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# November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>★ November, the last month of the Church year, is going to be a busy one. Starting off on the first Sunday – All Saints – with the reading of the necrology and ending on the last Sunday with Christ the King and the Hanging of the Greens.</p> <p>★ November is candy making month, also. This is a major fund raiser for us. Start talking to your friends and family about our delicious “secret recipe” walnut butter crunch. We take pre-orders. We’re holding the line on \$10.00 a box</p>				<b>1</b>  <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	<b>2</b>  10:00 Men’s Coffee Time 	<b>3</b>
<b>4 ALL SAINTS DUNDAY</b>  10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching 6:00 First Fruits Family Service <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>ELECTION DAY</b> Bake Sale at Niagara Frontier Fire Hall	<b>7</b>  12:15 Inasmuch luncheon	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  10:00 Men’s Coffee Time 	<b>10</b>
<b>11 PENTECOST 25</b>  10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Rev. Dr. Charles Lamb, preaching 12:15 Second Sunday lunch	<b>12</b>  Office Closed 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  7:00 Diaconate/ Trustees Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  10:00 Men’s Coffee Time 	<b>17</b>
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<b>25 CHRIST THE KING</b>  10:00 Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship Catherine Chambers, preaching 12:15 Hanging of the Greens	<b>26</b>  9 - 12 Candy Making	<b>27</b>  9 - 12 Candy Making	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Andrew, Apostle</b> 10:00 Men’s Coffee Time 	



## November Birthdays

1	Sarah Denney
4	Lorraine Kaiser
10	David Martin
18	Jennifer McGrath
29	Charles Compton
29	Debra Heller



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for the Rhodes family, Ron and Margie Blakely, William Cody, Carole and Hank Buchalski, 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.



### November 4 — Sunday — Pentecost 24

#### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

10:00 AM	Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship with Holy Communion <i>The Reading of the Necrology</i> Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching
6:00 PM	First Fruits Family Service

### November 6 — Tuesday — Election Day

Bake Sale at Niagara Frontier Fire Hall  
Call Donna (759-6442) about baking

### November 7 — Wednesday

12:15 PM	Inasmuch Lunch
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### November 11 — Sunday — Pentecost 25

10:00 AM	Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lamb, preaching
12:15 PM	Second Sunday Lunch

### November 14 — Wednesday

7:00 PM	Diaconate/Trustees Meeting
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### November 18 — Sunday — Pentecost 26

10:00 AM	Bible Study and Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Rev. Kathleen A. Ordiway preaching <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i>

### November 22 — Thursday — THANKSGIVING

No service, but read: Joel 2:21-27;  
Psalm 126; I Timothy 2:1-7;  
Matthew 6:25-33

### November 25 — Sunday — Pentecost 27

#### CHRIST THE KING

10:00 AM	Bible Study & Pre-service Fellowship
11:00 AM	Divine Worship Ms Catherine Chambers, preaching



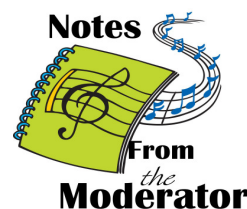
How about a new T-shirt for fall? We have a new shipment of T-shirts with First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York, imprinted on them below the “I Love My Church” slogan.

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.



The busy month of October contained the Fall Rummage Sale, Crop Walk, and the vote to ratify Reverend Kathleen Ordiway as our Pastor, part time. Thank you to all those who donated rummage and the rummagers who earned over \$400 from the sale. Our rummagers were Connie Davis, Hazel Baxter, Marge Bozigar, Donna Flood and Cheryl Taylor. We also sold chicken chowder which may be a new favorite recipe from Martha’s Vineyard. Anything that starts with bacon has to be good.

More thanks go to all who donated to the Crop Walk which was started at Bacon Memorial this year. We raised \$190 from our church and both Rev. Kath and Donna did the walk which started at Bacon, went to 53<sup>rd</sup> St., over to Hooker dock, east on the River Walk, under the Grand Island bridges, back around to Buffalo Ave and ending at Bacon Memorial. A small number of people did the walk and thanked our hosts for beverages and treats.

On October 14 we unanimously voted the Reverend Kathleen Ordiway as our Pastor, part time, which is a title change to reflect the job that she was already doing. Having pastoral leadership is important for growth and direction.

