porridge that is very nutritious and contains 4 types of grain among other nutrients. We have had pictures on the table in the entry of children eating the porridge made from the mix, one with a milk mustache and a contented grin. Another plan that Moses would like to implement would be to erect a small building in that town in which there could be a Sunday School. He will, of course, unite again with his family for a time and return here to earn money for their sustenance and for further ministries.

Please pray for him as he works diligently to help his people. If you wish to donate, please write a check to Main Street Baptist Church annotated for September breadbox or put cash in the small envelopes in the pew racks and place in any offering plate. Thank you.

LAST MONTH'S BREADBOX OFFERING for Child Evangelism Fellowship garnered \$300. Thank you.

FREE CLOTHES AND MORE

We served 68 families in providing paper products, toiletries, and cleaning agents plus clean, seasonal clothing on August 20th. This is an ongoing ministry to our community that is even more needed because of the economy and supply chain issues we all are facing. Generally 7 or 8 volunteers are needed to make sure this outreach flows smoothly on the third Saturday of each month and there are others who purchase the goods, sort the clothes, and restock the clothing room. There is one person who sometimes provides non-perishable items of food for the taking. All is free to those who come with no requirement to provide evidence of need.

Thank you to those who volunteer regularly, and to those who give toward the purchase of the products. Considering volunteering? We have a good time together and have a good relationship with so many who come regularly. It gives perspective on the needs out there. Two people have underwritten a product each and there have been some who give regularly. Please consider how you can help. See Diane Runion if you wish to volunteer to help sort clothing or to help at the outreach, and if you wish to donate, write a check to Main Street Baptist Church notated for Free Clothes and More.

FYI – the average monthly expenditure for Free Clothes and More is \$ 509.30

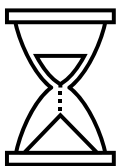
LEMANS – HEADS UP!

We have the privilege of having Marcus and Rachel Lemans coming to our church on October 22nd and 23rd to speak to us about working for Wycliffe in translating the Bible into languages not yet available to many peoples. They and their family have spent a year in France in immersion language preparation for their upcoming ministry.

We hope to have them say a few words at the Harvest Dinner on October 22nd and Marcus will speak in the morning worship. This is a heads up for you to put it on your calendars. Seeing and hearing how people are serving the Lord is inspiring and affirming as we all seek to do what God has prepared us each to do.

If anyone is willing to host them Friday night, the 21st and Saturday night, the 22nd, please let Pastor Luke know.

History News – 85 years ago



During the Sunday evening service on January 31, 1937, the stained-glass window above the baptistry was unveiled & dedicated. The window depicting Jesus' baptism was purchased from Herbert A Diener, a local stained-glass business located at 3 Yager Street in Binghamton. It was a gift to the church from the Mizpah Class. At that time, the class was for young married couples. Later, the senior members adopted the name. In addition to the dedication, nine people were baptized that night. Edwin L. Crawford was one of the baptized. He was a member here for over 50 years and had a successful career in local politics.

Sources used:

- Church Clerk membership rolls and records.
- “Church’s New Art Glass Will Be Presented” Dedicatory Exercises Planned at Main Street Baptist Church. The Binghamton Press [Thursday] January 28, 1937 pg.19.