

THE VISITOR

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

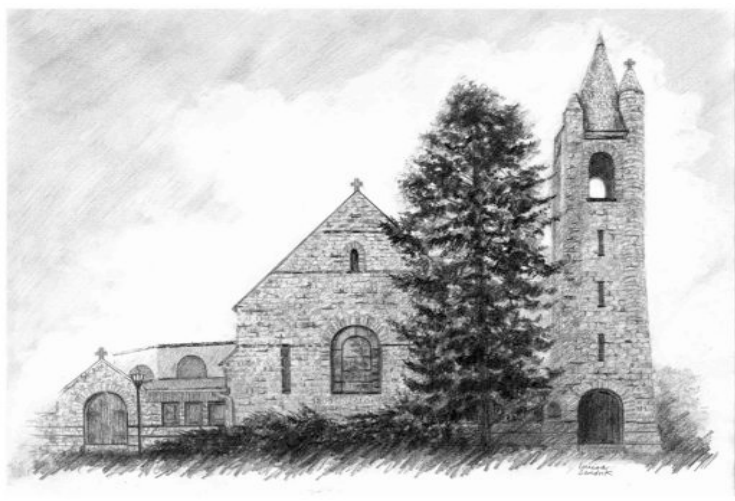
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On my recent jog down to Long Island to visit my family, I was greeted at the Throgs Neck Bridge by a huge sign at the toll booth which stated: "Report Suspicious Activity" followed by a toll free phone number for the New York Port Authority Police. Aside from the obvious response that in New York City, what *isn't* suspicious, this prominent message is a cause for deep concern as it invites

and perhaps encourages a perpetual state of anxiety. While this may serve the short term and short-sited goals of some government officials who wish to keep us polarized against a perceived common enemy, it ultimately does greater harm by contributing to an already anxious and stressed out society. Granted not all of us would characterize ourselves as anxious and stressed, but many of us find ourselves in some degree of this state during our typical day. So what can we do? Take a few moments each day to pray and meditate and take several slow, deep breaths in a quiet and calm space. You are always welcome to use the Chapel in the church for this purpose.

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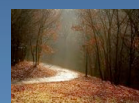
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Take advantage of the many opportunities offered at the church throughout the week to engage with others in study, conversation, good work and fellowship. As the new church year begins, new opportunities abound. Spending time with other friends in meaningful conversation and purposeful action has, in my experience, allowed me to gain a good perspective on the issues and concerns of the community and the world. Knowing that sisters and brothers share common concerns and are willing to envision, speak of and work together toward a more compassionate tomorrow give me a great sense of hope.

Each Sunday as we gather make it your goal to drink in, breathe in and take in the collective Spirit of peace and love that is so tangibly present.

If we are intentional about these few things I believe they can go a long way in reducing our individual stress and anxiety while increasing our hope and peace.

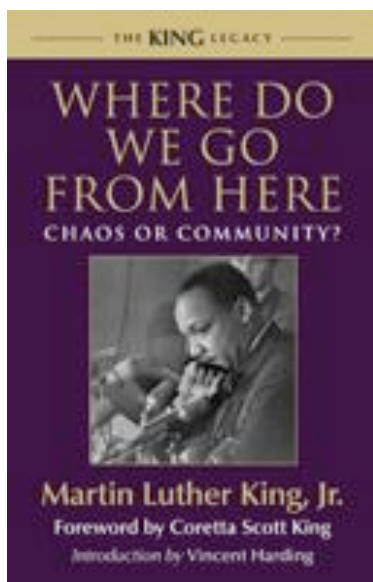
Blessings and peace,

Rich



Bible Study Resumes After Summer Hiatus

Our Monday evening Bible study will resume on September 20th at 7pm in the Church Library. We will begin 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 will be available at the church in early September. As always, study of the book will be integrated with relevant biblical texts. Please plan on joining us!



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

**Thank you to all of the Musicians
who provided Special Music over
the Summer!**

Upcoming...

