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December Birthdays

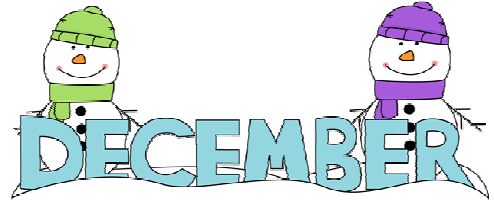
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Do we have Your Birthday?

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.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for William Cody, Glenn Richardson, Carole and Hank Buchalski, John Swindlehurst, Sara Gromniak, Patricia Smeal, Janet Keebler, Gladys Lewis, our Church family, our missionaries, especially Carmella Jones, our Country and all those who serve our Country



December 3 — Sunday — ADVENT I

9:30 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship with Holy Communion Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

December 6 — Wednesday

12:15 PM	Inasmuch Lunch
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December 10 — Sunday — Advent II

9:30 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown, preaching
12:15 PM	Second Sunday Lunch
2:00 PM	Gift of Music: Christmas Organ

December 13 — Wednesday

7:00 PM	Diaconate/Trustees Meeting
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December 17 — Sunday — Advent III

9:30 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
3:00 PM	ABW Christmas Tea

December 24 — Sunday — Advent IV

CHRISTMAS EVE

9:30 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown, preaching
5:30 PM	Music for Meditation
6:00 PM	Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols

December 31 — Sunday — Christmas I

9:30 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching



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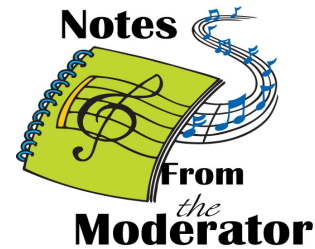
Come One, come all! To God's House of Worship for our new Bible Study, Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. The atmosphere will be casual and we will meet in the Friendship Room. There are plenty of comfortable chairs! There will be fresh brewed coffee and maybe a snack or two.

There will be an open teaching format, which means we can all learn from each other. Among some of the topics discussed will be past Biblical events in comparison to current events; various things that have occurred in our personal lives; things have strengthened us; and lessons taught that would help our society. Short video clips will be shown. "Bible Jeopardy" can be a fun activity. The next class passages will begin where the answers can be found. The topics to discuss are endless.

Please feel welcome to come so we can all meet each other in Christian Fellowship. Invite your friends!

Last Month's Crossword Answers

Joel



There are news reports of violence in churches and many other locations. The Diaconate and Trustees have a report of suggestions for dealing with threats to everyone's safety. Three words to remember: Run, Hide, Fight. Where do you run? Away from the danger to safety. Dial 911 if you have a phone. Run to a room with locks and phones; the pastors' office, the library, or the office. The nearest exits are the front door, the exit door in the dining room, the basement or the gym. Remember the exits off both sides of the altar, both lead to the basement or the gym. There are panic buttons in the pastor's office and the main office that go to the security service and the police. The building is secured with an alarm system; there are night lights all around the building. No money is kept in the building. If you have questions see Donna. Other types of security were discussed as well.

On to happier subjects: take a deep breath and enjoy the scent of Christmas at First Baptist with the delicious aroma of candy. Candy makers have been stirring, measuring, folding, weighing and packaging the walnut butter crunch, our signature candy. Thank you to the crew of Marge Bozigar, Donna Flood, Hazel Baxter, Connie Davis, Dave and Michelle Martin, Michael Baxter, Christopher Kundel, Ron Bowser and Sally Denny with a big assist from John Borrows, our custodian. The boxes of candy are still \$10 for a full pound of Christmas fun.

The Power Authority Christmas trees that you see from the highway passing beneath have a First Baptist tree in their midst. The four downtown American Baptist Churches have a group of trees. The display goes into both sides of the PA exhibits and crosses the bridge. Photos from our church activities have been incorporated into our decor. Take a look out front of the church, on our church sign and note the invitation to Spanish speaking Baptists to

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"Counseling was never easy for Pastor Dan, and now the Pruitts, a mime couple, seek help."



