

# The Visitor



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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

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

[Church Calendar](#)



**From the Pastors Desk**

*"A Shepdogs Tale"*

**“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.**

**<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.”**

Luke 4:1-2;13 NRSV

With all of the upset and anxiety in our world today, I suppose it's not surprising that I find myself drifting back into memories of what were, for me at least, simple easy times. As we move into the month of March, we will celebrate Ashe Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season in the church.

Two of my clearest memories of Lent as a little boy were; 1) giving something up, and 2) quarter, dime, and nickel folders.

“Giving something up” for Lent was never a primary focus of my family, but we did discuss it, and then keep track of each other during the Lenten season. I remember that I always had a philosophical problem with the idea of having Sundays off to eat or participate in whatever we had given up, but I never expressed it because – I liked having Sundays off!

Does anyone else remember quarter, dime and nickel folders? Does anyone under 40 remember them? They were folders with spaces for 40 coins that were to be given prayerfully on each day of Lent. Simple math tells us that the quarter folders yielded a \$10 gift, the dimes yielded \$4 and the nickels \$2. In the days I remember, these were significant gifts for our small country church. I did some quick research and simple math and discovered those folders in 1965 with inflation would be about eight times more valuable. In other words, the \$10 in 1965 would be about \$80 today.

I remember each of us as children would fill a dime folder, and Mom and Dad a quarter folder. For our family of 5 kids that translates into an extra \$240 in today's funds.

Can you imagine the good that an entire congregation the size of Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church could make if each family prayed and made small sacrifices for the next 40 days? I believe it might be significant!

As we enter Lent together, I would like to encourage you to take on some new activity that will be a blessing to others. I also encourage you to remember our congregation every day in prayer and identify some small lifestyle change, some sacrifice you can make that will remind you of all that we've been given.

I am excited to see if together the Lord does something within and among us that will be a blessing and a surprise! 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,  
Bill Mudge

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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### Welcome Spring Book Exchange

Mark your calendars! We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the coming of spring with a book exchange and extended fellowship event on **Sunday, March 17, at 10:15 am**. All church members are welcome to bring in gently used books that they would like to exchange. For each book that you bring in you'll receive a ticket which will be good for one free book at the exchange. There will also be other free books available, even if you don't have one to trade. We will have religious titles, fiction, non-fiction, and books for children, teens, and adults. (There are no Sunday School classes on this day since we follow the Baldwinsville School District calendar. We hope instead that youth and teachers will enjoy participating in the book exchange.)

In conjunction with the free book exchange, Christian Education and Family Ministries will also host an **Usborne Book Fair**. Church members can purchase books from Usborne **online at: <https://j7386.myubam.com/>** and sales will help us to earn free books for the Children's Library. There will be an information table set up at the Book Exchange. Usborne books make great gifts and additions to home libraries. Church members can also purchase a book from the church wish list to go straight into our collection. Our Educational Consultant, Diana Campbell, will be available via phone, email, Facebook, or Messenger to answer questions and assist with book recommendations. There are over 2000 titles available online. The online Book Fair will be open from March 17 through March 24 and can be found at **<https://j7386.myubam.com/>**. Once at the site simply click SHOP, and select Welcome Spring Usborne Book Fair as your event. Thank you for your support!





**Of continued concern:**

Diane Allen, Marjorie Benoit, Patricia Berry, Julia Bliven, Charles Bordwell, Harold Crandon, Jeane Custin, Carolyn Dreher, Joan Foster, Fred Herbs (Crouse #6032), Jim Johnson, Mary Johnson, Patricia Kline, Mildred Long, Janet McIntosh, Bob & Lois Minnoe, Jean O'Brien, Olivia Oyer-Halen (*found out this morning that Olivia is home*), Gwen Sacia, Anna May Turner

**At Care Facilities:**

Julie Ball – Syracuse Home  
Marian Britton – St. Camillus  
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936  
Harriet Comstock – McHarrie Pointe #407  
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334  
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523  
Betty Meloling – James Square  
Zora Meloling – Loretto-Fahey #480 (PT)  
Betty Morrow – Loretto-Cunningham #1015  
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107  
Eloise Rockwood – Parkrose Estates  
Jim Tudman – McHarrie Pointe #401  
Patricia Tudman – Syracuse Home

