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“CONNECTING HEARTS & HANDS”

PASTORAL CONVERSATIONS

CHILD: Dad, can you write in the dark?

DAD: Well, I think so. What do you want me to write?

CHILD: Your name on my report card.

Report cards are coming to a number of parents this time of year. Do you still get anxious at the thought? Recently we received a report card about our Compassion Child, Wadeline, who lives in Haiti. She is learning well. Then we received a second one. This one was called a “Spiritual Growth Assessment”. How would you like to be assessed on your Spiritual Growth over the past year? Imagine getting a report card from your pastor, or God no less. I was curious how they measured Spiritual Growth in a 14 year old.

CHURCH – She attends the Baptist Church of Petit-Bourg de Part-Margot

BIBLE – She can name several books of the Bible

BIBLE – She can share about her favorite Bible character

FAITH – She knows what sin is and the importance of forgiveness

SALVATION – She can explain God’s plan of salvation

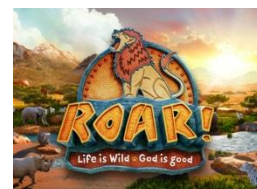
PRAYER – She is able to lead a prayer before a meal

How would you measure up on such a Spiritual Assessment? As you think about a summer break, what would be some Spiritual growth goals you could work on? What would you measure?

At the end of the Gospel of Luke, we read about Jesus: *“And as Jesus continued to grow in body and mind, he grew also in the love of God and of those who knew him.”* His growth was measured in physical growth, mental growth, relationship with God, and relationship with others. How do you measure up on the Jesus report card? Summer is a good time to get ready for growing in faith. Go for an “A+” !

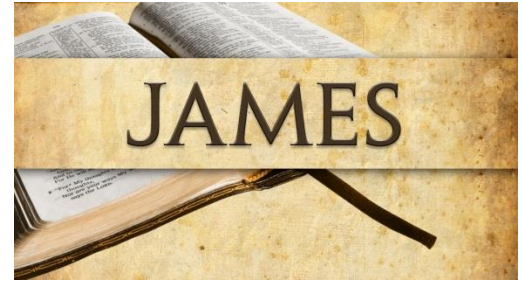
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

5:30pm August 5-8



June 10:30 am WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- June 2** **CELEBRATE COMMUNION SUNDAY**
FAITH: Just Do It!
Preventing Forrest Fires: James 3:1-18
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Begins
Teacher Appreciation
- June 9** **CHILDREN'S DAY & PENTECOST SUNDAY**
Video Bible Stories
Message on Faith: Elise Kuersteiner
Camp Scholarship Presentations
Coffee Hour
- June 16** **FATHER'S DAY**
Guest: Rev. Gary Baker
Men's Choir
Recognition of Graduates
- June 23** **FAITH: Just Do It!**
Perspectives: James 4:1-17
Choir Recognition



9:30AM **SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR BEGINS IN JUNE 30!**

June 30 **COMMUNION SUNDAY** **FAITH: Just Do It!** **Rich People: James 5:1-12**

Nursery Care Volunteers are needed for the summer Sundays
9:30am Sunday School will end June 9th for children and adults (till Fall)
Miriam Circle will keep meeting in the summer

July 7 **WORSHIP at REFORMED CHURCH at 10AM**

Transitions

- Graduating – **Allison Rizzo** from University of Massachusetts – Amherst - Biochemistry
- Graduating – **Angeline Kimbrell** from Fredonia in Computer Science
- **Loren Hunt** – an early member of the church – died May 7th
- **Office News** – Laurie Hadlick begins summer break June 20 – We will work with summer volunteers
- **Time to Climb Tutoring** completed another year in May
- **Karen Procopio** shared that her daughter Kate is engaged to be married in November
- **Elise Kuersteiner** was accepted into the BOCES New Vision Engineering Program at Lockheed Martin
- On May 23, we elected **Gayle Vinette** as Moderator and **Ray Vinette** as Deacon
- **THANKS!** - To **Gladys & Rich** and a great crew. \$1300+ was raised and the Women raised \$250 on the bake sale



CALLING ALL GRADUATES

We love to celebrate our graduates! If anyone is celebrating this milestone please fill out the graduation form (available on the back table) and return to them to the church office.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Education Commission is pleased to be able to offer partial financial scholarships and spiritual support for children and youth attending a Christian camp experience this summer. Applications are available on the back table.

