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PLEASE NOTE:

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

[Church Calendar](#)



"A Sheepdogs Tale"

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

Revelation 21:3-7 NRSV

November is a beautiful month full of celebration and thanksgiving. We rejoice at many things this month, from confirmands and new members, to harvest and colorful hills and valleys. We remember 200 years of faithful service and witness in the village of Baldwinsville by the people called Methodist.

I am struck this year by the way our November is bracketed by All Saints Day on November 1st, and Thanksgiving on November 25th. It set the stage for a time of reflection and gratitude for all of those that have gone before us, that great cloud of witnesses who faithfully carried the Gospel message and changed the world.

These precious memories stir me to lean into the Holy Spirit and call out to God with you and for you as I beg God to move in our congregation and use us to do God-sized things in this day. If the Lord terries and our great-great-grandchildren look back on our days, I pray that they will remember that we faithfully followed Christ and loved God and each other deeply.

I hope that you have been joining our congregation in this season of prayer. I have been blessed to hear reports of changed lives, deepened faith, and healing of body and soul. Thanks be to God!

We are not done yet friends! We are on an exciting faith journey, following Jesus as we press in closer and closer. 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 on line 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



NOVEMBER

Friends,

There are so many opportunities for connection and fellowship, study, service, and worship. Working with the Christian Education team and other Congregational Life teams, we have developed many programs and offerings intended to help you make new connections, strengthen old connections, and go deeper in your faith. Whether it is our weekly Sunday's Cool for children or Wonderful Wednesdays, the Eureka! Book Club or our Advent Study, I hope you will consider trying something new in this season and in the coming season of Advent. *Pastor Jeff*



As you gather around the table this thanksgiving – whether it be with friends or family – in a small gathering or virtually -- or if you find yourself helping and serving others – be sure to include everyone in the table grace!

It can be as simple as taking turns around the table to “give thanks”. Here are some prayers – traditional and not-so-traditional to guide you this Thanksgiving.

Traditional Prayer

For each new morning with its light; for rest and shelter of the night. For health and food; for love and friends; for everything thy goodness sends, we give you thanks – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Superman Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving us food! Thank you Lord for giving us food! For the food that we eat here! and the friends that we meet here! Thank you Lord for giving us food!



Of Continued Concern:

Helen Falge, Sally Graham,
Dave Herlan, Jim Larmondra,
Jay Scarson-Barrett, Justin Taylor,
Josephine & Caroline Turner (Golisano)

Friends & Neighbors:

Adam, friend of Lynda & Brad Benton
Lisa Ballard & mother, friends of Rev. Hodge
Jim Bartholomew,
 uncle of Barb Stowe & Sue Vanderveer
Francis Bliven, Julia Bliven's husband
Jim Burke, friend of Harlow Kisselstein
Janis Darby, friend of Cheryl Metrick
Larry Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother
William Hobart, friend of the Kisselsteins
Barbara Jackson, best friend of Suzanne Ellis
Jim Kelley, stepfather of Pastor Jeff
Richard Marks, friend of Joan Foster
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother
Blakely Nowicki, Kisselstein family
Dick Patchett, Joan Patchett's husband
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,
 Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter
Zachary Thomas, grandson of Mary Thomas
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:

Richard Meloling & family on the passing of
his wife, Christine Meloling

Remember Those at Home and at Care Facilities:

*Patricia Berry, Joan Foster, Mildred Long,
Shirley McMahon. **Mary Eleanor Slye***

Bill Barrett – Sedgwick Heights #124A
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53
Sharyn Brown – Sedgwick Heights #332B
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #513
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #517
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #455
Walter Maihofer – Park Terrace
Cheryl Metrick – Loretto-Fahey #286 (PT)
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107
Jim Tudman – McHarrie Pointe #204
Patricia Tudman – McHarrie Pointe #204

Thanks and Praise

Thank you to the women who sent me
their U.M.W. pledge money this year.
We appreciate your support of our
mission projects.
Martha DuBois, U.M.W. Treasurer



Sunday's COOL learns about Moses

Sunday's Cool begins at 10:15 a.m.

Join us for music-story-crafts and more!

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28

November 7: The baby in the Basket

November 14: God speaks to Moses

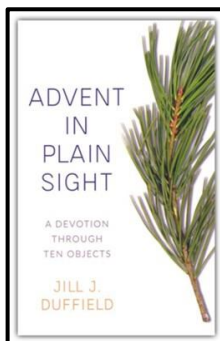
November 21: Moses and the Pharaoh

SAMASAN: Book Party for Christmas Bureau

On Saturday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m., in the church dining room, there will be a Book Donation Benefit Party for the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau. Please bring one or more new books or books in excellent condition, for men, women, or children of any age, that has non-religious content. There will be light refreshments, fellowship and a fun group activity using the book titles. You do not have to be a SAMASAN member; everyone is invited! We hope that you can attend.

If you would like to attend, please contact: Nancy Brotherton (315-399-0212), Ellen Jennings (315-638-1377), or Nancy Smith (315-635-7145).

Through Sunday, December 12, book donations can be placed in a drop-off box **INSIDE**, at either the Church Front door or the Church Office door. Thank you!



