

The Visitor



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PLEASE NOTE:

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

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Pastor's Page

From the Pastors Desk

"A Sheepdogs Tale"

The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the foreigner, denying them justice. "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one." Ezekiel 33:29-30 NIV

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 MSG

It is Tuesday, September 24th, 2020 – as I sit to write my October newsletter article for our Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church family, I realize that we are 40 days away from a very contentious, very important election. I decided to use this space to call you to join me in prayer for our nation, for the leaders of the world governments and for God to move in the midst of all of the anger and heartbreak of our day.

I believe that God is active and moving in the world around us. I believe that God has an enormous team of disciples among us and around us that God is ready and willing to deploy to bring healing and justice in every corner. I want to be part of the peaceful revolution of love and grace, and I am inviting you to engage in a powerful, world changing activity. Prayer.

In the old testament book of Ezekiel, God says that God saw the injustice and oppression that was taking place against the poor of the land, and that God looked for someone – anyone – to stand in the gap in prayer on their behalf, and God found **no one**. **No one** was found to intercede and call out on behalf of the nation, on behalf of the oppressed. **No one**.

I wonder if God is looking again in our day for a people that will pour out prayers and tears and call out for justice and mercy, for peace and fairness. If God is looking through this land in these 40 days leading up to a pivotal election, I invite you, I implore you, stand up and offer yourself in these days as people who will stand in the gap and pray!

Finally, friends, I would remind you that it is through prayer that God changes things! God makes a way where there is no way. God closes the mouths of lions. God calms the storms and calms our hearts. God changes me, and God changes you. Come, let us call upon the Lord and offer ourselves in God's service – lets watch together and see what our God will do!

Come and join us for church Sunday morning at 9AM for our Heritage worship service in the sanctuary, or at 11AM for our new Contemporary service featuring Nairobi Smith leading worship in the chapel. We'll save you a socially distanced seat. (the 9AM and 11AM services will be live streamed and available on Facebook and YouTube)

Serving Christ with You, Pastor Bill Mudge

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES



CHURCH ON THE ISLAND Sunday, June 28 thru Sunday, September 6

We had a beautiful summer on Church on the Island, with 11 (almost) picture perfect mornings, meaningful worship, and solid attendance. Thank you all who attended this summer, and especially to the team whose faithful commitment to the Island makes all the difference:

*Julia Bliven, Janet Brooks, Alex Evans, Tim Evans, Susan Lison,
Pam Pannebianco, Kathy Sollecito-Nickell, Jim Sollecito*

Attendance and Offering/Pastoral Leadership for 2020:

June 28	36	\$161	Rev. Jeff Hodge, Pennellville/Baldwinsville UMC
July 5	42	\$215	Rev. Bill Mudge, Baldwinsville First UMC
July 12	45	\$167	Rev. Susan Ranous, UNY UMC
July 19	52	\$313	Rev. Hannah Benedict, St. Mark's Lutheran Ch.
July 26	67	\$151	Rev. Jeff Hodge, Pennellville/Baldwinsville UMC
August 2	31	\$145.10	Rev. Bj Norrix, City of Syracuse UMC
August 9	51	\$148.	Rev. Bill Mudge, Baldwinsville First UMC
August 16	46	\$193.	Rev. Susan Ranous, UNY UMC
August 23	49	\$123	Rev. Mike Grinnals, Plainville Christian Ch.
August 30	46	\$165	Rev. Bj Norrix, City of Syracuse UMC
September 6	50	\$104	Rev. Jeff Hodge, Pennellville/Baldwinsville UMC
	515	\$1,885	

We were able to make a \$400 donation to The Baldwinsville Food Pantry (in honor of Pastor Jeff for his help coordinating this summer)

We had one less week than in previous years, so our attendance is 44 less than last year, but our weekly average of 46.8 is on par with past years.

Also thank you to our musicians this summer!: Annabelle Horan, Lily Horan, Rheta Jenks, Lisa Kisselstein, Keenan Smith, and Phil Sterling.

See you (perhaps June 20, 2021) on the Island!

Rev. Jeff Hodge, Congregational Care & Family Ministries



Of Continued Concern:

Rev. Voigt Archer, Harold Crandon
Suzanne Ellis, Helen Falge, Sally Graham

Remember Those at Home and at Care Facilities:

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

Diane Allen – Central Park #118 PT
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53
Sharyn Brown – Sedgwick Heights #306B
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #419
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #455
Lois Minnoe – Syracuse Home
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,
Casey Hargrave, Jeffrey Lucy,
Dr. Kristen Lucy, Jeffrey Meany,
Brandon Merle, Benjamin Nordmark,
Tyler Reynolds, Peter Slye, Richard Slye

Sympathy to:

Janet McIntosh and family on the
passing of her brother-in-law,
Dr. Terence Morrill

Friends & Neighbors:

*Kathy Thomas, Mary Thomas' granddaughter-in-law
a local nurse volunteering to help in NYC*

