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June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 ASCENSION SUNDAY 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching 4:00 - 6:00 First Fruits Gathering	3	4	5 12:15 Inasmuch lunch	6	7	1/8
9 DAY OF PENTECOST 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching 12:15 Second Sunday lunch 6:00 Bible Study	10	11 Barnabas, Apostle	12 7:00 Diaconate/ Trustees Meeting	13	14  Flag Day	15 Work Day
16 TRINITY SUNDAY 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i> 6:00 Bible Study Father's Day	17 Work Day	18	19	20	21  Summer Begins	22 Work Day
23 PENTECOST 2 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching 6:00 Bible Study	24 John the Baptist	25	26	27	28	29 Peter and Paul, Apostles
30 PENTECOST 5 10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching <u>NO</u> Bible Study	<p>➔ There's a lot going on in June: Bible Studies, Inasmuch lunch, Diaconate/Trustees Meeting, Second Sunday lunch, and not to mention three work days for the Sunday School.</p> <p>➔ Have you read the Annual Reports from the Annual Meeting yet? There's a lot of information in the articles. If you need a copy, call the office and we can mail one out to you.</p> <p>➔ Plan to come to the First Fruits Gathering June 2, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, sponsored by Erie/Niagara Falls ABW.</p>					



June Birthdays

- 5 Henry Buchalski
- 6 Eileen Palmer Wrobel
- 7 Jenny Brown
- 9 Connie Davis
- 10 Dorothy Jackson
- 22 Christeen Palmer Salimbene



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Stephan and Elizabeth Reisdorf, Helen Louise Bowser, Ron and Margie Blakely, William Cody, Carole and Hank Buchalski, Sara Gromniak, Janet Keebler, Gladys Lewis, our Church family, our missionaries, especially Carmella Jones, our Country and all those who serve our Country, and all Christians persecuted for their faith.



June 2 — Sunday — Ascension Sunday

- 10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship with Holy Communion
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM First Fruits Gathering

June 5 — Wednesday

- 12:15 PM Inasmuch Lunch

June 9 — Sunday — Pentecost

- 10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
- 12:15 PM Second Sunday lunch
- 6:00 PM Bible Study

June 12 — Wednesday

- 7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting

June 16 — Sunday — The Holy Trinity

- 10:00 AM Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
Third Sunday Food Collection
- 6:00 PM Bible Study

June 23 — Sunday — Pentecost 2

- 10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship
Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
- 6:00 PM Bible Study

June 30 — Sunday — Pentecost 3

- 10:00 AM Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Divine Worship
Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching
NO Bible Study



How about a new T-shirt for spring? We have a new shipment of T-shirts with First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York, imprinted on them below the "I Love My Church" slogan.

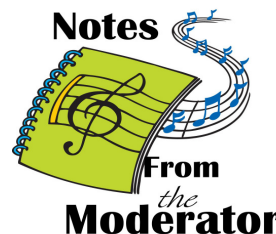
Sizes available are Large and Extra Large (they will shrink a little).

Only \$10.00 each

No shipping or tax.

Call the Church office (282-4666) or see Jim Flood or any trustee after church on Sunday.

Notes



May was a super busy month. We celebrated Mother's Day with a lovely brunch before the service and carnations were given to all the ladies. June will bring us a Father's Day event. In May we also had our Sacred Sites **Open House** with tours around this architecturally significant building. The **Annual Meeting** was held on the same weekend with the reports filed and elections held to keep our church records up to date. The officers, diaconate, and trustees were elected and we thank Jim Flood for making the Annual Church Meeting booklet.

Looking forward into this wet muddy spring, flower planting will be schedule weather permitting. Last year's display will be hard to beat and all efforts will be made to make it happen.

Roof repairs due to storm damage are ahead. Estimates have been made, pictures taken and the insurance company contacted. Keeping 20,000 square feet dry is the challenge. Other building issues include the conclusion of the internal ramp renewal. We've all watched the week by week improvements and now the project is nearly finished. There will be a new coat rack to match the ramp as the finishing touch.

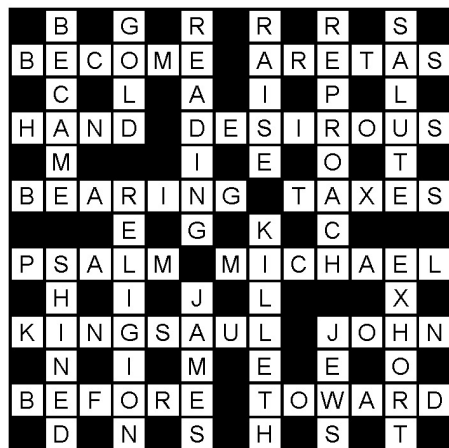
The second floor of the Education Wing is also getting a re-do because our Sunday School needs more room! Did you ever think you'd see that good news? Sunday School has a lot of young students led by Katona and Lydia Hoopsick with a hand from Jenn Benn and need more room. The curtains will be replaced, the furniture cleaned and rearranged and supplies re-organized. Happy days!

