

The Visitor



Church Life in September is a Time for New Beginnings

We hope You Had a Great Summer!-As we return to church activities that have been on summer break, we anticipate an exciting and busy fall program such as the resuming of Sunday School classes for all ages and many Karen activities on Saturday nights and Sundays. A new Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Time led by Pastor Richard will begin on September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

How blessed we are to be able to join together with new opportunities to grow our faith. Please mark you calendar to be with us on September 10 for Homecoming Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. A special service has been planned which will include:


- à A special Teacher commitment service to dedicate our teachers for the upcoming school year
- à A solo performance by Glory Htoo

Whether you have been with us throughout this summer or are coming back after a summer renewal, we want to welcome you back on Homecoming Sunday to kick off our fall programming. Karen Dunne, our Minister of Christian Education, Pastor Richard, Pastor Dan and Say Wah Htoo, our Christian Education Associate and are all looking forward to seeing you.

Our regular Sunday School classes will also begin on September 10.

Following our 10am worship service we ask all parents and teachers to come to Thorn Chapel to:

- à Register your children for Sunday School
 - à Complete Teacher / Volunteer Registrations – now required by New York State
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<p>Meaningful Messages for Today</p> 	<p>September 3 Communion Meditation Matthew 16:21-26</p>	<p><u>Homecoming Sunday</u> September 10 They Call it Church Acts 2:42-47</p>
	<p>September 17 What it Means to Be a Church Member 1 Peter 2:1-10</p>	<p>September 24 The Rev. Dr. Joan McKenzie</p>

Office Closed for
us speak out against the

**Labor
Day**



Monday, September 4

hatred, racism and
disregard for human life

Pastor's Page



Finding Peace in Darkness

Recently, while watching television and reading about the tragedy that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia, my thoughts traveled back to December 2, of 2015.

I was serving as Interim Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Redlands, California which was right next to the city of San Bernardino. It was early December, so I was preparing an Advent message with the theme of "Peace" for the upcoming Sunday. It was then I heard the news

about the terrorist attack in San Bernardino—14 people killed and 22 injured. People killed or injured were working in the helping profession, helping people in need, including a young father of 6, who had just given the Advent reading at his church, the Sunday before. Three days later, he was dead. So senseless, heartbreaking. "Works of darkness."

Words fail to adequately describe the pain, shock and sorrow that permeated our community that week. So many questions and so few answers. As people expressed their grief to me, I kept thinking and praying about what to say to these concerned and hurting people, words that would bring comfort and peace.

It was then an Advent prayer and a community gathering guided me in my sermon preparation for the following Sunday. The prayer was in some old worship service notes of mine: "Give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, the light that is in Christ Jesus."

Two thoughts of the prayer stood out, "Works of Darkness." That was exactly what the terrorist attack represented. It was act of hatred and disregard for human life, an act of evil. "Grace" is what we need to help

that leads to such horrific acts.

However, that is only part of it. The prayer also reminds us that we are to put on the armor of light, that is in Christ Jesus. Shortly after, I witnessed a wonderful example of what that means.

In the days that followed the shooting, the Imam and members of the Redlands Islamic Center, who had nothing to do with the terrorists, were suffering greatly. It was then in the midst of the darkness of the tragedy, that the light of God's love shown through. We clergy of Redlands, along with the mayor and some officials went to the Islamic Center to show our love and support. After brief remarks were made, we joined hands with the Imam and Islamic leaders and prayed for them, asking God's protection and blessing on them in the midst of this tragedy. Following the joining of hands and praying together, there was a calm that was felt and a sense of the armor of God's light.

With that backdrop, my message on "Peace" for the coming Sunday became clear. In the midst of tragic events, such as San Bernardino and Charlottesville or even those dark times in our own lives when we are

wronged or experience injustice, we need to pray for God's grace not to let the dark times swallow us up but rather to put on the armor of light that is in Christ Jesus.— It is our choice.

There is a thoughtprovoking story of an old Native American man talking with his grandson that best explains the difference between being swallowed up by the darkness and putting on the armor of light.

