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PLEASE NOTE:

Articles for the **JUNE**

must be submitted to the church office

by **May 15th**. Thank you.

[Church Calendar](#)



Pastor's Page

From the Pastors Desk

"A Sheepdogs Tale"

"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies." 2Corinthians 4:7-10 NRSV

This is an exciting time to be part of the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church! God is moving in our congregation!

The Church can be an amazing, powerful force for good in this world. We have built hospitals and colleges, camps and food pantries, we have marched and lobbied for social change and justice. I still believe with all of my heart that the only hope for this broken world is Jesus Christ, and the vehicle God has chosen to work through and reveal Jesus through is the Church, the Body of Christ.

"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us!" The Church is full of and is led by broken flawed people! I have people approach me all the time and say that they won't participate in the work and worship of the Church because of this flaw or that flaw in the people of the church or the organization. I say nonsense! Nonsense!

We are not inviting you to come and worship a pastor or those in the seats next to you -- we are a gathering of broken sinners who are being saved and sanctified together by an awesome God! Come and worship the lover of our souls with all of the other cracked pots that have found hope in the love and grace of God!

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies." If you are looking for a gathering of picture-perfect saints with perfect hair and flawless lives and attitudes, stay at home and watch Joel Osteen and friends. If you are looking for real people finding real grace and strength for real life -- turn off the television set and find a church family. Immediately! We need you, and you need us!

There are exciting things happening at the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church, and we need your help! 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

Flower Sale – Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Our annual plant sale (held the day before Mother's Day) is a great opportunity to do something special for Mom or Grandma all while supporting the summer campership program! Please mark your calendar and plan to buy some flowers. Thank you!



Summer Camp 2019



Our church has a long tradition of sending children to camp. Last summer our congregation provided generous camperships for 13 children to attend the Upper New York Conference of the UMC, camp Casowasco. We accept **campership donations** throughout the year. If you would like to help send a child to camp, please contact Lisa Kane at (315) 635-6442 or Frankie Weaver at christianeducation@bvillefirstumc.org. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Gratitude from Christian Education



Christian Education would like to thank members of our BFUMC congregation for supporting our **Lenten Syracuse Golisano Children's Hospital donation drive**. Thank you for all of the donations of new toys, crafts, and other items.

This year's **Easter Egg Hunt** welcomed 108 children and their families into our sanctuary, it was wonderful and fun for all. The kids loved the eggs, treats, games, animals, and Easter Bunny. **Thank you** to all of those who helped to make this another great event!



Of continued concern:

Marjorie Benoit, Patricia Berry, Julia Bliven,
Harold Crandon, Jeane Custin, Joan Foster,
Dave Herlan, Mary Johnson, Rev. Kelsey,
Patricia Kline, Mildred Long, Janet McIntosh,
Shirley McMahon, Bob & Lois Minnoe,
Olivia Oyer-Halen, Gwen Sacia,
Anna May Turner, 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 – McHarrie Pointe #407
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334
Fred Herbs – Syracuse Home #214
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523
Betty Meloling – James Square #326
Zora Meloling – Loretto-Cunningham #534
Betty Morrow – Loretto-Cunningham #1015
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107
Eloise Rockwood – Parkrose Estates
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 Eloise Rockwood

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
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

May 5 – Worship Service, Communion

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 19 – Heritage Sunday

May 26 – 6th Sunday after Easter

Please Note: the church office will be closed on Monday, May 27

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

U.M.W. Hannah-Sarah Circle

Our next meeting is a picnic at the home of Clara Rose Thomas on Wednesday, May 1st at 12:00 p.m. Please bring a dish-to-pass; table service is provided. **Please Note:** dues will be collected at this time.

U.M.M.

Our next breakfast & meeting will be on Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

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 May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. Refreshments served.

O.W.L.S. Luncheon

Our next gathering is on Thursday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room. (Terry Miller, 315-409-4063)

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>

Pennies for Sneakers



Just a reminder that pennies are collected all through the year to provide new sneakers for children going to school in the Fall. Thank you to all who give so generously. Every penny counts!!

