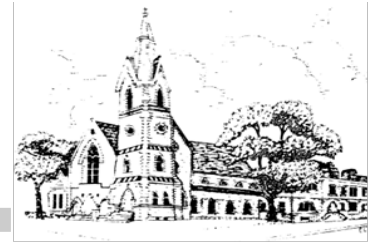


The Visitor



All are welcome to a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner at the following locations:

First Presbyterian Church

- 1605 Genesee St., Utica
- Thursday, November 24, 2016
- 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. (seating time)

*Call for Reservations at 732-5112, from
November 7-23,
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

*Deliveries available for the Homebound
(homebound deliveries deadline: 11/22)*

Rescue Mission

- 201 Rutger St., Utica
- Thursday, November 24, 2016
- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

*Worship service begins at 11 a.m. in the
Seaburg Chapel located at
201 Rutger Street in Utica.*

*A traditional sit down Thanksgiving
meal with all the trimmings will be
served following the service.*

Meaningful Messages for Today



November 6
Stewardship III
Communion
John 13:34-35
Acting Together

November 27
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Coming.....

November 13
Stewardship IV
Philippians 4:10-20
Sharing Our Blessings

November 20
Thanksgiving Sunday
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Giving Thanks



**The Church Office will be
closed
November 24 for
Thanksgiving**

Pastor's Page

More Than Enough

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:4-7



Reflecting on this passage written by an imprisoned Apostle Paul at the end of his life, Canadian Anglican John Hill observes, “our Jewish brothers and sisters . . . sing a song in their Passover Seder that expresses the spirit of thanksgiving with a reckless charm unmatched by any of our tamer Christian thanksgivings.” He points to a song sung at the Seder, *Dayenu*: which means in Hebrew: “it would have been enough.” Here are some verses of the Dayenu song:

If God had supplied our needs in the desert for forty years, and had not fed us the manna, it would have been enough!

If God had fed us the manna, and had not given us the Sabbath, it would have been enough!

If God had given us the Sabbath, and had not brought us before Mount Sinai, it would have been enough!

If God had brought us before Mount Sinai, and had not given us the Torah, it would have been enough!

If God had given us the Torah, and had not brought us into the land of Israel, it would have been enough!

John Hill suggests that Christians might add these verses to this hymn of thanksgiving:

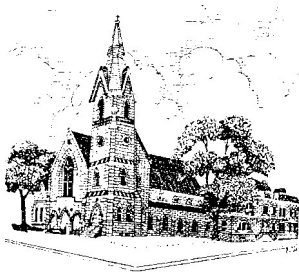
If God had given us his own Son, and had not brought him again from the dead, it would have been enough!

If God had brought him again from the dead, and had not poured out his Spirit upon us, it would have been enough!

If God had poured out his Spirit, and had not given us to the world as sign of His love, it would have been enough!

Hill concludes: “How else, apart from this spirit of thankfulness, could we explain a letter written from prison that calls us to rejoice, to be gentle, to abandon anxiety, and to live in God’s peace?” During this season of Thanksgiving, may you rejoice in the God who gives us more than enough!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mark



Tabernacle Baptist Church

(Corner of Hopper and King Streets)

Rev. Dr. Mark S. Caruana, Pastor

Rev. Daniel Calvin San, Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. James V. Davison, Pastor Emeritus

October 6, 2016

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

It has been my privilege to serve as Tabernacle Baptist Church's pastor since May 1999: almost seventeen and a half years. This has been one of the richest and most rewarding periods in my professional and personal life. In 1999, Tabernacle not only welcomed my family and me to Utica, but also welcomed our first friends from Burma. As Tabernacle has opened its heart and arms to our brothers and sisters from Burma, God has richly blessed our church with renewal and growth.

Today, Tabernacle is a much different congregation than it was in 1999. For some time, I have pondered what kind of leadership is necessary to lead Tabernacle into its future ministry and mission. And, I have also prayerfully sought God's leading for my life.

My undergraduate alma mater, Houghton College, a Christian liberal arts institution located in western New York, for the last three years has offered an associate of arts degree on the west side of Buffalo. This program is tailored to meet the educational needs of refugees and other new Americans. The Houghton - Buffalo program has been highly successful. The college will offer a similar degree in Utica beginning in September 2017. Houghton has asked me to lead this program.

I have accepted Houghton College's invitation to serve as the Dean of the Houghton - Utica program. I will begin my new full-time role with Houghton in January 2017. I will conclude my ministry at Tabernacle on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

Our congregation will not be alone as it enters a new chapter in its life and ministry. In the coming days, our ABC/NYS Executive Minister, the Rev. Dr. Jim Kelsey and Associate Executive Minister, the Rev. Jerrod Huguenot will reach out to our church leaders to offer the region's support and guidance as Tabernacle begins to consider its future ministry and leadership.