October Music at FBC

Oct 3 - Special Music: Mark Lawrence,
tenor

Oct 10 - Choir Anthem - *May God Be
Gracious* by William Billings

Oct 17 - Special Music: Ron Kristy, singer-
songwriter

Oct 24 - Choir Anthem: *Alleluia* by J.S. Bach

Oct 31 - Choir Anthems celebrating All
Saint's Day



FBC Choir Wants You!

This lively group of singers would love to
have more members.

No experience necessary. Come to rehearsal
(Thursdays at 7:15)
and/or talk with Jennifer Lawrence
Birnbaum, choir director - 277-SONG.

FBC Shares

It's harvest season! Many in our congregation have bountiful gardens that sometimes produce more tomatoes, herbs, and zucchinis than we need. Others of us do not have access, are physically unable, or don't have time to garden, but could benefit from fresh, locally grown, lovingly tended garden produce.

You are invited to bring any extra produce to church on Sunday mornings during harvest season and set it on the **FBC SHARES** table. You are also invited to take what you need for the week from the table. Please take home any containers. Produce not claimed will be taken to the Kitchen Cupboard.

Want to Volunteer? - If you and/or a child(ren) would like to help run the table during a particular week, please call Louise Mudrak (273-3825.) You will need to set up the table, put up the sign, receive veggies from donors, preside after the service during the coffee hour, and put things away & clean up before you leave.

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

Painting Partners Wanted!

Interested in a half-day painting project? There are several interior walls and ceilings at First Baptist that are in need of attention. Please call, or email with your ideas and your availability.

David Hopkins, Custodian

607.227.7400, or
DavidH.Hopkins@yahoo.com



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

Gay, Straight or In Between

Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus

Rehearsals start on Tuesday, August 31 from 7-9:30pm

Registration begins at 6:30pm

At The First Baptist Church

309 North Cayuga Street

on DeWitt Park

New members are being
accepted until September 21st.
ithacagaymenschorus@hotmail.com

Our Fall Concert is
December 4th, 2010.

Drop in and sing with us.

An Interview with Naomi Hollister

Naomi Hollister holds the distinction of over 73 years of membership in First Baptist Church of Ithaca. Except for the years when she and her husband were living in Navy training centers during WW II, she has served FBC in just about every possible capacity. The only board she has never served on is the Board of Trustees.

Naomi moved to Ithaca from Fargo, ND, in 1937 with her family as her father returned to school to seek a graduate degree at Cornell University. She fell instantly in love with Cayuga Lake. A few years later, she fell in love with Ed, who she met at FBC's Sunday evening student forum program. The format for the forums was for young adults to meet in the church basement for sandwiches and a guest speaker. She and Ed were married in 1940 at FBC.

Naomi also attended Cornell, graduating in 1942 with degrees in sociology and psychology. The following year her husband joined the Navy and received training as a torpedo man. Naomi followed the Navy around as her husband was transferred from base to base until he was sent to Midway Island in the Pacific. His job as a torpedoman was to make sure the torpedo detonated precisely at the correct time but also steered directly to the target. Following the Navy or the Army was a common thing for women to do during the war as many times it took two to three years before their husbands were deployed.

Naomi and her husband were in New York City on August 15, 1945, when the end of the war was announced. She says that picture of the sailor kissing the woman in Times Square could very well have been her.

Her life settled down in Ithaca as Ed returned to Allen-Wales (predecessor of NCR) to manufacture business equipment. But a few years later, he was selected to go to Dundee, Scotland, to help NCR build a new assembly line for adding machines. They were in Scotland from May to December of 1946.