***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

**Relatives/Friends/Neighbors:**

Sharyn Brown, Lynda Benton's sister  
Ross Devendorf, Julia Bliven's brother  
Gale Durno, Chuck Brooks' sister  
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew  
Doug Grouse, Mary Anita Berry's son-in-law  
Cindy Hawthorne, former church member  
Carolyn Nowicki, niece of the Kisselsteins  
Charlene Nowicki, Bonnie Kisselstein's sister  
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,  
Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter  
Sara Schlesinger,  
Mary Anita Berry's granddaughter  
Judy Scott, friend of the Benton's  
Jessica Scriver, friend of the Benton's  
Robert Slye, Mary Eleanor Slye's son  
Connie Taft, friend of Suzanne Ellis  
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**

**Mar 3** – Worship Service, Communion



**Mar 6** – Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm

**Fridays in the Chapel:** (beginning Mar 8)  
Service 12:05 p.m. and Lunch 12:30 p.m.

**Mar 10** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
*Daylight Saving Time begins*

**Mar 17** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Mar 24** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Mar 31** – UMCOR Sunday

*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>

## **Still Needed! 2019 Bulletin Sponsors**

If you would like to sponsor a month of Sunday bulletins (\$125) in 2019, please let the church office know. May and October are still available.

## **Food Collection Sunday – March 3**

Children will be collecting food donations as you enter the Sanctuary. Needed in March: crackers, veggies, and soup. (Food Collection Sunday is the first Sunday of the month.)

**Monetary donations are also gladly accepted.**

## **Baldwinsville Nursery School**

### **Open House – March 4**

Baldwinsville Nursery School will be holding an Open House for families in search of a preschool setting for their 3 or 4-year-old in the 2019-2020 school year. Both 3 and 4-year-old classrooms will be open starting at 6:00 p.m. Monday evening, March 4. Parents and prospective students are invited to drop in anytime between 6:00 and 7:15 to play and meet the BNS staff. The classrooms will close promptly at 7:30. Spread the word!

### **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 March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. Refreshments served.

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

Our next gathering is on Thursday, March 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room. (Terry Miller, 315-409-4063)

### **The Eureka! Book Club**



Everyone is welcome to join the **Eureka! Book Club** dinner and discussion of Fredrik Backman's "My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry" on **Monday, March 25, 6:00 p.m.**

Rev. Patti Walz will lead our discussion. Copies of the book are available to borrow in the church office. Dinner will be catered through a local establishment, and the cost split among attendees. Please call the church office at (315) 635-6442 or email Frankie at [christianeducation@bvillefirstumc.org](mailto:christianeducation@bvillefirstumc.org) to RSVP. We hope that you can attend!





**2019 LENTEN**  
**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- March 6**      **6:30** Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel
- March 8**      **12:05** Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Cliff Auth  
                         lunch hosted by St. Mary's & St. Augustine's Churches
- March 10*      *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (Daylight Saving Time begins)*
- March 15**      **12:05** Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Monica E. Styron  
                         lunch hosted by First Presbyterian & Grace Episcopal Churches
- March 17*      *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent*
- March 22**      **12:05** Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Carl Chapman  
                         lunch hosted by Community Wesleyan & First Baptist Churches
- March 24*      *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*
- March 29**      **12:05** Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Hannah Benedict  
                         lunch hosted by St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- March 31*      *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday*
- April 5**        **12:05** Community Lenten Worship, Rev. William Mudge  
                         Lunch hosted by First United Methodist Church

## Children's Book Fair

WE LOVE BOOKS!



*Focus on Early Literacy* week at Baldwinsville Nursery School is coming. Again, this year, we will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** at BFUMC and hope that you'll stop in to shop the great selection of high interest, affordable books geared mostly toward children age 2 to grade 2. Easter, Christian, and some adult titles will be included as well. All purchases earn scholastic dollars for the nursery school to put more great books in the hands of our young students. The Book Fair will kick off on **Sunday, March 3** and will be open before, between, and after church services. Sales will continue Monday-Thursday (3/4 - 3/8). Hope to see you at the Book Fair!

