

Sunday, September 27, 2020



Welcome to
**First Baptist Church
of Endicott**

*Know the love of God in Jesus Christ;
Grow as followers of Him;
Go share the love of God in our community and world.*

Interim Pastor • Rev. Dr. Keith Marlett
Worship Leader • Jared O'Neill
Praise Team Leader • Bill Starring

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Praise & Worship

Opening Song		Praise Team
Opening Prayer		Worship Leader
Announcements		Worship Leader
Children's Message		Nancy Marlett
Praise Music		Praise Team
Scripture Reading	Acts 12:1-17 NIV	Linda O'Neill
Special Music	"As the Deer" Sue Koncak, flute	Nystrom/Pethel
Message	"Prayer That Stirs Things UP!"	Pastor Keith
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Pastor Keith

Scripture Reading

¹ It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. ² He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. ³ When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ After arresting

him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. ⁶ The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. ⁹ Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen." ¹² When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. ¹³ Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. ¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" ¹⁵ "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." ¹⁶ But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. ¹⁷ Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations

Health Concerns: Dale Peloke; Al McFall; Pat McFall; Kay Hollister;
Ed Rutkowski;
Church family, friends, and our homebound members;
All victims and families of COVID-19; and
All those on the front lines battling and protecting;
The Pastoral Search Committee;
Our worship services;
God's direction during this time of transition.

Prayer requests of a personal nature will not be shared during the virtual worship service.



Special birthday wishes to Jackie Pitkin, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on September 28th!!!

Announcements

Ladies Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 10:00AM in person in the lounge and on Zoom. Study topic is Joshua.

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study: You are invited to join us this Wednesday, 7:00PM in the Baraca Room and on ZOOM as we study the book of Jonah. It is SO MUCH more than a mere 'fish story'!

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Sunday School for children and youth will be held in the Baraca Room at 10:30AM. Adult class will be announced at a later date.

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Office Hours: Christi has returned to the office for regular morning office hours. Please wear a mask when entering the office during these hours. Thank you.

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First Baptist Discovery Class is a class designed as an introduction to First Baptist Church of Endicott. People attending have a chance to meet others who are also new to church. It is required for membership, but attendance does not commit you to join this fellowship of believers. It is an excellent way to learn about our core values, our church structure and the

Christian principles in which we are based. The goal is for you to leave with a deeper understanding of what it means to be a part of First Baptist. All materials are provided free of charge. A class will be held Sunday, September 27th for anyone interested. See Jared O'Neill with any questions.

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World Mission Offering: The World Mission Offering (WMO) has been crucial in funding ministries around the world, especially during the challenging times in our world's history. With Covid-19 this year has been a challenge for everyone and our world outreach ministries are no exception. They rely on funding to help carry out the mission of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and of God's word. Last year our church collected \$725.00 for this offering. **Our goal this year is \$900.00.**

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Safety Requirements for Sanctuary Worship:

- Face coverings are required at all times unless seated.
- A hand sanitizer station is located in the back of the sanctuary.
- Ushers will guide attendees to the pews available to maintain social distancing.
- A collection plate station is at the back of the sanctuary.
- For the safety of others, if you have a fever, cough, or are not feeling well, please do not attend.
- Childcare *will not* be provided and children need to remain with their parents at all times. We recommend bringing items for your children to use during the service (coloring books, quiet toys).
- Rooms will be available for you and your children if you need to remove yourself during the service. See an usher if you need an available room.
- Please enter using the front doors (volunteers and employees may use the back entrance).
- Please limit the use of the church building to the sanctuary and main floor restrooms when possible to minimize the amount of cleaning/sanitizing needed after the service.
- Coffee, snacks and our drinking fountain will not be available during the service.
- After service, please dismiss yourselves in an orderly fashion and congregate outside if you wish.

Remember to remain faithful in your giving:

1. Check payable to First Baptist Church and mailed to:

First Baptist Church
1406 Monroe Street
Endicott, NY 13760

OR

Kay Hollister
6021 Day Hollow Road
Endicott, NY 13760

2. Using your bank "billpay" with "payment" sent to:

First Baptist church of Endicott
1406 Monroe Street
Endicott, NY 13760

3. Using "Online Giving" feature through our website.

Go to www.firstbaptistendicott.com

Financial Update

Year Goal	Weekly Goal	YTD Given
\$110,600.00	\$2,126.92	\$ 82,396.84
YTD Goal	Given 09-20	%
\$ 80,822.96	\$ 2,445.00	101.95
Capital Campaign	\$ 18,235.00	

Operation Christmas Child!!

Due to COVID restrictions we will have 2 options for preparing the boxes this year:

1. You can take shoeboxes to fill and return to FBC for delivery.
2. You can give money to purchase items for your shoeboxes.

International Operation Christmas Child

- Deadline to donate money for a volunteer to purchase items for your international shoeboxes is Sunday 11/1/20.
- All International Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes need to be at church by Sunday 11/15/20.

- The shoeboxes will be taken to the drop-off location on Monday 11/16/20.
- International OCC requests a \$9 shipping fee be included with each shoebox.

Local Christmas Child Shoeboxes

- Deadline to donate money for a volunteer purchase items for your local shoeboxes is Sunday 12/6/20.
- All Local Christmas Child Shoeboxes need to be at church by Sunday 12/13/20.

General Information

- Shoeboxes will be available in the sanctuary starting on Sunday 9/27/20
- Lists of gift ideas for the 6 different groups will be provided
Boys—2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old
Girls—2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old
- The gift lists for the international and local boxes will be the same
- Local shoeboxes can also include liquid items (i.e. shampoo, glue, bubbles, etc.)

We have 120 plastic shoeboxes to be used. Each shoebox may contain donated items already received such as cloth grocery bags, matchbox cars, small blankets, water bottles, face masks and tennis balls. These items will be placed in shoeboxes before they are given out.

If you wish to donate money, want to volunteer to help, or have any questions, please contact:

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