

The Visitor



Happy New Year! The opportunities taking form at TBC in 2019 have deep, long roots!

As others “left the scenes of their nativity to find in the challenge of a virgin land a better setting for the growth of a free and vigorous life” (p. 4, Sesquicentennial of Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1969), we leave scenes of Jesus’ nativity and trust the Spirit’s guidance in the pursuits of a free and vigorous life as TBC this year.

As I continue to listen to TBC’s story and your individual stories, I hear fanfare at several dates whose anniversaries will come with big “200th Anniversary” signs this year.

In January, 1819, the Welsh congregation in Utica, appropriately called First Church, must have already been considering how to respond to the growing need in their congregation and in Utica at large for English-language services and Christian education. I assume this because, just after its own 18th anniversary, on October 7, 1819, First Church took the bold step of approving a movement by those so inclined to form a Second Church—an English-speaking congregation. The Welsh church that started with 22 people birthed Second Church, blessing the 15 who chose to start the English-speaking church.

TBC’s family tree roots are Second Church and tightly intertwined with First Church. So, it’s time for us to consider how to celebrate the 2 centuries and envision the 3rd century of ministry in and through Tabernacle Baptist Church.

This a long-term project. Step One is: Dream the dreams of the celebration. Let me know if you want to work with a few other people on that step!

In the short-term, Pastor Daniel, Karen, Say Wah, Melody and I talking about how our work will support TBC’s vision of being a community of faith and love that seeks and invites people to discover purpose, promise, hope, and help for daily living in relationship with Jesus Christ. The Ministry Coordinating Council has met and drafted the 2019 calendar with many cherished traditions at TBC and a few asterisks (*) for new possibilities.

Celebrating God’s blessings today and praying God’s blessings on you today and tomorrow,

Pastor Debbie



Karen Pastor's Page

အိမ်မူအသိလခန့်အသိအပူ

၂ ကတိုသုး ၅:၁၇ မသးဒ်န့ဒီးပုတဂၤဂၤမ့အိၣ်လၢခၣ်အပူဒီးမ့အမ့တၢ်တုအသိလီၤ.
တၢ်လီၤလံၤတဖၣ်ပူၤကွံာ်ဝဲ ကွၢ်ကွၢ်တၢ်ခဲလၢကဲလၢအသိလံၤ.

၁. ပုၤခၣ်ဖိကိးဂၤကဘၣ်အိၣ်လၢခၣ်အပူၤ, ပဲယုၤအသးခၣ်အသးပၤအီၤလီၤ.

ဂီၤမုၤစးၣ် မ့မ့သုဝဲသ့ၣ်အံၤယုၤအသးမ့အိၣ်ဝဲဆိးဝဲလၢသုပူၤဒီးသုတအိၣ်ဘၣ်ဆိးဘၣ်လၢတၢ်ဖံး
တၢ်ညၣ်အပူၤဘၣ် မ့သုအိၣ်လၢသးန့ၣ်အပူၤလီၤ.

ပုၤလၢအတအိၣ်ဘၣ်ဒီးခၣ်အသးဘၣ်တဂၤဂၤန့ၣ်တမ့ၢ်ဘၣ်ခၣ်အတၢ်ဘၣ်.

မ့မ့ခၣ်မ့အိၣ်လၢသုပူၤဒီးပနီၢ်ခိသံလၢတၢ်ဒီးအယိဘၣ်ဆၣ်ဒီးပသးသမူလၢတၢ်တီတၢ်လိၤအယိလီၤ.

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-ပဲခၣ်အိၣ်လၢပူၤဒီးဆုၤပသးသမူအတၢ်လဲၤလၢန့ၣ်အသိလၢဟဲတုၤအိၣ်ပုၤအံၤတက့ၢ်.

