



Tabernacle Baptist Church

The Visitor

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December 1 marks the beginning of our journey to see the Light in the manger that became a cradle. We begin the journey with the words from Isaiah 2:1-5:

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
will be established as the highest of the mountains,
and will be raised above the hills; all the nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.

Come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Those who heard Isaiah's words would never have imagined that walking in the light of the Lord would lead to a stable in Bethlehem. They would never have imagined that the Lord God's passion to teach us God's ways would cause God to become flesh and live among us. And, yet, the ways of God in which Isaiah calls us to walk bring encounters far beyond our imagining!

The Children's Times during Advent will focus on "The Wild Way to the Cradle". Light, Peace, Joy, and Love we will encounter through texts from Isaiah. The 7th through 12th graders will join in leading the way and light the Advent candles each week. Doesn't sound so wild? Come and see!

Whether you gather with family or friends or have a simple, quiet Christmas at home, may your journey to the Cradle be daily a journey in God's ways. Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord!

Jim and I pray for all of you to have a blessed Christmas and a very joyful New Year!

Rev. Debbie Kelsey



Sweet December

Please join us on *Saturday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m.* as TBC youth welcome the month of December. There will be devotion and Bible study with Pastor Daniel, praise and worship, and fun activities. A worship service will be held after the games. Food (porridge) and drinks will be provided. All are welcome.

Thank You!

Thank you for the prayers cards, will wishes and Debbie's visits during my illness and hospital stays. They sustained me during some very rough times.

Carolyn Dalton

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the families of Salvatore Olivadese and of Natalie Sparks in their November deaths.

New Number

A new phone number of former TBC Interim Pastor Roland and Jean Brown is 561-429-6983.

Christmas Gifts of Love

This year our "Gifts of Love" project is collecting sweat pants (Men's Large & X-Large and Women's Medium & Large) and shampoo/conditioner (preferably the "2 in 1" variety) for Rescue Mission clients. If you prefer WWMT shops for you, please deposit a check or cash in the box in Thorn Chapel. The collection boxes for sweatpants will be there, as well. Collection will end on Sunday, Dec. 22nd.

We will also be collecting and delivering Christmas cards for our shut-ins and friends through December 15th. You will find manila envelopes with each person's name and picture in Thorn Chapel.

Honoring the Service of God's Servants

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering 2019

"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

In this passage, Paul instructs the church to value and acknowledge leaders of the church as messengers of Christ. Beginning in the mid-1930s, American Baptist congregations broadened their provision to include a Christmas gift to retired and elderly ministers. Since 1977, American Baptists have collected the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) to make this ministry to God's retired servants possible. Let us give generously to bless those who have served God faithfully in their vocation.

Please place your RMMO gift in the enclosed envelope and place it on the Silver Tree in the sanctuary in December.

Caroling & Cookies, Too!

Youth and teens will begin caroling as of Friday, December 6, with a 4:30 visit to our members and their friends at the Masonic Home. The singing will take place in the Westchester Neighborhood common area. Then, they will make a 6 p.m. visit to our members and friends at Preswick Glen. Prior to the 4:30 caroling, the English Adult Sunday School class will host a 3:30 Christmas cookie-decorating party in the Westchester Neighborhood. All are welcome to join the youth for these 2 visits! Caroling will continue in the homes of those who have requested a visit throughout the month.

Christmas Rehearsal

Youth and children will practice choir for Christmas Eve starting this Saturday, December 7, at 3 p.m.

Karen Christmas Concert

Karen Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. All are invited to this special event.

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss it! Please make plans to join us for our annual *Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24 beginning at 7:00pm*. This year's theme is "*A Light in the Cradle*" and will feature a presentations from our Sunday School Classes of the Christmas story. The service, under the direction of Karen Dunne, our Minister of Christian Education, will also include original dances, vocal performances and music by our children and youth choirs as well as our praise band. Be sure to be here as the wonderful story of Christmas is made new by our youth. Come and be filled with the Light of the newborn King!

Karen Christmas Gift Exchange will be held on *Sunday, December 22*, after the Karen service. Each family or couple is invited to bring a wrapped useful household gift (for example, towels or pillow cases) worth \$15-\$20 to exchange. All can start to bring their gifts starting on Sunday, December 1. For more information please contact Saywah Htoo.