"You mean we still have birthdays?"



"No, I do not accept the Big Bang Theory."



"What's your mother's maiden name?"



Why would anyone go to church now?

We need a place where we can talk about why mass shootings happen.

by *Martha Spong*

“Why would anyone go to church now?”

Our son wondered this, watching the news about the church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas. He has reached the age where he hears about the news at school, so we have become more open to having him hear and see things on TV, rather than trying to shield him from the hard things that happen. We need to be able to answer his questions ourselves. I don’t know if you have heard the common talk of seventh grade boys lately, but it definitely requires some counterinfluences.

“Why would anyone go to church now?” he asked us again. “The doors are unlocked! Anyone could come in.”

It’s true that in church we are a special flock of sitting ducks, focused in one direction, both physically and spiritually. I rarely look around in church, when I am sitting in the pews, other than when we pass the peace. I estimate how large a crowd is behind me by the sounds they make. I’m trying not to seem overly interested in who is late, or whose children are making noise; I’m trying to be a good pastor’s wife. Up front, as the pastor and preacher, it’s different. I’m counting heads, noting who is missing. But even then, I am not worrying about disaster, or I haven’t been, even though I know my wife, Kathryn, has a plan in case someone dangerous comes into the sanctuary.

Experts offering their two cents worth on cable news recommended that churches review their emergency plans and look into security systems of staffing appropriate to their size and situation. Maybe, they suggested, someone in the congregation is already wearing a weapon to worship.

I know this is true in some of my colleague’s congregations.

“Why would anyone go to church now?”

It’s not clear yet what the shooter’s relationship to religion was. His social media accounts were quickly archived, but not so fast that some bad actors didn’t have a chance to create alternative “likes” and loyalties for him. What does seem to be clear is that a man with a history of domestic violence threatened his mother-in-law, and then he shot up the church she attended. This morning the president suggested that had a neighbor not fired at the shooter, there might have been hundreds of deaths. A better guess is had he not been given chase, his next stop would have been his mother-in-law’s house.

“Why would anyone go to church now?”

We did our best to reassure our son, pointing out that the shooter did not choose a church at random. I’m not sure how comforting that is, really. How was a guy who cracked his infant stepson’s skull out on the street to do this? He choked his wife; he punched his dog. Why don’t we take these clusters of behavior seriously? We don’t because we undervalue harm done to women and children, and we overvalue white men and their chance of a future. This is magnified when we add race, sexual orientation, gender identity to the victim side of the equation. The permission given to this man to keep assaulting other people, the pattern of abuse he inflicted on others before Sunday, the ready availability of a weapon that can kill, terribly, so many people, so quickly—all these factors remain for other abusers, other men who cannot manage their anger or their disappointment or their frustration, who cannot resist the temptation of power and have the means available to deal out death.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24:15)

It might not be fair for me to make suggestions about what churches should do about their security when I am not serving one right now. Our own history as people of faith is problematic. Joshua and his house pledged to serve the Lord, but in the Promised Land, they used all their available weapons and powers to kill the people they saw as enemies, and to gain the land they wanted. They saw being the chosen ones as permission to deal out death. We should not be surprised that righteousness and

power have been confused and conflated throughout human history.

Why would anyone go to church now?

Our son doesn't drop his questions until he gets a satisfying answer, and he usually asks them again, just to be sure. We will go because it's what we do, just like we ride on a bike path, or go to the movies, or attend a concert. We will go because most of us cannot maintain the kind of hypervigilance required to be on watch at all times. We will go because we want to be with the people we know and love. We will go for solace, and solidarity.

That is not enough.

