

# BAPTIST BY-LINES – May 2019

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Worship at 10:00 a.m.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The season of Easter is upon us! For the 50 days spanning Easter Sunday till June 9<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the risen Christ and explore the implications of this sacred event for our everyday lives. It is my understating of the Bible and my belief as a Christian, that this ancient text and faith must have meaning for us in our lives today. Therefore it is my duty to pray, read, research and work to find the relevancy for us each week. Some weeks this is an easier task than others, but one of the constants in this work is the joy I experience as I engage in it each week. I never consider it a burden or obligation, for me it is a privileged to preach the results of my labor each week. Certainly some sermons are more relevant and meaningful than others, however it is always my hope and prayer that you will experience meaning and hope each Sunday during worship.

And finally, a note about Easter Sunday. I apologize for Mike Burrell's unplanned and unwelcome impromptu sermon which he chose to impose on us after the conclusion of the service. It is my opinion that his words and actions were nothing short of bullying and spiritual abuse. Mike was asked (and paid) to come and sing for us on Easter. He was not asked or even encouraged to preach. I know many of you have left churches where you have experienced this kind of treatment – a preacher insisting that you repeat what he says in order to “assure your salvation”. It is my firm belief as a Christian and a Baptist that this is not how it works. Salvation is worked out over time and is a process. There are moments of epiphany for many along the way but salvation was never meant to come to fruition via words repeated at the insistence of someone standing up front and demanding that you repeat his words.

It is forever my hope that your worship and fellowship experience here at FBC Painted Post will be one free of hurtful reminders of the past. I assure you that in the future the church staff and I will insure that all guest musicians and preachers will respectfully and faithfully present the gospel message of love and acceptance and will respect who we are as a church, as Baptists and as people.

Peace be with you,

Rev. Rich Rose

We would like to thank:

Cathy & Eben Weil for working on fund raising and stretching our Baby Bank Dollars and all the hard work to get the diapers to church

The many helping hands in our congregation who are working to make the Baby Bank a success

Sue McInroy for being liturgist during the month of March

To all the people who have donated food for coffee hour and also helped with cleanup

All the people who submitted pictures for the Bylines – Keep'em coming!

All the people who came and helped on the work day to do some Spring Cleaning

A special Thank You to Brass Works for playing on Palm Sunday

All the people who helped with the Easter Breakfast, Especially the cooks Butch Abbey, Lori Cooper, Susan & Derek Gould (Scrambled Egg Man), Margie Miraglia and Jill Gasparri

Scott, Sheri & Hailey Morse for setting up for Easter breakfast and supplying the centerpieces

Chelsea & Alex Cooper, Alyssa, Lori & Keith Cooper for putting up the burst for Easter

All the people who donated candy for the Easter egg hunt

Margie Miraglia & Lori Cooper for filling the eggs for the Easter egg hunt.

Rick Clark for putting all the stickers in the new green hymnals and working around the church on repairs

Margie Miraglia & Barb Vargeson for working in the Baby Bank

Jill Gasparri for picking up the Easter Flowers

To the youth of the church for working on repacking diapers and separating wipes

## **2019 Mission Giving**

**January** – World Mission Offering Our goal \$250 We raised \$287

**February** – Church World Service Blankets Our Goal \$500 We raised \$583 for 58 Blankets. We also collected paper products to be used by the church.

**March** – America For Christ Our goal \$250 We raised \$250.00

**April** - Community Fund Our Goal \$300 We raised \$310 **and the Lenten Missions.**

## Lenten Missions

This year for Lent the Spiritual Life Committee picked six Community Agencies to support.



**Head Start** is a program that provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to low-income families. They teach social skills and basic academics so they will be ready to enter kindergarten.

**Salvation Army** The Salvation Army has a food pantry and they are looking for items that their Client's SNAP Benefits won't cover.



**Battered Women's Shelter** The Shelter is for women and their families who are leaving an abusive situation. Most women leave with what's on their backs.



**Red Box** The Red Box is a red book shelf that houses donated books for children to take free of charge. They are located in high traffic areas such as doctor's offices, dentist offices, food pantries, etc.





**Tanner's P.A.W.S.** This nonprofit organization is dedicated to the care and safety of animals in need. They work closely with the SPCA and the area dog control officers.

