

BAPTIST BY-LINES – September 2018

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Rev. Richard Rose
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Worship at 10:00 a.m.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Have any of you seen the Netflix original series *Queer Eye*? It is a reboot/remake of its first incarnation of *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* which premiered on the Bravo network in 2003. The show features 5 gay men, know as *The Fab 5*, who are spend a few days during each episode caring for the needs of an individual who has been nominated by a friend or family member to be cared for by The Fab 5. These men then minister to the physical, material and spiritual needs of the person in need of a little, or sometimes a lot, of TLC.

I use the word “minister” intentionally as I believe their work, albeit a TV show, is the work of healing and redemption. A recent Sojourners magazine article entitled “The Surprising Ministry of 'Queer Eye'” makes the same case:

“*Queer Eye* is more than uplifting reality television. At this moment in culture, the fab five’s weeklong makeovers have taught us what it means to minister to a hurting person, reveal their value, and help them open up to joy and love.” (To read the entire article follow this link - <https://sojo.net/articles/surprising-ministry-queer-eye>)

Adult Sunday school will resume on September 16th after church. During our first session, I'll be showing the first episode of the second season of *Queer Eye*. The episode is titled, “God bless gay” and features Tammye who is the first woman the Fab 5 have made over. She is a married teacher who is heavily involved in the church and her community. She was also diagnosed with cancer, along with two other family members, and the Fab 5 help Tammye prepare for the community's Homecoming event.

The following 4 weeks I will lead a discussion of four foundational biblical stories and texts. We will cover the Creation stories found in Genesis 1 and 2, the Exodus account found in the first several chapters of the book of Exodus, Isaiah's prophetic speech found in Isaiah 1:10-18 and the account of judgment day from Matthew 25.

I hope you will plan to stay after church and join me.

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, and buying the pretty bags for the cupboard

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

Cindy Hale & Sue McInroy for being liturgist during the month of August

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!

To all the people who took the time to collect the requested items for VBS

To all the people who spent time cutting out, painting and working on various projects for VBS

Sally Kostera, Cindy Hale and Carol Naylor for working at the Baby Bank

Blessings:

Congratulations!

Medard & Mireill



Hello FBC, here are a few photos from Medard's wedding in Burundi. He was in South Korea for 9 months, then came back to Fort Drum in June. He left for Burundi on August 5th and was married on August 11th. His wife's name is Mireille. They will be coming back from Burundi in early September. We did not attend the wedding but it looks like they had a wonderful time. The water in the background is lake Tanganyika.

Hope all is well with everyone at FBC. Thank you for the cards and good wishes. We are enjoying the lake and our retirement.

Love, Heidi and Al

Sunday August 5th – Cindy gave the message entitled “The Renewal of Faith”. Michele Godon was our special music and she asked Wendy to play with her.



Sunday August 12th – Rev. Rose gave the message entitled “Live in Love”. Wendy & Cathy was our wonderful special music and Wendy also did children’s time. After church we had rootbeer floats. Yummy!



Sunday August 19th – Rev. Rose gave the message entitled “Living Forever”. Our special music was the Barber Shop Quartet **Revised Edition**.



Sunday August 26th – Rev. Rose gave the message entitled “The Lord is Near”. Rev. Rose did the Children’s Time and Eric and Wendy were the special music. After service we had nachos and cheese in Fellowship Hall.



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

August – Baby Bank ~ Our Goal is \$300 we raised \$161.00 as of 8/12/18

Our Mission for the month of September

**Rochester Genesee Region
American Baptist Churches USA**



Rochester Genesee Region (RGR) ~ Goal \$250

RGR is the region that we belong to. They promote Welcoming and Affirming Churches all over the United States. So many churches are struggling with this issue. It is a safe place for everyone to belong to.

They have given us the opportunity to apply for 2 grants for the Baby Bank and we have been the recipient of one of them. We just applied for the Matthew 25 Grant.

They support the churches with counseling and educational materials. Their mission is to support congregations in developing leaders who transform lives. Help us support the Region that helps support us!

Baby Bank News

Well, August has been ANOTHER exciting month for the Baby Bank! It was, of course, the recipient of the monthly mission for our church, and while we are spending a lot of time and effort in looking for funding outside of our walls, I hope that we continue to support it generously, from within our walls. However big it grows, we can always be proud that WE started it and got it off the ground with the warm, open hearts that define our congregation!

