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## First Baptist Welcomes Margie Latham as Moderator

At the June Congregational meeting First Baptist elected its leaders for the next year. Replacing Judy Kennison as moderator is Margie Latham, who lives in Middlebury VT, but shall be attending meetings via Zoom.

Margie Latham's connection with First Baptist Church dates back to the summer of 1986. At the invitation of Rev. Diane Gibbons, she volunteered to help sort rummage for a big rummage sale. While there she met Pastor Dave Evans, Grace Evans, Kay Barnes, Helen Jensen, and other First Baptist folks. She and her husband Tom started attending worship services and joined the church in the fall of that year. They both sang in the church choir.

When Margie and Tom moved to the Dallas, Texas area in December of 1988 for Tom's employment, Margie matriculated at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. She received her M.Div. degree in May of 1992.

Dave and Grace Evans graciously shepherded Margie through the ABC ordination process in NY State on account of there being so few ABC congregations in

Texas. First Baptist Church ordained Margie in June of 1994. Our church then called her to serve as Interim Pastor when Dave Evans retired. She served as Interim Pastor until Rev Wendy Fambro was called as our church's next settled pastor.



Margie Latham

After many years in Texas, Margie and Tom retired to Middlebury, Vermont, where they care for a small fruit and vegetable farm plus 13 acres of woods. Margie attended the FBC Women's Retreat in April of 2019, and was really looking forward to the 2020 retreat. A silver lining of the pandemic for Margie has been the joy of attending Zoom worship on Sunday and other Zoom church groups. Margie enjoys summer and winter outdoor activities. She sings and plays the flute, and is hoping that her choral groups and wind ensemble will be able to resume practices one day.

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**In-person Again at Last.:** On June 20th, First Baptist resumed offering in-person, socially distanced, hybrid worship for those who attended on Zoom.





July 11th bouquet

First Baptist Church in Ithaca is a nurturing and inclusive community. Guided by Jesus' Teachings, we strive for Social & Ecological Justice; and embrace the Baptist tradition of Bible, Soul, Church and Religious Freedoms.



July 25th flowers.

## From Your Pastor Debbie Bennett Reynolds

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying summertime! Even though we are having very southern-style humidity and thunderstorms, it's good to have more freedom to visit with people in-person and to come and go. I know that how free you feel depends on very personal factors, but I hope you are being able to do some summer activities you enjoy and spend time with people you love



Reverend Debbie Bennett Reynolds

It is good to finally be able to hold in-person worship in our sanctuary, as well as at Taughannock Park. Just this week the Reopening Committee met and agreed that we can resume congregational singing with masks and allow special music performances by vaccinated persons without masks. This is a big step! We are so grateful for the super low COVID positive test rate and high vaccination rate in Tompkins county. We see there are many other places in our country where this is not the case, and we will continue to monitor this closely and will tighten up restrictions if it seems necessary. Again, I know some of you don't feel ready to come back in person. We are very blessed to have the technology that allows us to worship together no matter where we are. We want to keep working together to make hybrid worship work well for all of us.

On the personal side, I want to share a couple updates. Our daughter, Anna, after a very good seven week visit with us, is back in Saudi Arabia. And, she reports, it is hot and dusty! Life in a city in the middle of the desert in July isn't much fun. She had hoped she and her fiancé, Maroun, might be able to make a vacation trip before her school begins in mid-August, but travel in and out of Saudi Arabia remains quite complicated. She has received official word that she passed all her teacher certification exams (through the state of Florida since that's where she was able to find an on-line preparation program last year), so her major vocational goal for coming home was accomplished. In addition, she got fully vaccinated against COVID which is wonderful. While she was here, we took some time off to visit with Bill's parents and cousins in Florida and my family in NC. It was very good to have family time after so long!

