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# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b>  12:15 Inasmuch lunch	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Men's Coffee Time 10:00 AM 	<b>6</b>
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<b>21</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Men's Coffee Time 10:00 AM 	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lamb, preaching	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:</b> ➔ August 14 – 12:15 PM – Indoor Picnic ➔ September 11 – Rally Sunday ➔ October 22 – 12:15 PM – Book Launch With <b>FREE</b> Gourmet Lunch!		



## August Birthdays

7	David Ward
11	Michael Baxter
12	Katie Kundl Canterbury
13	Andrew N. Baxter
14	Debbie Boeskin
15	Judy Ward
17	Herb Lewis
19	Thomas Culbreth
26	Neal Jacobs
30	Chris Kundl



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for John Swindlehurst, Sara Gromniak, Margaret Payne, Mark Williams, Jr., Patricia Smeal, Janet Keebler, Celia Krasinski, Neal Jacobs, Gladys Lewis, our Church family, our missionaries, especially Carmella Jones, our Country and all those who serve our Country.

hello  
august



### August 3 — Wednesday

12:15 PM Inasmuch luncheon

### August 7 — 12<sup>th</sup> SUN AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown, preaching

### August 10 — Wednesday

7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting

### August 14 — 13<sup>th</sup> SUN AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship  
Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

12:15 PM Church Indoor Picnic

### August 21 — 14<sup>th</sup> SUN AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship  
Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching  
*Third Sunday Food Collection*

### August 28 — 15<sup>th</sup> SUN AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship  
Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lamb, preaching

### Do we have Your Birthday?

If your birthday doesn't appear on our list, please call the office (716-282-4666) to let us know your special date so we can include it.

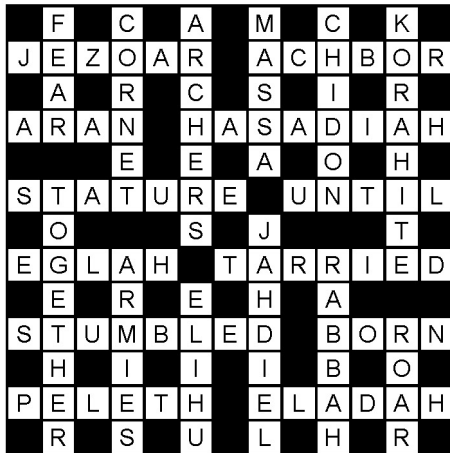


## Rummage sale spectacular!

All the ladies who worked on the Rummage Sale over the Fourth of July weekend are to be congratulated. They sold \$512 worth of goods! The Rummage Sale is more than just about raising money for the Church. It is a true mission project that helps people throughout the community. More than one person said they never miss our sale. Thanks also goes to all those who contributed items. The next sale is already "on the books" for the Columbus Day weekend, October 7 & 8, 2016.

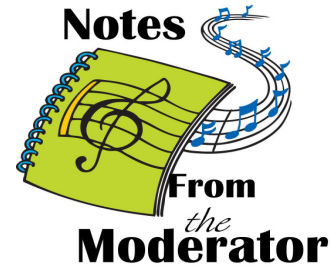
## Last Month's Crossword Answers

### 1 Chronicles



## Things to notice around the Church

1. The brand new bench by the Main Street sidewalk. We have already seen passersby using it.
2. All the wonderful flowers by the outside sign, the entrance ramp and the curbside flower box. Thank you David Martin and Connie Davis!



Celebrating summer at First Baptist Church which has been a busy time is a pleasure. New friends and old friends are gathering to worship and celebrate their family gatherings, births, and birthdays. Our Rummage Sale was the first event in July and earned over \$500. Thank you everyone who donated items, those who purchased their treasures and the rummagers who set it up. A special thanks to Carolyn Culbreth, Hazel Baxter, Marge Bozigar, Connie Davis, and yours truly for set up and sales.

Our birthday wishes go to Dorothy Jackson who turned 100 in June and we celebrated with cake and ice cream. See our web site for a picture.

On Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> we participated in the Niagara Falls Garden Tour which focused on the Park Place Historic District. Our architectural tour added to the neighborhood garden walk.

We're getting baskets together for our August 7 basket auction at the Niagara Frontier Fire Hall on Liberty Street, from 3-7 p.m. We're aiming for 200 baskets. Deliver them to church or contact Kath Ordiway for other arrangements. A Bake Sale will accompany the auction. Bake your favorite recipes and bring them to the Fire Hall for a pizza and dessert sale. Love those cookies!

