## The Visitor





If you're not a morning person, 9 a.m. seems awfully early for an historic movement of the Spirit of God! Peter pointed to that hour as evidence that his fellow disciples were not drunk, as some in the crowd supposed them to be. Things were jumping, for sure, but it was God's work and not intoxication! Sight (tongues of flame) and sound (like a rushing mighty wind) gave evidence of the new thing that God was doing. Although it's hard to believe the Peter who preaches is the same Peter we heard about in our Lenten readings from John's Gospel, he proclaims on that day we call Pentecost.

"...this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
 In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2:16-17

Pentecost comes on June 9<sup>th</sup> this year and begins a wonderful string of Sunday celebrations! On that very day, we will baptize those who have stepped forward to declare "Jesus is Lord!" Working through baptism preparation materials with them has been a wonderful reminder of the miracle of the Spirit's dealings with people. It is a beautiful fruit of the years of Christian education and love and support TBC provided and on Mother's Day promised to provide 20 more babies and toddlers. A personal affirmation and embrace of the Christian faith as one's own is far from a perfunctory exercise. We come with the baptismal candidates to the waters through which our own Savior and Lord passed, remembering that we were buried with him in baptism and have been raised to walk in newness of life.

Should our personal faith journeys be stale, we invite the Spirit to blow afresh in our hearts. We celebrate the movement of the Spirit in the lives of the young baptismal candidates!

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our Precious Poo's—the men among us who demonstrate strength of character and nurture those around them—their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors in the wonderful ways men do. The Sunday School kids will lead us in worship, and then we will all go to Sherrillbrook Park in New Hartford for food, games and fellowship.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, we welcome to the pulpit our very own Ehmoodah Gyi in the English service. Our "bench" is very deep, and we celebrate all people called by God to preach! I will be representing TBC at the biennial ABC-USA Mission Summit in Virginia that weekend. Please remember that important time when we, as the most diverse denomination in the U.S., meet to learn from each other.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, in case we haven't had enough to celebrate, we will recognize our graduates. The Class of 2019 stands out for many reasons—not least because the first baby born to a Karen family at TBC is graduating from high school! (He is often seen in a coat and tie, in case you are wondering who that is.)

Be here in June to celebrate that the wind beneath our wings grows ever stronger!

Pastor Debbie



# Karen Pastor's Page

မ်ယွၤလၢအမူဝဲအတာ်ဆိုဉ်ဂ္၊ကလီ၊ဘဉ်လၢဒီပု၊်ဝါလၢခရံဉ်ပူးကိုးဂၤဇဲးအလီးထူးထူးတီးတီးတက္၊် အးမဲ့း – ဒီပု၊်ဝါသ္ဦးေယက္ဂဲးလီးနှါသုလံဉ်စီဆုံအဆာအတါဘဉ်ထွဲဇီးပဝဲဘျာထံခရံဉ်ဖိအတါစူးတြာနဉ်ဇ်လံဉ်အံးအသီး နှဉ်လီး

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ပှာတဂၤစံဉ်ညီဉ်ဝဲလာကိုးမျှံနမဂ္ဂၤဇ်သိးသိးလီၤ. မ်ပှာနာ်ဝဲလာလာပှာပှာလာအသးစဉ်ဝဲကိုးဂၤဇ်းတက္နာ်. ပှာလာအတိာ်နှာ်မှာ်တနံးနှဉ်တိာ်နှာ်ဝဲလာယွာအယိဇီးပှာလာအတတိာ်နှာ်ဘဉ်မှာ်တနံးနှဉ်တတိာ်ဘဉ်ဝဲမ့ာ်လာယွာအ ယိလီး.