Karen Christmas Day Worship Service and Fellowship Lunch

On Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a special **Karen Christmas worship service** in the sanctuary. Following the service, all friends and members of Tabernacle (Karen and

Karen New Year Celebration

Karen New Year Celebration which will take place on *Thursday, December 26, at 10:00 a.m.* at the Stanley Theatre in Utica. Our youth will be performing several traditional dances, including a Karen Bamboo dance, a preschool action dance, a Karen rope dance. The day will begin with a traditional Karen breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in Thorn Chapel. Please make plans to attend.

Christmas Break Party for Teens and Youth will be held on Saturday, December 28, at 6 p.m. Please bring a wrapped gift, used or new worth less than \$5. Everyone is invited to bring food to share.

Advent and Christmas

Sweet December Schedule

A Light in the Cradle

Sunday, December 1

Christmas Gifts of Love Project Begins

Friday, December 6

3:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Cookie-Decorating Party followed by Caroling

Westchester Neighborhood of the Masonic Home

Caroling at the Masonic Home

Caroling at Preswick Glen

Saturday, December 7

3:00 p.m.

Youth Christmas Preparation and Practice

Saturday, December 14

3:00 p.m.

Youth Christmas Preparation and Practice

Saturday, December 21

6:00 p.m.

Karen Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 22

10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

12:30

Worship - Theme

Birthday Cake for Jesus during Sunday School (*Children*)

Birthday Cake for Jesus in Thorn Chapel (*Adults*)

Karen Language Worship Service

Karen Christmas Gift Exchange

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service & Children's Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

Karen Christmas Day Service followed by fellowship dinner

Wednesday, December 26 – Karen New Year

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast at TBC

9:00 a.m.

Prayer Service

10:00 a.m.

Doors open at The Stanley Theater

11 a.m.

Karen New Year Celebration at the Stanley Theater

Saturday, December 28

6:00 p.m.

Christmas Break Party for Teens and Youth

Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines ~ December 2019

<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Adult and Youth Praise & Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>English Worship Service and Sunday School</i>	<i>Sundays, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Worship Service and English Sunday School</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Caring Corner</i>	<i>Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, December 15, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Christmas Concert</i>	<i>Saturday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>January Visitor Article Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, December 22</i>
<i>Birthday Cake for Jesus in Thorn Chapel</i>	<i>Sunday, December 22, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Service</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Christmas Day Service and Dinner</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Office Closed for Christmas and New Year's Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019 and Jan. 1, 2020</i>
<i>Christmas Break Party for Teens and Youth</i>	<i>Saturday, December 28, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Annual Reports Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, January 5, 2020</i>

Mor Chi Soe	2
Eh Knyaw	2
Moo R Too Lu	3
Decenter Sancown	3
Lily Eh	5
Jeffery Moo	5
Brandon Lee	6
Paw Dee Say	6
Serpway Win	6
Wah Nay Moo Kwa	7
Elijah Htoo	7
Wah Nay Moo	7
Kyaw Htoo	8
Ethan Ellis	8
Tamla Wah	8
Adrienne Leuthauser	9
Natalie Sparks	10
Tha Law Gaw	10
Kyi Mi	11
Vinton M. Thein	12
Shar Paw Moo	12
Tee Shee Ler Moo	12
Bway Mue	13
Baby Naw	14
Baby Moo	14



Christina Win	15
Shwe Win	15
Wisdom Htoo	16
Ta Mla Wah	18
Let Win	19
Rachel N.Bennett	22
Hser Bway Htoo	22
Aaron Green	24
Bwae Htoo	24
Ywa Htoo	24
Jaw ley	24
Daw Nay Moo	25
Kee Kie Wah	25
Sha Ra Ya Mu	25
Rev. Debbie Kelsey	25
Ba So Gay Doh	27
Ma La Kee Pyu	27
Htoo Lily	28
Bway paw	28
Lydia Doe	29
Kapru Htoo	29
Stewart Williams	29
Eh Mu	30
Eh Thaw Paw	31
David White	31





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 13 Clark Place
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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:

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TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Debbie Kelsey	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
Gee Lar See	Administrative Secretary
Melody Gay	Choir Director/Organist
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