**Potter's Hands Foundation** Potter's Hands is an organization that helps women who have been a victim of sex trafficking to transition back into normal life. It is their desire to help females who have been trapped by the oppression of abuse to find wholeness, healing and a sense of self-worth, while providing a safe place for them to grow, heal, and be free from the cruelty they have endured. In order to accomplish their goal they have designed a safe place for women where they can begin a new season in life.



**May Mission is One Great Hour of Sharing Goal \$250 and Three Rivers Absolut Care**



**AMERICAN BAPTIST  
WORLD RELIEF OFFICE**

**More Than We Can Image**

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3: 20-21

One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by eight Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service, One Great Hour of Sharing makes sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development.

This year our goal is \$250.00. Please help us as we work with other churches to give help where it is needed the most. Thank you!

## Gifts for Absolut Care Nursing Home

During the month of May we will be collecting gifts for Three Rivers Absolut Care Nursing Home. It is hard for a lot of the patients there to keep busy. These gifts will help them know they are not forgotten.

Chap Sticks  
Lotions  
Small Hand Pencil Sharpeners  
Pens/Pencils  
Markers/Crayons  
Note books all sizes Small  
Ipods  
Puzzle books

Adult coloring books  
Colored pencils  
Address books  
New or used tablets  
Plastic Vases  
Knick Knacks for BINGO prizes  
MP3 players

## Barnabas Award

Barnabas, one of Paul's helpers, is described in the New Testament as an "encourager." With the abundance of people who are critical in the world, we are still in great need of folks to be encouragers for our days. Who has been a notable "encourager" in our congregation this past year?

Please submit your nomination for this year's Barnabas Award to the Stewardship Council by Sunday, May 19th . Be sure to include the name and reason why you think your nominee should receive this honor.

The Stewardship Council will examine all nominations and present the award at Worship on June 9th, 2019.

### Past Recipients

1994 Robert Alsen	2003 Gordie & Alyce Loomis	2012 Lori Cooper
1995 Shirley Sowersby	2004 Sandy & Donnalynn Ostebo	2013 Dick Naylor
1996 Beverly Dates	2005 Charlotte Seager	2014 Helen Conklin
1997 Richard C. Clark Sr.	2006 Lori Borden	2015 Eric & Wendy Griffin
1998 Jill Gasparri	2007 Gary & Annie McCaslin	2016 Cathy Weil
1999 Carol Brown	2008 Margie Miraglia	2017 Heidi & Al Gerth
2000 Brad & Betty Kinsman	2009 Richard Paul	2018 Sally Kostera
2001 Raymond Koziatek	2010 Edwin "Butch" Abbey	
2002 Vic & Ruth Campbell	2011 Dorothy Ziegenfuss	

We have exciting news re: our Baby Bank! We received our 501c3! We are now in a position to apply for a number of grants that are only awarded to 501c3 corporations, and based on the ever-growing need, we are excited to begin this next chapter in our Baby Bank venture!



We received the donations from Corning Inc headquarters baby supply drive that was organized by the United Way and it definitely sounded like they intend to do it again next year! We are grateful for the many items donated, and will be reaching out to the United Way now that we have our 501c3 status.

We have been the recipient of many monetary gifts this past month, both large and small. Jill Gasparri indicated that Tony was really supportive of the mission of the Baby Bank, so donations made in his memory,

totaling over \$2000, were put into the Baby Bank fund. The Steuben chapter of Home Bureau donated \$25. We thank Hailey and Sheri Morse for crafting our Easter breakfast centerpieces that were then sold, with proceeds of \$80 to the Baby Bank. As we have done for the past several years, those wishing to remember or honor loved ones on Easter were able to buy a spring plant for the sanctuary OR donate to the baby bank; the sanctuary still looked great and we had many that choose the baby bank! Sam McInroy (Sue's dad) also made a donation to the baby bank after the passing of his wife, Kay.



We are also in line to receive diapers, if there are any left after their one day of distribution, from a drive being run in Chemung County by the Junior League. I reached out to them after learning of it, and they, of course, were unaware of our Baby Bank's existence. And therein lies our dilemma: we are afraid to "advertise" and have the need outstrip our ability to provide, but because we are not that well known, it makes it more likely that other groups duplicate efforts and reinvent wheels. THAT being said, I shared with the Junior League that there is plenty of need out there, and they are doing a wonderful thing! I am happy that more babies will be taken care of as a result of their drive!

