

THE VISITOR

What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8

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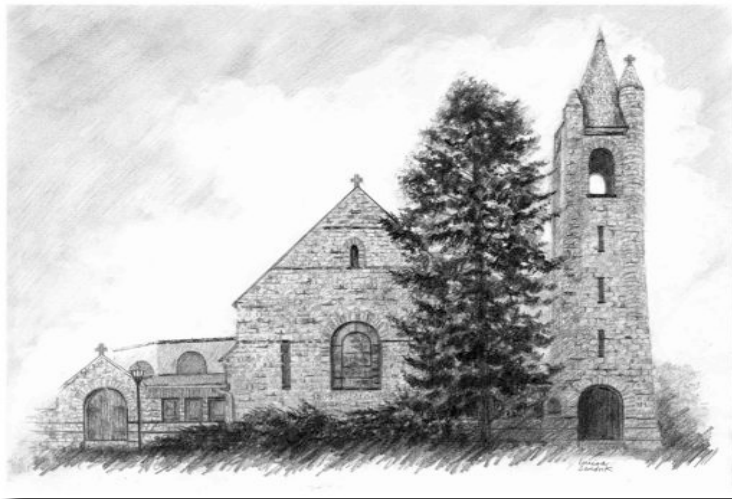


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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Let's talk about salvation. For many of us this is a word that is typically not found in our pedestrian vocabulary. Often explained with finite terms, many contemporary theologians and churches define salvation as the by-product of an orthodox belief which grants us entrance into God's grace and forgiveness. In other words salvation is only available to those who believe that Jesus is the only son of God who died to save us from our sins.

My continually developing understanding of salvation is not cemented, but is in process and I'm comfortable with that. For I understand salvation not as a passive right of passage, but as an active, ongoing liberation from the powers and systems that would seek to rob us of our humanity, fill us with fear and pit us against each other locally and globally.

Toward this understanding, I offer these multiple, but certainly not exhaustive, definitions of salvation.

(continued...)

Restoration to wholeness and community – as the woman who was hemorrhaging for 12 years (Luke 8) and whom Jesus welcomes back into the community by calling her daughter and acknowledging her touch.

Forgiveness – of ourselves and each other.

Liberation from evil powers - think credit card debt, Fox News, or swearing off superficial societal designations that seeks to reduce our worth to the sum total of our material possessions.



Reconciliation with God and neighbor – perhaps God and neighbor should be understood as one in the same? (1 John 4:20-21).

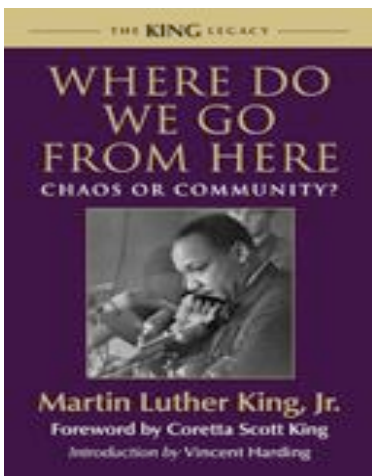
Resurrection from a metaphoric death – as Lazarus (John 11) whom Jesus called out of his self-imposed apathy because he loved Lazarus too much to let him rot in such a state.

In addition I believe that *we* are agents of salvation. By caring for and loving each other, meeting each others needs, living as community, helping each other with tasks which are far too difficult to accomplish alone, being a good listener or a shoulder to cry on, we may literally be saving each other. These and similar such acts are not to be underestimated as they can be the very thing that rescues us from the precipice of despair. Sounds like salvation to me!

Peace,

Rich





Free Copies are still available in the FBC library Tuesday-Friday 10a.m.-1p.m.

Bible Study Continues to Focus on Dr. King

Our Monday evening Bible study continues to meet on Monday nights at 7pm in the Church Library. We are doing a concentrated study of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's final book *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* His final work addresses the current national problems of consumerism, militarism and racism. We have been encouraged as a congregation to read this very challenging work as part of the community wide Ithaca read. A community event celebrating this will be held in October at GIAC. Copies of the book are available in the church library. As always, study of the book will be integrated with relevant biblical texts. Please join us!