Get out the baking pans and the recipes for our Bake Sale on Election Day, November 6, at the Niagara Frontier Fire Hall. Enlist friends and family to concoct tasty treats for voters. The sale starts early on that Tuesday and we stay until we’re sold out. If you need a pick up, call the office and arrange a time. While you’re thinking about elections, be a responsible citizen and vote. There’s a lot going on in the world and it’s important to vote your conscience.

Supporting missions has been important in our Christian lives. Consider putting December 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar to help and or attend our Christmas Bazaar. Crafts and more will be featured in our gym. Rummage, soups and chowder will be on sale so come and support our crafters, rummagers and cooks. Tables for crafters are available, see Donna or Kath.

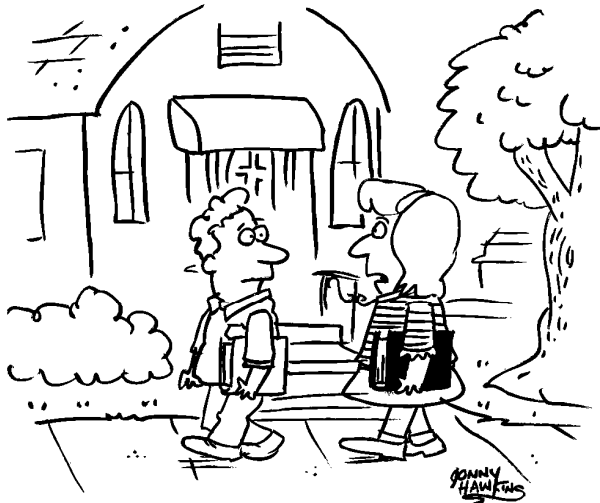
Our Sunday services are preceded by a Bible Study led by Chris Taylor which is followed by inspirational music, scripture, and sermons to uplift and support congregants of all ages. Invite friends and family to come with you and spread the spirit to all you know, work with or live close by. Change is coming to our neighborhood and let that change be a positive force for Christianity.

*Donna Flood,*

## Last Month’s Crossword Answers

### Matthew

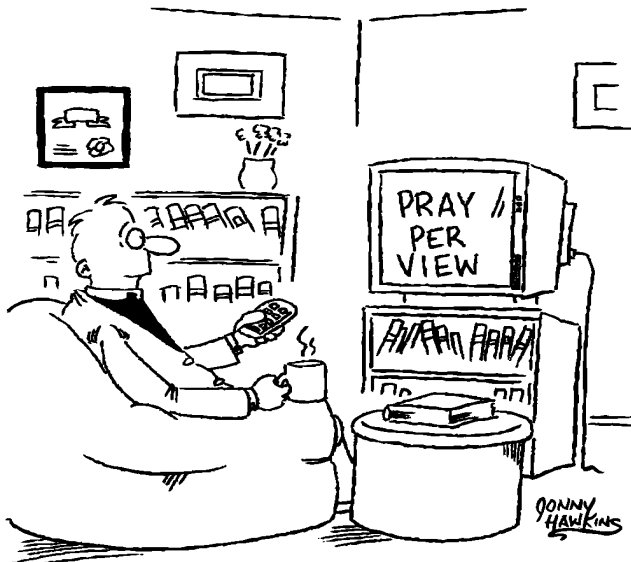
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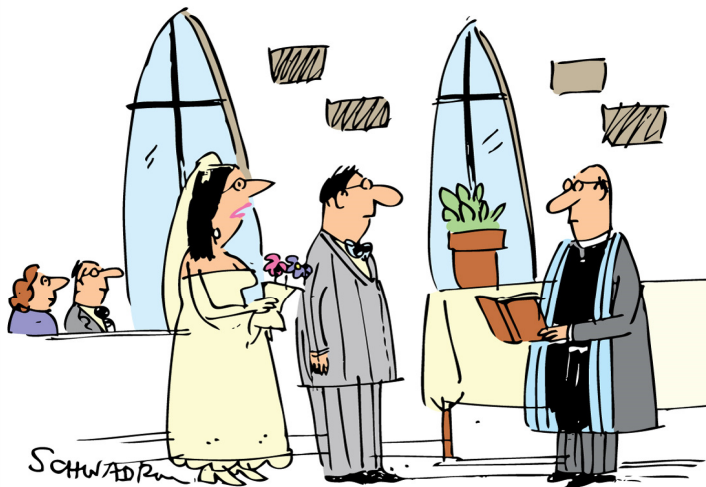
"They must have had some form of email.  
The Apostle Paul wrote the epistles."