Bill and I are in the midst of moving into our new house in Spencer, just across the Tioga County line on South Danby Road. We have taken lots of smaller items by car and are borrowing the Barron's truck this weekend to carry some bigger items, but the actual moving day for the big furniture and kitchen is now set for July 26th. We are looking forward to settling in to our new home! Please know of my appreciation to all of you for your understanding and support as I continue to be somewhat distracted with all this personal business going on!

As we continue to enjoy these weeks of summer, let's remember the experiences of the past year and a half and continue to be grateful and appreciative of the privileges we enjoy this summer! May God bless you with joy and health and an abiding sense of God's love and peace!

Debbie





## Baptism of Addy Ward-Aittama



*Into the lake*



*Words of baptism ordinance.*



*After submersion*



*A new life in Christ.*

## June 27th Picnic/Baptist at Taughannock Park

*Photo essay by Judy Kennison/Tony Lister*



*Joe Haines, on the left, and David Caughey provide music and accompany singing.*



*Reading scripture and worshipping together.*



*From left to right, Keagan Fitzgerald, Lily and Elenna Adams participating in the body prayer led by Tony Lister.*



## What Is Spiritual Direction?

Spirituality addresses our deepest identity and purpose in life, and the way in which we connect and interact with the world around us. It provides an opportunity to grow in this wholeness and connection through an exploration of inner and outer experiences with a trained spiritual director.

The early Celts recognized the need for support on the spiritual path and used the term *anam cara*, meaning "soul friend" in Gaelic, to describe a person who is a spiritual companion and guide.

People of many backgrounds, with or without connection to religious communities, seek spiritual direction. Their reasons vary. Some need discernment at a crossroads. Others who have experienced loss want to understand the spiritual resources available to them during times of tumult. Many simply feel called to be more intentional about their spiritual journey.

Finger Lakes Anam Cara offers spiritual direction as this opportunity to grow in wholeness and connection through the exploration of inner and outer experience with a trained spiritual director who listens, reflects back what is heard, and offers questions that support discernment. The directee is encouraged to see in new ways and support decisions and actions that arise from a genuine experience of a sacred presence.

Participants will find spiritual direction most fruitful when it complements a regular spiritual practice. Not only can traditional practices like meditation and prayer, but painting, dance, service or walking in the woods can nurture and sustain our spirits, if practiced with intention. For one without a spiritual practice, a great place to start our conversation is:- what practice calls to you; what practice helps you come alive?



## Finger Lakes Anam Cara: A Center for Spiritual Direction Takes Root

*Submitted by Debbie Allen*

We are delighted to announce the opening of a new center for spiritual direction — Finger Lakes Anam Cara. Many people tell us "I wish I had more time to give to my spiritual life..." When, in fact, there are opportunities for spiritual practice in every day life. Finger Lakes Anam Cara offers companionship and direction in this journey.

### Trio's Vision

Several years ago, Edie Reagan, Darcey Laine, and Debbie Allen, all trained as spiritual directors, began to discuss their dream to help more people understand spiritual direction and how it can support those who feel drawn to explore their spirituality in depth. They felt that creating a center would allow others to access information about spiritual direction more easily and to choose a spiritual director who best fits their needs. Finger Lakes Anam Cara is the result of their vision. Physically based at First Baptist church, director and directee can meet wherever they choose or connect remotely via zoom.



*Spiritual Directors from left to right: Darcey Laine, Edie Reagan and Debbie Allen*

Serving seekers from near and far, the center's mission is to assist seekers in reflecting upon and deepening their spiritual lives through listening, presence, and accompaniment. It will provide direction, increase awareness of spiritual direction, and create a web of accountability for participating directors. Offered are: individual and group direction; in person, by phone, or online; peer group supervision; and other opportunities for spiritual practice, exploration, and reflection.