I'm not saying this is easy. In the United States, we worship our guns like no other nation in the world, and some will say more guns are the answer. I do not believe this. We need to be direct in saying the god of guns is a false god. As much as I believe Jesus is among the grieving, I believe he is also pressing on his church to engage with the powers and principalities and say "No more!" Our culture privileges the powerful; often our church culture does the same. Yet we know Jesus proclaimed a preferential option for people who are marginalized and oppressed. We need the church to be a place where we talk about why mass shootings happen. We need to have those conversations and let God be part of them. We need to decide whether the church will be not just a voice speaking but a body acting to bring change in human priorities and understanding. If we have any power left as an institution, we must work together for good, in Jesus's name.

I could stay screened here across the street, watching for unfamiliar vehicles and people, but I want more than the safe view from my window.

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.



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come in and worship. Many storm refugees from the south and Puerto Rico are in our area seeking refuge from extended damage due the fall hurricanes. Welcome to all.

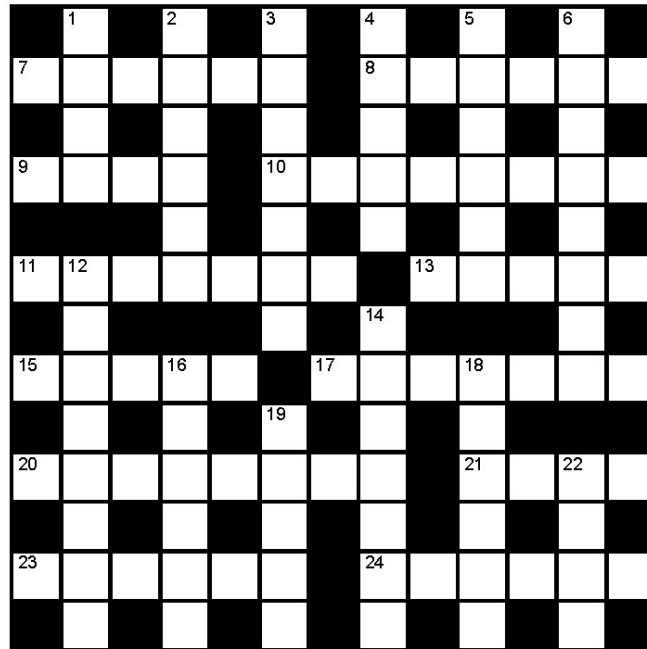
The Second Sunday lunch will be chicken and biscuits to be followed by the Gift of Music concert, *Christmas at First Baptist*, performed by James D. Flood at 2:00 PM. A reception follows the concert. We have the largest organ in Niagara County so invite your family and friends to attend.

Christmas Eve will be celebrated with a Festival of Lessons and Carols with special music at 5:30 PM and service at 6:00 PM. A variety of carols, Christmas songs and readings from all four Gospels conclude with the lighting of candles and singing "Silent Night". Bring friends and family to a very beautiful service. The Christmas season is also a time for giving. This year a family selected by Community Missions will receive our gifts. Check out the table in the Friendship Room for ages and needs of the family members. The Mitten Tree in the Friendship Room is a collection spot for winter gear and personal care items for children and adults for Community Missions.

Donna Flood
Moderator

Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

Amos



Across

- 7 "And it shall come to pass, if there _____ ten men in one house, that they shall die." Amos 6:9 (6)
- 8 The inhabitant from this place will be cut off. Amos 1:8 (6)
- 9 Judah has despised the law and not _____ the Lord's commandments. Amos 2:4 (4)
- 10 The LORD "_____ upon the high places of the earth." Amos 4:13 (8)
- 11 "Have ye _____ unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?" Amos 5:25 (7)
- 13 Describes wine. Amos 9:13 (5)
- 15 The LORD will "raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and _____ up the breaches thereof." Amos 9:11 (5)
- 17 "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and _____ I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Amos 4:12 (7)

- 20 Tyrus did not remember the brotherly _____. Amos 1:9 (8)
- 21 Edom's "anger did _____ perpetually." Amos 1:11 (4)
- 23 "Falsifying the balances by _____" was a practice used to cheat others out of money. Amos 8:5 (6)
- 24 "Will a lion roar in the _____, when he hath no prey?" Amos 3:4 (6)