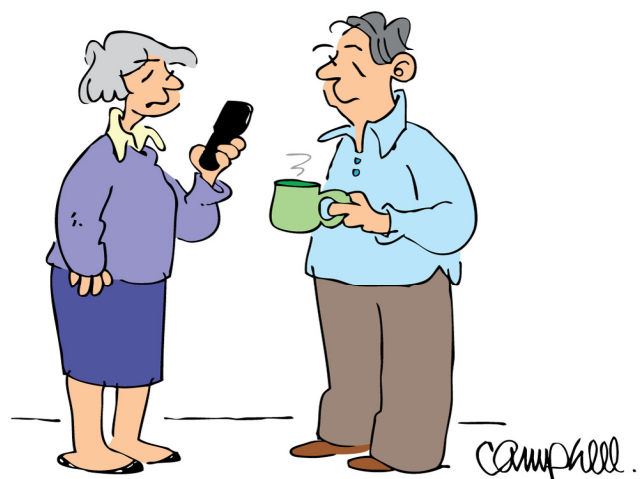
Jesus — the original child advocate



"I don't know all the Ten Commandments.  
The only ones I remember are 'settle down,'  
'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth.'"



"Was that until death do us part,  
or DEBT do us part?"



"Every call I make to Pastor Bob goes  
to still small voice mail."



International Ministries (IM) is excited to announce that Joyce Bagiraneza and the Rev. Marc Kirchoff, D.Min., joined the IM staff as donor advisors on August 1, 2018.

As part of the Development team, they join current IM Donor Advisor Karen Horsman of Plainfield, Indiana, and **Senior Director of Development the Rev. Ray Schooler of Amherst, New York.**

Donor advisors are the field staff that connect in person with individuals and reach out to churches across the country. The Development staff seeks to build meaningful relationships at the regional and individual level and provides other connections with International Ministries.

Personal engagement with individuals, congregations and church groups is one of the best ways for growing, renewing and acquiring new friends who have a passion for supporting international mission through the ministry of IM's global servants and partners.

**REMEMBER: THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS  
OUR ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE.  
BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD.  
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY WE WILL DEDICATE  
THE PLEDGES.**

**Our theme this year: "I am the vine, you are the branches."**

**(John 15:5)**

## Mission IM Project - South Africa – Poultry and Protein



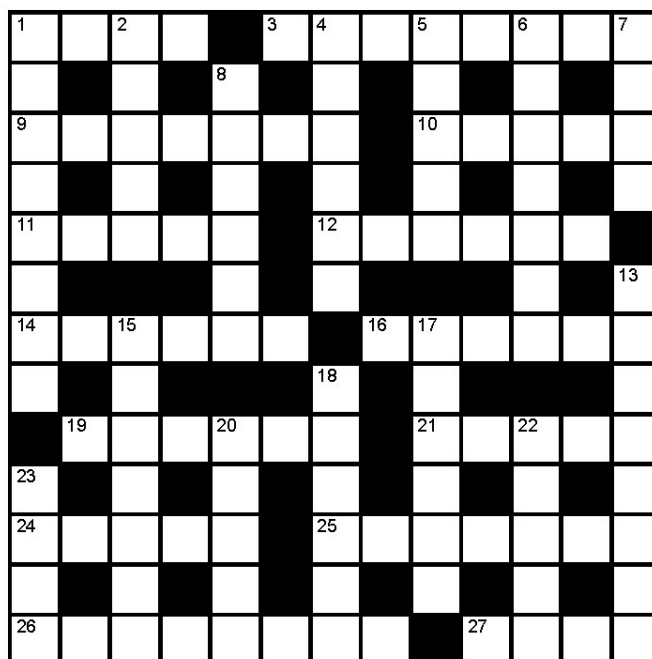
**GOAL** This project seeks to raise \$34,500 per year for the next three years to build on an already successful project implemented in 2012 to train and equip people in South Africa who are living in poverty to breed chickens for food and income.

**SUMMARY** In the region of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, where rates of unemployment and HIV infection run high, Anita and Rick Gutierrez are opening up new self-employment opportunities for hundreds of people by equipping and training them to raise poultry.