Graduation is this month, if you have a graduate to be honored, call the office. Looking even further ahead, the Rummage Sale date will be July 5 & 6. We'll do a grand sweep clean out when it's over and the Community Missions and Heart, Love, & Soul will be contacted. We accept clean, reusable items, no electronics, and housewares. Contact the church office if you need a pick up.

Donna Flood
Moderator

Last Month's Crossword Answers

2 Corinthians





"Acme pizza? Your ad says you deliver anywhere ..."



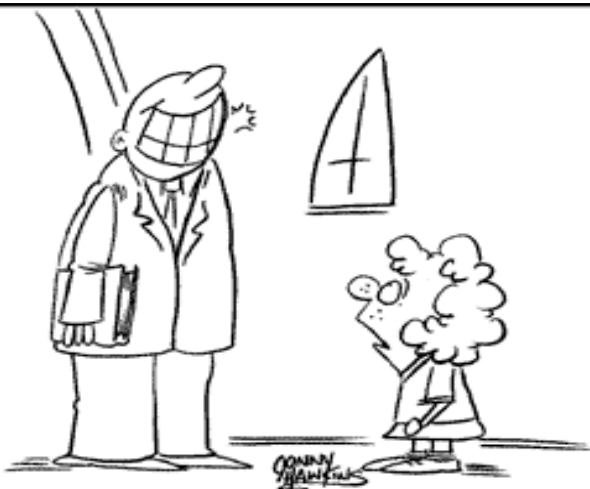
Pastor Percy grew weary of the previous pastor's open door policy.



"The pastor's taking a personal day? You mean pastor's have personal lives?"



"Welcome to our traditional service."



"I asked about the Pearly Gates, not your Pearly Whites!"



"We enjoy your visits, Pastor Bob, but your sense of humor is disturbing."



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Your generous donation to the Church World Service Blankets program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares."

We are deeply grateful for your support. Because of your compassion,

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- People struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table – and take it to market.
- Vulnerable children have access to clean, safe water and the nutritional food essential to growth, development and life itself.

On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you. Please accept this Blankets certificate honoring your vital partnership with CWS in building a world where there is enough for all.

Sincerely,

Rev. John L. McCullough
President and CEO
Church World Service

P. S. To find out more about the individuals, families and communities you're helping, please read the most recent **Impact Report** enclosed here, or visit <https://cwsblankets.org/>.

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CWS KITS | CWS BLANKETS

IMPACT REPORT: 2018

The CWS Kit and Blanket Programs are two of the many ways Church World Service shares in a hope-filled tomorrow. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of children and families the world over. Here are some of the places Church World Service has provided kits & blankets through your support of this program.

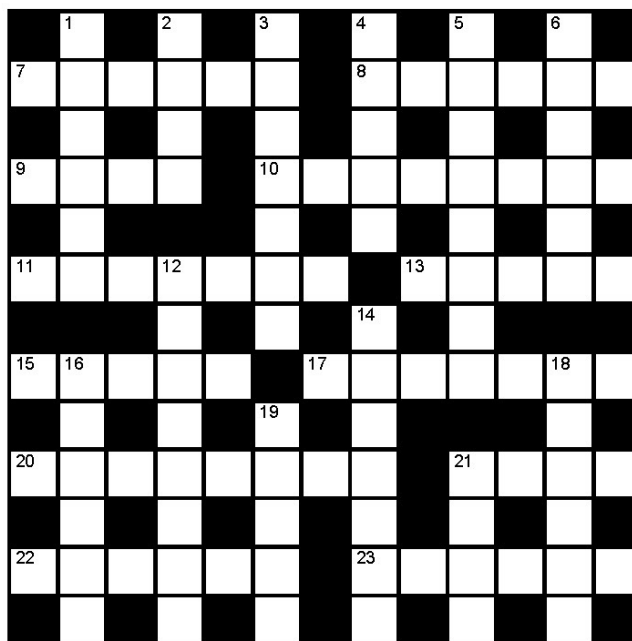


TOTAL KITS AND BLANKETS DISTRIBUTED GLOBALLY: **174,041**

**CWS**Church World Service | cwskits.org | cwsblankets.org

Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

Galatians



Across

- 7 Paul's calling was to _____ Christ among the heathen. Gal 1:16 (6)
- 8 "And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the _____ of God." Gal 6:16 (6)
- 9 "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not _____ the truth ... " Gal 3:1 (4)
- 10 The amount of years Paul waited before returning again to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus. Gal 2:1 (8)
- 11 Jesus taught with this type of lesson. (7)
- 13 "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the _____?" Gal 4:16 (5)
- 15 King who killed John the Baptist. (5)
- 17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found _____, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid." Gal 2:17 (7)