၂. ကဲထီၣ်ပုၤအသိလခန့်အသိအပူတက့ၢ်

ဂီၤမုၤ ၈:၁၃-၁၄

အဂ့ၢ်အံၤသုမ့ၢ်မၤဖဲတၢ်ဖံးတၢ်ညၣ်ဒီးသုကသံလီၤမ့မ့သုမ့ၢ်မၤသံသုနီၢ်ခိအတၢ်မၤလၢသးန့ၣ်ဒီးသုက
မူလီၤ. အဂ့ၢ်အံၤဖဲဒ်ပုၤလၢယုၤအသးဆုၤအီၤတဖၣ်န့ၣ်မ့ၢ်ယုၤအဖိလီၤ.

-ပတၢ်အိၣ်မူလုၢ်လၢသကဲးပဝးလၢအတဂ့ၤတဖၣ်ကဘၣ်တၢ်ဟံတၢ်ကွံာ်အီၤအိၣ်မူလၢတၢ်ဘၣ်အကစၢ်
အသးလၢန့ၣ်အသိအံၤအပူၤဒီးအိၣ်မူတၢ်အိၣ်မူအသိလီၤ.

အဂ့ၢ်အံၤပမ့ၢ်ယုၤအဖိဒီးပကအိၣ်မူဒ်ကစၢ်ယုၤအတၢ်ဘၣ်အသးလီၤ.

မ်န့ၣ်ထီၣ်က

ဟဲစိၣ်န့ၣ်သုဝဲကိးဂၤလၢတၢ်ဆိၣ်ဂ့ၤဆိၣ်ဝါဒီးမ်ယုၤအဘျုးအဖျိၣ်ကလီၤဘၣ်လၢသုလိၤထူးထူးတီၤတီၤ
တက့ၢ်.

Daniel

သဂ့ၢ်ဒိၣ်ဒဲနယၢ်စၢၣ်

ထဲးဘၢၣ်နဲးကၢၣ်ဘျုးထံတၢ်အိၣ်ဖျိၣ်.

Notice of Annual Corporate Meeting

To all members and qualified voters of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Utica, notice is hereby given that the Annual Corporate Meeting of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Utica will be held on *Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 12:30 PM* in Thorn Memorial Chapel, 13 Clark Place, Utica, New York, for the purpose of:

- Electing successors to those members of the Stewardship Ministry Team (Trustees) whose terms of office expire.
- Receiving financial reports for 2018.
- Adopting the annual Current Expense budget and Missions and Benevolences budget for 2019.
- Conducting such other business that may properly come before the body.

Utica, New York
January 1, 2019

David Tomidy, Chairperson
Stewardship Ministry Team

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

To All Members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Utica, notice is hereby given that the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 27, 2019, immediately following the Annual Corporate Meeting, for the purpose of:

- Electing Officers and successors to those members of the Ministry Teams whose terms of Office expire.
- Conducting such other business that may properly come before the body.

Utica, New York
January 1, 2019

Karen Dunne
Moderator



Congratulations
Wahnay Moo and Dee No
12/15/2018

Karen New Year Celebration at MVCC

The Youth of Tabernacle have been practicing very diligently in preparation for the Karen New Year Celebration which will take place on *Sunday, January 6, 12:00 p.m. at MVCC in Utica in the Jorgensen Athletic Fitness Center*. Our youth will be performing several traditional dances, including a Karen Bamboo dance, a preschool action dance, a Karen rope dance, and a children's don dance. **Don dancing** originated with the Pwo **Karen**, who developed it as a way to reinforce community values. (Don means "to be in agreement") The **don dance** is a series of **dances** performed by groups of **dancers** and accompanied by traditional **Karen** instrument.



Thank you for your contributions to the Christmas Gifts of Love Project! We were able to bless 24 elderly and/or disabled people and 2 families with gifts.

Inclimate Weather: Should uncertain road conditions cause you to wonder whether services will be held, check WKTV or the Tabernacle Baptist Church Facebook page. We will post information there.

We celebrate #mygivingstory stewardship success with 109.5% of our proposed 2019 budget pledged. Thank you all for your generosity and commitment to the ministries of TBC!