Let's enter Advent in Plain Sight Together

Tuesdays, beginning November 30 at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom only)

You are invited to do a joint study with the Pennellville-Baldwinsville congregations via zoom this Advent season. We will use Jill Duffield's book, "Advent in Plain Sight" to explore how God, who came into our ordinary world in the form of a child, is still at work through the ordinary stuff of life, if we train our eyes to see. Please sign up in the office or on the sign-up table in the dining room. Books are \$10 each and available in the office or from Pastor Jeff.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship every Wednesday from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. This is an intergenerational activity open to the entire congregation.

The typical night's flow:

<i>Gathering – Meal</i>	<i>Devotional Time</i>	<i>Program Focus</i>
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<u>November 3:</u>	Mission Wednesday – Assembling Health Kits and Sunshine Bags	
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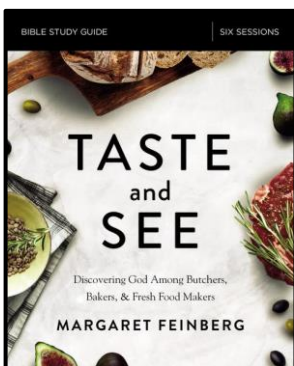
<u>November 10:</u>	Thanksgiving Crafts and Stories	
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<u>November 17:</u>	Special Thanksgiving Celebration – <i>The Empty Chair</i>	
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We gather for a time of thanksgiving fellowship that includes an interactive reading of *The Empty Chair*.

There is no Wonderful Wednesday on Wednesday, November 24.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come to Eureka! Book Club on Tuesday, November 16



Using Margaret Feinberg's study, *Taste and See*, we will celebrate God's focus on food in the Bible, which does satisfy the stomach, but also feeds the soul. Our meeting is Tuesday, November 16, which is a week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Bring your dinner and join us for a time of meal and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. Our study will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Church Treasurer Needed

We are in search of a Church Treasurer for BFUMC. Applicants should contact Pastor Bill (pastorbillmudge@gmail.com) or Elijah Huling, Chair of SPRC (ehulingjr7@yahoo.com)

Living our Christian Beliefs (Wesleyan Heritage), with credit towards Lay Speaking (\$15 Registration Fee)

We will discover the place of doctrine in relation to the missional movement known as Methodism. An understanding of Wesleyan theology will be developed, and its influence on the practical structure and disciplines for the first Methodists will be determined. A knowledge of Methodist History and the formation of other Methodist denominations will be studied. The Wesleyan understanding of grace and how grace leads to the holiness of the heart and life will be explored. Book: *Living Our Beliefs, The United Methodist Way*, 2nd Edition, Kenneth L Carder, 2009. This 3-week in-person at Baldwinsville FUMC begins Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Call George Ramseyer to register, 315-638-8177 (H), 315-720-6184 (C)

Visit the "Gratitude Tree" in honor of YOU: the BFUMC/BNS Staff and Parish Congregation and BNS:

In Great Appreciation, Awe and Gratitude for the faithful, gifted, caring BFUMC/BNS Staff + BFUMC Parish Congregation + BNS, a "Gratitude Tree" was created and blessed by the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and Pastor Bill.

The autumn themed "tree" has an individual colorful leaf, with the name of each Staff member and a big leaf representing the whole BFUMC Congregation + Baldwinsville Nursery School. Together, we make a beautiful "tree" and Church and School family.

During the Laity SPRC Heritage Service, on Sunday, October 17, 2021, the "tree" was on the altar in honor of the Staff, Congregation and School, by SPRC.

The "Gratitude Tree" will be on display in the Church Office Lobby, until the "Hanging of the Greens" decorations appear.

Please consider making your own Gratitude Tree or Jar or Prayer/Meditation Journal Notebook to fill with all your God sightings, bible verses, people, pictures, places and things, etc. that make you feel grate"filled" each day.

A Blessed Harvest and Thanksgiving Season to all.
From your Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)



11/01 Barbara Ruel
 Pam Yeddo
 Robby Eastman
 11/02 Steve Ranous
 11/03 Alicia Baldwin
 Stephanie Smith
 Holly Abbott

11/05 Sally Graham
 Douglas Smith
 11/06 Bryan Reynolds
 Pat Kline
 11/08 Davion Frank
 11/11 Marv Joslyn
 Robert DiRenzo
 11/12 David Marsell, Jr.
 11/13 Bonnie Kisselstein
 11/14 Rocky Maxwell
 11/16 Kara Johnson

11/20 Anne Simonds
 Andrew Turner
 Alan Lindsey, Jr.
 11/21 Bill Barrett
 Eric Hildreth
 11/22 Mary Joncas
 11/23 Madelyn Ransiear
 11/24 Ava Metrick
 Martha DuBois
 11/26 Rachel Brown
 11/27 Jake Falconer
 Cayden Hines



POINSETTIAS

If you wish to order a plant to be in honor of or in memory of someone, please use this form or call the church office ***no later than December 6***. You may also place your order in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Any questions, call the church office (635-6442).

POINSETTIAS: (\$8.25 per plant) No. of plants: _____ Total: _____

(PLEASE print neatly)

Name: _____ Telephone No. _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

You can bring your money to the church office or mail it. Make your check payable to: *First United Methodist Church, 17 W. Genesee St., Baldwinsville, NY 13027*