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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!*



<i>Violet Baw</i>	1	<i>Tha Dah Paw</i>	12
<i>Moore Heh</i>	1	<i>Sam Ezekisoe</i>	12
<i>Peter Say Di</i>	2	<i>Key Har</i>	12
<i>Sha Wah Moo</i>	2	<i>Arthur Htoo</i>	12
<i>Paw Htoo Na</i>	3	<i>Brad Gould</i>	13
<i>Say Mer</i>	4	<i>Eh Lah Christ</i>	13
<i>Joseph Eh</i>	4	<i>Mary Kessler</i>	16
<i>Marilyn Hess</i>	4	<i>Eh Moo</i>	17
<i>Bar Blut</i>	5	<i>Daniel Calvin San</i>	17
<i>Melissa Dunne</i>	5	<i>Thu Lay Paw</i>	17
<i>Lah June Paw</i>	6	<i>Eh Ku Paw</i>	18
<i>Michael Moore</i>	6	<i>Stephanie Baum</i>	18
<i>Christopher Beal</i>	6	<i>Ruth Malowicki</i>	19
<i>Moon Kalu Htoo</i>	7	<i>Sweetey Thaw</i>	19
<i>Ar Ru Be</i>	8	<i>Dah Htoo</i>	20
<i>Kenneth Dickson</i>	9	<i>Mary Wate</i>	20
<i>Alex Green</i>	10	<i>Nick Marvel</i>	23
<i>Jillian Soe</i>	10	<i>Paw Nay Ser</i>	26
<i>Htee Doh Htoo</i>	11	<i>Wah Dee Say</i>	27
<i>Saw Htoo Poe</i>	11	<i>Edith Davison</i>	29
<i>Jilliane Soe</i>	11	<i>Soe Doh Htoo</i>	29
<i>Tabat Say</i>	12	<i>Judson Lay</i>	30

June Special Events, Meetings, and Deadlines

<i>Pre-bid meeting with architects</i>	<i>Wednesday, June 1, 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Christian Concert at City Hall</i>	<i>Friday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>One Great Hour of Sharing begins</i>	<i>Sunday, June 5</i>
<i>Circle 16 Bake Sale</i>	<i>Sunday, June 5, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, June 5, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Church School Sunday and Picnic</i>	<i>Sunday, June 12</i>
<i>Steward Ministry Team meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, June 12, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday School Summer Schedule begins</i>	<i>Sunday, June 19</i>
<i>Visitor Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, June 19</i>
<i>Wella Ban/Htoo Choe Lay Wedding</i>	<i>Saturday, June 25, 11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Graduate Recognition Ceremony during Worship Service</i>	<i>Sunday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.</i>

Please note: There will be no Chancel Choir throughout the month of June.

Family Financial Security Research Project

Alexis Mann is a graduate student at Brandeis University and is working on research project talking with families about raising kids in the city and household finances. As part of the project she is interviewing families in Utica who meet the following criteria:

- Household income \$40,000 or above
- Raising one (or more) child

The goal of this study is to improve our understanding of how to increase family financial security. To do so, we need your help. Please share your thoughts and experiences with us!

- All information is completely confidential.
- Interviews last about an hour and can be done in person or over the phone.

You'll receive an Amazon gift card as a thank you. If you're interested in participating or learning more about the project you can email her at - armann@brandeis.edu or call 207-406-1250.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WELCOMING NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES TO OUR NEW COMMUNITY?

Are you interested in helping our community newcomers learn about various cultural orientation topics and learn to navigate their new home? Would you like to gain volunteer experience ? build a resume and receive additional training and knowledge. Join our Advanced Cultural Orientation team today.

For more information contact Thulfiqar Alsaadi Ameri-Corps Cultural Orientation Volunteer trainer office located in the Employment Office phone 315-738-1083 ext. 132 or by email thulfiqara@mvrer.org



World Refugee Day

Saturday, June 18th

Utica City Hall
Hanna Park
12pm – 4pm

Let's celebrate and honor
Utica's refugees and refugees
worldwide!

Join Us For a
Citizenship Ceremony at 12:30

Other Activities Include:

- International Fashion Show
- Musical and Dance Performances
- Food Vendors
- Children's Activities

A Special Thank You To Our
Sponsor



Congratulations to all who were baptized and became church members on May 15, 2016!

Baptized: *Aye Aye Moe (Junie), Bat Poe Moo, Bway Doh Htoo, Eh Tha Yu Hser, Hla Tha Blay Htoo, Hser Doh Paw, Jerry Htoo, Jimmy Bu, Moe Eh Hser, Moo Toh Taw, Ner Doh Soe, Per Ler, Shining Shore, Shwe Aye Kyi, and Tha Su.*

Received: *Junny Say, Lah Htoo, Mye Eh, and Naw Ree.*

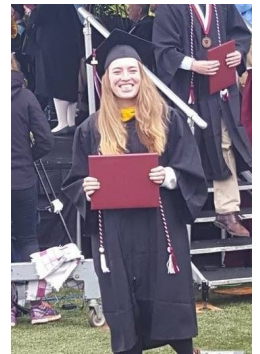


CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Tabernacle's 2016 College Grads!