Down

- 1 "And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there _____ yet three months to the harvest." Amos 4:7 (4)
- 2 There will be shouting in the day of _____. Amos 1:14 (6)
- 3 "And I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon _____ city." Amos 4:7 (7)
- 4 Without clothing. Amos 2:16 (5)

- 5 "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the _____ of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night." Amos 5:8 (6)
- 6 "That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the _____." Amos 5:9 (8)
- 12 Amos, a shepherd, said, "And the LORD took me as I _____ the flock ..." Amos 7:15 (8)
- 14 Give witness. Amos 3:13 (7)
- 16 "Thus hath the LORD GOD _____ unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit." Amos 8:1 (6)
- 18 "That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the _____ of Bethel." Amos 3:14 (6)
- 19 "Thus _____ the LORD ..." Amos 1:3 (5)
- 22 "The LORD repented for this: This _____ shall not be, saith the LORD GOD." Amos 7:6 (4)



OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY CORNER

During our 175th Anniversary Year (and probably beyond) we are delving into our archives to bring our wonderful past to light. In this sixth photograph:

- ❖ What changes can you spot?
- ❖ What part of the year is it? Where is it?
- ❖ After what year was the picture taken? What is in the picture that no longer exists?

ANSWERS: _____

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PICTURE: This is the Junior Choir pictured on the steps of the porch on the Fourth Street side of the church. Mrs. Arthur (Lillian) Batts, director. Picture was taken by Harts' Studio, located at 926 Michigan Avenue, Niagara Falls, who offered them for sale.

One Great Hour of Sharing funds released in response to California fires



VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/13/17)—In response to wildfires that have been raging throughout Northern California since Oct. 8, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), has released a \$5,000 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Emergency Disaster Relief Grant to ABCUSA's Growing Healthy Churches region.

"This will be an incredible ray of hope for our pastors to receive and be able to give to those in need," says Pam Breen, Growing Healthy Churches administrator. "What a blessing!"

According to reports from the region, the fires have consumed more than 152,789 acres, resulting in 23 fatalities, 436 missing persons and more than 3,500 homes and businesses destroyed. Winds have been spreading the fires, despite the containment efforts of more than 8,800 firefighters.

The region office will distribute funds to these California churches: CrossWalk Community Church, Napa; New Vintage Church, Santa Rosa; and First Baptist Church, Ukiah. Two of the churches are housing evacuees, while the third is partnering with a community evacuation center.

How you can help

Your prayers are appreciated for survivors, many of whom were forced to flee their homes with little other than the clothes on their backs. Many have no homes to which to return and have lost all their belongings. Your financial gifts will allow survivors to purchase necessities.

Donations can be made via your church; via credit card online through ABHMS' website at abhms.org > [Give Now](#); or check designated to "OGHS-No. CA Fires" and mailed to the attention of Kim Wilkins at American Baptist Home Mission Societies, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA, 19482-0851.

One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs. To ensure that your church receives credit for your gift, write the church name on your check or, if giving online, in the "comment" box.

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.

Kristy Engel Summer Update



Summer Spotlight: Cochabamba, Bolivia

Cochabamba, Bolivia is home to a ministry partner, the House of Hope (HOH). HOH and I began working together when I started my new role as Regional and then Global Consultant for Health. In Bolivia, the Quechua (kech-wah) and Iayamara (eye-uh-mara) indigenous peoples have been moving to major cities, like Cochabamba, over the last two decades and leaving their mountainous villages in the Andes. They arrive, often not speaking Spanish, having little money and little understanding of urban culture but hoping for a better life. Instead, they find people willing to take advantage of them, steal from them, indenture them and for women and children, they often end up living in the streets. The HOH, through their medical, dental, nutrition, agriculture, education, construction and social service outreach has been reaching the most desperate in the city of Cochabamba. As you continue to support me in ministry, you help make it possible for me to partner with and work alongside the many dedicated people in Bolivia. When you make a gift to the Health Care Project Fund, it will make monies available when partners, like the HOH need medications and supplies to serve those who visit them in mobile medical and dental clinics. Please consider a gift today!

