

BAPTIST BY-LINES – July 2018

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Worship at 10:00 a.m.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This past Sunday we sang:

"Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand precious Lord,
lead me home."

As we sang, I couldn't help thinking about immigrants and asylum seekers and their children, as they are being forcibly separated, and hearing them singing this song...and us singing with them.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" said Dr. King. When one suffers, we all suffer. Torture harms us all. No matter how it is said, it is true. We are all God's children and we do not suffer in a vacuum, even if we suffer alone. Those who perpetuate the suffering, cause suffering or endure it are all effected by it – as is society at large.

Jesus calls us to love ourselves, our neighbors and even our enemies.

Luke 6:32 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

This passage is very difficult to read and far more difficult to practice. However, changing the world, the culture of harm, torture and suffering, is very difficult work to say the least. But it can be as simple as taking the hand of someone who needs to be reminded that they, she or he is important, valued and beautiful. It can be that simple.

Let us love knowing that when we love, God's work and power flow through us and strengthen us.

"Love is bigger than anything in its way." - Bono

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

Keith Cooper for being liturgist during the month of June

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

To all the people who donated pop, water and chips for Colonial Days

Sue McInroy for fixing the flowers for the communion table.

Lori Cooper, Sue McInroy, Butch & Derek Abbey, Deb & Ed Kulowski, Sally Kostera, Chelsea & Alex Cooper, Amy & Scott Grant, Alex Kostera, Cathy & Eben Weil, Jack Hale, Preston & Isaac Kostera, Hayden Gincerowski, Brooke Evans and Austin Cooper for working to make Colonial Days sale such a success

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

Rick Clark for fixing the broken drawer in the kitchen

Sally Kostera for helping make the cards for the homebound this month

Margie Miraglia, Sally Kostera, Deb Kulkowski, Lori Cooper & Jill Gasparri for making and filling the goodie bags that were given out on Father's Day.

Butch & Derek Abbey for serving the root beer floats on Father's Day

Chelsea Cooper & Alyssa Cooper for buying the ice cream & cups for Father's Day

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

Blessings:



Welcome to Avaleigh Warren born June 24, 2018 to the proud parents of Sam & Brittnee Warren. She weighed 7 lbs 11 ounces and is 21.25 inches long. Her Grandpa Butch Abbey could not be more excited.

The Barnabas Award

Acts 4:36 & 11:22-24

WHEREAS, The Barnabas Award was established by the First Baptist Church of Painted Post in the year of our Lord, 1994, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this award is to recognize someone who most exemplifies the character of Barnabas, “The Encourager”, and

WHEREAS, the 2018 recipient of this award has been chosen because she is an “Encourager” in our midst, and

WHEREAS, she not only has an undaunted commitment to her faith, but works behind the scenes in numerous ways, and

WHEREAS, she is always positive and optimistic & accepts assignments willingly, and

WHEREAS, she has been a faithful supporter for many years, providing encouragement to others through her exceptional abilities to lead by example and her cheerful presence, regardless of the situation, and

WHEREAS, her hands never seem to tire of doing good,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, that in recognition of her shining example, the

Barnabas Award

is hereby presented, on this 10th day of June 2018 to

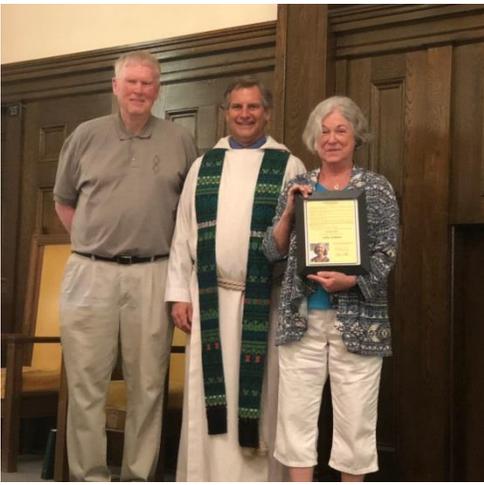
Sally Kostera



by her church family and friends at the First Baptist Church of Painted Post, NY

Rev. Richard Rose, Pastor

Oystein Ostebo, Moderator



A thank you from Sally Kostera

Dear Friends,

How do I live up to the honor of the Barnabas Award and your faith in me?
Thank you so much very much ~ When Sandy started reading using 'She'. I
was sure that I knew who 'She' was; NOT ME, But the woman I nominated!!
Thank you again, and God's Love and Blessings to All.

Sad News:

Carolyn Jean Congdon



Carolyn Jean Congdon, age 91, of Painted Post, NY passed away on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. She was born on September 18, 1926 in Horseheads, NY, the daughter of the late Charles and Frances (Beardsley) Shafer. She was a graduate of Horseheads High School, class of 1942. She married Charles Landis Congdon on November 21, 1945 in Baltimore, MD. Charles preceded her in death on November 26, 2003.