The Giving Tree

First Baptist will once again be partnering with Enfield School for Christmas gifts. The Giving Tree will be up with tags for children's clothing and toys on Sunday, Nov. 21. We will also be collecting personal care items like soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste for the school. The need is great so there will be many tags this year! All wrapped gifts must be returned to the church by December 5th.

Sue Hemsath and Judy Kennison are co-coordinating this project. Please contact them if you have questions.

Sue: Pacratsu00@aol.com,
Judy: judkennison@aol.com

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard, a project of Area Congregations Together since 1969, serves as an emergency and supplementary food pantry for people in the City and Town of Ithaca who live at or below 185% of the poverty level. The Cupboard is open daily and provides eligible households with groceries for three days' worth of balanced meals that can be prepared in their own homes. The Cupboard is operated, staffed and supported by volunteers from the two dozen congregations participating in Area Congregations Together.

The Cupboard is located in the Salvation Army Building at 150 N. Albany St.

Come participate!

Training takes 10 minutes and you'll finish
the two hour distribution with a big smile!

First Baptist volunteers work every third Friday from 1 to 3 pm.

Contact Sue Hemsath--272-8619 or Amanda Ufford--273-8719
if you would like to help or for more information.

Lunch Team Meets on Thursday, November 4th

A steady core group of enthusiastic sandwich-makers has been filling the bellies and spirits of clients of the Friendship Center. The Friendship Center is a valuable service to the people of Ithaca, providing assistance in landlord-tenant disputes, finding housing, obtaining social benefits, and free lunches and food giveaways.

The FBC lunch team has been putting together 60-plus lunches and distributing them. This month is no exception! We'll be meeting in the church kitchen at 10:00a.m. on November 4th to assemble the bagged lunches and plan to hang out after and share a simple lunch and fellowship. Can't join us, but would still like to help? Donations of lunch items and cash for their purchase is gratefully accepted. Contact Steve Farrell for more information: sfarrell@twcny.rr.com, or 607.836.6562.

Calling all crafters!

Sunday, November 21, 2010, Noon-4 p.m.

We will be hosting the return of our Fall Arts and Crafts Sale. Sign up now to sell your favorite creations for this exciting First Baptist Parable of Talents fundraising event. Be prepared to staff a table – share one with others, or have a table for yourself. Please sign up in advance, so we can prepare the space. Watch for the signup sheet in the foyer. If you're not the crafty type, please come and BUY some beautiful and unique Christmas gifts! You will be supporting our church while you do.

If you are a professional artist, please speak to a Parable of Talents Committee member about special arrangements:

Shella Chase, Janet Cotraccia, Andrea Mooney,
or Marlene Sack
marlenesck@aol.com, 607.272.5820

Hemming Help

on November 7th

On Sunday the 7th after service we will be cutting and hemming new linen tablecloths for FBC in the community room.

If you are interested, please join us!

Liz W., Mary R. and
Julie C. 607.279.4014



All are Welcome

to a

Dish-to-Share Dinner!

The Dinner Discussion group will meet Friday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m. for a meal. Whether you have been to this gathering before or not, please let me know if you are interested in attending! You can also get in on the fun of coordinating the December 3rd meeting! How?

Contact:

Barbara Fry (273-6099)

Hello FBC Families,

It's time again for our Christmas Pageant! This year we will be doing our narrated Pageant slideshow as we have done in the past. The pageant will be taking place during the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 19th. **We will be taking pictures for this year's**

pageant on Sunday, Dec. 5th. The Dec. 5th schedule is as follows:

10 am worship service

11:15 Sunday School

12:15 pizza for families and helpers in the community room

12:30 kids go upstairs to get costumes on and then come out to DeWitt Park to get pictures taken

Please dress warmly, the costumes are big enough to go over coats. We always have some very adorable sheep, angels and shepherds as well as other pageant characters. I will need some helpers getting kids in and out of costumes and providing general supervision. If you cannot be there that day, we will plan to take some make up pictures on the following Sunday after the pancake brunch. (Please let me know if you plan to come on the "make up" Sunday). Please let me know if you are able to help with costumes or if you are willing to be a photographer. Additional volunteers will also be needed. See you on December 5th. Picture day is a lot of fun!

