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# Connection

## Morton Baptist Church

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*We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3*

It is hard to believe that by the time you receive this newsletter I will have been your interim pastor for a month already. I've preached, taught our Tuesday morning Bible study and visited some of our homebound members. While we're still in the "getting to know each other phase," I've already been touched by your honesty, encouragement and good nature. Now, I've already gotten some of your names wrong and you've been gracious about it. You've also shown me that you are willing to help out, give directions, be flexible and make sure our time together is a successful time. Morton Baptist Church is a community of faith that truly cares for one another; you have been most helpful in making sure I make connections with folks in church and the community.

As pastor, I believe pastoral care is important. I believe, first of all, that it is every church member's responsibility to pray for, support and visit one another. Scripture reminds us that we are a family or household of God, so we share the journey of faith as people together. Paul reminds us in Romans 12:15 that we rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. I know that you do that very well here. I also know that as a pastor, I have a special responsibility to care for people when they face difficult times of health or a crisis. I hope to visit folks when they are hospitalized or infirmed and I wish to know when I can be of personal support and care. And for that I'll need your help to know what is going on.

In the old days of my being a pastor, it was fairly easy to check the daily list of patients in the local hospital, (one hospital was on the way to the office) but those days have changed. New laws about patients' rights restrict information. This means that upon intake to a hospital you need to say yes to a question about clergy visits, it doesn't mean you need one immediately only that I can visit when I come. So please make sure I know you or a loved one is in a hospital and which hospital it is. I'll be getting my credentials and parking stickers for the Rochester hospitals soon. I will try to respond within 24 hours, either in person or by phone if that is not possible. If I haven't responded in that time you can assume that I haven't heard of the need. I do check the church phone every day either late morning or early afternoon and you can reach me at my numbers, email and even text me on my cell phone. I'd also rather receive three messages about the same thing than none at all. Also remember that many hospital stays these days are rather short so I'll check to see if you have been discharged and may visit you at home.

Lastly, while I'm a part time pastor, immediate needs and crisis have no schedule so please feel free to contact me and I'll do my best to respond.

Pastor Walter

## TRUSTEE MEETING 7-22-18

In attendance: Ralph Olney, Gary House, Tom Ingraham, Sandy Strassenburgh, Tony Callari, Frank Hoffman, Marilynn Kundra

The meeting was opened with prayer at 12:00pm

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, a motion was made by Sandy to approve the minutes, Tony seconded, approved.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Investment accounts are stable. All accounts are on budget. Federal and State quarterly tax returns were filed. In 2019 the State is changing the way we will report employment tax, which may result in an increase in taxes paid. An anonymous donor paid for the new router for the Internet connection and 3 months of fees. It was agreed to give the Youth Group \$500 to help with expenses. Sandy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Tony seconded, approved.

Sandy and Dave Strassenburgh donated a shed to be used for BBQ storage. It was moved to the BBQ area at the back of the church.

Tom and Todd Young replaced the outside light. The cost for the light was \$80. Tony suggested a spray that can be used to keep bugs off the light.

Internet access was installed through Spectrum. The cost for Internet and phone will be \$75 per month. We were previously paying \$35 just for phone service. If there is a fee for cancelling AT&T, Spectrum will pay up to \$500 for the change. Ralph will contact Diane Grimm about the Country Mouse phone.

Ralph got a quote for a set of double solid core doors with a crash bar, auto close and peep holes to be installed at the front of the church and a single, solid core door with crash bar, auto close and peephole for the back entrance. The cost would be \$5,100 - \$5,500, which would include the doors and installation. We would be responsible for painting the doors. Tony made a motion to pay the \$3,000 down payment, Frank seconded. The Trustees will make a request to the congregation for donations. A doorbell will be installed at the front of the church.

Ralph will purchase the bookcases in MacQueen Hall that are no longer in use. The books will be sold at the rummage sale.

Tony and Mary Callari offered to trim the shrubs around the church.

After the rummage sale the attic needs to be cleaned and reorganized.