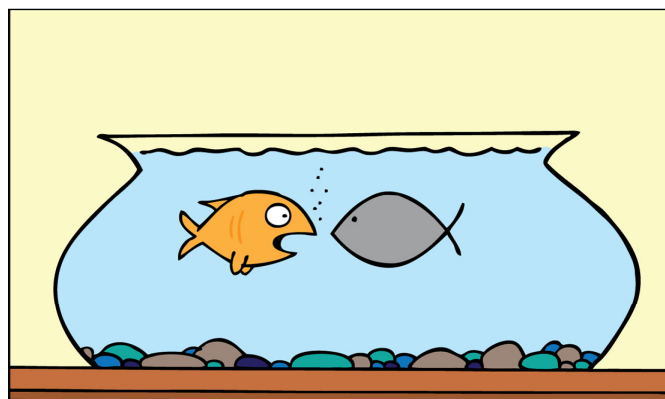
At this writing our country is reeling in the wake of troubles in our communities. Kath's sermon on "Who is our Neighbor?" dwelt on recognizing and celebrating our differences with kindness and compassion. We all live our lives side by side, but our realities are so different. As we think about these situations, what did Jesus do? Christians must dedicate their lives to those principals that we share regardless of the way we look, talk, dress or worship. We're all in this together and outcomes should be based on those principals and the way we live our lives, not our differences, but what we share.

**Donna Flood**



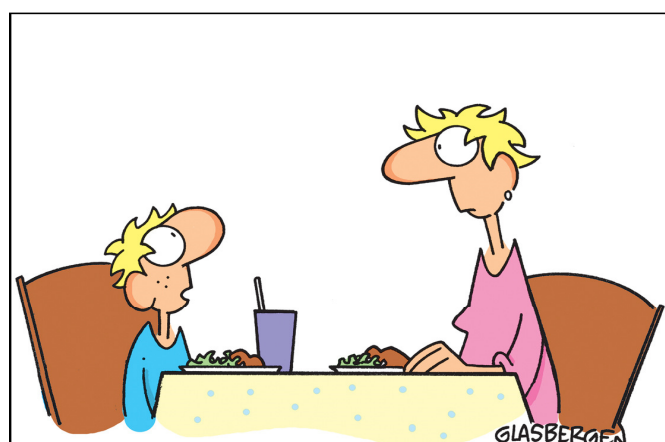
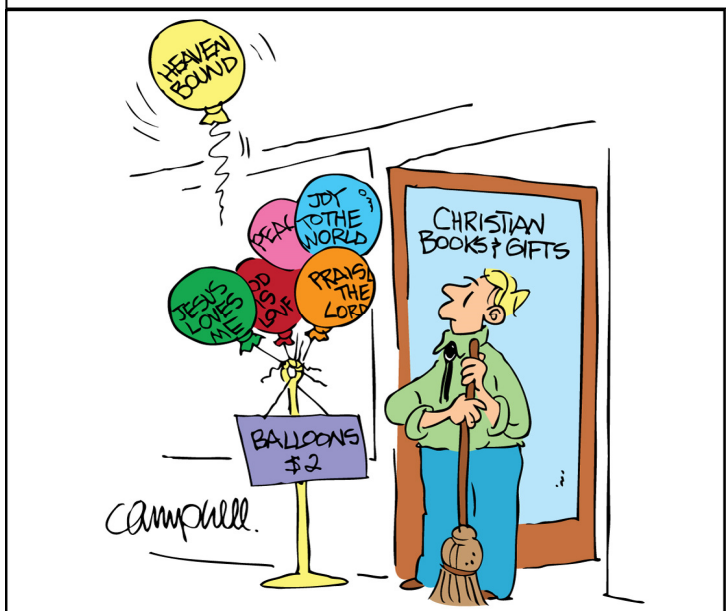


"It was quite a relief when St. Peter clicked access granted."



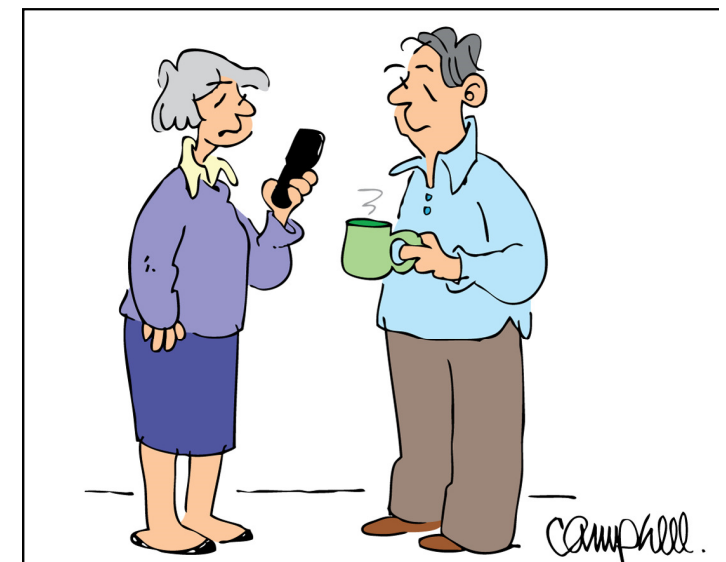
GLASBERGEN

"Can't we talk about something besides religion for a change?"



