

The Visitor



Search Committee

The Search Committee met for the first time on November 20, 2016.
The members, by our Constitution, are:

Moderator	Michael Dunne
One member from each of the three Ministry Teams	
FNMT	Karen Dunne
SMT	Kler Eh Soe Victor
W&WMT	Gwen Deragon, Secretary
Staff Relation Committee	Thomas Deragon
Church-at-large	Khinsoe Moe
Youth Representative	Olive San

The Search Committee has met three more times since November. On December 4, 2016 we met with Rev. Huguenot, ABC/NYS Executive Minister. It was decided to plan congregational meeting to be held February 18 & 19, to meet with our congregation for us to begin discussions regarding our expectations of a new Pastor. More information about these meetings can be found on page 6. This process of finding a new Pastor for our Church consists of three steps:

- using Pulpit Supply (for weekly Sunday Worship services) until
- an Interim (Temporary) Pastor is hired until
- the congregation calls a full time Pastor.

In the past, this process usually takes 1-2 years.

The Committee has scheduled pulpit supply through the end of February and will continue until an Interim Pastor is hired.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 20 for President's Day



The Deadline to submit an article for the March Visitor is Sunday, February 12.

Meaningful Messages for Today



February 5
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Communion
Rev. Peter Carman

February 12
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Rev. Joan McKenzie

February 19
Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
Rev. Jerrod Huguenot

February 26
Transfiguration
Dr. James Kelsey



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Note from our Moderator

I remember as a young child enjoying playing out in the snow. We would build Ice Castles and try to tunnel our way inside; joyfully we would fall into a snow pile to make snow angels; or we would build the biggest snowman on the block – so we had to have an adult put the “carrot nose” in place because we couldn’t reach it!

As I have grown older my love for snow and the winter weather has decreased. I now see snow not as an enjoyment – but a trial. Shoveling the driveway, driving on snow covered roads, and just trying to stay warm in below freezing temperatures are just some of challenges we deal with during winter’s grip on our world. It seems that just like the sun setting earlier in the day, my energy level also seems to become shorter and shorter.

However, just the other day I was in my kitchen doing dishes, and I looked out at the freshly fallen snow covering the back yard. The trees were sparkling as the winter sun shone through the branches, and the snow created an untouched canvas of white over a yard that was previously full of mud and leaves (left over from the fall). Indeed snow is an amazing work of God. He takes a barren landscape and creates it anew – wiping clean all the dirt and grime of this world and covering it with His blanket of white.

I think in the busy-ness of today’s society we often walk past the glory of God that surrounds us. While snow can bring with it frustrations and difficulties – it also allows us a time to slow down, spend extra time inside with family and friends, and the ability to take a moment to rest and behold His glory that surrounds us. Even in the height of a snow storm there is a calming steadiness in watching the flakes fall to the ground.

Wherever you may be this winter - Let us remember to take time to rejoice in the newness that God creates around us and the loved ones that surround us.

By Karen Dunne



Snow From God

by Anne Hessler

*snow falls lightly
from the sky up above
softly falling down
like the feather of a dove*

*each snow flake is different
like each one of us
falling to the ground
like snow often does*

*it's steals away breath
this brilliant thing
so pure and refreshing
like the songs angels sing*

*they sing for remembrance
of God and his sun
throwing down these white
tokens
to say winter has begun*

*white is for birth
the birth of baby christ
white is for hope
that things are alright*

*each flake that falls
from the sky up above
is a gift from God
telling us we are loved*



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Search Committee Congregational Meetings

On Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 & 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 19 (after the English speaking service), Tabernacle Baptist offers all church members to come and talk about our ministry needs with the departure of Pastor Mark and the beginnings of searching for a new pastor to work alongside Pastor Daniel.

The search committee encourages you to attend conversation sessions to be offered in Karen and in English. These sessions will focus on Tabernacle's present and future ministry, and your participation helps the search committee begin its work with your input early in its work.

Two sessions will be offered on Saturday, February 18, 2017. For our older congregants who may not wish to be out after dark or any other congregant who wishes to be part of an afternoon time discussion group, we will begin at 1 p.m. with light refreshments and conclude later in the afternoon. The youth and any person who wishes to come to an evening time discussion will gather at 5:30 p.m.

A light meal will be served prior to the evening session, beginning at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy the meal.

A Sunday morning session will be offered after the English speaking worship service (approx. 11:15 AM) if you cannot make either time on Saturday afternoon or evening. This will take place in the East Room.

NOTE: If we have snow that cancels this event on February 18 and 19th, we will hold the same event, same schedule on the following of February 25 and 26th. We will announce a snow cancellation through phone calls and posts on Facebook on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Please check if you have a question.

The discussions will be offered in Karen and English. The weekend's discussion groups will be supported by three American Baptist staff: Rev Jerrod Hugenot (ABCNYS Associate Executive Minister) will be joined by two staff members from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies: the Rev. Florence Li, Asian Ministries Coordinator and the Rev. Ler Htoo, Karen Ministry Coordinator. Rev Li and Rev Htoo have significant experience working with churches in our denomination whom have an intercultural ministry and will help facilitate discussions in our two main languages spoken at Tabernacle.

