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PLEASE NOTE:

Articles for the **JUNE**
must be submitted to the church office
by **May 15th**. Thank you.

[Church Calendar](#)



From the Pastor's Desk

"A Sheepdogs Tale"

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:1-5 NRSV

It is a VERY exciting time to be part of the church family in the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church! Our Sunday morning worship is alive with the sounds of praise – our choir, our bells, our beautiful inspiring children! This past year, 2023, was a year of recovery and new adventures.

Recovery came to us as people returned from exile called COVID 19. We are not yet fully back to our pre-covid attendance numbers, but we are well on our way! We have a team working to install new sound and video capabilities for us that will allow us to expand and improve the quality of our on-line presence. Some weeks we have more people engage our worship service online than we have in the building!

Our new adventure began last October when we transitioned from a one-point charge to a multi-site ministry. Our pastoral ministry team or Rev. Jeff Hodge, Rev. Susan Ranous and I are now serving the Baldwinsville First UMC as well as the Liverpool First UMC and the Pennellville First UMC. Added to this multi-site mix our neighbors in the Phoenix UMC who I oversee, and our New Faith Community called Beloved that currently meets Friday evenings at the United Methodist Conference Center on Henry Clay Blvd. This multi-site approach is as old as Moses and the Israelites in the Bible, and I believe it may be the future of ministry all around our denomination and our nation.

Looking ahead I would ask you to pray about two important emerging ministries. I believe we need to add a Youth Director to nurture our teens and young adults. If you feel called to help with this ministry please talk to one of our pastors! We will also launch a new Mission initiative in May. Rev. Dr. BJ Norrix is joining our ministry team to lead us deeper and out into the mission field here at home and around the world! If you're interested in this Mission opportunity, plan to join us on May 22nd at 6pm at the Baldwinsville FUMC to be part of the new adventure!

Come and join us for worship at 9am Sunday morning for our Heritage worship service featuring our choir and familiar hymns. If you are unable to join us in person, we are recording live on Facebook. Plan to come and join us – we'll save you a seat!

Serving Christ with You,
Pastor Bill Mudge

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Rev. Jeff Hodge

May 2024

April Showers bring May Blessings!



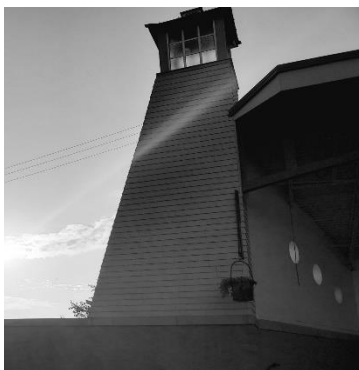
We are building a *garden of blessings* in the dining room throughout May! Check us out each week to find out what ways to share your blessings in your life with others – at home and here at church.

Week 1: Blessings at home

Week 2: Blessings at church

Week 3: Ways I can bless others

Week 4: My prayer for others



Church on the Island begins its 9th Season on Sunday, June 16th at 8:00 a.m.
(pending village approval)

Join us for our 12-week summer worship at 8:00 a.m. every Sunday thru September 1. Our season is taking shape. One of the clergy team members for our Baldwinsville-Liverpool-Pennellville partnership will kick off the season. The season schedule will be printed in the June newsletter.

Of Continued Concern:

Dave Horan, Elijah Huling, **Rebecca Jensen**,
Pat Kline (Crouse ICU), Jim Larmondra, Janet
McIntosh, **Arleen Russ**,
Ron Waterbury

Friends & Neighbors:

Francis Bliven, Julia Bliven's husband
Larry Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen
Carolyn Dixon
Emily Gibbs
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother
William Hobart, friend of the Kisselsteins
Craig Hodge, Pastor Jeff's brother
John Hughes, Joyce Wilkinson's brother
Dana Kaiser, Donna Foster's son
Rudy Kline, Pat Kline's husband
Ian McKay, nephew of Tish & Gene Evans
Susan Mosher, friend of Helen Stafford
Blakely Nowicki, Kisselstein family
Lisa Wilson & family, Judy Herbs' niece
Ruby VanDuser, friend of Suzanne Ellis
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury

Pray for our Service Men & Women:

Holly Abbott, Jeff Coover, Brian Cunningham,
Casey DeLapp, James Scott Gibbs,
Casey Hargrave, Jeffrey Lucy, Dr. Kristen Lucy,
Jeffrey Meany, Brandon Merle, Benjamin
Nordmark, Tyler Reynolds, Peter Slye,
Richard Slye



Sympathy to:

Pat & Rudy Kline on the passing of
her mother, Gertrude Collins

Remember Those at Home and at Care Facilities:

Joan Foster

Bill Barrett – Loretto-Cunningham #504
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale #53
Sharyn Brown – Sedgwick Heights #344
Mary Falanga – Syracuse Home #133
Judy Herbs – Elderwood #225D
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #457
Mildred Long – Syracuse Home #122
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107
Mary Eleanor Slye – McHarrie Pointe #401
Clara Rose Thomas – **Brewster House #25**

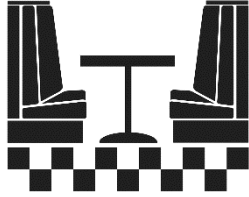
Please Note:

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email, please let us know at
secretary@bvillefirstumc.org.

Position Open ~ Bookkeeper

The Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church is looking for a **part-time bookkeeper** beginning June 1, 2024.

Please e-mail your cover letter and resume to secretary@bvillefirstumc.org or mail to BFUMC at 17 W. Genesee Street Baldwinsville, NY 13027 by **May 15 , 2024.**



S.A.M.A.S.A.N. (Some Are Married And Some Are Not)

Saturday, **May 11 , 2 PM** at the Canal Side Café & Bistro, 23 Syracuse Street. A sit-down lunch will be served--complimentary fruit, coffee, and tea available prior to lunch. Parking is limited, please be mindful of those with mobility concerns. Carpooling, parking on Water St., Tappan St. and the parking lot of the Baptist Church are other options. **\$25.00 per person** payable, **on or before May 5**, by check or cash to Mary Coogan, 102 Land Rush Way, Baldwinsville, NY 13027. 315-350-3707. Marycoogan76@gmail.com





New Pictorial Directory *Calling Everyone!*

We will be taking pictures for our new pictorial directory on May 5th.

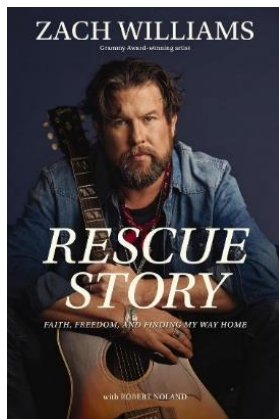
Please gather in the dining room right after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The service usually ends at 10:00 a.m. Please bring as many family members as possible. Registration will begin in the multi-purpose room and folks will be there to direct you to the picture-taking room. Please participate so that you will get to know everyone in church and they will get to know you! Questions? Please call Dave Horan at 315-415-0229.



In celebration of Mother's Day, May 12, the congregation is encouraged to bring any photos that they would like to display on the altar rail for the 9:00 a.m. service.

Eureka! Book Club News ~ Our May selection:

Rescue Story: Faith, Freedom, and Finding My Way Home by Zach Williams



Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – Carrie Foster will lead us through this book by Christian Music star Zach Williams. From amazon:

Before two-time GRAMMY Award winner Zach Williams penned heartfelt, faith-filled ballads like "Chain Breaker," "There Was Jesus (featuring Dolly Parton)," and "Fear Is a Liar," there was darkness. A rock-and-roll singer who thought he had all he ever wanted to make him happy, Zach instead felt empty. The drugs, alcohol, and late-night gigs played around the world couldn't satisfy the longing in his heart for a place to belong. He was desperate for change.

