

BAPTIST BY-LINES – August 2018

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Worship at 10:00 a.m.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Life is hard. How's that for an understatement? Sometimes, it seems harder that it ought to be. The hardships, tragedies and frustrations life brings our way can certainly leave us feeling ill-equipped to constructively respond or even cope. I could insert a Bible verse here and try to convince you that there is a reasonable answer to every problem. I won't do that; because I don't believe that simple answers to complex situations exist. Nor will I attempt to belie your troubles by stating that it will all work out in the end, its all part of God's plan, God is testing you or God doesn't give you more than you can handle.

I will, instead, say that in my experience (which in the end is all I can really offer) the best hope we have for each day is to know that we are not alone.

I have found great comfort from friends who have sat with me and were willing to cry with me, listen to me, give me permission to be upset or angry and to offer - not advice or explanations but comfort – just by sitting with me. This is how I believe that God works. God is present in the person of one who will sit with us and assure us that we are not alone.

But sometimes we are without human companions for the journey. In these times I have sought and found God's comfort in the quiet of my own heart.

The beloved 23rd Psalm gives us a first hand account of the psalmists troubles and the testimony that he or she was not alone, the darkest valley was still there as were the enemies, **but so was God:**

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil: for you are with me;
your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows...”

One of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s. favorite hymns is “Never Alone”. Once he received an alarming phone call in the middle of the night. The caller threatened to harm his wife and children if he continued his work. As he tells it, he quietly went into to his kitchen and tried not to wake anyone. He made himself some coffee and seriously contemplated giving up. Then the words of the hymn came to him:

I've seen the lightning flashing,
And heard the thunder roll,
I've felt sin's breakers dashing,
Trying to conquer my soul;
I've heard the voice of my Savior,
Telling me still to fight on,
He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone.

May you always find comfort when you feel that life is too hard. May you be willing and ready to offer comfort and companionship to others who are suffering. May God bless you and guide you each day.

Peace,
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

Jill Gasparri for being liturgist during the month of July

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

Sue McInroy for fixing the flowers for the communion table.

Allison McCarthy for all the work she has done on the flower beds to make them beautiful this spring

Sally Kostera for make the cards for the homebound this month

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

Blessings:

Congratulations!



Cathy and Eben Weil would like to introduce their little superhero Grandson Colton Udzella! Little guy wanted to hold out and be born on the 4th of July! Both Mom and baby are doing well! Colton came out 21 inches, 8lbs 12oz at 7:49pm.



Jim & Jan Ketchum's son John at his ROTC military ball.

July Events

Sunday July 1st - This Sunday the children served communion with Butch Abbey. Genni Griffin was our special music. It was a good service.



Sunday July 8th – Wendy did the children’s story and also provided our special music.



Sunday July 15th

We welcomed Metta Stull and Clarice Evans as new members. Hanna Lowe was our special music.



Saturday July 21st The Steuben County Home Bureau and the Ladies of the church met and made 60 cancer hats.



Sunday July 22nd Wendy & Eric Provided the special music. We had lots of children for children's time. Wendy talked about standing up for those new people we meet.



Sunday July 29th – Keith Cooper gave the message "Loaves and Fishes". The talented Hailey Morse provided our special music and dance.



2018 Mission Giving

January – World Mission Offering Our goal is \$250. We raised \$250

February - Church World Service Blankets Our goal is 25 blankets @ \$10 = \$250 We raised \$300

March - America For Christ ~ Our goal is \$250 We raised \$270

April – Community Fund ~ Our goal is \$300 We raised \$410

May – One Great Hour of Sharing ~ Our goal is \$250 as of We raised \$270

June – Painted Post Pantry ~ Our goal is \$250 we raised \$286.65

July – United Mission ~ Our goal is \$250 we raised \$256.00

Our Mission for the month of August ~ Baby Bank ~ Goal \$300

Baby Bank News

July has been an exciting month for the baby bank!