There are great advantages to having one umbrella organization (think The Food Bank) where people know to donate and know to go to get help. This was one reason that we used the name, "Twin Tiers Baby Bank" when we incorporated and applied for our 501c3. With additional funding opportunities now available, we hope to expand not only our numbers, but our geographical reach. I believe that we started something for little ones that will grow to something much bigger. Eventually, I hope we have a Baby Bank that distributes to local diaper banks, making it easier for moms to get to locations where they can get what they

need for their babies. This past month, a pastor from Elmira actually brought someone without a car to our baby bank to get diapers. We know that one mom who was in last month had walked from and back to the Badger Creek apartments, carrying diapers and supplies. Lack of transportation is a big issue for many who need our services.

Our next BIG project will be the planning of a fall fundraising event, tentatively called “Diaperpalooza.” If you have ideas or experience in event fundraising, we certainly could use your help! Please reach out to Cathy or Jill or Lori to be included in our planning meetings. Thank you, as always, to the many hands that help repackage and stock diapers at the diaper bank, those who wash donated clothing, those who bring in coupons, Lori and Jill, for showing our clients kindness and love, Eben Weil for delivering, and - well, the whole supportive congregation! Our work, and these small (diaper) changes are making big changes in peoples' lives!

April figures: 73 Families, 128 Children, Year to Date 244 Families, 448 Children

## April Events

Sun. March 31<sup>st</sup> What a busy Sunday for the Youth of the Church. This Sunday started out with the Youth providing coffee for a donation in the Narthex before Church. They collected around \$50. During Sunday School the kids worked on repacking diapers and separating packages of wipes for the Baby Bank. After church and a delicious taco coffee hour, the kids were off to the Mall for laser tag, miniature golf and blow up fun.





**Thursdays during Lent**, Ecumenical Services were held at the Emanuel Lutheran Church. Soup and bread were provided by Fran's Landing. The program was about refugees from Palestine, Brazil, Native Americans, African Americans and Afghanistan. The people who presented really painted a clear picture of what a refugee had to endure. We are blessed to live in the United States.

**Sat. April 6<sup>th</sup>** Work Day at Church. We washed the woodwork and pews in the sanctuary, Polished the communion set, sorted the baskets in the kitchen and put some in the rummage sale. Got the big TV down the stairs and off to a good home. The floors in the kitchen and bathrooms were washed and waxed. The paper closet was cleaned and straightened. Thanks to Mike Lindsay, Rick Clark, Scott & Sheri Morse, Margie Miraglia, Alex & Preston Kostera, Barbara Vargeson and Jill Gasparri.

**Sun. April 7<sup>th</sup>** This Sunday was Communion Sunday, Keith Cooper and Rev. Rose served the bread and grape juice. The morning message was entitled "The Root of Poverty". Wendy did the children's story. We were saving boxes for the big nerf war at the end of the month and the kids had a great time playing with them.



**Sun. April 14<sup>th</sup>** was Palm Sunday. Starting at 9:30am the kids gave out coffee for a donation in the Narthex and palms. Mary Passage made sure everyone had a name tag on. The Brass Works played beautifully for us. Rev. Rose's message was entitled "What's the Meaning of This?". Wendy and her family were away on vacation so Rev. Rose did the children's time. We had a special pasta coffee hour to thank the Brass Works for playing. Thank you to Butch Abbey and Lori Cooper for organizing this event.



**Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday.** The day started off with Easter Breakfast. Sheri, Scott & Hailey Morse set the tables with centerpieces, placemats, napkins and silverware. This year our breakfast was all kinds of pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, cinnamon rolls, juice and fruit. We had a good turnout. The kids were excited to go on the Easter egg hunt, each child got to find 31 eggs. The sanctuary looked beautiful. The Cooper clan put up a beautiful tomb with a burst of color. We had a perfect number of flowers blooming at the tomb. Rev. Rose did the children's story because the Griffins were still away. The message was entitled "What Does It Mean?" Mike Burrell sang for us and Hailey Morse played the piano. It was a wonderful service.



**Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>** The Griffins were back from vacation and it was nice to have our choir sing. Wendy did the children's time and although Rev. Rose was not feeling well he gave the message entitled "Vulnerability as a Virtue". We had a hot dog picnic for coffee hour. This was the last week of the book study and the Baptist Youth Fellowship had a nerf war after church. It was a busy Sunday!



