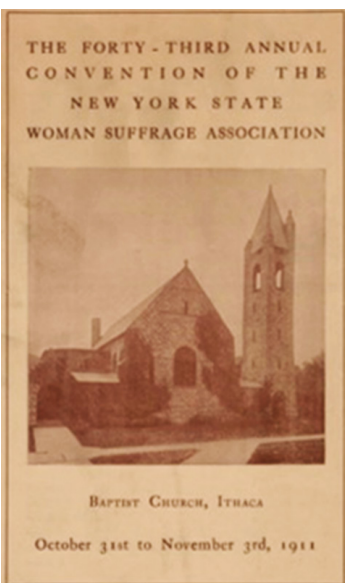


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FBC Women's Suffrage pamphlet cover.

Plans Underway for Pastor's Sabbatical

Pastor Debbie and the Pastoral Relations Team are working together to make plans for Debbie's sabbatical for 12 weeks this summer. Debbie's last Sunday will be on June 5th, Pentecost Sunday and the 200th Anniversary Finale we're planning – a great day to send her off! Rev. Wendy DeMott Fambro, our former pastor, and Rev. Sandy Hasenauer, our executive minister, will be with us leading in worship that day. Debbie will be sharing more after Easter about her plans for rest, renewal and learning about Embodied Spirituality. She will share some books she will be reading – and invite the church to join in. We are also working on plans for an All Church Retreat in the fall around the themes of her sabbatical.

The Pastoral Relations Committee is organizing plans for pastoral leadership during Debbie's absence. Differ-

ent preachers will speak each Sunday, bringing a wonderful variety to summer worship! We hope everyone will step up and be engaged as much as you are able this summer, so we can support each other and celebrate time together!

A part-time Pastoral Coordinator will work a few hours a week to make sure worship services come together and to provide guidance and support for administrative issues. Several of our clergy have already agreed to work together to provide pastoral care. We are blessed that we have such great leadership to draw on for this summer and that we have resources in our sabbatical fund to make all this work well for everyone. Let's be praying together for the summer of 2022 to be a joyful, blessed time of renewal for all of us!

FBC Celebrates Its Role in Women's Suffrage

During the March 13th worship service, First Baptist's historic role in the Women's Suffrage movement was lifted up and celebrated. Andrea Mooney and Edie Reagan each read from a history of the involvement of First Baptist in the Women's Suffrage movement church that Moderator Margie Latham had researched and compiled from historical documents.

Margie's account is now captured in a trifold pamphlet that will be available in the sanctuary. The cover of the pamphlet is shown on the left. In 2020 the plaque shown below was placed on the west door of the church in honor of former pastor Robert T. Jones who served First Baptist for 35 years from 1890 to 1915. During his tenure he was involved in the suffrage movement.



As part of our 200th anniversary celebration, Andrea Mooney, left above, and Edie Reagan (right) celebrate First Baptist's historic role in the Women's Suffrage movement



From Your Pastor Debbie Bennett Reynolds

Dear Friends,

We're in the midst of Lent, looking toward Holy Week and the final hours of Jesus' life. This Lent of 2022 I find myself with such mixed feelings. I am grieving, weighed down, heartsick about the war in Ukraine. I am crying out to God for peace and a way forward for our world. I am also trying to remember in prayer the forgotten places of violence and war that the media is no longer covering – like Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, and northern Ethiopia, as well as the on-going struggles of people coming to our southern border. There is so much! So much violence and pain and grief in our world! And the continuing uncertainties of the pandemic.



Reverend Debbie Bennett Reynolds

We are invited this Lent to turn again and again to the God who came to us in Jesus – the poor Galilean peasant whose family fled as refugees when he was a baby, who lived his life under military occupation, who was a witness to state violence throughout his life – and who was killed because he dared to preach good news to the poor, freedom to the captives, and the healing of the brokenness and violence of this world. In his living and his dying, he showed forth self-giving love and compassion. That is the Jesus we are called to love and follow through these dark days of Lent. And at the same time, the earth has turned toward the sun – the days are lengthening, the tips of leaves are pushing up through the cold dirt and birds are returning. The seasons of the earth can help us remember that death is never the last word. In the loving goodness of God, there is always life. In life, in death, in life beyond death, we believe in the God of love. In the middle of grief and loss, in violence and brokenness and sin, God's love is always at work to bring healing, hope, and restoration. And so we pray to live our lives out of that deep hope, that abiding faith, that peace that passes all understanding, that love that cannot be defeated and cannot be destroyed. May Jesus Christ be with us and empower us to live in hope and love! Amen

