

Sunday, January 31, 2021

First Baptist Church of Endicott

Weekly Announcements

Sunday School Classes at First Baptist:

Children's Class: 9:35AM in-person (Baraca Room) and on Zoom. Lessons from the Gospel Project, praying, singing and more. Contact Valerie O'Neill (vaoneill@stny.rr.com) if you have any questions or would like the Zoom link.

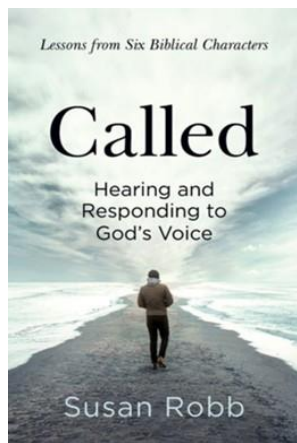
Adult Classes:

"Christian Character" – led by Rev. Judy Travis. 9:35AM in Fellowship Hall.

"Study of Romans" – led by Mike Rice and Tim Rice (beginning February 7th), 9:35AM. Place to be determined. **At this time adult classes will not be available on Zoom.*

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study: Every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM via Zoom.

Calling all women!! Join us on February 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Baraca Room or by Zoom. We will be using a 6-session Bible study guide Called: *Hearing and Responding to God's Voice* By: **Susan G. Robb** (cost \$14.00). There will be a short video followed by discussion and prayer.



In *Called*, author Susan Robb shows us how God interrupts the lives of ordinary men and women, calling and empowering them to lives of service they never would have imagined on their own. And she shows us that the same God who called six of the Bible's most iconic characters-- Abraham, Samuel, Esther, Jonah, Mary Magdalene, and the Beloved Disciple--calls us, too, to bring hope and transformation to the world. Discover how to hear and respond to the unique call God is placing on your life.

Upcoming Birthdays:

February 1st - Joanne Foulk; Theresa Ayres

February 2nd - Ayden Berchtold

February 3rd - Dusty Leonard

February 5th - Ellen Saunders

Anniversaries:

February 6th - Ed & Donna Rutkowski

Former Pastor Dave Olson passed away peacefully at home on December 19, 2020 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Rev. Olson served as pastor here at EFB from 1982-1987. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Mrs. Nancy Olson, 33 Peary Drive, Brunswick, ME 04011.

2020 Donation Statements have been mailed. Please contact Kay Hollister if you do not receive yours by early next week.

Board of Ministries Teams 2021

Financial Team

Team Leader: Michael Rice

Prepare and recommend to the Board of Ministries an annual budget that reflects the vision statement including expense and income estimates.

- ▶ In 4th quarter of year, ask committee chairpersons for their assessment of next years financial needs.

Ensure that timely financial statements are prepared and presented to the Board of Ministries.

- ▶ Monthly review all program requests for funding above and beyond the approved budget.

Diaconate Team

Team Leader: Kay Hollister

Visitor Follow-up

- ▶ Luncheon after church once a quarter. For new attendees with the purpose of meeting with Pastor and different Diaconate members to discuss our church, activities, introduce ourselves and get to know guests.

Prayer Meeting

- ▶ Re-establish time for corporate prayer meeting (previously Sunday evenings); possible change of format.

Resource Team

Team Leader: Gary Hollister

Upgrade Heating System & Accessories

- ▶ Install new boiler, condensate tank & water conditioning system.
- ▶ Repair leaking radiators, replace section of return steam pipe in Fellowship Hall to boiler.

Assign Duties to Volunteers Interested in Assisting in Upkeep of Building & Grounds of Church and Emerson House

- ▶ Recruit volunteers.
- ▶ Meet and establish duties of volunteers.
- ▶ Schedule work days - involve the church membership as the need arises.

Worship Team

Team Leader: Debby Green

Vision

- ▶ We have a vision to reach out to our congregation and community with God's love through worship! One of the ways to do this is through our regular in-person worship services, and our on-line services through Facebook.

Intention

- ▶ In 2021 we would like to see more people involved in the worship services. This would include youth participation, more volunteers to help with the videography and slide programs, and increase our music ministry by encouraging more people to share their musical talents for special music.

Means

- ▶ New technical equipment has been purchased to enhance both in-person and on-line worship services. Dave Cross is putting together an instructor lead, "hands on" training package. One of our goals for 2021 is to train a few more volunteers to help with this important aspect of our worship services. A Pro Presenter slide program and Planning Center have also been purchased for our worship services. Bill Starring will be heading up training for the people who volunteer their services in these two important areas also.
- ▶ Youth will be contacted and scheduled for Scripture Reading and possible other areas of participation for our worship services.
- ▶ Kyle Todak and Debby Green will continue reaching out to those people who want to participate in our worship services through their musical talents.

Discipleship Team

Team Leader: Bill Starring (Jr.)

Vision

- ▶ To provide a variety of programs that offer members of all ages continual growth in their knowledge and relationship with Christ through study, service, prayer, and worship.

Intention

- ▶ To get more members involved in new and existing discipleship activities.
- ▶ To add new classes during the Sunday School hour and during the week.
- ▶ To coordinate with the deaconate team on one-on-one discipleship.
- ▶ To coordinate with the outreach team on service activities.

Means

- ▶ To have 50% of active member involved in at least one form of ongoing bible/group study.
- ▶ To have 20% of active members complete the "Getting to know First Baptist Church" course.
- ▶ To have 30% of active members participate in at least one Outreach Activity.
- ▶ To establish several pilot House Groups to take place either in homes or on zoom.
- ▶ To offer training for Sunday School and Bible Study teachers.
- ▶ To conduct several deeper worship events for church leaders and interested members.
- ▶ To conduct an overnight retreat for Church Leaders.

Fellowship Team

Team Leader: Stephanie Rice

Vision

- ▶ To welcome and encourage our church family to come together to fellowship, to serve the Lord, and to grow closer to one another.

Intent

- ▶ To achieve full church family participation in the three large annual events (Vision banquet, Church Family Picnic, and Harvest Supper) and increase attendance at all smaller events
- ▶ To increase the value of church events in the lives of our church families

Means

- ▶ Schedule at least one event a month.
- ▶ Schedule events further in advance.
- ▶ Encourage new people to sign up to work events.
- ▶ Include a larger variety of event types.
- ▶ Include activities and elements that promote spiritual growth and/or inter-personal connections.
- ▶ Work with other church areas to provide multi-faceted events.

Moderator

Moderator: Jared O'Neill

Vision

- ▶ Streamline the Board of Ministries, create and encourage existing committees to grow participation to better serve the people inside and outside the walls of our church.

Intent

- ▶ Streamline to allow for more growth in attendance, services offered and participation.
- ▶ Refocus the Board of Ministries to future goals of our church.
- ▶ Encourage committee growth and congregation participation.

Means

- ▶ Realignment of church leadership.
- ▶ Creating/re-creating church committees.
- ▶ Church Constitution updates.