

LAKE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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LABC SCHOLARSHIPS

included on the last pages of this newsletter.) Scholarships will be awarded to some members and former members of LABC who are currently attending colleges, grad schools, trade schools, Seminaries, and other schools of higher learning. The applications should be filled out in full and either emailed to "lakeavebaptistchurchoffice@gmail.com, faxed to (585) 458-5766, or mailed to the church office at 72 Ambrose Street, Rochester, NY 14608. The last date for submission of the application is Monday, October 7. Those who are awarded scholarships will be notified before the end of October.

We are pleased to announce that applications for LABC Scholarships are now available and will be accepted during the first week of October for the 2024-2025 school year. (A scholarship application is also



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There is a saying that goes "You learn something new every day." There is another saying that goes

"Knowledge has a beginning but no end." The basic message of both of these sayings, and other variations on the theme, emphasize that learning is a life-long endeavor and there are always new things to learn.

This became abundantly clear to me over the last few weeks. At our recent Church Year Kickoff I watched a number of people join Bill Gibbs in a game of baseball. For some of the players, they had never put a baseball glove on or taken up a bat. It was wonderful to see Bill

work with the young players as they learned a new game and the skills needed to be a success at it. This past weekend a number of people from the Myanmar Community had a food service booth at the Harvest Moon Festival in Pittsford. This group learned what goes into preparing and providing food at a food both. It was a learning curve, but with Hkadin's leadership the women learned what a significant task, and joy, it can be to engage in this type of task.

Just today I met with an electrician who we called in to help figure out an issue with the sanctuary lighting. He spent an hour with me not only figuring out the issue (a very simple fix) but it was incredible to learn about our lighting system and see how the various parts of the system work together.

All of these instances are examples of the truth that there are always things to learn. The challenge is to open ourselves up to these opportunities and take in the knowledge from wherever it originates.

No matter how old we might be, there is always more to learn. However, this takes an approach of humility, to recognize that we do not know everything (even if we might think we do) and there is so much more to learn and experience. It is a life-long effort. This holds true for each of us, and it holds true in the church. Every day we can learn something new about God and about ourselves as God's children. We can learn about what it means to follow Jesus, and to live in relationships with others on this same journey.

I invite you as we move into the fall season to adopt a position of humility and openness, welcoming in the possibility of learning and growth, together. Let us open our hearts, eyes, and ears to see what God is doing in us, and through us, and continue to see what God has to teach us in this place.

My prayer for each of us is that this season in the life of LABC will be a season of wonder and joy, a season of learning and growing, a season of hope and hopefulness as we live into our lives as people of Jesus in this time and place.

Michael

ARTICLE BY SUSAN MAYBECK, ASSISTING MINISTER

A letter I received today brought back some difficult memories. The letter was encouraging clergy and laity to sign their name to an action suggested by several Executive Ministers. At a recent ABC meeting with leaders from each Region, ten Executive Ministers asked/demanded that the logo of ABC be deleted from AWAB's information. AWAB is an American Baptist organization that supports GLBTX persons. They have been recognized at ABC Biennials and in other situations. But these particular leaders were against recognizing some people who are different. AWAB was told to not use the ABC logo any more.

What happened to the idea that our church welcomes everyone!

A group of people who were "different" were becoming part of our churches. The issue related to same sex marriage came before the General Board in the early 2000s when I was a member. At that time the debate was to "dis-fellowship" churches who were performing weddings between 2 men or 2 women. After dinner that day there would be a vote about several churches. Those of us who supported the churches thought we were the majority. After supper, something changed. The dis-fellowshipping votes increased, involving several churches, who were removed from the domination. I was devastated by the vote, by the hatred people expressed, and by flouting of ABC principles

Baptist Churches are Congregational. The responsibility of organization is with the people. We have a staff and church council, but important decisions are made by the congregation. How do we spend our money? Who will be our leaders for the year? What are our goals?

Baptists also accept Christ alone as the head of the Church and are completely responsible for hearing and responding to Christ's guidance as they understand it through study and interpretation of the Bible in conversations with others. We do not have creeds or a confession of faith.