It came while on tour in Spain with his band, and in this powerful and poignant memoir, Zach shares in vivid detail his personal *Rescue Story*. He reflects on his childhood and the prophecy that kept his parents from giving up hope, his descent into the substance abuse that held him captive for so long, and ultimately the rescue he didn't think was possible but embraced with open arms.

A compelling, honest story of God's unconditional love, grace, and redemption, *Rescue Story* shares the intimate journey of a beloved music artist and challenges you to seek resilient hope in the trials of your own life--because Jesus offers real freedom and joy, despite the mistakes of your past.

**BFUMC and BNS are participating in this year's Memorial Day Parade
Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m.**

For the second year, we will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade with the Baldwinsville Nursery School. We are handing out red, white & blue leis at the parade. We're also having a picnic (hot dogs, chips & drinks) at the church immediately following the parade to feed participants. We need:



- cash donations for leis
- help cooking hotdogs and serving after parade
- participants on float/walking route/handing out leis

If you would like to help with any of these things, please see Pastor Jeff, Janet Brooks or Bethany Denniston or leave a message in the church office.



Church Giving

If you are not in church, you can continue supporting our church using automatic payments on your on-line bank account or the church's on-line payment system.

Using your bank's on-line bill payment feature, you can set up an automatic payment where your bank sends a check to the church. You control the frequency and amount of the payment. Simply use Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church, 17 W. Genesee Street, Baldwinsville NY 13027, indicate the amount and frequency of payment. Most banks do not charge you any additional cost for this feature.

The church also has an on-line payment system thru VANCO. Go to the on-line church's website [www. https://www.bvillefirstumc.org](https://www.bvillefirstumc.org) and on the right-side column press 'Online Giving – Make a Donation'. You set up your account and make your donation to the general fund or other areas listed. You will go to a screen where you can enter the amount, frequency of payment and if you want to pay using a bank account or credit card. You will have the option to offset the charge the church incurs for this system.

If you prefer to use a mobile device (cell phone), use the following QR code and it will take you to the on-line payment system from VANCO. Follow the same procedure to set up your contribution as the on-line system. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z7C7/home>



For more information, contact Rod Porter, Bookkeeper (315) 247-7426 or Rocky Maxwell, Chair of Finance Committee (315) 488-5700. Thank you for supporting our church.

MAY
Birthdays

05/02 Michael Carwell
Ian Nordmark
05/03 Matthew Cole
05/04 Edward Cranston
05/05 George Ramseyer
Judy Sugar-Giordano
05/06 Don Hewitt
05/08 Peyton Anderson
Katelyn Lindsey

05/09 Jerry Barker
Danielle Marsell
05/11 Susan DiRenzo
05/12 Keenan Smith
05/14 Jeane Custin
Brett DeLola
Maya Hewitt
05/15 Shari Mudge
Dale Waldron
05/16 Connie Crandon
Donna Foster
Jordan Hoffman
05/20 Beverly Frank
Kenneth Jackson

05/21 Tish Evans
Eileen Rice
05/22 Doug Foster
05/23 Emily Eastman
05/24 Janet McIntosh
05/26 Korra McCaleb
Josephine Turner
05/27 Drucilla Nordmark
05/29 Dennis Plucinik
05/30 Marsha Plucinik
05/31 Ryan DeLola
Douglas Metrick
Fred Ramseyer



CAMP FIRELIGHT IS COMING TO BALDWINSVILLE

JULY 8 - 12 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

For Children entering Grades K-5

This is our gift to the children of our community, and it takes a lot of volunteers!

- Adult and Youth (grade 6 and above) Leaders needed for Science, Crafts, Recreation, Music, and Snacks
- Food and craft supplies for the week (specifics to come!)

If you can help all week, or any part of it,
please place this volunteer slip in the collection plate or contact me:

Janet Brooks (JBrooks48@aol.com cell 315-415-6416)

Name _____ “area of expertise” _____

Contact information: _____