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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 am: Worship for all
(Communion every first Sunday of the month.)

11:15 am: Fellowship

11:45 am: Adult Education

12:00 pm: Karen Worship
Burmese Worship

CHURCH STAFF

Sr. Pastor
Michael Ford

Associate Pastor
Debbie Bennett Reynolds

Church Moderator
Tom Argust

Music Educator, Chancel Choir
Director and Organist
Lee Foster

Gospel Spirits Director and Pianist
Isobel Davies

Refugee Coordinator
Hkadin Lee

Karen Lay Pastor
Day Chit

Burmese Lay Pastor
Simon Kui

Office Manager
Ken Setera

Custodial Services
Lloyd Cuyler

LABC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Sunday, May 1, 2016: 10:00 am: Worship & Communion for all, Sunday School for children and youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 noon: Karen Fellowship Worship, Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship. We collect our Fellowship & America for Christ Offerings.

Sunday, May 8, 2016: *Mother's Day* Debbie Reynolds preaching; 10:00 am: Worship for all, Sunday School for children and youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship; **No Adult Education**; 12:00 noon: Karen and Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship.

Sunday, May 15, 2016: *Pentecost* 10:00 am Worship for all, Sunday School for children and youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 noon: Karen Fellowship and Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship Services.

Sunday, May 22, 2016: 10:00 am: Worship for all, Sunday School for children and youth; and Congregational Meeting; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 noon: Karen Fellowship and Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship Services.

Sunday, May 29, 2016: 10:00 am: Worship for all, Sunday School for children and youth; MEEK Offering collected; 11:15 am: Fellowship; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 noon: Karen Fellowship and Myanmar Christian Fellowship Worship Services.

LABC ENGLISH ADULT EDUCATION FOR MAY

May 1 - Worship planning for Pentecost Sunday - led by Michael Ford

May 8 – Mothers' Day - no adult education planned

May 15 – Pentecost Sunday – A Return to Conversation on Racism & White Privilege: We committed to continue this conversation. We will use Ta-Nehisi Coates' book, *Between the World and Me*, as a resource. (This book is available online as an e-book or at Barnes & Noble or I can still get a copy for you if you let me know!) This is a poignant, challenging letter from a father to his 15 year old son, reflecting on the experience of growing up and living as black man in America. Please plan to join us, whether or not you have read the book! We each bring your own experiences and concerns as we talk together about the hard truths of the American experience and the struggles and hopes for a better tomorrow.

May 22 – Congregational meeting to vote on Strategic Plan included in 10:00 a.m. worship service

May 29 - Conversation on Racism and White Privilege

Our Pastor's Article

I can stay!!! For those of you who have been following my tales of immigration, this is the culmination of over a year of work. I have been approved for permanent resident status and in the next couple of weeks I should receive my green card. I can stay in the United States!

For the first four years I have been in the United States on an R1 visa (religious workers visa). After our engagement to Lara we began the effort of applying to have that status changed to permanent resident status based on our marriage. It was not a fast process but one that certainly turned out the way we both hoped it would.

Last week we went to Buffalo for our formal interview. The gentleman who interviewed us confirmed the information was correct on our application forms (all 98 pages of them), then asked a few questions and collected any evidence of our relationship (cards, account statements, healthcare proxy forms etc.). He left the room and returned to tell us that “our relationship is legitimate” and I would receive my permanent resident status and green card. We were very very pleased with the decision to say the least.

I want to thank you all for your support the past few months. The staff has been an incredible blessing putting up with my moaning and groaning about not being able to see my son Holden (you can't leave the country when an application is in process). The entire congregation who have prayed for us has been of great support. Although they won't see this article our legal team from Harter Secrest and Emery has been absolutely outstanding and supportive. Finally, our parents (Don and Sheila Ford and Garth and Karen Brokaw) have given us constant support and encouragement.

