

# The Visitor



## Church School Sunday 2018~ Followed by TBC's Annual Church School Picnic



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

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 10, 2018 *Rain or Shine!!*

**Time:** 11:30 am - ?

**Place:** Sherrillbrook Town Park, New Hartford

*Everyone is invited to attend our annual Church School Picnic following the worship service on June 10,* 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.

*Please bring a dish to share with others,* 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!!



## Attention Graduates and College Students!

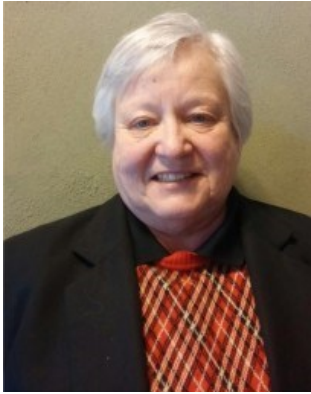
All college students are eligible to apply for church scholarships - There are two types of Scholarship available:

- **Sterns C. Batley Memorial Fund** - Open to all Tabernacle college students
- **Wayne A. Burlingame Scholarship** - 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 9, 2018**

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



## Interim Pastor's Page

Can you believe that we are almost halfway through 2018? As the old saying goes, time flies when you are having fun! Or, as I have gotten older, I have learned that time flies – **Period!!** Here I am, serving in a church in Utica, NY...and I have to admit that I never thought this would happen. But when God calls, IT IS BEST TO SAY “YES”. So here I am – trying to learn a whole bunch of new names – and to figure out what I need to do as the interim pastor. *Following Jesus often means letting new things into our lives.*

Consider the disciples: once they met Jesus their lives were never the same. They gave up fishing in order to be fishers of men. And if you sum it all up, John was the only disciple to die of old age. The rest were martyrs – dying in order to serve Jesus. This congregation has faced many changes in the last several years:

- a slow decline in attendance that made the future look grim
- an infusion of a new people from a faraway land
- adjustments made to accommodate the new sisters and brothers into the life and ministry of the congregation

And now, another new interim pastor. Oh yes, change must continue as long as the church wants to remain an active presence of Christ in this community and around the world. We know that a new pastor is coming – and that pastor will have new ideas and new ways of overseeing the ministry here. Yes, a new time is coming to Tabernacle Baptist – and it will be exciting to watch how God’s plans unfold.

But not all change can wait until a new pastor arrives on the scene. One of the things that prospective pastors will be considering is does this old established congregation have a mindset that embraces the future, believing that the best years of the congregation are still ahead-not in the past. One of those changes that is coming in the very near future is the addition of two screens in the sanctuary. Will it be different? Of course. Will it make some people unhappy? Of course. Will it enhance the ministry here? Yes it will! It will be appealing to young people...it will make it easier for people with poor vision to see...it is a technique that is being used successfully in churches in many places. I want you to know that I think it is a great idea. It will take “some getting used to” – but give it time! I think that most of us will learn to love it.

Pastor Adriana





# Karen Pastor's Page



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*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. "*

Ezekiel 36: 26

## An Unforgettable Weekend!



Almost every day, Edith and I speak about that wonderful weekend with all of you dear friends when we gathered for the Dedication of the Davison Tower of Refuge on Sunday, April 22, 2018. How can we ever fully express our gratitude for the great honor you bestowed upon us by putting on our names on that wonderfully restored Tower! Thank you from the depths of our hearts. It was an unforgettable weekend!

It was such a joy to see all of you again and to share in that very special Service of Dedication first in the Sanctuary and later outside on the front steps. What a glorious celebration of rejoicing singing, praying and praising God together! We just wish there had been more time afterward to visit with each of you, for we miss such times together.

We thank God for the joy of sharing so many years of friendship and ministry with all of you. Our lives have been greatly enriched by your faith and friendship. As we read the Visitor, we rejoice in all good things God is doing through your life and ministries in the church and community. May God continue to bless and keep you in His loving care.

Jim and Edith Davison



## World Refugee Day ~ Wednesday, May 20, 2018

In a world where violence forces thousands of families to flee for their lives each day, the time is now to show that the global public stands with refugees.

On World Refugee Day, which is held, throughout the world, on June 20, we commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees. This year, World Refugee Day also marks a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee.



### **World Refugee Day Celebration 2018**

**Sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees**

**Saturday, June 16, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Hanna Park**

**1 Kennedy Plaza**

**Utica, NY 13502**

**For general information, please contact Jennifer VanWagoner  
at [jenniferl@mvrccr.org](mailto:jenniferl@mvrccr.org) or 315-738-1083 ext. 143.**

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### Sanctuary Projection Update

As previously mentioned in our April Visitor we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new Digital Screen projection system that was approved during our Annual Meeting in January 2018. The Stewardship Ministry and Worship and Witness teams were involved throughout in the process and approval of the purchase of the system.

The projection system will give us exciting flexibility allowing us to show videos and presentations from ABC-USA and presentations from incoming special guest speakers. It will also allow for special effects during music and dramatic presentations, as well as enable us to display Biblical Text, hymns, announcements and other information on the screens, which will be shown in dual languages (English and Karen) for easier interpretation.

The screens will be installed in the choir loft area towards the base of the organ pipes. The screens will hang on “trusses” which can be moved and re-arranged as needed to allow for additional flexibility of use.

We are anticipating the arrival of the screens any day now - and hope to have them installed and operational as soon as possible. Members of the congregation have expressed how excited they are that we will have this new technology available to enhance our worship experiences.