A local shop on Market Street, Card Carrying Books and Gifts, decided to do a diaper drive for a one-week period. They collected diapers that far exceeded their goal of 23 packages (because we are in the 23rd Congressional District,) and when a reporter from WENY saw the sign outside of their door, she called them and was put in touch with us. THAT resulted in a TV segment highlighting the work of our diaper bank, and a wide social media reach. As of Sunday morning, (7/29,) almost 2000 people had seen the actual video clip from WENY on OUR site, and another 1700 or so had seen the thank you that we had posted to the Card Carrying store. This obviously means a good number of people now know about the Baby Bank, and hopefully that will result in more diaper drives, more contributions to our cause, and more use by those whose babies need us!



 WENY TV News shared a post. Wednesday at 6:34 PM · 🌐

According to the National Diaper Bank Network, nearly 30% of all U.S. families cannot afford diapers. Now the First Baptist Church of Painted Post is offering help for local families.

 WENY Cara Demers shared a link. Wednesday at 6:29 PM · 🌐



That's about 2000 diapers!

WENY.COM
"Baby Bank" looks to grow, serve more families
PAINTED POST, N.Y. (WENY) -- According to the National Diaper Bank Network, ne...

Also this past month, we created a free-standing facebook page for the Baby Bank. It is our intention to run Baby Bank related news and info on both the church's facebook page and the new site, Baby Bank at First Baptist Church of Painted Post. (Just type that into the search bar at the top of the facebook site and then LIKE us!)

This past Friday alone, we served 10 children, and the numbers for July indicate the great need for this outreach: 39 families served, with 67 children. We often see increased need during the last week of a 5 week month (and during the first week after that,) so we are stocking up for brisk business! The continued support of our church family is what allows the baby bank to grow, and we really ARE making a change! (Diaper pun intended.) Thank you all!

Baby Bank Monthly Statistics 2018

Month	Families	Children
January	51	105
February	18	35
March	35	75
April	29	70
May	35	67
June	35	55
July	39	67
Total	242	474

Coming Soon “Mighty Fortress Vacation Bible School.

In *Mighty Fortress* VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They’ll look into the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us.

This program will run five consecutive Sundays, Sept. 16th to Oct. 14th. Children will be in VBS starting at 10 am and it will run till after Adult Sunday School about 12:30-1pm. We will be learning about Victory in Jesus, making crafts, playing games, learning a memory verse and enjoying snacks with the congregation. When it gets closer we will need help with snacks and teachers.



ABHMS hires personnel to support ‘Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico’

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 5/14/18)—American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is pleased to announce that Puerto Rico natives Abigail Medina Betancourt and the Rev. Hector A. Rivera Padua have joined the organization to support its ongoing “Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico” initiative.

On May 1, Medina began serving as the initiative’s onsite volunteer coordinator. As such, she coordinates all ABHMS volunteers in Puerto Rico. Her responsibilities include assigning work and securing housing.

“The people of Puerto Rico are resilient,” she says. “ABHMS is giving us hope in a moment so important, when we still have areas without power or running water and when the political and economic situation of the country is so critical. Is a great honor for me to be a part of this effort to rebuild, restore and renew Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.”

Medina has led mission trips for Baptist Church of Guaynabo, where she serves as coordinator of the Ministry of Youth and president of the Sabbath Ministry. She has been active in recovery efforts in Puerto Rico since hurricanes Irma and Maria. In addition, Medina is finishing her Master of Divinity degree at Puerto Rico Evangelical Seminary.

Beginning May 16, Rivera Padua will serve as the effort’s construction coordinator. As such, he will be responsible for all construction aspects and will oversee the repairing or rebuilding of churches and homes to safe, sanitary, secure and functional condition.

“Throughout my ministry,” he says, “I had the opportunity to serve our people in different ways, helping them to face their difficult times, including when the island faced hurricane seasons. I want to be remembered with a Bible in one hand, and saw and hammer in the other.”

