

# The Visitor



Love gets a lot of attention in February, so here's a refresher course on the Bible's "loveliest" passage: "If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...." 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NRSV)

In our snowy CNY winter, we might add: Love gets traction. Love has the power to pull someone out of a ditch. If a tire is spinning, love applies some sand or cat litter—whatever is handier. When necessary, love gets a shovel and digs a new route for the tire. Love reaches out and invites others to help push when all else has failed.

Already I see that TBC likes for its love to get traction! As is TBC's custom, we will collect a **Blanket Offering** (this year in February) to support the work of the **Church World Service (CWS)**. This is one way we get traction in addressing the needs and hurts of our neighbors across the United States and around the world.

Because you give to the **Blanket Offering**, CWS can:

- provide **warm blankets** for families who lives have been devastated by a tornado.
- provide **warm blankets** to homeless individuals and families in the U.S.
- provide refugees resettling far from their homelands the **gardening tools and materials** to build small raised beds for vegetables.
- provide **sewing machines and training for women**, empowering them to earn an income and feed their families.
- provide displaced families with **emergency food packages** that will feed a family of five for one month.
- provide a dam that gives an entire community a source of **clean water** year round.

The **Blanket Offering** is blankets and so much more! Each blanket costs \$10. How many blankets keep people in your home warm? Could you multiply that by \$10 and give that much so that others have a good quality of life?

Watch in worship for a couple of video clips promoting the offering during February!

God bless you as you make tracks!

Pastor Debbie



# Karen Pastor's Page

## ပျားရံဖိအတိအတိအိမ်မုဒီးသးအတိသုဉ်

သးအတိသုဉ်မုဒီးကစာယွာဟ့ဉ်ပျားသီးပကဒီးန့ၢ်လုာ်လၢသကဲးပဝးလၢအဂ့ၢ်ဒိဉ်ဒီးသုဉ်ဂ့ၢ်သးဝါသုဉ်စီသးဆုံအဂီၢ်န့ၢ်လီၤ.

ကလၢတံ ၅:၂၂ မ့မုဒီးသးအတိသုဉ်န့ၢ်မုဒီးတၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံ, တၢ်သုဉ်ခုသးခု, တၢ်ယုတၢ်ဖိး, တၢ်ဝံသးစူၤ, တၢ်သုဉ်စူၤသးစူၤ, တၢ်မၤဂ့ၢ်တၢ်, တၢ်စူၢ်တၢ်န့ၢ်, တၢ်ဆိဉ်လီၤသး, တၢ်ကီၤသုဉ်ကီၤသးသုဉ်တဖၣ်န့ၢ်လီၤ. သးအတိသုဉ်အံၤမုဒီးအိဉ်လၢပပူၤဒီးပကလိဉ်ဖျါထီဉ်ကစာယွာအရူၢ်အသဲးကဲးပဝးလၢပတၢ်ပာ်သုဉ်ပာ်သးတၢ်ဟူးတၢ်ဂံၤတၢ်စံးတၢ်ကတိၤအပူၤန့ၢ်လီၤ.

★သးအတိသုဉ်ခွဲဖျါအံၤအကျါတၢ်အဂ့ၢ်ဒိဉ်ကတၢ်မုဒီးတၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံလီၤ.

၁ ကရံဉ်သူး ၁၃:၁၃ တၢ်န့ၢ်တၢ်မုဒီးလၢ, တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံသၢမံၤန့ၢ်အိဉ်ဒုဉ်တၢ်လီၤ.

ဘဉ်မနူၤအယိတၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံဒိဉ်ကတၢ်လဲဉ်

၁. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံဝံသးစူၤတၢ်ယဲးယဲး

၂. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံမၤဂ့ၢ်တၢ်

၃. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံတသးကါဘဉ်တၢ်ဘဉ်

၄. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံတပာ်ဘဉ်အသးကဖၢလၢဘဉ်

၅. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံတပာ်ထီဉ်ထီအသးဘဉ်

၆. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံတမၤတၢ်တဂ့ၢ်တဘဉ်ဘဉ်

၇. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံတယုဘဉ်အတၢ်ဒုဉ်ဘဉ်

၈. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံအသးတဒိဉ်ထီဉ်ဘဉ်

၉. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံတဆိကမိဉ်ဘဉ်တၢ်အတၢ်သီဘဉ်

၁၀. တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံတသးခုဘဉ်လၢတၢ်တတီတလီၤအပူၤဘဉ်