- 20 Feeling or showing sorrow or remorse for sin (8)
- 21 "I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and _____ himself for me." Gal 2:20 (4)
- 22 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ _____ in me." Gal 2:20 (6)
- 23 One of the 12 disciples. (6)

Down

- 1 "Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into _____, and returned again unto Damascus." Gal 1:17 (6)
- 2 "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of _____; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." Gal 3:16 (4)
- 3 What Ruth did when Boaz told her she could glean from his field in Ruth 2:10. (3,4)

- 4 A Greek companion of Paul. Gal 2:3 (5)
- 5 "Now we, _____, as Isaac was, are the children of promise." Gal 4:28 (8)
- 6 To turn away from sin. (6)
- 12 Plural form of the word that Paul uses to describe himself in Gal 1:1. (8)
- 14 We are not to use this word, meaning freedom, as an excuse to sin. Gal 5:13 (7)
- 16 The Hebrew name for the Lord. (6)
- 18 "But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be _____ed." Gal 3:23 (6)
- 19 "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I _____ live unto God." Gal 2:19 (5)
- 21 What we should do to all men, especially to those in the household of faith. Gal 6:10 (4)

OUR HISTORY CORNER



We are delving into our archives to bring our wonderful past to light. Read the answer below to last month's picture. This month is a very familiar face!

- ❖ Who is in the picture?
- ❖ What was the occasion?
- ❖ When was the picture taken?
- ❖ Where was the picture taken?

ANSWERS: _____

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PICTURE: ABW luncheon. Late 40's or early 50's.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Education Updates

This is an exciting time for our Church! So, you may have heard the pitter patter of little footsteps around lately. God has blessed us with a Sunday School full of children! We have spent some time getting to know one another, and we have started getting down to learning our people of the bible and some bible verses. We are planning some exciting things for summer and have been invited to New Hope Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars, Bible school is July 8th – 12th and they will pick up the kids and bring them home. Anyone that would like to volunteer to help, let me know.

We are already growing out of our space. Thank God we have friends! The American Baptist Women of Erie and Niagara Falls is taking on the task of remodeling another room for us to begin using. Any and all help will be appreciated. We will need water bottles to keep our workers hydrated and maybe even snacks to keep their energy up. Or, you can grab a paintbrush or give your muscles a workout by moving things around. Our work days are: June 15th, June 17th, and June 22nd. Let's show our children that when there is a need we can pull together as a family and take care of it. If you would like to start bringing in water, that would be great, then we will be able to see what we need.

Kath and I are going to go check out Camp Vic on June 8th. We are hoping that we can swing a camping trip for some of the older children this summer. We are going to see what they have available and see if it is something that we can swing. So...no promises yet!

Get ready....in September, we will begin a 10am Sunday School. I am looking forward to having more time with the children. They are a wonderful group of kids and I love watching them develop lasting friendships. Lydia and I have enjoyed getting to know your children and look



forward to what God has in store for us. We would also like to give a huge THANK YOU to our friend, Jenn Benn. She has been visiting our Sunday School class and has helped us keep things in order.

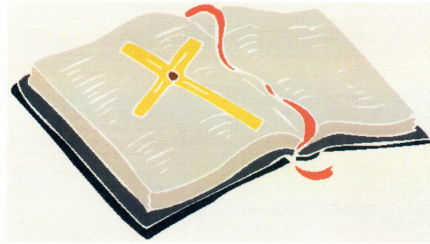
Please remain in prayer for our program and that God works through us to teach his word.

Prayerfully,

Katona Hoopsick
Education Director



Bible Study



Most Sunday Evenings
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In the Church Friendship Room

Currently studying: Romans



Candid shots of some of our newest members at Second Sunday lunch.



Erie / Niagara Falls

First Fruits Gathering
Sunday, June 2, 2019, 4 – 6 p.m.

All (women, men, children) are invited to this Gathering of Fun, Food and Fellowship

To be held at First Baptist Church
554 Main St, Niagara Falls 14301

And organized by the Erie / Niagara Falls American Baptist Women

Please register by Tuesday, May 28th, by returning the below form to the address above.

Questions? Call Geri Daniels at 816-5948

Name: _____

Church: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____ Names and ages of those attending with you:

