

# The Visitor



# MARCH 2020

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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 Sheepdogs Tale"*

**"Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!  
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!  
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!" Psalm 150 NRSV**

It is a very exciting time to be a part of the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church! Our congregation is growing spiritually and numerically. The sounds of children of all ages can be heard in worship and the presence of God's Holy Spirit can be felt in our worship and our fellowship.

As our calendars turn from February to March we move into the season of Lent. Lent is the 40-day period in the church where we make special efforts to engage in self-examination and spiritual disciplines. During the Sundays in Lent we will look together at conversations that Jesus has as he makes his way to Jerusalem – I pray that you will come and join us!

Another very exciting development in our church family's life is the addition to our team of Nairobi Smith as Worship Leader for a second service. We will not change our 9:00 a.m. traditional service – that service will continue to offer the excellent experience that we already enjoy. We will be adding an alternative non-traditional worship experience with more contemporary music with Nairobi's leadership. Here is a note of introduction from Nairobi:

*Nairobi O. Smith will be joining our staff this spring. Nairobi has been passionate about worship since she was a child. At 3 years old she was playing in the church sanctuary while the pianist was rehearsing. She sang along as he played. He began to change keys, just to see if she was paying attention. She matched him perfectly and continued to change keys as he did. After High School, Nairobi spent four years traveling the United States, Europe, and Canada with "The Young Americans." The Young Americans, founded in 1964 by Milton C. Anderson, is a chorale and performance group that teaches and performs music in schools.*

*For the last seventeen years, Nairobi has been employed by UNYAC and has been working at Casowasco Camp and Retreat Center. She is most well known for her work as worship leader for the summer camp "chapel experience" and is seen on "the big screen" each year at Annual Conference.*

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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**If you are reading this before March 1....**

### ***Come Take a Leap of Faith!***

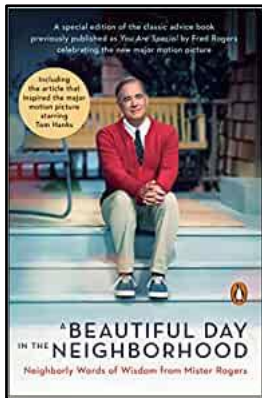
Baldwinsville First UMC & Pennellville UMC are celebrating the extra day – February 29 – by serving the Lord! Participate in one or many activities:

#### **Baldwinsville First UMC:**

- 1:00 p.m. Sending cards to shut-ins, friends, neighbors, etc.
- Watching the film “Breakthrough”
- Making “no sew” blankets for Homeless veterans and the homeless population

#### **Pennellville UMC:**

- 3:00 p.m. Baldwinsville Confirmation Class Kick-off Event
  - 4:00 p.m. Praise and Prayer Worship Service
  - 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner to celebrate Leap of Faith Day
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### **It's a beautiful Day in the Neighborhood at our March Book Club**

**Eureka! Book Club** will talk “all things Mr. Rogers” at its meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. The article that we will be focusing on is “Can You Say...Hero!” By Tom Junrod, which appeared in Esquire and is the inspiration for the Movie “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”. The article is included in a collection of writings “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” and available in the library (Amazon \$12.38)

*Book Host: Bonnie Kisselstein*

*Food Host: Mary Anita Berry*

Please reserve in the office by Wednesday, March 18 (or e-mail Jeff).

Blessings and Peace, *Jeff*





**Of continued concern:**

Harold Crandon, Helen Falge, Sally Graham,  
Arleen Russ (Community), Pat Stone

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

Patricia Berry, Joan Foster, Mildred Long,  
Shirley McMahon, Bob & Lois Minnoe

Diane Allen – Central Park PT  
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53  
Marian Britton – St. Camillus  
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936  
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #419  
Jean Disinger – Syracuse Home  
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334  
Martha Gridley – Keepsake Village @ Green Point  
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523  
Barbara Kidd – Syracuse Home #322 PT  
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

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

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

**Sympathy to:**

Bill & Nancy Brotherton and family on the  
passing of his sister, Beverly Harper  
Joan Foster and Harlow Kisselstein and families on  
the passing of their sister, Nancy Van der Veer  
Family & friends of George Goodenough  
Andy & Karen Picco and family on the passing of  
his brother, Frank Picco

**Friends & Neighbors:**

Peter Allen, Diane Allen's husband  
Don Child, Stephanie Smith's uncle  
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew  
Joseph Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen  
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother  
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother  
Nola Marotta, friend of Diane Nolan  
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother  
Linda Munson, Marsha Plucinik's sister-in-law  
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,  
Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter  
Judy Scott, friend of the Benton's  
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury  
June VerNooy, Beverly Archer's sister  
Kristin Hebblethwaite Walter,  
Judy Sugar-Giordano's niece  
Leona Vallier, cousin of Pam Fallesen

**Thanks and Praise**

Sending a big thank you to my church family for all the cards, gifts and visits during my long stay at Syracuse Home. Special thanks go to Gordon Knapp and Sylvia Rich for their many visits and to Cheery Visitors who brightened up my room with a lovely Poinsettia plant at Christmas time. I just got approved by the doctor to put 100% weight on my leg and hope to be back to normal after some more physical therapy. Jennie Austin

### **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.

**Mar 1** – Worship Service, Communion

**Mar 8** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
*Daylight Saving Time begins*

**Mar 15** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Mar 22** – UMCOR Sunday

**Mar 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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



**Youth Group**  
9 - 12 graders

We gather in the multi-purpose room and will usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, as well as other times for special activities and service projects.

#### **Bottle & Can Returns**

Do you have returnable bottles and cans in your home? Please consider bringing them to the River Mall Bottle & Can Return Center located at 2265 Downer St., B'ville and specify they are for BFUMC Youth Group. Thank you!!

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

Our next gathering is on Thursday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room. (Terry Miller, 315-409-4063)

#### **SAMASAN**

**Some Are Married And Some Are Not**

Onondaga Lake Visitor's Center will be our destination on March 21. Professional photos of local birds, Audubon guides, binoculars for viewing – all will be available. A lunch at Canal Side Café & Bistro will follow costing \$10, which is due by March 13. Carpooling from BFUMC at 10:00 a.m. Contact Mary Anita Berry (638-4031) or Shirley Eisenhower (635-7174).

**Food Collection Sunday is March 1**  
**Needed in March:**

crackers, veggies, and soup.

**Monetary donations are also  
gladly accepted.**

**U.M.M. Breakfast Meeting**

**Saturday, March 28 at 8:00 a.m.**  
in the church dining room.



## 2020 LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

**February 28 12:05 Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Cliff Auth**  
**lunch hosted by St. Mary's & St. Augustine's**

*March 1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*

**March 6 12:05 Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Jeanine Haven**  
**lunch hosted by First Presbyterian & Grace Episcopal**

*March 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Daylight Saving Time begins)*

**March 13 12:05 Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Carl Chapman**  
**lunch hosted by Community Wesleyan & Christ Community UM**

*March 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

**March 20 12:05 Community Lenten Worship, Rev. Hannah Benedict**  
**lunch hosted by St. Mark's Lutheran**

*March 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday*

**March 27 12:05 Community Lenten Worship, Rev. William Mudge**  
**Lunch hosted by First United Methodist**

*March 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*April 5 Palm Sunday, Adult Choir Cantata*



# RUMMAGE SALE

## Spring 2020

### **Take-in days:**

Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(Please Note: we **cannot accept** suitcases, bowling balls, VHS tapes, and large furniture)

### **SALE DAYS**

**Friday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and**

**Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

*(Bag Sale, please bring your own bag)*

Any questions about volunteering or donations,

contact Dave Horan (638-2407)

or Beverly Frank (247-0934)

### **BAKE SALE**

Sponsored by Cheery Visitors

**Friday, April 24**

In conjunction with the Rummage Sale.

Donated baked goods will be appreciated.

Questions about bake sale, call Alice Nykaza (635-5569)





03/02 Peggy Warne  
03/03 Holly McMahon  
Molly Lockwood  
Olivia Bartlett  
03/04 Melissa Turner  
Ron Waterbury  
Noah Johnson  
03/05 Reagan Bouchard  
03/06 Jeffrey Sweeney

03/07 Lori Driscoll  
03/10 Diane Eastman  
Michael Lawrence  
03/11 Carrie Foster  
03/12 Rev. Jeff Hodge  
Chandra Hewitt  
03/13 Timothy Maxwell  
Jessica Wallace  
Kelly Carwell  
03/15 Tom Fredette  
03/16 Lori DeLola  
03/17 Eliza McMahon  
Helen Stafford  
03/19 Darcie Lesniak  
Judy Peter

03/20 Linda Kerwin  
03/22 Alice Nykaza  
03/23 Emma Webster  
03/25 Robert Yeddo  
Ryan Hines  
03/26 Reghan Metrick  
Julie Abbott  
03/27 Frankie Weaver  
Travis Smith  
03/28 Alex Evans  
Katherine Kisselstein  
03/29 Raina Malcolm  
03/30 Rebecca Lawrence

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It is a VERY exciting time to be a part of the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church! Please come and join us as we travel together through this Lenten season, join us as we see what new adventures God has for this church family! 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

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### **Save the Date!**

***April 5*** – Palm Sunday Special Event for families,  
featuring Fiona the Donkey  
(She's the one who is not Pastor Jeff)