Janet Cotraccia 277-1075

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Upcoming Music at FBC

November 7 - Guest Performer: Operatic baritone Steve Stull

November 14 - Choral Anthems by the Ithaca Jubilee Singers and the FBC Choir

November 21 - FBC Choir Anthem celebrating Christ the King Sunday

November 28 - New Creation Singers

December 5 - FBC Choir Advent Anthem



Lord of the Harvest Celebration November 14, 2010

All members are encouraged to invite family, friends, strangers and acquaintances to this special Harvest Celebration at FBC. We are prayerful that we can fill our sanctuary to capacity and let the Ithaca Community know that they are loved by God. We need many volunteers to help with the event. If you're interested please see Steve Farrell sfarrel1@twcny.rr.com or Baruch Whitehead, bwhitehead@ithaca.edu.

Save the Date: *Sunday, December 19th -* *Children's Pageant and* *Choir Sunday*

The FBC Choir welcomes new members at any time, especially for those who would like to join us for the holiday season. For more information, contact the office or Jennifer Lawrence Birnbaum, choir director, at

277-SONG.

HYMN REQUESTS

Hymns are very personal to each of us. At some time in our lives, the words and melody of a hymn may have deeply moved us and expressed exactly what was in our hearts. Perhaps the community of people we were with and the space itself contributed to the power of the hymn. The Worship and Prayer Ministry Team invites you to request hymns you would like to sing in worship and to share, if you wish, a personal anecdote about why a particular hymn is meaningful to you. Requests and anecdotes may be e-mailed or sent to the church at fbithaca@gmail.com

Thanks,

Debbie Allen

Annual Congregational Meeting to be Held on January 23, 2011

The annual meeting of First Baptist Church is coming up in January. Besides the annual budget, this year we will vote also on how we are going to govern and conduct ourselves as a church: through the Ministry Team system that we have been trying this year or through the old system of Boards. Whichever way we choose, we will need leadership. Please consider whether you would like to take a role in the life of the church, especially a leadership role as Moderator or Vice-Moderator (which we will have regardless of the governance method). You can speak with Pastor Rose or Andrea Mooney for more information or to offer your services.
~Submitted by Andrea Mooney



Annual Pledge Drive to Begin

The annual pledge drive is about to start. You will be hearing much more from the Cabinet, but for now please think about how you can assist First Baptist's life and work through your financial gifts, your gifts of time and talents, and your ideas.

"Provocations" Continues in Adult Education

Adult education has resumed its regular meeting time on Sundays at 11:30 a.m., after the main service. In October we began reading and discussing "Provocations," a selection of excerpts from various books by Soren Kierkegaard. These excerpts are non-sequential, meaning you can miss a session, or several sessions, and not have to make anything up. Also, the selections are easy to read, and short, and we encourage anyone to attend any of the adult ed sessions, even if you haven't gotten the book and/or haven't read the selection. You will still be able to follow and join in on the discussion. Those who wish to purchase a book may do so from Amazon (\$16), or can read it for free on-line. It is available as a free pdf file download at the following link: <http://ldolphin.org/Provocations.pdf>
Hope to see you there!



(Note: the "Provocations" discussions will be punctuated periodically by special presentations on other topics by members of the church and outside speakers. Notice of these events will be announced.)

Thanks!

Jim Warren

Kitchen Reorganization

On October 23rd the Kitchen Ministry Team and others completed some reorganization in the kitchen at church.

First: Most of the old china was removed. There is a complete set of 20 pieces; dinner plates, side plates, bowls, cups and saucers in one cupboard.

If you like to use that china please do so. But please return it to the same cupboard after use.

Second: All the new Corelle dishes are in another cupboard.

There are sufficient dinner plates for 78 persons, side plates 80 persons, cups for 60 persons and cereal/soup bowls for 50 persons.

This china can be used for large groups such as Brunches or Breakfasts.

There are also serving platters.

There are also 60 other Corelle ware dinner plates. Water/juices glasses are in another cupboard. These are on the lower shelf. There are smaller glasses on the higher shelves.

The entire collection of cutlery has been sorted according to size and purpose. Please try to return items to the correct containers.

Cooking utensils, knives, large spoon etc. have all been sorted and are in the two drawers by the sinks.

