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On April 17, 2016, Pastor Jim and Alice were driving down County Line Road after church when all of a sudden, **“WHAM!”** A pheasant flew up and committed suicide on the driver's side mirror. We went back to look at the bird, and it was really bruised up; and so was my mirror. I counted the little pieces of glass that were still stuck to the mirror backing, and with the parts missing and those too small to be counted, I estimate there are about 150 pieces. When you look in the mirror now, you see a distorted image because each little piece is at just a slightly different angle than the rest. It is not really very useful.

In Genesis 1:26-27 God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God created mankind to have stewardship over everything else He had created. We are here to take care of the world's goods and use them for our benefit and the welfare of other people. We are to be generous as we live our short lives here on this planet, and not just hoard up resources that we will never use.

As we live here before our Creator, we are to reflect who He is by the way we live; we are to show the world His image in our daily lives. If we read Scripture and pray about what we have read, God will guide us so His reflection in us will not be distorted like my broken mirror. Otherwise our theology is not very useful.

In John 14:15 Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

John 14:21; “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

John 14:23; “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.”

Keeping God’s commandments, such as loving God with everything you have, loving your neighbor as yourself, and tithing (one-tenth) of your income is a sure barometer of your love for the God who created you, the Savior who redeemed you, and the Holy Spirit who indwells you. Keeping God’s commandments is a matter of obedience; God does not bless disobedience.

May you reflect a clear, undistorted image of God.

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim

TRUSTEE MEETING 4-6-2016

In attendance: Ralph Olney, John Curtis, Dale Rowley, Bev Olney, Gary House, Tony Callari, Pastor Jim Richardson, Marilyn Kundra

Meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30 pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,000 was transferred from the Endowment Fund to the checking account to cover expenses. The Endowment Fund earned nearly \$4,600 the past month. Ralph suggested we transfer \$5,000 to the Capital Fund while the fund is earning money. Sandy Strassenburgh would like \$1,500 of Memorial money transferred. The Beef on Weck dinner made approximately \$700. All accounts are on budget. Gas and electric bills have been lower than expected. Gary made a motion to approve moving \$5,000 to the Capital Fund, Bev seconded, approved. Tony made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Gary seconded, approved.

Constitution Committee: The MBC Constitution has not been revised since 1990. A Committee was formed headed by Ralph Olney and consisting of Trustees, Deacons and church members. The new constitution will be in a standard format, an outline was agreed upon and job descriptions for all employees will be included. Deacons and Trustees will review and the new constitution and it will be brought to the congregation for approval in the fall.

The faucet in the kitchen leaks and will need to be replaced.

The generator was inspected and they found that the warmer wasn't working and the battery was damaged. Estimated cost of replacement \$570.

Maxine Weeds requested the use of McQueen Hall one Saturday a month for scrapbooking; the use fee will be \$25.

Kathy Scroger requested permission to discard items found during the spring cleaning, such as the broken dessert display, old vacuum, toys, etc. Trustees will discard.

Next meeting will be May 11th at 7:30pm.

Meeting was closed with prayer at 8:05 pm.

JUST A BIT MORE

However much you have
Of this world's stuff,
Compared to what is left,
It's never quite enough.

So you work a little harder,
And you stash it in the bank.
You're proud of what you have;
There's no one else to thank.

You start to swell with pride;
You've accumulated wealth;
You've purchased what you wanted;
Except for peace and health.

Perhaps a short vacation
In the sun would make you fit;
But your mind is on the money
And the constant care of it.

The economy went sour,
And your health is getting worse;
Caring for your holdings
Is nothing but a curse.

In this world of woe,
The going *does* get tough;
So turn your eyes on Jesus,
Who always is enough.

Pastor Jim

THE SCRIPTURES

I am guided by the Spirit
As I navigate this life;
The Scriptures give direction
In the calm or in the strife.

But the Scriptures do not help
Unless I search them every day;
I must know the dangers
Or I will lose my way.

The Bible is more helpful
Than any other book;
Neglect makes people stumble
Everywhere I look.

The economy is failing,
And crime is on the rise,
Our nation's leaders
Are not very wise.

If they would turn to Jesus,
He would set them free,
And they could worship God
Just like you and me.

So open up your Bible
And turn those pages fair,
So God is not a stranger
When you meet Him anywhere

Pastor Jim

HIDING HOLINESS

Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And He laid His hands on them and departed from there (Matthew 19:13-15).

I find it difficult to comprehend that those who are considered most holy by God are considered non-persons by society even after they are completely exposed to the light when they are born.

There is much outrage because of the many noncombatants who are killed during the wars being fought at this time; this is a terrible humanitarian crisis. True enough, but we kill many more children in our hospitals and clinics within the same time frame and it is never in the news. Such is the power of darkness.

Pastor Jim

In and Around the Community

Congratulations to Brad Miller's parents, Paul & Bonnie, for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in April!

Please keep Amy Richardson in your prayers as a cyst was found on one of her ovaries. In addition, her husband, Jim Richardson, has been having issues with his throat and neck.