Peter Allen, Diane Allen's husband
Don Child, Stephanie Smith's uncle
Barbara Church, Harlow Kisselstein's sister
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew
Joseph Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother
Scott Kent, Diane Eastman's brother
Nola Marotta, friend of Diane Nolan
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother
Linda Munson, Marsha Plucinik's sister-in-law
Blakely Nowicki (infant), Kisselstein family
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,
Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter
Judy Scott, friend of the Benton's
Zachary Thomas, Mary Thomas' grandson
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury
Kristin Hebblethwaite Walter,
Judy Sugar-Giordano's niece
Leona Vallier, cousin of Pam Fallesen



Birth Announcement:

Noah Raymond Howard,
great-grandson of Cheryl Metrick



Trunk or Treat

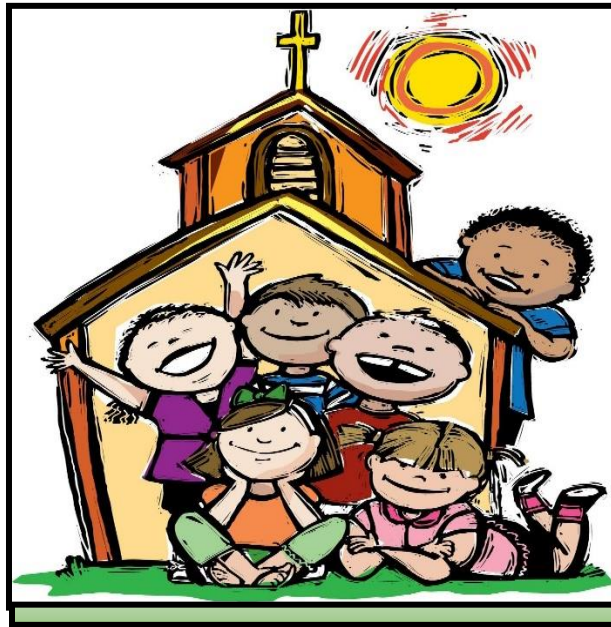
When: Saturday, October 24, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church

What: Old fashioned fun! Please remember to wear your mask and maintain social distancing.



Sunday School News



Welcome back to Sunday School!

Starting October 4th, Sunday School will be offered during the Praise and Worship service at 11:00 am for children 12 and under. For children 13 and older, we are offering a gathering time on Sunday evening at 7:00 pm in the chapel. We ask that children wear masks and maintain social distancing during class.

Games, scriptures, and fun included!
Hope to see you there!



Knitting Group

Knit, crochet or whatever craft you are interests you!

Beginning October 5th

We meet in the church conference room (#104)

Mondays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Interested? Please call Linda Miller (315-440-6049) or (315-638-2509)



Covenant Chimers Bell Choir

Calling all Bell Ringers!

Covenant Chimers Bell Choir practice will start on

Tuesday, October 6th, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Please call Linda Miller with any questions (315-440-6049) or (315-638-2509)



United Methodist Women

Hello friends!

Since we haven't had a meeting this year, I haven't collected our pledge money for 2020.

If you would like to support our mission work, please send me your check made out to: **U.M.W.**

My address is: 1331 Loveless Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

Thank you for your cooperation. Blessings, Martha DuBois, U.M.W. Treasurer



10/02 Bethany Cole
10/03 Molly Derby
Katie Oyer
Shirley Eisenhower
10/05 Derrick Taylor
Jack Kenney
10/06 Barb Johnston

10/07 Diane Allen
John Monroe
10/08 Esther Pacheck
Edward Froats
Haylee Robinson
10/10 Pat Stone
10/11 Olivia Webster
10/12 Maurice Hay
10/13 Courtney Cook
10/14 Steven Monaco
10/15 Joshua Price
10/16 Rachel Radicello
10/17 Maya Pickard

10/18 Fred Sage
Ellen Jennings
10/19 Kelsey DeLola
10/20 David Horan
10/21 Erin Bahamonde
Megan Sollecito
10/23 Christopher Smith
Carla Fleury
10/25 Barbara Herlan
10/26 Lynda Benton
10/27 Dave Sacia
10/31 Joyce Ramseyer

Thanks and Praise

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and telephone calls in the weeks following my spinal surgery in August. I can't begin to tell you how much each and every one of those things meant to me. You're the best church family EVER!! Suzanne Ellis

Suppose if you will, that a plague fell upon the land. Our church building was closed. Society in general, was ordered to "shelter in place". Most people then retired to their homes and families. Suppose further that some essential and faith filled FUMC employees remained on duty performing vital services for us. People who continued to serve God and BFUMC throughout the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

With deep appreciation, we acknowledge the services of:

Rev. William Mudge, Rev. Jeff Hodge, Mr. Douglas McCall, Mrs. Joan Ellsworth,
Mrs. Lisa Kane, Mrs. Stephanie Hines, Ms. Marianne Miles, Ms. Nairobi Smith,
Mrs. Julie Madden, Mr. Dan Mackin, Mr. Frank Harris

Thank You one and all.

"Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34:3.
Submitted by: BFUMC SPRC Committee

A big thank you to all of you who helped at our Fall Rummage Sale. Whether you volunteered or dropped off your "treasures" we appreciate you. It was a lot of hard work mixed with a lot of laughter. Co-chairs: Mickie Lorenz and Dave Horan