The items needed for making sandwiches for the Friendship Center are now in a cupboard under the front counter.

Hope we can keep things organized as we use them.

~ Submitted by Liz Wilkinson

Thank you to all of you who were able to participate in the Fall Work Day on October 23rd! Much was accomplished for the small group that we had. Thank you for sharing your time, energies and elbow grease to maintain the life of the amazing, historic space that we share for worship, learning, loving and fellowship.



FBC

Through the Grape Vine...

Have you noticed that newspaper articles, letters to the editor, and/or pictures that feature First Baptist people go on the church bulletin board? More importantly they go into a file for the archives. The bulletin board is a way of sharing with others what our congregation is doing now, and saving these items will illuminate the life and soul of our congregation in the years to come.

When you see a FBC friend mentioned in various print media, please cut it out, date and note the publication, and get it to the office.

These articles and pictures reflect who we are and will be much appreciated...

Still Seeking Ushers...

The Hospitality Team (Helen and Shella) would like to invite you to take a look at your calendar and consider choosing one Sunday that you would like to help usher for worship service.

Many of you who have spouses/partners who are arriving early to warm up for choir and we would welcome the opportunity to enlist you to assist us.

Ushering is a wonderful time to greet and welcome FBC members, friends, and visitors. Please consider serving our FBC family in this way.

Thanks to all who have helped. Your time and service are greatly appreciated!

~Submitted by Shella Chase

shellachace@gmail.com



Change for Coffee & Coffee for Change

Please remember to pitch in a quarter or two every once in a while if you're a coffee or tea drinker and you're able, so that we can continue to enjoy fair trade beverages with one another's company after service.

Donations of fair-trade coffees, teas, & cocoas, or accoutrements are also greatly appreciated!

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Marlene Sack has been invited to join the finance committee of Finger Lakes Reuse Center. The Reuse Center has two stores at the Triphammer Mall. One store sells used household items and construction materials donated from individuals, businesses and other agencies. The E Center next door sells computers, monitors, printers, office equipment and office supplies which have also been donated for resale. Along with the sales, the E Center also offers computer support and repair at a very reasonable rate. The Reuse Center does deconstruction projects and salvages the materials for resale. Besides the mission of keeping large consumer items out of the waste stream, the Center provides job training and employment opportunities to people who are returning to the work force and is in full support of the living wage. Marlene looks forward to her involvement with this not for profit agency and being a part of its worthy mission.

Congratulations, Marlene!

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FBC Garage Sale

Makes Record Sales

Thanks to all for a very successful garage sale. We thank you whether you made calls, baked, priced, sorted, schlepped, hauled, cleaned, planted, designed, repaired, negotiated, advertised, donated or bought (and some of you did all of the above). The garage sale is the biggest fundraiser of the year and this year we did better than ever before: close to 45 people worked to raise close to \$4500! You are too many to name, but know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Sue Hemsath, who always keeps us organized and sane. Special thanks also to Judy Kennison, who sold many items online through Craig's List, and who arranged for the folks from Pastimes in Dewitt Mall to come by and assist us with pricing and also bought some of our treasures for re-sale.

The funds raised go to the Parable of Talents budget line, which, among other projects, funds local and international outreach projects.

The garage sale is a great way to get to know people in the church, to find some great treasures and to have a lot of laughs. We invite any and all to join us next year for this annual event.

~Submitted by Andrea Mooney



Healing Ithaca

Interfaith Group Sustains Series of Prayer Services for Healing Ithaca

WHAT: A series of 30-minute prayer services hosted by local faith communities

WHEN: The first Tuesday of each month.

Our local faith communities will continue the prayer services that were begun in August. Services will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, from 5:15 PM – 5:45 PM. The first service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 315 N. Cayuga Street. The series was developed in response to recent events in Ithaca, including the arson at the home of Officer Bryan Bangs and events associated with the death of Shawn Greenwood. Open to the public, the gatherings offer opportunities for healing, understanding, and reconciliation. The gathering will honor shared values of the community and seek wisdom for next steps to address the pain and anger that have arisen between and among community members.

Each service will be hosted by a different faith community, some in partnership with each other.