“My son, there is a battle going on between two wolves inside of all of us. One wolf is evil, full of hate, jealousy, greed, resentment, lies and pride. The other is good, joyful, peaceloving, humble, hopeful, kind, caring and truthful. The boy thought for a moment and then said, ‘Grandfather, which wolf wins?’ The old man quietly replied, ‘The one you feed.’”

Pastor Richard

Library Update

We are in the process of building a database of books/videos in our Church Library. If you have any resources (books/videos) that have been borrowed from our church library - please return them by September 24, 2017 or notify Karen Dunne of the books/videos that you have. We want to make our church database as complete as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Registration

Registration for Karen Language School

The Karen Language school classes will begin on Saturday, September 9. Registration will be held following the English Language Service. Please stop by the registration table to sign up your children. There will be a \$5.00 per child registration fee.

Registration

Registration for Sunday School Classes

Registration for all Sunday School classes will take place on Homecoming Sunday, September 10 following the English Language Service. Parent/Guardian signatures are required on all registrations.

****This year ALL TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS must also complete a separate registration form for Sunday School classes. These forms will also be available on Sept. 10, during the Sunday School registration.**

Directory Update

If you have not had your picture taken by a LifeTouch photographer, pictures will be taken for this purpose only, on Saturday, Nov 4. Gran Ju Aye will be available in Thorn Chapel after the English service, on Sundays, Oct 1 and Oct 8 to make appointments. It is very important that you make an appointment in order to have your picture taken and placed in the directory.



American Baptist Youth Update

Our members of the American Baptist Youth cabinet have been busily meeting throughout the spring and summer to prepare for the upcoming American Baptist Youth Convention – which will be held November 3 – 5 in Syracuse, N.Y. This year's theme is "Shine Your Light".

Each year the youth select a mission project to support by raising money to present during the convention. This year's mission project is:

Poultry for Protein in South Africa

This project is life-changing for the people of South Africa. Not only are we helping to give them food they desperately need but we are also equipping them with a livelihood to sustain their families nutritional needs and financial needs as well. Our donations can help to provide:

- \$100 will provide an incubator.
- \$250 brings 12 hens, two roosters and the promise of many future eggs!
- \$1,500 underwrites a living wage career for one person by establishing a small hatchery and layer operation.

During the month of September we will be kicking off our fund-raising campaign in support of this important project – we ask that you help support our youth and this important mission by contributing to this effort.

Stay tuned for our special display to announce the beginning of our fund-raising!

Karen Dunne
HIM Director
(315)235-7138



THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The search committee has been working with our New York State regional offices to create a “profile” of Tabernacle Baptist Church. The profile will tell potential candidates about our congregation – who we are and some ideas about what we would like to see for the future of Tabernacle. In order to create an accurate profile we need YOU to fill out a short questionnaire. This questionnaire will ask basic questions like: Are you male or female? and what age group you fall into? It will also have an area where you can write concerns and ideas for new/different programs that you would like to see happen in the future.

On September 24, 2017, following the English Language service, we will be having a congregational gathering that will give everyone the opportunity to complete this questionnaire. Translation will be available during this time.

This will be the only date that the questionnaire will be available to fill out – so please plan to join us on this date to give us your input on the future of YOUR church!

Basement Repair Project- A Job Well Done



When Utica suffered serious problems from the flood in early July, Tabernacle Baptist Church also experienced water damage to the church basement. Thanks to our church sexton, Lew Olivadese who immediately went to work, cleaning up the basement, even replacing sheet rock walls that had been damaged by the water, the problem was addressed quickly. With that done, Lew continued working to begin restoration to an area that at one time had been a place of meeting and recreation for Tabernacle young people.

This, however, led to another project. Because of the water damage to many things stored in the basement, a dumpster had to be secured to throw out the damaged items as well as unusable things that had been there for many years. Thanks to Dave Tomidy and Pastor Dan, two crews of men came and helped Lew accomplish that much needed task, by filling two dumpsters with items no longer usable.

Thank you, Lew and to all who helped for a job well done!

Thank you, Star!