### Breadth of Experience

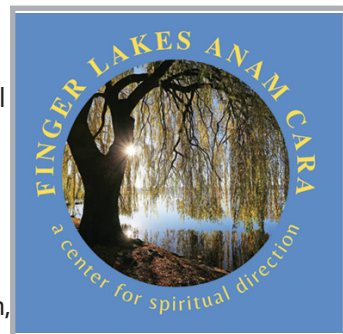
The three spiritual directors at Anam Cara bring with a breadth of experience to their calling. Rev. Darcey Laine, MDiv, completed the Spiritual Directors' Training Program sponsored by the Linwood Spiritual Center and the Mariandale Center. She attended the Starr King School for the Ministry and was fellowshiped and ordained in the Unitarian Universalist Ministry in 1998. Her background includes training in Group Spiritual Direction, Contemplative formation, and Group Projective Dreamwork. She is a certified Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator. Darcey believes deeply in the inner wisdom of each person and our capacity to listen for the movements and calling of spirit in our own lives.

Debbie Allen, MDiv, MSW, received her training in spiritual direction at the Guild for Spiritual Guidance in Rye, NY, and the Spiritual Renewal Center in Syracuse, NY. She graduated from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, was ordained as an American Baptist minister, has provided pastoral care in a Methodist church, and is currently a per diem hospital chaplain. Spiritual direction was Debbie's first calling, one to which she brings presence and the conviction that we are deeply connected and supported in our longing for wholeness.

Edie Reagan, MDiv, LMSW, completed the Basic and Advanced Training Programs in Spiritual Direction offered by the Spiritual Renewal Center in Syracuse, NY. She began receiving spiritual direction as a 17-year-old seeking answers to some of life's great questions. Over the years, having experienced firsthand the value of meeting regularly with a "soul friend", she felt a growing desire to offer this service to others. Edie has served as a Hospice Chaplain since 2009 and has extensive experience supporting those dealing with end of life concerns. She has offered pastoral support to college students as a Chaplain at Cornell University, and to mature adults at a residential community for seniors. Her special interest is women's spirituality and the creative use of ritual. She holds a MDiv degree from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and has been a Licensed Master Social Worker in NYS since 1993.

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## Chanting

*From Richard Rohr's Meditations*

Chanting is one of the most traditional methods of contemplation. While some traditions repeat a single word or sound, Benedictine and Gregorian chant within the Christian tradition draw their inspiration from the Psalms. Cynthia Bourgeault describes how chant works as a contemplative method by saying that chanting is fundamentally a deep-immersion experience in the creative power of the universe itself. Because to make music, you must engage those three core elements out of which the earth was fashioned and through which all spiritual transformation happens.

The first element is breath. Many of the great world religions picture the earth as being created and sustained by the steady, rhythmic "breathing" of God. Virtually every tradition starts you off on a spiritual practice by bringing attention to your breath and teaching you to breathe fully and consciously.

The second element is tone, or vibration, the sound you make when you add voice to that breath. Again, many of the world's sacred traditions tell us that creation came into existence through the power of vibration. . . [Including] the ancient Christian insight, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1)—for what else is "word" but vibration combined with intentionality? Mythologically, the world was "spoken" into existence.

The third element is intentionality. . . . When you chant, the quality of your intention and attention is what makes the difference between boredom and beauty. As you give yourself to the words you are chanting, their spiritual power comes alive in you. . . . In traditional Sufi prayer, for example, a single word is chanted over and over—one of ninety-nine names (spiritual attributes) of God: "mercy," "truth," "life," "peace," and so forth. With nothing but a single word, sometimes an accompanying drumbeat, and the conscious attention of the participants, a chant of enormous power and beauty rises in remembrance of God.

Taizé, the small ecumenical community in France founded in the late 1940s, remind us that "through [the songs], little by little, our being finds an inner unity in God. They can continue in the silence of our hearts when we are at work, speaking with others or resting. In this way prayer and daily life are united. They allow us to keep on praying even when we are unaware of it, in the silence of our hearts."