The death of Naomi's mother in 1959 was very difficult for Naomi. Her mother died very young and it left a hole in Naomi's life. She prayed for a mission to help her through this time and she felt a desire to work with children. Shortly afterwards, Rev. Jensen called to tell her of the church's need for advisors for the junior and senior high school groups. She feels it was an answer to her prayer. For 10 years, she and Ed were instrumental in the church lives of the youth. She said that planning activities for the teens required coordination with the school band director as many of the youth were involved with music. She also volunteered at DeWitt High School, Henry St. John's, Central Elementary School and Ithaca High School teaching remedial reading for 10 years. After Ed died, she taught English and reading on a volunteer basis to her neighbors at Warrenwood. There were many Cornell related families there, and the Korean, Chinese, and Japanese children and their parents were glad of extra help in English. She taught for 12 years there.

There was another answer to her prayers after her husband died. She reveals that "after Ed died, I was a mess with no motivation and cried all the time. So again, one night she prayed for a mission with children. On that very same night my neighbor, a Chinese mother, who had just arrived from Taiwan, received a note from one of her boys' teachers saying he should get help with his English.

So she prayed the same night that she would find help. The next morning I offered to help teach him English and reading. Talk about a direct answer to two prayers, and at the same time and immediately!!! Needless to say, we all have been dear friends ever since. They call me from

(Interview with Naomi Hollister continued...)

Taiwan and we correspond regularly. They are still so precious to me.”

Naomi also served as a Deaconess that she describes as similar to the work the Circle of Care does today. She visited members who were unable to attend church and delivered flowers and the FBC church service tapes. She taught Sunday School for whatever group her son was in. He never liked to be without her. She and Ed were also part of a friendship group that provided support for parents of teenagers.

Naomi has always been an American Baptist. Her grandfather was an American Baptist minister and she was brought up in the church. She believes that the decision to be baptized should be made by the individual when they are old enough to understand the commitment he/she is making. She enjoys the autonomy of the church and the right to do what you feel is right. And she likes it that each individual can read the Bible and interpret it for him/herself. When asked what she likes about the church today, she doesn't hesitate to say she loves it that Rev. Rose is into justice issues.

Naomi began our interview with the words, “the church has been my life”. I met my husband here, I was married here, my children were baptized here, and my husband's memorial service was here.” She loves to serve and do church work. Many people do not know of all the tasks that she has quietly done in the background. She and Joan Van Marter took turns with many of the responsibilities. Both women were very involved with the Kitchen Cupboard Board and enjoyed working in the pantry handing out the food. They each had several years of being the President of the Women's Fellowship which involved several circles of our own women, other local Baptist congregations and Valley Forge (National American Baptist headquarters). After Joan's death, Naomi became the responding secretary for the Kitchen Cupboard Board for the next eleven years.

She continues to be active with the church's mission work. She collects Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup labels for Springbrook which is a Baptist institution for developmentally disabled children and adults in Oneonta, NY. They send them in to procure educational help. Also, she sends used religious Christmas cards to our Baptist center, Weirton Christian Center in Weirton, West Virginia. The missionaries there help the children use the cards to make cards and stationary. These items are sold to raise money for their library. Each summer as the garage sale rolls around, Naomi takes on the job of organizing the linens department. She measures and folds all the sheets, tablecloths and fabric that are donated and marks it for sale.

When asked how she stays so active, she reveals that she spends a couple of hours every day doing her exercises. She says if you put this kind of thing off, you will never do it. To me, this is her formula for the disciplined and dedicated life Naomi has shared with First Baptist Church of Ithaca.

~Submitted by Marlene Sack

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 sfarrell@twcny.rr.com or Baruch Whitehead, bwhitehead@ithaca.edu.

Calling all crafters!

Sunday, November 14, 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



USHERS NEEDED:

Thanks to all the folks who have offered to usher "as needed." It would be more helpful to the Hospitality Team (Helen and Shella) if you would consider choosing one Sunday of the month as your Sunday. If you cannot be in Church on "your" Sunday, you could call someone else to take your place.

If you do not wish to commit to that, please consider approaching either of us as you come in on Sunday, to offer your skills and service that day. We would welcome that approach as well.

Additionally, those of you who have spouses/partners who are arriving early to warm up for choir could assist us as well. Please consider these ideas, or contact Helen or Shella with other ideas.

