

The Visitor



PASTORAL
SEARCH
COMMITTEE

Search Committee Update – Envisioning our Future

On February 18th and 19th Tabernacle hosted congregational meetings with church members and representatives from American Baptist Churches USA to look ahead to what ministry opportunities might be ahead for Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Separate meetings were held for both the adults and for the youth of the church. Rev. Florence Li, the National Coordinator for Intercultural Ministries and member of the Burma Refugee Commission was the lead speaker. Also in attendance was Rev. Jerrod Huguenot, Associate Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of New York State. They led the attendees through a series of discussions and activities, culminating in small group sessions centered around defining the current strengths of Tabernacle, as well as what God might be calling us to do in the future. An explanation of how the American Baptist pastoral search process was also discussed.



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Meaningful
Messages for
Today



March 5
First Sunday in Lent
Communion
Rev. Jim Kelsey

March 12
Second Sunday in Lent
Rev. Shawn Hast

March 19
Third Sunday in Lent
To be announced

March 26
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Karen Dunne

The Deadline to submit
an article for the
April Visitor is
Sunday, March 19



Pastor's Page



Imitate the Love of God

This is how God showed his love among us: “He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” (1 John 4:9-12)

God is love and he loves the whole world. The scriptures say: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not have love does not know God, because God is Love.” (1 John 4:7-8)

Our religion is founded on love. Its main principle is love. Christians without love are not real Christians, Christian churches without love are not real Christian churches. The two greatest commandments that Jesus signified are:

- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
- “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Leviticus 19:18)

“For God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:32-33)

This should be our Christian norm. Otherwise, we can not call ourselves Christians. We have to have love when we believe in God. Christian religion grew through love. In early times, Christians were weak and few in number, but they really loved one another so that others said, “Look at them! How much they love so much”. They stood firm in faith because of love. Love is the main principle. Imitate God and receive His love. As the hymn says:

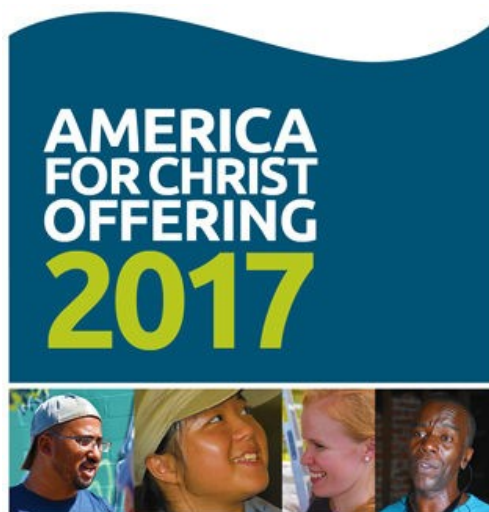
“How sweet, how heavenly is the sight,
When those that love the Lord
In one another’s peace delight,
And so fulfill His Word.”

“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 10:12) God bless you richly.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel".

Rev. Daniel Calvin San



CULTIVATING LEADERS

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES

HEALING COMMUNITIES

Luke 4:18-19

Dear Members and Friends of Tabernacle Baptist Church,

The America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2017 theme, “Cultivating Leaders, Equipping Disciples, Healing Communities,” reminds us that, as American Baptists, we exemplify a vital legacy of mission and ministry dating to 1824. The 21st-century challenges of leadership are numerous, but we are invigorated by the passage of Luke 4:18-19, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.*” (NRSV)

Through your generous donations and partnership, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is committed to cultivating dynamic Christian leaders who are culturally and spiritually competent in touch with their churches and communities, and passionate about ministry and helping people. Highly developed Christ-honoring leaders are called to advance the mission of peace, hope and love in their churches and communities with resilience, faithfulness and proficiency.

Your AFC gifts will come alongside ABHMS as we continually address the question: *What do leaders need to continue growing and developing?* The AFC Offering 2017 reminds us that service is a way of life for Christ’s church. Cultivating leaders is a call to all of our American Baptist family.

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 2017 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 any time in March to make your AFC Offering.

Together we can make a difference.

Gwen Deragon

Worship and Witness Ministry Team Chair

St. Patrick's Parade Day Party ~ March 11, 2017 at 8:30am-1:30pm
Thea Bowman House, Inc.
 Phone: 315-797-0748

Thea Bowman House is having its annual St. Patrick's Parade Day Party on **Saturday, March 11th at the DeSales Center 309 Genesee St., Utica.** Come out to see Utica's St. Patrick's Day parade and join us inside to warm up with plenty of hot food and drinks for purchase at **family friendly prices.** There will also be face & nail painting, a photo booth, and raffles. FREE arts & crafts for children, too. Dancers from Butler-Sheehan Academy of Irish Dance & Johnston School of Irish Dance will perform after the parade from 12:30-1:30pm. Indoor viewing of the parade is available in our mezzanine throughout the morning. All proceeds will support Thea Bowman House child care programs. **For more information or to find out how you can help call 315-797-0748.**