The Lake Avenue congregation has declared us as a Welcome and Affirming Community. This means that **all people are welcome**. Our door is open to anyone. It may not mean that every congregant supports marriage between men and between women, but that the church can be the location of such a wedding. Our basis understanding is that there is no closed door.

Our differences in beliefs is one of our values and honesty. We are always seeking God's guidance and forward lead.

Please contact me or Pastor Michael if you wish to discuss this further.

Claimed by Christ, Committed to Community, Called to Serve

CHURCH NAMES

by Lee Foster

Have you ever wondered how churches are named? Of course, in the 18th and 19th centuries, Protestant churches were often named First Baptist/Methodist/Presbyterian, and when a second/third/fourth church of the same denomination they were named Second Baptist, Third Presbyterian, etc.

Methodists often named church after their founders, John and Charles Wesley, as in First Wesleyan Church, while Presbyterians, at times, especially in the more conservative churches, named their church after their founder John Calvin. In Kansas City there is a church called Country Club Christian Church, so named because it lies at the center of the Country Club section of Kansas City. The interior lives up to its name with thick plush carpets, velvet draperies than can be closed to keep the sun from cooking parishioners during morning services and thick pew cushions - all of which deaden the sound so thoroughly that you cannot even hear the person singing beside you.

Baptists, on the other hand, having split so many times have named their churches First, Second, location named churches such as Lake Avenue Baptist (even though its address is not Lake Avenue), or Penfield Baptist and Greece Baptist. Sometimes Baptists get even more creative: in the nineteenth century a Baptist Church in Tennessee split over the idea that one could still have ice in the ice house as late as August, with the breakaway faction calling itself Ice in August Baptist Church. In Charlotte, NC, there is a Baptist church called Second Primitive Baptist Church. It is a small, windowless building surrounded by a 30 foot tall chain link fence. They are known to worship with venomous snakes, though a chain link fence won't keep the snakes inside.

Roman Catholic churches are named after saints of the church - St. Peter's Church, St. Joseph Church, St. Mary Church, St. Alphonsus Church, and a whole lot of other minor saints. Also, the Catholic Church sometimes makes its names from descriptions of conditions or circumstances such as Our Mother of Sorrows, Immaculate Conception, Christ the King, Our Lady of Lourdes, or the most famous, and Notre Dame de Paris.

Lutherans name their churches after concepts - Resurrection Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, Hope Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Church of the Incarnate Word, as well as after Lutheran saints - St. Martin, St. Bridget, etc.

Modern day church names, especially in the more conservative evangelical churches have their groupings as well. For instance, what I call the wet churches - Living Water Church, The Well, The River of Life, and Oasis Church. Is the well in the oasis creating the river of life that contains living water? Then there are Peaceful Church, Hope Church, Standing on the Rock Church, Kingdom Builders. I

Recently, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the leader of the Anglican Communion, has changed the word "church" to "Worship Center" in a seemingly misguided attempt to attract a younger crowd of worshippers.

This is, by no means, a comprehensive list, but next time you pass a church see if you find a particularly humorous or unique name.

TWO ARTICLES FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES, EVANN HASENAUER

ADIRONDACK MISSION TRIP

At the end of July, I joined Cheryl Frank (who attends Greece Baptist Church and leads our region's Ecojustice Initiative), her daughter, and her daughter's friend on a mission trip to the Adirondacks. Originally, there were

supposed to be two other people; however, they contracted COVID right before the trip and had to cancel. Working with the Adirondack Mountain Club, we were tasked with rebuilding boardwalks in a marshy section of the Northville-Lake Placid Trail (The NPT for short). We met at a trail entrance closest to where we were going to be working, divided up the gear, and hiked a little over a mile along the trail until we found a good camping spot by a small stream. The first day was riddled with obstacles, from dealing with intermittent showers to stumbling over a ground hornet nest (more than once), it took us quite a while to finally settle in. By the time we had gotten everything set up and had cooled off, it was already nearly dinner time.