November 2, 2010: First Baptist Church, Pastor Richard Rose (event held at First Baptist Church, 309 N. Cayuga Street)

December 7, 2010: St. John's Episcopal Church, Pastor Philip Snyder (location TBD)

January 4, 2011: Cornell United Religious Work, Pastor Janet Shortall (location TBD)

For more information, contact Leslie Meyerhoff, member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, at HealingIthacaNY@gmail.com.

Loving God,
hold us
in all our longing.

Speak within us
whisper our names
unfold your grace in all our living.

Wait with us
attend to us
as we meet you with our lives fully open.

Lift us
restore us
as we find healing space in you.

Cayuga Vocal Ensemble, directed
by Carl Johengen, in concert
"Something Old, Something New"
on Sunday, November 7 at 3:00pm
at First Presbyterian Church, corner
of North Cayuga and Court streets,
Ithaca. Tickets at IthacaEvents.com
and at the door.

Pure Water for the World

Because of the crying need for clean water in post-earthquake Haiti, I want to make you all aware of a project for supplying clean water in the Caribbean that uses simple, sustainable methodology. This is particularly important now that cholera, a deadly disease caused by water contamination, has struck the country. Please look at their information below concerning the history and mission of Pure Water for the World and feel free to go to their website, info@purewaterfortheworld.org for more information and videos. The cost of providing an in-home filter in Haiti is about \$100. My goal is to raise \$1200 in this community to help protect another community in Haiti. Please join me. Please call me at 280-5468 (cell) and or email, msglase@yahoo.com. I will also be very happy to talk with you at church.

Pure Water for the World (PWW) began in 1994 when a dentist from the Brattleboro, Vermont volunteered to go to a small Salvadoran village to provide medical services. He was appalled by the poor conditions and vowed to make a difference. With the support of his Rotary Club he decided to help the people by providing rural villages with potable water. The success and interest of the club's activities soon outgrew the capacity of the Rotary Club. As a result, Pure Water for the World, Inc. (PWW) was set up as a 501(c) (3) in 1999 so donations are tax deductible. It still has a partnership with the Rotary but also with other organizations.

PWW has now installed individual sand filters to serve more than 700,000 people. They have 23 people working in the countries on [projects](#) plus six technically trained volunteers, in addition to assistance from Peace Corp volunteers. The program emphasizes education as a critical component of any program trying to provide clean, safe drinking water. It also provides hygiene and sanitation education, parasitic treatment and follow up monitoring. In order to create jobs in country they build concrete filters at each project site where they are used. In Haiti, PWW's filter factory employees 30 Haitians, many of whom did not have a decent job before. They also have developed a plastic filter that can be transported more easily to the rural population and can be made in country on a portable molding machine. Besides slow sand filters for individuals and community based sand filters, PWW has also done solar pasteurization, and is looking at setting up a rain-water harvesting program and appropriate technologies to solve the problems of that community.

The removal of harmful contaminants and pathogens takes place on the top surface of the sand, two inches below the water surface. A natural biomass layer of microorganisms present in the contaminated water forms at this sand interface, which in turn actively degrades further organic material and removes it from the water that then filters through the layers of sand. The resulting water flowing from the outlet pipe is free of contaminants, clear in color, clean in taste and smell and safe for human consumption. Many technical reports have been published attesting to the effectiveness of intermittent slow sand filtration. These reports confirm that under optimal operating conditions, the bio-sand filter is capable of removing 97% of fecal coliform, 100% of giardia cysts, 99.98% cyptosporidium oocysts, 100% of worms, 100% of parasites, and up to 90% of organic and inorganic toxicants from contaminated water.

~ Submitted by Lynn Glase

Ithaca Community to Commemorate the Holocaust

Memorial event open to the public

On Sunday, November 7th, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM, the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community will host an event to commemorate the Holocaust at Cornell University's Veterinary School Auditorium. The entire Ithaca community is invited to the commemoration, which coincides with Kristallnacht, the "night of shattered glass" which marked the beginning of the Holocaust in Germany in 1938.

The memorial event, "Commemorating the Holocaust - Affirming Community," will provide people of all faiths and backgrounds with the opportunity to honor local survivors of the Holocaust and their descendants, to remember those murdered and those who have since died. The IAUGC welcomes gifts of sponsorship of the event by organizations and individuals.