I would like to make one observation though. I approached this process as someone with a solid Western education, middle-class means, and a decent grasp of the English language (depending on the day). Lara and I constantly remarked how difficult this process would be for those who are not as educated, unable to pay for good lawyers (or lawyers at all) and who struggle with the English language (it's amazing how much legal-speak is used and how we had to wrap our heads around it all). I realized just how valuable Hkadin Lee is to people who are journeying on a similar process towards their green card status. Also, I saw just how important anyone who provides assistance to those in our community seeking permanent residence status really is. When we hear that someone from another country has passed this legal step here in the United States, please do not underestimate just what they have gone through to call the United States home.

Thank you all again for your continued support. Thank you for your love and care. And thank you for celebrating with Lara and I that I get to stay in the United States, with the woman I love, in the community I love, with the church that I love. Thank you!



Blessings

Michael



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

● **Youth Sunday is now being planned for Sunday, June 12th!** (no longer May 22nd) We will be organizing for this special service in youth Sunday School classes

during May, and many youth are already hard at work with Mr. Lee preparing for the youth musical. This is

always a great day as our youth lead us in worship! If you are a youth, come to Sunday School and help us plan. If you're an adult or child, make sure you're here that Sunday!

● The youth of our church are working on a musical, *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*, based on the story of Joseph being sold into slavery, as told in the Bible. The musical will be part of Youth Sunday worship on June 12. Rehearsals will continue on Saturdays, from 12:30 to 2:00 on **April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21 and June 4**. There will also be a rehearsal during Sunday School on May 29. The

musical will also be presented at Fairport Baptist Homes on Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 pm.

●**Sky Zone Fun Night:** We had a great time at Sky Zone on April 22nd. Special thanks to Bill Gibbs for doing the organizing and thank you to Bill Reynolds, Jane Grant, Val & Dave Ketchum, Marie Gibbs, Chuck Theis, and Michael Ford who drove and chaperoned. We all had lots of fun!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Children's Sunday is coming on June 19th. Children's Sunday is a celebration of our ministry with children as the children lead us in worship in various ways! We have wonderful children and a fantastic, dedicated group of teachers for all our Sunday School classes, and this Sunday highlights this part of our life together at LABC. Please plan to join us as we celebrate our children and our teachers!

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
TEACHERS

Breakfast

Calling All Sunday School Teachers to a Teachers' Breakfast Meeting! On Sunday, May 22nd at 8:15 a.m. we will meet in the social hall to share breakfast together. This is a time to fellowship with each other, share about our work with our children, and plan for Children's Sunday and summer. Plan to join us! Please let Pastor Debbie know if you can attend.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Please keep in your prayers **Than Sein** and her family as they continue to care for her during her illness.
- We pray for a speedy recovery for **Lwee Zar** following her recent surgery. Get well wishes may be sent to 1176 Dewey Ave. Apt. 208, Rochester, NY 14613.
- Our prayers are with **Judy Eysvogel** who is currently at

the Edna Tina Martin Living Center recovering from a stroke. The address there is: 700 Island Cottage Rd, Rochester, NY

●**Duncan Morton** is leaving to begin a job in Alaska working on fishing vessels in the Bering Sea to monitor compliance with regulations and quotas.

●**Anna Reynolds** started a teaching job in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Sunday, April 24th.

● Congratulations to **Slater Jameson** who is graduating from Case Weston University on Saturday, May 14.

Please let the office know if you or anyone you know who attends this church is graduating from college, high school or any other educational or technical school. We want to make sure that everyone graduating is recognized for their achievement.



American Baptist Women of LABC

● The next meeting and program of the LABC ABW will be at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 19. The guest speaker is Garth Brokaw.

● **The American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Rochester-Genesee Region** will have their Spring Meeting and Evening of Fellowship on Thursday, May 12, 6:30 to *:30 pm at the Chili Baptist Church, 3182 Chili Ave. Presentations will be made by Rev. Heidi Tyler, Rev. Denise Bell, and Dr. J. Esther Rowe. Door prizes will also be given out.

