



MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

THE MAIN ARTERY

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Main Street Baptist Church

Sunday School- 10AM

Church Service- 11AM

Evening Service- 6PM

"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

January Church News



January 1st was New Years Day!



January 7th, Church was cancelled due to our first significant snow fall.



January 20th Free Clothes and More was canceled this month due to frigid temperatures. Please be in prayer for this outreach program! Thank you for your donations of clothing and toys and books along with household goods and linens. It is much appreciated. Thank you to those who regularly volunteer. We do need more people to help sort clothing as we are getting more from the neighborhood . We generally work no more than 2 hours at a time and restock the clothing room for the next month's outreach. Please see Diane Runion if you can help.

January Events



BIRTHDAYS



January	
14	Patrick Spawn

So sorry your birthday was not added to the January list! I have fixed that for next year! Have a very blessed new year!

February Events

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



February 14th, Valentines Day.

February 14th, Ash Wednesday.



February 18th, Soup, Salad, and Dessert, Would you like to show off your baking/cooking skills? Here's your chance! On February 18th after church we will be having a soup, salad & dessert luncheon. Anyone interested in making one of the above please bring it downstairs before church. Make sure to bring your thinking caps as we will be playing a couple games afterwards, with prizes. Sign ups will be Feb. 4th & Feb. 11th.



Come & enjoy good food & have some fun!!



February 17th, Free Clothes and More, 10AM-12PM, please see Diane Runion if you are able to lend a helping hand to this outreach ministry.

February 28th, Annual Meeting, Desserts at 6PM, Meeting at 6:30PM.

Free Clothes and More- Sorting Room Update

Thanks to your generous donations of clothing to our clothing outreach, we have to ask that clothes not be brought to us for awhile. Our sorting room, clothing room, and storage areas are full. Donations will be accepted in March again. Exceptions are: winter coats, underwear, and warm things such as gloves, scarfs, and hats. Alternate areas for clothing to be taken, in the meantime, are Thrifty Shopper on Upper Front Street and Project Concern in Chenango Bridge on Kattelville Rd, and the Salvation Army Thrift store on Griswold St. They do charge minimal amounts for clothes. There are drop-off bins around the city as well.

BREADBOX OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY- SAMARITAN'S PURSE

We've helped disaster relief efforts for many years through Samaritan's Purse which sends out volunteers and makes connections with people who have survived loss of property and loss of loved ones after natural disasters or war's devastation. They are currently working in Israel and Ukraine, but are also on site helping to restore homes and businesses in Hawaii following the devastating wildfires and in Kentucky after an EF4 tornado tore up much of the town of Mayfield. The objective is to have people who have suffered much to see God's hand in the help received and see the hope that He engenders in many who were at one point hopeless. If you wish to donate, write a check made out to Main Street Baptist church and notated for February Breadbox or put your cash donation in the small envelope in the pew racks. Thank you.

MONTROSE BIBLE CONFERENCE

As a child I remember my parents taking me to the Montrose Bible conference in Montrose, PA for meetings in their pine pavilion. There were great speakers and good music. After the pavilion burned, I don't think we ever went back, but there are many inspiring activities that they host now and some new ventures I'd like to tell you about.

Many retreats are held there such as two couples retreats, one February 2-4 and February 9-11. Another event is a Scrapbooking and Craft Retreat to be held March 15-17 and a Spring Quilt Retreat, April 4-6. These fill up fast, so it's best to get your reservation in early.

In summer there are kids camps for various ages that some of our children have attended. The new outdoor swimming pool was opened this past year and there is a new foyer added to the Lake Ridge Center. In process is the barn behind the Torrey Home which will be the Carriage House Cafe.

To find out more or to make reservations, go to www.MontroseBible.org. Try it and make some memories of your own. (submitted by Diane Runion)

SPEAKING OF CAMPS, the Chosen People Ministries are promoting children's camps in Israel, which have been held since 1972. These camps have helped shape a new generation of Israelis for the Lord. Out of this grassroots effort has come a backpacker ministry in New Zealand and in other parts of the world. After the young people have fulfilled their 2 year stint in the armed forces, many travel the world and stop at these Israeli retreats. God is at work all over the world.

To My Main Street Baptist Church Family - Thank you for the Christmas gift and cookies. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Love you all, Cindy Petito

March Upcoming Events



March 17th, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, following the church service. There will be music, games, and food. No cost to attend. Sign-ups begin at a later date. More information to follow.



March 24th , Palm Sunday.



March 31st, Easter Sunday.



*"For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"
says the LORD, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10 (ESV)*