Helping to heal the wounds of the past, Cornell University President David J. Skorton invites all to join him in honoring living survivors and remembering those who lost their lives at the hands of the Nazi regime. He will re-introduce the community to world-famous sculptor Andy Goldsworthy's Holocaust Memorial, "Garden of Stones," located permanently in the Cornell Plantations since 2005. In a feature presentation prepared by Ithaca College's Park Scholars, the audience will experience the symbolic heaviness of the stones, and the green of life of the generations growing out from them.

Rejoicing in the traditional values of caring for one another and repairing the world, the Ithaca Children's Choir will sing the Hebrew poem, "Eli Eli." The ceremony will conclude with a communal affirmation of vigilance, with the intention of shattering the remaining glass that divides different groups of people.

Today, it is often difficult to recognize persisting injustice in our own community, our nations, and our world. The IAUGC's commemoration of the Holocaust will allow the Ithaca community to look to the past in order to discover how to prevent repeated injustices and make a difference in society. All are welcome, but as space is limited, seats will be first come/first served.

Co-sponsors to date include:

Wegmans of Ithaca

Paula Peter, in memory of The Karamardian Family, many of whom were lost in the Armenian Massacres of 1915

Cornell Jewish Studies Department

Shelley Semmler, in honor of The Ratner Family

Three Generations of The Windmuller Family, in memory of Prof. Robert P. Windmuller, survivor

For more information, call: Vally Kovary at 607-257-5181 or visit: www.IAUGC.org

What Happened to Renee's Parenting Class?

Hi Friends,

As some of you know, I have recently switched hats at church from adult education to children's, helping out upstairs in the Ephesians (6-8 year old) classroom. It has been a lot of fun and gotten my mind moving creatively in that direction, however I do miss adult ed and our parenting group. Also I want you all to know I haven't forgotten you. I am just temporarily otherwise engaged.

As the new Sunday School year approached this fall (and before my Ephesians gig), I was really excited to share a new book with you all that I think will easily stimulate provocative and insightful discussion, while maybe veering a bit away from the predictable "parenting" course. I am certain it will however meet that need, just bring in some other elements—family in the larger sense as an adult child, sibling, etc. It is the perfect book in that it has short chapters, (no need to read ahead!), is serious and thoughtful, unpredictable, funny and sarcastic. I hope to start back up with the class definitely by January with maybe a preview in December. More details soon. For now consider:

This is not just a book for parents of young children. It is for life partners, parents of older kids, grown children, grandparents, adult children, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles etc. So please join us if you have ever been curious just what we talk about in there, like to reflect on your own life or are just interested in trying something new or finding some community. The conversation is always richer with people at all stages of the journey present.

I promise this book will make you think without taxing you and entertain too. And again, no homework. You don't even have to buy the book, although I don't think you will be sorry if you do. Join us even if you aren't in the current group of us at FBC with children at home. For now I will withhold the title lest it give you ideas (it is a bit provocative too), however here is an excerpt:

"Sometimes memories leave us for the same reason that clients leave their therapists –because they don't feel we're interested—and so we need to take the necessary steps to prove that we're really interested in having them back, that we're waiting with open arms for their return. These steps can include looking through old photographs or talking with relatives or visiting the neighborhood where you grew up; or it can even include taking a quiet break from your daily routine and trying to harvest as many possible images from your earlier life, images of the house you grew up in, the actual rooms, the smell of the basement, your bike in the garage, your seat at the dinner table, the posters on your bedroom wall..."

One of the reasons it can be so valuable to hunt for good childhood memories is that we might discover something that can be of help to us in our adult lives. We might have lost something back there that we need in order to be on friendlier terms with ourselves, something like the ability to trust or the ability to dream or the ability to play.

~Renee Rose

Have Something to Contribute to the Visitor?? Share it!

Your submissions help to keep the newsletter current and to keep members and friends abreast of what's happening in the FBC community. Please share your articles, stories, photos, book reviews, events, requests for prayer, poetry, messages of thanks, etcetera. Send your submissions to fbithaca@gmail.com.

