

# LABC NEWS

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**CHURCH CALENDAR:** To see the most up-to-date calendar of church events please visit [www.lakeavebaptist.org](http://www.lakeavebaptist.org).

## Lake Avenue Baptist Church

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 am: Worship for all, Sunday School  
Children & Youth (Communion first Sunday  
of the month)

11:15 am: Fellowship

11:45 am: Adult Education

12:00 pm: Karen Worship  
Myanmar Worship

### CHURCH MODERATOR

Laura Tubbs

### CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor  
Michael Ford

Music Educator, Chancel Choir Director  
and Organist  
Lee Foster

Gospel Spirits Director and Pianist  
Isobel Davies

Refugee Coordinator  
Hkadin Lee

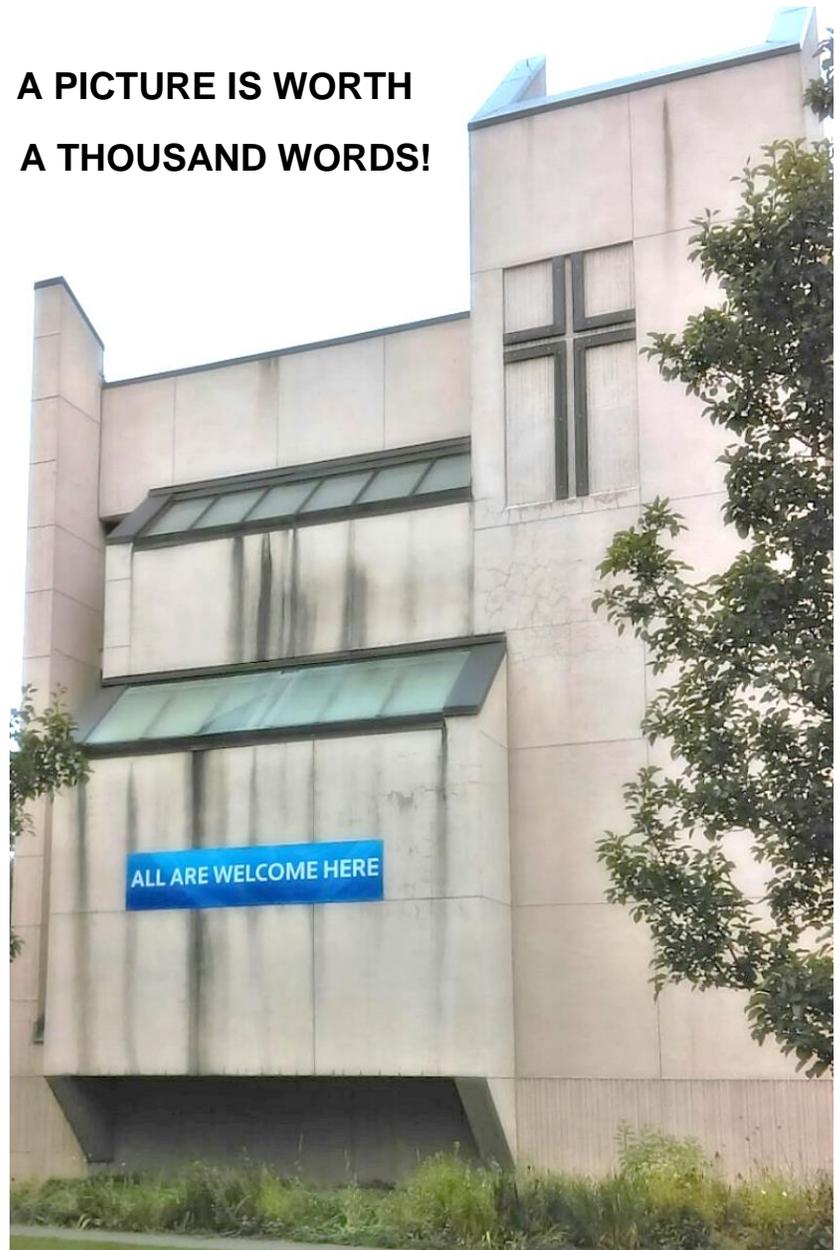
Rochester Karen Baptist Church  
Day Chit, Lay Pastor

Myanmar Christian Fellowship  
Simon Kui, Lay Pastor

Office Manager  
Ken Setera

Custodial Services  
Lloyd Cuyler

A PICTURE IS WORTH  
A THOUSAND WORDS!