**DESCRIPTION** Nutrition, food security, self-employment and health promotion are urgent needs in southern Africa today. KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, where Drs. Rick and Anita Gutierrez currently serve, has an HIV prevalence of 16.9%, including 12% of youths. Unemployment is about 65%. The spread of HIV and other infections is largely due to low employment prospects for young women, who often end up in sexual relationships with much older men as a survival strategy. This crisis of health and unemployment can be curtailed by sustainable self-employment, and Rick and Anita have found that raising poultry is a great place to start. This entry-level agricultural activity is within reach of most people in most places, from young people in rural tribal areas to older adults in dense cities; they need only an investment of supplies and training to get started. In 2012, the Gutierrezes launched a new program to help South Africans start their own small poultry farms. They developed a fully integrated system of poultry housing, feeding and watering technologies, incubation technologies and hygienic storage techniques. Their goal was to create a self-sustaining, reproducible agricultural system that, after a few months of stability, does not require further outside inputs. Success can mean an average income boost of \$200 per month. To date, this program has served around 150 people. Each participant receives a 200-foot-square, 16-foot-diameter geodesic dome, a basic housing unit for laying chickens, in addition to two incubators, two quail starter kits, mature layer hens and roosters, quail hens and cock birds, feed for two months, antibiotics and instructional materials. Participants are trained and supervised as they raise poultry, incubate and hatch eggs, brood and raise fowls and quails, grow Chaya plants to produce feed and develop local markets for their produce. This mission project seeks to advance the poultry program through these key goals: 1. Continued training in sustainable production of quality layer chickens, Goliath quail and eggs. 2. Further improvements to poultry system design, training and video resources for participants as well as the broader public. 3. Integration with the Gutierrezes' fruit tree grafting and perma-culture initiative as funding becomes available. 4. Quality of life improvements for 500 children, 500 youths and 100 adults living in poverty in the province of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

## Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

## Mark



## Across

- 1 No one could do this to the man with the unclean spirit in Mark 5:3. (4)
- 3 Betrayed Jesus. Mark 3:19 (8)
- 9 Jesus did this to try and explain the kingdom of God. Mark 4:30 (7)
- 10 "They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the \_\_\_\_\_ on thy left hand, in thy glory." Mark 10:37 (5)
- 11 "And he took a child, and set him in the \_\_\_\_\_ of them ..." Mark 9:36 (5)
- 12 "Render to \_\_\_\_\_ the things that are \_\_\_\_\_'s, and to God the things that are God's." Mark 12:17 (6)
- 14 "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion \_\_\_\_\_ them." Mark 6:34 (6)
- 16 One of the twelve disciples. Mark 3:18 (6)
- 19 "And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a \_\_\_\_\_ of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey." Mark 1:6 (6)
- 21 People struck Christ with this. Mark 14:65 (5)
- 24 "It is better for thee to \_\_\_\_\_ into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be

cast into hell fire." Mark 9:47 (5)

- 25 "For I perceive that thou art in \_\_\_\_\_ of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." Acts 8:23 (3,4)
- 26 Synonym for repentant. (8)
- 27 Pilate asked if Jesus was king of these people. Mark 15:2 (4)

## Down

- 1 "And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it \_\_\_\_\_ unfruitful." Mark 4:19 (8)
- 2 "And they came to a place which was \_\_\_\_\_ Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray." Mark 14:32 (5)
- 4 When Jesus was on trial, Peter was recognized as a disciple by this. Mark 14:70 (6)
- 5 "And when he was \_\_\_\_\_, they that were about him with the

twelve asked of him the parable." Mark 4:10 (5)

6 The son of Abraham that isn't in Christ's family line. (7)

7 "And when the unclean spirit had \_\_\_\_\_ him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him." Mark 1:26 (4)

8 This holiday celebrates the events in Mark 16. (6)

13 "And the \_\_\_\_\_ gathered themselves together unto Jesus." Mark 6:30 (8)

15 "All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is \_\_\_\_\_, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." Mark 14:27 (7)

17 "And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should \_\_\_\_\_ unto him." Mark 10:32 (6)

18 Jesus tells his disciples that they will be \_\_\_\_\_ for his sake. 13:9 (6)

20 "And no man after that \_\_\_\_\_ ask him any question." Mark 12:34 (5)

22 A man shall do this and cleave to his wife. Mark 10:7 (5)

23 "Lord, I believe; \_\_\_\_\_ thou mine unbelief." 9:24 (4)



## OUR 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HISTORY CORNER

During our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year (and beyond) we are delving into our archives to bring our wonderful past to light. Since we have had no help the last couple of months with identification of the pictures, this month we make it easy. You know what this picture is. Answer the following:

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

ANSWERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

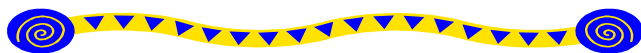
ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PICTURE: This was, of course, a photograph of our original church building on First Street, probably taken in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was built of stone. The last service was January 13, 1901.