Carolyn was a bank teller for Central Trust in Painted Post, NY retiring in 1981 with over 25 years of service. After retirement, Carolyn and Charles spent 21 winters in Florida. Carolyn was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Painted Post.

Her survivors include three daughters: Linda (Jerry) Sewell of Panama City, FL, Barbara Gillen of Arlington, TX, Margie Miraglia of Painted Post, NY; two sons: Don (Cyndi) Congdon of Sarasota, FL, Terry (Marilyn) Congdon of Fairport, NY; grandchildren: Bobbi Jo, Mark, Melanie, Eddie, Nicole, Angie, Don, Jr., Marky, Heather, Ashley, Whitney, Elizabeth; 24 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Carolyn was predeceased by her grandchildren: Chuckie, Lonnie and Hannah; siblings: Maude, Pete and Marge; and son-in-law, Sid Gillen.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family. Phillips Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 17 W. Pulteney St., Corning has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Carolyn's family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Sarah and Amber for the loving care they provided their mother over the last four years, they were her angels on earth.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Carolyn's name may be made to: Joining Hearts and Hands, in care of Hannah's Hope, 6944 Benedict Beach, Hamlin, NY 14464 or by visiting: www.joiningheartsandhands.org.

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

Our Mission for the month of July ~ United Mission Offering ~ Goal \$250 Connecting Resources with Needs

As American Baptists, we serve as the hands and feet of Christ. We're doing what we can to heal a hurting world. This means feeding the hungry; empowering pastors, lay leaders & youth to spread Christ's love; protecting the environment; promoting Christian unity and more.

United Mission is the vehicle that makes this happen. United Mission is the simple, efficient way American Baptists pool financial resources to maximize the amount of good we can do. These funds are used to connect resources with needs, resulting in meaningful change – and it's all for God's greater glory

Baby Bank News

The baby bank continues to grow, in usage, community awareness and in monetary support.

One morning during this past month, Lori sent me a copy of a check that had been sent to the church, drawn on the First Heritage Credit Union but with no indication of whose account it came from. I was able to tell her, with great delight, that it was in response to a fundraising request! We would like to thank First Heritage in this update for their \$500 check in support of the Baby Bank!

In related news, the new CEO of First Heritage, (during interview visits here) has been to our church for a chicken and biscuit dinner and his family had fun at our rummage sale; he told me that he and his wife will be looking for ways to get involved in the community... I am going to meet with them to see what would work but am hoping they might help us plan our first big fundraising "event," possibly as early as this fall!

We have similar requests out to several other financial institutions and Jill has told me to set aside time for our Baby Bank team to fill out the paperwork for a \$25,000 grant that "opens" on July 1! You can add that to your daily prayers right NOW! Wouldn't that be WONDERFUL?

Betty Kinsman has agreed to be our fundraising correspondent; thank you Betty! As she sees what it involves and develops a plan for follow-ups, she may reach out for some additional help! If this is of interest to you, please let Betty or me know.

And of course, what comes in (the checks,) does go out (to the community, in the form of baby supplies,) and there has been quite a steady stream of those text messages I get... "we need 2, 5, 6, girls' 4t-5t pullups and wipes" that

result in a shopping safari and then some exercise (in the form of multiple trips up the stairs with those big diaper boxes!). I am not sure I have ever publicly thanked my partner in the shopping/stair climbing ventures, my hubby Eben... he patiently waits as I figure out the best coupon deals, handle the usual checking-out issues that result with multiple coupon deals/store rewards, and then accompanies me on my late-night deliveries to the church. Thanks, honey!

I have talked to my car repair shop about a “change” (as in oil change) for a “change” (as in diaper change) promotion and was pleasantly surprised with his positive reaction. I think that idea may work out and spread to other auto oil change places... if you have ideas for similar fundraisers, don't hesitate to call me (or Lori or Jill or Sandy) to run them by us! It takes a village!

Thanks to you, our FBCofPP village, for the continual support of this wonderful mission! I hope we are on our way to having the same acceptance and support that the food pantry, (that we also helped start,) has in our area, and pray for a day when there will be no need for either!
Cathy

Monthly stats:

As You can see we are at the half way mark and we have provided diapers to the same number of children as we did all of last year. As you can see the need is there and we are making a difference.

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
Total	203	407

June Events

June 3rd – Worship With Communion.



Wendy Griffin did the children's time and the choir sang so beautifully. After Pastor Rose gave the message entitled "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath" we had Holy Communion. Then we had a coffee hour.

June 9th Colonial Days Sale



We sold donuts, coffee, soda, water, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and Nachos with cheese sauce. The youth gave popcorn away for free. We provided the C-PP Hawks Band a place to rest and food at a discount. We didn't have as much help from the band but it was a successfully sale. We made around \$600.

Sunday June 10th

We had worship at church, Pastor Rose sermon was "Who are my mother and my brothers?" and then to Denison Park for Our Church Picnic.





Everyone brought a dish to pass. Butch grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and we had meat sauce. There was plenty to eat and the kids had a good time playing at the park. We took this picture and everyone was wearing the 100% inclusion sticker.