The following day, we started on our work bright and early. We hiked back to the work site, about a quarter of a mile, and got to work. Each section of boardwalk required us to first pull up the pre-existing boards, which were rotten and had clearly been improperly patched over the years since their installation. Using axes, picks, saws, and hammers, we were able to pull up sixteen sections of boardwalk. We then began work on putting in the new boards. While the teenagers went with an ADK Club worker to fetch the wood, Cheryl, myself, and a second worker worked on evening the ground under where the boards would go to insure that they stood stable.

Building the new boardwalk was more difficult. In many places, in order to even out the ground, roots had to be chopped and pulled up. Additionally, the section we were working on had several small inclines, which meant we also had to fasten multiple support boards together using lumber bolts and a hand auger. Once the supports were securely fastened and laying level in the ground, the boards had to be laid on top, then nailed to the supports. We were able to finish all sixteen sections by the end of our time there, but it was exhausting work, and I spent much of that time knee-deep in the mud working on a particular section that covered a flooded portion of the trail.

However, all of the exhaustion, muscle fatigue, scrapes, bumps, and bruises were made worth it on the occasions when hikers would pass us and thank us for our work. As an avid hiker myself, albeit one that tends to avoid bogs and marshes, I understood the feeling of seeing the trails being maintained, and it felt good to be able to give something to my community.

We intend to return next year to do more work, if we can find a week that works for all of us again, and I look forward to returning to the trails.

AWAB (ASSOCIATION OF WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING BAPTISTS) CONFERENCE IN BOSTON

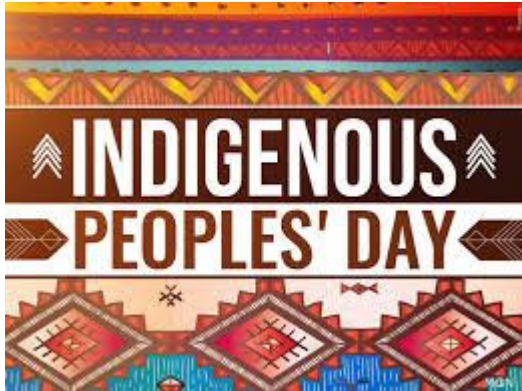
In mid-September, AWAB (the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists) hosted their annual conference in Boston. My mom and I attended together, as we are both working on strengthening the connection between AWAB and our region. The conference began on Monday with a walk along the Equity Trail and the Black History Trail, led by AWAB staff member Natalie Aho. The Equity Trail followed the route of the first Boston Pride March, which took place in 1971. This trail led us to several historical gay and lesbian hangouts, homes, and bars throughout the historical part of the city. At each location, the guide that Natalie had printed out gave details about the location, as well as the demands that the organizers of the Pride March had made of or at each location. We were fortunate enough to have been joined by Dave Hunt, who was there at the founding of AWAB and had valuable first-hand knowledge of the LGBT+ community during the time of the original Pride Marches. He was able to share stories throughout the trail that added to what we were hearing, as well as compare what was going on in Boston with what was happening in San Francisco at the same time.

The Equity Trail flowed into the Black History Trail, which took us to some of the historically Black buildings of Boston. We saw the oldest residential building in Boston, which was built and lived in by a Black barber and his family, a meeting house that belonged to a wealthy Black man in the 1800's, and a church and school that provided a valuable education to Black children until desegregation resulted in the students being sent to a school in a different neighborhood, and which now stands as a museum to the Black history of Boston.

Following the tours, we attended a lecture given by Rev. Dr. Brandon Crowley, who is a professor at Harvard, a published author, and an expert on Black Queer theology. The focus of this lecture was on Black Queer homiletics, which is the topic of Rev Dr Crowley's next book. Rev Dr Crowley described Black Queer homiletics as a narrative-based homiletic style, which utilizes intersectionality to explore the lived realities of Black Queer

individuals. Rev Dr Crowley further described Black Queer homiletics as “sacred protest and holy rage.” Rev Dr Crowley spoke about his own history and how he came to focus on Black Queer theology, as well as why he feels it is so important and meaningful for him to study. At the end of the lecture, several members of the audience were able to ask Rev Dr Crowley about his work.