Easter Lilies and Tulips Order Form



Each year at Easter time, our Church is decorated with tulips and lilies usually given as memorials. To order a plant (\$8 each) in memory of a loved one, please complete this form and return it to the church office with full payment **by Palm Sunday, April 9.** 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 or mail to the office at **13 Clark Place, Utica, NY 13501.**

I enclose \$ _____ for _____ (#) Red Tulips _____ (#) Yellow Tulips _____ (#) Lilies

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

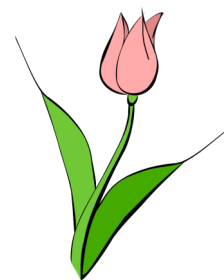
In Loving Memory of _____

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

In Loving Memory of _____

Check one:

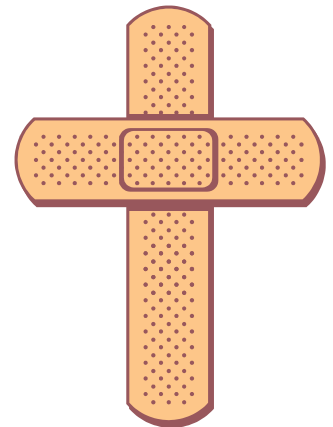
- I will take my plant after the Easter Sunday services.
- I am willing to deliver plant (s) to shut-ins.
- My plant may be given to a shut-in after the Easter services.



THANK ♥ YOU

Thank you to the members of Circle 16 and the many Karen women who sewed and rolled bandages in February for White Cross. These bandages will be sent to third world countries for use in their clinics and hospitals. This year, we were able to double the number of bandages that we normally send from 50 to 100.

Thanks again, "Pi" Gwen



Looking for Gently Used Furniture

We are looking to refurnish the Parsonage in anticipation of an Interim Pastor and eventually a full-time Pastor. If you have *gently-used* furniture that you would like to donate, please contact the church office at 315-735-7534, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. or churchoffice@tbcutica.org, and we will arrange to pick them up. You may bring them to the church; however, please make arrangements with the office beforehand.



March

Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines

Piano Lessons

Karen Women's Group Prayer and Bible Study

Violin I Lessons

Youth Meeting

Violin II Lessons

Karen Choir Practice

Karen Language Class

Chancel Choir

Trumpet Practice

Caring Corner

Church Cleaning Day

Pastoral Search Committee meeting

Ministry Coordinating Council meeting

Daylight Savings Time begins

Faith Nurturing Ministry Team meeting

Stewardship Ministry Team meeting

April Visitor Submission Deadline

Saturdays, at 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays, at 10:00 a.m.

Saturdays, at 3:20 p.m.

Saturdays, at 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays, at 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays, at 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays, at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays, at 9:00 a.m.

Sundays, at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 4, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 5, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 5, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 12

Sunday, March 12, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19



Caring Corner

will be open
Saturday
March 4
7:30 a.m.



Church Cleanup

Saturday,
March 4,
10:00 a.m.

All are welcome
to join us!



Don't forget to...



SPRING FORWARD!

In the USA, at 2 a.m. on 12 March 2017,
clocks will be forwarded one hour,
marking the beginning of Daylight Saving Time





Silver Moo	3/1	Magadalei Gyi	3/11
Say Ka Paw	3/1	Psau Paw	3/12
Karin Reiss	3/1	Kpru Taw	3/13
Deborah Thein	3/1	Lah Ser C Marvel	3/14
D. Ardelle Tuckerman	3/2	Donald S. Baum Jr.	3/15
Dah Bu	3/2	Addison Green	3/16
Mu Dor May	3/2	Wendy Levit	3/17
Tha Aye	3/3	Lanetta Soe	3/17
Phyo Zaw Htun	3/3	Sha Khu	3/18
Dah Pyu Nyunt	3/3	Bill T. Roberts	3/18
Olive San	3/4	Moona Sayrose	3/18
Lay Lay Mar	3/5	Kel Wah	3/20
Ser Eh Nee	3/5	Mu Paw	3/21
Say Kwai Paw	3/5	Anthony Jackson	3/21
Gilbert Baw	3/6	True Win	3/24
Naw Be Be	3/6	Sunday Htoo	3/24
Simon Win	3/7	La Ehe	3/25
Enola Dickson	3/8	Victorious Htoo	3/26
Keller Nyunt	3/8	Mark Caruana	3/27
David Tomidy	3/10	Robert Bause Jr.	3/29
Ma Aye	3/10	Maria Htoo	3/29
Saw Eh Lau La Lu Lu	3/10	Ernest Bates Jr.	3/30
Love Gay Moo	3/10	Savior Wah	3/30



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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**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

**In Case of
Emergency,
please contact:**

Church Office
315-735-7534

Gwen Deragon
315-736-6037

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Daniel Calvin San	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
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Lewis Olivadese	Assistant Sexton
Michael Dunne	Assistant Sexton

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