Lizzie Pearson moved in with Chap & Jan Fabry last month. We're sure this will be a wonderful arrangement for all!

John Prevost has been suffering from seizures. Please remember him in your prayers.

The youth group recently went to see the movie *God's Not Dead*. They had a fun time and really enjoyed the movie.

MacKenzie Jenks' cousin, Kyle Jenks, was in the hospital in late March with headaches due to brain swelling. He originally was not responding to the medication. He is not home has returned to school to finish out his senior year at Kendall High School.

Skip Scroger's sister, Sandy Benedict, has been put into Hospice care. She has been battling pancreatic cancer. Please keep Sandy and her family in your prayers.

Please keep Amanda Johncox's cousin, Shannon, in your prayers. She had carried her baby to full term, and the baby passed away.

Dan Cater suffered from appendicitis in late April, which led to an appendectomy. We're glad to hear that you're doing well!

Lank and Audrey Dobbin's daughter (and Lisa Rowley's sister), Ann, was hospitalized after being ill with a respiratory infection. While in the hospital, they discovered a large blood clot that ran from her groin to her knee. A small part of the clot had broken off and made its way to her lung. A screen was implanted in her neck, to help prevent another clot from reaching her brain. They have been trying to remove the clot with little luck. She then developed a stomach bleed from the medication, but it is now under control. She will have a stent placed once the clot has been fully removed. Lank and Audrey drove down to Poughkeepsie to be with Ann. Please keep Ann in your prayers.

The annual Care Net banquet was a memorable event! Around 390 people were served, which is more than in previous years. The speaker, Gianna Jessen, is a survivor of a failed abortion. She was a powerful speaker who not only shared her incredible story, but also professed the importance of following God's word.

A neighbor of the Johncox family has recently taken in a foster child. They are having a garage sale to raise funds for the 7-year-old girl, Shania, who arrived with only a Wegman's bag of clothes.

Ralph Olney and family attended a run for leukemia. What a joy that they're able to raise awareness together.

We continue to remember in prayer: the Ashberry family, Jim Bliss, Fred & Wilma Conratt, Chap & Jan Fabry, Helen Mattern, RoseMary Mintz, Ralph Olney, Ed & Joan Purvee, Eleanor Reynolds, Larry & Sandy Richardson, Pastor Jim, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Chicken BBQ

The annual Chicken BBQ and Baked Food Sale will be held on Saturday, May 21st. We will be serving dine-in and take-outs from 4:00-7:00. Sign-up sheets are located in MacQueen Hall for those who would like to help. Adult tickets are \$9.00, seniors are \$8.00, children 6-12 are \$7.00, and children under 5 are free. If you would like to purchase or sell tickets, please call 659-8089.



CURE Picnic

The CURE Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 17th this year. Mark your calendar!

ATTENTION!

Volunteer's Needed!

We continue to need people to sign up to make coffee and cookies for **coffee hour** after church. Sign-up sheets are in McQueen Hall. We also need volunteers to be **greeters** (see Carol Duerr) and **lay readers** (see Pastor Jim).



Church Email Address

The church email address (mortonbaptistchurch@yahoo.com) is now being utilized as the source for

the electronic monthly newsletter, prayer chain, and emergency closing information.

Recorded Messages

The church services are recorded every Sunday and are now can be accessed through the church Facebook page and can be downloaded from Soundcloud (<https://soundcloud.com/ortonaptisthermons>).

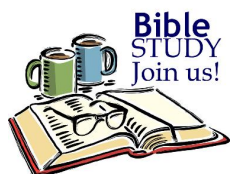


Calling all Gardeners!

Hospice of Orleans needs volunteer gardeners to help maintain the Hospice Memorial Garden.

Bring a friend and help make our Memorial Garden beautiful. Call 585-589-0809 for more information or stop by the Hospice office at 14080 Rd. 31 West in Albion.

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Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Wednesdays at 12:30 until May. Please take note of the time change from 12:00 to 12:30.

MBC Constitution Committee

During the latest Trustee meeting, it was decided that we should rewrite the Church Constitution this year. Ralph Olney agreed to take responsibility to pull a committee together and rewrite the Church Constitution for ratification by the members of the Church. He would like to try to get a draft together before summer, if possible, so we can share it with the congregation, get feedback, modify during the summer months and be ready to vote in the September timeframe.





May Birthdays:

2nd Paul Bartel
 Sandy Strassenburgh
 9th Julia Ingraham
 14th Lisa Sill
 24th Lisa Rowley
 25th Todd Rath
 27th John Curtis
 31st Ann White



May Anniversaries:

2nd Brad & Barb Miller
 5th Mike & Trisha Bannack
 16th Jim & Amy Richardson



May Greeters:

1st Lank & Audrey Dobbins
 8th Alice Richardson
 15th Skip & Kathy Scroger
 22nd John & Tammy Cook
 29th Todd Rath



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for
 May is:
 Sponges & SOS pads

Mothers of the Bible

Eight mothers in the Bible played key roles in the coming of Jesus Christ. None of them was perfect, yet each showed strong faith in God. God, in turn, rewarded them for their confidence in him. These mothers lived in an age when women were often treated as second-class citizens, yet God appreciated their true worth, just as he does today. Motherhood is one of life's highest callings. Learn how these eight mothers in the Bible put their hope in the God of the Impossible, and how he proved that such hope is always well placed.

