



**Tabernacle Baptist Church**  
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**MARCH**



**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!*

## Easter Lilies and Tulips Order Form

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To place a plant (\$8 each) in the Sanctuary on Easter in Memory of a loved one, please complete this form and return it to the church office with full payment *by Palm Sunday, March 20*. Checks should be payable to "Tabernacle Baptist Church". You may place the completed form and payment in the offering plate or in the marked envelope in the church office.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Lilies

**TULIPS** given by: (please print Name and Phone Number)

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**LILIES** given by: (please print Name and Phone Number)

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:**

I will take my plant after the Easter Sunday services.

I am willing to deliver plant (s) to shut-ins.

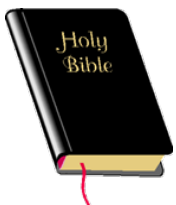
My plant may be given to a shut-in after the Easter services.



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### Pew Bible Order Form

The English language Bibles in Tabernacle's pews have served our congregation well for over fifty years. Over time, they have become badly worn and torn. Some have been removed from service because they were literally falling apart. The Worship and Witness Ministry Team has begun a project to retire the current pew Bibles and replace them with new Bibles. If you would like donate a new Bible in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. **Each Bible costs \$15.00.** A dedication label with the name of the donor(s) name and the person (s) memorialized will be added to each Bible. **Please return the completed order form to the church office with a check or funds for the total owed.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ pew Bibles at \$15.00 for Tabernacle Baptist Church.

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_. For Bible(s) given in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Birthdays of the Month



**Congratulations  
Isabella Moo!**



Silver Moo	1	Kel Wah	20
Karin Reiss	1	Mu Paw	21
Say Ka Paw	1	Anthony Jackson	21
D. Ardelle Tuckerman	2	Thomas R. Watkins	24
Dah Bu	2	Maria Htoo	29
Muder May	2	Robert Bause, Jr.	29
Tha Aye	3	Pastor Mark Caruana	27
Dah Pyu Nyunt	3	Savior Wah	30
Olive San	4		
Lay Lay Mar	5		
Ser Eh Nee	5		
SawKwai Paw	5		
Gilbert Baw	6		
Naw Be Be	6		
Simon Win	7		
Enola Dickson	8		
Keller Nyunt	8		
Ma Aye	10		
Love Gay Moo	10		
David Tomidy	10		
Saw Eh Laula Lu	10		
Magadalei Gyi	11		
Tin Aye	13		
K. Pru Taw	13		
Lah Ser C. Marvel	14		
Donald S. Baum, Jr.	15		
Addison Green	16		
Wendy Levitt	17		
Lanetta Soe	17		
Moona Sayrose	18		
Sha Ku	18		
Wilbert T. Roberts (Bill)	18		
Jessie Lavine Righter	19		

Isabella is one of 300 high school students from across New York chosen to participate in the American Legion Auxiliary's Empire Girls State Program, June 26-July 2 at Suny Brockport.



## March

### March Special Events, Meetings, and Deadlines

<i>WWMT Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, 3/6, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Circle 16 Bake Sale</i>	<i>Sunday, 3/6</i>
<i>Global Day of Prayer for Burma</i>	<i>Sunday, March 13</i>
<i>Visitor Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, 3/20</i>
<i>Steward Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sun., 3/20, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>	<i>Thursday, 3/24</i>

#### **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**

# Discipleship: Becoming More Like CHRIST

EPHESIANS 2:10

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

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God wants everyone to know Him and to become like his Son, Jesus Christ. We become more like Christ by growing in our knowledge of God. It stands to reason that we cannot grow to be become like someone we don't know. The deeper our knowledge and understanding of Christ, the more like him we become. The more we walk with Christ, the more secure we become in our faith.

Our America for Christ Offering theme this year is, *"Discipleship: Becoming More Like Christ."* Writing to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul says, *"For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."* (Ephesians 2:10) God is continuously working in us, bringing us to maturity, shaping our hearts and growing our faith, so that **we can embody the love of our Lord in word and deed.**

Our American Baptist family has a profound heritage of embodying the love of God as compassionate, engaging and giving Christians. Since 1824, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) has been declaring and proclaiming the gospel of our Lord in word and deed. Today, ABHMS remains rooted in that Word and committed to responding to the changing needs of our churches and communities in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Tabernacle, together with other ABC congregations, embodies God love as we receive the **America for Christ Offering (AFC)**. This offering, which **we receive in March**, supports the work of ABHMS. AFC supports ministries that offer God's love to neighborhoods and communities through:

- Neighborhood action programs
- Advocacy
- Leadership training workshops and conferences
- Discipleship resources through Judson Press
- Home Mission through Volunteer Ministries

God has created us in Christ for good works! Opportunities to share God's love are waiting for us to embrace. **Through AFC we enable good works in Jesus' name all around the United States and Puerto Rico.** As we respond with our gifts, we become the heart and hands of Christ.