Mobile Medical and Dental Clinics

House of Hope, Cochabamba, Bolivia

Once a year, I take a very small team of health care providers with me to work alongside the House of Hope medical outreach. We bring only vitamins and a few other over-the-counter medications with us, purchasing the majority of our medication from local pharmacies in the community. The mobile medical clinics are staffed by Bolivian doctors and one or two from my team (PA's, NP's, DO's or MD's) while a nurse or two will do intake and work in the pharmacy. My goal is that I never have more Americans on my team than there are Bolivians working with us. You might ask, why? I believe that we (my team) should come alongside the ministry and support the work that they do day in and day out when I'm not there. It makes no sense to me that I "run things" during my short visit. So, I go and support them. That's difficult to do if I outnumber them...then they have to support me! It is such a wonderful experience to share and work together, learn about some of the unique health challenges that face communities at 9000 ft. altitude with little access to water because of disappearing ice caps. They could see hundreds of patients each day but they choose to see about 50. They decided that when they see 50 patients, they can provide a better consultation, one that the patient would have received if they visited a doctor in their office. That is the goal; to treat the patients with dignity and care. I like working that way, too!

ABHMS announces new ministry, awards \$60,000 to ministries serving children in poverty

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/23/17)—At a luncheon event on Oct. 19, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) launched a new ministry—Rizpah’s Children—that seeks to address the issue of childhood poverty. The ministry connects a national network of partner organizations that serve children in low-income communities through locally-based interconnected, wraparound programs and services.

Noting that “Poverty is ubiquitous; poverty lives next door,” the Rev. Dr. Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett, Rizpah’s Children director, announced the network’s 2017 partners:

- Bob Burdette Center, an after-school program in Charleston, W.Va.;
- Youth Enrichment Program of Greater Cleveland, an after-school learning program in Ohio;
- JOYA Scholars, a higher education preparatory program for youth in low-income communities in Fullerton, Calif.; and
- Neighborhoods Focused on African American Youth, an academic support program based in Atlanta, Ga.

ABHMS Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggray and board President Dr. Clifford Johnson announced that ABHMS awarded grants totaling \$60,000—\$15,000 to each partner—to support their ministries.

“It takes more than one individual to make a difference in the lives of children in poverty,” said Johnson. “ABHMS is proud and excited about these new partners coming alongside us.”

Haggray added: “We are very excited about Rizpah’s Children and grateful for this vision being introduced today.”

Rizpah’s Children walks alongside its partner organizations by shining a light on their ministries to share models for duplication elsewhere; connecting partners with others engaged in similar work to share ideas, work processes and successes; coordinating pursuit of grants from large funders; and inviting partners to become part of a national platform that provides forums for sharing knowledge, leading webinars and offering workshops at national gatherings.

The ministry is named for the Bible’s Rizpah (2 Samuel 21:1-10), a woman who protected the slain bodies of seven children from wild animals. Turner-Triplett presented an inspiring inaugural sermon about Rizpah and the vision for the initiative, and she is developing content for a future Judson Press book on the themes and ministries of Rizpah’s Children.

Haggray also invited attendees to join ABHMS’ Passionary Movement, a growing number of those who partner with ABHMS who are passionate about the call of Christ and seek to respond to the call in some way.

Laura Alden, publisher, ABHMS and Judson Press, closed the event with a prayer by Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children’s Defense Fund, which included this supplication: “O God ... Help us to stand together and vote to make America just and right for all your children.”

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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.

ABHMS continues to support restoration of Puerto Rico with funds, supplies, visits

ABHMS staff members delivered solar chargers, among other needed items, to Puerto Rico.

