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Utica, New York 13501

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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!*



Birthdays of the Month



Eh Ta	1	Thin Win	17
Elvis Lay	5	Dee Noe	18
Hser Lay Moo	5	Kwe Ka Ba	18
Eh Kaw Thaw	5	Ehahah Kyi	18
Rayhtoo Kyet	5	Jahe Eh Mi	18
Zygmunt Malowicki	6	Eh Tharmie Thaw	18
Gran Ju Aye	7	Ta Dah	19
Rachelle Ellis	7	Hei Ku Moo	20
Say Pa Htoo	9	Dee Dee Htoo	22
Hser Doh Paw	10	Tammy Daly	23
Robert 'Bob' Hagues	11	Kay Klo	25
Ta Wah Wah	12	Sie Sie	25
Wah Ka Paw	12	Janet Pickard	25
Kmler Paw Pyu	13	Da Lay	26
Alexander Htoo	14	Eh Nay Paw	26
Christ Htoo	14	Eh Ta Baw	27
John Cappelli	15	Paw De Say	27
Mary Elizabeth Thomas	17	Mu Twae	28

Rev. Jim Dick Recuperating from Surgery

Rev. Jim Dick is recovering from recent surgery in Rochester. As he receives rehabilitation at the Fairport Baptist Home, please hold him in your prayers. If you would like to send him a card or note, please use the following address:

Rev. Jim Dick
Fairport Baptist Home
Room A 3-10
4646 Nine Mile Point Road
Fairport, NY 14450



In Loving Memory of :

Richard Lee White

July 19, 1927 — January 16, 2016





Tabernacle Baptist Church Regular Weekly Events

<i>Prayer Service</i>	<i>Sundays, at 7:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	<i>Sundays, at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>English Worship Service</i>	<i>Sundays, at 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Worship Service</i>	<i>Sundays, at 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Orchestra Practice</i>	<i>Sundays, at 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Piano Lessons</i>	<i>Mondays, at 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Community Bible Study</i>	<i>Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Fridays-Sunday</i>
<i>Piano Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Guitar Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Class and Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Violin Class</i>	<i>Saturdays, 4:15 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Meeting</i>	<i>Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.</i>

February Special Events, Meetings, and Deadlines



<i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, 2/7, at 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Thanksgiving Service with Nate Maxfield</i>	<i>Saturday, 2/13, at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Ministry Coordinating Council</i>	<i>Sunday, 2/14, at 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Office Closed for Presidents' Day</i>	<i>Monday, 2/15</i>
<i>Faith Nurturing Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, 2/21, at 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Visitor Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, 2/21</i>
<i>Caring Corner</i>	<i>Saturday, 2/27, at 7:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Volunteer and Youth Safety Training</i>	<i>Saturday, 2/27, at 5:30 p.m.</i>



Worthy is the Lamb
2016 Lenten Luncheon Series

First Baptist Church
7 Oxford Rd.
New Hartford, NY
Musician: Suzanne Kraus

You are invited to join our friends at First Baptist Church, New Hartford each Wednesday during the Lenten season. Dynamite speakers will address the following topics and Bible passages:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
February 10	Rev. Bradley Cheesebro, NH United Methodist Church The Anointing at Bethany – Matthew 26:6-13
February 17	Karen Newton, member/speaker – Taberg United Methodist Church Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus – Mark 14:10-11
February 24	Fr. Kevin Bunger, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, NY The Passover with the Disciples – Matthew 26:17-25
March 2	Rev. Dr. Sue Riggle, NH Presbyterian Church The Institute of the Lord's Supper – Mark 14:22-26
March 9	Jim Haid, Executive Director Rescue Mission, Utica Jesus prays in Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-46
March 16	Deaconess Bridget Brown, New Bethel Baptist Church, Whitesboro The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus – Mark 14: 43-52
March 23	Rev. Charlie Sweet, Executive Director, Compassion Coalition The Crucifixion – Luke 23:26-33

Parking is available at: New Hartford Recreation Center on Mill St., New Hartford Presbyterian Church parking lot, Dimbleby, Friedel, Williams and Edmunds Funeral Home on Oxford Rd. All funds raised at the luncheons will be donated to the American Red Cross.