An American Baptist-endorsed chaplain and ordained minister, Rivera Padua has pastored several congregations within Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico, most recently as associate minister at First Baptist Church, Caguas. He has provided pastoral care, social aid and reconstruction support to many churches and communities in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Hugo in 1989, Hurricane Georges in 1998 and Hurricane Maria in 2017.

Victoria Goff, ABHMS director of Disaster Recovery for “Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico,” says that she is excited to welcome the new personnel to the team.

“Both bring extensive knowledge of Puerto Rico and the needs of many on the Island,” Goff says. “Abigail’s experience in leading mission teams will be an asset, as will Hector’s experience in rebuilding from previous hurricanes. I look forward to working with both of them, as we seek to rebuild, restore and renew Puerto Rico.”

Adds the Rev. Salvador Orellana, deputy director of Logistics and Relationships for “Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico”: “I am confident that Abigail’s and Hector’s gifts, passion, experience and commitment will well represent ABHMS on the ground and be a blessing for our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico in the recovery process.”

American Baptist Home Mission Societies partners with American Baptists to promote Christian faith, cultivate Christ-centered leaders and disciples, and bring healing and transformation to communities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

American Baptist Churches USA is one of the most diverse Christian denominations today, with approximately 5,000 congregations comprised of 1.3 million members, across the United States and Puerto Rico, all engaged in God’s mission around the world.

Financials as of the end of June 2018

Balance in Checking & Savings (Not including Baby Bank balance) \$ 39,000

Investments

Wells Fargo Acct #4354:

Parsonage Investment \$58,824

Wells Fargo Acct #0191:

Luce Music Fund \$ 5,618*

Total Value of Wells Fargo Funds \$ 64,442

* \$312 transferred to savings for the music program

Regular Income & Expenses Jan - June

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Regular income	\$ 46,828	\$ 49,618
Total Regular expenses	\$ 46,107	\$ 34,005
Net Operating income/(loss)	\$ 721	\$ 5,613

Envelope giving for Jan - June

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Pledges	\$ 20,951	\$ 23,128
Non-pledged	\$ 15,478	\$ 11,394

Other major Fund Balances (included in the Savings balance listed above) (Income and expense details listed separately)

Building Fund	\$ 113.90
Crans Trust Fund	\$ 4,819.73
Baby Bank	\$ 6,491.06
Memorial Fund	\$ 456.93
Pastor's Community Fund	\$ 238.14

Building Fund

Balance as of Jan 1, 2018	\$ 269.00
Expenses Mar 2018	155.10
Balance as of Apr 1, 2018	\$ 113.90

Crans Trust Fund

Original donation	\$ 16,857.59
Expense (Hot water tank)	630.32
Transfer to Baby Bank Fund	2,000.00
Balance as of Sept 30, 2016	\$ 14,227.27
Expense (Baby Bank sign)	600.00
Expense (Materials for shed)	200.00
Repairs to wall (stairs to Fellowship Hall)	350.00
Balance as of Jan 1, 2018	\$ 13,077.27
Expenses (New heat run)	5,938.00
Backflow check valve	456.60
Repairs to 3 rd boiler	512.94
Repairs in downstairs kitchen + new sink	1,350.00
Balance as of Feb 1, 2018	\$ 4,819.73

Baby Bank Fund

Balance as of Jan 1, 2018	\$ 2,623.82
Donations, Jan 2018	230.94
Expenses, Jan 2018	1,898.55
Balance as of Feb 1, 2018	\$ 956.21
Donations, Feb 2018	183.85
Balance as of Mar 1, 2018	\$ 1,140.06
Donations, Mar 2018	761.00
Balance as of Apr 1, 2018	\$ 1,901.06
Donations, Apr 2018	5,231.00
Balance as of May 1, 2018	\$ 7,132.06
Donations, May 2018	306.14
Expenses, May 2018	1,742.14
Balance as of June 1, 2018	\$ 5,696.06
Donations, June 2018	795.00
Balance as of July 1, 2018	\$ 6,491.06