Please know how profoundly grateful I am for the countless acts of generosity, kindness, and grace Paula, Christine, and I have received from the people of Tabernacle for so many years. We believe Tabernacle's best days are still ahead of it. In the words of Adoniram Judson, "the future is as bright as the promises of God."

Grace and peace,

Pastor Mark S. Caruana



Congratulations to *Evonne (Gould) and Michael Haman* on the birth of their son, *Luke William Haman*, who was born on October 21, weighing 8 lb. 3 oz., 21 inches long. Luke is the grandson of *Brad and Joanne Gould*.

Congratulations also to *Jessie (LaVine) and John Righter* on the birth of their son, *Alexander Thomas Righter* who was born on October 22, at 2:27 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. Alexander is the grandson of *Bob and Nancy Mandry*.

Congratulations to *Greg and Nikki Gorea Tomidy* who were married on October 29, 2016. Greg is the son of *David and Ann Tomidy*.



Do you have any information regarding yourself or your family members that you would like to share with Tabernacle friends and members in the Visitor? Please let the church office know by calling the office, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 735-7534, emailing Tammy at churchoffice@tbcutica.org.



In Loving Memory of

Maung Po

January 1, 1924 — October 27, 2016



Tabernacle's youth took a collection to support American Baptist camping at Pathfinder Lodge and Camp Vick which they will take to the ABY Convention in Syracuse (November 4 - 6.) Holding the creative bank is Isabella Moo in her Navy JROTC uniform.

Exploring our Similarities in Faith and Friendship

Join the Interfaith Coalition of Greater Utica on *Thursday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m.* at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute Auditorium for a special multi-faith panel discussion with leaders from various faiths. Pastor Mark is one of the panelists. It is free and open to the public, refreshments will follow.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Mohawk Valley Health System has volunteer opportunities at several campuses for:



- Gift Shop
- Greeter
- Information Desk
- Surgical Waiting Room
- Mail Delivery

For Faxon or St. Luke's Campuses, please call Delta Rubsamen at 315-624-6052 and for St. Elizabeth Medical Center Campus, please call Grace Garro at 315-801-8275.

Pastor Search Process

On Tuesday, October 25th, I met with James Kelsey, Executive Minister of ABC/NYS and Jerrod Huguenot, Associate Minister of ABC/NYS. We discussed many options that the church has. We will be putting together a search committee within the next month to begin the process of retaining an Interim Minister and Pulpit Supply. This committee will be assembled as per the church bylaws. They suggested that an Interim Minister should not be installed until March or April. Until then, pulpit supply will be used. This process will go through the Worship and Witness Team. As always, if there are any questions feel free to contact me. My cell phone is 264-4052, and my email is mjdney134@gmail.com.



Michael J. Dunne
Moderator



Tabernacle Baptist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on *Monday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to:

- blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke;
- abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta;
- hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk;
- a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**



Memorial Poinsettias Order Form

Every year at Christmas time, our Church is decorated with Poinsettias; usually given as memorials.

- After the December 25 Christmas Service, you may either take your plant(s) home or have it delivered to a sick or shut - in member.
- To place an order, complete and return this form, with your payment, to the church office by December 11. The cost is \$8.00 per plant.

Enclosed is \$ _____

Please include the following name(s) on the Memorial list, included in the Christmas Sunday

PLEASE PRINT the Names in whose memory flowers are given:

My plant may be given to a shut-in. I will take my plant immediately after the December 25 service.

I am willing to deliver _____ (# of) plants to shut-ins.

Your Name _____

Phone _____

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Date 24th Oct, 2016

Letter of Thanks

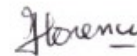
We, The pastor and members of Insein Karen Baptist Church would like to express our heartfelt thanks to pastor and members of Tabernacle Baptist Church , UTICA New York , USA for their generous donation US\$ 1000 (One Thousand dollars only) for Theodora Mission hostel.

May our heavenly father richly bless you and use you more and more for His glory.



Rev. Gideon Taw

Pastor



Florence

Director of evangelism

Insein Karen Baptist Church
Taung Thu Gone Insein,
Yangon, Myanmar.

The Worship and Witness Ministry Team approved a \$1,000 gift to the Theodore Mission Hostel. The Hostel has also been added to our proposed Mission Budget for 2017.

Stewardship Update



We are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way we will lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. – 1 Timothy 6:18-19

On Sunday, November 13, we will conclude our annual Stewardship Emphasis at Tabernacle. Our stewardship theme this year is *Taking Hold of Life*. We are learning together how to take hold of the abundant life God offers us in Jesus Christ as we become more generous givers.