၁၁. မ့မုဒီးတၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံအသးခုဝဲလၢတၢ်မုဒီးတၢ်တီအပူၤလီၤ

၁၂. ဒီးတၢ်ခဲလၢာ်, န့ၢ်တၢ်ခဲလၢာ်, မုဒီးတၢ်ခဲလၢာ်, ဝံသးစူၤတၢ်ခဲလၢာ်လီၤ.

★တၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံတလီၤတုၢ်လီၤကံာ်ဘဉ်

★မုဒီးတၢ်ကတိၤလၢဝံအကျိဉ်ကပူၤကွံ

★ပျားတဖၣ်ကဆိတုၢ်ဝဲ

★တၢ်သုဉ်ညါကပူၤကွံ

စီၤပီလူးဒုးန့ၢ်ပာ်ပျားလၢ ပမုဒီးကတိၤတၢ်လၢပျားကညိဒီးကလူးအပျားတဖၣ်ဘဉ်ဆၢဒီးပတၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံမုဒီးတၢ်အိဉ်ဘဉ်ဒီးပမုဒီးတၢ်ဘိသိဉ်အသးစၢဉ်စံးသိဉ်ခြံခြံအသးလီၤ. ပကတိၤတၢ်လၢဝံအကျိဉ်သုဒီးကယံာ်တၢ်အိဉ်အယိဉ်ပန့ၢ်ပာ်လီၤ.

ဒီးပသုဉ်ညါတၢ်ခဲလၢာ်, န့ၢ်ဘဉ်တၢ်န့ၢ်ခဲလၢာ်တုၢ်ပသုးကွံကစာသုဘဉ်ဆၢဒီးတၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံမုဒီးတၢ်အိဉ်ဘဉ်ဒီးမုဒီးတၢ်ကလိကလိလီၤ.

★မိပအိဉ်ဒီးယွာအသးလၢအမုဒီးတၢ်အိဉ်တၢ်ကွံလၢပပူၤထီဘိန့ၢ်တက့ၢ်

သဂ့ၢ်ဒိဉ်ဒဲန့ၢ်ယၢဉ်စၢဉ်

ထဲးဘဉ်နံးကၢဉ်ဘျါထံတၢ်အိဉ်ဖျိဉ်.

**Love & Joy & Peace & Patience & Kindness & Goodness & Faithfulness & Gentleness & Self-Control.**

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Galatians // 5:22-23

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives.



# American Baptist Churches of New York State

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January 2019

Dear Tabernacle Baptist Church, Utica,

We thank God for you! Your faithful mission giving during 2018 made more Region ministry in New York State possible. What is Region Ministry?

- Church lay leaders and Certified Lay Pastor candidates receiving training through our Lay Study Program
- Congregations and pastors celebrating pastoral installation services as a result of the Region's work with them in the process of search and call
- 23 New York Baptists partnering with the Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier on a mission trip
- Pastors cared for in times of loss and change
- More than 140 people participating in the American Baptist Youth Convention
- Five New York Baptists partnering in ministry with Rwandan believers during a 14-day overseas mission trip to Africa
- Providing training opportunities and resources for local churches concerning ministry and administration
- Many visits by Region staff with congregations, talking about vision and programming and buildings and conflict and communication and outreach and mission
- Overseas missionary visits promoted and scheduled
- A Biennial celebrating ministry and our congregations

These are a few of the ways American Baptist Churches of New York State strengthened the lives of our congregations, You were a partner in this ministry; your financial support of Region ministry in 2018 made it possible!

Thank you for your faithful support in equipping our churches to fulfill God's vision for ministry. Thank you for your empowering generosity.