Memorial Fund

Balance as of Jan 1, 2018	\$ 1,112.58
Expenses, May 2018 (Hymnals)	655.65
Balance as of June 1, 2018	\$ 456.93

Pastor's Community Fund

Balance as of May 1, 2018	\$ 226.14
Donations, May 2018	25.00
Balance as of May 1, 2018	\$ 251.14
Donations, May 2018	12.00
Expenses, May 2018	25.00
Balance as of July 1, 2018	\$ 238.14

August 2018 Mission Baby Bank

Friday July 27th – August 10th Pastor Rich On Vacation. While Rev. Rose is on vacation Minister Cindy Hale is on call 742-8779, as always you can call the church at 962-1736 or Lori at 769-0232

Sunday August 5th Worship With Guest Speaker Minister Cindy Hale

Tuesday August 7th Spiritual Life Meeting/VBS Workshop 6pm

Sunday August 12th Worship, Root Beer Floats after Worship, VBS workshop

Saturday August 18th Metta Evans – Fellowship Hall

Sunday August 19th Worship

Tuesday August 21st Stewardship Council 6:30pm

Sunday August 26th Worship Lemonade & Nachos and Cheese

Monday August 27th – Friday August 31st Rev. Rose is on Vacation. While Rev. Rose is on vacation Minister Cindy Hale is on call 742-8779, as always you can call the church at 962-1736 or Lori at 769-0232

Mondays Aikido 6pm Assembly Room

Workshops to prepare for VBS to be announced.

We are looking for donations of paper products for the church.

Paper plates, small & large, napkins &

cold cups 12 to 16 ounces.

Attention Baptists *Save the Date*

Saturday September 22 is the Biennial Gathering. We would like to have as many Baptist as possible attend. The cost is \$35 and that would include lunch. Mary Passage, Jill Gasparri and Sue McInroy are willing to drive. We would attend the session that starts at 9am and the workshop for ABW in the afternoon so we would need to leave Painted Post by 7am and the meeting ends at 4pm.



2018 Biennial Gathering

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Workshop Sessions: 1 - 2:30 p.m.



The Journey of Leadership

Dr. C. Jeff Woods

Becoming a leader is a journey, not a destination. While some people are born with natural leadership traits, every person is capable of growing and developing leadership skills. In this workshop, participants will explore recent leadership insights regarding how leaders develop, why people follow, why some skills have negative side effects, and how to become a level five leader.

Dr. Woods has been with ABCUSA since July of 2003. His primary responsibility is to “increase the capacity for ministry” among the 33 regional ministry centers through the United States and Puerto Rico. Prior to serving in his current position, Woods served as the Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of Ohio, pastorates in Rushville, Milan, Madison, Indiana, as well as university faculty positions.

Woods works with executive minister search committees and assists with orientation, evaluation, and leadership development in the regions. Over the last twenty years, he has published over thirty articles in various religious, academic, and business journals and has authored five books in the areas of pastoral leadership and congregational research.



American Baptist Women’s Ministry

Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain

Rev. Jacobs-Strain will provide an update on the work of ABWM and will engage women in our churches in how they might create a new partnership together. Video technology using the **Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/754765135>** will be available for this conversation so that women in all eleven states where ABCRGR churches are located can participate and can join together in creating a new future together.

Rev. Jacobs-Strain is the Executive Director of ABWM. An ordained American Baptist minister, Jacobs-Strain served First Baptist Church – New Market as its transitional pastor; is department chair of Division of Student Success at Nyack College, and is associate regional pastor for Women in Ministry of AB New Jersey. Prior to 2003, she was employed as senior credit deputy at JP Morgan Chase, and as assistant vice president of State Street Bank.