We thank Corning Credit Union for their donation of \$200 this past month. We continue to send to local groups on a small but consistent basis and early in

September, Cathy and Betty Kinsman are meeting to see how to bolster that effort a bit.



It has been a busy month of shopping, as evidenced by the many days that Jill and Lori come in in the morning to see that the diaper storks (Cathy and Eben) have visited the night before. While we still do our best to help our money “multiply” with smart shopping and couponing (like this week, with a Walgreens diaper deal on Pampers that took 3 packages,



SALE PRICED at \$9/package) down to \$2.67 per package with couponing magic, the sheer quantity we need each week now results in more BIG shopping runs such as those pictured above. While still on sale, and still better than the “average” shopper would do, we are spending significant amounts to meet the need.

This month, Sandy Ostebo and Cathy Weil collaborated to apply for a \$5,000 grant that we think our Baby Bank is perfect for! The applications are reviewed later in September and we are hoping for this \$5000 toward our proposed budget of \$12,400 for 2019!

With the addition of some storage cabinets along the wall between the office and the fellowship hall, we are now able to accept gently used baby supplies and clothes that people have wanted to donate in the past (but we had no space for.) While our focus remains on the necessities of diapers and wipes, it is nice to be able to offer more when needed, and again, I thank Jill and Lori for adding yet another chore to the list of baby bank tasks that they perform so well and with such cheerful hearts!

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, to be used for programs that address “housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate.” A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.



Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.



Diaper Need Awareness Week

September 24-30, 2018

And finally, while we don't feel that we can get a big event planned for THIS fall for Diaper Need Awareness Week," we are hoping to have several smaller diaper drives planned for this year's event. Karen Hogue at Market St Apothecary and Lori Jacobus at Panache Hair Salon, have agreed to promote it and accept donations at their places of business. We would like to make this a big week for small-scale diaper collections! Please feel free to approach anyone you know

with this idea, or to ask us to do so. I am going to try to get WETM to cover the story as the last TV coverage we had was phenomenal in helping us get the word out!

Monthly and year-to-date statistics:

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
August	49	85
Total	291	559

Facilities Report

This summer was one of repairs and replacements. This winter we repaired the boiler and realized that the pumps needed to be replaced. Rod Wheat was the man for the job. The pumps were replaced in August and hopefully we will not have any more problems with them. He also fixed a leak in a heater pipe in Fellowship Hall. He replaced thermostats in the nursery and the Pastor's office.

After a bad rain storm, the fire alarms went off. We investigated only to find that one of the towers was leaking and it was going down the wire into the fire alarm. Butch came over and replaced the fire alarms. We hired Karl Turner to fix the towers and check out the roof and he caulked all the spots he found. He sealed the louvers in both towers. I checked this morning after the storm last night and the carpets were dry! While Karl was here we found two bats in the church so we asked him to replace the screens in the vents on the sides of the building and we haven't had a bat since.

In June one of the vertical blinds came down in the Fellowship Hall luckily no one was hurt. Sandy arranged for JC Penney to come and look at all the blinds to make sure they were secure and we replaced the blind this week. We also put a vertical blind in the nursery to keep out the sun and make it better.

The vacuum cleaner was clogged up. Thanks to Amanda Cooper and Sandy Ostebo it is now working.

Creative kids had the carpet in the education wing cleaned and as long as the cleaners were here we asked them to clean the carpet by the bathrooms downstairs.

I am sure we probably had other things that were done but these are the highlights.

September Events

September 9th is Rally Sunday. Come join us for breakfast at 9am. It's a good time for fellowship and to kick off the church year. Most everyone will be back and it will be a good time to catch up. Please bring a box of cereal for the Pantry.

Monday Sept. 10th – Saturday Sept. 15th We will be setting up for **Mighty Fortress Sunday School**. Times to be announced.

Sunday September 16th starts our Sunday School program **Mighty Fortress**

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 after children's time 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. **We still need help with snacks and teachers.** If you would like to volunteer please see Lori or Jill.



Sunday Sept. 16th is also the Salvation Army Dinner. This year we are only responsible for this one dinner. We will be serving ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn & ice cream sundaes. We will be peeling the potatoes right after church. We are looking for donations for ham or donations to buy ham.