In love and blessing,

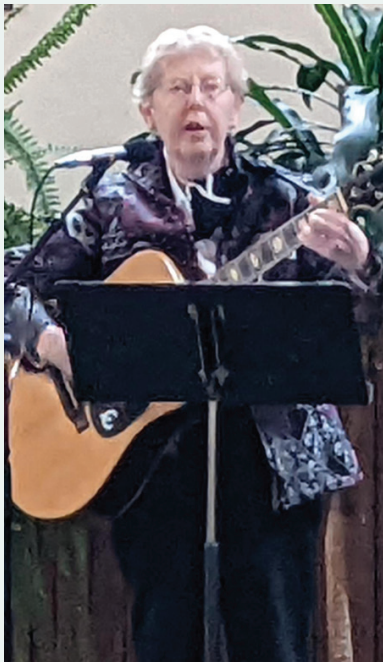
Debbie

Save the Date

FBC's Annual Women's
Retreat Light on the Hill

May 27-29

**"Together
Again!"**



Accompanied by Christopher Morgan Loy on the piano, Marlene Sack sang and played a beautiful rendition of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" at the March 20th worship service. Photo by Mark Lawrence



Gifted Preacher: Time after time again each week Pastor Debbie Bennett Reynolds stands behind the pulpit and delivers sermons that are instructive, powerful and poignant, and which often bring tears to listeners' eyes.

Green Team March Tips

Plastics

Did you know most of what we put in our recycling bins isn't made into anything new, but ends up as trash? True even when you follow the instructions! Cutting way back on our use of plastics is very important. The links below will help you understand why.

- <https://www.beyondplastics.org/>
- Plastic Wars: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dk3NOEgX7o>

Here are some things most of us can do to start with.

These products are available locally.

- Use mesh bags for produce. Wash and reuse.
- Use reusable straws. Recommend stainless steel. Wash and reuse.
- Buy, make and use washable fabric bags for groceries instead of plastic bags.
- Use bar shampoo and hand soap instead of liquids.
- Use those paper grocery bags for trash rather than buying plastic bags.
- Use this service if you cannot compost at home: <https://recycletoompkins.org/recycling-and-composting/food-scrap-recycling/>
- If you cannot drink your tap water, buy drinking water from in-store dispensers at GreenStar or Wegmans. Refill containers. Wegmans sells gallon containers. You only pay for the container once. GreenStar says bring your own containers.
- Buy laundry detergent in cardboard containers or use washing sheets or strips.
- Share your ideas for reducing plastic use!

Mark Your Calendars!

Become a Trash Bird!

Clean-up trash **April 23,**
10 am to noon

in Walmart's front ditch

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Christian Concern Ministry Team

Steve Farrell, Bill Phelan Co-conveners



Bill Abeles



Amanda Ufford



Bill Phelan



Steve Farrell



Marge Hansel



Baruch Whitehead

To strive for social justice, a core value of First Baptist Church, is embodied by our Christian Concern Ministry Team. The mission of this committee is to promote the flow of God's all-inclusive love through the Church and into the world. This committee coordinates service and outreach that address social injustice and support the needs of the local community and beyond. Responsible for denominational, ecumenical and interfaith relations, it develops and manages mission plans and activities, and promotes special mission fundraising that include the annual offerings through American Baptist Churches/USA.

The dedicated group pictured above are the backbone of the Christian Concern team, but they are aided by many others in the congregation in carrying out their missions. Current projects and missions of our Christian Concern Ministry Team include:

- Ongoing support of the food pantries and the Catholic Worker House;
- Working at the Kitchen Cupboard food pantry at the Salvation Army;
- Making lunches monthly for The Friendship Center;
- Assisting persons in sanctuary through the Ithaca Sanctuary Alliance;
- Southern Tier AIDS fundraising through its annual bike ride;
- Working with Cornell Farmworkers Program clothing drive;
- Providing needed items for children at the Enfield School.