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

~Submitted by Shella Chase

shellachace@gmail.com



At Starbuck's it's \$3.50;

at Gimme it's \$2.

At First Baptist it's whatever you choose to contribute.

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!

A little Note about Fair Trade:



The United States consumes one-fifth of all the world's coffee, making it the largest consumer in the world. But few Americans realize that agriculture workers in the coffee industry often toil in what can be described as "sweatshops in the fields." Many small coffee farmers receive prices for their coffee that are less than the costs of production, forcing them into a cycle of poverty and debt.

Fair Trade is a viable solution to this crisis, assuring consumers that the coffee we drink was purchased under fair conditions. To become Fair Trade certified, an importer must meet stringent international criteria; paying a minimum price per pound of \$1.26, providing much needed credit to farmers, and providing technical assistance such as help transitioning to organic farming. Fair Trade for coffee farmers means community development, health, education, and environmental stewardship.

For more information check out:
<http://www.globalexchange.org/campaigns/fairtrade/coffee/>

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:

November:
December:
January:

Friday, October 22nd
Friday, November 26th
Monday, December 20th

Ithaca Jubilee Singers to Meet at FBC

The *Ithaca Jubilee Singers* is a racially mixed group of singers interested in preserving the "Negro Spirituals". The group is modeled after the "Fisk Jubilee Singers" who introduced 'slave songs' to the world in 1871 and were instrumental in preserving this unique American musical tradition known today as Negro spirituals.

They broke racial barriers in the US and abroad in



the late 19th century and entertained Kings and Queens in Europe. At the same time, they raised money in support of their beloved school. It's been a dream much to long

deferred, so I'm very excited to start this group and have the support of my First Baptists Church Family.

IJS meets in the community room on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. Open to all!

~Submitted by Baruch Whitehead



Lunch Team Has It In the Bag!



A steady core group of enthusiastic sandwich-makers has been filling the bellies and spirits of clients of the Friendship Center. Under the Homeless Services division of the Tompkins County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 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 October 7th 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: sfarrell1@twcny.rr.com, or 607.836.6562.

“Provocations” to Begin on October 17th

Adult education has now resumed its regular meeting time on Sundays at 11:30 a.m., after the main service.

Beginning October 17 we will be 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



Keep Savin' Those Box Tops!

Please save your box tops from qualifying soup cans, cereals, baking items, and paper products! They will be sent to Springbrook, our home in Oneonta, where they are redeemed for education materials used by their residents.

Box Tops can be placed in the offertory, or dropped off at the office at your convenience.



CropWalk at FBC!!

On Sunday, October 17, at the end of worship service, we will dedicate Nonperishable food items or monies to Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard. Then, at about 1pm, those who want to participate can take a symbolic 1 mile walk by some of the downtown congregations.

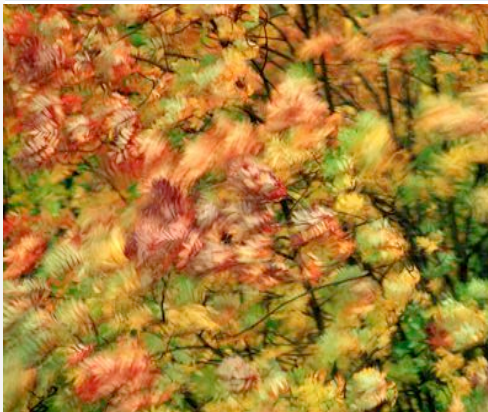
NYS Sacred Harp Convention

All are invited to the 2010 New York Sacred Harp Singing Convention on Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17, 10 a.m. To 3:30 p.m., at the beautiful and reverberant Rochester Mennonite Meetinghouse, 111 Hillside Avenue, Rochester, NY.

