



LIGHTING THE WAY

The First Baptist Church of Owego, N.Y. Volume 26 Issue 4 January 2022

HAVE A HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR

Biblical resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)



Open with Restrictions -

At FBC-O, we are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety as we re-gather. We will be adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Department of Health, CDC, Church Mutual Insurance Company and the American Baptist Churches New York State office.

****We request that if you have health issues or other concerns related to gathering at this time, please remain at home. We will continue to provide Service on-line following the live Service for those who are not able to join us in the Sanctuary.**

<https://fbcowego.org/worship-service/>



The online service will be available by 7pm Sunday evening in most cases. Please allow time for editing and upload of the service recording. Thank you. If you cannot access the service please call or email the office - or send a text message to Marilyn: 607-624-1001 .

****To enable us to worship safely, we will execute the following protocol:**

- A greeter will meet you at the door, and log your name on the attendance sheet. A table with masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, tissues, bulletins and collection plate will be inside each door. Please take a Bulletin and place your tithes and offerings in the offering plate on the table. We will not be passing the plates during Service.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located in the back of the Sanctuary, by the restrooms and by the back door
- **Face Coverings** – A NY State full masking mandate went into effect December 13, 2021 @ 12:01 AM, and will remain in-effect until January 15, 2022. In compliance with this mandate, issued by the New York State Department of Health in the correspondence entitled *Commissioner's Determination on Indoor Masking Pursuant to 10NYCRR 2.60, dated December 10, 2021, all individuals entering the Church shall wear a face covering, i.e., mask.* If you forget yours, we will provide one; please do not give it back to us, take it with you.
- **Social Distancing** – Social distancing rules remain in-effect.
- In the Sanctuary, not all pews may be used. The pews not available for seating have the cushions turned up. Pews available for seating are marked with a strip of yellow duct tape on the floor.
- Coffee, snacks and gathering in our Fellowship Hall will not be available after Service.



Weekly & Monthly Events

Bible Study & Prayer - every Tuesday @6:00pm SPOT.

Broome-Tioga ABW prayer meetings Tuesday at 1:00PM at the Emerson House of First Baptist Church Endicott, NY.

Deacons Board - 2nd Sunday of the month, Church Fellowship Hall following worship service.

Joint Executive Council/Board of Managers - 3rd Sunday of the month after worship service

Needle & Thread Missions Group [sleeping bags for the homeless] - every 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday @10:00am - SPOT

Circles of Concern—InAsMuch and Sunbeam, see page 4

ACT (Allied Christians of Tioga) Dinner - ACT dinner will continue to be served from FBCO as "take away" every Thursday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Rule 62 AA Group - every Friday 7:00pm till 8:30pm - Church Fellowship Hall

Last Saturday of every month 9am till 11am - SPOT building



When: Sunday, January 23, 2021

Time: 11:00am

Where: Church Sanctuary

All board / committee reports due to Marilyn on or before January 16th

Note: complete 2021 annual report booklet will be available for you. Please plan to stay - all are welcome



- 2 - Jim & Penny Lyons
- 3 - Sally Guydosh
- 6 - Gretchen Guydosh
- 12 - Greg Morehart
- 13 - Cindy Blount
- 14 - David Berry
- 16 - LaRonda Cron
- 23 - Christian H Dickson [C. Murray son]
- 24 - Marilyn Murray
- 27 - Jamie Soprano
- 30 - Dianna Buckreis

Communion Offerings

REMINDER: Our monthly communion food offering is Tioga County Rural Ministries [TCRM]

January - Deacons

February - Food Bank of the Southern Tier

March - America For Christ

April - The KIND Project

May - Common Ground

June - One Great Hour of Sharing

July - Deacons

August - NYS AB Men's disaster Relief

September - New Hope Center

October - World Missions

November - Operation Christmas Child

December - Retired Ministers Missionaries

Clean up, clean up
Everybody, everywhere
Clean up, clean up
Everybody do your share

Our Church is the house of God and we are responsible to properly clean and maintain it so that the worshippers find it in acceptable condition each time they enter.

Luke 11:25 - And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

Matthew 12:44 - Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

Although the above Scripture does not strictly refer to a church building, the application to our buildings is appropriate.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help maintain a clean Church and Spot, please sign-up using the sheet (s) on the table at the front of the Church sanctuary or on the table in the front foyer

Should you have questions regarding our cleaning activities, please contact Rich Saxton, sparky99@stny.rr.com, (607) 972-7628 (M)



- * UNITY, boldness
- * Revival in America
- * Our Church
- * Our Leaders
- * Pastor Bill
- * Our BTBA Churches
- * The KIND Project
- * Those in the Nursing Home
- * Our Shut-ins
- * *Unspoken (s)*
- * *Deliverance from addictions*
- * *Salvation & hope for the lost*
- * Jail Ministry
- * Complete healing for those in pain, hurting emotionally, disease, sickness,
- * Relationships
- * Our families
- * Cure for Cancer
- * COVID
- * Please pray for all the families that have lost loved ones this year.

Prayer Requests

Please contact Dawn Kohler
607-748-0319 / 607-239-1686
Or call the church office at
607-687-4394; leave VM

December 19, 2021 was the last Sunday with her FBCO Family.

On January 10th, I, Winnie Allen, will be residing in my new home - the Fairport Baptist Senior Housing at Woodlands, Rochester, NY. I will be 10 minutes from my daughter & family. Thank you for all your friendships and love. God bless each one of you
Love Winnie

American Baptist Women's Ministries is a Christ Centered ministry with a commitment to encourage and empower women and girls to serve God.



**First Baptist Owego
Women's Missionary Circles**

**Needle & Thread
Missions Group**



**Meets the 1st, 3rd & 4th
Wednesday of every month
@10:00am in the SPOT**

We need small travel size (like you get at motels/hotels) of SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, LOTION to include into our personal care items for the Sleeping Bag Project. They can be given to Daisy Fritz or left anywhere in the Church or Spot, "we'll find them"!

If you'd like to try your hand at simple sewing, come on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Spot. We'll show you how to make a simple sleeping bag for the homeless.

Circles of Concern:

InAsMuch - meets 2nd Wednesday month at 10:30 am in the SPOT.

Sunbeam Circle - meets 2nd Wednesday of the month in the SPOT