## Parking Lot And Challenge

As you have undoubtedly noticed over the past couple of weeks, our parking lot has been sealed and striped.

Unfortunately, the parking lot is not covered by memorial gifts and we need to raise our share through a small campaign, since this expenditure is not in the budget. The Trustees have authorized this effort.

Gifts are still coming in the help defray the cost of the parking lot work, but we can still use additional funding. If you can help out, please use an envelope and mark it "parking lot." Many thanks to all who contribute to keep up our property.



## It's Candy Making Time!

Can you help out this year? Dates for making our famous walnut butter crunch are

**Nov. 19 and 20**

**Nov. 26 and 27**

**Dec. 3**

**Mornings from 9 to noon.**

This is a major fund-raiser for the Church and we can use the help. Experience not necessary; we have people who know the "secret recipe" and are willing to teach!



## TESTAMENTS

The word "testament" has the word "test" in it. We take many tests when we are in school

The word testament sounds like testimony. People sometimes have personal testimonies. They tell about experiences they had which have changed their lives.

A last will and testament is a person's last request. It has instructions to be followed, hopefully correctly.

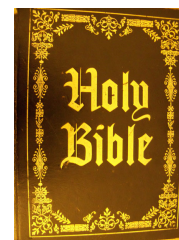
Sometimes people are called to testify in a court of law before a judge and jury. Even though religion is not a part of our government and there is a separation of church and state, when a person testifies in court they are asked to place their hand on a Holy Bible and to swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

The Holy Bible they swear on in a court of law in the same Holy Bible we use in church. It contains two Testaments: an Old Testament and a New Testament.

The Testaments in the Holy Bible are God's will and request for His people whom He loves and who hopefully love Him. The Holy Bible gives many examples of how God gives tests to His people. It gives many testimonies of how God changes people's lives.

In the Holy Bible the testaments tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The Holy Bible is a wonderful book.

*Cheryl and Christopher Taylor*



## IM Responds to Destruction Wrought by Tsunami in Indonesia



Following a deadly tsunami, International Ministries (IM) has provided \$15,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency relief grants to partners in Indonesia. Funds will be sent to Transform Aid International, a Baptist partner relief organization with vast experience in disaster management.

Additional relief funds are desperately needed.

The Indonesian island of Sulawesi was devastated by a massive earthquake and tsunami on September 28, followed days later by a volcanic eruption. The death toll continues to mount. According to a [report](#) released on October 10 by the AHA Centre, 2,045 people are confirmed dead, 10,679 have been injured and 67,310 have been displaced from their homes.



## IM Responds to Destruction Wrought by Tsunami in Indonesia

Endorsed IM Global Servants Aaron and Valerie Osterbrock, who are currently attending language school in Indonesia, remain unharmed.

“A great immediate concern is the risk of disease outbreak and deterioration of health conditions,” reported Leslie Turley, area director for Southeast Asia and Japan. “International Ministries will be working with our partners in Indonesia, including the Union of Indonesia Baptist Churches and their relief arm, REBANA, as well as with the other organizations that will be coordinating with Baptist organizations. On-the-ground research and connection with local churches is being done by REBANA and representatives of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.”

American Baptists are responding. Baptists throughout the world are showing their concern through prayers and donations.

“It is through IM’s extensive network of ecumenical and national partners that we as American Baptists are able to provide relief in this area,” said Lisa Rothenberger, American Baptist World Relief Officer. “Your financial support is requested, as these recent events have brought devastation to hundreds of thousands, and for many resurfaced vivid psychological trauma caused by previous natural disasters in this nation of over 17,000 islands.”

### Support Relief Efforts

Those wishing to support relief efforts can do so through an American Baptist church, by making a secure donation online or by sending a check directly to International Ministries. Please designate your contributions “OGHS–Indonesia Relief.”



*One Great Hour of Sharing is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. The Committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual OGHS offering received by churches.*