

# The Visitor



## Help Support Olive San's Mission Work in Nicaragua



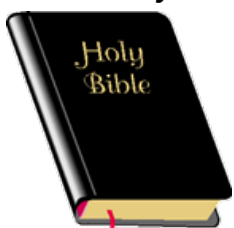
The Worship and Witness Ministry Team is sponsoring Olive San for a short-term Mission Project to Nicaragua - June 18 -26. This mission project is a ministry of our region, The American Baptist Churches of New York State (ABC/NYS) and AMOS, a Christian non-profit organization.

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**.

You can play an important part in Olive's Mission Project by making a donation. An envelope is included in this newsletter for your gift. If your gift is in cash, please place the envelope in the offering on Sunday. Envelopes with checks may be placed in the offering or mailed to the church. (Please do NOT mail cash.) **Please make your check payable to Tabernacle Baptist Church. On the memo line, write: Nicaragua Mission Trip.** Your gift will help provide water filters and building materials for the Sabaleté Community Clinic's new porch.



### Meaningful Messages for Today



**May 1**  
6th Sunday of Easter  
Communion  
John 14:10-29  
*A Chip Off the Block*

**May 8**  
7th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 16:16-37  
*Open Doors*

**May 15**  
Pentecost Sunday  
Baptism  
Acts 2:1-21  
*Water, Wind, and Fire*

**May 22**  
1st Sunday after Pentecost  
Romans 5:1-8  
*Endurance, Character, and Hope*

**May 29**  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Luke 7:1-10  
*The Faith of a Foreigner*

**Hymn of the Month**  
*"Earth and All the Stars"*



## *Who is my neighbor?*

*- Luke 10:29*

This is an ancient, but also very modern question. In Luke's gospel it is asked by a religious person attempting to justify himself to Jesus. In response to his question about what is necessary to receive eternal life, Jesus replies by paraphrasing the Law of Moses. One must love God with all one's heart, soul, strength and mind. And, one must love their neighbor as one's self. This prompts a follow-up question from the religious person, *Who is my neighbor?*

Jesus replies not by quoting the Hebrew scriptures, but by telling a story: the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This is perhaps the most familiar of all Jesus' teaching stories. The parable has an unlikely hero: a Samaritan. The Samaritans were a marginalized community confined geographically to an area between Judea and Galilee. They were victims of widespread prejudice and systemic discrimination because of their ethnicity and the way in which they worshipped. Yet, it is a member of this distrusted and despised minority group who demonstrates true love for one's neighbor. It is not happenstance that it is a Samaritan who recognizes his common humanity with a crime victim lying by the side of the road and responds with compassion and care. Jesus is challenging our prejudices and preconceived notions about others.

I have been very concerned by some of the rhetoric we have heard from the presidential campaign trail in recent months. A wall has been proposed to seal our border with our nearest neighbor to the south: Mexico. The candidate making this proposal has characterized Mexicans as criminals, drug dealers, and rapists. Mexicans are not alone as targets of fear and hate. Presidential candidates have also proposed surveillance of mosques, banning Muslims from traveling, and closing our borders to all Muslims and refugees. What is most disheartening is that some of these same candidates are among those most loudly proclaiming that they have a Christian worldview and embrace Christian values. I wonder how they would respond to the question, *Who is my neighbor?*

Yesterday, our nation was treated to a modern Good Samaritan parable from Central New York. Hamdi Ulukaya, the owner of Chobani yogurt, which has a plant about an hour south of Utica at which many friends and members of Tabernacle Baptist Church work, announced that he is giving a 10% share in the company to 2000 full time employees. As you may know, Chobani not only makes tasty yogurt, but the company is a significant employer of refugees in our community. (You can read the Utica Observer-Dispatch's coverage of this story at: <http://www.uticaod.com/article/20110429/NEWS/304299910>)

Here's the kicker - this big-hearted boss is a Muslim immigrant from Turkey. Hamdi Ulukaya's story challenges the anti-immigrant, anti-refugee, and anti-Muslim rhetoric we've heard far too frequently on the presidential campaign trail this year. But, it also challenges us to ask the question, *Who is my neighbor?*

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Mark*



The following individuals are giving leadership in a variety of roles to our congregation in 2016. They are your resource persons for questions, concerns and suggestions. They can also help you find a place of service and ministry within our congregation.