MIRIAM CIRCLE "LUNCH BUNCH" meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, June 5th at Tony's Restaurant on Burnet Ave. All women are invited.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

June	1	Emily Stoddard
	3	Denise Foland
	6	Jenny Berube Jackie Bishop
	9	Brenda Mertz
	16	Hal Husovsky
	19	Darryl Hamlin Thorn Duch
	20	William Walker
	27	Christopher Braga

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

19	Paul and Phyllis Bailey
23	William and Cathy Stone
30	Debbie and Bob Joyce John and Bing Walczyk



SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN

Picnic will be held on Wednesday, 12th at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to pass. Burgers & Dogs provided

Eastwood Baptist Finances — as reported to the Deacons on May 14, 2019



	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>As of the End of April</u>
Checking Account Balance	\$ 30,400	\$ 26,600
Year to Date Expenses vs Income	\$ 3,335 BEHIND	\$ 7,160 BEHIND

Church and Money: 5 Important Truths Adapted from Rev. Margaret Marcuson

It pays to face facts when you are dealing with money matters in ministry. It's a challenging topic for many clergy and church members for a variety of reasons.

Here are five things to remember that will help you as you lead in this important area of ministry.

1. Money matters. Starting with the obvious: money itself matters. It takes resources to do ministry. This is not a bad thing. It is just a fact. You can confidently take on the leadership in this area of you because it is an essential part of ministry. Paul says in II Corinthians 8:7, "Each must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." He never hesitated to ask people to give to dirty. support ministry. Christian theology suggests that money itself cannot be Remember, it's not money that's the "root of all evil," but "the love of money." (I Timothy 6:10). *Question: Do you know your own theology of money?*



2. Anxiety matters. Money is a high-anxiety topic (stop me if you are surprised...). It's an automatic focus for anxiety. As we've just talked about institutionally, we need money to survive. In addition, biologically, we need money to buy food to eat. So when money is scarce, our survival instincts kick into overdrive. It's harder to think creatively, to imagine new ways of doing things. *Question: Do you know your own anxious responses when money issues come up? Your congregation's?*

3. Leadership Matters. Good leaders provide a calm presence when anxiety is high. You can't calm others down, but you can manage yourself, and that makes a difference. Have you ever been at a meeting where you could feel the temperature going up in the room? A key person calmly says, "Here's how I think we can handle this," and you can almost hear everyone give a sigh of relief. Appropriate leadership in financial matters doesn't mean balancing the checkbook or creating the financial reports. Not at all. It means offering spiritual leadership to the congregation and the relevant boards. It's about the power of the presence of the leader in a vital area of ministry. *Question: Who leads in some way in financial and stewardship matters in church?*

4. Relationships Matter. Stay connected to the money people, as well as to other key lay leaders and staff. Money conversations will go more smoothly if you have ongoing relationships. Those relationships will help carry you through tough times. You don't have to talk about money every time you talk, of course; in fact, it's better if you don't. Begin with relationships.

5. History matters. Your church's history deeply influences the present. You may be surprised, if you look into the past of your church, about how much of that past is still going on in the present. Here are a few ways a congregation's history may repeat itself in financial challenges and strengths. Consider these options, and see what else you notice:

- An angel donor who rescues the budget every year
- Capable financial leaders
- Periodic conflicts about staff salaries
- A financial committee or board that always functions well — or never does
- Strong support for mission and outreach over generations

Question: What do you know about the financial history of your church?



