



MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

THE MAIN ARTERY

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Main Street Baptist Church

Sunday School- 10AM

Church Service- 11AM

Evening Service- 6PM

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

December Church News

December 8th was our Christmas Hymn Sing; we got together and sang our favorite Christmas carols and enjoyed fellowship.



December 24th, Christmas Eve Service was held.



December 25th, was Christmas Day!



December 31, was New Years Eve.

Our Sympathy is expressed to the James family on the passing of Steven James. Steven went to be with the Lord on November 12th, 2024. Please be in prayer for his brother Bob and sister-in-law Anna and the rest of the James family.

Our Sympathy is expressed to Stella Farr's family on the passing of Stella who went to be with the Lord on November 13th, 2024. Please be in prayer for her husband Clifford Farr and the rest of her family.

January Events

 BIRTHDAYS



January	
4	Audrey Ciacelli
12	Tammy Giovinazzo
14	Patrick Spawn
25	Margaret Fassett
29	Naomi Beattie
30	Eliza Beattie
30	Hannah Farr



Congratulations to our college graduates,
Abigail Farr, Anna Kalivoda, and Alex Kalivoda! May God bless you as you continue your journey.



January 1st, New Years Day.



January 14th, Ladies Lunch Outing, 11:30 AM, The Ladies of Main Street Baptist Church are meeting for lunch at Park Diner. Park Diner is located on 119 Conklin Ave, Binghamton, NY 13903.

January 20th, Martin Luther King Jr Day and Inauguration Day.



January 21, Pastor's Book Club, 10AM, in the green room. This month we are reading Anselm's Proslogion. Contact Pastor Luke if you would like a copy.



January 31st, End of Year Reports are due.

MISSION NOTES

WARM WISHES were sent to some of the schools in the area in the form of winter hats, mittens, and scarves. We had had a drive last year to collect these warm things to be given to those who came to Free Clothes and More. To our surprise, few items were taken, even though they were available for free and during the cold months. In order to disseminate them we gathered the ones that would be appropriate for the kids at Horace Mann School and gave them along with the socks and underwear we had collected. (more on that later).

Secondly, we had many adult sized hats and scarves and a few mittens and gloves that we gave to Johnson City High School and also Chenango Valley High School. Some were hand made. So many come to school not dressed for the weather, that this gift could be of great value for the children.

Thank you to those who distributed the gifts and to you who had donated so graciously.

UNDERWEAR AND SOCK PROJECT

We are developing a relationship with our neighborhood through the Good News Club that we staff at Horace Mann School. Through this relationship, we find out needs of the kids through the social workers and the nurse at the facility, and we have been able to meet the need of telling children about Jesus who loves them. Along with that need, there are physical needs that we have been able to help meet. The mission committee requested donations of new socks and underwear for the children at the school, and we collected two huge bags full for the boys and girls. The items were taken there and will be distributed at the discretion of the school staff. You at Main Street "knock our socks off" with your generosity and care for our neighbors. Thank you

BREADBOX OFFERING FOR JANUARY-

MERCY HOUSE OF THE SOUTHERN TIER

Mercy House provides a home with quiet, comprehensive professional, and compassionate care for people with a terminal illness so that they can live the final chapter of their life with dignity and experience the love of God. Rooms are spacious, friends and family are encouraged, and counseling and spiritual guidance are available. No federal, or state funds are used, but it is by donation and the volunteers who staff it. To house more than 10 people at a time, there is a planned expansion that will support more patients and families. If you wish to donate through our church Breadbox offering, you can place a notated check in any offering plate during January for the January breadbox; or for cash, use the small envelope in the seat back in front of you. If you wish to give specifically to the Expansion Project, please go to the web site. They do accept donations of food and cleaning supplies at the facility at 212 N. McKinley Avenue, Endicott.

GOLDEN PRAYER

Give us the strength to encounter that which is to come, that we may be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath and in all change of fortune, and down to the gates of death loyal and loving to one another. Robert Louis Stevenson

HELP WANTED

For many years, we had been blessed with someone who could maintain our church library and put out relevant books on the turntable in the entry. That person is no longer with us. Where is the library you ask? The library is located behind the baptismal area and is quite complete with books for kids and for adults as well as a DVD library and some VHS films. There is a card file and cards in a sleeve in most books for people to sign when taking a book to read. I had mentioned the turntable. The librarian would rotate books periodically from the library that were pertinent to the season or to what we were studying in Scripture at the moment.

It's obviously not a full-time job, but if you are interested, please see Pastor Luke.

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, Olivia Ciacelli



Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.
Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.
Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.

-Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)