



TOWER TOPICS

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NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Epiphany (Observed) 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship with Communion 5:00 L.I.F.E.	2	3	4 12:15 Inasmuch luncheon	5	6 Epiphany	7
8 Baptism of Our Lord 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Second Sunday lunch	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Second Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i>	16 	17	18 2:00 – 4:00 ABW	19	20	21
22 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Church Budget meeting	23  Chinese New Year	24	25 7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees meeting	26	27	28
29 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00 Sunday School and Adult Class 11:00 Divine Worship	30	31	➔ The Church budget meeting is January 22. Plan to attend. ➔ There are plenty of pecans, walnuts and cashews left in the Church Office. Plan to pick up a package or two next Sunday.			



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JANUARY 2012 SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH

Sunday	1/01	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Wednesday	1/04	Inasmuch Luncheon
Sunday	1/08	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:15 Second Sunday Lunch
Sunday	1/15	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Wednesday	1/18	2:00 ABW Meeting
Sunday	1/22	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:15 Annual Budget Mtg
Wednesday	1/25	7:00 Trustees/Diaconate Mtg
Sunday	1/29	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

January Birthdays

5	Ken Bowser
13	Sara Gromniak
14	James Flood
22	Betty Richardson
22	Gisela Scott

Please continue to pray for: Carole Buchalski; Marge Blakely; Mary Saul; Mark Clark; Paul Ordiway; Margaret Payne; Dawn Schutz; Mike Gunther; Tara Clifton; Judy Einstein, Jack Mercer, Bertha and Harold Bissell, our Church Family; our Country and all those who serve our Country.

A note from Mary Metke announcing the birth of John Ralph McKenzie born on December 1 to Laura and Michael McKenzie. Grandparents are Nelson and Mary Metke and proud Great Nana Mary Saul. We are happy for the family. Mary Saul is not doing well and is now under nursing care. We send our love and prayers.

SECOND SUNDY LUNCH

January 8, 2012
12:15 P.M.

Chicken and Biscuits
Adults \$5.00
Children \$3.00

FUND RAISER

The ABW group will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18th, from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. at Betty Richardson's house.

From the Moderator...

The diaconate/trustees approved expenditure for new chairs for the Friendship Room from funds donated to the Memorial Fund. Three new chairs have been purchased to replace older chairs and they will be in place shortly. They are heirloom chairs, made by the Amish, and should last for 100 years!

Our Mission (Mitten) Tree was overflowing and all the scarves, mittens, and hats were on their way to the Community Mission. It was a colorful sight that we enjoyed as part of our giving back during the Christmas season. As the season winds down, we thank Fred Jenson for the time he spent at First Baptist and wish him well in his writing career. It was a joy to see his young family and hear his messages.

Preaching on first and third Sundays, Kathleen Ordiway has agreed to further serve First Baptist Church. The diaconate/trustees have invited Kathleen to preach starting the fifth Sunday of January through our annual meeting in May. She is exploring regular preaching, deepening her faith, and the path to ordination. The Rev. Wes Bourdette will

continue to preach the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

On Christmas Day we welcomed a new member to our congregation. Neal Jacobs was received as a new congregant with the Right Hand of Fellowship. He was baptized previously and had attended the class for membership. We welcome new members (it's one of the best parts about being your Moderator) and encourage those who have been thinking about it to speak to Kathleen Ordiway or myself.

It seems as though health problems are more numerous at Holiday time and during the winter. There are privacy protocols that all hospitals and similar institutions follow regarding visitors. If you want pastoral visits, you must list your church membership on the intake forms and make your desires known. Spiritual counseling during illness is needed by the patient and the family to speed recovery and acceptance of whatever happens. If you have a family member who becomes suddenly ill and needs a visit, call the church office to make arrangements. Room numbers and phone numbers of the patient may change and friends, family, and the pastor need to be in the loop.

Have you ever wanted to participate more fully in our Sunday services? There will be a training session for ushering and serving communion soon. The time will be announced in the bulletin and Hazel has graciously consented to pass on her knowledge. Newcomers are welcome to sign up.

There are plenty of pecans, walnuts and cashews left at the church. You are welcome to stop in and buy a package or two. These are great for snacking or using for baking purposes. Try them. You'll like them.

"We remember with love and give with gratitude". The envelopes enclosed with the Tower this month are for our way of saying thank you to the ministers who have given their life to teaching and preaching. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering is a means of giving back to them "with love and gratitude".

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
NEW
YEAR**