Outreach for a New Century
“Go and make disciples...” Matthew 28: 19

Annual Spring Meeting of the

Iroquois Association of Churches ABC/NYS



UNITED CHURCH OF AUBURN



Sunday, June 2, 2019

1:00 - 4:30pm

77 Metcalf Drive Auburn NY 13021 1-315-252-4397 <https://www.unitedchurchofauburn.org/>

1:00 Free Lunch

2:00 Doing Church Like A Missionary

Chuck & Ruth Fox are recently off the international mission field and into the pastorate of a local church in Pennsylvania. They will come to us via “Skype”. Could we “do church” with a missionary perspective?

2:30 Missionary Targeted Discussions

Group discussions about how those ideas could apply to our local church

Children

Youth

Millennials

Adults

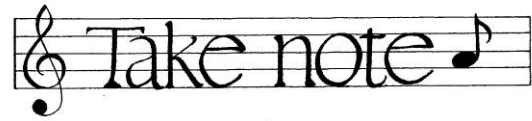
Community Ministry

3:30 Worship & Presentations

With Executive Minister Dr. James Kelsey

All Association member churches are encouraged to have representatives of your church present.

MUSIC & CHOIR NEWS



- **CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY** – June 23rd
- **MEN** - We will be rehearsing for A Father's Day (June 16th) Choir. Practice after church on June 9th
- **SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC** - We are looking for folks to share their music ministry gifts this summer. See Carley or email the office.
- **CHOIR SECTION LEADERS** - We are currently searching for some choir section leaders (Alto, Tenor, Bass) for the choir beginning this Fall. Our target group would be college students who would receive a small scholarship/stipend. To apply for one of the positions, please email your resume and three professional references to Carley Anderson at canderson25@une.edu.

NIAGARA FALLS MISSION TRIP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for 2019 for a Mission Opportunity!

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NEW YORK STATE CONTINUES
PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY MISSIONS OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER



July 25 to 28 and October 10 to 13(new date), 2019

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We will be working with Community Missions of Niagara Frontier and will do things like:

- Work in the kitchen preparing meals and then serving them
- Work in the community food pantry sorting and distributing food
- Do gardening and landscaping at the mission center as our skills permit
- Paint and do maintenance to the center as our skills permit
- Work in the clothes closet sorting and distributing clothing

There would be many opportunities to become acquainted with the clients at the center. You already be doing these types of things at your church. Here you will see them done in a different context and learn how you might improve your local ministry.

WHERE WILL WE STAY?

We will stay at the Stella Niagara Retreat Center (www.StellaNiagaraRetreats.org). If you cannot stay the whole time, your cost will be adjusted. The trip is flexible so participants may arrive and depart as they need. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH!

EASTWOOD BAPTIST MISSION COMMISSION is looking for interested persons who would be willing to carpool to participate in this mission opportunity for a Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Sunday shortened mission experience. Cost would be roughly in the \$100-\$150 range for lodging and meals.

Please let the church office or a member or the Mission Commission know if you are interested.



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the American Baptist response to worldwide disaster relief and development. One Great Hour of Sharing in cooperation with other denominations, is a channel for national and international aid in times of crisis

The offering provides:

- **Emergency relief** available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for urgent or acute needs brought about by disasters of natural or human origin;
- **Development projects** focused on meeting chronic human need by enabling individuals or groups to establish or maintain a more adequate quality of life; and
- **Refugee and immigration ministries** focused on holistic ministry to immigrants, refugees, and migrants in detention facilities and refugee camps.

With our extensive network of international and domestic partners, American Baptists can make a difference wherever and whenever disaster strikes.

2018 was a year of many natural disasters. Yes, your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing brought relief in many situations. Here is where your gifts made a difference in 2018.