## SEPTEMBER 2017 WORSHIP AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, October 1, 2017: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** and we collect the **World Mission Offering**: 10:00 am: Worship & Communion for all; Sunday School for Children and Youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship, Social Hall; 11:45 am: Adult Education; 12:00 pm: Karen Worship, Sanctuary and Myanmar Worship, Downstairs Sanctuary

**Sunday, October 8, 2017:** 10:00 am: Worship for all; Sunday School for Children and Youth; 11:15: Fellowship, Social Hall; 11:45 am: Adult Education Class, Conference Room; 12:00 pm: Karen Worship, Sanctuary and Myanmar Worship, Downstairs Sanctuary

**Sunday, October 15, 2017:** 10:00 am: Worship for all; Sunday School for Children and Youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship, Social Hall; 11:45 am: Adult Education Class, Conference Room; 12:00 pm: Karen Worship, Sanctuary and Myanmar Worship, Downstairs Sanctuary

**Sunday, October 22, 2017:** 10:00 am: Worship for all; Sunday School for Children and Youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship, Social Hall; 11:45 am: Adult Education Class, Conference Room; 12:00 pm: Karen Worship, Sanctuary and Myanmar Worship, Downstairs Sanctuary

**Sunday, October 29, 2017:** 10:00 am: Worship for all; Sunday School for Children and Youth; 11:15 am: Fellowship, Social Hall; 11:45 am: Adult Education Class, Conference Room; 12:00 pm: Karen Worship, Sanctuary and Myanmar Worship, Downstairs Sanctuary

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## OCTOBER ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

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During the month of October, our Second Hour Adult Education will be brought to us by your Mission Committee. We are excited to share in a range of interesting classes all focused on various aspects of mission. Please plan to join us each Sunday at 11:45 am in the Conference Room.

**Sunday, October 1:** World Mission Offering Mission Conversation: What is our view or calling to international mission in the 21st century?

**Sundays, October 8, 15, and 22:** Creation Care - Love Our World and Loving God's Creation: Our call to creation care as an expression of our call to mission and ministry.

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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY AND WORLD MISSION OFFERING

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On Sunday, October 1, churches around the globe will celebrate their unity in the Christian faith on World Communion Sunday. On that day, millions of brothers and sisters in cities and on hillsides, in farms and refugee camps and in orphanages, clinics, seminaries and schools in every country will symbolically come together to remember that we are one in faith and love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

World Communion Sunday is an appropriate time for the World Mission Offering to be received at LABC. The World Mission Offering is a time for congregations to come together to celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world.

The World Mission Offering is the single largest source of financial support for the global outreach God accomplishes through ABC International Ministries. Your gifts to the World Mission Offering make it possible for missionaries to serve in over thirty countries, and for staff to provide vital support to the mission outreach of local believers in even more places. What God is doing in our world today is truly amazing, and the World Mission Offering is a vitally important tool you can use to join God in that amazing work!

Thank you for your continued support of our partnership with ABCUSA and our call to go into the world with the love of Christ!

Reminder: In celebration of World Communion Sunday all are invited to wear their native or cultural clothing to church.

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## Our Senior Minister's Article

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I have just had the privilege of being part of Baptists being Baptist in the most Baptist way possible. What an exciting thing to be a part of. Let me elaborate.

When Pastor Debbie announced her call to First Baptist Church Ithaca, it meant that we were facing a vacancy in our staff team, specifically in the area of Children's and Youth ministry. I knew that something would need to be done

about this vacancy, and so did others in the church. The first people to formally address the issue was your church council. Keep in mind that as a Baptist Church your church council are selected from within our diverse congregation, and elected to their positions. Those elected leaders took your comments and concerns, and came together to discern that the best step moving forward was to create a new, part-time position that would focus on Children's and Youth ministry. They worked together as a team to help create and approve the position description, and then to set the wheels of a search in motion.

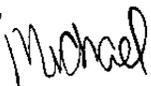
As the resumes came in, the next step was to decide how to deal with the resumes in a responsible way. Our bylaws (again, determined by all of you) say that as a staff position (not a called position as would be the case with ordained clergy) hiring responsibility falls to the Senior Pastor. As Baptist's we believe in congregational autonomy and believe that the local church makes decisions about what is best for its needs, including the hiring of pastors and staff. We do not have an authoritative body that designates or assigns people to such positions. Although our bylaws say that I can make hiring decisions on my own, our church tradition (and best practice in my opinion) is that we have advisory groups help make such decisions. In this case we pulled together a diverse group of people to help us wade through resumes and interviews.

After a long process of evaluating resumes, conducting interviews, and doing reference checks, this advisory group/committee made its recommendation that a particular candidate be offered the position as Director of Children's and Youth Ministry at LABC. Fortunately, the candidate accepted the offer and will be joining us soon (likely as this newsletter is delivered).

