

# The Visitor



# APRIL

## 2019

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### **Church Office Hours:**

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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Articles for the **MAY**  
**must be submitted to the church office**  
by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

[Church Calendar](#)



**From the Pastors Desk**

*"A Sheepdogs Tale"*

**“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.” 1 John 3:1-3 NRSV**

Sometimes I get a word stuck in my head and it just rolls around and around in my thoughts for days – sometimes weeks! Often, I feel as if God is trying to teach me something and this repetition and constant reminder of the word or concept is a way God is driving the concept deep into my soul.

I have been working with a word for the past few weeks that comes back over and over to me. The word is *“EXTRAVAGANT”*.

ex·trav·a·gant /ik'stravəgənt *adjective*

1. Lacking restraint in spending money or using resources
2. Costing too much money.
3. Exceeding what is reasonable or appropriate; absurd.

That last definition seems to be the one that has me hooked. Exceeding what is reasonable or appropriate; absurd. As I have read and studied the scriptures that will lead us through the balance of Lent and into our celebration of Resurrection Sunday I am struck, overwhelmed by the unreasonable absurd extravagant love of God for us!

I think John may have been wrestling with the same words as he wrote this portion of his first epistle. See what love (what extravagant, absurd, unreasonable, costly love) the Father has given us, that we should be called Children of God!! And that is what we are!!

I hope that you know today that the God of all creation, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, that Almighty Sovereign loves you! We celebrate this Easter Season the gift of love that went to the greatest expense to redeem us – the gift of God’s own Son Jesus, his suffering, death and Resurrection – all because of this extravagant love.

I hope that you will plan to join us as we celebrate this amazing love together. You are loved, and you are welcome in our family of faith, no ifs ands or buts – ALL are invited, loved and cherished! Walk with us through Lent and the passion of Holy Week, come and join us for worship this Sunday at 9:00 or 10:30A.M. - we'll save you a seat!

In Grace and Peace, Pastor Bill Mudge

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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### **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** – Saturday, April 6, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

We are excited for Easter! Families are welcome to enjoy our annual indoor egg hunt (9:30 AM, Sharp!), prizes, refreshments, games, crafts, and animal visitors. There will also be a photo booth and photos with the Easter Bunny! Please invite, family, friends, and neighbors, as everyone is welcome. Donations for refreshments will go to supporting camperships.



### **Camp Preview Day** – Sunday, April 28

Information will be provided during and preceding the 9 o'clock service. There will be fun camp-related activities in the multi-purpose room during fellowship time (10:15 AM).

### **Flower Sale** – Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

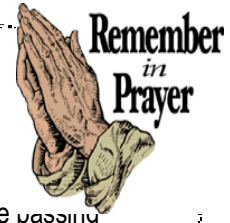
Our annual plant sale (held the day before Mother's Day) is a great opportunity to do something special for Mom or Grandma all while supporting the summer campership program! Please mark your calendar and plan to buy some flowers. Thank you!



### *Summer Camp 2019*



Our church has a long tradition of sending children to camp. Last summer our congregation provided generous camperships for 13 children to attend the Upper New York Conference of the UMC, camp Casowasco. We accept **campership donations** throughout the year. If you would like to help send a child to camp, please contact Lisa Kane at (315) 635-6442 or Frankie Weaver at [christianeducation@vvillefirstumc.org](mailto:christianeducation@vvillefirstumc.org). Thank you for supporting this important ministry!



**Of continued concern:**

Marjorie Benoit, Patricia Berry, Julia Bliven, Harold Crandon, Jeane Custin, Joan Foster, Dave Herlan, Mary Johnson, Rev. Kelsey, Patricia Kline, Mildred Long, Janet McIntosh, Bob & Lois Minnoe, Olivia Oyer-Halen, Gwen Sacia, Anna May Turner

**At Care Facilities:**

Julie Ball – Syracuse Home  
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53  
Marian Britton – St. Camillus  
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936  
Harriet Comstock – McHarrie Pointe #407  
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334  
Fred Herbs – Syracuse Home #214  
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523  
Betty Meloling – James Square #326  
Zora Meloling – Loretto-Cunningham #534  
Betty Morrow – Loretto-Cunningham #1015  
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107  
Eloise Rockwood – Parkrose Estates  
Jim Tudman – McHarrie Pointe #401  
Patricia Tudman – Syracuse Home #323

***Please Note: The clergy of Baldwinsville FUMC are privileged to visit persons who are ill. However, they must know about these people. Please call the church office if you, a loved one or a friend desires a pastoral call in the hospital, in a nursing home or at home.***