Pastor Debbie

I would like to say "THANK YOU" to the many performers and volunteers who worked to make the Christmas Eve program "One Small Child" such a huge success! The hours upon hours of work came together wonderfully to tell the story. The audio and video programming, lighting, costumes and vocals made this program one which will be well remembered. Thank you, everyone!

Sincerely
Karen Dunne
Minister of Christian Education

TBC Family,
Thank you for the many cards, gift, and kind expressions of love in the Christmas season!
Pastor Debbie and Jim Kelsey

The Service and Celebration of Installation for Rev. Debbie Kelsey, pastor



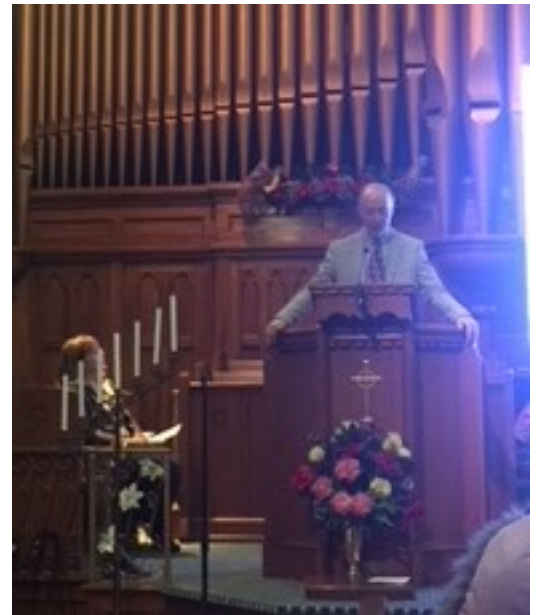
Sermon by Rev. Jerrod Huguenot



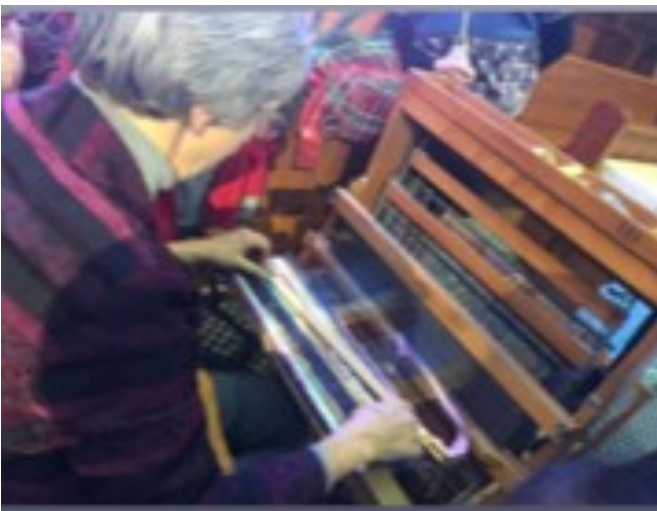
Invitation to the weaving- Rev. Debbie and Khin Soe



Children's sermon by Rev. Debbie and Rev. Daniel



Sermon by Rev. Dr. Jim Kelsey, Exec. Minister America Baptist Churches of NY State



Weaver, Rosey Oaks-Lee



Charge to the Pastor

December 14, 2018

Open Ministry Position

American Baptist Churches of New York State is seeking to fill the position of American Baptist Youth Coordinator for the Region. Jillene Narraway will be leaving the position at the end of 2018.

The qualifications are as follows:

Training in ministry and/or human development.

Effective written and spoken communication skills.

Ability to undertake and complete tasks with minimal supervision.

Capacity to work with a diverse group of persons, demonstrating respect and sensitivity to various convictions and experiences.

Membership in an ABCNYS church and a commitment to Christian faith.

For more information, contact Executive Minister Jim Kelsey at jkelsey@abc-nys.org or 315-863-7336.

The deadline for applying is 2/ 8/2019. Please send: (1) a cover letter expressing why you are interested in this position, (2) resume, and (3) contact information for three references to Jim at 3218 James St., Syracuse NY 13206 or jkelsey@abc-nys.org.

