



THE BEACONLIGHT



Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Fitchburg

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Dear Congregation,

Ever notice how when parents need to tell their children news that they know will be hard for them to hear, news that might make their child sad or even hurt them, a good parent will often try to sit their child down and tell them in a calm and gentle manner. Of course, how they go about that depends entirely on the state of the child at the time they are being called.

A child calmly sitting with a book is easy to approach, but if the child is up and about the parent might have to raise their voice to get the child's attention. Of course if the kid is really rambunctious, the parent may even need to take the child by the hand and physically lead them to a seat. I was the type that had to be scooped up as I was running by and whirled around a few times before I was forcible tossed on my fanny into a seat.

Well, I hope that you know that God is a good, good Father. And things don't change much once we get spirit filled, because every now and then when God has something to reveal to me, in His perfect time and way, He will knock me on my butt until I stop fidgeting and listen to what He has to say, because those things must be said in truth and love for my eventual benefit, even if they will cause me immediate pain and suffering.

It is here that I recall the encouragement of Paul, as the Lord said to him;

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

After God has shown me the truth of a situation, He is always ready to receive me into His loving arms, and comfort me while I cry out the pain. He is mighty enough to envelope me and then help me up. He makes me feel safe to go out into the world and try again and trust again, knowing that no matter what pain, or sorrow comes, I can always count on my Dad, the strongest Man in all that is, who loves me more than I can imagine.

With every pain, comes the promise of a Godly hug. I pray you receive that promise and that you feel His loving arms enveloping you even now, and for as long as you need during the difficult seasons of your life, times when you may experience hardships of feel weak in your situation, in Jesus name, Amen.

Regards,
Pastor Meredith

Calling all youth!

Grotonwood Camp & Conference Center have six in-person youth events planned for the month of November for children in grades K-8.

Ranging from Movie nights, Adventures days, Afternoon hikes, Princess Tea Parties and a Pie-Making masterclass with Miss Julia, just in time for Thanksgiving! ☐

These are safe, wholesome, Christ-centered and fun opportunities for us to minister and connect with young people. Help us put kids in the way of God by sharing and spreading the word.

For more information and to register hit the event links below!

Grotonwood Camp & Conference Center follow all COVID-19 precautionary measures including wearing masks, regular hand washing and physical distancing. Find out more about how we are staying safe by visiting www.grotonwood.org.



Secret Santa Local Mission Appeal



*Special Offering to help
provide Christmas for children
and their families this Christmas*

November 8, 2020

Help for Our Community, Inc., a non-profit organization in the Fitchburg/Leominster area, is asking for donations in order to provide Christmas gifts for children and food baskets for their families. We will be taking a special offering on November 8 as our Christmas gift to our local community and to share love with children and families in need. Let us share our blessings with others this Christmastime.



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2021 Pledge Card

Name: _____

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Pledge to Operation of the Church: _____ Per Wk. Per Mo. Per Yr.

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Pledge to Missions of the Church: _____ Per Wk. Per Mo. Per Yr.

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Pledge to Loan Repayment _____ Per Wk. Per Mo. Per Yr.

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Pledge to Snow & Oil Fund: _____ Per Wk. Per Mo. Per Yr.

Local News

The Seven Laws of the Harvest

- 1 – We Reap Only What has been Sown
- 2 – We Reap the Same Kind as We Sow
- 3 – We Reap in a Different Season than we Sow
- 4 – We Reap More than we Sow
- 5 – We Reap in Proportion to What we Sow
- 6 – We Reap the Full Harvest of the Good...
- 7 – We Can't Change Last Year's Harvest

Let Us Be Thanks Giving

by Marilyn Carter

Let us not take for granted and be thanks giving
for the three most precious gifts;

Water- for freshly bathed bodies,
for refreshing streams of bubbling beauty
for skating, swimming, skiing, drinking
for relief of arched lands and parched
Let us be thanks giving for water.

Air- for cross pollination of flower and fruit
spread by the breeze,
for chemicals, oxygen. etc. To sustain our life,
for kite flying and air born vehicles,
Let us be thanks giving for the very breath of life.

Love- for love of one's native land,
for mother love in all creatures,
Or a pet's adoration for its master,
for God's perfect gift of love—Jesus Christ
Let us be thanksgiving!

Don't Forget to
"Fall Back"!
Daylight Savings
Time ends 
Sunday at 2 am
ZingerBug.com

Careful Planning Makes a Difference

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Help Us Raise Money!

We're in the thick of Camp Classroom, and it's going phenomenally well! The kids are thriving so much that we even had students go from part-time to full-time.

Our focus in the coming weeks is to raise as much awareness for our Camp Classroom Fundraiser to continue to create a safe, educational, and fun environment for our students. Thus far, we have raised over \$30k from our generous donors (amazingsgggg) and hope to gain momentum through our [online fundraiser](#). We're thankful for any donation you can make!

create. explore. educate. discover.

Thank you for all your continued support! We appreciate you!

The Oceanwood Team

Recipe of the Month

No-Bake Peanut Butter Bars



Ingredients:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter (melted)

2 cups [graham crackers](#) (crushed)

2 cups powdered sugar

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup creamy peanut butter

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups semi sweet chocolate chips

3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter

Preparation:

1. Line a 9×9 baking dish with parchment paper, set aside.
2. Using either a stand mixer or a hand held mixer, combine the melted butter, powdered sugar and graham crackers.
3. Mix in the 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of creamy peanut butter, just until well incorporated.
4. Evenly spread the peanut butter mixture into the bottom of the baking dish.
5. In a heat safe bowl, add the semi sweet chocolate chips and the remaining 3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter. Heat for 30 second intervals, stirring well after each interval until the peanut butter and chocolate are smooth.
6. Spread the chocolate mixture over the peanut butter base.
7. Chill the bars for 1 hour.
8. Let the bars sit 10 to 15 minutes, at room temperature, before serving.



November Birthdays

05. Michael Christian
 09. Portia Perkins
 15. Comference Mbunwe



November Anniversaries


 26. Eric & Nicole Yangsi



IF YOU'RE BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS NOT HERE, LET US KNOW AND WE'LL INCLUDE IT IN THE BEACONLIGHT! REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO YOUR ADDRESS OR TO OUR MONTHLY LISTING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
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Bette Adams
Claire Budroe
John Mim
Cindy Beck
Daniel Bascomb
Susan Force (Bette Adams daughter)
Kathy Gosselin
Kathy Young (coworker of Diane Bigelow)
Kim & Katie (Bette Adams daughter & granddaughter)
Linda Gosselin
Mark & Diane Bigelow
Marsha – return of lung cancer
Nancy Peters
Roberta Poole
Ed Guerard
Tom and Karen Adams
Karen Simpson
Elaine Corzine
The Blake Family
Atera Mbunwe
Family of Connie Gariepy
Roger Abel
Family of John Kacmarcik
Steward family

Our Missionaries

Light A Candle Ministries
Rovaungha Richardson, William Seo
mission trip to Afganistan

Daniel Auguste and the Haitian
Missionary Team

Other Concerns

The Lutheran Church
1200 John Fitch Hwy, Fitchburg

Baptist Church of Grafton
First Baptist Church of Gardner

First Baptist Church of Gardner

For those under persecution for their
faith.

Prayers for those suffering from acts of
violence around the world



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