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## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

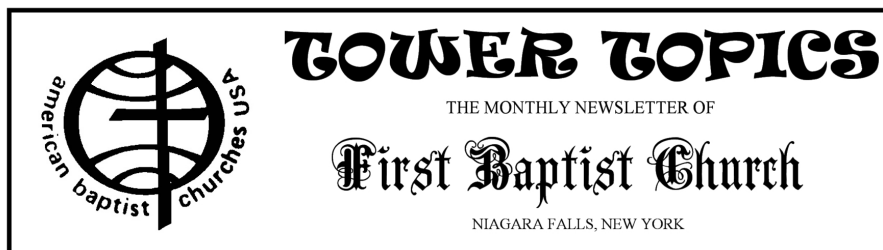
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# October 2012

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                                  | Saturday   |
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| <p>☛ The Rummage Sale is coming up. Anything else to bring in?</p> <p>☛ Have you signed up for the Women's Retreat?</p>  | 1  | 2       | 3<br><br>12:15 Inasmuch at The Flood's   | 4   | 5                                       | 6<br><br>8:30 to 5:00<br>American Guild of Organists Workshop            |
| <p><b>7</b> 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>10:00 Adult Class<br/>11:00 Worship with Communion<br/>12:15 Membership/Baptism Class<br/>1:30 Crop Walk<br/>5:00 L.I.F.E.</p> | 8<br><br><br>Columbus Day | 9       | 10<br><br>7:00 Diaconate/ Trustees meeting   | 11  | 12<br><br>>>>>RUMMAGE SALE 9 AM to 3 PM | 13<br><br>SALE <<<<<<<<< 9 AM to Noon<br>WOMEN'S RETREAT 9:30 AM TO 4 PM |
| <p><b>14</b> 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>10:00 Adult Class<br/>11:00 Worship<br/>12:15 Second Sunday lunch</p>   | 15   | 16      | 17   | 18  | 19                                      | 20   |
| <p><b>21</b> 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p> <p>10:00 Adult Class<br/>11:00 Worship<br/>12:15 Membership/Baptism Class</p>  | 22   | 23      | 24   | 25  | 26                                      | 27   |
| <p><b>28</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>10:00 Adult Class<br/>11:00 Worship<br/>12:15 Membership/Baptism Class</p>  | 29   | 30      | 31<br><br><br>Halloween | <p>☛ Look around the church at all we have accomplished this year. We can be justifiably proud of our church and worship space.</p> <p>☛ Note the Jeanette Heasley is leading an Adult Class at 10:00 AM Sunday mornings. Join the gathering for coffee and stimulating discussion.</p> |   |  |



## OCTOBER SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH

|           |       |  |
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| Wednesday | 10/3  | Inasmuch Lunch at Floods                           |
| Sunday    | 10/07 | 11:00 Worship Service<br>5:00 L.I.F.E.             |
| Wednesday | 10/10 | 7:00 Diaconate/Trustees Mtg                        |
| Sunday    | 10/14 | 11:00 Worship Service<br>12:15 Second Sunday Lunch |
| Sunday    | 10/21 | 11:00 Worship Service                              |
| Sunday    | 10/28 | 10:00 Breakfast for All<br>11:00 Worship Service   |

### October Birthdays

|    |                    |
|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Donna Clark        |
| 4  | Marguerite Blakely |
| 30 | Margaret Payne     |

Please continue to pray for Gisela Scott, Gladys Lewis, Ron and Marge Blakely, Paul Ordiway, Margaret Payne, Dawn Schutz, Mike Gunther, Robert Hogan, Tara Clifton, Jody Einstein, Bertha and Harold Bissell, our Church family, our Country and all those who serve our Country.

ABW Ministries invite you to Brighton Baptist Church on October 2, 6:00-8:00P.M. for a pot luck dinner to pass (dessert provided). The special speaker is Chelsea Crane, "Mission Trip to Nepal" the topic. Women, Men and Teens are invited.

### L.I.F.E.

October 7, 2012

"Fantastic Fall"

5:00 P.M.

Pot Luck

Bring a dish to pass

Sign up in the Friendship Room

PLEASE help us to meet our **White Cross Challenge** by placing your "extra pennies" in our penny jar. The jar is on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Many Thanks! Carole

From the Moderator...

A new series of Membership classes will be starting in September. Kathleen Ordiway and Jim Flood will be leading the series which will begin on September 16 after church and continue on September 23, October 7, October 14, and October 21 and concludes on October 28<sup>th</sup>. If you or a family member wishes to join our congregation the classes are the start and will conclude with the extending of the Right Hand of Fellowship at a Sunday service. The classes include faith information and discussion as well as how Baptists are unique in structure and belief. Having been to these classes, I found them uplifting and revive faith and energy for good works.

Rally Day is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Last spring's annual meeting elected officers and Diaconate and trustee members who will be dedicated to service during the worship service. A list of committees and their members is now posted on the bulletin board reflecting our By-Law changes last spring.

Our mission for September is World Mission and its

theme is “Hear the Call”. By supporting World Mission we are helping International Ministries’ global servants and more than 220 Christian Partner Organizations. If anyone is interested in a mission trip overseas, I have information to share with contact names and website. Global partners include hospitals and clinics, seminaries and churches, schools and orphanages. See the back page of Tower Topics for more information.

The Basket Auction date is November 2 at the Elks behind the Niagara Outlet. Baskets to be filled are under the table in the Friendship Room. Pick a theme, fill them up and bring them in when they’re ready.

Gifts of goods and finances given to the church in honor or in memory of family and friends will be dedicated on the first Sunday of November (All Saints Day). The Memorial Books completed by Carole Buchalski are on display at the back of the church in the display case.

Local mission of food donations are ongoing for the Heart, Love and Soul mission. Bring canned or dried food items and personal care products in on the Third Sunday of each month. They will be taken when the baskets are filled to their food pantry. Your donations will be placed on the shelves for those in need.

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### **Our new Paschal Candle**

Up next to the Communion Table you may have noticed our new Paschal Candle. The tall candle on a tall stand is symbolic of Christ, the Paschal Lamb. This special large candle is decorated with symbols of Christ the Good Shepherd. The candle is only lit during the Easter season and also for weddings (when the Communion Table and antependia are White). It is a reminder to us of Christ the Good Shepherd, the sacrificial lamb. The idea of the sacrificial lamb is an old one deep in the Hebrew religion, when a goat was tied up and then released out into the wilderness to carry the sins of the people with it. The symbolism is very ancient and very meaningful in the Judeo/Christian tradition. When you have a moment, study the candle up close to fully take in the symbolism and deep meaning.

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It’s always hard saying good-bye to old friends but good to say we won’t forget you. We probably will be dropping by to visit!!

Paul and Betty Einstein are moving across State the end of October to be nearer to Chris (son #3) and family. New address will be available at a later date. Hey Einsteins – our love goes with you.

Your Church Family

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