### **WOW! – Did you know . . . ?**

#### **B'ville Students selected to perform in All-County Music Festival**

**Maddy Ransiear** Ray Middle School, All-County Band

**Keenan Smith** Durgee Junior High School, All-County Orchestra

#### **2019 CNY Scholastic Art Awards**

**Natalie Doback**, Baker HS: Digital Art - Silver Key

**Ella Smith**, Baker HS: Mixed Media – Honorable Mention

**Maya Hewitt**, Baker HS Indoor Track – 11<sup>th</sup> in the pole vault at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Utica Challenge; 1<sup>st</sup> in pole vault at the Bob Grieve Memorial Invitational; 1<sup>st</sup> in the pole vault at the Section III Class AA championships; 6<sup>th</sup> in pole vault at the Section III state qualifying meet.

**Michael Lawrence**, Baker HS Indoor Track – 1<sup>st</sup> in the 600-meter run and part of 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 4x800 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Utica Challenge; part of 1<sup>st</sup> in the 4x400, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 600-meter run, and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 300-meter dash at the Section III Class AA championships; part of 1<sup>st</sup> in the 4x400 relay at the Section III state qualifying meet.

**Danielle Marsell**, Baker HS Indoor Track – 1<sup>st</sup> in weight throw and 6<sup>th</sup> in the shot put at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Utica Challenge; 1<sup>st</sup> in shot put and 1<sup>st</sup> in weight throw at the Bob Grieve Memorial Invitational; 3<sup>rd</sup> in the weight throw and 9<sup>th</sup> in the shot put at the Section III state qualifying meet.

**Claire McMahon**, named to Oneonta dean's list for the fall of 2018.

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



03/02 Peggy Warne

03/03 Holly McMahon  
Olivia Bartlett  
Molly Lockwood

03/04 Ron Waterbury  
Melissa Turner  
Noah Johnson

03/05 Reagan Bouchard

03/06 Jeffrey Sweeney

03/07 Lori Driscoll  
Emily Doback

03/10 Diane Eastman  
Michael Lawrence

03/11 Carrie Foster

03/12 Rev. Jeff Hodge  
Chandra Hewitt

03/13 Kelly Carwell  
Timothy Maxwell  
Jessica Wallace

03/15 Tom Fredette

03/16 Lori DeLola

03/17 Helen Stafford  
Eliza McMahon

03/19 Judy Peter  
Darcie Lesniak

03/20 Linda Kerwin

03/22 Alice Nykaza

03/23 Genevieve Nordmark  
Emma Webster

03/25 Fred Herbs  
Robert Yeddo  
Ryan Hines

03/26 Julie Abbott  
Reghan Metrick

03/27 Frankie Weaver  
Travis Smith

03/28 Katherine Kisselstein  
Alex Evans

03/29 Raina Malcolm

03/30 Rebecca Lawrence

03/31 Kelsey Cook



### Easter Egg Hunt

### *Save the Date!*

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held **Saturday, April 6, from 9 to 11 am**. This event is scheduled before the Baldwinsville School District spring vacation to encourage a good turnout. As usual, the egg hunt takes a lot of coordination and we need your help. Please contact Frankie if you can contribute as a greeter, baker (nut-free baked goods welcomed and appreciated), serving refreshments, running crafts, and/or giving out prizes/candy. There will also be an Easter Bunny and bunny helper, a photo booth, crafts, games, and hopefully (like last year) live animals. This is always a fun event, please let me know if you are able to contribute. Thank you!



### Spring Rummage Sale

Time to start filling your containers for the upcoming sale in April. We are looking for household items: clothing for all ages, sports equipment, games, puzzles, toys, shoes, bedding, pillows, and books for all ages. We can take **SMALL** furniture. We will need plastic bags to pack up the things that people buy and especially those from Kinney Drugs for our bag sale on Saturday morning. If you have any questions regarding what we can take or if you would like to come and join in the fun and fellowship of working at the sale, contact Wayne Gilbert or Marlene Fredette