**Officers**

Moderator	Michael Dunne
Vice Moderator	Aung Tin Moe
Church Clerk	Gwen Deragon
Treasurer	Bradford Gould
Financial Secretary	Robert Mandry

**Other Leaders**

Historian	Michael Dunne
Historian	Saw Shailmo
Librarian	Esther Williams
Librarian	Olive San
Usher Committee Chair	Brando Sancrown
Ministry Coordinating Council	Khin Soe Moe

**Stewardship Ministry Team**

David Tomidy, Chair	Kler Eh Soe
Lewis Olivadese	Saw Franco
Brad Gould	Kwe Baw
John Cappelli, Secretary	Melody Gay, Youth Rep.

**Faith Nurturing Ministry Team**

Lanetta Soe	Olive San Crown
Christ Abell	Eh Thaw Paw
Clear Moon	Joanne Gould, Secretary
Karen Dunne, ex. officio	Say Wah Htoo, ex. Officio
Isabella Moo, Youth Representative	

**Worship & Witness Ministry Team**

Gwen Deragon, Chair	Mariah Naw
Carolyn Dalton, Co-chair	Tet Net
Hsa Tha Blay Htoo (Star)	Susan Beal, Secretary
Paw Nay Hser, Youth Representative	

**Ministry Coordinating Council**

Michael Dunne, Chair	David Tomidy
Gwen Deragon, Secretary	
Khin Soe Moe, Member-at-Large	
Karen Dunne, ex. officio	Pastor Daniel, ex. Officio

**Church-Staff Relations Committee**

Thomas Deragon  
James Dick  
John Marvel

**Staff**

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

*\*Pastor Mark serves Ex-Officio on all Ministry Teams and Chairs.*

## AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH RETREAT - MAY 20 - 22



Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the annual spring youth retreat to be held at Pathfinder Camp on the weekend of May 20-22. The praise band will lead the music for this year's retreat and the Rev. Dr. John Buskey will lead the worship services. *The cost is \$20 per person and youth must register and be paid in FULL by Sunday May 15, 2015. Please see Karen Dunne for more information.*



### 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!

### Senior Luncheon - Sunday, May 22, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

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.*



*If you are graduating from High School or College in 2016, please let us know no later than May 15, 2016, so we can 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 your name and picture to Say Wah Htoo or Karen Dunne.*



Are you graduating?

## 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.

<b>Children/Teen Weeks</b>			<b>Per Person</b>
June 23-26	Lifeguard Training	Ages 16 and up	\$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

# Mohawk/Oneida Baptist Association

Sunday,  
May 15  
3:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Baptist Church  
219 Leah Street  
Utica, New York 13501

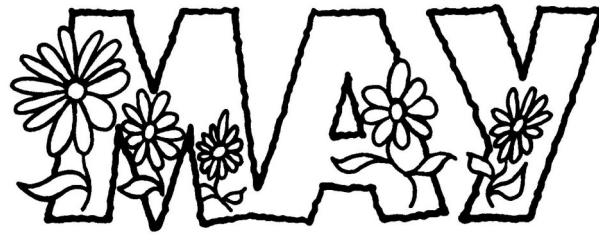
## Spring Celebration

- Fellowship & Worship
- Hymn Sing
- The Lord's Supper
- Brief Business Meeting
- Delicious Dinner

For More Information

Please call  
Rev. Matt Ripp at  
315.790.1811





### ***May Holidays, Special Events, Meetings, and Deadlines***

<i>Communion</i>	<i>Sunday, May 1, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Faith Nurturing Ministry Team meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, May 1, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, May 1, 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Mother's Day</i>	<i>Sunday, May 8</i>
<i>Graduation name and picture submission deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, May 15</i>
<i>Youth Retreat sign-up deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, May 15</i>
<i>Baptism</i>	<i>Sunday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Ministry Coordinating Council Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, May 15, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Mohawk/Oneida Baptist Assoc. Spring Celebration</i>	<i>Sunday, May 15, 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Rescue Mission Alumni Banquet in Thorn Chapel</i>	<i>Monday, May 16</i>
<i>Youth Retreat @ Pathfinder Camp</i>	<i>May 20-22</i>
<i>Senior Luncheon at Red Lobster</i>	<i>Sunday, May 22, 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>June Visitor article submission deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, May 22</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>Monday, May 30 (Office Closed)</i>



***Caring  
Corner***  
*will be open  
Saturday, May 21  
at 7:30 a.m.*



“This is what we do, my mother’s life said. We find ourselves in the sacrifices we make.”