After this powerful lecture, there was a small reception, during which I was able to network with the attending seminaries and organizations. I was especially excited to see Good Faith Media, which has produced a book that I am fond of titled *True Colors: Stories of Baptist Inclusion*. I was able to do further networking at the breakfast the next morning, as well as meet several members of Rochester Genesee Region churches from across the country, as our region was well-represented at the event.



Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on Monday, October 14, a day originally celebrated as Columbus Day. I thought it would be interesting to share with you some of the contributions indigenous people have made to our society.

Did you know that the Inuit people invented the kayak? Also, they fabricated the first sun goggles to cut down on glare of the sun on the snow. They also gave us snow shoes and parkas.

Other innovations by Indigenous people included baby bottles, birth control, genetically modified food crops, syringes and analgesic medicines. The Incas of Peru developed the first suspension bridges to navigate the high mountains and valleys where they lived.

They made cables out of plant materials woven together and wood slates to walk on. Also, our Native Americans gave us the game of lacrosse which has become quite popular today in our country.

The fresh corn on the cob that we take for granted today and purchase at our farm markets would not have existed without the intervention of indigenous people of Guatemala and southern Mexico. They developed "modern" corn 6000 years ago from a grass known as *Teocintle* which they selectively bred to produce larger seed pods and a corn with soft kernels. The corn plant they developed then spread through the Americas. It is still considered a sacred plant by many of our Native Americans.

Our government and constitution were modeled after the Iroquois confederacy of central New York State. Benjamin Franklin studied the confederacy and the information he obtained he shared with his colleagues as they developed our constitution.

A few famous Native Americans include Charles Curtis of the Kaw nation who became the 31st Vice President of the United States from 1929-1933. Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox tribe won the gold medal in the 1912 Olympics. He is still considered one of the greatest athletes in the world.

The Indigenous People of the United State and the Central and South American countries also considered the earth and its many forests, animals, rivers and oceans something that should be cherished. They are stewards of the earth, a trait that has been lost by many of the European settlers and present day non-native Americans!

Finally, I would like to share a simple Navajo prayer with you that exemplifies the Indigenous Peoples appreciation of the earth and its environment:

*As I walk with beauty, the universe is walking with me.
In beauty it walks before me. In beauty it walks behind me.
In beauty it walks below me. In beauty it walks above me
Beauty is on every side.*

And to that I say, "Amen".

Kenneth J. Setera

Information from

- <https://www.culturalsurvival.org/publications/cultural-survival-quarterly/united-tradition-peoples-corn>
- <https://thedaily.case.edu/the-native-american-story-a-history-of-accomplishments/>



On Saturday September 28, 2024, under the leadership of Khual Mung (Mark), the congregation of Rochester Myanmar Christian Church (RMCC) hosted the first Sing-Song Service. It was a wonderful time of worship with music leadership from RMCC, Rochester Kachin Baptist Church, and Rochester Karen Baptist Church. Thank you to Mark for developing and hosting this time of community worship and fellowship.



LABC Church Picnic, September 2024



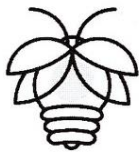


Missions Ministry

Thank you so much for your generous donations of school supplies in September. Cameron will use them wisely. The mission team also took flowers to schools 5, 50, 15, 7, and 34 to thank the staffs of each school for their hard work in supporting the students of Rochester.

This October, "Love Looks Like" dishwashing liquid!! Dishwashing liquid is one part of a cleaning kit that MOTHERS IN NEED OF OTHERS distributes to their clients. Such a seemingly small thing, but think of all the ways you can use it!! It's an essential ingredient to keeping a clean and hygienic home. MOTHER'S IN NEED OF OTHERS is an agency that helps young parents who are struggling on limited funds to provide a safe environment. Food, diapers, cleaning, hygiene, and feminine hygiene products are also available. Thank you for helping with this need.

