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PLEASE NOTE:

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

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Pastor's Page

“The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. Mark 6:30-32 NIV

Many of us in this society, in this generation, measure ourselves by work completed, goals achieved, items checked off on our “TO DO” lists. The Puritan Ethic still expresses itself in our families, our churches, and our work.

It may feel confusing to many of us why, as we come out of this extended time of lock down and isolation, when many of the tasks and goals we set were not achieved and even our play was limited, why are we so tired?

In the text from Marks’s gospel printed above, Jesus has just welcomed his disciples back from their first solo missionary experience. They came back with stories of victory and accomplishments and their “TO DO” list was done! While they were gone, Jesus received heart breaking news. His cousin John the Baptist had been killed by Herod. In my opinion, the combined stress of success and heartbreak drove Jesus, the greatest shepherd and pastor who ever lived, to call his disciples to break away, to retreat for healing and restoration, to go on vacation with him!

Perhaps the events of this past year have left you weary and tired. I understand that many things on your “TO DO” list did not happen. I want to encourage you to make some time this summer to get away to a quiet place with Jesus and ask the lover of your soul to help you create a “TO BE” list. What does the savior, the one who knit you together in your mother’s womb dream for you? What might God want you “TO BE”?

I believe Jesus is calling us, “Come away with me to a quiet place and get some rest.”

Come and join us online for worship this Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. for our Heritage worship service featuring our choir and familiar hymns, or at 11:00 A.M. for our new Contemporary worship featuring Nairobi Smith leading worship. Both of these services will be available online through Facebook and YouTube. Please take time to look at and respond to the flyer in this newsletter and help our Administrative Council make decisions about the future of our online presence and our Contemporary Service, we need your voice! We’ll save you a seat!

Serving Christ with You,
Pastor Bill Mudge

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Rev. Jeff Hodge, Congregational Care & Family Ministries

June 2021

Honoring the Class of 2021!

We will honor the Class of 2021 during our 9:00 a.m. Heritage Worship Service on Sunday, June 27, 2021. Also, if you have names of graduates from other school districts and colleges, please submit them to the office no later than Tuesday, June 15: (315) 635-6442; secretary@bvillefirstumc.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING TO BALDWINVILLE FIRST UMC THIS SUMMER!



Sparky the Dragon and our team at BFUMC are ready for this summer's **Vacation Bible School – Knights of North Castle -- from 9:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. every day from August 9 until August 13.**

The King's valiant knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is. In their quest, children are invited to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. As the valiant Knights explore Old and New Testament stories, they will discover different pieces of protective armor: The belt of truth, the breastplate of justice, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation.

Most classes and activities will take place outside. Children entering Kindergarten thru Grade 5 will participate in music, story, crafts, recreation, and snack.

The VBS is FREE (this is a change from last month's announcement thanks to some generous donors). Our brochure is available. Registration forms will be printed in the July newsletter. For questions, please see Janet Brooks, VBS Director, or Pastor Jeff, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care.

Friends & Neighbors:

Peter Allen, the late Diane Allen's husband
Lisa Ballard & mother, friends of Rev. Hodge
Kathy Bell, Dennis Plucinik's sister
Nancy Burke, friend of Kisselsteins
Don Child, Stephanie Smith's uncle
Barbara Church, Harlow Kisselstein's sister
Janis & Paul Darby, friends of Cheryl Metrick
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew
Tom Disinger,
 brother of Barb Stowe & Sue Vanderveer
Joseph Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen
Kathy Duncan, friend of the Kisselsteins
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother
William Hobart, friend of the Kisselsteins
Janet Horton, friend of the Kisselstein's
Jim Kelley, stepfather of Pastor Jeff
Evelyn Maihofer, Walter Maihofer's daughter-in-law
Nola Marotta, friend of Diane Nolan
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother
Linda Munson, Marsha Plucinik's sister-in-law
Blakely Nowicki, Kisselstein family
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,
 Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter
Norene Saccone, friend of Bonnie Kisselstein
Judy Scott, friend of the Benton's
Ginny Stady, friend of Bonnie Kisselstein
Zachary Thomas, Mary Thomas' grandson
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury
Leona Vallier, cousin of Pam Fallesen

Pray for our Service Men & Women:

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



Please Note:

Names will come off the concerns list next month unless the church office is notified (315-635-6442; secretary@bvillefirstumc.org)

Sympathy to:

Family & friends of Tom Castelluzzo

Of Continued Concern:

Harold Crandon, Gene Evans, Helen Falge,
Ed Froats, Sally Graham, Jim Larmondra,
Andy Picco, Justin Taylor, Robert Yeddo

Remember Those at Home and at Care Facilities:

*Patricia Berry, Joan Foster,
Mildred Long, Shirley McMahan*

Bill Barrett – Sedgwick Heights #124A
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53
Sharyn Brown – Sedgwick Heights #306B
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #513
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #517
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #455
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107
Jim Tudman – McHarrie Pointe #317
Patricia Tudman – Syracuse Home #223



The **Committee on Worship Enhancement** is looking for new leaders.
Lynda Benton and Jeanne Pray have decided it is time to step down and look for someone who would like to share their talents and ideas for decorating the church on special occasions and/or any other time.
If you are interested please contact Jeanne at 638-1289 or Lynda at 638-2377.

Kitchen Help Needed

The church is looking for someone to monitor and supervise the kitchen and its events. Please contact the office if you are interested.



Thanks and Praise

To the Sr. High Youth Group,
Thank you for all your hard work. 10 bags! Wow! It looks great. I have received many positive comments from the neighborhood. Bless all of you! Cheryl Metrick

Rummage Sale Notice



Due to Covid, we will stay on the safe side of life and plan on the Fall Rummage Sale.
Please save your items for our big October Rummage Sale.
Thank you, co-chairs Dave Horan and Mickie Lorenz



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

06/14 Shaun Thompson
 Gabriel Picco
 06/15 Abby 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



In-person Sunday School to Resume in the Fall.

Our tentative plan is to return to in-person Sunday School this fall. We will have our **Blessing of the Back Packs** during the 9:00 a.m. worship service and **Ice Cream Sunday! (Sundae-Sunday)** on **Sunday, September 12** following worship.

Registration for our fall Sunday School will happen at that time. Classes will begin at 10:15 a.m. on September 19.

June Eureka! Book Club will be in-person

Our May Book Club will be held at BFUMC on Tuesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. and feature the book “Hidden Among the Stars” by Melanie Dobson.



CHURCH ON THE ISLAND begins in June!



Our proposed dates (pending village approval) for Church on the Island are **June 20 thru September 5**. The 12-week season features a 30-minute service at 8:00 a.m. with different guest preachers and musicians each week. Our schedule for June:

- June 20: Rev. Bill Mudge, BFUMC;
- June 27: Rev. Hannah Benedict, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church.



PLEASE HELP OUR BALWINSVILLE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WITH A
VERY IMPORTANT DECISION.

On Monday June 21st, our BFUMC Administrative Council will vote and decide the future of two current ministries.

- 1) We will discuss our online presence on Facebook and YouTube. Last month a decision was made to terminate our online presence, and we want to hear from you about that ministry. If you would like to see us continue our online service on Facebook and YouTube, we need to hear from you.
- 2) We will discuss continuing our Contemporary Worship with Nairobi Smith. We have not been able to track the attendance, or the support for this new ministry because of COVID 19. Last month a decision was made to terminate our Contemporary Service to save \$15,000.00 for our budget. If you would like to see us continue this service, we need to hear from you.

Please email us at pastorbillmudge@gmail.com
or leave a message at 315-635-6442