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#### Romans 14:5-6

One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

#### June - ABC-NYS Region Offering

#### WHAT IS REGIONAL MINISTRY?

- \*Helping churches find pastors
- \*Developing & Deepening Relationships
- \*Training Lay Leaders and Pastors
- \*Providing opportunities for mission
- \*Developing our Youth for faith and leadership



From their earliest days, Christian churches have cooperated with one another through caring for and encouraging one another, bearing in common their burdens and celebrating together their blessings. Paul's letters make clear that local congregations are part of a larger interconnected body of churches. The Region seeks to maintain that connection through each aspect of its ministry.

Your support of the Region enables them to do more ministries that touch more lives for Jesus Christ! 100% of every dollar from this offering supports the important ministries of ABC-NYS.

Thank you for what you give in this important work!



American Baptist Churches of New York State, a regional expression of the Body of Christ, in response to Christ's call, assumes responsibility for leading, challenging, resourcing, and empowering our churches and Associations so the liberating Good News might be proclaimed, experienced and lived in fullness.



#### **Child Dedication**

On Mother's Day, we had the blessing of dedicating 20 children to God. How sweet were their little faces! Some managed to mangle the flowers with which their mothers were presented. One little one grasped my finger in his tiny hand as I passed to share God's blessing on him. May God empower us and the parents of these children to live up to the promises we made to train these children in the ways of God!

#### **Stewardship Ministry Team News**

Inside the organ, Mr. Chase has 4 projects "in the pipe" to keep the organ in satisfactory working order. Old, cracking and holey sheep-skin leather has been replaced, for instance. Thanks to past contributions to the organ fund, this work was possible.

We are in conversations with our architect and masonry company to prepare grant proposals for Phase 2 of the building's restoration and preservation. Due to the length of this process, you will notice "raincoats" being placed over the sanctuary's exterior buttresses in the near future. This is recommended by the masonry company to prevent further deterioration until we have funds to have a proper water-runoff-system installed and the buttresses professionally restored.

For security purposes, we were able to install 8 security cameras to record the goings-on in the parking lot and at each entrance. Security codes have also been updated for all who carry keys to the building. We are securing estimates for replacement of the door frames on the sanctuary side entrances.

There are always quite a few projects underway--some of which are visible and most of which may not be apparent to worshippers on Sunday morning. When possible, we are using volunteer labor, with which we are blessed! We also thank our Sexton Team: Head Sexton Lew, and Assistants Mike and Tet Net for all they do to keep God's house a welcoming and blessed place!

Kler Eh Soe, SMT Chairperson

#### In Loving Memory of

Gerald F Jerry Sullivan March 29 1937-May 20 2019

Jerry was born on March 29, 1937, in Watertown, NY, the son of the late John and Winifred (Wiley) Sullivan. He attended Cape Vincent High School and was a grad-

uate of Utica College and Syracuse University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Social Work. Jerry was a U.S. Army veteran serving from 1960-66 and continued in the Army Reserves working in Civil Affairs. Please keep his wife, Judith Light, in your prayers.

#### The Security Alarm System

The security alarm system had been updated. If you have a key and need a new code, please call the church office.



#### Youth Group Food Sale and Car Wash

Join us *on Saturday, June 15, from 8:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.* to enjoy some great food and have the TBC youth wash your car(s)! This is one of their major Fund Raisers for this year, so we hope to see you come out and support our youth! For more information, please speak with Naw Klo or Christel Bell.



#### Church School Sunday 2019~ Followed by TBC's Annual Church School Picnic

*On Sunday, June 16, at 10:00 a.m.* we will celebrate another very successful Church School year. Our theme for this year's Church School Sunday is *"Forgiveness."* 

Make plans to join us for this special worship service, as our Sunday school classes present stories, skits and music related to our theme. In addition, there will also be a time of recognition for our teachers and volunteers who have worked so tirelessly throughout the year.

#### Church School Picnic at Sherrillbrook Town Park

Date: Sunday, June 16, 2019 Rain or Shine!!