AT LABC, WE FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS IN OUR COMMUNITY. We have a number of kids in various schools across our city. Each year, we try to connect with those schools and offer a simple word of thanks and gesture of our support so that they know that we appreciate their work and we support them in their hard work. Here is a letter of thanks from one of those schools. We have received phone calls of appreciation from others. When you get a chance, please thank those involved in our community public education. They do great work and we support their efforts on behalf of our children."



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September 19, 2024

Dear Lake Avenue Baptist Church,

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of Flower City School 54, I wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful flowers you gifted us. Your thoughtfulness truly brightened our day, and main office, and reminded us of the incredible support we have from our community.

The work we do with our children is made all the more meaningful knowing we have such strong partners, like you, who believe in our mission. We deeply appreciate your encouragement and look forward to continuing to connect throughout the year. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of the children and families we serve.

Thank you again for your generosity and kindness. We look forward to working with you all in the future!

Warm regards,

Demitria Lawton-Greggs
Principal, Flower City School 54

Cc: Stacey Sookram, Assistant Principal
Tynesha Bradwell, Parent Liaison



The Harvest Moon Festival

The Asian Pacific American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) was established in 2001 to inspire, engage, and empower the API community to increase leadership and civic engagement and a mission to serve the greater community and advancing Asian Pacific Islander Communities through Increased Leadership and Civic Engagement. APAPA also set out to engage voters, partners with the community, and to develop API leaders. APAPA also engages the community through cultural events and programs to honor the positive contributions made by the API community.

APAPA Rochester chapter has celebrated the Harvest Moon festival, one of the cultural events, for 2 years in our area. This year I decided to participate in the event as a food vendor with 4 others. There were many steps learning about public health before I could be accepted as food vendor. I had to take food handler course to be eligible. (Did you know that LABC's kitchen has to have a permit from Monroe County Department of Public Health in order to use our kitchen to serve food? The permit has been placed on one of the walls in the kitchen.) The Harvest Moon Festival which took place on Saturday, September 21 at Schoen Place in Pittsford was the first time we were able to serve Myanmar food in a public setting.

Me and the four who worked with me learned a lot and received many complimentary comments about the food. It was a very positive experience and I and my group are determined to do it again in years to come. Stay tuned for future "Taste of Myanmar" food booths at Schoen Place.

Here is a brief history about the Harvest Moon festival.

The Harvest Moon festival celebrated in Eastern and Southeast Asian cultures and it is among their year's most important holidays. The Chinese and Korean cultures are two of the biggest celebrants of the festival and it is held on the 15th day of the 8th month of the Chinese calendar.

During the festival, lanterns of all size and shapes are lit which symbolize beacons to light people's paths to prosperity and good fortune, Mooncakes, a rich pastry typically filled with sweet-bean, egg yolk, meat or lotus-seed paste, are traditionally eaten during this festival.. Three fundamental concepts are similar to our American Thanksgiving in November; family and friends gather together during the harvest time to give thanks for the harvest, giving mooncakes to each other as a symbol of the festival, and praying for things such as babies, a spouse, beauty, longevity, or a good future. The Celebration also has a traditional dragon & lion dance to end the festival.

Unique symbols for celebrating the holiday is the carrying of brightly lit lanterns, lighting lanterns on towers, or floating sky lanterns.

In Chinese culture, a round shape (like the moon), symbolizes completeness and reunion. The sharing and eating of round mooncakes among family members and friends during the week of the festival signifies the completeness and unity of families and friends.

Below are several pictures of our Taste of Myanmar booth at the Harvest Moon Festival.



The next LABC Community Dinner will take place on **Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 pm.** We will be having macaroni and cheese for dinner along with salad and dessert. A sign-up sheet will be available on Sunday, October 6th. We encourage all of you who can do so to help with these fun dinners and also encourage you to make suggestions on what we should prepare for the next meal. We would like to keep the dinners as simple as possible so that it will not take hours to prepare. Hope to see you at this dinner.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Hi Friends!