Fasting with Jesus



Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

- Matthew 4:1-2 (NRSV)

What is Lent? Lent is a period of 40 days each year in which Christians traditionally examine their lives and prepare their hearts for Easter. It is a time to focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God. It is a time to repair and renew our souls.

When is Lent this year? Lent is always 40 days before Easter. But, Lent does not include Sundays, because every Sunday we celebrate that Jesus is risen. Each Sunday is a little Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is February 10. Lent ends on the Saturday before Easter, March 26.

Why is Lent 40 days long? Matthew 3:13-17 tells the story of Jesus' baptism. After Jesus is baptized, the sky opens, the Spirit of God, which looked like a dove, descended and landed on Jesus, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, My Beloved, with whom I am pleased." Afterward, Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit. There he fasted and prayed for 40 days. During his time in the wilderness Jesus was tempted and found the strength to resist temptation. Afterwards, he was ready to begin his ministry. (See Matthew 4:1-11)

Why do some people FAST during Lent? Fasting (eating no food) reminds us that Jesus fasted in the wilderness. It is a spiritual discipline that can help us let go of our concern for ourselves to focus on God and others. But, going without food is not the only way to fast. You might skip a meal a day and use that time to pray instead. You can give up some activity like watching tv and spend that time serving others.

What is our Theme for Lent at Tabernacle? This year, our Lenten theme is: *Fasting with Jesus*. During each 10:00 a.m. English Language Worship Service on the Sundays in Lent, I will preach on an aspect of fasting. Here are the scripture passages and sermon titles for the Sunday in Lent:

February 14 - 1st Sunday in Lent - Isaiah 58:1-12 - *Fasting for Justice*

February 21 - 2nd Sunday in Lent - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 - *Fasting in Humility*

February 28 - 3rd Sunday in Lent - Luke 4:1-13 - *Fasting in Faith*

March 6 - 4th Sunday in Lent - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 - *Fasting in Repentance*

March 13 - 5th Sunday in Lent - Acts 11:1-12 - *Fasting for Reconciliation*

What do you need to let go of in order to focus on God? What clutters your days and life? What weighs down your heart and soul? What do you need to fast from so your spirit can become more in tune with the Spirit of God? These are the questions of Lent.

I hope you will join us for worship each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Lent. We will be *Fasting with Jesus*, so we can open more of ourselves to God and others.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Mark

The Visitor



Pastor Daniel Returns to Thailand and Burma

Pastor Daniel will be returning to Thailand and Burma, on *February 24* and will be away for about six weeks. He plans to see his mother and family, who he has not seen in over 30 years. He will be joined by Decenter and Brando Sancrown. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers, asking God to watch over them and bless them while they are away.



Youth Thanksgiving Service



There will be a Youth Thanksgiving service for our TBC Youth group held on *Saturday, February 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m.* This special celebration will feature Christian performing artist, Nathan Maxfield, who has performed during the American Baptist Youth Convention for the last three years as well as during our ABY Biennial. Nathan will also bring a message for the evening's worship. Following the service, the youth are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship together.

Safety Training

On *Saturday, February 27, beginning at 5:45 p.m.*, Safety Training will be offered for all our teachers and youth volunteers. This is a very important training that everyone who works with our youth **must** attend! Tabernacle has a safety plan on what to do in case of an emergency or accident. Also, each person who works with youth must complete a form to meet New York State regulations. This training will be presented in both English and Karen. If you work with our youth, please plan to attend this important training.



Meaningful Messages for Today

A simple line drawing of a closed book with the words "HOLY BIBLE" written on its cover.

February 7
Transfiguration Sunday
Communion
Luke 9:28-43
See Different

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Hymn of the Month:
#602
"I Am His, and He Is Mine"