## Drive-Through Chicken Barbecue

Provided By Corning Catering

Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> – Pickup from 11 am – 1:00 pm

Crystal Lanes , 11749 East Corning Rd., Corning

\$10.00

All Proceeds benefit the Corning Community Food Pantry

**Advance Tickets Only**

Purchase at Crystal Lanes during normal business hours

Or from Pantry Board Members

Or reserve by calling 607-962-6750 by May 13th

## May 2019 Calendar

### Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing Absolut Care

#### Nominations for Barnabas Award due by Sunday May 19th

Sat. May 4<sup>th</sup> Home Bureau luncheon (Fund Raiser)

Sun. May 5 Communion Jill, Taco Sunday Coffee Hour, Relaxation Program for Moms, we will be showing relaxation Techniques and have a special dessert. Child care will be provided by the men.

Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Life Meeting **5pm**

Wed. May 8<sup>th</sup> ABW Central 9:30

Sun. May 12 Mother's Day Youth providing coffee at 9:30 am Worship at 10am

Tues.-Fri. May 14-17 set up for Rummage Sale

Wed. May. 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Lunch 1pm Central Jill Host

Sat. May 18 Rummage Sale 8am -1pm Proceeds to benefit Baby Bank

Sun. May 19 Worship, Coffee Hour, Tentative BYF Outing

Tuesday May 21st Stewardship Council 6:30pm

Sun. May 26 Worship, Coffee Hour

May 27 Memorial Day office is closed

**Friday May 17th at 7:00 Hailey Morse will be performing in the Hawk Factor talent show** at the CPP Middle School. Admission is a suggested donation that goes to The Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. The participating students will deliver the donation in June and tour the facility. In previous years they have been able to buy bedding, mini-fridges, and kitchen items.



**If you are in the Hospital for any reason  
Please let the church know.  
Due to HIPAA privacy regulations the hospital  
will not automatically let us know.**

*You can call the church office at 962-1736, Lori 769-0232 or  
Rev. Rose 339-3383*

**Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> National Day of Prayer** – whether you signed up to pray at a certain time or not, please take some time today to pray for whatever is on your heart. Prayer really does work!!!!

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>** We are catering the District Home Bureau Meeting.

*In honor of all of the women in our lives,  
our Mother's Day celebration  
will be held on*

## **May 5th after coffee hour**

**ALL** ladies are encouraged to participate and enjoy our event!



***Back by popular demand!***

*Come be pampered and inspired*

*Enjoy a special dessert*

*Channel your inner artist and create a one of a kind keepsake*

*Learn life-changing tips and tricks to relax, refresh and renew.*

*No cost*

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am the Youth will be providing coffee for a donation ~ Name tag Sunday  
~ Mother's Day

**Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be setting up for the Rummage Sale.

You can bring:

<i>Vintage Items</i>	<i>Household</i>	<i>Furniture</i>
<i>Toys</i>	<i>Tools</i>	<i>Garden</i>
<i>Books</i>	<i>Plants</i>	<i>Kitchen</i>

**Please No Reader's Digest condensed books, text books, old electronics, fake Christmas trees, clothing, or shoes.**

Do you need it picked up or have questions? Call The Church office @962-1736  
Lori's cell 769-0232 or Jill's cell 377-1965

We need help setting up Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We need people to help the day of the sale lots of jobs.

We plan to sell coffee, donuts, hot dogs, chips, water, and soda.

# ***Huge Rummage Sale***

**SATURDAY MAY 18TH**

**8 AM TO 1 PM**

**WHERE?**

*THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PAINTED POST  
130 WEST WATER STREET PAINTED POST, NY*

Vintage Items, Household, Furniture, Toys, Tools,  
Garden, Kitchen, Books, and Much More!!

Food Available.

**\$\$ EVERYTHING PRICED TO SELL**

**We will be selling**

**Donuts, Coffee & Hotdogs**

**Come have a snack with us**

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## Financials as of the end of March 2019

Balance in Checking & Savings (Not including Baby Bank balance) \$ 29,000

### Investments

Wells Fargo Acct #4354:  
Parsonage Investment \$59,779  
Wells Fargo Acct #0191:  
Luce Music Fund \$ 5,336\*

Total Value of Wells Fargo Funds \$ 65,115

\* \$206 transferred to savings for the music program

### Regular Income & Expenses Jan - Mar

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Regular income	\$ 25,065	\$ 22,291
Total Regular expenses	\$ 24,242	\$ 22,180
Net Operating income/(loss)	\$ 823	\$ 111

### Envelope giving for Jan - Mar

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Pledged	\$ 13,534	\$ 10,622
Non-pledged	\$ 5,020	\$ 7,548