Our adult Sunday school class has started their fall sessions with Tom Argust's Getting to Know You Better series. The first two to be interviewed have been our Pastor Michael and Pastor Susan. Be sure to join us as this series continues through the month of October.

Our children's Sunday school classes are studying the book of Genesis and the creation story. Miss Manita and Miss Isabelle are working with the older youth, while Miss Anika and Miss Val lead the elementary students, and Miss Bobure works with the youngest children. Our very young children stay and play in our nursery room with Miss Lara.



We are looking forward to our ukulele class starting on October 6th. We currently have ten children and two adults signed up to participate. Everyone is welcome to join. We will begin class at the end of our Sunday school time. We are all quite excited! If you would like to donate towards the ukulele class to defray the cost of the ukuleles just mail in a check of any amount and write "Ukulele" in the memo of the check. The cost of each instrument was \$65.00.

For a wicked good time, please join us for our third annual Pumpkin Painting event. We will gather in the fellowship room on **Saturday, October 26th, at 2:00** for an afternoon of fun activities including painting and carving pumpkins, games and snacks! Look for the sign-up sheet in all the Sunday school classrooms.



The logo features a stylized figure with colorful arms (red, blue, green, yellow) on the left. To its right, the words "Adult Education" are written in a white serif font on a dark blue background. Further right, the word "Opportunities" is written in a large, white, elegant script font on a red background.

LIST OF ADULT EDUCATION SUBJECTS FROM OCTOBER 6 THROUGH DECEMBER 22 2024

October 6, 2024	Getting to Know You Better, Evann Hasenauer & New Choral Scholar Sofia Martinez- Tom Argust
October 13, 2024	Getting to Know You Better, Don Beech- Tom Argust This is the final day of the series.
October 20, 2024	Bible Stories for Grownups - Noah's Ark
October 27, 2024	Bible Stories for Grownups, Jonah and the Whale
November 3, 2024	Bible Stories for Grownups
November 10, 2024	Bible Stories for Grownups
November 17, 2024	Stewardship Month Topic
November 24, 2024	Giving Thanks
December 1, 2024	Advent Study, HOPE+ - Michael Ford
December 8, 2024	Advent Study, PEACE - Michael Ford
December 15, 2024	Advent Study, JOY - Michael Ford
December 22, 2024	Advent Study, LOVE - Michael Ford
December 29, 2024	No Adult Education



The Be-You Movie Series

Join us on Saturday evening, **October 5th, at 6:00 pm** for the next of our Be-You movie series which will be shown in Classroom 1. The movie is free. Come to the office door for admittance.

The movie selected is called Mario. This movie is a 2018 Swiss romantic sports drama film directed by Marcel Gisler. The story revolves around two excellent sportsmen who meet while playing soccer against other teams in a shared location and quickly develop feelings for one another. Both hope to be selected for professional teams. But, fate has different plans.



- We continue to keep **Liz Ewell** in our prayers who is continuing therapy at the Latta Road Nursing Home West. If you wish to send a get well card please send it to 14 Jonathan Drive, Rochester, NY 14612-3624
- A Reminder:** Have you gotten your flu, Covid virus, RSV, and/or pneumonia vaccines (for those 65 years of age and older) for the coming respiratory disease season? October is a good month to get them since it takes several weeks for these vaccines to be effective.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

JOIN THE RAINBOW CIRCLE AN LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE TODAY AND HELP SOMEONE HELP SOMEONE COME HOME TO LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE TODAY.

Looking for a way to support AWAB's welcoming and affirming work? Consider becoming a Rainbow Circle member. For as low as \$10 a month, you can become an RC Member to support our work and access exclusive content and communications produced exclusively for the Rainbow Circle.

Your support of AWAB will help us to increase our mission of advancing the Radical Welcome and Love of God in Jesus Christ and will enable us to reach more churches and more individuals seeking the Love of God that has been denied by many for far too long.

