

# The Visitor



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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

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

[Church Calendar](#)



*"A Sheepdogs Tale"*

**"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:1-5 NRSV**

I remember a book that could often be found beside my father's chair in the living room years ago. The title of the little book was, "Power for Living". It was a collection of vignettes written by or about famous people that had experienced God's grace and strength in their lives. I remember my father occasionally reading some of these accounts to me as we sat together. The stories of other people that had been helped by God encouraged him to look for ways that God would help him on his life journey.

These first few verses of Acts chapter 2 give us a glimpse into the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the early church. Jesus had promised that he would not leave these disciples and first followers without power to live the lives he had called them to, He instructed them to stay in Jerusalem until they were clothed with **"power from on high"**!

I have read and reread this exciting account of the birthday of the church – it fascinates and encourages me in much the same way that the stories of others encouraged my father. This year as I prepare to lead our congregation in Pentecost celebrations, I keep being drawn to this small phrase in Acts 2:1. **"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place."**

All together in one place. Imagine! I don't believe that Doctor Luke was primarily referring to a geographic location – I think the unity he is witnessing was a deep spiritual unity that bound these seekers together in their discipleship. As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost this year I pray that God will breath into us God's Holy Spirit and cause us to all be together on this journey. Wear red on June 5<sup>th</sup> for Pentecost if you have it – above all bring a heart of peace and unity as we call to our God asking for power for living this call.

Come and join us for worship this Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. for our Heritage worship service featuring our choir and familiar hymns. Stop in for Praise and Contemporary worship lead by Nairobi Smith at 6:00 P.M. on Friday nights. We have pizza and fellowship and a great time together! It has been exciting to have our church family returning and worshipping together, but both of these services will be available online through Facebook and YouTube. We'll save you a seat!

Serving Christ with You, Pastor Bill Mudge

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Rev. Jeff Hodge, Congregational Care & Family Ministries

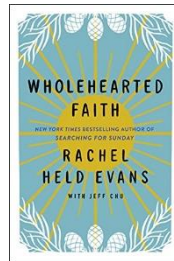
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## Include us in your Summer Reading!

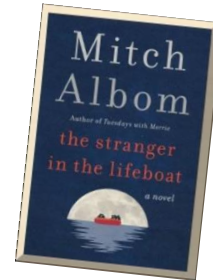
Join **Eureka! Book Club** this summer for three great, diverse summer reads. We meet monthly at 6:30 p.m. There is no membership requirement or need to be at all of the meetings.



June 21



July 26



August 23



## Honoring the Class of 2022!

We will honor the Class of 2022 during our 9:00 a.m. Heritage Worship Service on Sunday, June 19. Also, if you have names of graduates from other school districts and colleges, please submit them to the office no later than Tuesday, June 14: (315) 635-6442; [secretary@bvillefirstumc.org](mailto:secretary@bvillefirstumc.org)

## Church on the Island begins June 19.

The 12-week season runs through Sunday, September 4. Each week features a 30-minute service at 8:00 a.m. with different guest preachers and musicians. The complete schedule will be published in July.

June 19	Rev. Patti Walz
June 26	Rev. Hannah Benedict, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
July 3	Rev. Bill Mudge
July 10	Rev. Jeff Hodge



We send a *Family Matters Newsletter* every week. If you want to receive this weekly e-mail newsletter for updates from our Congregational Life Ministries, let Jeff or the office know.

**Of Continued Concern:**

Charles Bordwell (Upstate Downtown),  
Helen Falge, Sally Graham,  
**Oscar Jensen (St. Joe's)**, Jim Larmondra,  
Shirley McMahon, Cheryl Metrick,  
Justin Taylor, Robert Yeddo

**Friends & Neighbors:**

Francis Bliven, Julia Bliven's husband  
Larry Disotell, friend of Pam Falleesen  
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother  
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother  
William Hobart, friend of the Kisselsteins  
Jim Kelley, stepfather of Pastor Jeff  
Richard Marks, friend of Joan Foster  
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother  
**Robert Metrick, Cheryl Metrick's nephew**  
Blakely Nowicki, Kisselstein family  
Charlene Nowicki, Bonnie Kisselstein's sister  
**Doris Picco, Andy Picco's mother**  
**Isaiah Poole, Paul Crego's husband**  
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,  
Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter  
Lisa Wilson & family, Judy Herbs' niece  
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury

**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



**Sympathy to:**

Sheila & Dana Rounds on the passing of  
their friend, JimCooradt  
Family & friends of (Morton) Phil Bender

**Remember Those at Home and at Care Facilities:**

*Joan Foster, Mildred Long*

Bill Barrett – Sedgwick Heights #124A  
Sharyn Brown – Sedgwick Heights #332B  
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936  
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #513  
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #517  
**Dave Horan – Syracuse Home #203**  
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #457  
Walter Maihofer – Park Terrace  
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107  
Mary Eleanor Slye – McHarrie Pointe #401  
Jim Tudman – Syracuse Home #204

**Welcome to BFUMC!**

BFUMC, SPRC, and Treasurer, George Ramseyer, welcomes our new Bookkeeper,  
Rod Porter. Rod can be reached at [rodbporter@gmail.com](mailto:rodbporter@gmail.com) and 315-247-7426.





