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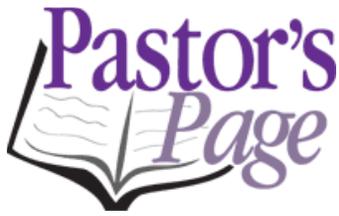
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PLEASE NOTE:

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

[Church Calendar](#)



From the Pastors Desk

"A Sheepdogs Tale"

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:38-41 NIV

The next great festival on the Jewish Calendar is Shavuot or The Festival of First Fruits. In the Christian tradition we call it Pentecost and it is the celebration fifty days after Resurrection Sunday of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised that he would not leave us alone in this world, that he would send Holy Spirit to bring power to the new church. If you would like to read the full account of that day, read Acts chapters one and two. Now the church will have power to live the lives we are called to live!

This year we are celebrating our 200th anniversary at the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church. That’s 200 years of offering the unconditional love of God here in the heart of Baldwinsville! We will be celebrating this milestone all year together, and we plan to offer at least two opportunities for neighbors and friends to join our congregation.

May promises to be an exciting month. We will celebrate Communion together on May 2nd – communion elements will be provided at each service in COVID safe containers, if you would like to bring bread and juice from home, you are welcome to do that. On May 9th we will celebrate Mother’s Day together. There will be a special recognition for all who have loved and nurtured us – Mom’s come in many wonderful forms!

We will welcome new adult members on May 23rd. If you would like to transfer your membership or join our congregation by a public confession of faith, please speak to Pastor Bill or Pastor Jeff, or contact our church office at 315-635-6442. When we have a list of new members, we will schedule a time to sit together as a group and talk about our congregation and answer any questions that you may have. I am very excited to welcome our new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

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, 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. We’ll save you a seat!

Serving Christ with You,
Pastor Bill Mudge

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Rev. Jeff Hodge, Congregational Care & Family Ministries

MAY 2021

Sunday School in a Bag brings us to you!

Sunday School in a Bag for May is ready to be distributed! It is our way of bringing Sunday School home for pre-school thru elementary students. If you have not received a bag and would like one or if you volunteer to deliver one, please let Jeff or the office know.

SAVE THE DATE



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING THIS SUMMER!

Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church

Sparky the Dragon and our team at BFUMC are ready for this summer's **Vacation Bible School – from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** every day from **August 9 until August 13.** All classes and activities will take place outside. Children entering Kindergarten thru Grade 5 will participate in music, story, crafts, recreation, and snack. Registration is \$10 per child. A brochure and forms will be available in June.

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.



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. A full schedule will be published in June.

Friends & Neighbors:

Peter Allen, the late Diane Allen's husband
Don Child, Stephanie Smith's uncle
Barbara Church, Harlow Kesselstein's sister
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 Kesselsteins
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother
William Hobart, friend of the Kesselsteins
Janet Horton, friend of the Kesselstein'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, Kesselstein family
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,
Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter
Norene Saccone, friend of Bonnie Kesselstein
Judy Scott, friend of the Benton's
Ginny Stady, friend of Bonnie Kesselstein
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



Sympathy to:

Suzanne Ellis and the family of Connie Taft
Family & friends of Lois Minnoe
Gene & Tish Evans on the passing of
his father, Don Evans

Of Continued Concern:

Harold Crandon, Gene Evans, Helen Falge,
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 McMahon*

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
Rev. Gordon Knapp – Syracuse Home #318 (PT)
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

Andy and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, and kind words following Andy's recent health concern. We are fortunate to be members of such a caring congregation. Andy & Karen Picco

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



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
05/15 Dale Waldron
05/16 Connie Crandon
Donna Foster
Jordan Hoffman
05/18 Tyler Morgan
05/19 Shirley McMahan
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 Plucinek II
05/27 Drucilla Nordmark
05/28 Michael Thompson
05/29 Dennis Plucinek
05/30 Marsha Plucinek
05/31 Ryan DeLola
Douglas Metrick
Fred Ramseyer



May Eureka! Book Club will be in-person.

Our May Book Club will be held at BFUMC on **Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.** and feature the book *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. *American Dirt* is a 2020 novel by American author Jeanine Cummins, about the ordeal of a Mexican woman who had to leave behind her life and escape as an undocumented immigrant to the United States with her son.