Stewardship Packets with 2017 Budget Summaries, a Weekly Percentage Giving Guide, and 2017 Pledge Card and Envelope were distributed at the 2017 Budget Presentation on Sunday, October 30. Stewardship Packets have also been mailed to those who could not attend. If you need a Stewardship Packet, please contact the church office.

Please bring your **completed Pledge Card** to the 10:00 a.m. English Language worship service on **Sunday, November 13**. Your pledge card is your estimate of how much you plan to give in 2017 to support our church. In worship on November 13 we will dedicate to God all our **promises to support Tabernacle's work and witness in 2017**.

We cannot out-give God! Instead, we discover that as we share what we receive from God – the gifts of our love, our time, our talents, and our treasures – God gives us even greater gifts. Let us give generously so that we may take hold of the abundant life God offers us in Jesus Christ!

Church Directory Address Corrections/Additions



Our new Tabernacle Baptist Church 2016 directory is complete. Copies are available in Thorn Chapel and the Narthex. If your information is incorrect, missing, or needs to be updated, please contact Tammy in the church office at 735-7534, so that we are able to keep our church database and church directory information up-to-date.

Please make the following corrections/additions to your Church Directory:

Janet Barnes' email address is :
Jlbarnes9@gmail.com

D. Ardelle Tuckerman's phone
number is 797-1068

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Holiday Festival and Art Auction

Oneida County Habitat for Humanity
494 French Road, Utica, NY 13502

Habitat Holiday Festival and Art Auction

Oneida County Habitat for Humanity ReStore invites you to join us for a Holiday Festival and Silent Art Auction that will benefit Oneida County Habitat for Humanity. *Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12, doors open at 10 am and close at 4 pm.*



Holiday Festival Event Details

- Art pieces and Holiday trees, wreaths and center-pieces created and donated by local artists and crafters are available for a silent auction.
- Christmas and Holiday decorations for sale to the public at prices up to 75% off retail.
- Living Holiday trees for sale at our outdoor garden center provided by Royal Landscape.
- Refreshments served

For more information, please visit
www.OneidaCountyHabitat.org



November Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines

<i>Piano Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 8:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Guitar Lessons</i>	<i>Saturdays, at 11:30 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>Prayer Service</i>	<i>Sundays, at 7:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Trumpet Practice</i>	<i>Sundays, at 11:30 a.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>ABC/NYS Biennial Meeting</i>	<i>Friday, November 4-6</i>
<i>American Baptist Youth Convention in Syracuse</i>	<i>Friday, November 4-6</i>
<i>Youth Christmas Preparation and Practice</i>	
	<i>Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sundays, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Circle 16 Bake Sale</i>	<i>Sunday, November 6</i>
<i>Lifeline Screening</i>	<i>Monday, November 7, beginning at 8:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Election Day</i>	<i>Tuesday, November 8</i>
<i>Caring Corner</i>	<i>Saturday, November 12, at 7:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>December Visitor Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, November 20</i>
<i>Ministry Coordinating Council Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, November 20, at 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)</i>	<i>Thursday, November 24</i>

***Caring
Corner***
*will be open
Saturday,
November 12*

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends on *Sunday, November 6*. Before you go to bed next Saturday night, remember to set your clocks back one hour. This is also a good time to change all smoke detector batteries in your home.





THIS MONTH'S

 Birthdays



NOVEMBER

Joanne Gould	11/1	Moo Ta Mla	11/14
Damer Swin	11/1	Leya Paw	11/16
Paw Hay Shaw	11/2	Moo Toh Taw	11/17
Nancy Zukowski	11/3	Min Mln Kwa	11/19
Harrison Marvel	11/4	Karen Moore	11/21
Blessing Htoo	11/6	Hay Ta Mu	11/22
Helen Bause	11/7	Orlando Mu	11/22
Tat Tat Aye Na	11/8	Anderson Mu	11/22
Yoe Soe	11/9	Say Dra Chey	11/23
Klure Htoo	11/9	Sheena Tun	11/24
Klo Gaw Htoo	11/10	Gay Nay Wah	11/24
Mercy Heh	11/10	Nicodemus Wah	11/24
Ser Hae Thi	11/11	Susan Beal	11/27
Emily Wah	11/12	Mya Thein	11/27
Say Wah Moo	11/12	Mary Thoms	11/27
Karena Baw	11/13	Mu Lah Paw	11/30
Sandra Blay Htoo	11/14	Judith Sullivan	11/30

Happy Birthday!





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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
Lewis Olivadese	Assistant Sexton
Michael Dunne	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!*