- ◆ Aung Tin Moe earned his bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Suny Poly.
- ◆ Tamara Beal graduated summa cum laude from Eastern University with a bachelor degree in Biology.
- ◆ Alex C. Green earned his Bachelors of Science Business Administration at Suny Poly.
- ◆ Aaron T. Green graduated from a 5 year program to Journeyman for Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 112 Binghamton.
- ◆ Ashton Villeneuve graduated from Utica College.
- ◆ Eh Ler Paw, Gee Lar, Hay Tha, Khu Nay Htee, Melody Gay, Olive San, and Touk Louk graduated from MVCC.



Congratulations to Tabernacle's 2016 High School Grads!

Dechris Seedo

Moo Mu Doh

Gran Ju Aye

Moo Toh Taw

Jerry Htoo

Na Doh Striker

Kaylynn M. Olivadese

Ne Ku Htoo

Kay Klo

Ngwe Ngwe Lin

Klure Htoo

Tha Su



Prayer Request

We request your prayers for **John Cappelli**. John and Dawn Lazovik have been traveling in the southwest for the past week; having a wonderful time. On Tuesday, May 24, Dawn found John unconscious and unresponsive in their hotel room. He had suffered a heart attack and was taken to Sunrise Hospital (186 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89109) where he is in a medically induced coma. The doctors are hopeful that the damage done by the heart attack is treatable. *Please hold John, Dawn, and their family in your prayers during this time.* Please pray for John's healing and restored health. Please also pray that Dawn and their family members will be strengthened by God's presence and grace to meet this challenge.

All are welcome to a Community Celebration and Public Opening of

***The World through His Lens: Steve McCurry
Photographs***

and

***Portraits of Hope: Faces of Refugee Resettle-
ment in Central New York***

Sunday, June 12, 1:30-3:30

1:30 Performances

**Songs and dances performed by International
Artists of Utica**

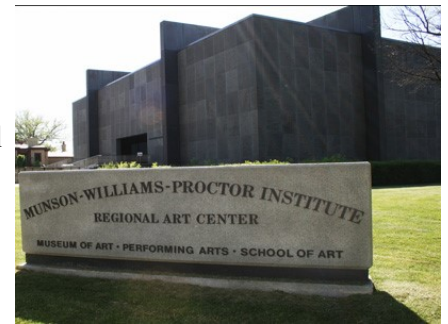
**Free children's crafts
and**

Light refreshments

Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute

Museum of Art

310 Genesee Street, Utica



Celebrate the public opening of exhibitions *The World through His Lens: Steve McCurry Photographs* and *Portraits of Hope: Faces of Refugee Resettlement in Central New York*. Enjoy the songs and dances of the International Artists of Utica, children's crafts, and light refreshments. The International Artists of Utica (IAU) will present a collage of global dances and songs. Many of the artists are immigrants and refugees originally from Thailand, Burma, Nepal, Bhutan, Kenya, Cambodia, and the Caribbean. They will perform a variety of traditional and contemporary dances and songs from around the world that will make you want to join in the fun.

****Please see Paula Caruana for free tickets.***

Restoration and Preservation Update

There is a lot of good news to report on Tabernacle's efforts to restore and preserve our historic 1865 sanctuary building. **The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, which has awarded Tabernacle an approximately \$375,000 matching grant, has reviewed and approved our historic preservation architects' plans for the project.** A legal notice has been placed in the Utica Observer-Dispatch announcing the project and soliciting bids from contractors. A pre-bid meeting with our architects has been scheduled for interested contractors at the church on June 1 at 1:00 p.m. Bidding will be closed on June 22. The contractors selected must then be reviewed and approved by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. If everything goes according to plan, **we hope to begin our building project later this summer!**

In addition, we are pleased to announce **that The New York Landmarks Conservancy has pledged a Sacred Sites Challenge Grant of \$30,000. to Tabernacle** for our building restoration and preservation project. The goal of this grant is help the church leverage **new financial support** for our project. So, if you have not yet made a contribution to our building project or are able to make an additional contribution, please do so today. **Every dollar raised (up to \$30,000.) will be matched by another dollar from the Landmarks Conservancy.**



Where you go I will go, where you stay I will stay.~ Ruth 1:16

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is time again for our congregation to receive a very special offering. For many years, each June, Tabernacle has received the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering (OGHS)**. Through this special offering we are given **the opportunity to share our gifts and resources with our brothers and sisters in need around the world**. God has blessed each of us with something we can share. All of us have the power to give back to God from what God has given us. As we give to the OGHS offering, we help to create a more just world for all of God's children. **Through our gifts, we participate in the many ministries that serve the hungry, the poor, the distressed, and the refugee.**

