



# FELLOWSHIP BUILDER ~ October 2017

*“Growing Spiritually as Individuals and as a Church”*

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Headlong into October!

On Thursday, I'll be headed a little east of Youngstown to the small town of Hubbard, Ohio, close on the Pennsylvania line. I'll be attending a reunion of my wife's mother's side of the family. Good people, I've not seen them since Carol passed, so you know it's something that needs attendance. I'll be back on Monday I think, in time for the Pulpit Committee Meeting. Good work going on there, we are getting closer, and the group is more of a search committee now!

Two events coming up I'd like to urge you to attend if you can. Wednesday October 11th, 5-7 pm, Rotary on the Rock, Dinner and silent services auction to benefit an upgrade of the Armstrong Eddy Park. Pastor Eric has a handful of tickets for \$20 each. Saturday, November 4th, 6:30 to 10:30 pm, The Doves and Diamonds Gala, Dinner, silent auction and more to benefit the Beloit Regional Hospice. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the door. Many of our parishioners have been blessed with the services of this organization, and our own Mark Maxted is a Chaplain there. The brochure and a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Please take a few minutes to read Thailand Missionary Jennifer Pedzinski's update on the bulletin board. If you have a burden to help support this ministry, please see Gail Ludlum or Judy Huffman.

It's still not too late to join Linda and me the October 13th & 14th at the State ABC Annual Conference & Meeting! See the brochure in the Narthex. And, of course on October 20th & 21st you are welcome at the Camp Tamarack "Fall Out of Camp" volunteer day! They would appreciate some help with getting the place ready for winter. Contact Carolyn Dugan at 715-281-2267 or Kim Drost at 715-281-7816 by the October 18th if you are interested.



*We are Recognizing 13 years of service by our janitor, Jeannine Gibson this coming Sunday, October 1st after the worship service. Join us as we celebrate with coffee, great fellowship, and treats!*

It'll be a great month! Pastor Eric

Lois Strothman, Sue Strickler, Brandon Poff, Cecil Montoya, Kathy Mentele, Teresa McLaughlin, Diana Mason, Anne Lundquist, Barry Lockhart, Karen Lancaster, Jackson Arneson & Bob Ames

***We offer our prayers and support to the family of Warren Druetzler***

*(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless the office is notified.  
This will help the pastor and diaconate receives updates to provide closer care.)*

**As Christ leads this church through a season of leadership transition, remember to pray for:**

- The Denominational Ministers & Interim Ministers who will aide, challenge, and encourage us through this process.
- The Congregation's lay leadership, as we listen for whom God is calling to minister in Beloit.
- The Minister God is preparing, even now, to become the next Senior Pastor of this church.



Here to Serve in Ministry

Eric Lundquist, Interim Pastor

Alyssa Higginbotham, Office Administrator

Kathy Mentele, Choir Director

Peggy Pleasant, Organist

Worship Service 9:30 am

Coffee Hour 10:45 – 11:30am

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**OCTOBERBOARD MEETINGS**

Trustee Board October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15am

Christian Ed. Board October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am

Church Council October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Diaconate October. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am

Mission Board October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Financial Update:** The amount of money needed to run the church each month is \$12,472. The amount received for September was \$9170.98

**MUSIC COMMITTEE:** will meet right after Jeanine's party in the parlor, VERY IMPORTANT

**B.Y.K.O.T.A.:** will meet on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room.

**Jr. Church:** needs volunteers. If no one has signed up then there will be no Jr. Church on that Sunday. If you can help contact Linda Jolly.

**ABC Wisconsin 173rd Annual Gathering:** is being held on October 13th & 14th at the Green Lake Conference Center. For more information go to [www.abcofwi.org](http://www.abcofwi.org) or see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Sunday School & Junior Church** has started. Please join us downstairs after the worship service.

**NUTS, NUTS, NUTS:** BYKOTA's annual mission fundraiser is in full swing! Order blanks are on the table in the Narthex and are due by October 27th. Nuts & candies are great gifts!



