## TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

## The Visitor





Outside my office's wonderful arched windows, the sky shone bright blue. Although it was very cold and there was lots of snow on the ground, my plan to swing by my favorite discount store to buy treats for Dash the Pastoral Puppy was more appealing thanks to the sunshine. My shopping list grew while I was driving: some candy to mail to the boys with their birthday gifts and, oh, yes, flavored coffee!

By the time I pulled into the store's parking lot, the warmth from the heater and the sunlight had my brain zinging: "This feels odd but wonderful for winter!" It didn't take long for me to be zapped back to reality, though. I exited the comfort of the toasty car. The cold

rushed through my heavy wool coat and my breath collected on the scarf around my face as I snow-zombie stalked across the parking-lot's snow-and-ice peril.

Oh, the zing and the zap! It's treacherous for our bodies and our brains! The store entrance's display felt like another mid-winter shock: bright pink and purple silk tulips and gold-embellished crosses and Easter eggs and yellow ducklings and white ceramic shining bunnies with blue bows. I am all about Easter, of course, but I was not ready to think Easter on that cold winter day.

In other parts of the country, the great outdoors reminds people that Easter is coming. For example, when I am in Georgia for vacation March 4-7, I expect that there will be buds on my mother's camellia bushes. Folks like us in Upstate NY, however, need Lent to remind us that we are beginning the journey to Easter.

Lent limbers us up. It starts 40 days before Easter on what many Christian churches mark as Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on March 6th. While we won't gather on Ash Wednesday at Tabernacle, I invite you to limber up through Lent with me by reading the following Bible passages each week. Each Sunday's sermon will draw from one or more of the passages from the week before.

Week Beginning March 3

Isaiah 48:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Week Beginning March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2,9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

Week Beginning March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Week Beginning March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:108, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Week Beginning March 31

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16021, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

May God's word limber our hearts that by Easter we would be able to fully receive again the delight of resurrection in our own lives!

While I am away March 4-7, Rev. Dr. Jim Kelsey and, of course, Pastor Daniel will be on call for emergencies. Jim will stay behind to care for the Pastoral Puppy and can be reached at (937)204-5732.

Pastor Debbie



## Karen Pastor's Page

မ်ယွၤလာအမူဝဲအတာ်ဆိုဉ်ဂဲ့ၤလီးဘဉ်လာတာ်အိုဉ်ဖိုဉ်ဖိပှးစူာ်ကဲ့းတာ်ကိုးဂၤဇဲးအလိုးတက္စာ –အာမှဉ် ၁. ခရံဉ်အတာ်အိုဉ်ဖိုဉ်ဘဉ်တာ်သူဉ်ထီဉ်လာကစာ်ယွာ. အားဖူးစူး ၁း၄–၆. ဇိအဃုထာပှာလာအဝဲဇဉ်အပူး လာဟီဉ်ခိဉ်အခ်ီဉ်ထံးတချူးကဲထီဉ်ဇံးဘဉ်ဇ်သိုးပကစီဆုံဇီးတသံသူပီဉ်ကျာ်ဘဉ်လာအမဲာ်ညါ– လာတာ် အဲ့ဉ်တာ်ကွံအပူးအသိုးလီး.

အဝဲနောဟ်ပှာလာအဖိအလိုးလာခရိဘ်အဃိ, လာအဂ်ီးနေဝဲ, ဖဲနော်အသီးဂဲ့အသီးနိသိုးပကကဲထီန်တာ်စံး ထီန်ပြားအဘူးလာအဖိုန်ကပ်ီးလာအဟ့န်ပှာလာပှာလာအအဲန်ပှာတဂာအပူးနှန်လီး

★ကစၢ်ယွားယုထာပှာလာတာအဲ့ ခုအပူးဟ်ပှာလာဖို့အလိုးလာတာစီးထီ ခိုပြာားကဲ့ းအီးအင်္ဂ်ီးနီး အေို ခိုထိုခို ယရံခ်အတာ်အို ခိုဖိုခိုလာအင်္ဂ်ီးနေးအိုခ်လီး.