## First Baptist Nursery Gets a Makeover



*Thanks to the initiative, dedication, and hard work of Anne and Steve Farrell along with Custodian David Hopkins and Bill Abeles, the nursery has had bright, happy makeover in preparation for the return of children.*



*Throughout the pandemic, on the first Thursday of each month, a crew that includes Steve and Anne Farrell, Amanda Ufford, Regi Carpenter, Linda Caughey, Tony Lister and Bill Abeles prepare and deliver individual lunches to those staying at the Friendship Center. To expand out volunteer effort, another team, led by Barb Fry, has also begun preparing lunches on one Tuesday of each month.*



*Leslie Schultz and Keagan Fitzgerald enjoying the waters of Cayuga Lake at the FBC picnic June 27th.*



*Fun was had by all at the worship service/baptism/picnic at Taughannock State Park on June 27th, especially those youngsters who had a chance to test out Cayuga's chilly waters with their tubes.*



## Online Centering Prayer & Inner Awakening Wisdom Practice Day AUG 28, 2021

In Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening, we will delve into both the tradition and method of this contemplative Christian prayer practice.

Guided by four seasoned facilitators, this Wisdom Practice Day is designed for anyone wanting to deepen into the experience of prayer and practice. As we come together in community, seeking inspiration and engaging practices for our awakening, we will leave with a felt sense of our deepening presence and how we can be of service in the world.

For more information, contact Tony Lister at 607-319-1095. To enroll, email: [holly@aared.com](mailto:holly@aared.com) (North-east Wisdom bookkeeper)  
Date: Saturday August 28, 2021  
Suggested donation \$30-80 to Northeast Wisdom.

## Pollinator Garden Flourishes



# A Short History of First Baptist

As found at <https://firstbaptistithaca.org/about/history/>

Founded after the harvest season of 1821 by 23 people in Danby, New York, the church moved a few miles north to Ithaca in 1826. The first home for the First Baptist Church in Ithaca was built in 1831, with a young Ezra Cornell serving as one of the carpenters. Upon the building's destruction by fire in 1854, a second structure was built and used until the growing community required a larger building. The present structure was completed in 1890, with financial assistance from John D. Rockefeller. Its architect was William Henry Miller, who designed a number of major buildings on the Cornell campus and in downtown Ithaca. Now widely recognized as an example of Romanesque architecture, the building has been called the "Jewel of DeWitt park." In 1971 it was designated a historic landmark by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the City of Ithaca. It is also listed on the NYS and national Registers of Historic Landmarks. During the early 1970s the congregation explored ways to create a better, more workable church space, included selling the building and moving, demolishing and rebuilding on site, or renovating the interior. The congregation voted to renovate the interior of the building February 1, 1976. St. John's Episcopal Church shared their chapel and office space with First Baptist for 9 months, until basic work was completed, which included an open and inclusive remodel of the Sanctuary. Worship resumed in the First Baptist Church building for Easter, 1978.

## Strategic Ministries

From its beginnings, First Baptist has been involved in strategic ministries. In the late nineteenth century, our church became a center for the women's suffrage movement in upstate New York: in 1902 meeting of the Tompkins County Suffrage Association took place in the church parlor, and in 1914 a mass meeting of suffragettes from nine counties met at the church. First Baptist was willing to take real risks because it saw the marginalizing of women as a biblical justice issue.

The church was willing to stand up and be counted during the civil rights turmoil of the 1950's and 1960's, and First Baptist met with Calvary Baptist of Ithaca to affirm the message of Martin Luther King. The church protested the Vietnam War in the late 1960's and 1970's. The first Planned Parenthood office and clinic in Ithaca were housed in First Baptist during the 1970's. The pastor was a board member, and a congregation member supervised the clinic and helped start the education program. Before Roe vs. Wade, the pastor was part of a clergy service to assist women in locating a safe abortion. In the 1980's, the church

joined with the Quakers as leaders of the "sanctuary" movement in the Ithaca area, calling "upon the U.S. government to acknowledge the right of Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees to political asylum." First Baptist declared its opposition to the deportation of "refugees as long as persecution, torture, and murder of civilians continued." The church has continued its active support of refugees to the present. It has helped refugees to resettle in Ithaca from Vietnam, Haiti, Romania, Cambodia, Kosovo, Belarus, and other countries.