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/20/17)—As three American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) staff members return to Puerto Rico this week, the organization affirms its commitment to its [“Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico”](#) multi-year initiative and continues its response to the damage wrought on the island by hurricanes Irma and Maria.

The staff members are Victoria Goff, associate director of Mission Advancement and Passionary Movement and director of Disaster Recovery for Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico; the Rev. Salvador Orellana, national coordinator of Latino Ministries and deputy director of Logistics and Relationships for Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico; and the Rev. Rothangliani Chhangte, senior associate, Strategic Initiatives and Relationships.

They will deliver additional supplies, provide encouragement and support to ABHMS partners in Puerto Rico, and continue to assess the damage in an effort to adequately respond to constantly changing needs.

“On my first trip to Puerto Rico after the hurricanes, one of the greatest needs was gasoline,” Orellana says. “Now water is a huge need.”

Because water in Puerto Rico is contaminated and unsafe for drinking, the team will deliver 100 filters for purifying water. They will also deliver 1,000 solar lights and 125 solar chargers. One hundred tarps previously shipped by ABHMS have already been received on the island.

Also, Church World Service (CWS) funded the following items and shipped them at ABHMS’ request: 2,550 school kits; 1,800 tubes of toothpaste; and 22,500 hygiene kits. This week ABHMS is shipping 500 tarps in sizes of 18-by-24 feet, 20-by-20 feet, and 20-by-30 feet, as well as tarp accessories. Slated to arrive in Puerto Rico by the end of the month is ABHMS’ shipment of 200 portable triple burners for cooking and 50 propane tanks.

In addition to the \$25,000 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Emergency Disaster-relief Grant and the \$25,000 ABHMS has pledged to match the grant, ABHMS has received \$72,845 in donations as of Sept. 30. To date, ABHMS spent \$80,000 in OGHS funds in support of Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico. Part of those funds—\$10,000—was transferred last week to Puerto Rico, where it was used to purchase food.

American Baptist women’s groups are helping by providing hygiene kits to Puerto Rico through CWS. In addition to encouraging American Baptist women to participate in CWS’ call for hygiene kits, American Baptist Women’s Ministries (ABWM) Executive Director Virginia Holmstrom encourages giving to Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico and to ABWM’s Women and Girls Mission Fund. “Because American Baptist women are known for giving over and above the normal channels of support,” Holmstrom says, “American Baptist Women’s Ministries has chosen to fund the 2018 budget of the region’s ABWM board—Ministerios de Mujeres Bautistas de Puerto Rico—from contributions to ABWM’s Women and Girls Mission Fund.”

Meanwhile, the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB), is working closely with Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico Executive Minister Dr. Roberto Dieppa-Báez to serve hurricane survivors by providing continuity of benefits to members through Premium Assistance for the Comprehensive Plan and providing emergency financial assistance for recovery and living expenses.

Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico includes 114 churches with approximately 25,000 congregants; nine missions; Corporación Milagros del Amor; and Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico. ABHMS is committed to restoring all of these entities, in addition to six of eight schools that sustained substantial damage.

Women's Retreat & Workshop

New Beginnings



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."
Jeremiah 29:11*

Saturday, January 13, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Held at **First Baptist Church**, 4th & Main St, Niagara Falls, NY

Led by Kathleen Ordiway

\$45.00 Includes:

Continental Breakfast, Buffet Lunch; booklet, handouts & surprises!

Join us for fun, relaxation, new and old friends, good food and a time to be revived!

Partial Scholarships Available

Retreats are non-denominational, Christian events

Questions or to RSVP, contact Kathleen, 716-213-7374 or kathordway@yahoo.com

Send your payment to: Kathleen Ordiway, 258-83rd St, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Cancellation Policy: Full refund less \$5 if cancelled up to 7 days before retreat.

Cancellations closer to the retreat will depend on filling your spot.

Check Return Fee: \$25 will be charged for any check returned.