The American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) commissioned Rev. Ler Htoo as an ABC Home Missionary for with Burma Diaspora communities. Rev. Florence Li is full-time staff at ABHMS working with Asian American constituency and member coordinator for the Burma Refugees Commission. Their time with Tabernacle, along with the ABCNYS Region's staff support from Rev Hugenot and Dr Kelsey, is made possible in part by Tabernacle's contributions to ABC United Mission and the America for Christ Offering.



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January 30, 2017

Dear friends in Christ:

Paula and I want to let each of you know how overwhelmed we were by the outpouring of love and generosity you showered on us as I concluded seventeen and a half years of ministry at Tabernacle on Sunday, January 15. The worship service and expressions of appreciation before the fellowship luncheon were a wonderful way to conclude my pastorate. Thank you to everyone who had a hand planning and working to make the time so very special.

Thank you for the wonderful Book of Memories you presented to us. As we have read the letters contained in it, our own fond memories of the friends and members of our church family have flooded our minds and hearts. It is a keepsake we will treasure forever. Joanne Gould's quilted masterpiece will also serve as a reminder of Tabernacle and will have a place of honor in our new home.

Thank you for the extraordinarily generous love gift you gave us. Having just purchased a house, there are many projects waiting to be done that this money will help to fund! We are humbled by this token of your love and esteem.

We also want to say a special thank you to Tabernacle's youth and young adults. Two days ago they descended in mass on the parsonage with pickup trucks and cars. In just a few hours they moved all our belongings from the parsonage to our new home on Proctor Boulevard. In addition, they cleaned the parsonage from top to bottom. Words alone are inadequate to express our thankfulness for our young people. So, we simply say, "thank you!"

Please know what a special place Tabernacle and each of you have in our hearts. Paula and I hold you all in our prayers and thoughts knowing that God has very great plans for Tabernacle in the days ahead.

Grace and peace,


(Rev.) Mark S. Caruana
Dean – Houghton College Utica

Church Directory Address Update

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Pastor Mark and Paula's Farewell Service and Luncheon on January 15, 2017 and Moving Day on January 28, 2017, with the help of TBC Youth.



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February Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines

<i>Piano Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 8:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Women's Group Prayer and Bible Study</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Violin I Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 3:20 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Meeting</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Violin II Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Class</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	<i>Sundays, at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Trumpet Practice</i>	<i>Sundays, at 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Circle 16 Bake Sale</i>	<i>Sunday, February 5, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Ministry Coordinating Council Team meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, February 12, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry Team meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, February 12, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Congregational Search Committee meeting</i>	<i>Saturday, February 18, 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Light Meal before Search Committee meeting</i>	<i>Saturday, February 18, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Search Committee Meeting with Youth</i>	<i>Saturday, February 18, 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>March Visitor Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, February 19</i>
<i>Office Closed for President's Day</i>	<i>Monday, February 20</i>
<i>Snow dates for Congregational meetings</i>	<i>Saturday and Sunday, February 25 & 26</i>



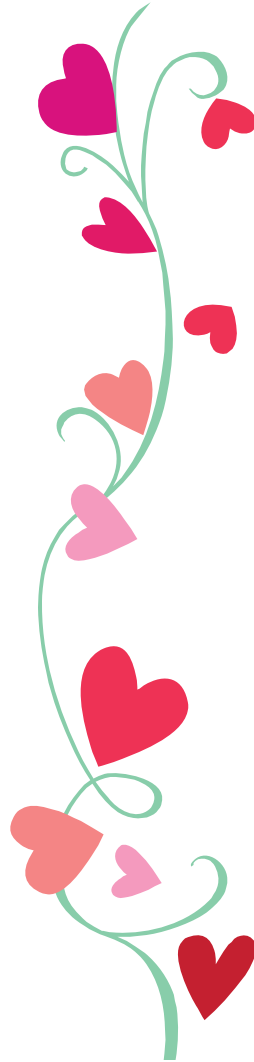
Sunday, February 5





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eh Ta 2/1
 Moo Day Ket 2/3
 Joshua Htoo 2/4
 Eh Kaw Thaw 2/5
 Rayhtoo Kyet 2/5
 Elvis Lay 2/5
 Hser Lay Moo 2/5
 Zygmunt Malowicki 2/6
 Gran Ju Aye 2/7
 Hser Doh Paw 2/10
 Robert Hagues 2/11
 Ta Wah Wah 2/12
 Kmler Paw Pyu 2/13
 Alexander Htoo 2/14
 Christ Hay Than Htoo 2/14
 Mary Elizabeth Thomas 2/17



Thin Win 2/17
 Kwe Ka Baw 2/18
 Eh Ahah Kyi 2/18
 John Eh Mi 2/18
 Dee Noe 2/18
 Ta Dah 2/19
 Hei Ku Moo 2/20
 Dee Dee Htoo 2/22
 Tammy Daly 2/23
 Kay Klo 2/25
 Janet Pickard 2/25
 Da Lay 2/26
 Eh Nay Paw 2/26
 Eh Ta Baw 2/27
 Paw De Say 2/27
 Mu Twae 2/28



If you would like yours or a family member's birthday announced in our Visitor, please contact Tammy in the Church office at 315-735-7534 or churchoffice@tbcutica.org.



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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

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