

The Visitor



Olive San Sponsored for Short-Term Mission Trip To Nicaragua



The Worship and Witness Ministry Team is sponsoring **Olive San for a short-term Mission Project to Nicaragua - June 18 -26**. This mission project is a ministry of our region, The American Baptist Churches of New York State (ABC/NYS) and AMOS, a Christian non-profit organization.

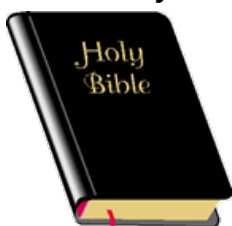
Olive and a team of 20 American Baptists will be working in the community of Sabaleté. They will support the work of AMOS' **Safe Water and Sanitation Program**. This program equips rural communities with water filtration devices and empowers them to improve their quality of water. The mission team will be checking water filters installed by previous mission groups. These are the same filters our youth helped to raise the money for as part of the **2015 ABY Convention**. They will also construct a new porch for Sabaleté's Community Clinic.

AMOS is a Christian non-profit organization that exists to improve the health of impoverished communities by working alongside them in health, education and development. The AMOS team is led by co-founders, **Drs. David and Laura Parajón, American Baptist International Missionaries to Nicaragua**. Since 2001, David and Laura have been serving remote rural communities in Nicaragua. David is an internist and Laura is a family physician and both have training in Public Health. They work to bring health, hope and healing to the impoverished and vulnerable people of Nicaragua through **AMOS - A Ministry of Sharing Health & Hope**.

Please pray for Olive and the other members of the June Mission Team to Nicaragua. Ask God to give them safety as they travel and serve, open hearts to those they will meet, and open hands to share God's love. Olive will be sharing her mission experience in Nicaragua with the congregation when she returns. If you would like to financially support this mission project or help other Tabernacle young people to do short-term mission work, please speak with Pastor Mark.



Meaningful Messages for Today



April 3
2nd Sunday of Easter
Communion
John 20:19-31
The Gift of Peace

April 10
3rd Sunday of Easter
John 21:1-19
A Second Chance

April 17
4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:22-30
Hearing the Shepherd's Voice

April 24
5th Sunday of Easter
John 13:31-35
Loving Like Jesus



American Baptist Women's Ministries and AB Girls of NYS Convention 2016

Come and See

April 22-24, 2016

Owego Treadway Inn, Owego, NY

*Please see or call Tammy, in the
Church Office at 735-7534*

for more details.



Meet our spiritual leader: Rev. Dr. Christine Roush has served in a variety of ministry positions over the past 30 years. She held positions in Mission Support and Camping ministries with the American Baptist Churches of New York State and of Oregon prior to joining the staff of Rainbow Acres, where she serves as COO. A proud American Baptist woman, Chris was born and raised in upstate New York.

She was one of our ABW Scholarship Girls for her undergraduate work, and later received support for seminary from the ABW of Oregon. An ordained American Baptist pastor, Chris holds a Bachelors in Social Science Education, a Masters in History, and a Doctorate in Ministry from George Fox Seminary's *Church in the Emerging Culture* program. Her dissertation focus was on consumerism and stewardship, and culminated in a small group study *Swimming Upstream – Reflections on Consumerism and Culture*. Married to David, she has three daughters and resides in Sedona, AZ.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!



If you can help teach our Pre-School and Elementary Sunday School classes during the Summer – please contact either Karen Dunne or Say Wah Htoo.

A Summer Teaching Schedule sign up list is available in the Christian Education Office – Please stop by to sign up!



Thank You to our teachers for all that they do throughout the year!

Tabernacle Sanctuary Restoration Project - March 2016 Update

Members and friends of Tabernacle, I am both pleased at the recent progress that has been made toward the restoration of our historic Sanctuary and a bit intimidated at the amount of work that lies before us. Since last fall, when we had the Davison Tower of Refuge dedication, here is a summary of what has taken place.

We have received the actual bronze dedication plaque and will soon hang it in a prominent spot in the narthex. We engaged a new architectural firm, Lacey, Thaler, Reilly, Wilson Architecture & Preservation, Albany, N.Y. They have made several site visits to Tabernacle, with multiple members of their staff, and have thoroughly investigated the Sanctuary from the basement to the upper reaches of the tower in order to document the scope of work and develop a bid specification for contractors to bid on. We have had a masonry contractor taking mortar samples and performing interior probes on the tower. We have had a surveyor who has surveyed the land around the Sanctuary for slope and run-off water issues. An engineering firm has collected samples from the roof structures and tested them for asbestos.