## Champions Inclusiveness

For decades First Baptist has been a champion of inclusiveness. It has long been a home to people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. In 1997, as a result of the current move by some within the American Baptist Churches of the USA to disfellowship welcoming and affirming churches, First Baptist became a member of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

## Living Wage Employer

First Baptist is a certified living wage employer. In 2007, the church joined the Tompkins County Workers' Center to assist in campaigns for a living wage for all workers, including food service employees at Ithaca College, and to address the needs of migrant farm workers. In 2105 the church sponsored a trip where 7 adults and 5 youth went to Guatemala to assist a Catholic mission and learn about people's lives there.

## All Are Ministers

Our congregation identifies all members of the church as ministers, and some have decided to attend seminary and pursue ministerial careers. (The church has ordained five ministers in the past 25 years and is sponsoring others in their ordination process.) Our membership includes an unusually large number of retired ministers (14 at last count), and has ordained ministers doing non-pastoral work, from both the ABC and other denominations. Over the years the church has had links to the international community through the presence of foreign students, members who have lived abroad during sabbatical and/or study leaves, and missionaries taking courses at local colleges while on furlough. Students and others here for a few years keep in touch; a few return to Ithaca to rejoin us. A significant number of members after leaving Ithaca maintain contact, sending appreciative notes for receiving our newsletter, *The Visitor*, some continuing to provide financial support, visiting us when in the area, and expressing the wish that "they could find another church like First Baptist!"

# A Tribute to Mrs Hollister

By Bev Schmidt, as related at the July 25th FBC Worship service.

Today I mourn the loss of my neighbor, my longtime Scrabble partner, and friend of many decades, Mrs. Hollister. And yet, it is a time of celebration of a life well lived by a woman who loved her family, friends, and faith community.

I first met Mr. and Mrs. Hollister in 1974, when my husband and I moved into the house next to theirs. Their home was one of the first houses built on Westhaven Road; the spot where they had parked when they were dating! They were incredible neighbors. When we traveled, Mr. H would mow our lawn, while Mrs. H made sure there was food in our refrigerator when we arrived home. They, too, enjoyed traveling, and despite visiting many wonderful, and exotic places in the world, Mrs. H always said that Ithaca was the most beautiful place of all. They enjoyed working in their garden, frequently sharing an abundance of vegetables. Mrs. Hollister always loved flowers, and took great pride in her irises... 2 of each color in many rows. The plow used for the garden turned into the winter plow for snow removal. Mr. Hollister would plow not only their driveway, but ours, too, early enough in the morning that I could make my commute to Horseheads. Mrs. Hollister used to say that if their house was burning down, Mr. H would probably rescue the plow before her. He loved that plow.



*Mrs Naomi Hollister and Bev Schmidt playing Scrabble.  
Photo by Judy Kennison*

Our relationship was both friend and quasi family. Our children considered the Hollisters to be a third set of grandparents. We visited with them frequently, and they attended all of our children's birthday parties, confirmations, graduations, and other life events. When I returned to substitute teaching following a leave of absence from teaching, Mrs. Hollister- on last minute notice- would babysit for my son, playing endless games of Zorro with him. In return, I gave Mrs. Hollister piano lessons, which she claimed helped her arthritic fingers. Her goal was to be able to play some hymns, and one of her favorite songs, THE LOST CHORD.

In 1985 Mr. Hollister informed us that he had terminal cancer and they were moving to an apartment that wouldn't require yard and house maintenance for Mrs. H. They moved to Warren Road Apartments, where he passed away. His funeral was in this church...the place they had met, married, worshiped, and raised their children. After his passing, Mrs. Hollister kept busy tutoring ESL students during the school year, taking computer lessons, and swimming in the summers. Once a month I'd visit her for lunch, always ending the visit by playing another of her favorite tunes: THE ALLEY CAT. By the way, Mrs. H said she regretted that she didn't ask me to play The Alley Cat at Mr. Hollister's funeral!