Jacobs-Strain describes her call and transition into church-related leadership: “I am filled with awe and expectation as I join a sisterhood of women committed to build the body of Christ by intentionally following the movement of God, being fully engaged in the denomination’s missional focus and by embracing the gifts and participation of all women and girls throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.”



American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Dr. Haggray will be sharing his vision for ABHMS, as well as the challenges and opportunities moving forward. This is an opportunity for a good conversation, which will help our region churches continue the strong partnership with ABHMS.

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray serves as executive director of ABHMS and Judson Press. At the heart of Haggray’s ministry lies his passions for motivating Christians to impact communities with their deeply-held faith; encouraging emerging leaders to discern and respond to God’s call; and emphasizing God’s loving concern for humanity’s well-being, wholeness and justice. Haggray works closely with diverse national and regional partners to provide a clear vision of the Christian mission in today’s world, to cultivate relationships and to develop resources for transformational ministry with congregations, communities and regions across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Having served congregations in New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; and Georgia, Haggray understands the day-to-day needs of local congregations involved in disciple-making, worship, leadership development, evangelism and mission engagement. As a regional executive minister in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Region for eight years, Haggray learned that, when congregations and institutions can access the human and material resources they need to transform their communities, there is no limit to the impact they are able to make.

Prayer Concerns

Ross Abbey	Gordie & Alyce Loomis
Ruth & Vic Campbell	Hanna (Dan Borden's cousin)
Helen Conklin	Virginia Harper (Cindy's mom)
Dick Paul	David (Cindy's brother-in-law)
Eveline Shauger	Kelly Gee & Greta Meyers
Dick & Velma Dixon	Phyllis Hickok
Judy Everett	Heather (Darryl's Cousin)
Diana Morse	Rev. Jim & Jan Gunn (Bordens)
Bea Ingraham	Loren Vinal (Sandra Olson's Friend)
Mary Johnson	Pat & Dick Naylor
Becca Lowe	Evie Wolcott (Ruth's Sister)
Clara English	Annette Martin
Sam McInroy	James White
Catherine Fish	Eli (Mary's Nephew)

Betty Ray (Pastor Rich's Aunt)
David Jacobs and his Family
Barb & Judy (Dick Dixon & Doris Pierce Sisters)
Family of Dick Iverson Family of Marin Loughheed

Serving in the Military and Overseas

Max Pappas Medard Bigirimana



The First Baptist **American Baptist Women**
We are not meeting for the summer, we will start
again in September.

First Baptist Seniors Gathering for Lunch

Senior Lunch is done for the summer, we will start
again in September.

Pantry Report

Households - 205 Apr, 217 May, 224 Jun
Children - 263 Apr, 265 May, 246 Jun
Adults - 448 Apr, 496 May, 493 Jun
Seniors- 71 Apr, 59 May, 73 Jun
TOTAL PEOPLE- 782 Apr, 820 May, 812 Jun
New Households- 22 Apr, 22 May, 32 Jun

August Liturgist

August 5th Sue McInroy
August 12, 19, 26 Minister Cindy Hale

July Ushers

Dick Naylor – Head Usher

Sunday School

Sunday School is done for the year and will resume
in the Fall. There are quiet activities in the Narthex
for the children to use during worship. They may
bring them to their seats or play with them in the
Narthex.

As always children 4 and under are welcome to go
to the nursery.

Painted Post Pantry Volunteer

July 27 & Aug 24	Barbara Vargeson
July 30 & Aug 27	P.Lally & S.Kostera
July 31 & Aug 28	L.Peffley & M.Nieber
Aug 1 & Aug 29	J. Cooney, M. Franklin
Aug 2 & Aug 30	S. Ostebo & D.Volino
Aug 3 & Aug 31	M. Passage & J.Gasparri

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August 5th Sue McInroy
September 7th Sandy Ostebo

Average Attendance for July
34

*We've missed you and hope you'll join us for the
Sunday Worship*