GLASBERGEN

"Some religions don't eat meat on Friday because there's separation of church and steak."



"Every call I make to Pastor Bob goes to still small voice mail."

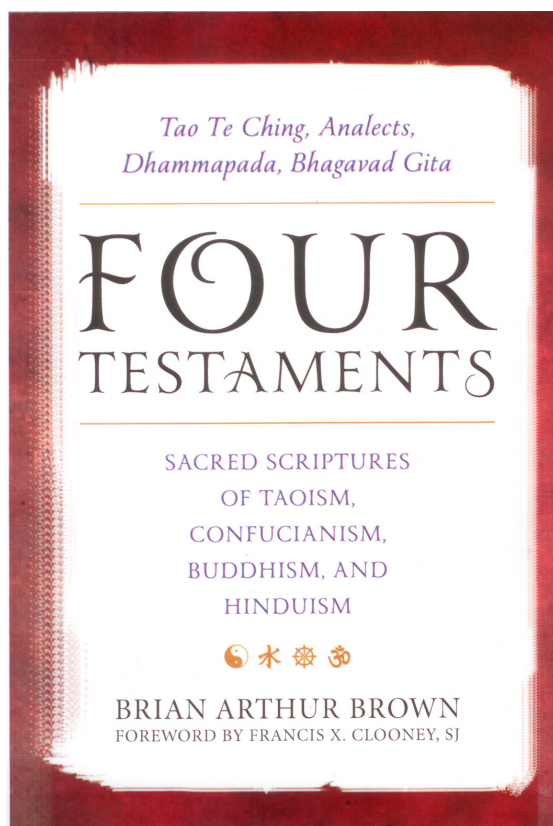


GLASBERGEN

"Wind-powered wings for transportation, solar-powered halos for light... why aren't they using this technology back on Earth?"

October 22

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!



October 22

EVERYONE AT  
FIRST BAPTIST  
IS INVITED!

12:15 – BOOK LAUNCH – **FREE** GOURMET LUNCH

### Preaching Schedule

August 7	Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown	
August 14	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway	
August 21	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway	
August 28	Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lamb	
September 4	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway	
September 11	Rev. Alan C. Minarcik	Rally Day — 9/11 Memorial
September 25	Ms Alison Miculan	
October 2	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway	
October 9	Mr. Joseph Heasley	
October 16	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway	
October 23	Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown	Book launch weekend (Oct. 22)
October 30	Ms Alison Miculan	Reformation Sunday – All Hallows
November 6	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway	All Saints (Observed)
November 13	Rev. Alan Minarcik	
November 20	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway	Thanksgiving Sunday
November 27	Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown	Advent I
December 4	Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown	Advent II
December 11	Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown	Advent III
December 18	Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown	Advent IV
December 24	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway & Mr. Joseph Heasley	Christmas Eve
December 25	Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway	Christmas Day



Coming next month...  
**Cuba's Spiritual Revival**  
A story your church must hear!

## BASKET AUCTION NOTES

Hey everyone! August 7th is fast approaching ... our Basket Auction should be a wonderful success with everyone pitching in to help! Please use the flyer in this Tower to tell everyone about our auction. Post copies everywhere you go.

We still need baskets! Aiming for 200 baskets with at least 10 of them being for the High End table. If each person donates 2 baskets (from yourself, a friend or a business you know), we'll easily meet that goal.

We also need baked goods and people to help set up, sell tickets, call winners and stay around to cleanup!!

