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Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



Our prayers are with the people of south Texas and the millions of residents of the fifty-eight counties effected by Hurricane Harvey. Our prayers are with the victims of the flood water, the thousands of rescue workers, the family and friends around the world who still have not made contact with their people in Texas and don't know their location or well-being. Our prayers are with the hearts of people around the world who want to help and are looking for opportunities to minister. People's lives have been traumatized and tragically changed forever, and we pray for Almighty God to intervene through faithful and willing people who can bring relief and renewal to broken and shattered lives.

How do we respond? Pray specifically for victims and rescue workers. Also, our congregation is in partnership with relief organizations including One Great Hour of Sharing and American Baptist Home Mission Society. Opportunities will become available in the coming weeks to respond through disaster relief mission opportunities. What I learned from Hurricane Katrina is that once the storm passes, and state and national officials account for victims and begin assessing damage, a multitude of agencies will volunteer to begin the rebuilding process. For now, pray fervently for our neighbors, for strength and fortitude for people searching and rescuing, and for a safe sanctuary for people until they can return home.

We are a faithful congregation of people who respond to the needs of people in crisis. Sometimes it is ongoing crisis that requires ongoing support and ministry. Certainly we have seen this in the housing and job shortages and increase of homelessness in Massachusetts. We respond. Also, we know personal crisis effect members of our congregation, and we respond. We pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit to direct our energy and stewardship of resources as we feel deeply for the needs of so many in crisis and devastation around the world. May God grant relief to so many displaced and suffering in the world, and wisdom to our hearts as we pray for a response that reflects our Christian faith.

Jason



Save the Date

4th Annual Keep the Promise

Join Family Promise Metrowest for an Evening of
Food Tasting and Auction to Benefit Families Who Are Homeless.

Date:

October 28, 2017

Time:

6:30–9:30 PM

Location:

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center
1667 Worcester Rd., Framingham, MA

Enjoy delicious small-plate tastings from local restaurants.
Entertainment throughout the evening for your pleasure.

Tickets

Early Bird Ticket Sales

September 5 through October 9, 2017 ~ \$85

General Admission

October 10, 2017 ~ \$100

Purchase a table for 10 for reserved seating with table signage. ~ \$1,250

Visit our website for details and tickets:

www.501auctions.com/fpm or www.familypromisemetrowest.org



Family Promise Metrowest
PO Box 847 • Natick, MA 01760

The Keep the Promise Committee has been busy planning for this year's event. We are very excited about our new venue, the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Framingham and the line up of restaurants taking part in the tasting. The new location allows us to have plenty of seating and space for our guests and the restaurants that are participating in the tasting.

Please get your tickets early. We are offering Early Bird tickets beginning **September 5** at \$85 each or you can purchase reserved seating and a table for \$1250 for 10 guests.

Tickets sold out last year one month before the event. Please get your tickets early. Thank you for your support.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 a.m. Worship	4	5	6	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 Salvation Army Dinner	9
10 9:45 a.m. Christian Education ** 10:45 a.m. Worship ** Pot Luck Lunch	11	12	13 6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays	14 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	18 7:00 pm A&F Meeting	19	20 7:00 pm Executive Council	21 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	25	26	27 6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays	28 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30

Notes: AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room
Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall

All calendar entries are subject to change



Salvation Army Dinner Friday, September 8

We need your help: Make a casserole, cake or work in the kitchen that night. Information in Reilly Hall or speak with Jay or Carolyn Reilly.

September Birthdays

- 3 Jack Bennett
- 6 Jon Harris
- 13 Kathie Zeman
- 19 Brianna Ndzi
- 22 Jessica Rose Leblanc



Worship time changes
to 10:45 a.m.
on Sunday, September 10

Church Notes

From HOPE Worldwide Food Pantry: In 2017 in lieu of food we particularly need :

Bars of soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shampoo and Conditioner

Our limited budget can rarely afford these items.

Donations designated to “**OGHS-Hurricane Harvey**” can be made by visiting www.abc-usa.org and clicking “Give Online” at the top right of the page. In the “Comments” section, type “OGHS-Hurricane Harvey.” Or, mail to the attention of Kim Wilkins at American Baptist Home Mission Societies, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA, 19482-0851. One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs. For more information, contact Wilkins at [1-800-222-3872, x2413](tel:1-800-222-3872), or kim.wilkins@abhms.org.