Our 2016 OGHS theme verse is from the Book of Ruth. The story of Ruth and Naomi is a model for the OGHS offering. When faced with forced relocation, due to famine and political strife, Ruth said to Naomi, *Where you go I will go, where you stay I will stay*. Ruth stood in solidarity with Naomi. Solidarity stands at the heart of their story. **Solidarity stands at the heart of the ministries made possible by our One Great Hour of Sharing offering.**

Like Ruth and Naomi, **refugees** today are confronted with dire situations in their homes, and are forced by the necessity of survival to leave behind their communities in order to seek safety and security. Currently, the United Nations estimates **over 60 million of our brothers and sisters across the world are refugees or displaced persons**. The number is higher than it has been since World War II, and is expected to increase as violence continues in the Middle East and parts of Africa.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing we embrace refugees around the world as our brothers and sisters. We say, *where you go, we will go*. The OGHS offering places us side-by-side with those in the greatest need. **It offers us the opportunity to be Ruth for the Naomi's of the world.** By giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, we answer God's call to bring healing and hope to a hurting and hopeless world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering reaches across the globe. Sometimes, it provides solidarity to those who have experienced loss due to disasters in our own community, state, and nation. Other times, it says, *you are not forgotten* to our sisters and brothers on the other side of the world. **Through our gifts to the OGHS offering, we can help ensure that all of God's children have what they need.** Together, we accompany refugees and stand in solidarity with the distressed, sharing God's love and care.

Our congregation's 2016 One Great Hour of Sharing offering goal is \$2500. I encourage you use the **enclosed OGHS offering envelope** to give generously to this special offering that shares God's love with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mark Caruana

On behalf of the Witness and Worship Ministry Team

New Baby!

Katherine San was born May 15, 2016. She is the daughter of Johnay Calvin San and Thu Lay Paw and grand-daughter of Rev. Daniel and Anna San.

Where in the World is Olive San?

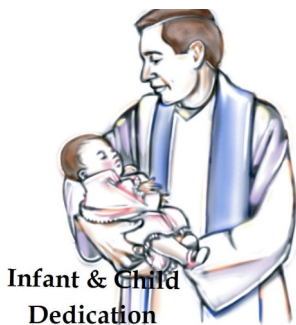
Our own Olive San is preparing to travel to Nicaragua. She will be joining other American Baptists from New York and Pennsylvania for a short-term mission project, **June 18 - 26**. Olive and a team of 20 other Baptists will be working in community of Sabalette. They will be working with **AMOS**, a partner of American Baptist International Ministries that promotes health and offers hope through Jesus Christ in Nicaragua. AMOS equips rural communities with water filtration devices and empowers them to improve the quality of their water and combat water-borne disease.



Olive is going to Nicaragua as Tabernacle's missionary. The Witness and Worship Ministry Team is sponsoring her. Olive will also be carrying a love gift from our congregation to help AMOS provide clean water and medical care in Nicaragua. *So far, friends and members of Tabernacle have given \$850 to support AMOS' ministry!*

Please hold Olive in your prayers. Pray that God will prepare the path for her and her fellow short-term missionaries. Pray that God will watch over the team from New York and Pennsylvania as they travel to and from Nicaragua. Pray that God will use Olive as the hands and feet of Jesus while she is in Nicaragua.

Infant and Child Dedication Service



Our Lord Jesus said, *Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.* (Matthew 9:14) Every child is a gift from God. As a congregation we have been blessed to have many babies and young children in our midst. One of our Baptist traditions is to periodically have a dedication service in which we thank God for the gift of infants and young children. As parents and a community of faith, we pledge to surround our children with God's love and to introduce them to Jesus, so that when they are older, they can make a personal faith commitment to Jesus Christ.

We are planning to dedicate infants and children during the 10:00 a.m. English Language Worship service on Sunday, July 10. If you would like to dedicate your baby, young child or children to the Lord, please speak with Pastor Mark or Pastor Daniel. You may also call the church office at 735-7534. Please make certain to provide us with: the child's name, date of birth and the parents' names.

Summer Worship Music



During the summer months of June, July and August, we will not be learning a new Hymn of the month. Instead, we invite our musically gifted friends and members to minister in music during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. *If you would like to offer a vocal or instrumental selection during a summer worship service, please speak with Michael Moore.*



All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18



Each year, I try to take two weeks for continuing education, new learning, and spiritual renewal. In late August, I will be joining American Baptist colleagues from across the nation for the **ABC/USA Ministers Council's Annual Retreat**. The focus of this four-day gathering, August 22 -25, in suburban Washington, DC is on maintaining our minds, bodies, and souls for ministry. The retreat promises to be a rich time of worship, reflection, and fellowship with others called to church leadership.