The architects are putting the final touches on the drawings and bid specifications for our project and we hope to have a final copy here in the next week as well as sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in Albany to get their approval, so we can go out to bid, hopefully by May 1, 2016. As New York State requires certain policies in place in order to contract for the Historic Preservation grant funds, the Stewardship Ministry Team (Board of Trustees) has approved the required Equal Employment Opportunity, Procurement, Conflict of Interest, Diversity and Internal Financial Controls Policies. We are most grateful for Pastor Mark's leadership in the development of these policies and the Stewardship Ministry Team for unanimous support.

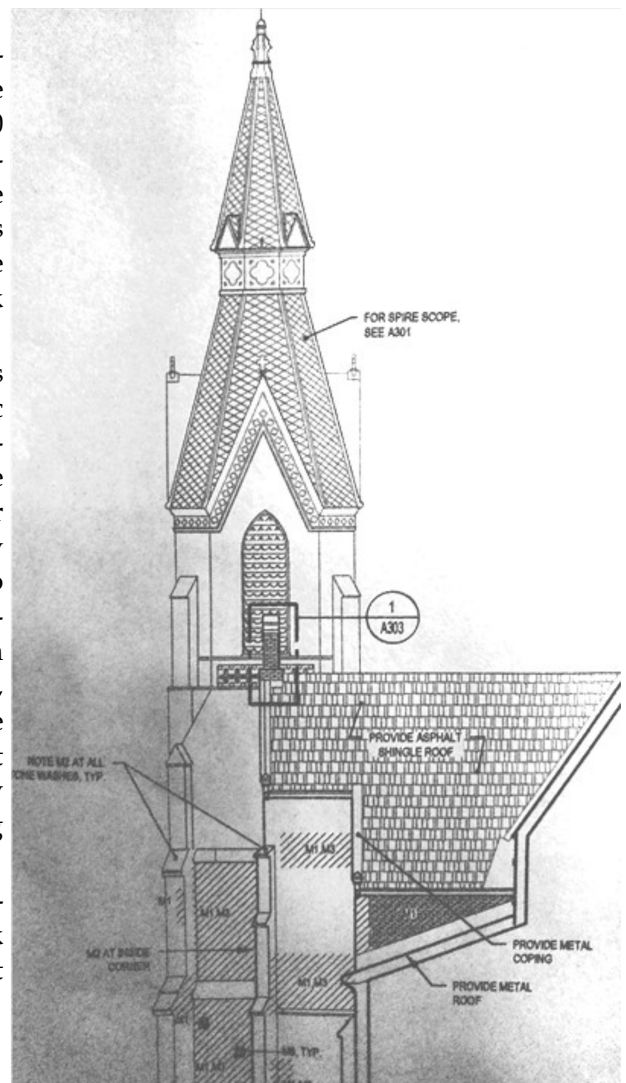
TBC will soon enter in to a contract with New York State in order to receive the grant funds. Once the bids are in, we will select contractors to do the work, based on cost and ability to perform. Then the bid process goes back to SHPO for a final review before we can actually sign contracts for the work. We are optimistic that our project will be under contract by early June!

Tabernacle won a \$5,000 New York Landmarks Conservancy - Sacred Sites grant in 2015 for architectural studies on the tower. We have a matching funds grant application for \$50,000 being considered in this current round and we're hoping for positive consideration by June. If we are blessed with an award, we will have to raise new matching funds in order to receive this grant. This will require a lot of effort on our part, but if we are successful it will add \$100,000 of additional much needed work that could be performed this year.

We will need to prioritize the scope of work to get as much high priority work done, as well as maximize the Historic Preservation funds. As we inspect our Sanctuary closer, additional needs become apparent. For example, we will need to remove the old Plexiglas coverings on the stained glass windows in order to sand, prime and paint those window frames. Some window frames and, at least, 3 doors need rebuilding. We'll then have to re-cover the stained glass windows with new Plexiglas as the current ones are old and weathered to the point that they don't let a lot of light pass through into the Sanctuary. We have come a long, long way towards significant restoration of our Sanctuary, but we need to continue to work on community fund raising so we don't fall short of funds for project completion. Let us hope and pray for a positive Sacred Sites grant award and a successful matching funds effort.