LABC holds its Baptist values near and dear to our hearts. We believe that God has blessed us with Scripture and minds to read and interpret God's Word. We believe that our congregation functions best autonomously, but is dedicated to working together to make the best decisions we can given the information we have available to us. We believe that although an individual congregation it is good for us to work with others for the service of God and God's people. Overall ... we're Baptist.

There are times when I think to myself that things would go smoother/faster etc., but then I experience events such as our recent search process, and I am thankful that we are Baptist. I am thankful that God has brought us together, and raised up leaders that you have affirmed to help make decisions with you and serve as your representatives in our church structure. Thank you for reminding me, once again, why I am proud to be a Baptist!

Blessings,



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## A LETTER FROM YOUR MODERATOR

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this my favorite season of the year will have officially arrived! This fall brings us three new staff members as well as a change in season. The first is **Bonaventure Moulogho**. He will be our church accountant this year. Many of you know Bonaventure because he is a member of our congregation. What you may not know is that Bonaventure is a student at RIT in accounting. This job will also be an official cooperative education experience for him and help him complete his degree. It is exciting to see him sharing what he has learned with us and to support him as he finishes his degree. Another student in our midst is **Julia Fedor**. Julia is a Junior at the Eastman School of Music studying Vocal Performance. She is in the studio of Katherine Ciesinski and hopes to pursue a career in performance in both classical voice and musical theatre. Julia is originally from Baltimore, MD, but loves the second home that she's found in Rochester. She's excited to sing regularly at Lake Avenue Baptist Church as the alto Choral Scholar and hopes to present a few recitals in the lovely church hall. We are delighted to have her with us this year sharing her gifts and musical skills. Finally, **Austin Pettigrew** is our new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. This one year, 15 hour a week position will help Michael to fill the gaps as we look at how best to meet the needs of our congregation going forward. Austin comes to us with a degree in Recreation and Sports Ministry. He has wide

variety of experience in doing ministry with youth and children and is very excited to have the opportunity to share his gifts of ministry with our children, youth, teachers, and parents.

Please join me in welcoming Julia, Austin, and Bonaventure and thanking them for being willing to share their gifts with us this year. Let's also keep them in our prayers as they begin their new roles here at LABC.

Yours in Christ,  
*Laura Tubbs*



Once again, thanks to Rite-Aid pharmacy, we will be offering a free "flu clinic" here on Sunday, October 15th beginning at 11:30 am in the social hall. The shots will be available for all adults 18 years of age and over. Help protect yourself from the flu this winter by getting immunized on October 15th!

### TASTE OF MYANMAR -A Burmese Restaurant for One Delicious Night!



Join us on Saturday, October 14 when we will have a very special fundraising dinner. Our Asian members will be preparing a tasty dinner to raise funds for IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps in Kachin and Shan states of Myanmar. Enjoy a variety of foods from six Myanmar ethnic groups. This event is

your opportunity to sample a wide variety of dishes from various Myanmar ethnicities. The suggested donations for this dinner are: \$20.00 per person, \$30.00 per couple and \$50.00 per family. SPREAD THE WORD! This dinner is sponsored by United Health Care, Helping People Live Healthier Lives.

Welcome Center, it should take about 15 minutes and does not require a commitment at this time.

- We keep in prayer **Hsaw Ta Bo Ra** who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- We continue to keep in our healing prayers **Craig Raisner** who continues in therapy for the injuries he sustained in a car accident. Craig is currently at Monroe Community Hospital for continued treatment.
- Please keep in your prayers **Kyaw Htoo** as he recovers from a respiratory illness. He is currently in Highland Hospital.

●**Ben Escobar**, our bass Choral Scholar, spent his summer, in his words "sleeping a lot, traveling often, and playing in various bands in the Washington, DC area, Richmond, Virginia, New York City, and Rochester among a variety of towns and cities. Since returning to Eastman School this school year, Ben was a part of the interactive exhibit/performance at the Memorial Art Gallery for Rainforest IV in which various items, including an old TV taken apart, a washing machine and a mangled tub fitted with electronics.

Prior to installing the altered junk objects that make up "Rainforest IV" in the MAG's newly renovated Grand Gallery, the collaborators — which include the MAG's Andrew Cappetta, composers affiliated with Eastman School of Music, members of the department of audio engineering, a percussionist, and an artist — crowded in the MAG's Creative Workshop to tinker and talk about their work.