To support and join the Rainbow Circle please send a check to, AWAB, PO Box 7834, Louisville, KY 40257 and designate in the memo line "Rainbow Circle." You may also join on line at <https://awab.org/rainbow-circle/>

Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

STARDUST BALLROOM AT EDGERTON
41 BACKUS STREET, ROCHESTER NY 14608

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 3:30PM

Help AWAB Raise 1 Million Dollars!

Our 1-Million Dollar 'Here We Grow' Campaign is a significant step towards strengthening and empowering AWAB. Success allows us to build a robust and collaborative staff and an engaged board of directors, enabling us to provide high-quality LGBTQ+ resources to Baptists worldwide. We aim to become a model of inclusive love for all and demonstrate good stewardship of a ministry with agility and financial stability.

●SPECIAL JOB INSTRUCTION FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AT BOCES 2

1. **Free CDL Permit Preparation Course for English Language Learners:** This class will run

for 6 weeks and begins in October. The class will take place from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. The class covers CDL Rules and Regulations, Vehicle Inspections, Transporting Cargo, Passenger Endorsement, School Bus Endorsement, Air Brakes Endorsement. For further information call 585-349-9100 or email CWDinfo@monroe2boces.org and at www.monroe2boces.org/ESOLCDL.aspx. The course will be held at the Greece Central School District Transportation Center on Latta Road. The schedule will be posted soon on the website.

2. **ESOL Paraprofessional Certification Course** Monday through Thursday September 30 to November 7, 11 AM to 2 PM. The course is free and designed for English Language Learners. The course teaches the basics of the American School System. It also teaches how to assist in the classroom as a paraprofessional or school aide. It includes connections to potential employers. Go to <https://www.monroe2boces.org/CareerJobTraining.aspx> for more information and to register.



Thank you to Billy Simba for all of his hard work at MCC helping to register voters for this upcoming election. Are you registered to vote?

If you haven't registered to vote, here is link that will help you do so.

<https://www.usa.gov/register-to-vote>

Thank you to Brady Fergusson and the team at the Climate Solutions Accelerator for their efforts with the recent Rochester Climate March. Brady serves as the Director of Public Engagement at the Accelerator. If you want more information on their work, and perhaps find ways to engage with them, please check out <https://www.climategfl.org/>



LAKE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2024 - 2025

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted to the church office by the due date listed below. By submitting your application, you certify that all answers are truthful. Your questions may be directed via email or by telephone. You are encouraged to complete this form electronically (using Microsoft Word) and submit via email to: lakeavebaptistchurchoffice@gmail.com. or faxed to (585) 458-5766. Written applications may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to:

Lake Avenue Baptist Church
72 Ambrose Street
Rochester, NY 14608-1215
Attn: Scholarship Committee

Questions to:
585-458-5765
lakeavebaptistoffice@gmail.com
Website: www.lakeavebaptist.org

DUE DATE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

For academic year 2024-2025

Awards will be announced in by mid-October

Late submissions will not be considered

Applicant Information

Name		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone (current)	Telephone (Permanent)	
Email Address		Date:

Your Relationship to Lake Avenue Baptist Church (LABC)

Are you a member: Yes No

If not a member, describe your participation in the life of LABC:

Educational and Job Experiences

Are you currently a student? Full-time Part-time Not a current student

Complete the following for your current or future studies

Educational Institution Name and City	
Expected Degree & Date	
Major and any Minors	

If you are seeking support for a course or training that is **not** part of a degree-granting program, p

Course/Training Name		
Organization Offering Course or Training		
Course/Training \$ Cost	Start Date	Completion Date

Include other information about your need and the value of the course or training that will help the Scholarship Committee make a good decision.

If you are not a full-time student complete the following for your current employment

Employer Name and City	
Job Title or Description	
How Long Have You Worked Here?	

Additional Required Information

Please tell us why your college/university, vocational training, seminary or other professional study is important to you and how you will use your education in the future.

ALL APPLICANTS: SIGN BELOW CONFIRMING TRUTHFULNESS OF THIS APPLICATION.

Name _____ Date _____