- *Eve – Mother of All the Living:* Eve was the first woman and the first mother. Without a single role model or mentor, she paved the maternal way to become, “Mother of All the Living.” She and her mate, Adam, living in Paradise, but they spoiled it by listening to Satan instead of God. Eve suffered terrible grief when her son Cain murdered his brother Abel; yet despite these tragedies, Eve went on to fulfill her part in God’s plan of populating the Earth.
- *Sarah – Wife of Abraham:* Sarah was one of the mother important women in the Bible. She was the wife of Abraham, which made her the mother of the nation of Israel. Yet Sarah was barren. She conceived through a miracle in spite her old age. Sarah was a good wife, a loyal helper, and builder with Abraham. Her faith serves as a shining example for every person who has to wait on God to act.
- *Rebekah – Wife of Isaac:* Rebekah, like her mother-in-law Sarah, was barren. When her husband Isaac prayed for her, God opened Rebekah’s womb and she conceived and gave birth to twin sons, Esau and Jacob. During an age when women were typically submissive, Rebekah was quite assertive. At times Rebekah took matters into her own hands.
- *Jochebed – Mother of Moses:* Jochebed, the mother of Moses, is one of the underappreciated mothers in the Bible, yet she also showed tremendous faith in God. To avoid the mass slaughter of Hebrew boys, she set her baby adrift in the Nile River, hoping someone who find him and raise him. God so worked that her baby was found by Pharaoh’s daughter. Jochebed even became her own son’s nurse.
- *Hannah – Mother of Samuel the Prophet:* Hannah's story is one of the most touching in the entire Bible. Like several other mothers in the Bible, she knew what it meant to suffer long years of barrenness. In Hannah's case she was cruelly taunted by her husband's other wife. But Hannah never gave up on God. Finally her heartfelt prayers were answered. She gave birth to a son, Samuel, then did something entirely selfless to honor her promise to God. God favored Hannah with five more children, bringing great blessing to her life.

- *Bathsheba – Wife of David:* Bathsheba was the object of King David's lust. David even arranged to have her husband Uriah the Hittite killed to get him out of the way. God was so displeased with David's actions that he struck dead the baby from that union. In spite of heartbreaking circumstances, Bathsheba remained loyal to David. Their next son, Solomon, was loved by God and grew up to become Israel's greatest king. From David's line would come Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. And Bathsheba would have the distinguished honor of being one of only five women listed in Messiah's ancestry.
- *Elizabeth – Mother of John the Baptist:* Barren in her old age, Elizabeth was another of the miracle mothers in the Bible. She conceived and gave birth to a son. She and her husband named him John, as an angel had instructed. Like Hannah before her, she dedicated her son to God, and like Hannah's son, he also became a great prophet, John the Baptist. Elizabeth's joy was complete when her relative Mary visited her, pregnant with the future Savior of the World.
- *Mary – Mother of Jesus:* Mary was the most honored mother in the Bible, the human mother of Jesus, who saved the world from its sins. Although she was only a young, humble peasant, Mary accepted God's will for her life. She suffered enormous shame and pain, yet never doubted her Son for a moment. Mary stands as highly favored by God, a shining example of obedience and submission to the Father's will.

Mothers of the Bible – Back to the Bible Quiz

- Who was the other of Ishmael and handmaiden of Sarah, Abram's wife?
 - Hagar
 - Merriam
 - Moishmael
 - Hannah
- Who was the mother of John the Baptist?
 - Sarah
 - Elisabeth
 - Mary Magdalene
 - Rebecca
- Whose mother said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"?
 - Peter
 - John the Baptist
 - Andrew
 - Philip
- What mother brought her son a coat every year?
 - Hannah
 - Ruth
 - Mary
 - Sarah
- Which king was taught sayings by his mother as related in Proverbs?
 - Agar
 - Hezekiah
 - Lemuel
 - David
- Whose mother asked Jesus to grant her sons places at his right and left?
 - Peter and Andrew
 - Philip and Bartholomew
 - Nathanael and Nicodemus
 - James and John
- Solomon judged a dispute between two mothers about whose baby boy had died. What did one mother say had caused the death of the child?
 - He had suffocated.
 - His mother had lain on him.
 - He fell from a window.
 - His brother had slain him.
- Whose mother was paid to be his nurse?
 - Jesus
 - Moses
 - John the Baptist
 - Samuel
- Who spoke of his desire to gather Jerusalem's children as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings?
 - God
 - Jesus
 - Moses
 - Elijah
- The mother of Gad and Asher was:
 - Rachel
 - Leah
 - Dinah
 - Zilpah

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Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday	2	3	4 Bible Study @ 12:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Bible Study @ 12:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bible Study @ 12:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	19	20	21 Chicken BBQ 4-7
22	23	24	25 Bible Study @ 12:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Memorial Day Parade 7:00 PM @ Morton Cemetery	31				

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