●**Ekaterina (Kat) Gorlova**, our soprano Choral Scholar, sang in an André Campra's baroque opera Le Carnaval de Venise (The Carnival of Venice) for the prestigious Boston Early Music Festival's Young Artist Program and in Purcell's Dido and Aeneas, the first English-language opera with Pegasus Early Music Group, here in Rochester at the JCC.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

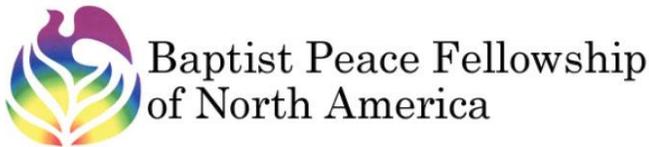
● **On Sunday, October 1st Invitation and Welcome will be hosting an orientation for those interested in serving as Ushers and Welcome Center Hosts.** It will be held after Sunday services, please gather at the

● **A Note from Our Historian, Garth Brokaw:** There is a new historical display in the case in the narthex entitled, "Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord". This display is a look back at the edifices that have been the House of the Lord for the folk who were the Lake Avenue Baptist Church for just over its first 100 years, 1871-1972. Three buildings are featured in this exhibit, the original chapel, the one built in 1891 and it's 20th Century version created in 1917/18 all sitting on the same triangle between Ambrose St. and Jones Ave. Three unusual things to note. The original chapel was torn down brick by brick and moved to Cameron St. where it became the Lyell Ave. Baptist Church and is now Cameron Community Ministries. Second, in the sanctuary of the 1891 building the baptistry was originally under the organ and choir loft but at some point in time was moved to the rear of the chancel. See if you can spot it. Third, the 1891 building was not torn down in 1917 but remodeled extensively. See if you can tell what they did. The 1918 version is the building that burned in 1972.

**Friendship Tours:** Through BPFNA Friendship Tours, we are able to connect with Baptists and people of faith worldwide and form lasting relationships with brothers and sisters while learning about the realities of their lives.

**Conflict Transformation Training:** What skills do you need to handle conflict in constructive ways that maximize its power for positive change? These classes address the underlying causes of conflict.

**Resources for Churches and Seminaries:** Churches and seminaries have access to a variety of print and electronic resources for peace and justice work. Popular items include the electronic publication "Model Ministries" which tells stories of churches doing inspiring work, Monographs on a variety of justice issues; and the publication "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth, a resource for those seeking to start healthy and respectful dialogues on gender identity and sexual orientation



.Save the date for the next summer peace conference entitled "Decentering Power & Privilege: Becoming the Stranger". This will be held on July 2 - 7 2018 at Keuka College, Keuka Park, NY. Besides the BPFNA "peace camp" every summer the Baptist Peace Fellowship provides the following social justice offerings:

## Halloween PUBLIC MARKET EVENT

All are invited to the Rochester Public Market's second Halloween at the Market event on Sunday, October 29 from 4 to 7 pm. Community organizations have been assigned to 10ft x 30ft outdoor covered vending stalls. We will have Halloween activities, food stands, hayrides, pumpkins, etc. There is no charge to the community organizations to participate, you just have to provide tables and other things you need including extension cords. The organizations are asked to provide goodies for the trick or treaters which will be supplemented by the public market. Join us for what should be a fun and safe Halloween activity.

### 2017 Fall Lectures, October 2-5, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

**Monday, October 2: 1:30 PM: The Bartlett Lecture:** "Unauthorized: Prophetic and Pastoral Utterances that Touch the Ground" Lisa Thompson, Ph. D., Professor Homiletics, Union Theological Seminary. **3:30 pm:** Bartlett worship service; **7:00 pm:** Bartlett Lecture: "Preaching for the Sake of Life: Engaging Difficult Texts in Difficult Times", Lisa Thompson presenter.

**Tuesday, October 3: 7:00 pm: The African American Legacy Lecture:** "Child Poverty: The Civil Rights Issue of Our Time", Jeffrey Kaczorowski, M. D. Children's Agenda & Dr. Marvin McMickle, Ph. D., President CRCDS

**Wednesday, October 4: 8:00 am: Janice Lynn Cohen Symposium:** "Literacy is Life Changing: A Community Response to One Social Determinant of Health", Carol St. George, Ed. D., Associate Professor Warner School of Education, University of Rochester Location: U of R Medical Center Class of 1962 Auditorium. **7:00 pm:** Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) Panel.

**Thursday, October 5: 7:00 PM: Christian Faith and LGBT Experience** with Milo Primeaux, Esq, Staff Attorney, LGBT Rights Project, Empire Justice Center. Location: Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs St. Rochester.

All lectures are free but an RSVP is requested. Please register online at [www.crcds.edu/fall-lecture-week/](http://www.crcds.edu/fall-lecture-week/)