**Sympathy to:**

Harlow & Bonnie Kisselstein  
on the passing of his brother,  
Robert Kisselstein  
Linda & Tim Horan and family on the passing  
of her grandfather, Richard McCabe  
Dave & Randa Greer on the passing of  
her brother, Bruce Adams  
Family & friends of Jean O'Brien

**Relatives/Friends/Neighbors:**

Ross Devendorf, Julia Bliven's brother  
Gale Durno, Chuck Brooks' sister  
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew  
Dennis Homack & family,  
Susan Monroe's brother-in-law  
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother  
Carolyn Nowicki, niece of the Kisselsteins  
Charlene Nowicki, Bonnie Kisselstein's sister  
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,  
Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter  
Judy Scott, friend of the Benton's  
Jessica Scriver, friend of the Benton's  
Robert Slye, Mary Eleanor Slye's son  
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury  
Kristin Hebblethwaite Walter,  
Judy Sugar-Giordano's niece  
Dallas & Delpha Youngman,  
Susan Monroe's parents

**Pray for our Service Men & Women:**

Jeff Coover, Brian Cunningham, James Scott  
Gibbs, Jeffrey Lucy, Dr. Kristen Lucy, Jeffrey  
Meany, Brandon Merle, Benjamin Nordmark,  
Jeff Powers, Tyler Reynolds, Peter Slye,  
Richard Slye

## **Worship Schedule**

**Normal:**

**9:00 a.m. Sanctuary & 10:30 a.m. Chapel**



### **Fridays in the Chapel**

Service 12:05 p.m. and Lunch 12:30 p.m.

**Apr 7** – Worship Service, Communion

**Apr 14** – Passion/Palm Sunday

**Apr 18** – Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

**Apr 19** – Good Friday: Sanctuary will be Open  
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Apr 21** – Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Worship at Mercer Park

9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### **Please Note – Sunrise Service:**

*In case of inclement weather, the Easter Sunrise service will be held in the church Chapel.*

**Apr 28** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*We are proud to be a “Safe Sanctuary”  
for children and youth, disabled,  
and vulnerable adults.*

## **ERT Training**

Another new Basic ERT Training class has been scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at the UNY Conference Center in Liverpool. Anyone interested in the training can register online at <http://bit.ly/LiverpoolERTMay19>

## **Food Collection Sunday – April 7**

Children will be collecting food donations as you enter the Sanctuary. Needed in April: PB & J, stew, chili, cereal, and soup. (Food Collection Sunday is the first Sunday of the month.)

**Monetary donations are also  
gladly accepted.**

## **Grief Support Group (Hands of Hope)**

This is a monthly support group that meets on the third Wednesday of every month for those that have lost a loved one and would like to meet with others to talk or just to listen. A bereavement counselor is present. Our next meeting is April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. Refreshments served.

## **O.W.L.S. Luncheon**

Our next gathering is on Thursday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room. (Terry Miller, 315-409-4063)

## **Spring Rummage Sale**

Donation days: April 24-25, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sale days: April 26, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
and April 27 (Bag Sale), 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

We will take clothing of all sizes, books, puzzles, toys, dishes, kitchen items, bedding, linens, craft items, tools, sporting equipment etc.

**We can't take** bowling balls, computers, printers, large furniture. If you have any questions or would like to help with the sale, please call Wayne Gilbert (315-638-4653) or Marlene Fredette (315-652-6989).

**Cheery Visitors** will hold a **Bake Sale on Friday, April 26** in conjunction with the U.M.W. Rummage Sale. Your donation of baked goods would be most appreciated. Alice Nykaza (635-5569).

## **SAMASAN Year-end Banquet**

We're going to Tassone's in B'ville on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. The cost is \$18.00 per person which will include a buffet lunch, coffee, tea, soda and cake. There will be some entertainment. Please pay by April 21<sup>st</sup>. You can give checks to Bev Archer or Peggy Miller or mail them to Peggy Miller at 4210 Mistral Circle, Liverpool, N.Y. 13090. Please make checks out to Margaret Miller.