September 30<sup>th</sup> Rev. Walter would like to hold the first of three workshops to prepare the congregation in the search for a new pastor. The first workshop will focus on the church history; the second on what is working and what is not, the third will be about what we see as the future of the church. The workshops will take place after church, and lunch will be served. The date of future workshops is TBD.

One of the prerequisites of searching for a new minister is that we have a website for the church. Kaitlyn Curtis, Andrew Cook and Marilynn Kundra have volunteered to help set up the website.

Meeting closed at 1:10pm. Next meeting will be September 19, 2018 at 7pm.



### *In and Around the Community*

We received a thank you card from Concordia Lutheran Church for our donation in honor of Mary Ellen Seaman.

Lou Ann Lee's memorial service, held at our church on June 30<sup>th</sup>, was a wonderful celebration of Lou Ann's life. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

Please continue to pray for Natalie Cook's mother, Betsy. Betsy has constant facial pain. She has an upcoming appointment at the Cleveland Clinic to help manage the pain.

Joan Purvee's granddaughter, Amanda, tore three ligaments in her foot. It is recommended that she stay off her foot, however she has a two-year-old daughter, which makes it difficult. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Fred Conrardt had a knee replacement in early June. We're happy to hear you're doing well!

The youth group has had a very fun and productive summer! Brad and Barb Miller took 16 youth group kids to Darien Lake in July. Brad, Barb, and Dan Cater took 15 kids on their annual canoe and camping trip. Despite some setbacks with their van, they had a very enjoyable time!

Katie Kundrata and her husband, Ben, are flying in from Malaysia at the end of July. We're happy to have you back!

Pastor Walter presided over the wedding of a young man who he watched grow up. What a wonder opportunity! Thank you to Brad Miller for providing the message while Pastor Walter was away.

The director of Care Net of Orleans, Kim Scott, is battling cancer. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues this fight.

Pastor Walter's half-brother, Bruce (whom he's only met twice), and his wife were able to visit from Tuscan, Arizona. It was wonderful to worship with them!

Thank you to Sandy and Dave Strassenburgh for donating a shed to be used for our annual chicken BBQ. Thanks also go to Tom Ingraham and Todd Young for transporting the shed to the church.

Natalie Cook's grandparents celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July! We've been praying for Natalie's grandfather who is battling cancer.

Brad Miller's uncle (his mother's twin) had open-heart surgery in July. Please pray for healing and a quick recovery.

Please remember the youth group in your prayers. Many of the youth come from difficult families with tough situations.



*We continue to remember in prayer: the Ashberry family, Fred Conrardt, Chap & Jan Fabry, Kevin & Joyce Foley, Helen Mattern, RoseMary Mintz, Ralph & Bev Olney, Joan Purvee, Eleanor Reynolds, Pastor Jim & Alice, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **CURE Picnic**

The CURE Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 Pm to 4:00 PM. Mark your calendar!



### Rummage Sale

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall started July 1<sup>st</sup>. Help is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Please see Carol Duerr with anything questions.

### Kendall Community Worship Service

The Kendall Community Worship Service will be on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. The service will be held at the Kendall Gazebo. Bring your lawn chairs!



## 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** and **lay readers**.



### Sunday School

The calendar for the elementary Sunday school program teachers is posted in MacQueen Hall! If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please see Brad Miller or Dan Cater.

### Recorded Messages

The church services are recorded every Sunday and now can be accessed through the church Facebook page and can be downloaded from Soundcloud

<https://soundcloud.com/ortonaptisthurchermoms>).



### Coffee Hour

A special thank you goes out to all who generously make donations and help with the after church coffee hour! Your help is greatly appreciated.

