



# MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE MAIN ARTERY

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## Main Street Baptist Church

Sunday School- 10AM

Church Service- 11AM

Evening Service- 6PM

*"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near."*

*Matthew 24:32 (ESV)*

## May Church News

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Willaim Lawson gave an Organ Recital along with the help of five students from Binghamton University, gave us a musical tour of Denmark and Danish sacred music of the past 200 years. Thank you for sharing your talents to glorify God!



**May 18<sup>th</sup>** The last Free Clothes and More was held to serve families in our community. We served 11 families. There is more information on why this decision was made to discontinue the program later on in the Artery.



**May 19<sup>th</sup>**, Douglas Tucker was awarded Deacon Emeritus. Thank you to each of our deacons for your service to this church and to the Lord.



**May 19<sup>th</sup>**, Italian Meal for every Holiday, the deaconesses held a luncheon after the morning service. A wonderful time of fellowship was had by all!

## June Events



### BIRTHDAYS



June	
1	Maynard Wark
10	Nancy Brown
11	Warren Gheen
20	Warren Hessler
28	Connie DeWitte



### June Anniversaries:

June 11<sup>th</sup> Dan and Amanda Svoboda- 13 Years!  
June 27<sup>th</sup> Joe and Margaret Kotylo- 54 Years!



Congratulations to both couples!



**June 8<sup>th</sup>, Yard Sale, 8AM-3PM**, The Church Yard sale is coming, Rain or Shine!

This gives us a chance to work together as a church family, and make ourselves visible in our community.

How can you contribute?

- Donate your saleable items (no clothes please!) **June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to donate items to the sale**; please refrain from bringing items after this date.
- A dedicated team is prepared to manage the sale in four shifts throughout the day, but we can certainly use more! See Amanda Svoboda to join the crew.
- Bring your cash and enjoy shopping on June 8th!

Any proceeds from the sale will support upcoming special projects.



June 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day.



June 16<sup>th</sup>, Children's Day/The Last Day of Sunday School until September.

June 16<sup>th</sup>, Clemmers will be here for the evening service at 6PM.



June 20<sup>th</sup>, First Day of Summer!!!



Summertime News-Camperships are available for our children attending Christian summer camps. See Margaret Fassett for details.

SAVE THE DATE



July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, The Greater Binghamton Airshow is coming back to town! The show will feature U.S. Navy Blue Angels!

God's image in us- The following is an excerpt of a poem written by my son, Eric Runion, which speaks to the abilities and craftsmanship that God instilled in Bezalel, son of Uri in the wilderness. He was ordained to create the coverings and holy vessels in the Tabernacle along with other artisans who God set alongside for the task. When complete, God came and tabernacled with the Israelites at the seat of His mercy. The last stanza is as follows:

And your work will be my art,  
    and your art will be my work,  
And you will be a tool  
    of my master-craftsmanship,  
And I will guide  
    the chisel of your carvings  
    the mold of your castings,  
    the brush of your paintings,  
And I will be your God,  
    and you the work of my hands,  
As you conform to my blueprints  
    and the image of my Son.

Maybe we can't be artists and craftsmen, but God, our Master craftsman, instills in us His skills and purposes that we are called to do in service to Him. We are called, He enables. (Submitted by Diane Runion)

## MISSIONS UPDATES

### BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Your mission dollars are at work in our community in the ministries that we support of this organization. Here's a report:

\*CHOW is on track to provide a record 2.5 million meals to kids, adults, and families in need this year. The Greater Good Grocery which is under this umbrella, completes over 25,000 transactions each year, providing fresh and healthy foods to a neighborhood that would otherwise lack access.

\*The JAIL MINISTRY continues to be a critical lifeline for families impacted by the criminal justice system.

\*HOSPITAL MINISTRY offers hope to patients and families during some dark times.

\*FAITH IN ACTION gives rides and offers support to over 300 older adults each year.

Thank you for your giving through our mission envelopes. Our own Phylis Finch volunteers in this capacity.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY- not in our budget, but often as a Breadbox offering

Quotes from the Chief Advancement Officer of this society.

"You and I can rejoice that God's Word sustains and guides us even through difficult times. The Bibles you help provide in China, Costa Rica, Africa, and right here in the United States are giving that same hope to countless others.

Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations, and God has graciously given us the Bible to communicate His message of salvation to the world. Thank you for joining us in this eternity-changing mission!"

BREADBOX OFFERING for the month of June will be suspended so that people can give to help fund camperships for kids to attend Christian camps this summer.

## VISIT FROM THE CLEMMERS

We just received word that Bill and Ann Clemmer will be visiting us on June 16<sup>th</sup> for our evening service. Bill has a medical ministry, working and consulting in several African countries with various medical groups such as HEAL Africa. Ann is stationed in Goma, DRC, and she supports education and relief assistance to widows, orphans, and vulnerable children. They have an amazing Sunday School program that weekly sees about 500 folks and they have about 50 teachers. Wow! After the eruption of a volcano in the area and with the frequent devastation and

unrest caused by militias backed by rebels, there are many street kids who have no one to care for them. Many have found food, lodging, opportunities for education, and people who see them and love them. They are also seen by El Roi, a Hebrew name for God. That name means, "the God who sees me". What a message God has for those who largely go unnoticed, unloved, hopeless! We see God at work through these faithful missionaries who have been commissioned since 1992. COME AND SEE HOW GOD IS WORKING IN AND THROUGH ANN AND BILL.

MORE INFO TO COME

FREE CLOTHES AND MORE- was suspended after the outreach on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We only had 11 people attending, which, though a satisfying day, was proof that our program had run its course. Apparently, some of the other programs in the area are experiencing fewer numbers of folks. No one is sure why at this point. It has been our outreach since September of 2018, and we are grateful to God for our privilege to work with people in our community who have many all-consuming needs. We are grateful also to all those who have helped us by giving, volunteering, and supporting us in prayer. God is Good! We pray for eyes open to His leading in other ventures that witness to His grace and provision. In gratitude, your Mission committee.

(Pages 5-7 Submitted by Diane Runion)



Dear Main Street Church Family,

As I prepare to take my maternity leave, I just wanted to drop a note and say thank you to all of you for your prayers throughout my pregnancy. Please continue to pray for my baby and I, that the birth goes smoothly, we are both healthy, and that the recovery is quick! Thank you!

Love,

Olivia Ciacelli