COUNTRY SITUATION CALLING FOR A RESPONSE

- Burundi.....Refugee Relief
Severe Storm Damage
- Guatemala.....Volcanic Eruption Relief
- India.....Cyclone Relief
- IndonesiaEarthquake Relief
Tsunami Relief
- Mexico.....Drought Relief
- Myanmar.....Food Relief
- Nepal.....Flood Relief
- Nicaragua.....Civil Conflict Relief
- Philippines.....Flood Relief
Typhoon Relief
- Thailand.....Flood Relief

STATE SITUATION CALLING FOR A RESPONSE

- AlaskaKodiak Baptist Mission –Severe Wind Damage
- California.....Wildfire Relief
- Iowa.....First Baptist Church,
Marshalltown – Tornado Relief
- Massachusetts.....First Baptist Church, Wakefield –Fire Damage
- Nebraska....ABC of Nebraska - Housing Crisis
- North CarolinaHurricane Florence Relief
- OhioPeace Community Church – Flood Relief

In addition to emergency relief, One Great Hour of Sharing also provided funds for development projects — projects which address chronic needs — in the following countries and states highlighted below.

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT PROJECT</u>
China.....	Amity Foundation – Incubate NGOs in China Project
Yunnan Christian Council	– Nation Builders Project
DR Congo	IMA World Health – Empowering Women in Goma
Ghana	Baptist Vocational Technical College – Completion of Classrooms
Haiti	Cap Haitian Eye Center – Purchase of a Generator
India.....	All India Baptist Fellowship – Religious Liberty and Anti-Trafficking Commissions
Kenya.....	PHARP – Women & Girls Empowerment Program
Myanmar	Wunpawng Ningloi – Vocational Training for Kachin IDPs
Nicaragua.....	AMOS Health & Hope – Accompanying Youth on Their Path to Empowerment
Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua	– Improving Food Security Among Rural Families
Tanzania	Health Amplifier – Mother and Child Care Clinic
IMA World Health	– LEEP Machine for Treating Cervical Cancer
Thailand-New Life Center Foundation	– Equipping Tribal Girls Through Education & Holistic Care
Bala Foundation	– Coaching and Support Ministry to Women in Crisis
International Ministries	– Training Karen Refugees for Repatriation to Myanmar
Zimbabwe	United Baptist Churches of Zimbabwe – Construction of Mugiyo Primary School Classrooms

<u>State</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT PROJECT</u>
California.....	First Baptist Church, Maywood – Refugee and Immigration Ministry Grant
Indiana.....	Iglesia Bautista Betesda, Indianapolis – Caminando con el Imigrante Ministry
Kansas.....	Bethel Neighborhood Center, Kansas City – Offering Hope to Immigrants in Kansas City
First Baptist Church, Turner	– Food and Shelter Grant
Massachusetts.....	Essex County Community Organizing – Securing Training and Diversity in Lynn Police Department
Brockton Interfaith Community	– Congregational Engagement in Brockton Communities
Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries	– Refugee and Immigration Ministry Grant
Montana	Friendship House of Christian Service, Billings – Keeping Kids Safe Program
New Jersey.....	First Baptist Manasquan – Renovation of Church Kitchen at Designated Disaster Relief Center
Shelton Baptist Church	– Refugee and Immigration Ministry Grant
New York	Focus Plus Mobility Mentoring – Empowering the Poor with Mentors
Judson Memorial Church/New Sanctuary Coalition	– Refugee and Immigration Ministry Grant
Parkchester Baptist Church	– Food and Shelter Grant
North Carolina.....	Bridges Puentes Prison Ministry – Food and Shelter Grant
Zechariah Alexander Community Development Corporation	– Food and Shelter Grant
Ohio.....	Leaders for Equality and Action in Dayton – Building a Strong Grassroots Organization
Mahoning Valley Baptist Association	– Mattresses for Low Income Families
Oklahoma	Murrow Indian Children’s Home, Muskogee – Providing a Home & Services for Transition Youth
West Virginia	Elizabeth Baptist Church – Meals to Go
Wisconsin	American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake – Quest Program

We will be collecting for OGHS through the month of June