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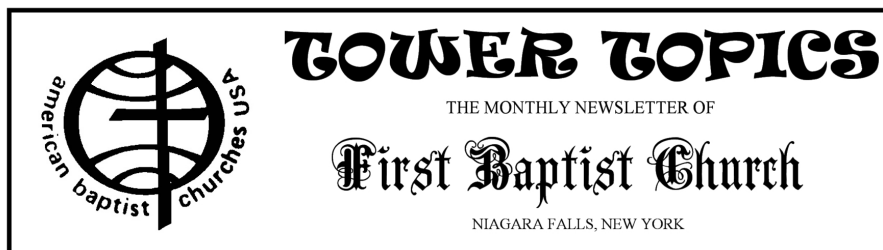
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Niagara Falls, New York 14301

June 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rummage Sale ✓ Spires ✓ Restoration work ✓ Refurbishment ✓ Thank God for our vitality! | | | | | 1 --- RUMMAGE 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | 2 SALE ----- 9:00 AM – 12 Noon |
| 3 TRINITY SUNDAY 11:00 Divine Worship with Communion 5:00 L.I.F.E. | 4 | 5 | 6 12:15 Inasmuch | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Second Sunday lunch | 11 | 12 | 13 7:00 Diaconate/ Trustees meeting | 14  Flag Day | 15 | 16 |
| 17 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11:00 Divine Worship  Fathers' Day | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21  Summer begins | 22 | 23 |
| 24 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 Breakfast for Everyone 11:00 Divine Worship | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



JUNE 2012
SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH

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| Fri-Saturday | 6/1-2 | 9:00 Rummage Sale |
| Sunday | 6/3 | 11:00 Worship service 5:00 L.I.F.E. Program |
| Wednesday | 6/6 | 12:15 Inasmuch Luncheon |
| Sunday | 6/10 | 11:00 Worship Service 12:15 2 nd Sunday Luncheon |
| Wednesday | 6/13 | 2:00 ABW Meeting |
| Sunday | 6/17 | 11:00 Worship Service |
| Sunday | 6/24 | 10:00 Breakfast for All 11:00 Worship Service |

June Birthdays

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| 6 | Eileen Palmer |
| 9 | Connie Davis |
| 10 | Dorothy Jackson |
| 22 | Joanne Coons |
| 22 | Christeen Palmer Salimbene |

Please continue to pray for: Carole Buchalski; Marge and Ron Blakely; Mark Clark; Paul Einstein; Paul Ordiway; Margaret Payne; Hal Faba; Dawn Schutz; Mike Gunther; Tara Clifton; Judy Einstein; Jack Mercer; Gladys Lewis; Bertha and Harold Bissell; our Church Family; our country and all those who serve our Country. Also, our sympathy to Marge Blaekley on death of her sister, Jean Neyerlin.

Lost and found: a very pretty green and gold small size ring. Could be a child's size or little finger. Pick up in office.

L.I.F.E.

“HELLO SUMMER”
June 3, 2012
5:00 P.M.

Potluck
Bring a dish to pass
Sign up in the Friendship Room

Lively, Interesting Fellowship for Everyone

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Migrant Kits. They were taken to Newfane Baptist Church and will be distributed to local Migrant Workers.

Betty Richardson

From the Moderator...

On an enclosed page in Tower Topics is information about International Ministries' missionary, Kristy Engle who works in La Romana in the Dominican Republic. A form is attached for your consideration for a donation towards her work as a tear off slip. If you wish to contribute, write the check to International Ministries, fill out the form and send it in to International Ministries. It is a special offering over and above anything else you contribute to them which will be matched. This special drive ends July 31. Check our church web site for a link to Kristy and her work.

Camp Vick is a Baptist camp for children and families with a schedule posted on the church bulletin board. I am also attaching a list of camp dates in Tower Topics. Children or grandchildren of church members who attend LIFE on Sunday

evenings are eligible for a “campership” from First Baptist Church. Our church will pay half the fee for children to attend so let us know if your young Christian wants to attend.

Internal and external renovations are continuing. June will be the start of the repair on the external wall and tower on the Main Street side of the building. Ajax-Smith is our repair and restore contractor. See Jim Flood’s article for interesting details. The basement ladies room is completed with its new light blue walls, white ceilings, and black trim at the base. We’re all enjoying the bright clean appearance of the new vanities and sinks, soap dispensers, paper dispensers and mirrors. We’re looking forward to seeing the men’s room restoration later this spring, after that, the back hall!

Many thanks to those who contributed rummage for our June 1 & 2 Rummage Sale. Thanks also go to the “Rummagers”, Marge Bozigar, Hazel Baxter, Donna Flood and Connie Davis for the sorting, folding and selling of the goods. A special thanks go to Chuck Compton for his help with the cleanup. At this writing, it hasn’t been determined where the unsold items are going, so stay tuned for further developments.

Our Annual Meeting was held May 27 and the ballots were cast, marked and counted. All propositions passed and all candidates for office were approved. Our thank you to Jim Flood and Peggy Tompkins, our hard working church secretary for getting the Annual Reports printed. Copies of our new By-Laws will be on the table in the Friendship Room for church members. A special thank you goes to Kathleen Ordiway and Hazel Baxter for their assistance in word smithing the document and to members of the Diaconate/ Trustees for their input. Many lively discussions were held over the various sections that gave a clear idea of who we are as a congregation and how we will conduct ourselves in the future. Copies of all the sets of past By-Laws will be kept in the office and the Historical Room for the use of members.

The Memorial Books are now up to date and on the table in the Friendship Room for inspection. Our thank you go to Carol Buchalski for her stewardship

of this effort. It was a lot of work bringing the books up to date and it brought back many memories of those members who have passed.

Heavenly Spires

The month of June is going to be a very busy one around the church. We start off with the rummage sale and then the rest of the month will see activity both inside and out. On the inside we are starting the refurbishment and painting of the Men’s Room downstairs. The Ladies’ Room is now complete. If you haven’t seen it, please take a look. The comments so far are “beautiful,” and “lovely,” among others. New automatic paper towel dispensers in all the rest rooms is another nice touch.

Now to the outside. This summer the Main Street side of the church is having the bricks repointed and replaced as necessary. The Roman style bricks of the original church are no longer made and are hard to find, but our contractor, Ajax-Smith of Tonawanda, is able to do the job in an historically accurate fashion.

Another point of interest is that old photographs show that originally the tower and south side of the church had Victorian stylistic spires on each corner. Over the years they were taken off, possibly due to deterioration. As part of our project, spires, painted to match rest of the trim, will be placed on the corners of the tower and south side of the building, and once again point towards Heaven.

These new spires are being manufactured in Georgia and cost \$158.00 each. We already have two of the six spoken for as gifts and are looking for four more donations to cover the remaining spires. Just send in a check or drop one in the offering plate marked “spires.” Of course they may be designated as a memorial gift.

Once the work starts make sure to stop by the church and see the 66-foot man lift high up on the Main Street side as we continue to responsibly maintain our historically significant 122-year old church building.