This year FBC and the Christian Concern team will be participating as a Silver sponsor with a booth at FoodNet's Mac 'n Cheese Bowl on May 4, from 4:30-7:00 pm at the Ithaca Farmers Market – Steamboat Landing, 545 3rd St, in Ithaca (See ads below).

FOODNET MEALS ON WHEELS
MAC 'N CHEESE BOWL
ITHACA FARMERS MARKET
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022
4:30PM - 7:00PM

VOTE FOR THE VERY BEST MAC 'N CHEESE IN TOWN!

Kid's Choice Award too

THE BOWL IS BACK! SAVE THE DATE! TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON!

Larger venue! New Date for Outdoor Experience!
Vendor Information Booths, Raffles, Music and Fun for All Ages!

This year 18 competitors will vie for best meat, best non-meat, most creative and kid's favorite mac 'n cheese bowls. First Baptist is one of 17 vendors who will have a booth at the event. Proceeds from the event will go to support FoodNet and Meals on Wheels. <https://foodnet.org>

On the right is the FBC ad that will appear in the Mac 'n Cheese Bowl advertising booklet.

First Baptist Church
At DeWitt Park
A Welcoming, Inclusive
Faith Community



www.firstbaptistithaca.org;
email: fbithaca@gmail.com; 607-273-5800

My first memory of Liz Wilkinson was from the first Women's Retreat I attended at the former French House in Aurora many years ago. Liz brought the most wonderful rice salad which I later learned had come from the first Moosewood Cookbook. The salad (recipe copied below) continues to be a hit whenever I've taken it to subsequent FBC Women's Retreats. (SAE)

Sri Wasano's Infamous Indonesian Rice Salad

- 2 cups brown rice
- 1/3 cup peanut oil
- 3 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons tamari
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 -2 tablespoon honey or 1 -2 tablespoon brown sugar (optional)
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 cup chopped fresh pineapple
- 2 -3 scallions, minced
- 1 stalk celery, finely minced
- 1/2 lb fresh mung bean sprouts
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts
- 1/2 cup toasted cashew pieces
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, slices
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, slices
- 1 cup thin sliced water chestnuts
- 1 cup raw snow peas (optional)

Cook the brown rice in 3 C water until tender. In a large bowl, combine peanut oil, sesame oil, orange juice, garlic, pepper flakes, tamari, salt, honey or brown sugar if desired, cider vinegar, pineapple.

Add the hot rice to the above mix and mix well. Stir in the scallions, celery, sprouts, raisins, peanuts, cashews, sesame seeds, bell peppers, water chestnuts and raw peas if desired. Mix well and serve.

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Remembrance of Liz (Wilkinson) By Amanda Ufford

"There's an Englishwoman you might like to meet," said Pastor David Evans to us at a First Baptist Sunday lunch when Curt and I were new members of the Church in the mid-Seventies. That was our introduction to Liz Wilkinson who became a dear friend, a person of quiet kindness and persistence. I had never sought out ex-pat Brits as I tried to assimilate to life in Ithaca and nor, I think, had Liz, but we hit it off right away. We found that we had the surprising connection that Liz had boarded with my hospitable Great Aunt and Uncle in central Norwich during her senior year in high school.



Liz Wilkinson

Once in the US, Liz had reharnessed her high energy from teaching physical education to becoming a special ed teacher and eventually worked at the Candor schools. In 1979 I joined Liz and Pat, the school psychologist, there and the three of us worked and car pooled together for several years which were fun times. We shared work woes, parenting tips, survival techniques, and generally let our hair down on those trips.

Liz eventually moved into administration and became the Director of Special Education for the Candor District, all while steering her children, Alan and Anne, through their growing years, as a single parent. She used her stylish skills as a dressmaker to make many of her own clothes and endless costumes for Ithaca Ballet performances, and her cooking skills to produce the delicious Women's Lunches at First Baptist, which she hosted with her great friend, Mary Rollins. After her retirement I used to meet Liz in the thick of aerobics classes at Courtside gym where she enjoyed being one of the gang of ex-teachers keeping fit. Liz also painted and gardened and enjoyed the company of a succession of cats and dogs. She and her Jack Russell, Susie, were great advertisements for agility training and the power of keeping active.

