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PLEASE NOTE:

Articles for the **SUMMER**

must be submitted to the church office

by **June 15th**. Thank you.

[Church Calendar](#)



From the Pastors Desk

"A Sheepdogs Tale"

"Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2:43-47 NRSV

Life is a grand adventure! What an amazing blessing the last eleven months have been as my family and I have been woven into the family of the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church. It is a great privilege to be your pastor and to watch as God leads us through these days into a glorious future of God's design.

This month we will celebrate Pentecost – the birthday of the church – on June 9th. If you read the account of the birth of the Church in Acts 2 you may find some familiar patterns that continue even through today. 1) The believers gathered together in the temple. 2) They listened to the teachings of the Disciples. 3) They ate meals together (sounds Methodist to me). 4) They shared their treasure and their struggles. 5) God added to their numbers those who were being saved. It is a great blessing to travel in the line of faith after these faithful ones through the ages. Those who have gone before us have been faithful and have loved and sacrificed and worshipped. Now it is our turn!

I am thrilled to be the pastor of the Baldwinsville first United Methodist Church at this exciting time. I believe God is about to break out and do something **"exceedingly abundantly more than all we could ask or imagine!"** Eph 3:20.

In April, our Stewardship Team reported that we were running a significant deficit for the year to date. We decided to make that information available to the members of our church family and invite all to help us discern the direction and staffing of the Baldwinsville First UMC. To make this happen we are inviting everyone to bring a monetary gift on Pentecost to help us make up the current deficit and step up in our pledges to help our Stewardship Team set a responsible staffing budget for the balance of the year and growing forward.

I pray that you will come and join us for our Pentecost Celebration on June 9th. We will receive our best gifts to meet our financial needs as a fellowship, we will offer our pledges for the coming 6 months to enable the Stewardship Team to set a responsible budget, and we will rejoice as we remember and receive a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with renewed power and love! 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



Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“To Mars and Beyond”

August 19 – 23, 2019 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Join the BFUMC for Vacation Bible School for children entering grades K – 5.
This year's VBS "To Mars and Beyond!" will take place Monday - Friday, August 19 -23
from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (8:45-9:00 is drop-off)

Each day campers will learn a Bible story, and participate in science, crafts, and recreation sessions. Children will support mission projects like the BFUMC Sneaker Fund which provides sneakers and socks for local families.

For an application form and more information email:

christianeducation@bvillefirstumc.org or call the church office at 315.635.6442.

Wow! Check it Out - New books in the Children's Library:

“Psalm 23”

“Noah & the Mighty Ark”



“My Book of Bedtime Prayers”



“Nubs – The True Story of a Mutt”



“Old MacNoah Had an Ark”

“On the Night you Were Born”

“Our Big, Big God”

“Wherever You Are”

“The First Night”



“The House on Dirty-Third Street”

“The Big Red Tractor”



“The Prince of Egypt”

“With You Always, Little Monday”



Of continued concern:

Marjorie Benoit, Patricia Berry, Julia Bliven, Harold Crandon, Jeane Custin, Suzanne Ellis, Joan Foster, Rev. Kelsey, Patricia Kline, Mildred Long, Janet McIntosh, Shirley McMahon, Bob & Lois Minnoe, Gwen Sacia, Anna May Turner, Peggy Warne, Robert Yeddo

At Care Facilities:

Julie Ball – Syracuse Home
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53
Marian Britton – St. Camillus
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936
Harriet Comstock – new address:
505 Union St., Fulton, NY 13069
(315-529-1143)
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334
Fred Herbs – Syracuse Home #214
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523
Barbara Kidd – Syracuse Home #320
Betty Meloling – James Square #326
Zora Meloling – Loretto-Cunningham #534
Betty Morrow – Loretto-Cunningham #1015
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107
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:

Family & friends of Mary Johnson
Kevin & Lisa Zacchia and family
on the passing of his mother
Linda Froats & family on the passing
of her brother, Ken Chappell
Shelley Hoffman & family on the passing
of her father
Betty Morrow on the passing of her
sister, Arlene Lewis

Relatives/Friends/Neighbors:

Ross Devendorf, Julia Bliven's brother
Gale Durno, Chuck Brooks' sister
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew
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 Sriver, 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
June VerNooy, Beverly Archer's sister
Dallas & Delpha Youngman,
Susan Monroe's parents
Graydons Youngman, Susan Monroe's uncle

Pray for our Service Men & Women:

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

Worship Schedule

Normal:

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

Please Note: June 9 is the last 10:30 Chapel Service until September

Church on the Island
June 16 – Sept 1, 8:00 a.m.
Papermill Island Amphitheater

June 2 – Worship Service, Communion

Please Note: June 2 will be the last Sunday School until September

June 9 – Pentecost

Teacher Appreciation Day/New Member Sunday

June 16 – Father's Day/Graduation Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday

Church on the Island begins, 8:00 a.m.

June 23 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 30 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

Baptism:

*Adeline Susan Grimmett,
daughter of Adam & Lauren Grimmett*

Food Collection Sunday – June 2

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

**Monetary donations are also
gladly accepted.**

U.M. W. Memorial Service

The U.M.W. Hannah-Sarah Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will be our Memorial Service. All interested are invited to attend.

Church on the Island begins June 16

Rev. Patti Walz is coordinating worship services at the Paper Mill Island Amphitheater again this summer. This informal, ½ hour, non-denominational worship begins at 8:00 a.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the cool breezes, rising sun, inspiration, and fellowship.

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 June 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. Refreshments served.

O.W.L.S. Luncheon

Our next gathering is on Thursday, June 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room. (Terry Miller, 315-409-4063)

U.M.M.