—Cammie McGovern



<i>Ku Ku</i>	1	<i>Yadano Oo</i>	16
<i>Eh Tar Taw</i>	1	<i>Ler Kler Soe</i>	16
<i>Eh Ler Pwee Saw Thaw</i>	1	<i>Tha Law Wah</i>	16
<i>Robert Mandry</i>	2	<i>Glory Htoo</i>	18
<i>Tom Deragon</i>	3	<i>Dell Well Paw</i>	19
<i>Say Eh Paw</i>	3	<i>Mathile Nyiramuruta</i>	20
<i>Edmund S. Soe</i>	4	<i>Rebecca Sheen</i>	20
<i>Thomas Dale Moe</i>	4	<i>Tu Nu</i>	22
<i>Paw Tashu Kyet</i>	5	<i>Ka Se Ya Moo</i>	22
<i>Hser Nee</i>	6	<i>Sweety Kaw</i>	23
<i>El Thayou Win Thaw</i>	7	<i>Greta Pugh</i>	23
<i>Hananiah Htoo</i>	7	<i>Naw Rosena Thein</i>	24
<i>Chay Thayou Htoo</i>	7	<i>Mae Zae</i>	25
<i>Tina Thein</i>	8	<i>Sarah Jane Brooks</i>	26
<i>Eh Dah</i>	9	<i>Eh Tha Dah</i>	26
<i>Juliamoo Gyar</i>	10	<i>Say Lway Moo</i>	27
<i>Hser Ehmoo Win</i>	10	<i>Htoo Po</i>	27
<i>Dechris Seedo</i>	11	<i>Bat Po Moo</i>	27
<i>Che Ku Way Kyet</i>	11	<i>Eh Tha Ku</i>	28
<i>Eh Do Doe</i>	14	<i>Ehku Po Moo Mu</i>	30
<i>Saw Dreaming</i>	14	<i>James V. Davison</i>	30
<i>Nancy Mandry</i>	15	<i>Tha Htoo</i>	30
<i>Paw Nay Christ</i>	15	<i>Paw Lay Lay</i>	30
<i>Mary Kessler</i>	16	<i>Dee Dee Moo</i>	31



For the righteous...  
enter into peace.

ISAIAH 57:1-2, NRSV



*In Loving Memory of Htoo Thaw*  
*May 30, 1962—April 21, 2016*

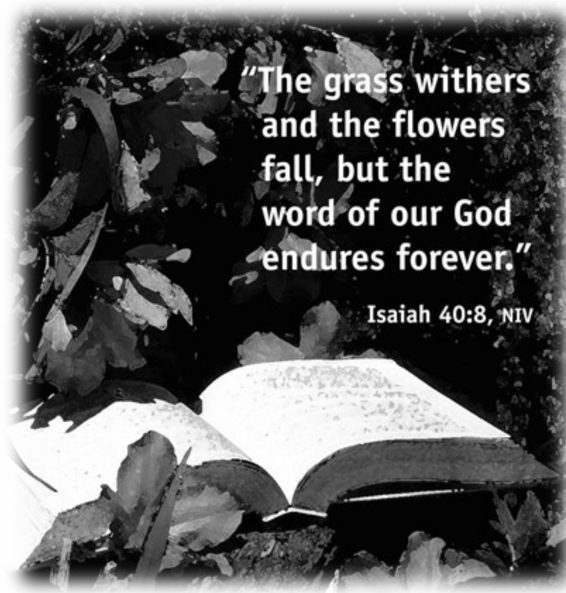


## Pew Bible Order Form

There is still opportunity to dedicate a new pew Bible, in memory of a friend or family member who has passed away. Or, you may wish to honor a loved one, who you would like to celebrate. If you would like donate a new Bible, please complete the form below. **Each Bible costs \$15.00.** A dedication label with the name of the donor and the person memorialized or celebrated 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:

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I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for bibles in honor of:

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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**

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Website	<a href="http://www.tbcutica.org">www.tbcutica.org</a>

**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!*