I will remember Liz in many ways - her talents, her practicality and reliability, her commitment to helping others, and her quiet faith.

Moderator's Musings by Margie Latham

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 2022

Yes, June 5th is a ways off, but the 200th Planning Committee, the Worship Committee, and the Hospitality Committee are in the process of planning the concluding celebration of our church's 200th Birthday Year. Pastor Debbie has already confirmed that the Reverend Wendy DeMott Fambro will be our preacher this day.

Our ABC Rochester-Genesee Regional Executive Minister (Wendy's sister) the Reverend Dr. Sandra DeMott Hasenauer will be with us to celebrate also.

June 5th happens to be Pentecost, and also a "first Sunday." So, we will be celebrating communion as well. Pentecost is the Greek name given to a Jewish harvest festival known as Shavuot. In the Christian liturgical year, Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter. Acts 2:1-11 records that Jesus' disciples were given the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (the Feast of Shavuot), and were able to proclaim in any language the good news (gospel) which Jesus proclaimed through his life, death, and resurrection. Many churches today consider Pentecost Sunday to be the birth of the Church. (The capitalizing of the letter "C" is intended to denote the broader, larger religious movement which became Christianity.) June 5th will be a celebration of our church's birthday and our connections with the Church's birthday. Pastor Debbie and the Church Cabinet hope as many people as possible will plan to worship in person, rather than on Zoom. We have so much for which to be thankful and about which to celebrate.

Blessings, Margie



Margie Latham

Walking the Labyrinth for Peace

March 27 – April 2, 2022

**First Baptist Church, DeWitt Park,
309 N Cayuga Street, Ithaca**

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Walking a Labyrinth is a spiritual practice of reflection and prayer. A Labyrinth allows you to join body, heart and mind in contemplation. Walking a Labyrinth can help you seek God's movement in your life and in the world.

This year we especially encourage you to use the Labyrinth to join with others to pray for peace in Ukraine and all the other places in our world torn by war and violence.

You are invited to walk a Labyrinth in our First Baptist sanctuary during these hours:

Sunday, March 27, 4:00-6:00 p.m. -

Opening worship ritual at 4 p.m.

Monday, March 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday, March 30 – April 1, 10:00a.m.- 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 2, 10:00a.m.- 12:00 noon

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All are welcome!

**First Baptist Church in Ithaca
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607-273-5800 www.firstbaptistithaca.org

Office Hours: Tuesdays-Fridays 10:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.

Bylaws Committee Update

The bylaws of a church set out how most aspects of a church are managed as an organization. During our visioning process (2019-2020), it was suggested that our FBC Bylaws should be reviewed to meet our current situation. The Cabinet appointed a committee to conduct the review. This committee did not meet in 2020 because of COVID but it did begin to meet in early 2021. The participants were Debbie Bennett Reynolds, Susan Eymann, Anne Farrell, Bill Fry, Alice Grow, Judy Kennison, and Linda Nicholson. The committee met about twice per month until mid-summer, and then about once per month in the fall. Other demands caused Linda Nicholson and Alice Grow to withdraw from the committee.

The committee's initial activities were educational. We reviewed our existing bylaws (adopted in 2013 and amended in 2015). The committee informed itself generally about church bylaws by reviewing documents from our Region (RGR). In that process we learned among other things that "if your church bylaws are exciting, then they are probably problematic." "...bylaws should be proactive, not reactive", and "...bylaws should be exhaustively reviewed every three years." We also reviewed the current bylaws of churches that are somewhat similar to us. These were: First Congregational Church (Ithaca), Homer UCC, Immanuel Baptist (Rochester), Judson Memorial Baptist (Minneapolis), Lake Avenue Baptist Church (Rochester), and University Baptist (Minneapolis). During this review the committee recognized that some changes to the current FBC Bylaws might be helpful. This led to an "exhaustive review" of our current Bylaws.

The "review" has led the committee to draft a revision of the FBC Bylaws. Upon completion, the draft will be shared with the Cabinet – hopefully in early 2022. The committee anticipates that the Cabinet will share the draft with the congregation for careful discussion and comment over a period of several months. The result of that discussion will determine the next steps – which could range from doing nothing (retaining our current bylaws) to making significant changes. As always, any change to the FBC bylaws will require approval of the congregation – by a two-thirds majority vote at a congregational meeting.