If you are able, please bring a dish for the dinner on the grounds Saturday. There are plenty of hotels and motels in the area that can be accessed via Internet. Some housing is available from members and friends--if you need this, please arrange as soon as possible through Thom Metzger, (585) 467-5192, tmetzger@brockport.edu



“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”



The religious life is not designed to make you happy, or safe, or content; it is not designed to make you whole or complete, to free you from anxieties and fear; it is designed to save you from yourself, to make possible human community, to lead you to understand that the greatest force in life is not power or reason but love. - Chris Hedges

All are Welcome to a Dish-to-Share Dinner!

The Dinner Discussion group will meet Friday, October 8th 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 November, or December meetings... the dates are listed below!

Barbara Fry (273-6099)
October Coordinator

October 8th
November 12th
December 3rd

Get On the (Free) Bus for Economic and Social Justice! Saturday, October 2, 2010

Get on the bus, sponsored by the Unemployed and Underemployed Workers Support Group of the [Tompkins County Workers' Center](#), and [United Auto Workers Local 2300](#), to join social justice groups from around the country, [One Nation Working Together](#), working for, among other things : *Full and fair employment and an economy that works for all

*Funding for healthcare and education

*Renewable energy and green jobs

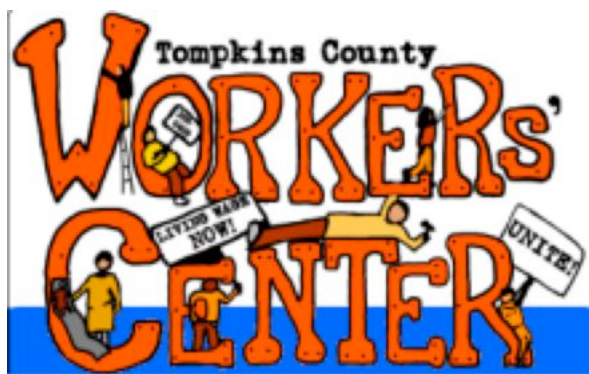
Event Date: Saturday, October 2, 2010

Location: Gather 9:00-11:00 AM on the Mall
march to Lincoln Memorial noon - 4:00 PM

Buses: Leaving from Ithaca - FREE -box lunches provided

For More Details and to reserve a seat call: 607-269-0409 or email
TCWRC@yahoo.com. (Please leave your phone number when emailing!)

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, hundreds of thousands of Americans from across the country will gather at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. to demand jobs and demonstrate our re-commitment to change. The One Nation March, with an incredibly broad array of [Coalition Partners](#), will feature human and civil rights leaders, labor leaders, environmental and peace activists, faith leaders, celebrities and sports figures - all marching together to help Put America Back to Work, to Pull America Back Together and to help reorder our national priorities so that investments in people come first.



For much more information see the march website:

<http://www.onenationworkingtogether.org>

First Baptist Calendar

October 1	8:15am	Meditation	October 18	6:00pm	PTSD Group
October 3	10:00am	WORSHIP/Communion		7:00pm	Bible Study
		Rev. Barb Blom, Guest	October 19	10:00am	Building Use Meeting
	11:30am	Church School		3:00pm	Spirit Circle
	2:00pm	Sacred Harp Singers		5:30pm	Sufi Meditation
October 4	6:00pm	PTSD Group		7:00pm	ACT Meeting
	7:00pm	Bible Study		7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
October 5	3:00pm	Spirit Circle	October 20	7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers
	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation	October 21	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	ACT Meeting	October 22	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation
	7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus		1:00pm	Deadline for Visitor
October 6	6:30pm	Women's Spirituality	October 23	9:00am	Fall Work Day
	7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers	October 24	10:00am	WORSHIP
October 7	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal		11:30am	Church School
October 8	8:15am	Meditation		2:00pm	Sacred Harp Singers
	5:30pm	Dinner/Discussion Meeting	October 25	6:00pm	PTSD Group
October 9	10:00am	Brunch Setup		7:00pm	Bible Study
October 10	10:00am	WORSHIP	October 26	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation
		Ossie Heath-Crump, Guest		7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus
	11:30am	Brunch	October 27	7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers
	2:00pm	Sacred Harp Singers	October 28	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
October 11	6:00pm	PTSD Group	October 29	8:15am	Meditation
	7:00pm	Bible Study	October 31	10:00am	WORSHIP
October 12	11:30am	Great Women's Luncheon		11:30am	Church School
	5:30pm	Sufi Meditation		2:00pm	Sacred Harp Singers
	7:30pm	Ithaca Gay Men's Chorus	November 1	6:00pm	PTSD Group
October 13	6:30pm	Ithaca Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transsexual Task Force	November 2	7:00pm	Bible Study
		Ithaca Jubilee Singers		3:00pm	Spirit Circle
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal		5:30pm	Sufi Meditation
October 14	7:15pm	Meditation		7:00pm	ACT Meeting
October 15	8:15am	Finger Lakes	November 3	7:00pm	Ithaca Jubilee Singers
October 16		Community Orchestra	November 4	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
		WORSHIP	November 5	8:15am	Meditation
October 17	10:00am	Church School	November 7	10:00am	WORSHIP/Communion
	11:30am	Cabinet Meeting		11:30am	Church School
	11:30am			2:00pm	Sacred Harp Singers