Our next breakfast & meeting will be on Saturday, June 29 at 8:00 a.m. in the church dining room. This will be our last meeting until September

Graduation Sunday

We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, June 16 at the 9:00 a.m. service. If someone in your family is graduating from college or a high school other than C.W. Baker in Baldwinsville, and you would like their name on our graduates list, please let us know by Wednesday, June 12. (635-6442; secretaary@bvillefirstumc.org)

A New Class Focusing on Faith Journeys

Wednesdays, June 5 – June 26, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Take a look back at how your faith began and the journey it has taken you on. This will be the focus of a four-week class being offered Wednesday mornings. We will look at Moses, David, Jesus and others to understand how God guided them. Each week a guest will help discuss faith at a different stage of life from childhood to our senior years. The hope is that by the end of the four weeks individuals will have a good start to writing the story of their own faith's journey. There will no cost for this class led by Jan Beall (635 1356) but it will be helpful to let the church office (635 6442) or Jan know if you are interested in joining the class so materials will be ready for you.



Yoga Classes Available at BFUMC

Yoga means union of body and mind. It can lower stress, which is toxic to overall health and wellbeing. Many studies prove that practicing yoga, relaxation, and meditation can benefit all age groups. This is a safe environment with sensitivity to the needs of each student. All are welcome at any level of experience. My yoga practice is for the average person. You do not have to be excessively flexible to enjoy this class. Classes will end with a moment of gratitude and a closing prayer. Please bring a blanket and water bottle.

Adult Yoga:

\$10 per class or 6 classes for \$50 and each additional member of a family can bring a non-perishable food item per class for the food pantry. Drop in for \$10.

Wednesdays: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.: very gentle class, appropriate for older folks
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.: for teens through adults

Children's Yoga (ages 4-12):

\$5 per class or 6 classes for \$25 and each additional member of a family can bring a non-perishable food item per class for the food pantry. Drop-in for \$5.

Wednesdays: 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Checks should be made out to "Baldwinsville FUMC".

Families are encouraged to come together, that is why the food pantry option is available. This is a safe sanctuary. Please be aware - if the church office is closed, the building doors will be locked, so please be on time for class.

Join our group on Facebook: Yoga at Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church.
Any questions, look on FB or call Melissa Turner at 315-396-4001.



SAMASAN ~ June 15 Picnic

These activities are truly social events for our whole church family; the SAMASAN group simply organizes everything. This year Mary Huling has stepped forward to lead the group. On Saturday, June 15, they will be hosting a covered-dish picnic at the Onondaga Yacht Club in Liverpool off Sycamore Street. We will be eating at 6:00 p.m. with nibbles beforehand.

Come about 5:00 and enjoy the park. There is a tram ride, salt museum, bike trail, and walking path; OR, you can just sit back, on the clubs screened in porch, and watch the sailboats out on the lake. Call Jan Beall at 635-1356 by June 10 if you can come. Please bring a dish-to-pass and your table service and beverage. All are welcome.

WOW! – Did you know . . . ?

Peyton Anderson, made dean's list for both the fall and spring semesters at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). Her major is video game design.

Dylan Bramble, grandson of Vince & Roxine Weisbrod – member of Boy Scout Troop #119 - has earned is Eagle Scout Award. Congratulations Dylan!

Michael Lawrence, Baker HS Track & Field – 1st in the 400-meter dash and part of 1st in the 4x400 relay at the John Arcaro Invitational; 3rd in the 400-meter dash, part of 1st in the 4x400 relay, and part of 2nd in the 4x800 relay at Salt City Athletic Conference Metro division championships.

Claire McMahon, named to fall 2018 dean's list at Oneonta

Ella Smith , Baker HS Track & Field – 4th in pole vault at the John Arcaro Invitational

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

Thanks and Praise

Thanks to all who made the Spring Rummage Sale a success. All who donated items to be sold, helped set up, worked at the sale, and those who helped pack up to take the leftovers to The Rescue Mission where they will continue to be used by those in need. The profits from the sale were divided between the U.M.W. and the U.M.M. to be used in their mission projects. Marlene Fredette and Wayne Gilbert Co-Chairs



06/02 Carter Cieleusz
06/07 Frances Monroe
06/08 Dan Bracy
David Herlan

06/14 Michael Weaver
Shaun Thompson
06/15 Abigail Barker
Rachel Sollecito
06/16 Helen Falge
06/19 Sharon Young Slate
Joanne Sage

06/20 Kim Morgan
06/24 Gerald Foster
Casey Burke
06/25 Linda Miller
06/28 Alan Lindsey
Justin Fleury
06/29 Robert Peter
Todd Hildreth

You Are Invited to a Very Special Event!!



Many of you may have heard that I was approved in March by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for Ordination at this year's Annual Conference. At the Ordination service, I will become a Deacon in Full Connection of the Upper New York Conference.

So...on **Saturday, June 8th**, at the end of Annual Conference, I and seven others will be ordained as either Deacons (three of us) or Elders (the other five). Seven people are being commissioned as Provisional Elders as well.

The service will include the laying on of hands by Bishop Webb, as well as our first red stoles being placed upon us by the Bishop.

The Ordination and Commissioning Service is open to anyone that would like to attend. It is being held at the ONCENTER, 800 South State Street, Syracuse at 2:00 p.m. until about 4:00 p.m. the afternoon of June 8th.

As members of my church family here at Baldwinsville, my home church, the church that approved the start of this process in response to God's call upon me several years ago, Steve and I wanted to be sure to let each of you know that you are invited to this service.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, kind thoughts and encouragement that you have all given me during the past several years.

Blessings, Rev. Susan Ranous