Food Collection Sunday – May 5

Children will be collecting food donations as you enter the Sanctuary.

Needed in May: canned fruit, peanut butter, veggies, and soup.

(Food Collection Sunday is the first Sunday of the month.)

Monetary donations are also gladly accepted.

A Journey of Faith Class

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 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. beginning in June. 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. Watch the upcoming bulletins to see who these guests will be. 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.



Baldwinsville Boy Scout Troop 71

Ice Cream Fundraiser and Bottle Drive!

Saturday May 4th 9am-2pm

How You Can Support Scouting in B'ville:

- 1) Purchase an item from Stewart's Ice Cream Counter any time May 4
- 2) Donate bottles and cans at McBride's on Smokey Hollow at any time and mention Troop 71, OR, bring to Stewarts on 5/4 and we will take care of them for you!



- 3) Enter to win basket at Stewart's from 9-2pm - Basket Themes: Buffalo Bills, Basketball Galore, Movie Basket, Feeling Lucky Basket, B'ville Restaurants and more!



What your donation supports:

Camping and Community Service Projects, We are a unit of 22 active scouts, 6 recent Eagles and 4 soon to be Eagle Scouts. Your continued support helps us ensure their journey and the younger boys who follow behind them!

Special Thanks to Stewart's and McBride's Can and Bottle Return for their Generosity

WOW! – Did you know . . .?

David Greer

Named Man of the Year by the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center
Congratulations, Dave! A well-deserved honor.

Leah Bahamonde, Ray Middle School – was selected to be in the Elementary All-County Band

India Dancil, Betty Morrow's granddaughter - had her pinning ceremony at St. Joseph's College of Nursing and received the Nancy Jackson Wade Award. She will graduate in May.

Michael Lawrence, Baker HS Track & Field – 1st in the 400-meter dash and part of 1st in the 4x400 relay against Fayetteville-Manlius and East Syracuse Minoa.

Ella Smith, member of the Baldwinsville Varsity Winter Guard – won its first Gold Medal in more than 15 years at the annual Mid-York Color Guard Championships.

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



Despite becoming an invalid while in her teens, an 18th-century English poet who used the pen name Anna Steele wrote prolifically — often about praising God. The closing stanza of “Now I Resolve With All My Heart,” one of Steele’s 144 hymns, is a timeless prayer that’s fitting for the start of each new day.

*O may I never faint nor tire,
Nor wandering leave his sacred ways;
Great God, accept my soul's desire,
And give me strength to live thy praise.*



05/02 Michael Carwell
Ian Nordmark
05/03 Matthew Cole
05/04 Edward Cranston
05/05 George Ramseyer
Judy Sugar-Giordano
05/06 Don Hewitt
05/08 Peyton Anderson
Katelyn Lindsey
05/09 Jerry Barker
Danielle Marsell

05/11 Susan DiRenzo
05/12 Keenan Smith
05/14 Jeane Custin
Brett DeLola
Maya Hewitt
05/16 Connie Crandon
Donna Foster
Jordan Hoffman
05/17 Celia Bush
05/18 Tyler Morgan
05/19 Shirley McMahon
05/20 Beverly Frank
Kenneth Jackson
Daniel Miller

05/21 Tish Evans
Eileen Rice
05/22 Doug Foster
05/23 Emily Eastman
Vienna McCall
05/24 Janet McIntosh
05/25 Dennis Plucinik II
05/27 Drucilla Nordmark
05/28 Michael Thompson
05/29 Dennis Plucinik
05/30 Marsha Plucinik
05/31 Ryan DeLola
Douglas Metrick
Lisa Pastella
Fred Ramseyer

Please take note:



Fire Drill on Sunday, May 19th

Our first BFUMC Fire Drill will be conducted on Sunday, May 19, near the end of the Sunday School time. This drill may impact people in the 10:30 Worship, and other people working in the church. Any time you hear the fire alarm, please exit the church promptly but safely, via the nearest door. Help others exit too, if needed. Then proceed to the “Meeting Area” at the far end of the church parking lot, along Charlotte Street. Questions? Call Nancy Burt (Church Trustee) at (802) 558-0345.