### Other major Fund Balances (included in the Savings balance listed above)

<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 113.90
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	\$ 2,386.93
<b>Pastor's Community Fund</b>	\$ 75.14
<b>Crans Trust Fund</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Baby Bank</b>	\$ 1,041.10

#### Building Fund

Balance as of Jan 1, 2019 \$ 113.90

#### Memorial Fund

Balance as of Jan 1, 2019 \$ 456.93  
Donations, Mar 2019 1,930.00  
Balance as of Apr 1, 2019 \$ 2,386.93

#### Pastor's Community Fund

Balance as of Jan 1, 2019 \$ 155.14  
Expenses, Jan 2019 80.00  
Balance as of Feb 1, 2019 \$ 75.14

#### Crans Trust Fund

Balance as of Jan 1, 2019 \$ 2,671.73  
Expenses, Feb 2019 2,670.42  
Balance as of Mar 1, 2019 \$ 1.31  
Closed out (\$1.31 to savings)

#### Baby Bank Fund

Balance as of Jan 1, 2019 \$ 3,050.12  
Deposits, Feb 2019 163.84  
Expenses, Feb 2019 2,658.17  
Balance as of Mar 1, 2019 \$ 555.79  
Donations, Mar 2019 485.31  
Balance as of Apr 1, 2019 \$ 1,041.10

## Prayer Concerns

Lisa Bates Gordie & Alyce Loomis  
Ruth & Vic Campbell Catherine Fish  
Helen Conklin Virginia Harper (Cindy's mom)  
Dick Paul David (Cindy's brother-in-law)  
Eli (Mary's Nephew) Kelly Gee & Greta Meyers  
Dick & Velma Dixon Loren Vinal (Sandra Olson's Friend)  
Judy Everitt Heather (Darryl's Cousin)  
Diana Morse Tyler Claussen (Jill's Nephew)  
Anna (Jen Kostera's Sister) Terry Lundgren  
Clara English Pastor Kennedy  
Mary Johnson Mark (Mary's brother)  
Becca Lowe Ken Naylor  
Pat & Dick Naylor Anthony (Logan's Friend)  
Beth Kinsman Frank Doug Wilcox (Margie's Friend)  
Allie & Aeson (Recovering from surgery Chelsey)  
John Snyder (Jill's Brother)  
Bill Nurse and family (Sheri Morse Uncle)  
Mike & Gerry fighting Cancer (Sheri Morse)  
Barbara Burdick (Judy Everitt's Friend)  
Judy (Dick Dixon & Doris Pierce Sister)  
Jessie's Family (Friend of Kiersten)  
Alan (Bea Crans Son-in-Law)  
Flora (Daisy's Friend)  
Congregational Church Corning  
Richard Jelison (Cindy Bradshaw's Brother)  
Kristen Mack

## Serving in the Military and Overseas

Max Pappas Medard Bigirimana



The First Baptist **American Baptist Women**

Wed. May 8th  
9:30 am Central

## First Baptist Seniors Gathering for Lunch

Wed. May 15th  
Central 1:00pm  
Host: Jill Gasparri 377-1965

## Pantry Report

Households - 164 Jan, 188 Feb., 179 Mar  
Children 184 Jan, 189 Feb., 178 Mar  
Adults - 348 Jan, 362 Feb., 365 Mar  
Seniors-70 Jan, 53 Feb., 66 Mar  
**TOTAL PEOPLE-** 602 Jan., 604 Feb., 609 Mar.

### May Liturgist

Cindy Hale

### May Ushers

Dick Naylor – Head Usher  
Barbara Vargeson

### Sunday School

The Children will go out for Sunday School after children's time in the worship service.

Chelsey Cooper will take the older children.

Volunteer List for younger children

Sun. May 5<sup>th</sup> Sally Kostera

Sun. May 12<sup>th</sup>

Sun May 19<sup>th</sup> Sally Kostera

Sun. May 26<sup>th</sup>

### Painted Post Pantry Volunteer

May 3 Barbara Vargeson  
May 6 P.Lally & O. Guinnip  
May 7 L.Peffley & M.Nieber  
May 8 S. Kostera & M. Franklin  
May 9 S.Ostebo & D. Volino  
May 10 M. Passage & J. Gasparri



May 5<sup>th</sup> Jill Gasparri  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> Butch Abbey

**Average Attendance for April**

**54**