A special thank you to Star Htoo for covering the church office, on Thursdays during the summer while Tammy, our Church Secretary, went on vacation! During this time, she also worked on a church database for our Library. Thank you, Star!

★ **THANK
YOU!**



DAVISON TOWER OF REFUGE REPORT

The magnificent scaffolding is up and is a must see!!!! The work kicked into high gear on August 28 and the scaffolding is scheduled to be taken down on November 30. It is so exciting. If you have any questions or thoughts I am happy to speak to you. Secondly, our Stewardship campaign will begin in September . This campaign is especially important this year. We will be forming a committee soon. If you are interested in helping please inform Pastor Richard.



Dave Tomidy

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Sunday, 10/1/17

1:00 - 4:00 pm

တာလီလာ Westminster Moriah/Olivet Presbyterian Church
714 Washington Street, Utica
(နာလီဝဲ Broadway ကျဲ Hanna Park ကျဲဘးခိ)

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- တာကူးဖးထီတာဆါ



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September 2017
Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines

Youth Praise and Worship Team Practice	Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.
Karen Language Classes and Bible School	Resumes Saturday, September 9
Karen Choir Practice	Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.
English Worship Service and Sunday School	Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Karen Worship Service	Sundays, 11:15 a.m.
Women's Worship Service	Third Sunday of Each Month, 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Church Cleaning Day	Saturday, September 2, 10:00 a.m.
Office Closed for Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Sunday School Registration	Sunday, September 9
Homecoming Sunday	September 10
Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting	Sunday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.
October Visitor Article Submission Deadline	Sunday, September 17 Ministry
Coordinating Council Meeting	Sunday, September 17, 12:30 p.m.
Congregational Pastoral Search Questionnaire Forum	Sunday, September 24, 11:15 a.m.

Robert Ban	9/1
Eh Doh So Victor	9/1
Marian Htoo	9/1
Nancy Knepta	9/1
Michael Dunne	9/2
Vincent Olivadese	9/3
Carol Bennett	9/5
Eh Htee Kaw	9/5
Say Eh Moo	9/5
Doe Soe Mu	9/5
Moe Aung Na	9/6
Victor Lawrence	9/8
Aye Aye Myint Na	9/9
Hae Htoo	9/9
Precilla Sein	9/9
Ehner Nay Paw	9/10
Jefferson Marvel	9/10
Moses Shan	9/11
Rosemary Walters	9/11
Eh Htoo Chey	9/11
Tamara Beal	9/12
Jully Aung	9/13



Thu Saw	9/14
Ne Izo Htoo	9/14
John Bates	9/15
Say Wah	9/15

Kwe Doh Taw	9/16
Hser Moo Paw	9/17
Paw Heh Thaw Win	9/19
Esther Williams	9/20
Tah Eh Kue	9/21
Paw Blu Taw	9/21
Eh Blut Sho	9/22
Naw Lu Lu Say	9/23
Paw Nay Tha Yu Wah	9/23
Washington wah	9/25
Sher Na Blu Ah	9/26
Jessalyn Soe	9/26
Eh Blur Paw Win	9/26
Lea Luthe	9/27



Phoebe Htoo	9/28
Pah Do Nyunt	9/28
Moo Lay Shee	9/28
Jasmine Soe	9/28
Serr Thayoumoo Win	
	9/28

Joseph Bennett	9/29
Therblu Pawayejaw	9/29
Mu Lah Pway	9/29
Stuart Brooks	9/30
Dollar Nyunt	9/30

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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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13 Clark Place
Utica, New York 13501



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Tabernacle Baptist Church
Sunday Worship

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:

Pastor Richard
315-864-8438
954-933-1834

Pastor Daniel
315-790-4449

Church Office
315-735-7534

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Richard D. Burke	Interim Pastor
Rev. Daniel Calvin San	Pastor
Rev. Dr. James V. Davison	Pastor Emeritus
Karen Dunne	Minister of Christian Ed.
Say Wah Htoo	Christian Ed. Associate
Tammy Daly	Administrative Secretary
Lewis Olivadese	Assistant Sexton
Michael Dunne	Assistant Sexton

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