Children and youth who are attending Casowasco or other Methodist camps can apply for Camperships. Scholarship aid will be determined by the number of applicants and the available funds. Applications are available in the church office and should be returned by Friday, June 3 and camperships will be awarded on Sunday, June 19.



### **Vacation Bible School 2022**

**JUNE 27 - JULY 1**

**For Children entering Grades K-5**

**Youth entering grades 6 and above can join us as counselors, guides, and helpers!**

Since our puppet is a Cupcake, we would like cupcakes to be a part of each day's snack. So, we need **volunteers willing to bake cupcakes – no frosting necessary**. I have cupcake papers that go with each day's color theme, so see me and I'll get them to you.

It will be a fun filled week, concluding with a picnic on Friday, featuring hotdogs and Skippy's Ice Cream Truck.

Since we do Vacation Bible School as a Mission for the Community, we do not charge a fee to attend. If you would like to donate to help defray the cost of food and supplies, mark your cash or check donation to BFUMC and identify it for V.B.S.

Janet Brooks, 315-415-6416; [jbrooks48@aol.com](mailto:jbrooks48@aol.com)

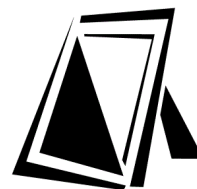


### United Methodist Women

The U.M.W. will have their **Remembrance Service** on Wednesday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel.

### Father's Day – June 19<sup>th</sup>

To honor our current and past Father's and Grandfather's, please feel free to bring a framed picture to place on the altar rail for Father's Day, June 19<sup>th</sup>.



### Knitting/Craft Group



The Knitting & Craft Group meets Mondays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. All crafters are welcome to join.

During June, July, & August, in good weather, we will meet at Mercer Park. Bring your own chair. If rain is in the schedule for the day, we will meet in the Church Chapel.

Any questions, call Linda Miller, 315-440-6049



Interested in volunteering for your church?

Help is needed in the library

*Hours:* Negotiable (whenever you can)

*Position title:* Curator, Booklover, Clerk (or anything else you might want to call it)

*Excellent working conditions:* Quiet & tucked away

*Skills:* Know the alphabet

Inquire at the Church office, or by calling (315) 720-3183

## NOTES FROM NANCY

Happy Spring my Church Family! I hope this finds you all well and enjoying all of the wonderful sunshine. I've been kind of on a "spiritual high" since Mother's Day. I keep thinking how wonderful every element of the worship service was that day. From the Bell Choir's phenomenal Prelude with Pastor Jeff's "debut"!, to the children's time and prayer, the choir's anthem, and of course Pastor Bill's terrific sermon. It truly was a magical day in every way!

How lucky and blessed are we to have such great and uplifting worship experiences in a time when we are all so stressed and dealing with SO much. I hope that as a church family we can all focus on what is MOST important – the glorification of God and our living God's word to the fullest in our actions. I know that we also have to deal with paying the bills and keeping the lights on, etc., but if we lead by example and make our church warm, welcoming and open to all, and have wonderful, meaningful worship experiences EVERY day like we had on Mother's Day, then more people will want to come join in that experience. THAT will certainly make paying the bills easier, right?

\*The choir will have their last Sunday of the season on June 19<sup>th</sup> and will be presenting "Favorite Anthem Sunday" where they will sing several of their favorite anthems from this past year with personal written introductions of their meaning and impact. Marianne and I will also be presenting a reprise of two of our more popular piano duets!! It will be a glorious day not to be missed!!

\*Last, but not least, this summer I will be offering a very short class called "Church Music 101". It is for ALL music lovers, readers, non-readers, choir, and non-choir members. It is for anyone who would like to understand music a little better. I've offered this at every church I've worked at, and it has been really well received and appreciated. I will have a sign-up sheet in the choir room soon and that's all you need to do - sign up and attend. The dates are 2 Thursday evenings in July – July 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:30pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Blessings, Nancy B. James  
Director of Music



06/02 Carter Cielez  
06/06 Anna Turner  
06/07 Frances Monroe

06/08 Amanda Abdella  
Dan Bracy  
David Herlan  
06/14 Shaun Thompson  
Gabriel Picco  
06/15 Abby Barker  
Rachel Sollecito  
06/16 Helen Falge

06/19 Joanne Sage  
Sharon Young Slate  
06/20 Kim Morgan  
06/24 Casey Burke  
Gerald Foster  
06/25 Linda Miller  
06/28 Justin Fleury  
Alan Lindsey  
06/29 Todd Hildreth  
Robert Peter

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### **Save the Dates:**

#### **July 9 – *A Summer Garden Labyrinth Walk***

On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., walk the outdoor beautiful Labyrinth at St. Augustine's Church at 7333 O'Brien Road, Baldwinsville. Prayers, relaxation, reflections and fellowship. Light refreshments. Walking the Labyrinth is optional. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a folding lawn chair. Hands of Hope members and our Clergy will be present at this event. All are welcome. Free.

#### **July 28 – *United Methodist Night at the Ballpark***

Now in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year! Opponent is the Omaha (Nebraska) Storm Chasers, a farm team of the Kansas City Royals.

#### **July 30 – *S.A.M.A.S.A.N. – Dinner at the Onondaga Yacht Club***

Salt museum, bike trail, walking path, sailboat watching, nibbles (5 pm), dinner at (6 p.m.)  
Details in our summer edition of The Visitor. (Jan Beall: 635-1356)