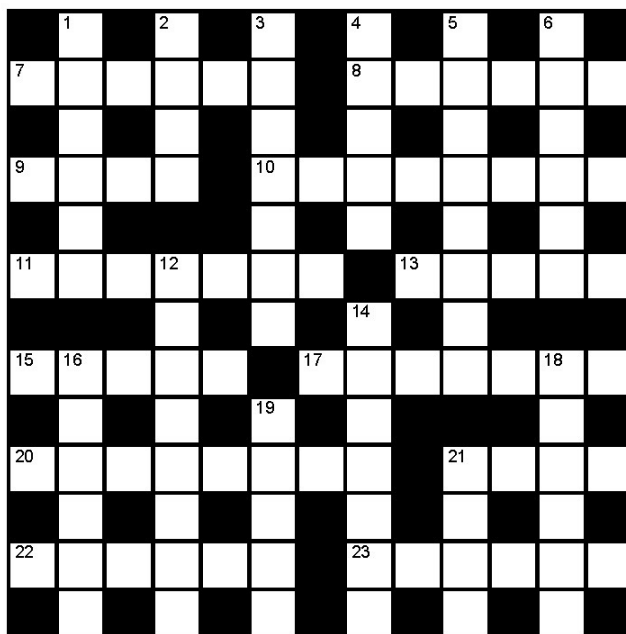
All money raised will go towards fixing the gym so it can be safely used for just about anything!!

Questions? Talk to co-chairwomen: Kathleen Ordiway or Katona Hoopsick.



# Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

## 2 Chronicles



### Across

- 7 God made Azariah leprous, so the priests "thrust him out from \_\_\_\_\_; yea, himself hasted also to go out." 2 Chron 26:20 (6)
- 8 "And he set all the people, every man \_\_\_\_\_ his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple." 2 Chron 23:10 (6)
- 9 Solomon asked God to listen to the people of Israel if any would confess His name and \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Chron 6:24 (4)
- 10 "Jeroboam \_\_\_\_\_ out of Egypt." 2 Chron 10:2 (8)
- 11 "So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might \_\_\_\_\_ his word." 2 Chron 10:15 (7)
- 13 Solomon was his son. (5)
- 15 Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, returned home with this. 2 Chron 32:21 (5)
- 17 Solomon gathered together a thousand and four \_\_\_\_\_ chariots. 2 Chron 1:14 (7)
- 20 "But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place

for thy \_\_\_\_\_ for ever." 2 Chron 6:2 (8)

- 21 "And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine \_\_\_\_\_, and of thy wisdom." 2 Chron 9:5 (4)
- 22 Abraham is called this. 2 Chron 20:7 (6)
- 23 "And the people were without \_\_\_\_\_ that came with him out of Egypt." 2 Chron 12:3 (6)

### Down

- 1 Another word for responsibility. 2 Chron 30:17 (6)
- 2 "For thou \_\_\_\_\_ knowest the hearts of the children of men." 2 Chron 6:30 (4)
- 3 "And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be \_\_\_\_\_ of burdens." 2 Chron 2:18 (7)
- 4 The color of linen that the Levites wore. 2 Chron 5:12 (5)
- 5 The porch of the temple was \_\_\_\_\_ with gold. 2 Chron 3:4 (8)

6 "There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is \_\_\_\_\_." 2 Chron 20:2 (6)

- 12 "And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fathers of your brethren the people." 2 Chron 35:5 (8)
- 14 Jotham was over Uzziah's house when he had leprosy and was "\_\_\_\_\_ the people of the land." 2 Chron 26:21 (7)
- 16 Men who cut timber are called this. 2 Chron 2:10 (6)
- 18 "And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat \_\_\_\_\_ of them on his throne." 2 Chron 18:9 (6)
- 19 Asa was buried in a bed with "sweet odours and divers \_\_\_\_\_ of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art." 2 Chron 16:14 (5)
- 21 Singers went out before the \_\_\_\_\_ to praise the LORD. 2 Chron 20:21 (4)



# Basket Auction

To Benefit

**First Baptist Church**

Niagara Falls, NY

***Held at Frontier Fire Hall***

2176 Liberty Dr, Niagara Falls  
Off Williams Rd

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**3 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Drawings begin 7 p.m.

**Great Baskets**

**Bake Sale and Pizza**





# **C** **NNECTIONS** **ABC USA**

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Speaking with

## Dr. Susan Gillies

Interim General Secretary  
American Baptist Churches USA

**Q** Why are you an American Baptist (or why are you proud to be an American Baptist)?

**A** I was born into an ABC family and it stuck. As an adult, I lived for a time in three places in the south where it was hard to find an ABC home. I enjoyed participating in other kinds of churches during this time but realized I truly was an American Baptist. Other faith families were good but they weren't as good a fit for me as ABC. I continue to be ABC because of our history, our present and our potential for the future as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our racial/ethnic diversity and our theological diversity continue to instruct me and stretch me in ways I don't think I could find anywhere else.

**Q** What goals do you hope to accomplish during your time as Interim General Secretary?

**A** I'm here to do what any good interim or transitional pastor would do...remind us of how we came to be and who we are, listen, focus primarily on renewing relationships, and "tend the shop" until a new General Secretary is in place. I'll also continually remind folks it is the joy of the Lord that is our strength.