A copy of the latest preliminary drawings are now on display in Thorn Chapel for everyone to review. Feel free to ask questions and comment on the current direction as this project will help insure the future of Tabernacle for generations to come.

Jack Cappelli





WIN FAMILY THANKSGIVING

Dear Beloved family and friends,



You are cordially invited by the Reverend Phu Nay Win family to attend our annual Thanksgiving Celebration and Reunion. Please join us on April 16, at 10:00 a.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Refreshments will be provided in the fellowship hall following the service.

On behalf of the Win fame, I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Kawsoe Asa Win
1015 Steuben St.
Utica, NY 13501



Senior Luncheon: The Senior Luncheon will be held on *Sunday, May 22, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.* at Red Lobster Restaurant, in New Hartford. Please call your reservation to either Duayna Kopiel at 865-8810 or Gwen Deragon at 736-6037, no later than May 18, 2016.



Caring Corner
Saturday, April 23,
at 7:30 a.m.



PATHFINDER LODGE

The 2016 theme is "Fearless Faith"



Pathfinder camp is looking for Children, Teens and Adults who want to have fun, be challenged, grow, and want to be transformed by the power and presence of God! Several opportunities are available to introduce you to Jesus in fresh ways, to allow you to grow spiritually and to equip you to minister to your world.

Camping Brochures, registration and Health Forms are now available through the Christian Education office. Please stop by Karen Dunne's office or speak to any teacher to get more information about attending summer camp. We are requesting a registration fee of \$60.00 per person. If you have questions, please speak to Karen Dunne or Say Wah Htoo.

Children/Teen Weeks			Per Person
June 23-26	Lifeguard Training	Ages 16 and	\$300
June 27-30	Leadership Training	Grades 9-12	\$200
July 5-8	Beginners	Grades 1-3	\$250
July 5-9	Mission Teen Adventure	Grades 7-12	\$395
July 10-15	Fun and Games	Grades 4-8	\$395
	Terrain and Aquatic Adventure	Grades 7-12	\$425
July 17-22	Junior Arts	Grades 3-7	\$395
	Creative Arts	Grades 8-12	\$395
	Sailing Camp	Grades 8-12	\$395
July 24-29	Discovery	Grades 2-5	\$395
	Extreme Outdoors	Grades 5-10	\$395
July 31-Aug 5	Fearless Factor	Grades 4-8	\$395
August 7-12	Exploration Challenge	Grades 4-7	\$395
	Water Adventure	Grades 8-12	\$425
August 14-19	REPLAY Week	Grades 3-9	\$395



Pa Koo Day	1
Sirr Htoo Hae Thi	1
Eh Wah	2
Jewel Isaac	3
Marina Eh Win	5
Journey Gyi	6
Nan Kyi Na	6
Be Me	7
Angel Jilline Wah Win	7
Anne Tomidy	11
Do Taw	14
Elizabeth Marcoulier	13
Moo Law Aw	16
Gwen Deragon	17
Sei Sei	29
Eh Tha Su Moo Mu	20
Lori Burlingame	22
April Say	23
Junior R. Baw	23
Lori Anne Forbes	25
John Nyunt	25
Sebastian Cataudella	26
Stephen Green	29
Ku Thayou Htoo	29
Lovisa Lay	30



April Special Events, Meetings, and Deadlines

<i>WWMT Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, 4/3, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Circle 16 Bake Sale</i>	<i>Sunday, 4/3, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Baptism Class Begins</i>	<i>Sunday, 4/3, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>SMT Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, 4/10, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Win Family Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Saturday, 4/16, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>May Visitor Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, 4/17</i>
<i>Caring Corner</i>	<i>Saturday, 4/23, 7:30 a.m.</i>
<i>MCC Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, 4/24, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Camping Sunday</i>	<i>4/24</i>
<i>Circle 16 Meeting @ Janet Barnes'</i>	<i>Tuesday, 4/26, 2:00 p.m.</i>

Rev. James Dick ~ New Address

As he continues his process of rehabilitation following surgery, our friend, Jim Dick has moved to a new facility in suburban Rochester. His new address is:

Rev. James Dick
Heather Heights of Pittsford
Room 314
160 W. Jefferson Road
Pittsford, NY 14534

Notes of encouragement will help to brighten Jim's day.