Blessings,

Jim Kelsey

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*"As American Baptists of New York State, we will embrace God's future with these core operational values: honesty, connectedness, and hope. We will uphold our operational values in every aspect of our common ministry."*

## **Vick and Pathfinder Camp and Conference Ministries**

**PO Box 559  
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Telephone (315) 314-7460  
E-Mail: JR.Buskey@gmail.com**

January 15, 2019

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13 Clark Place  
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On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Vick and Pathfinder Camp and Conference Ministries, thank you for your continued, generous support of this ministry. Your generous giving totaled \$2,000.00 during the 2018 calendar year. This amount was given to Vick and Pathfinder Camp and Conference Ministries, Inc.

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Sincerely,

*J.R. Buskey*

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Rev. Dr. John R. Buskey  
CEO

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**Rev. John R. Buskey, D. Min., CEO – Executive Director**

### The Pastor Is Away

*Pastor Debbie will be in Pennsylvania on February 4-7 for a continuing education event . Should you need pastoral care while she is away, please call Pastor Daniel Calvin San. You may also call the church office or Gwen Deragon, chair of the Worship and Witness Ministry Team, who will put you in touch with a neighboring pastor who will be on-call.*

### A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank Tabernacle Baptist Church for the Christmas gift of \$20.

~Melissa Roberts

### Welcome Back

Enola "Mickey" Dickson is back with Ken at 2160 Bleecker St., Apt. B242, Utica, NY 13501.

### Annual Report

If you would like a copy of the 2018 Annual Report mailed or emailed to you, please contact the Church Office at 315-735-7534 or [churchoffice@tbcutica.org](mailto:churchoffice@tbcutica.org).

## Christmas Break Party for Teens and Youth Friday, December 28, 2018



Our best beautiful Christmas Trees



Decorating the Christmas trees



Waiting in line for food



Say Mer and Dreaming enjoying the pizza

**Karen New Year Celebration at MVCC**  
Sunday, January 6, 2019



These were the people that organized the ceremony. Kler Eh Soe, Say Wah Htoo and Olive are a part of Karen leaders in Utica.



Karen Rope Dance was performed by our TBC Youth



Isabella Moo did an outstanding job as an announcer.



Karen Bamboo Dance was also performed by our TBC Youth



Wonderful speech given by Dave Tomidy



Every year Karen Entertainment TV interviews people that have attended the Karen New Year celebration. If you would like to know more about the interview, please check out their channel in YouTube.



This year more than three traditional Karen Don dances were performed. Our neighbor Syracuse and Albany also participated in Utica Karen New Year.



Wesley Roberts  
Chairman

Vincent P. Scalise  
Executive Director

726 Washington Street  
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January 10, 2019

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Gospel Benefit Concert:

This is an invitation to you and your congregation to come and enjoy a Gospel Benefit Concert for the pool project. Save the date: Saturday February 23rd at the First Baptist Church, 7 Oxford Road in New Hartford, NY. The time is 6:00 to 900 PM. The food will be served from 6:00 to 7:00. All are welcome to eat with us. The concert begins at 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Five groups haven been invited to participate: the Mass Choir from St. Paul's Baptist Church, Mark Bolos group, and the Sons of Legends from Syracuse, NY, Rabbi Galliley from Utica, NY, and The Revs Harriffs and Friends. Please come and enjoy the music. Some soloist has been invited to come and participate in the concert.

I have been commissioned to re-open the summing pool at the Veterans Outreach Center (formerly YMCA) on Washington, Street Utica. Come and help me raise some money so our children will have a safe place to come after school. And Grandma/pa will have a place to go doing the day.