Saint of FBC: Lone Mendenhall By Betty Litinger

Thank you for this opportunity to honor a First Baptist member who, though departed, is frequently in my thoughts. The choice was a difficult one because as a member of Circle 4, a group of women who met each month to share in devotions, dessert, and conversation, I benefited from the skills, generosity, wisdom, and good company of Hope Caskey, Naomi Hollister, Joan Van Marter, Ellen Moffett, and Sally Slade. But, it is the incomparable Lone Mendenhall whose principled dignity and unselfish kindness still guide me in my struggle to achieve mature adulthood.



Betty Litsinger holding FBC Circle 4 tea towel embroidered by Lone.

One spring, I drove Lone to Oberlin College for her 50th class reunion in my 1973 Datsun. The trip to Ohio was delightful, but the day of our return started badly. I was late to pick her up because I had trouble saying goodbye to my then boyfriend (and later husband) who lived in Ohio. On our way back to Ithaca the car broke down near Salamanca. I was worried that she would be upset and uncomfortable. Instead, she reassured me that she had been in worse situations, relating a story about the time the car she was in was suspended over a crevasse all night in Greece. We managed to get the car going again but crept back home at maximum speed of 35 mph, getting in very late. Her worried brother, who must have thought she had been kidnapped or worse, rushed to the street to meet us. (That same brother designed the Circle 4 tea towel shown in picture that Lone embroidered for me.)

Lone had a sharp wit, definite opinions, and a wry sense of humor. (I love the story she told of donating money so that a church could replace curtains that she thought were unattractive only to find that they replaced the old curtains with new identical ones.) She was also unfailingly gracious, kind and hospitable to all. Maybe that was why she bothered with a silly, not entirely responsible grad student. I am so thankful that she did.

Betty Litsinger (former member of First Baptist)

Warm First Baptist Send-off for Janet and Greg

On March 13th First Baptist blessed long-time member Janet Cotraccia and her partner Greg Foster as they prepare to relocate to Tucson, AZ where Greg will assume a position at the University of Arizona. Janet will continue to work remotely for the Tompkins County Community Foundation from her new home.

Following worship Janet showed slides as she recalled learning about First Baptist from former Pastor Wendy Fambro when they were playing softball together more than 20 years ago. Wendy invited Janet to visit First Baptist and there she remained. She and her former husband Tony were active participants on many boards and in the Sunday school. First Baptist became their daughters Sophia's and Greta's church family. At the conclusion of her presentation Pastor Debbie Bennett Reynolds shared a blessing for the couple. Janet assured all that First Baptist would remain her church even though she will be living far away.



Blessing: First Baptist congregants share a blessing for Janet Cotraccia and Greg Foster as they relocate to Tucson, AZ to mark the beginning of a new season of their lives.



SPRING IS HERE! Snow drops are filling our front yard.

Thanks from Lil

"Flowers, phone calls, visits, many cards, soup, salads, fresh fruits and vegetables, casseroles, rice, different breads, cookies, cheese, cake slices, pie slices, and hugs sent through Rich, and the many prayers said for me, I am thankful!

Lil

"A tree is being planted as a gift for you. First Baptist Friends are being honored with the gift of a tree, planted in one of our National Forests.

This gift comes to you from Lil Baron. Your tree, a gift that endures, will replenish a magnificent forest, and preserve the habitat of the wildlife that call it their home." Arbor Day Foundation

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.

Saint of FBC: Janet Brown *By Curt Ufford*

It's a good thing being a Saint is gender-blind and non-political, at least at First Baptist today. My FBC Saints have the ground covered, and among them I could mention Kay Barnes, Rod Fellows, Murray van Marter, and Nancy Wurster. I'd mention Bob Plaisted but he's still alive and kicking so I guess he goes on my potential list. Saints or potential Saints, these members of FBC modeled and encouraged me to become more like them and stick with the program that strives to embody Christian practice.