The Stewardship of All Creation: Completing last year’s stewardship campaign, the church now has a **compost bin**. It sits on the back side of the church near the children’s room windows. Composting is a simple way to add nutrient-rich humus which fuels plant growth and restores vitality to depleted soil. It’s also free, easy to make and good for the environment. We are currently composting fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, grass clippings, and leaves. Composting benefits creation by: recycling kitchen and yard waste, reducing landfill waste, and introducing beneficial organisms into the soil.



Save the Date Saturday, October 21

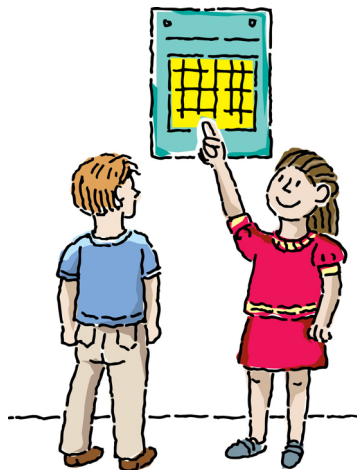
Start thinking about cleaning out your attics, garages and the basement. We will be having a yard / rummage sale on Saturday, October 21. We need your donations to make this sale a success. We will be accepting all sort of household goods and clothes. Look under the bed and behind the door - for your discards could be someone else’s treasure.

Wonderful Wednesday— All Invited

Wednesday night Bible Study begins September 13 at 6:30. This fall we will be studying the Old Testament Prophet Amos and the message God gave him during the 8th century BC. The name Amos in Hebrew means "Burden-Bearer" and is appropriate for a person who was charged to take a heavy message of indictment from God to a people who had lost their way.

For more information on this timeless study, as well as the schedule and study guide, see Jason.

Christian Education for All Starts on Sunday, September 10



9:30 am	Sunday School for adults
9:45 am	Sunday School Opening
10:00 – 10:30 am	Sunday School for children
10:30 – 10:45 am	Snack Time for children

All our classes this year will be using age appropriate curriculum from *Seasons of the Spirit*. *Seasons of the Spirit* supports faith communities and families in their life together by

- exploring the meaning and mystery of the Bible
- being grounded in thoughtful theology
- empowering children, youth, and adults to be transformed in Christ
- nurturing the imaginative spirit
- integrating worship, learning, and serving ministries

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Class	Location	Teacher/s
Up to Kindergarten	Nursery	Diane Halbert Annette Stefanini
Grades 1 - 4	Reilly Hall	Kathie Zeman
Grades 5 - 8	Reilly Hall	Tom Stefanini
Grades 9 - 12	Copy Room	Lecia Schronce
Adults	Jefferson Hall	Paul Moore

Children's Church is comprised of three separate activities (based on age) for children who come downstairs after the Time with the Children.

Nursery Care is provided for infants through children age 3. Two adults are with children as they play and interact in the Nursery.

Joyful Learning is for children age 4 through those in first grade. They meet in Reilly Hall. A typical Sunday starts with a snack, followed by a story, and then either a craft or game. The first Sunday of the month is movie day when children enjoy an age appropriate movie and popcorn. Volunteers supervise the children on a rotating basis.

Library 4 also returns on September 10. "Library 4" welcomes any children in grades 2,3,4 or 5 to come down to Jefferson Hall, following the Children's Moment at the Sunday morning worship service, starting on Rally Day, September 10th. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Wakeman will read Biblical, seasonal and inspirational stories to them each week, with some kind of pencil fun. Sometimes they send messages to our shut-ins. They now have over 350 books in their library. New ones this fall include "Our Loving God", "Found (Psalm 23)", and "Samuel, the Boy who listened".



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Sunday, September 10

Join us for a fun filled day as we gather together again following our summer vacation.

Sunday School resumes:

Adults at 9:30 a.m.

Children and Youth at 9:45 a.m.

Worship time returns to 10:45 a.m.

After worship we will enjoy a pot luck lunch in Reilly Hall. Please bring a dish to share.
The Deacons Ministry Team will provide dessert.