Time for the FALL WORK DAY !

Saturday, October 23 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Help get First Baptist ready for winter on Saturday, October 23.

The Board of Trustees plans two work days a year to give the church a good dusting, polish silver, clean windows and whatever else needs to be spruced up. We have tasks for all ages and abilities so wear your old clothes, bring the family and join us from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Coffee, juice and donuts provided!

For information, contact Judy Kennison at judkennison@aol.com.

Many thanks to our beloved Myra Fincher for her loving care and watering of the church school marigolds! Myra has been spotted on numerous occasions about the “grounds” tending, weeding, mowing and greeting passers-by. Stop and



wink at the marigolds... thanks to Myra!

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.

Lectionary Readings

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ October 3, 2010

Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10
World Communion Sunday

(Thanksgiving Day, Canada) ~ October 4, 2010

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9, John 6:25-35

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost ~ October 10, 2010

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost ~ October 17, 2010

Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost ~ October 24, 2010

Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost ~ October 31, 2010

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

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

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, beginning October 5, 2010.

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, beginning on October 5, 2010, 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.



October 5, 2010: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Pastor Margie Mayson (event held at First Presbyterian Church, 315 N. Cayuga Street)

November 2, 2010: First Baptist Church, Pastor Richard Rose 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.

When was the last time helping others felt this good? Supporting local people living with cancer is as easy and fun as walking in the park or running a 5K along the waterfront. Join fellow runners, walkers and volunteers on Saturday, October 23rd at 10:00a.m. in beautiful Cass Park to celebrate the 17th annual Cancer Resource Center Walkathon and 5K Run.

100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser and cancer awareness event stay in the community helping the Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes improve the quality of life for hundreds of people diagnosed with cancer...and those that love them.

Create your own team, or join Heather Swift and "Team Never Give Up!" Participating, or sponsoring is easy. Email Heather at fbithaca@gmail.com, or hswift@twcny.rr.com for details.



ALL SAINT'S DAY

First Baptist will be celebrating All Saint's Day during our regular service on **Sunday, October 31st**. Expect beautiful, uplifting music to listen to and sing and an opportunity to light candles in memory of a loved one who has passed.



Here's Lookin' AH-CHOO Kid!

As cold and flu season creeps into our midst with the falling leaves and autumnal weather changes we would like to remind you to take care at worship. There are Seventh Generation tissues located in the sanctuary for your sneezing, sniffing, and blowing convenience as well as Burt's Bees Hand Sanitizer, ask an usher if you need assistance. Hand-washing after a multitude of loving shakes, squeezes and pats is always a great idea.

The CDC is predicting a banner year for colds and flu viruses, so be certain to take good care of your self to stay healthy and your FBC family!
Gesundheit!

THE VISITOR

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