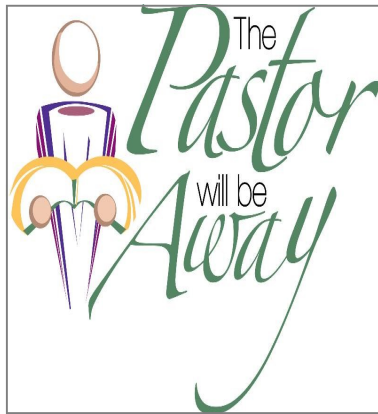
Pastor's Baptism Class



Pastor Mark is offering a Pastor's class for teens interested in Baptism and Church Membership beginning on *Sunday, April 3*. If your teen is interested in learning more about our Baptist history and identity, making a public profession of faith, and joining our church, please have them join Pastor Mark in the East Room during the



second hour of Sunday School for the first class session. If you are an adult interested in Believers' Baptism and/or church membership, please speak to Pastor Mark.



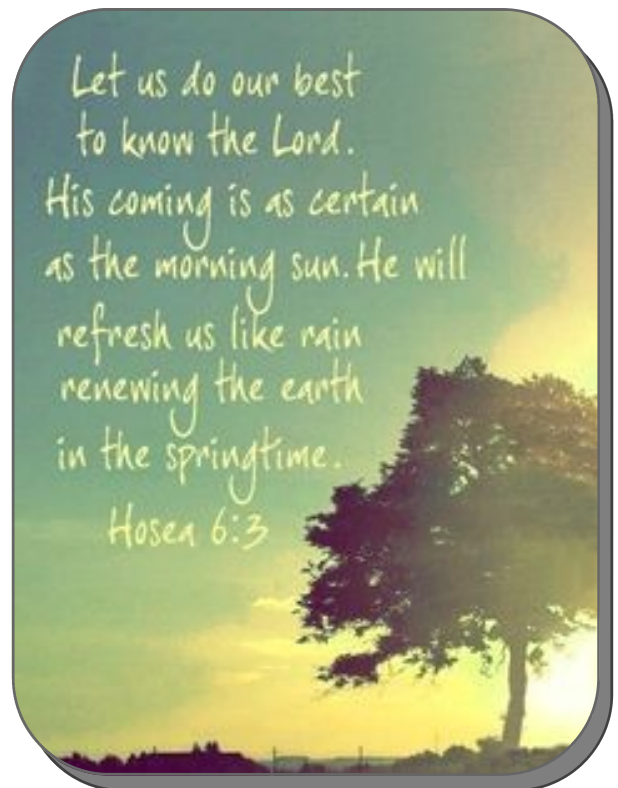
Pastor Away: Pastor Mark will be attending a denominational meeting in *Valley Forge, PA, April 18-19*. He and Paula will be away *April 20-22*. Should you need pastoral care during this time, please call Rev. Daniel Calvin San at 351-0521, Tammy, in the church office at 735-7534, or Worship and Witness Ministry Team Chair, Gwen Deragon, at 736-6037. They will put you in touch with a neighboring pastor who will be on-call to provide pastoral care.



ARE YOU GRADUATING?? If you are graduating from High School or College in 2016 please let us know *no later than May 15, 2016* - We would like to include your name in our graduate recognition, which will be held in June.

High School graduates are asked to provide a recent picture to be included on your certificate. Please give the picture to Say Wah Htoo or Karen Dunne.

Let us do our best
to know the Lord.
His coming is as certain
as the morning sun. He will
refresh us like rain
renewing the earth
in the springtime.
Hosea 6:3





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**Tabernacle Baptist Church
Sunday Worship**

7:00 a.m. Karen Prayer Service
10:00 a.m. English Service
11:15 a.m. Karen Worship

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Mark S. Caruana	Pastor
Rev. Daniel Calvin San	Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. James V. Davison	Pastor Emeritus
Karen Dunne	Minister of Christian Ed.
Michael W. Moore	Minister of Music
Say Wah Htoo	Christian Ed. Associate
Tammy Daly	Administrative Secretary
David White	Sexton
Michael Dunne	Assistant Sexton
Lewis Olivadese	Assistant Sexton

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**The Pastor is just
a phone call away**

Pastor Mark can be reached by calling him at the church office (735-7534) or at his home (733-4112). Answering machines are at both numbers to take your message when he is unable to personally answer. Please call him when you, or a family member, are anticipating hospitalization, in times of crisis, when you need someone with whom to talk and pray, when a wedding is being planned, or when there is a celebration to be shared. He will also be happy to arrange a convenient time for you to visit with him in his office or in your home. *Remember, the Pastor welcomes your call!*