The America for Christ Offering reminds us that **service is a way of life for Christ's church.** Extending the hope, love and compassion of our Lord to our neighbors is a powerful demonstration of how God in Christ has transformed us. **Tabernacle's 2016 AFC goal is: \$2500.** I ask you to join me in giving generously to the AFC and **help us to reach our goal in support of home mission.** An AFC Offering envelope is enclosed. Please use it **anytime in March** to make your AFC Offering.

Yours in Christ's love,



Pastor Mark S. Caruana

On behalf of the Worship and Witness Ministry Team

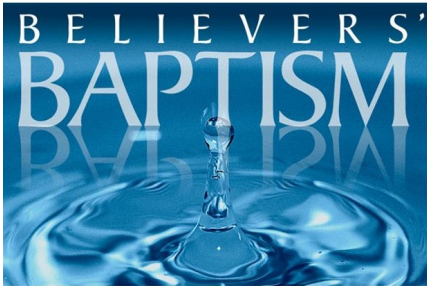
# AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2016

All church meetings, including date, time, and location of meetings (which space in the church building will be used) must be submitted to Tammy Daly, our Administrative Secretary, so she can record them on our church calendar of events. Also, please make certain that Tammy knows of any changes to regularly scheduled events. If you are scheduling a new meeting, please consult the calendar to make certain the space you wish is available. Tabernacle is a growing church and we thank God for this growth! One result of our growth is that our building is used more and more. Therefore, it is important that we schedule all meetings on the church calendar.

Thank you from Circle 16

Circle 16 thanks all of the women who helped make bandages to send to White Cross for use in the hospitals in the Congo. With the help of our Karen friends, we doubled the number of bandages that are usually made in two hours ! All of our (used) sheets were used to make the bandages. If you would like to donate old, used sheets, please leave them in a bag on the stage and label them "sheets for bandages". Thank you again, from Circle 16.

**Pastor's Baptism Class**



Pastor Mark is planning to offer 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 inform the Pastor Mark; Minister of Christian Education, Karen Dunne; or Tammy, in the church office. If you are an adult interested in Believers' Baptism and/or church membership, please speak to Pastor Mark.

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

*Come and See*

*April 22-24, 2016*

*Owego Treadway Inn, Owego, NY*

*Registration forms, Workshop Choices, and Accommodation forms located in the Church Office please see or call Tammy, 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.



# The Visitor



## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Palm Sunday** - Sunday, March 20, 10:00 a.m. - During the English language service, worshipers will receive Palm fronds and we will begin our worship service celebrating our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service will invite us to walk with Jesus past the joyous crowds who welcome him to Jerusalem on Sunday as he sets his face toward Golgotha on Friday. Pastor Mark's sermon, from Luke 19:28-44, asks the question, *Why is Jesus Crying?*
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday** - Thursday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. - We will observe a Lenten tradition at Tabernacle. Our evening will begin with a fellowship supper in Thorn Chapel. (Please bring a dish to share. The church will provide tableware and beverages.) The evening will also include a dramatic reading, *Two Men, Two Bowl, and Two Towels* based on John 13:1-5. It is written by Karen Dunne and will be performed by our youth. It invites us to consider how often Jesus comes to us. We will conclude our evening by celebrating the Lord's Supper together.
- ◆ **Good Friday** - Friday, March 25, 12:15 p.m. - You are invited to join our brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace Episcopal Church for a Stations of the Cross service.
- ◆ **Easter Sunday** - Sunday, March 27, 10:00 a.m. - During the English language service we will hear the story of the resurrection from John 20. We will celebrate the resurrection with special music and some of our favorite Easter hymns. During the Children's Sermon there will be a special Easter surprise for our young ones. We will also dedicate our new pew Bibles. Pastor Mark's sermon, *Why Is Mary Crying?* will invite us to consider how our expectations blind us to seeing the amazing good news of Easter - Christ is risen, alive, and offers us his presence and power in every moment and circumstances.

### Meaningful Messages for Today



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

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

**March 20**  
Palm Sunday  
Luke 19:28-44  
*Why is Jesus Crying?*

**March 27**  
Resurrection Day  
John 20:1-18  
*Why is Mary Crying?*



**Don't forget! Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 13. Set your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.**