Saturday Sept. 22nd RGR 2018 Biennial Meeting. We will meet at the church at 7am. The cost is \$35 and reservations need to be in by Sept. 9th. Registration forms will be available starting on Sunday Sept. 2nd. We will be carpooling to Rochester. Mary Passage, Jill Gasparri and Sue McInroy have volunteered to drive. This should be a time to see what the Baptist Community is doing and how we can help.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Haggray
9am-4pm
\$35 that includes Lunch

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.

Financials as of the end of July 2018

Balance in Checking & Savings (Not including Baby Bank balance) \$ 40,000

Investments

Wells Fargo Acct #4354:

Parsonage Investment \$59,574

Wells Fargo Acct #0191:

Luce Music Fund \$ 5,667*

Total Value of Wells Fargo Funds \$ 65,241

* \$312 transferred to savings for the music program

Regular Income & Expenses Jan - July

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Regular income	\$ 55,145	\$ 58,512
Total Regular expenses	\$ 54,997	\$ 51,678
Net Operating income/(loss)	\$ 148	\$ 6,834

Envelope giving for Jan - July

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Pledges	\$ 23,955	\$ 28,423
Non-pledged	\$ 18,083	\$ 13,385

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	\$ 6,530.91
Memorial Fund	\$ 456.93
Pastor's Community Fund	\$ 253.14

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
Donations July 2018	39.85
Balance as of August 1, 2018	\$ 6,530.91

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
Donations, July 2018	15.00
Balance as of August 1, 2018	\$ 253.14

September Mission ~ Rochester Genesee Region (RGR) Goal \$250

Sunday September 2nd Worship with Communion – Sandy Ostebo

Monday September 3rd Labor Day Church Office/Baby Bank Closed

Tuesday September 4th Spiritual Life 6pm

Sunday September 9th Rally Sunday Breakfast at 9am, Please bring a box of cereal for the pantry

Monday September 10th – Saturday Sept. 15th Set up for VBS

Wednesday September 12th ABW Central 9:30am

Sunday September 16th Worship, VBS/ Adult Sunday School starts and Coffee Hour, Salvation Army setup at 3pm Dinner 5pm ham, mashed potatoes, corn, salad and ice cream sundaes.

Tuesday September 18th Stewardship Council 6:30pm

Wednesday September 19th Senior Lunch 1pm at En-En, Host Donnalynn & Sandy Ostebo

Saturday September 22nd 2018 Region Biennial Meeting – Rochester \$35 includes lunch 7am

Sunday Sept. 23rd Worship VBS/Adult Sunday School – Coffee Hour

Sunday Sept. 30th Worship VBS/Adult Sunday School – Coffee Hour

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
Firemen	Tyler Claussen (jill's Nephew)
Catherine Fish	Eli (Mary's Nephew)
Betty Ray (Pastor Rich's Aunt)	
David Jacobs and his Family	
Barb & Judy (Dick Dixon & Doris Pierce Sisters)	

Serving in the Military and Overseas

Max Pappas Medard Bigirimana



The First Baptist **American Baptist Women**

Wed. September 12th

9:30 am Central

First Baptist Seniors Gathering for Lunch

Wed. Sept. 19th

1pm EnEn

Host Donnalynn & Sandy Ostebo

RSVP 962-6787

Pantry Report

Households - 217 May, 224 Jun, 183 Jul

Children - 265 May, 246 Jun, 177 Jul

Adults - 496 May, 493 Jun, 361 Jul

Seniors- 59 May, 73 Jun, 67 Jul

TOTAL PEOPLE- 820 May, 812 Jun, 605 Jul

New Households- 22 May, 32 Jun, 20 Jul

September Liturgist

Butch Abbey

September Ushers

Dick Naylor – Head Usher

Sunday School

Join us for our Mighty Fortress Program

After children's time to 12:30

Painted Post Pantry Volunteer

Sept. 21	Barbara Vargeson
Sept. 24	P.Lally & S.Kostera
Sept. 25	L.Peffley & M.Nieber
Sept. 26	J. Cooney, M. Franklin
Sept. 27	S. Ostebo & D.Volino
Sept. 28	M. Passage & J.Gasparri



September 2nd Sandy Ostebo

October 7th Keith Cooper

Average Attendance for August

30

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