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Sherrillbrook Town Park, New Hartford

Everyone is invited to attend our annual Church School Picnic following the worship service on June 16. The Faith Nurturing Team will be providing hot dogs, rolls, paper plates, silverware and drinks. We will be located in the pavilion across from the playground.

<u>Please bring a dish to share with others</u>, and the grills will be open if you wish to bring your own meat to cook.

We are still in need of people to help with games, cooking, and cleanup. If you can help in any way, please contact either Say Wah Htoo, Karen Dunne, or Joanne Gould.

There will be food, fellowship, games and fun for everyone. We hope you can join us!!

#### World Refugee Day Celebration 2019

Sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees
Saturday, June 22, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Hanna Park
1 Kennedy Plaza
Utica, NY 13502

For general information, please contact Jennifer VanWagoner at <a href="mailto:jenniferl@mvrcr.org">jenniferl@mvrcr.org</a> or 315-738-1083 ext. 143.



#### Baptism Service ~ June 30

There will be 6 young people baptized at the **10:00** *a.m. service on June* **30**. Be sure to attend this special service to support these young people.



The Deadline to submit an article for the July Visitor is Sunday, June 23

Save the Date!
October 5 & 6, 2019
Tabernacle's 200 Year
Jubilee

#### Congratulations to Tabernacle's 2019 College Grads!

Kwe Tha Ku
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#### Congratulations to Tabernacle's 2019 High School Grads!

Thomas Moe Sei Sei Gredeon Win Paw Blu Taw Ku Sellar Htoo Bra Ya Hser Nee



Keller Nyunt
Anne Moo Nar
Eh Plah Soe
Paw Day
Mu La Paw Lah La
Ellis Sammy Say
Ler Pwe Shee

#### **Attention Graduates and College Students!**

All college students are eligible to apply for church scholarships - There are two types of Scholarship available:

- Sterns C. Batley Memorial Fund Open to all Tabernacle college students
- <u>Wayne A. Burlingame Scholarship</u> Open to all Tabernacle college students who are majoring in either Music or Education

Applications for these scholarships are available in the Christian Education office. Please see Karen Dunne or Say Wah Htoo.

#### Deadline for applications is July 14, 2019

There is additional information available regarding other Scholarships offered through American Baptist Churches USA. Please see Karen Dunne for this information.

#### Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines ~ June 2019

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Adult Bible Study	Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.
Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal	Saturdays, at 3:00 p.m.
Karen Choir Practice	Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.
Adult and Youth Praise & Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice	Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	Sunday, 7:00 a.m.
English Worship Service and Sunday School	Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Karen Worship Service	Sundays, 11:15 a.m.
Second Hour Sunday School	Sundays, 11:30 a.m.
Baptism Class- Last Class- June 2nd	Sundays, 11:30 a.m.
Karen School Closing Ceremony	Saturday, June 1, 1:00 p.m.
Sunday School Teachers' and Assistants' Communion Service	June 2, 9:15 a.m.
Communion Sunday	June 2, 10:00 a.m.
Faith Nurturing Ministry Team Meeting	Sunday, June 2, 11:30 a.m.
Youth Fundraising	Saturday, June 15, 8:30-4:00 p.m.
Father's Day	Sunday, June 16
Church School Sunday/Father's Day	June 16, 10:00 a.m.
Church School Picnic	Sunday, June 16, 12:00 p.m.
Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees 2018 World Refugee Celebra	•

Hanna Park, Saturday, June 22, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

High School Graduates Recognition World Refugee Day Blut and August Wedding Po Win's Family Thanksgiving

Sunday, June 30, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20 Saturday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 29



### HAPPPY BIRTHDAY

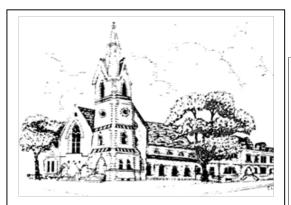
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#### Tabernacle Baptist Church Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. English Service11:15 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 Pastor Debbie 315-491-6464 Pastor Daniel 315-790-4449

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