**Q** How did your time serving as Chair of the Regional Executive Ministers Council (REMC) prepare you for serving as Interim General Secretary?

**A** I learned more, at a deeper level, about the vital role of regions within the ABC family. I knew regions were important but in serving as a region executive and working with the REMC, I found there was so much more than I had understood before. The REMC is a great arena for learning from people who see things differently from the way I see them.

**Q** *Transformed by the Spirit* is a major denominational emphasis – how will you help move this emphasis forward? What adaptive challenges do you identify as you come into this role as Interim General Secretary?

**A** I want to support the work of the Journey Team as they guide *Transformed by the Spirit*. Part of the role of an interim, in this job or as a pastor, is to assess what can be done to help folks readjust and refocus after the departure of a long time leader. I'm finding adaptive challenges that fit my skills.

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**Q** In your opinion, what is important to you for American Baptist Churches to support its churches and members as we move into the future?

**A** For us to be most effective in ministry and mission, we must understand that each member, church and organization within the family is invited into relationship with the whole family. It's important to be thinking about what we can do beyond ourselves more than we think of what "they" can do for me.

**Q** Are there any worship experiences from your years as an American Baptist or specifically serving with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies or the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska that stand out to you?

**A** Wow! I could write a book. I've lived in eight states and that means I've been a member of a number of churches, each with a unique personality and each a blessing. I grew up going to church camp (Camp Moses Merrill in Nebraska). I clearly remember a worship service around a campfire on a bluff high above the prairie. There was a spectacular sunset that night. In that service I made a special commitment to God that still guides me.

I remember a worship service in the amphitheatre at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. James Dunn of the Baptist Joint Committee was speaker. He looked up at the massive carvings of four Presidents and held his Bible in his hand. He spoke about separation of church and state. People understood who had never understood before. At a peace conference at Calvary Baptist in Washington, D.C., I heard William Sloan Coffin preach. He said, "Hope is born when optimism dies." This lesson was important for me.

**Q** What verse of scripture speaks to you? How does this apply in your new role as Interim General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA?

**A** Ephesians 4:11-16. The church lives and breathes in all the places the laity live their everyday lives. The church is at work in the world through them. Therefore, the church's job is to help equip them for this ministry. Our mission work at home and abroad is an extension of what I'm called to do in my neighborhood and at my workplace. We need to see the interrelatedness of these arenas. My role as Interim General Secretary is to continually call us to see the "whole." ■



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# AB Men NYS Rally

at Keuka College

## 2016 Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

☐ Small Groups

☐ New workshops

*Building better men and stronger churches!*

☐ Bible study

☐ Fishing

☐ Copper Coins (Band) [www.coppercoinsband.com](http://www.coppercoinsband.com)

*Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12*

### Featured Speaker: Rev. Dr. Marlowe V. N. Washington

Pastor Marlow is pastor of The Historic Parsells Church in Rochester, NY. A native of Bronx, New York. He attended the public school system in New York City and graduated from St. Francis College in Brooklyn with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He attended New York Theological Seminary in Manhattan where he received his Master of Divinity degree. Pastor Marlowe earned his doctorate in transformational leadership from Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College in 2016 on the subject, "The Insidious Nature of Urban Poverty and the Recovery of the Progressive Mission of the Black Church." Dedicated to social, political, and entrepreneurial activism, Pastor Marlowe has led congregations in Harlem (NYC); Providence, Rhode Island; Newark, New Jersey; and Rochester, NY. His ministry and community engagement reflect a diverse range of causes and strategies within the goal of working to create justice and equality for all people. A born again believer and pastor by calling, Pastor Marlowe lives the apostolic life by his beliefs of preaching the social gospel and helping people find their way to bless the world. He became an entrepreneurial/environmental pastor when he served as a "faith-based" developer and chairman of the City of Orange, N.J., Planning Board. There he assisted and led in the development of affordable, lead- safe, mixed use housing for low to moderate income families in Newark and Providence. He is a trustee at Keuka College. As a visionary and transformational leader, Pastor Marlowe has sparked remarkable – and often controversial – turnaround in membership and ministry. He is taking beleaguered congregations, with The Historic Parsells Church being one of them, and providing an approach that responds to the spiritual hunger of a new generation. Above all else and next to Jesus, Pastor Marlowe loves his wife Mira J. Washington immensely. They are blessed to have raised two children: Brittany and Marlowe II.

Double Room Pastor Lodging and Meals \$105.00

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