

February 1: As African Heritage Month begins, pray for the African United Baptist Association and its ministries. Give thanks for its leaders, pastors, and congregations, and for their enduring witness, resilience, and advocacy. Pray that their ministry would continue to bless both the Church and the wider community.

February 8: During African Heritage Month, pray for courage and humility as churches address racism and pursue reconciliation. Ask God to heal wounds caused by injustice and to free us from fear, denial, or indifference. Pray that the Church would model repentance, equity, and reconciling love.

February 15: As Lent begins and African Heritage Month continues, pray for the next generation, especially within Black communities. Ask God to provide opportunities for growth, education, and leadership. Pray for young people discerning God's call, that they would respond with faith, joy, and obedience.

February 22: As African Heritage Month concludes, give thanks for the rich history, gifts, and contributions of Black communities. Pray for unity across cultures and for renewed imagination for a hope-filled future. Ask God to bring renewal to our neighbourhoods through the Good News of Jesus.

The Reflector

February 2026
Reflecting the life of First Baptist Church Amherst



1 John 1:5 says "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." So, let us turn out our electric lights when we don't need them. Hooray! We can now. New switches were installed last month (by the bathroom door) so those two lights in the vestry that NEVER went out can now be controlled. The Board of Management got some electricians in to repair this. So now, enjoy this! Turn these lights out when you leave the building (along with ALL the others). Thanks so much.

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Walk the Red Carpet

Looking for a fun way to stay active this winter? Join us on **Thursdays at 10:00 am beginning February 5**. Please bring a **change of footwear** and enjoy the fellowship!

February Fun & Fellowship Party

Monday the 9th, 6:30-8:30 pm, in the Parlour. Join us for a relaxed time to break up the winter blahs and get to know one another. Jeff W. and Derek L. have organized a sharing time, so **bring few favorite Jokes, Stories, Poems, Dreams or Quotes to share**. Or not; just come and listen. We will also have some food and a fun game or two, of course. (Also, it will be Derek's birthday; come share the joy!) Come and enjoy warm conversation in a relaxed, fellowship-building time. (Storm date: Sunday, February 15th)

Guest —Worship Service February 15

We will welcome **Alex Hisey**, Director of **Camp Pagweak!** Alex will be sharing more about the camp and the amazing work and ministry happening there.

Connect With Us!

Our *Connect With Us!* cards are available for **everyone**—whether you're new, visiting, or have been part of our church family for years.

Use a card to:

- ⇒ Share prayer requests
- ⇒ Ask questions
- ⇒ Update your contact info
- ⇒ Let us know how we can connect with you

First Baptist Church

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WITH US!**

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Notes/Prayer requests

REGULAR, REPEATING MINISTRIES



Coffee + Conversation = Community

Love coffee? Love people? We're looking for a few helping hands to **set up, serve, and clean up** after our morning worship services. If you're interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Vestry. Let's keep this wonderful tradition of fellowship (and good coffee!) brewing!

Volunteers for February

Flowers: Nancy Allen; **Communion Clean-up:** Lloyd & Marilyn Munroe; **Ushering & Offering:** **Team One:** Shawn Brunt, Lisa Brunt, Karen Fraser, Bev Curry, Debby Creamer, Rick Creamer, Jean Harrison & Greg Wilson (Team Leader).

Prayer Team

There is a small group who will pray for prayer requests, confidentially & confidently. Contact Jeff White:

E-mail: jgwhite@ns.aliantzinc.ca Phone: 902-614-1011.

Offering Options

Pre-Authorized Giving; E-mail Money Transfer, Interac/Debit; Offering Envelopes.

Holy Communion & Benevolent Fund

On the **first Sunday of each month**, we celebrate Holy Communion and invite benevolent offerings for our **Benevolent Fund**. Your generosity helps us support those in need—covering essentials like food, prescriptions, and heating, and partnering with others to make a difference.



Congregational Valentine Luncheon

Join us after morning service on **February 15** for a Valentine Luncheon hosted by the Board of CE. **Pizza will be served!**

Bible Study

Rev. Marlene is planning to lead a Bible Study during Lent on **Wednesday afternoons from 1:30–2:30 pm**. Together, we'll reflect on **scriptures appropriate for the Lenten season**. **Dates:** February 18 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25. If you're interested in participating, please let Marlene know.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports are **due by Sunday, February 22**. Please email your report to **Angela** at ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca or drop a copy into the Church Office.

New Library Books Available!

Some new books have been placed on the table in the Vestry. You are invited to borrow any that interest you. Please return them when you're finished so others can enjoy them too!



Choir Rehearsals

Love to sing? Join our choir! Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:15 pm**. New voices are always welcome.

Calling all Scripture Readers!

Do you love reading God's Word out loud? We're looking for volunteers to help read Scripture during our Sunday services. Interested? Reach out to Angela ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca; (902) 667-2001.

February 2026 at First Baptist Church Amherst

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45 am Budget Mtg. 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	2 11:00 am Prayer Time 1:00 pm Line Dancing 4:00 pm IODE Groundhog Day	3 	4 1:15 pm Bible Basics: Job 4:00 pm Board of CE	5 10:00 am Walk the Red Carpet 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45 am Nominating Mtg. 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	9 11:00 am Prayer Time 1:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm Fellowship Party	10 6:30 pm Board of MGMT	11 1:15 pm Bible Basics: Job	12 10:00 am Walk the Red Carpet 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 
15 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45 am Valentine Luncheon Transfiguration Sunday	16 Church & Office Closed 	17 10:00 am Practice for White Birches	18 10:00 am Youth Retreat Planning 1:30 pm Lent Bible Study Ash Wednesday	19 10:00 am Walk the Red Carpet 1:30 pm Singing at White Birches 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 	21
22 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School 1st Sunday in Lent	23 11:00 am Prayer Time 1:00 pm Line Dancing	24	25 1:30 pm Lent Bible Study	26 10:00 am Board of Deacons 10:00 am Walk the Red Carpet 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28