In God We Trust,

*Rev. Dr. Mary J. Webster*

Rev. Dr. Mary J. Webster, Pool Project-Volunteer

***Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines ~ February 2019***

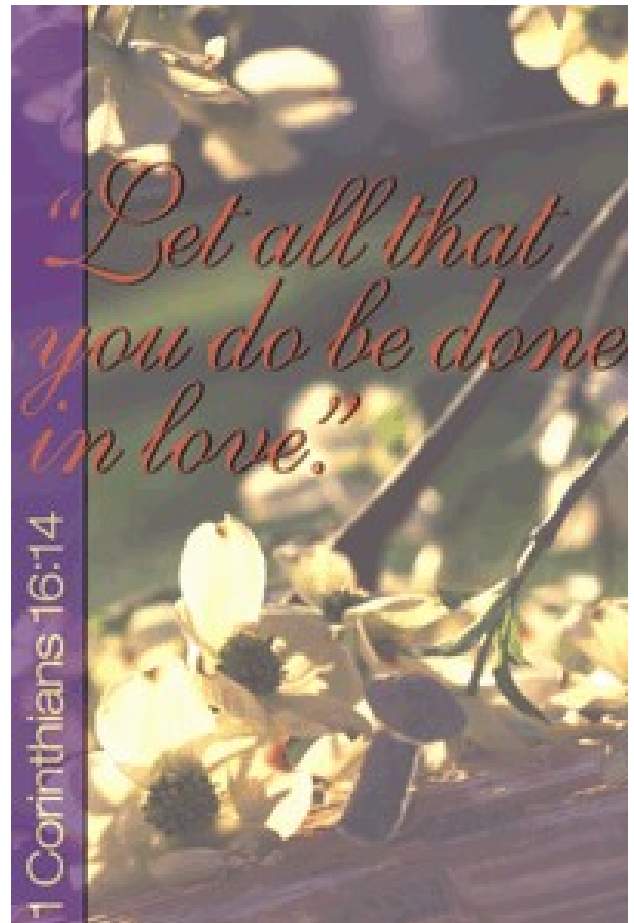
*Women's Worship Service*  
*Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal*  
*Karen School*  
*Karen Choir Practice*  
*Adult and Youth Praise & Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice*  
*Prayer Service*  
*English Worship Service and Sunday School*  
*Karen Worship Service*  
*Office Closed for Presidents' Day*  
*Sunday School Teachers' and Assistants' Communion Service*  
*Communion Sunday*  
*Faith Nurturing Ministry Team Meeting*  
*Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting*  
*Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting*  
*February Visitor Article Submission Deadline*  
*Ministry Coordinating Council Meeting*

*Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.*  
*Fridays, at 3:00 p.m.*  
*Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.*  
*Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.*  
*Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.*  
*Sunday, 7:00 a.m.*  
*Sundays, 10:00 a.m.*  
*Sundays, 11:15 a.m.*  
*Monday, February 18*  
*February 3, 9:15 a.m.*  
*February 3*  
*Sunday, February 3, 12:30 p.m.*  
*Sunday, February 10, 12:30 p.m.*  
*Sunday, February 17, 12:30 p.m.*  
*Sunday, February 17*  
*Sunday, February 24, 12:30 p.m.*



**The Church Office will be closed  
on Monday, February 18,  
For Presidents' Day**


**The Deadline to submit an  
article for the  
March Visitor is  
Sunday, February 17**







# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eh Ta	2/1		Thin Win	2/17
Moo Day Ket	2/3		Kwe Ka Baw	2/18
Joshua Htoo	2/4		Eh Ahah Kyi	2/18
Eh Kaw Thaw	2/5		John Eh Mi	2/18
Rayhtoo Kyet	2/5		Dee Noe	2/18
Elvis Lay	2/5		Ta Dah	2/19
Hser Lay Moo	2/5		Hei Ku Moo	2/20
Ler Say	2/7		Dee Dee Htoo	2/22
Gran Ju Aye	2/7		Tammy Daly	2/23
Rachelle Ellis	2/7		Kay Klo	2/25
Hser Doh Paw	2/10		Janet Pickard	2/25
Robert Hagues	2/11		Da Lay	2/26
Ta Wah Wah	2/12		Eh Nay Paw	2/26
Kmler Paw Pyu	2/13	Eh Ta Baw	2/27	
Alexander Htoo	2/14	Paw De Say	2/27	
Christ Hay Than Htoo	2/14	Mu Twae	2/28	
Mary Elizabeth Thomas	2/17			

If you would like yours or a family member's birthday announced in our Visitor, please contact Gee Lar in the Church office at 315-735-7534 or [churchoffice@tbcutica.org](mailto:churchoffice@tbcutica.org)



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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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 315-735-7534

**Pastor Debbie**  
 315-491-6464

**Pastor Daniel**  
 315-790-4449

**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
Lewis Olivadese	Sexton
Michael Dunne	Asst. Sexton
Tet Net	Asst. Sexton

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