Sunday June 17th

Pastor Rich was away and Keith and Lori Cooper were home with a stomach bug. Lori was sick when she was preparing the bulletin and Eric Griffin filled in for Keith as liturgist and said if you add the date on the front of the bulletin and the date on the inside bulletin you would get today's date. Pastor McCaslin was filling in and we enjoyed his sermon titled

"The Many Fathers of Our Evolving Faith". It was Father's Day and the kids gave out goodie bags to all the Dads. After the service we had root beer floats in honor of Father's Day.



Sunday July 24th

This was a busy Sunday. Wendy did the children's story and she talked about caring and nurturing people. Hannah Lowe who graduated from Addison Campbell High School sang for us. She really has a beautiful voice. We had special music from Tere Ayers. She is Kristen Mack's cousin. So it was kind of a musical Sunday. Pastor Rose's message was titled "Asking for, and accepting, help" After service we voted on adopting the revised Church Covenant and it passed. Soon it will be in all the hymnals. We had a special coffee hour and Hannah had all her awards displayed. She won the Carol Brown Memorial Award. Carol was our organist for many years.



Financials as of the end of May 2018

Balance in Checking & Savings (Not including Baby Bank balance) \$ 36,500

Investments

Wells Fargo Acct #4354:

Parsonage Investment \$59, 195

Wells Fargo Acct #0191:

Luce Music Fund \$ 5,444*

Total Value of Wells Fargo Funds \$ 64,639

* \$312 transferred to savings for the music program

Regular Income & Expenses Jan - May

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Regular income	\$ 37,115	\$ 40,301
Total Regular expenses	\$ 38,930	\$ 36,960
Net Operating income/(loss)	\$ (1,815)	\$ 3,341

Envelope giving for Jan - May

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Pledges	\$ 16,602	\$ 18,575
Non-pledged	\$ 12,316	\$ 7,895

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	\$ 5,696.06
Memorial Fund	\$ 456.93
Pastor's Community Fund	\$ 251.14

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

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

Here is our church covenant. On Sunday June 24th we voted to adopt the following as our church covenant. We will be putting the updated covenant in the all the hymnals.

Our Church Covenant

We love God and believe that God loves and values all people and all of creation. We acknowledge Jesus the Christ as Lord and Savior and will strive to understand and live this truth. We affirm that the Spirit grants us Soul Freedom to read and interpret the Bible in community and individually as the Spirit leads.

Therefore we resolve:

To live together in Christian fellowship, sharing each other's joys, bearing one another's burdens and helping one another think, speak and act as Christians.

To faithfully participate in the worship of God by attending church.

To seek to grow in Christian understanding through Bible study and other educational experiences.

To support our church and its ministries through intentional giving of the time, abilities, and financial resources with which God has blessed us.

To create and maintain a community that is inclusive of all people, including, women and men, children of all ages, people of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, all abilities and economic conditions.

To minister in love to the needs of others by words *and* deeds in an effort to help others experience God's love.

To live in harmony and to seek understanding with all people, realizing that we are all interconnected and all children of God.

To help advance God's kingdom by applying Christian principles to social problems.

To be open to engage in interfaith appreciation and dialogue.

To be good stewards of all of God's beautiful creation recognizing that all life is sacred.

May God strengthen us in our resolve, and give us power and grace to walk in the way of faith, hope and love.

July 2018 Mission United Mission Offering \$250.00

Sunday July 1st Worship with Communion Butch Abbey and Kids Wednesday

July 4th Independence Day Office Closed

Sunday July 8th Worship

Tuesday July 10th Spiritual Life Meeting 6pm

Sunday July 15th Worship Lemonade and Hot Dogs

Saturday July 21st Community Service Day 9am – Noon ~ Cancer Hats

Sunday July 22nd Worship

Friday July 27th- Friday August 10th Pastor Rich on vacation

Sunday July 29th Worship Guest Speaker Lemonade and Popcorn

Mondays Aikido 6pm

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

Paper Towels, Paper plates, small & large, napkins &

cold cups 12 to 16 ounces.

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	Margie Miraglia
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
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 Carolyn Congdon (Margie Miraglia's Mom)
Phyllis Hickok

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 - 203 Mar, 205 Apr, 217 May
Children - 276 Mar, 263 Apr, 265 May
Adults - 472 Mar, 448 Apr, 496 May
Seniors- 66 Mar, 71 Apr, 59 May
TOTAL PEOPLE- 814 Mar, 782 Apr, 820 May
New Households- 29 Mar, 22 Apr, 22 May

July Liturgist

Jill Gasparri

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

June 29	Barbara Vargeson
July 2	P.Lally & S.Kostera
July 3	L.Peffley & M.Nieber
July 4	Closed
July 5	S. Ostebo & D.Volino
July 6	M. Passage & J.Gasparri

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July 1st Butch Abbey & Youth
August 5th Sue McInroy

Average Attendance for June
48

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