**ABW Ministries**

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

12:00 p.m. Dessert Meeting  
Bring your lunch

Hostesses Carol Egleston & Marilyn Poff  
Program: “Feel the Love”  
By Jody Reetz

**All Board and Committee Chairs:** turn in your proposed budget to the church office before October 6<sup>th</sup> or bring them to the Church Council Meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Also please survey your board to see who plans on leaving so we know the numbers of opening we need to fill for next year. Thank you

**Operation Christmas Child-2017:** Yes, once again it is time to start thinking about packing shoeboxes. Please use the printed boxes provided for you as they pack uniformly. **Don't** tape boxes shut as the \$9 check made out to **First Baptist Church** for postage, needs to be removed. Toothpaste or candy is **NOT** allowed this year. Although girls are fun to buy for, consider packing a box for a boy, especially an older age. Sometimes boys have to receive a girl's box when there aren't enough for boys. Boxes are available in the Gathering Room.

**The Youth Group Fall Clean-Up:** we are looking to help those in our church that may need a little help with some fall clean up! Remember we have "little" people helping us! If you are in need please contact the office by leaving a message with Janice Egleston regarding what is needed. We will be doing the work on October 14th and 15th. If any adults within the church would like to help us we would LOVE to have your help!

**Caritas News:** The Annual Empty Bowl fund raiser to benefit Caritas will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am – 4:00pm at The Castle, 501 Prospect Ave. Admission is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children under 12. The price includes a chef salad, soup, bread, & a beverage. See Shirley Swanson for tickets or buy them at the door.

**The Assemblyman:** are coming on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Women's Guild:** All ABW ladies are invited to attend on Tues., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. It'll be held at Riverside Terrace & we will be sharing treats & fellowship with the residents. There'll be a short program. Please bring a dozen cookies to share.

**Trunk or Treat:** will be on Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Midweek Message for more details.

**Youth Group Fundraiser:** we are collecting aluminum & tins cans as a fundraiser. The first Sunday of every month Janice Egleston will collect the cans after the worship service. Please separate aluminum from tin & remember to rinse & remove the paper.

**TOPS:** Just a reminder that Tops (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets here at the church every Friday from 8:00 – 10:30a.m. Anyone interested in joining, contact Marilyn Poff.

**Mug Sale:** Mission Board is continuing the sale on the Church Anniversary mugs. They will be available every Sunday for only \$5! Proceeds will go to the general church fund.

**Church Sanctuary Photo Cards:** are available for sale in the Gathering Room. They are located by the mugs & are selling for \$4 each.

**Adult Sunday School:** is studying “*Fearless Conversation-Is God in control of Life?*” Please contact Linda Jolly if you’re interested in joining.

**Nursery Volunteers:** there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for people to volunteer to sit in the nursery with the little ones ages 0 to 5.

**Books:** Please donate reading books to the church for our Free Library.



**Sunday Morning Greeter:** We need your help welcoming people coming to worship with us on Sunday mornings. Contact Jan Diderich at 815-389-4905 or email: [diderichjd@gmail.com](mailto:diderichjd@gmail.com) to schedule your Sunday! Your time is appreciated!

**First Baptist Church Sunday Sermon**  
Can be heard on <http://www.firstbaptistbeloit.org>  
Click on “Weekly Sermons”.

**Midweek Message:** If you would like to receive the *Midweek Message*, please contact the church office or visit our website [www.firstbaptistbeloit.org](http://www.firstbaptistbeloit.org)

**2017 Worship Bulletin Recognition:** Please sponsor a Sunday bulletin in memory or honor of a loved one or a special occasion by filling out the white form that is on the narthex table & deliver it to the office with your check for \$15 in the “Secretary” tray on the counter.

**Recycle your Inkjet Cartridges** Please save your empty inkjet cartridges. We’ll turn them in for credit towards office supplies. Put your empty inkjet cartridges in the “Deposit” box.

**Coffee Time Volunteers:** Do you enjoy the wonderful fellowship in the Gathering Room following our worship service? Would you be willing to provide refreshments for this joyful time? Please call the church office if you are willing to help.

**Building & Grounds Concerns:** Each Trustee has been assigned an area of the church to be responsible for, please contact the appropriate Trustee with your concerns. A list of the Trustee Area Assignments is posted in the office.