June 19 - 26, I will return to my alma mater, Hartford Seminary, to participate in one of the seminary's signature offerings: ***Building Abrahamic Partnerships***. This is an eight-day intensive training program that offers a practical foundation for mutual understanding and cooperation among Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Here is an excerpt from the course description: "Participants learn about the tenets and practices of the three faiths, study texts from their respective scriptures together, attend worship at a mosque, synagogue, and church, and acquire pastoral skills useful in interfaith ministry. This program is a resource for religious leaders who are grounded in their own traditions while open to the faith orientations of other communities."

You might wonder why I have enrolled in this particular course as part of my annual continuing education regimen. Here are a few reasons why I am pursuing this educational opportunity at this time.

First, throughout my ministry I have tried to work with other religious leaders, both ecumenical and interfaith, on projects that **promote the common good** within our community. Consequently, I have participated in community 9/11 memorial services, election day prayer breakfasts, interfaith Thanksgiving services, and Rescue Mission banquets. Three years ago, I served on the steering committee that formed the Greater Utica Interfaith Coalition. Through the coalition, I have formed friendships with people of faith from many traditions and have worked with them to create greater mutual respect and understanding in our city. I have never believed that my faith is diminished or compromised by extending a hand of friendship to someone of another faith.

Second, I am concerned about the **protection of religious freedom** in our nation. I believe the rhetoric against religious minorities that has become all too commonplace in the public discourse recently is a threat to the religious liberty of all. Proposals to ban Muslims from entering our country or surveilling mosques make our land not safer, but less safe and less free. At this critical time, we need to remember our Baptist story. Baptists were a persecuted religious minority in England and colonial America, much as Baptist Christians continue to face persecution today in Burma. Out of this struggle for their own religious freedom, Baptists emerged to become some of the loudest voices advocating religious liberty for all.

Finally, I believe that Christ has entrusted a **ministry of reconciliation** to his people. I recently read Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' book, *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence*. Rabbi Sacks examines the origins of the sibling rivalry between the children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and suggests a path forward. After reading this book, I have felt a need to deepen my shallow knowledge of the other two Abrahamic traditions and gain new skills for encouraging interfaith dialogue and respect. I believe this is consistent with my faith in Jesus Christ, the one who came to us as the Prince of Peace and calls us to the ministry of reconciliation.

I look forward to sharing with you new learnings and insights from my week at Hartford Seminary. Please hold me in your prayers as I am away.

Grace and peace,

Mark

The Visitor



Church School Sunday



During our **10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 12**, we will celebrate a very successful Church School year. Make plans to join us as each of our Sunday School classes present stories, skits and music related what they have learned this year. In addition, there will also be a time of recognition for our teachers and volunteers who have worked so tirelessly throughout the year.

Church Picnic

Following the Church School program will be our annual Church Picnic at New Hartford Sherrillbrook Town Park (Take a left after entering the park – our Pavilion will be on the left after the turn – across from the playground). The Faith Nurturing Team will provide hot dogs, rolls, paper plates, silverware and drinks.



Please bring a dish to share with others, and the grills will be open if anyone wishes to bring their own meat to cook. There will be food, fellowship, games and fun for everyone – we hope you can join us!!

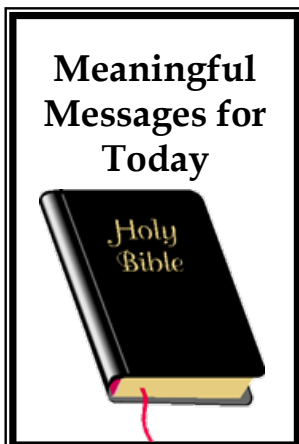
Free Worship Concert



Please join us on **Friday, June 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Hanna Park, 1 Kennedy Plaza, Utica** for a free Worship Concert, presented by Love Family Community Church and sponsored by Tabernacle Baptist Church. Music artists include Mark Bolo, Miquel Ramos, Julio Rodriquez and the Tabernacle Praise Band. There will be music in multiple languages. All are invited!

Women's Ministry Support

Letters went out recently from Tabernacle Women's Ministries requesting support for our on-going ministries. If you have already responded thank you so much! If you haven't, we would appreciate hearing from you. Use the envelope that came with the letter and return it to the church. Your support is much appreciated!



Meaningful Messages for Today

June 5
One Great Hour of Sharing Communion
Ruth 1:1-22
Your People are My People

June 12
Church School Sunday followed by Church Picnic at Sherrillbrook Park

June 19
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 8:26-39
When Jesus Comes to Visit

June 26
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Tenolian Bell
Guest Preacher



Sunday, June 19