I didn't realize it as it happened, but the FBC Saint who gradually made her presence felt over time was Janet Brown. We had a working relationship extending over many years of FBC budgets. Janet's faith and courage were remarkable. She, and her sister Betty, grew up on a farm near Unadilla Forks in central NY and attended Unadilla Forks Baptist Church. She continued a life-long Baptist association when her father, Will Brown, moved to Ithaca. Will Brown was FBC Treasurer for many years and I suspect that Janet, who also had a knack for making numbers behave, aspired to walk in his footsteps.

Janet's faith in the Lord was unshakable, but perhaps not in the committee putting together the program budget for the coming year. "I dunno..." she'd say in a quiet, doubtful voice as the proposed budget soared higher with the committee's hopes. But that was just her duty as Treasurer to exercise caution, for she would finally agree with "maybe,...maybe."

Janet became afflicted with colorectal cancer which took her life in March, 2004. Her courage in carrying on in the face of such difficulties inspires me to this day. I became her helper in some of her duties as Treasurer and witnessed her dedication and persistence. "Anyway, what else can I do?" she said to me. "That's all I can do now."

Surely Janet rests in peace. After a memorial and reception at Unadilla Forks Baptist Church, Janet was buried nearby in the Unadilla Forks cemetery, back to the earth from which she came.

Stroll Down Memory Lane: *From Judy (Van Marter) Simmons*

I totally enjoy receiving the Visitor via email. Very professional...kudos. First Baptist was such a part of my growing up. It seems like I had something scheduled at the church daily. Between Guild Girls, choir, BYF, and stopping by Friday afternoons to help fold the Bulletin after Helen Jensen printed it...loved that old mimeograph machine.

My daughter, Deb Kippola is on your mailing list and she received the Stewardship edition of the visitor...so she sent it on to me. Reading the Saint names was a huge trip down memory lane for me. Other names came to mind that were a big part of the church...Ed Hollister, George and Gloria Peter, George and Edith Poppensiek, June and Carl Homer, and Edith and Bion Carpenter. I especially loved reading Myra's memories...I too remember that dumbwaiter. We were always warned about how dangerous it was. I have memories way back to Rev Hicks. The women's Philathea class and the men's Barraca class were located in the back corners of the church...enclosed by big velvet curtains that created their own rooms when church was not in session.

My Grandmother Clara Van Marter was a member of the Philathea class...she may have been one of my teachers. And, when I think of the Barraca's, I'm remembering Naomi Hollister's Dad, Mr Chapman...his wife's name might have been Clara. And, Rod Fellows' dad was very active. I can remember Christmas celebrations (late 50s early 60s) at the Fellows farm on Perry City Rd. We'd all meet at their barn for the manger program and caroling...can still hear Barbara Fellows singing. The Christmas pageant at the church brought out the big costume box stored in the closet under the stairs to the second floor...can still feel the prickly tinsel angel halos on our heads.

I went to Summer Baptist camp at Camp Vick near Sandusky for a few years, then the districts changed and the camp location changed to Camp Pathfinder near Cooperstown my Junior and Senior year. One of the years at Vick, June Homer was the main camp director...nice to have someone from home in charge! Mrs Hollister made BYF 'happen'. Mrs. Carpenter taught Sunday school and had us all memorize the 23 Psalm. Gladys Diamond must have been the in charge person for the nursery. I spent many Sundays helping her out (probably to get out of going to church when I was younger!!). When I was baptized, Ed Hollister was the deacon who interviewed/advised me. Well, I didn't mean to ramble on, but thanks for the stroll down memory lane.



Please keep in your prayers:

- *Liz Wilkinson's family*
- *John Gross*
- *Suzanne Kilgore*
- *Jan Butler's children*
- *Pastor André Thera & family*
- *Ron Drummond*
- *Abraham Phelan*
- *Anthony Halman & family*

What separates privilege from entitlement is gratitude.

BRENÉ BROWN

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.

JIMI HENDRIX

What is a soul? It's like electricity – we don't really know what it is, but it's a force that can light a room.

RAY CHARLES

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



White orchids and butterflies, representing the many "saints" of FBC.
By Andrea Staffeld

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Drusilla Francisco (on the left), who is in sanctuary at the First Congregational Church, visited with Bronwyn Evans (center) and Lou Calucci (right) following Sunday worship on March 13th. Photo by Bill Abeles

Time and Talent Ministries (updated 12-21 for 2021-2022)

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