၂. တၢ်ၾဉ်ကဲ့၊ခ်ီဉ်ကဲ့၊အကျဲဒ်ယွ၊ကူဉ်ဟ်အသိး

က. ★ခ်ီဖြိုခရံဉ်အတၢမၤပူးပုၤ ၁း၇–၈

လာအဝဲဒဉ်အပူးပအိဉ်ဒီးတာ်ပူးကားပူးလာအသွံဉ်, တာ်ပျာ်ပတာ်ကမဉ်ဒ်အဘျူးထူးအဖိုဉ်တီးအသိးလာအ မာအါထီဉ်ဝဲလာပဂိၢ်လာတာ်ကူဉ်သဲ့ဒီးတာ်သဲ့ဉ်ညါနာ်ပာာ်အပူးလီး

၀င−၅းင္းဂ်ီလာင္လ်က္ေပးပုလ္နေ

ဇီးဇုးသင်္ခညါပှၤလၢအသးဇဉ်ဝဲအတၢ်ခူသူဉ်ဖ်တၢ်ဘဉ်အသးလၢအတိာ်ဟ်လၢအသးပူၤဇဉ်ဝဲအသိးဖ်သိးဖဲအ မုၢ်အလါပှဲၤထီဉ်ဖီးအကဇုးအိဉ်ဖိုဉ်တၢ်ခဲလၫာ်လၢအခိဉ်တဂၤယီခရံာ်အပူးတၢ်အိဉ်လၢမူခိဉ်ဖီးတၢ်အိဉ်လၢ ဟီဉ်ခိဉ်လီၤ.

ဂ. 🛨 ပအို််ငိုးတါလီးတာ်လီးဆဲးလၢပကန္နာ်သးစီဆုံ ၁း၁၁–၁၄

လာအဝဲဒဉ်အပူးနှဉ်ကဘဉ်တၢ်ဟ်ပှာ - ဒ်လာပှာလာအမာတာခဲလက်ဖဲဒဉ်အသးထဲတဂာ တိတ်ဟ်ဝဲဒ်သိုးပက ကဲထီဉ်တာနနာ်သါဒ်သိုးပဝဲဒဉ်အမုာ်လာ်တာ်ဆိလာခရံဉ်အပူးကကဲထီဉ်လာ – တာ်စံးထီဉ်ပြာားအလာကပီးအ ဂ်ီးလီး

လာအဝဲဒဉ်အပူးသုနာ်ဟူတာ်မာ့်တာ်တီအကလုံကထါ – တာ်အုဉ်ကဲ့းခြီဉ်ကဲ့းသုအတာ် သးခုကစီဉ်ဒီးသုစျာ် ကဲ့းနာ်ကဲ့းတာ်ဝံးဒီးသုဘဉ်တာ်ယံာ်ယာ်သုလာသးစီဆုံဘဉ်ဃးဒီးတာ်စံးဟ်နှဉ်လီး

★မ်ပကစံးဘျူးစံးထီဉ်ပြာၤယွၤလၤအအုဉ်က္၊ခ်ီဉ်က္၊ပှၤလၢပကစၢ်ယ့ဉ်ရှူးခရံဉ်အတၢ်ပ္၊က္၊ပှၤအဃီနှဉ် တက္နာ်

မ်ယွ၊အတၢ်ဆိဉ်ဂ့၊လီ၊ဘဉ်လ၊သုလိ၊ထူးထူးတီ၊တီ၊တက္ဂါ.

သရဉ်ဖိန်နဲ့ နယၢဉ်စဉ် ထဲးဘၢဉ်နှဉ်ကၢဉ်ဘျာထံခရံဉ်ဖိတၢ်အိဉ်ဖိုဉ်







Each year on Easter, our church is decorated with tulips and lilies usually given as memorials. To order a plant in memory of a loved one, please place the completed form & payment in the offering plate or the marked envelope in the church office *by Sunday, March 31. The cost is \$8.50 per plant.* Checks should be made payable to "Tabernacle Baptist Church".

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# of Yellow Tulips	# of <u>Red</u> Tulips	_
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## THANK YOU

for your generous gifts to the America for Christ Offering 2018

## **TOP GIVING CHURCHES**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In March, we collect the America for Christ Offering. The theme "Healing Communities" reminds us that we are to be agents of healing in our own neighborhood and in other places in the U.S. A portion of the America for Christ Offering stays in New York to bless the work of American Baptist Churches of NYState. The larger portion goes to support a variety of ministries as reflected here:

## Ministries Supported by the Offering

Your gifts to America for Christ will support a variety of ministries, including the following:

AFC Promotion 12%
Regional Ministries 29%
ABHMS 59%

- Aligned Action Network initiative
- The Christian Citizen
- Community Outreach Ministries
- Congregational mission, leadership and renewal
- Disaster-response Ministries
- Discipleship and Christian Education Guide
- Evangelism and Church Transformation
- Immigration and Refugee Resettlement
- Intercultural Ministries

- Judson Press
- Ministry profiles and placement services
- National education strategy to develop cultural sensitivity across disciplines
- Prisoner Re-Entry Ministries
- Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico initiative
- Rizpah's Children
- Scholarships and Emerging Leaders
- Volunteer-mobilization Ministries

We may know or come to know the people whose lives are touched by our giving. A person who receives a scholarship might prepare for local church ministry and serve here one day. A cousin of ours might be blessed by the Immigration and Resettlement work of a church in another state. A young person in Puerto Rico may be called to serve as an international missionary from a church whose building is rebuilt with the help of America for Christ funds.

Will you apply a healing touch by giving generously to the America for Christ Offering this year?

Thank you and may God bless you!

Pastor Debbie

## 200th Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019



In Loving Memory of Bertha M. Coriale Cataudella

10/21/22—01/16/19



Save The Date!
TBCUtica Staff Retreat
9-11 AM at TBC
Saturday, March 2
Breakfast, Policy Review and
Employment File Updates



## **Caring Corner**

We are expecting 3 or 4 new Karen families in the near future. If you have clothing or household items to donate, please put them in the back of Thorn Chapel. The Caring Corner will open on *Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m.* 



# Spring Gathering for the Mohawk/Oneida Association of the American Baptist Churches of New York State

Sunday, March 31st 3:00 - 5:30 PM at the

Federated Church of West Winfield 452 E. Main St. West Winfield, NY 13491

3:00 Business Meeting



3:45 Praise Worship with Klesis



\*4:45 Free Will Offering Fellowship Supper



\*RSVP by March 22<sup>nd</sup> for Supper to 315-822-6321

or PastorKen.FedChurch@Yahoo.com



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

Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal	Saturdays, at 3:00 p.m.		
Karen School	Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 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.		
Sunday School Teachers' and Assistants' Communion Service	March 3, 9:15 a.m.		
Communion Sunday	March 3,10:00 a.m.		
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Sunday, March 10		
Faith Nurturing Ministry Team Meeting	Sunday, March 3, 12:30 p.m.		
Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting	Sunday, March 10, 12:30 p.m.		
April Visitor Article Submission Deadline	Sunday, March 17		
200th Year Jubilee Planning Team Meeting	Sunday, March 17, 12:30 p.m.		
Ministry Coordinating Council Team Meeting	Sunday, March 24, 12:30 p.m.		
Easter Flower Order Deadline	Sunday, March 31		
Worship and Witness Ministry Team Meeting	Sunday, March 31, 12:30 p.m.		



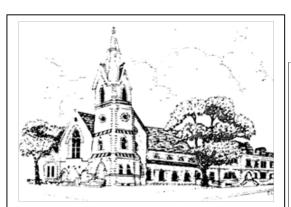
Silver Moo	3/1	Gilbert Baw	3/6	Wendy Levitt	3/17
Say Ka Paw	3/1	Naw Be Be	3/6	Lanetta Soe	3/17
Karin Reiss	3/1	Simon Win	3/7	Sha Khu	3/18
Deborah Thein	3/1	Enola Dickson	3/8	Moona Sayrose	3/18
Joan Baum	3/1	Keller Nyunt	3/8	Kel Wah	3/20
D. Ardelle Tuckerman	3/2	David Tomidy	3/10	Mu Paw	3/21
Dah Bu	3/2	Ma Aye	3/10	Anthony Jackson	3/21
Mu Dor May	3/2	Saw Eh Lau La Lu Lu	3/10	True Win	3/24
Tha Aye	3/3	Love Gay Moo	3/10	Sunday Htoo	3/24
Phyozaw Htun	3/3	Magadalei Gyi	3/11	La Ehe	3/25
Dah Pyu Nyunt	3/3	Psau Paw	3/12	Victorious Htoo	3/26
Olive San	3/4	Kpru Taw	3/13	Mark Caruana	3/27
Lay Lay Mar	3/5	Lah Ser C Marvel	3/14	Robert Bause Jr.	3/29
Ser Eh Neey	3/5	Donald S. Baum Jr.	3/15	Maria Htoo	3/29
Say Kwai Paw	3/5	Addison Green	3/16	Ernest Bates Jr.	3/30
				Savior Wah	3/30



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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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