### August Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup> Eleanor Reynolds  
12<sup>th</sup> Helen Mattern  
17<sup>th</sup> Nancy Walker  
20<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jim Richardson  
21<sup>st</sup> Molly Richardson  
25<sup>th</sup> Mary Callari  
31<sup>st</sup> Grace Cater

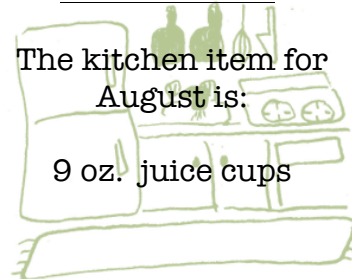
### August Anniversaries:

7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jim & Alice Richardson  
13<sup>th</sup> Ryan & Karen Bond  
16<sup>th</sup> Bob & LuAnn Henry  
18<sup>th</sup> Tom & Julia Ingraham

### Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for August is:

9 oz. juice cups







## 2018 Biennial Gathering

*For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11*

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Rev. Dr. John Pentland

### Thursday, September 20 – Plenary Talk

*How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith*

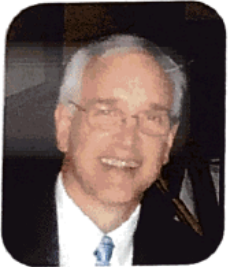
7 p.m. - **No charge**, but please **RSVP**

**Location:** *The Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester*

### Friday, September 21 – Leadership Workshop

9:30 – 2:00 - **\$50** (includes lunch)

**Location:** *The Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester*



Rev. Alan G. Newton

### Friday, September 21 – Rev. Newton's Retirement Celebration

6 p.m. – **No charge** – but please **RSVP**

Celebration service

Reception to follow

**Location:** *First Baptist Church of Rochester, 175 Allens Creek Road*



Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggarty

### Saturday, September 22 – Biennial Meeting

Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggarty

9:00 – 4:00

\$35 with lunch, \$25 without lunch, \$60 family with lunch, \$20 seminarian

**Location:** *The Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester*

### Saturday Workshops: 1 – 2 p.m.

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray – Executive Director American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Dr. Jeffrey Woods – Associate General Secretary ABCUSA

Rev. Gina C. Jacobs-Strain – Executive Director AB Women's Ministries

(Zoom link for women's meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/754765135>)

### Registration

Please mail your registration and check made out to ABCRGR to:

**ABCRGR, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester, NY 14610**

**Deadline: September 14**

RSVP Contact: [officeabcrgr@gmail.com](mailto:officeabcrgr@gmail.com), or (585) 473-3200

## Workshop Sessions: 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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### **The Journey of Leadership**

Dr. C. Jeff Woods

Becoming a leader is a journey, not a destination. While some people are born with natural leadership traits, every person is capable of growing and developing leadership skills. In this workshop, participants will explore recent leadership insights regarding how leaders develop, why people follow, why some skills have negative side effects, and how to become a level five leader.

*Dr. Woods has been with ABCUSA since July of 2003. His primary responsibility is to "increase the capacity for ministry" among the 33 regional ministry centers through the United States and Puerto Rico. Prior to serving in his current position, Woods served as the Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of Ohio, pastorates in Rushville, Milan, Madison, Indiana, as well as university faculty positions.*

*Woods works with executive minister search committees and assists with orientation, evaluation, and leadership development in the regions. Over the last twenty years, he has published over thirty articles in various religious, academic, and business journals and has authored five books in the areas of pastoral leadership and congregational research.*



### **American Baptist Women's Ministry**

Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain

Rev. Jacobs-Strain will provide an update on the work of ABWM and will engage women in our churches in how they might create a new partnership together. Video technology using the **Zoom link**: <https://zoom.us/j/754765135> will be available for this conversation so that women in all eleven states where ABCRGR churches are located can participate and can join together in creating a new future together.

*Rev. Jacobs-Strain is the Executive Director of ABWM. An ordained American Baptist minister, Jacobs-Strain served First Baptist Church – New Market as its transitional pastor; is department chair of Division of Student Success at Nyack College, and is associate regional pastor for Women in Ministry of AB New Jersey. Prior to 2003, she was employed as senior credit deputy at JP Morgan Chase, and as assistant vice president of State Street Bank.*

*Jacobs-Strain describes her call and transition into church-related leadership: "I am filled with awe and expectation as I join a sisterhood of women committed to build the body of Christ by intentionally following the movement of God, being fully engaged in the denomination's missional focus and by embracing the gifts and participation of all women and girls throughout the United States and Puerto Rico."*



### **American Baptist Home Mission Societies**

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Dr. Haggray will be sharing his vision for ABHMS, as well as the challenges and opportunities moving forward. This is an opportunity for a good conversation, which will help our region churches continue the strong partnership with ABHMS.