**Rides to Church:** Janice Egleston has volunteered to be the contact person for anyone in need of a ride to church on Sundays please call her.

### Church Office

November Fellowship Builder information needs to be emailed to the church office no later than Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Serving in October**

#### OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADER

Janice Egleston

#### COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

October 1	Church Staff Relations
October 8	Jan Diderich / Jody Reetz
October 15	B.Y.K.O.T.A.
October 22	Linda Jolly / Janice Egleston
October 29	<b>Fall Advance Dinner</b>

#### TRUSTEE OF THE DAY

October 1	Dave Parr
October 8	Norvain Pleasant
October 15	Bob Ames
October 22	Mark Smith
October 29	Tammy Mixon

#### GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

10/1 Jan Diderich, 10/8 Leland Wilson, 10/22 Jim & Pat Clowes, 10/15 & 10/29 Volunteers Needed

#### COMMUNION SERVERS FOR OCTOBER

Cathy Bown, Janice Egleston, Marilyn Poff, Amy Trieu, & Leland Wilson

## **Kid's Corner**

School is in full swing. With school comes sports like volleyball, soccer & football. Good luck to all who are playing in one of them.

I know the youth group is planning things for the month, so watch for details to follow.

We are planning Trunk or Treat again this year, watch for more details.

It good to see everyone back to Sunday school.

Dear Friends, I'd like to announce to all of you that I am leaving Caritas to begin a new career with Second Harvest Food Bank on October 2nd as their new Director of Partnerships and Programs. I cannot begin to thank you enough for the opportunity to lead this organization for the past 6 years. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work alongside all of you to help our neighbors most in need of our help. Thank you so much for the support and encouragement you've given me during my time at Caritas! Even though I'm leaving, the good news is that I'll still be a part of this amazing network of people who work tirelessly every day to end hunger in SW WI. Thank you again for all you do to help support our mission! With much love and respect,  
*Donna Ambrose ~ Executive Director, Caritas*

### **News from Bert:**



A few weeks ago several of my friends mistakenly entered the church. They did frighten some of my friends. Some men were very kind and helped my friends get safely outside and I thank them. I did lose a couple of my friends who couldn't get outside. We do not want to frighten anyone, only want to help. We try every day to help the environment by eating thousands of insects that probably bother many humans. When we get trapped in a closed area we don't always have the best manners and we try desperately to get out. The friends that are so afraid of us yell and run and that only makes us try and get out faster. Hope this helps you understand us.

Until next time *Bert*

## **October Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1 Alleta Schmuck  
Fred Woodard
- 2 Jane Rebone  
Lana Ames
- 3 Janice Egleston
- 4 *Marshall & Cathy Bown's Anniversary*
- 7 Betsy Morris  
Jennifer Yeadon
- 8 Brian Crowley
- 10 Bart Bingham  
Dakota Jones
- 11 Alex Newsom
- 12 Diane Taber
- 16 Kathy Mentele  
*Ron & Vivian Parker's Anniversary*
- 17 *Brad & Kim Dazey's Anniversary*
- 18 Pat Fleming  
Crystal Rebone  
*Curtis & Barb Lansbery's Anniversary*
- 20 David Winters
- 24 Taylor Hayden  
Kim Dazey
- 26 Debby Hansen  
*Mike & Diane Brunner's Anniversary*
- 27 Thomas Verdel
- 31 Brian Jones  
Hannah Vince



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> Trustee Meeting 8:15am CE Board Meeting 11:30am	<b>2</b> Pulpit Committee Guest Speaker Marie O 7:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> B.Y.K.O.T.A. 7:00pm
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Church Council 7:00pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> No Bible Study Choir 7:30pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Annual Gathering
<b>15</b> Diaconate Meeting 10:45am	<b>16</b> Pulpit Committee 7:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> A.B.W. Noon	<b>19</b> Bible Study 6:30 pm Mission Board Meeting 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Wright Wedding
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir 7:30pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Clean-Up Day 9:00 am Trunk or Treat
<b>29</b> <b>Fall Advance Dinner</b> November Fellowship Builder Information due!	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Happy Halloween				