OUR FELLOWSHIP FUND

Our Fellowship Fund is used to provide help for those in need in our community. This fund continues to be low. Although the first Sunday of every month is the day we usually collect our Fellowship Offering, we will accept donations to this fund at any time. We hope you will consider giving generously to this fund.



Join us on Saturday, May 21st for our Church Clean-Up Day. We will be tackling needed chores outside (pruning, raking, weeding) as well as inside (tightening chairs in Sanctuary, cleaning windows). We will meet at 9:00 am. Please dress

appropriately and bring gardening tools if you have them. Even if you can only stay for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. So mark your calendars. We hope to see you then.

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY.

• **REGISTER NOW FOR BPFNA'S 2016 SUMMER CONFERENCE! June 27 – July 2, 2016, Cheyney University, Cheyney, PA** Our annual conference is a gathering for everyone who longs for the spirituality, inspiration, skills, knowledge and community to support a life of peace rooted in justice. Each year this conference offers excellent, challenging, and age appropriate programming on a variety of ways to practice peacemaking in one's own context. Peacemakers of all ages come from all over North America to attend!

The week offers thought-provoking workshops and activities; plus inspiring leaders who are all devoted to the

work of peace rooted in justice. We are looking forward to sharing spirit-filled worship with hundreds of peacemakers as we look for ways to grow, support, and encourage each other.

This year we will explore the theme of Breaking Social and Structural Injustice through worship, workshops, and activities. Workshops will include: The Power of Song, Prison Reentry and Aftercare Ministry, Crossing Borders: Cuba, Building Bridges for Japanese Americans, and more. We will also hear from individuals who attended a delegation to Ferguson, MO in August 2015 to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the murder of Michael Brown. There will also be organized group trips to tour sites of interest, including Eastern State Penitentiary, and an ongoing film series featuring titles as Act of Faith: The Rev. Emery Andrews Story and Ferguson: A Report From Occupied Territory.

We hope you will join us for an amazing Conference! (If you are interested in attending please let Debbie Bennett Reynolds know.)

THE LABC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 DURING THE 10:00 AM SERVICE. WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE 2016-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR LAKE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Curbside Market Spring 2016 Schedule (April-June)

MONROE COUNTY LOCATIONS

All locations are open to the public

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10am-10:45am	Southwest Family YMCA 597 Thurston Rd., 14619	Jordan Health Brown Square 322 Lake Ave., 14608	Lena Gantt Estates 86 Vienna St., 14605	Jordan Health Holland 80 Holland St., 14605	Maplewood Family YMCA 25 Driving Park, 14613
11am-11:45am	ROTATING	Pinnacle Place Apts. 919 Clinton Ave. S., 14620	Trillium Health 259 Monroe Ave. #100, 14607	Buena Vista Manor 229 Avenue A, 14621	Charles Settlement House 71 Parkway, 14608
12pm-12:30pm	<small>(THIS SITE ONLY: 1pm-1:45pm)</small> Jordan Health Woodward 480 Genesee St., 14611	ROTATING SITE	ROTATING	ROTATING	ROTATING
2pm-3pm	Dunn Towers 100 Dunn Tower Dr., 14606	Andrews Terrace 125 St. Paul St., 14604	St. Ann's Community 1500 Portland Ave., 14621	Savannah Towers 15 Savannah St., 14607	Charlotte Harbortown Homes 4575 Lake Ave., 14612
3:15pm-4pm	St. Jude Apartments 4075 Lyell Rd., 14606	James A. Dobson Apts. 150 Van Auker St., 14608	Hudson Ridge Tower 401 Seneca Manor Dr., 14621	Danforth Towers 140 West Ave., 14612	Charlotte Harbortown Homes 60 River St., 14612
4:15pm-4:45	Glenwood Gardens 41 Kestrel St., 14613	South View Towers 500 South Ave., 14620	Kennedy Towers 666 S. Plymouth Ave.	Unity St. Mary's 89 Genesee St., 14611	ROTATING
5pm-5:45		ROTATING	ROTATING	ROTATING	

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