*Dr. Jeffrey Haggray serves as executive director of ABHMS and Judson Press. At the heart of Haggray's ministry lies his passions for motivating Christians to impact communities with their deeply-held faith; encouraging emerging leaders to discern and respond to God's call; and emphasizing God's loving concern for humanity's well-being, wholeness and justice. Haggray works closely with diverse national and regional partners to provide a clear vision of the Christian mission in today's world, to cultivate relationships and to develop resources for transformational ministry with congregations, communities and regions across the United States and Puerto Rico.*

*Having served congregations in New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; and Georgia, Haggray understands the day-to-day needs of local congregations involved in disciple-making, worship, leadership development, evangelism and mission engagement. As a regional executive minister in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Region for eight years, Haggray learned that, when congregations and institutions can access the human and material resources they need to transform their communities, there is no limit to the impact they are able to make.*



## 2018 Biennial Meeting Registration Form

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

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| _____ Plenary Talk, Thu., Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.           | RSVP only |
| _____ Leadership Workshop, Fri., Sept. 21 at 9:30 a.m. | \$50      |
| _____ Retirement Celebration, Fri., Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. | RSVP only |
| _____ Biennial Meeting, Sat., Sept. 22 at 9 a.m.       |           |
| _____ Individual, with lunch                           | \$35      |
| _____ Individual, without lunch                        | \$25      |
| _____ Family, with lunch                               | \$60      |
| _____ Seminarian, with lunch                           | \$20      |

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check\* made payable and mailed to:

**ABCRGR, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester, NY 14610**

Registration deadline is **September 14**.

**NOTE:** There will be no childcare provided.

Please list dietary restrictions here: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: (585) 473-3200 / [officeabcrgr@gmail.com](mailto:officeabcrgr@gmail.com)

\* Thank you for paying with a check, which allows us to keep the entire amount without processing fees.






## Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM	<b>Beef on Weck Dinner \$10</b> includes beef on weck sandwich along with 2 delicious side dishes <i>Sponsored by Partyka Farms</i> <b>Drinks</b> <i>Sponsored by</i> <i>Kendall United Methodist Church</i> <b>Ice Cream</b> <i>Sponsored by Concordia Lutheran Church</i>	<b>Games for Kids</b> <i>Sponsored by Kludt Farms, St. Mark's          Church, Morton Baptist Church</i> <b>Hay Maze</b> <i>Sponsored by Patt Brother's Farm</i> <b>Support Your Local          Businesses</b> <i>Booths located inside the fire hall</i>
5:00-8:00 PM	<b>Balloon Twister</b> <i>With Gramma Robin</i> <b>Fire Prevention Trailer</b> <i>Kendall Fire Department</i> <b>Kendall, NY Rocks! Rock Painting</b>	
At Dusk 8:30 PM		<b>Free Outdoor Movie</b> <b>COCO</b> Behind Town Hall Popcorn and Lemonade <i>Provided by the Lions Club</i>

## Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM	<b>Community Worship</b> At the Gazebo (Bring Your Own Chair) <i>Led by Kendall United          Methodist Church</i> Refreshments to follow provided by the Morton Baptist Church	 <i>Any Questions feel free to contact:</i> <a href="mailto:bflow@townofkendall.com">bflow@townofkendall.com</a>
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"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart." -  
Psalm 37:4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Communion Sunday	6	7 Bible Study @ 12:00	8	9	10 Rummage Sale 9:00-5:00	11 Rummage Sale 9:00-1:00
12	13	14 Bible Study @ 12:00	15	16	17	18 Kendall Home Grown Days
19 Kendall Home Grown Days  Community Worship Service @ 10:00	20	21 Bible Study @ 12:00	22 Newsletter items due	23	24	25
26	27	28 Bible Study @ 12:00	29	30	31	

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