We would like to thank the Stewardship Ministry Team for their hard work and vision which has made this exciting change possible.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Dunne  
Moderator



*"By the Power at work within us," God is able to "accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine." ~ Ephesians 3:20*

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is time again for our congregation to receive a very special offering. For many years, each June, Tabernacle Baptist Church has received the **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) offering. Through this special offering, we are given the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in need around the world and participate in the many ministries that serve the hungry, the poor, the distressed and the refugees.

The offering theme this year is "**More Than We Can Imagine**" It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God's world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel that we are too small, too insignificant to make a difference, to believe that there's nothing we can do to help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that there is little we can do to make an impact.

But there is hope! Better yet: we are the hope!

For the Apostle Paul writes, "...by the power at work within us," God is able to "accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagined." (Ephesians 3:20)

As Christians, we know that God's dream for His people is not that we would strive to be separate, caring only for ourselves, God gave us community to practice love and compassion. We know that when we share our resources we find that there is enough for us all! We are all part of the same family whether we live in an agricultural community in Nicaragua or in a bustling urban city in the United States – we are all God's people.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that we do not act alone. We act as a Church: A gathering of God's people still living into Paul's prayer that we be "rooted and established in love." (Ephesians 3:17b) Paul likens the Christians of Ephesus first to a well-rooted tree, and then to a well-built house. In both cases, the unseen cause of their stability will be the same: love. Love is to be the soil in which their life is to be rooted; love is to be the foundation on which their life is built."

As Christians, living into this loving legacy we act out of faith knowing that God is using our contributions in ways that we cannot foresee, multiplying blessings in ways we do not expect.

Will you be part of God's dream for the world? Will you accept the invitation to make a difference and see what God will do with our giving?

**Our congregation's 2018 One Great Hour of Sharing offering goal is \$2500.** We encourage you use the **enclosed OGHS offering envelope** to give generously to this special offering that shares God's love with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.



**Tree Dedication Service held in  
Honor of Duayna Kopiel**

*"Thank you to Circle 16 for the tree and dedication service. It was wonderful and mom would have been proud. Mom was so lucky to have so many friends like yourselves. She was also so excited when everyone would get together and the stories she would tell. We miss mom every day with joy and sadness. They say that those left behind have the worst of the pain while she is in Heaven living it up. She can finally walk without pain and is embracing those loved ones that left us long ago."*

*With all of our love,  
Eilts & Kopiel family*



## ***Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines***



<i>Women's Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesdays, at 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal</i>	<i>Fridays, at 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Christian School</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Classes and Children's Music Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Praise &amp; Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 6:00 p.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>Adult Bible Study</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday School Teachers' and Assistants' Communion Service</i>	<i>Sunday, June 3, 9:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Communion Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, June 3, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Church School Sunday</i>	<i>June 10, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School Picnic</i>	<i>Sunday, June 10, 12:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees 2018 World Refugee Celebration</i>	<i>Hanna Park, Saturday, June 16, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Father's Day</i>	<i>Sunday, June 17</i>
<i>High School Graduates Recognition</i>	<i>Sunday, June 17, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>July/August Visitor Article Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, June 17</i>
<i>World Refugee Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, June 20</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, June 24, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saw and Yut Wedding</i>	<i>Saturday, June 30, 10:00 a.m.</i>

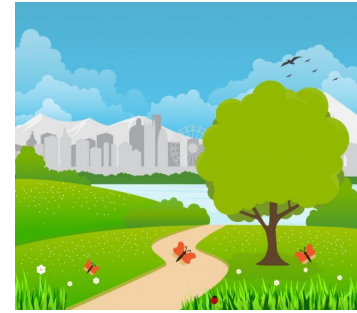
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### **2018 Graduate Recognition Sunday**

If you or anyone in your family has graduated or is graduating this year, please contact Say Wah Htoo, Karen Dunne, or Tammy Daly, in the church office, so that we may include you or your graduate in our Graduate Recognition Ceremony to be held on Sunday, June 17 during our 10 a.m. Worship Service and also to include your information in the July/August Visitor.







<i>Violet Baw</i>	1	<i>Arthur Htoo</i>	12
<i>Moore Heh</i>	1	<i>Tha Dah Paw</i>	12
<i>Ba Ket</i>	1	<i>Tabat Say</i>	12
<i>Peter Say Di</i>	2	<i>Key Har</i>	12
<i>Shaw Wah Moo</i>	2	<i>Eh Lah Christ</i>	13
<i>Paw Htoo Naw</i>	3	<i>Brad Gould</i>	13
<i>Joseph Eh</i>	4	<i>Matthew Kaw</i>	15
<i>Bar Blut</i>	5	<i>John Kopiel</i>	17
<i>Melissa Dunne</i>	5	<i>Eh Moo</i>	17
<i>Christopher Beal</i>	6	<i>Thu Lay Paw</i>	17
<i>Dearyear Son Kwa</i>	6	<i>Pastor Daniel San</i>	17
<i>Lah June Paw</i>	6	<i>Eh Ku Paw</i>	18
<i>Moon Kalu Htoo</i>	7	<i>Sweety Thaw</i>	19
<i>Ar Ru Be</i>	8	<i>Dah Htoo</i>	20
<i>Kenneth Dickson</i>	9	<i>Mary Wate</i>	20
<i>Say Kye</i>	9	<i>Nick H. Marvel</i>	23
<i>Alex Green</i>	10	<i>Paw Nay Ser</i>	26
<i>Jilliane Soe</i>	10	<i>Wah Dee Say</i>	27
<i>Htee Doh Htoo</i>	11	<i>Edith S. Davison</i>	28
<i>Saw Htoo Poe</i>	11	<i>Soe Doh Htoo</i>	29
<i>Sam Ezekisoe</i>	12	<i>Judson Lay</i>	30



If you would like your birthday or a family member's announced in our Visitor, please contact:  
**Tammy 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*

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