American Baptist Churches of New York State

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Offering Envelope Boxes

Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in Thorn Chapel. If you do not find your name, please speak to one of the pastors or contact the church office.

Christmas Eve at Tabernacle

December 24, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.



Angel Dance by TBC dancers



Karen School Children performance



Violin Solo by Sha Wah Moo



Candle Dance performed by TBC Youth



Director Karen Dunne
Narrators : Laylay Mar and Maria Htoo



Mary and Joseph Song ,
performed by Glory Htoo



Sunday School Children performance
Led by Joanne Gold



Stick Dance sung by Isabela Moo , performed by the TBC Stick



Solo by Kler Eh Soe



The Congregation had a full house



Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines ~ January 2019

<i>Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal</i>	<i>Fridays, at 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen School</i>	<i>Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Adult and Youth Praise & Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Prayer Service</i>	<i>Sunday, 7:00 a.m.</i>
<i>English Worship Service and Sunday School</i>	<i>Sundays, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Worship Service</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Women's Worship Service</i>	<i>Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.</i>
	<i>Third Sunday of each month, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Worship Service</i>	<i>Last Sunday of each month, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Classes and Children's Music Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>January 1 and January 21</i>
<i>Utica Karen New Year Celebration at MVCC Jorgensen Athletic Fitness Center</i>	
	<i>Sunday, January 6, 12:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Annual Reports Due</i>	<i>Sunday, January 6</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, January 13, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>January 20, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>February Visitor Article Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, January 20</i>
<i>Annual Meetings</i>	<i>Sunday, January 27, 12:30 p.m.</i>

**The Church Office will be closed
on Tuesday, January 1 and
Monday, January 21**

**All Annual Reports are due in
the church office by
Sunday, January 6.**

**The Deadline to submit an
article for the
February Visitor is
Sunday, January 20**



january



Saw Kar	1/1
Bu Kler	1/1
Lay Kler	1/1
Eh Htoo Law	1/1
Kaw Lay	1/1
Tamla Htoo Lea	1/1
Ehler Sa Lu	1/1
Ehpleh Lu	1/1
Heh Tha Lu	1/1
Naw Dwe Lu	1/1
Lay May	1/1
Pee Mee	1/1
Mu Mu Meh	1/1
Eh Moo	1/1
Eh Kaw Moo	1/1
Mulah Mulah	1/1
Light Na	1/1
Saw Na	1/1
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Bo Kyet	1/1
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Gay Paw	1/1
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Khee Lar Paw	1/1
Lah Ku Paw	1/1
Naw Pay	1/1
Lah Kah Phaw	1/1
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Aung Tun Sein	1/1
Su Shae	1/1
Eh Soe	1/1
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Herme Linda Lawrence	1/3
Isabella Moo	1/3
Eh Paw Na	1/3
Ser Lay Paw	1/3
Wella Ban	1/4
Yee Yee Aye	1/6
Daniel Beal	1/8
Christine Caruana	1/8
Htoo Lay Moo	1/9
Glo Na Wah	1/9
Kali Shee Moo	1/10
Hon Moon	1/10
Eh Taw Nee	1/10
Alan O'Brien	1/10
Thea Da Muint	1/12
Say Wah Htoo	1/12
Eh Blur Wah Win	1/14
Darryl Htoo	1/15
New Year Htoo	1/15
Evelyn Sheen	1/17
Thein Than Soe	1/17
Jeason Aung	1/17
Carolyn Dalton	1/17
Jerry Htoo	1/18
Brando Sancrown	1/20
Dah Nyunt	1/22
Carol Green	1/25
Christ Abell	1/26
Diane Olivadese	1/26
Johnay Calvin San	1/26
Gedeon Win	1/27
Thu Lay Paw	1/27
Hkee La	1/28
Paw Bluert Ser	1/28
Paw Ta Shu Wah	1/28
Dar Ler Day	1/29
That Lo Paw	1/29
Caphis Baw	1/30
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Paw Ehlar Thart	1/31



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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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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
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