After a brief stay at Longview Adult Living, Mrs. Hollister moved out because she didn't want to be "around old folks". I think she was in her eighties. She moved to Northwood Apartment 24 2D, and in 2009; I sold my house and moved into Northwood Apartment 24 1F. We were neighbors again! Now her days were filled with reading, corresponding with friends and former students, working on writing Mr. Hollister's biography, tending to the plants and bird feeders on her back patio, and putting together jigsaw puzzles. Thursday evenings became my laundry night (the laundry room being the floor below her apartment), during which time we'd play 3 games of Scrabble. These games continued after she moved back to Longview, where we played weekly until last March, when the pandemic shut us down.

A word about our Scrabble games. From her worldly travels, Mrs. Hollister picked up many obscure words, then would say "well, you know that's a rare sword used by the New Zealand aborigines?!?". Well, no, I didn't, but I believed every word she played. She taught me words that used pesky tiles, such as Ulu for U; Haj, Taj, Raj, for J, etc. I taught her a few words she didn't know... like "toke". At times she had a running commentary as she was thinking of a word to play, and she'd say "Oh, I can't do that", and my favorite expression of hers: "murder", which might possibly be the harshest word she ever uttered. She played the game as she lived her life: wanting to play honestly and fairly. I was a much more competitive player than she, and because she never played defensively, and would set me up for large word scores, I usually won. Friends would ask why I never let her win. I'll tell you why: A few years ago, after completing our 3 games, Mrs. Hollister said "Oh dear. I just can't die before I win 3 games someday". The challenge to keep her alive was on. As much as I wanted to keep her alive, that was not what she wanted. The past few years were difficult for her, and she was ready "to join Ed", her husband.

Mrs. Hollister was, above all, a true woman of faith who talked the talk, and walked the walk. As I mentioned earlier, she was a parishioner here at First Baptist for 70 + years. She took part in Bible study groups, collected box top labels, and did the linens for the annual tag sale. She lived her faith in every way possible. She missed coming to church, as, in her words, she "had many happy, fond memories of First Baptist Church". Her favorite hymn, which we just sang, was "God Who Touchest Earth with Beauty". From her room at Hospicare, she enjoyed seeing the beauty of the earth...various trees, beautiful flowers, and many birds who visited the feeders. These brought her great joy, as did the cards, letters, visits, and flowers which many of you gave to her.

Last Wednesday (July 21st), my daughter (who was visiting from Michigan) wanted to visit Mrs. Hollister. We drove to Hospicare, arriving just 20 minutes after she died. Although we didn't get to verbally say our goodbyes, when the funeral director arrived, we had the honor of sitting behind the piano in the lounge, to "play her out" with—you guessed it—*The Alley Cat*. Mrs. Hollister wanted no funeral, no obituary, but I think she'd be OK with this special service honoring her, someone who touched many lives with beauty.





Please keep in your prayers:

- John Gross
- Suzanne Kilgore
- Naomi Hollister
- Laurel Lawshae
- Joan Yarborough
- Pastor André Thera & family
- Ron Drummond
- Barbie Lister
- Tom Lister
- Cristian Pia-Miller
- The Phelan family
- Anthony Halman & family

Each day I move toward that which I do not understand. The result is a continuous accidental learning which constantly shapes my life.

YO-YO MA.

Our fears and terrors can be activated by the news, but they are not who we are. We are consciousness itself, loving awareness, born into this body and having a wild human ride. What will you do with this human dance?

JACK KORNFIELD



Marlene Sack playing taps on Memorial Day.

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**Worship at Taughannock State Park:** On June 27th, First Baptist enjoyed perfect weather at their annual picnic worship service at Taughannock State Park. Also celebrated was the baptism of Addy Ward-Aittama (see page 3).

## Time and Talent Ministries (updated for 2021-2022)

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