Upcoming monthly deadlines for future issues of the Visitor are as follows:

December:	Friday, November 26th
January:	Monday, December 20th

First Baptist Calendar

November 1	6:00pm	PTSD Group	November 22	6:00pm	PTSD Group
	7:00pm	Bible Study		7:00pm	Bible Study
November 2	3:00pm	Spirit Circle		7:00pm	New Creation Singers
	5:15pm	Healing Ithaca at FBC	November 23	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation
	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation		7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
	7:00pm	ACT Meeting	November 24	6:30pm	Women's Spirit Group
	7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus		7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers
November 3	7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers	November 25	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
November 4	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	November 26	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation
November 5	8:15am	Meditation		1:00pm	Deadline for Visitor
November 7	10:00am	WORSHIP/Communion	November 28	10:00am	WORSHIP
	11:30am	Church School		11:30am	Church School/Adult Ed.
November 8	6:00pm	PTSD Group		2:00pm	Sacred Harp Singers
	7:00pm	Bible Study	November 29	6:00pm	PTSD Group
November 9	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation		7:00pm	Bible Study
	7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus	November 30	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation
November 10	6:30pm	Women's Spirit Group		7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
	7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers	December 1	7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers
November 11	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	December 2	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
November 12	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation	December 3	8:15am	Meditation
	5:30pm	Dinner/Discussion Meeting		5:30pm	Dinner & Discussion
November 14	10:00am	WORSHIP		7:00pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
	11:30am	Church School/Adult Ed.			Rehearsal
	11:30am	Lord of the Harvest Brunch	December 4	10:00am	Alternative Gift Fair
	2:00pm	Sacred Harp Singers		8:00pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
November 15	6:00pm	PTSD Group			Concert
	7:00pm	Bible Study	December 5	10:00am	WORSHIP/Communion
	7:00pm	New Creation Singers		11:30am	Church School
November 16	3:00pm	Spirit Circle	December 6	6:00pm	PTSD Group
	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation		7:00pm	Bible Study
	7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus	December 7	3:00pm	Spirit Circle
November 17	7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers		5:30pm	Sufi Meditation
November 18	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal		6:30pm	Christian Education
November 19	8:15am	Meditation			Ministry Team
November 21	10:00am	WORSHIP		7:00pm	ACT Meeting
	11:30am	Church School/Adult Ed.		7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
	11:30am	Cabinet Meeting	December 8	6:30pm	Women's Spirit Group
	11:30am	FBC Craft Sale		7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers

Lectionary Readings

All Saints Day ~ November 1, 2010

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149 or Psalm 150
Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost ~ November 7, 2010

Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost ~ November 14, 2010

Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

Christ the King/Reign of Christ ~ November 21, 2010

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Thanksgiving Day (USA) ~ November 25, 2010

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100

First Sunday of Advent ~ November 28, 2010

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 5, 2010

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 12, 2010

Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 19, 2010

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2010

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20



From the Baptist Peace Fellowship...

"We are very excited to announce the site and dates for our annual conference -- affectionately known as "Peace Camp". If you have attended in the past, you know just how welcoming, nurturing, challenging, and sustaining these yearly gatherings are for those of us who seek to live lives of peace rooted in justice. We hope you'll put these dates on your calendar now and plan to join us.

We'll be at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA. The dates are July 4-9, 2011.

Plans for speakers and the rest are in the works, but you can count on workshops on a wide variety of topics, participatory worship, challenging speakers, moving music, chances to tell your own peace-making stories, nurturing programs for children and youth, studies on the Bible's call to justice, and a supportive and fun-loving group of people with whom to share it all.

We hope you'll plan to attend! And we hope you'll share the word with your friends and your church. Watch your email and check the Summer Conference web page at www.bpfna.org/conference for more details as they become available."



May you experience God's presence
in daily bread.

May you see the Christ in all you meet.
May you know the Spirit's power in every
touch.

And may you find ordinary moments
filled with grace.

Hospicare Group Addresses Coping with Loss During the Holidays

Mondays, November 15, 22 and 29;
December 6, 13, 20 and 27; January 3, 2011,
12:00-1:30 p.m. Holiday time can be
especially difficult after the death of a loved
one. Learn about ways to take care of
yourself and honor your feelings as we head
into the holiday season. Bring your lunch if
you'd like. Beverages will be provided.

Group size is limited so registration is
required. Contact Donna George
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