## 2019 LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

**April 5      12:05 Community Lenten Worship, Rev. William Mudge**  
**Lunch hosted by First United Methodist Church**

**April 6      9:00 – 11:00 Easter Egg Hunt**

*April 7      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

**April 12     12:05 Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Mike Grinalls**  
**lunch hosted by Plainville Christian & Jacksonville CUMC**

*April 14     Passion/Palm Sunday*

**April 18     6:30 Maundy Thursday Service in the MP room**

**April 19     12:00 – 3:00 Good Friday – Sanctuary will be open**

*April 21     Easter Sunday*

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Mercer Park

9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary

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### **Cheery Visitors**

Our visiting team, Cheery Visitors, is hoping to recruit more church members to join our team. We are operating with four active members at this time, with two additional members who have been away for some of the winter months. We have about 18 people on our current list to visit. We are making changes in our meeting and visiting times because they are not convenient to most of our members and this flexibility seems to be helping. If you are interested, please call me, Alice Nykaza (315-635-5569). You will be able to select your own best time to visit and even if you do one visit a month that would be very helpful. This is a way that you can help even if you have a job and are not available during the week.

Just a reminder, the Spring Rummage Sale is just around the corner and we hold a bake sale that Friday at the church. We use this money to send cards, flowers, and small items for those in nursing homes. Thank you to all who bake for use every year.

## **WOW! – Did you know . . . ?**

**Maya Hewitt** – a member of the Baker High School Science Olympiad Team that placed sixth out of 38 teams in the Mid-State Regional Science Olympiad Competition.

**Michael Lawrence**, Baker HS Indoor Track – part of 15<sup>th</sup> in the 4x400 relay at the NYSPHSAA championship.

**Danielle Marsell**, Baker HS Indoor Track – 16<sup>th</sup> in the weight throw at the NYSPHSAA championship.

(If we have overlooked someone, please let us know)

## **Thanks and Praise**

My sincere thanks to Jeff Hodge for his prayerful visit before my surgery in December 2018. He brought a beautiful shawl (gray and green) that kept me comfy many times. Thank you to the helping hands that made it. Also, thank you for your prayers and cards – each one a blessing. I'm home and I'm still under a doctor's care. I am blessed with a caring family!

A bit of wit: The north wind doth blow and we shall have snow. What will the robin do then? Poor thing! She'll sit in the barn to keep herself warm and tuck her head under her wing! Poor thing! Happy Spring and new beginnings. Marjorie Benoit



### **Gratitude from Christian Education**

Christian Education would like to thank members of our BFUMC congregation for supporting our Lenten giving programs:

- **Thank you for donating** money to help the **1<sup>st</sup> grade student** at Van Buren Elementary who is fighting T-cell Lymphoma.
- Thank you for all of the donations of new toys and other items for the **Syracuse Golisano**
- **Children's Hospital**. Donations will continue to be collected during the first week of April and should be dropped off in the church collection baskets. Wish List: <http://www.upstate.edu/gch/pdf/child-life/wish-list.pdf>

Thank you also for supporting our first **Welcome Spring Book Exchange & Usborne Book Fair**. We hope that you are each enjoying your new books.

**Thank you, also, to Burdick Lexus and Ford** for inviting our youth to their annual charity **Syracuse Crunch hockey game** on March 30<sup>th</sup>! Our Sunday School families appreciated the invitation, as we sent 25 people to cheer on the Crunch.



04/03 Heidi Kieskowski  
Jennifer Radicello  
Abrahm Cavalieri  
04/04 Zachary Brown  
04/07 Bonnie Abbott  
Jared Kenney  
Sophia Landers

04/08 Dave Berube  
Nancy Weber  
04/09 Mary Anita Berry  
Patty Maxwell  
04/10 Richard Stafford  
Jeff Landers  
04/11 Megan Ransiear  
Jacob Rinn  
04/12 Barbara Jones  
04/15 Julia Oyer  
Annabelle Horan  
04/17 Gerard Slate  
Jackson McMahon

04/18 Anna Morgan  
04/21 Harold Crandon  
Brian Phelps  
Elizabeth Monaco  
04/22 Jessie Olin  
04/23 David Hildreth  
04/24 Clara Derby  
04/25 Paul Ransiear  
Jennifer Alfieri  
04/28 Linda Honicker  
Nicholas Alfieri  
04/29 Stefanie Pastella  
Anne Monaco  
04/30 William Beall

**EASTER LILIES**

Easter lilies are \$8.50 each. Please use this form or call the church office at 635-6442.

**Orders are needed by APRIL 10.**

**LILIES:** (\$8.50 per plant) No. of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

You can bring this form to the church office or put it in the mail.

Checks should be made payable to:

**First United Methodist Church**

17 W. Genesee St., Baldwinsville, NY 13027