

The Visitor



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PLEASE NOTE:

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

[Church Calendar](#)



From the Pastor's Desk

“How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! It’s like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard, flowing down Aaron’s beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes. It’s like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion. Yes, that’s where God commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.”

Psalms 133 The Message

I hope that you were able to enjoy some of the magnificent festivities at the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church this past weekend – September 23rd, 24th and 25th.

The **“Fall Fete”** began several months ago in a vision that Sharon Cook received. That vision grew to be a gift of love given through our church family to the community we serve. We showed that after 200+ years in the village of Baldwinsville, and 150+ years at 17 West Genesee Street we are a church family with the Heart and love of God in the Heart of this community.

As many of our disciples worked tirelessly to set up the inside of our church building, the Praise Team moved into the parking lot! An hour of worship and praise echoed through the neighborhood as we offered free Pizza and refreshment to any and all who would join us.

Saturday morning found the church parking lot filled to overflowing – complete with a Fire Truck for the children to explore! The church building was full of friends and neighbors enjoying music and arts and stories and free food – we even got to hug a chicken!

Sunday morning our Bishop Mark Webb joined us as we looked back and remembered and looked forward with great anticipation to imagine what God has for us next. We broke bread in communion together and thanked God for what was, what is, and what will be.

This Sunday, October 2nd, 2022, is World Communion Sunday. Bishop Webb reminded us as we left the communion rail this past Sunday that our tradition is to plan to bring a friend to communion next time. I am so thankful for the joyful loving spirit that was shown this past weekend! Let’s follow it up by inviting our friends and neighbors back to worship this Sunday. Sunday School is in session for all ages – How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters serve together in God’s love!

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 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 online through Facebook and YouTube. Come and join the fun. We’ll save you a seat!

Serving Christ with You,
Pastor Bill Mudge

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

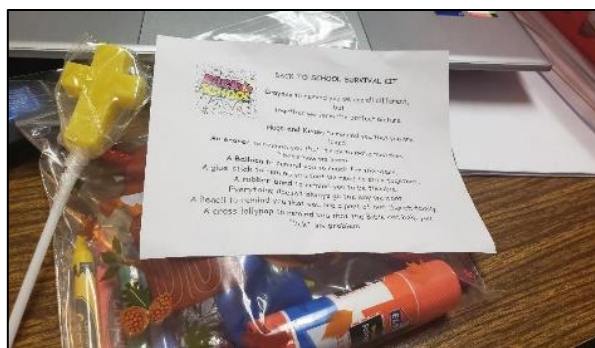
Rev. Jeff Hodge, Congregational Care & Family Ministries

October 2022

Blessings & Sundaes begin the new school year!



Our Sunday School season kicked off with our annual blessing of the backpacks and a *Sundae Sunday*! In addition to having their backpack blessed, each child received a “Back to School” Survival Kit, which includes: **crayons** to remind you we are all different, but together we form the perfect picture. **Hugs and Kisses** to remind you that you are loved. An eraser to



remind you that it's ok to make mistakes. That's how we learn. A **Balloon** to remind you to reach for the stars. A **glue stick** to remind you that we need to stick together. A **rubber band** to remind you to be flexible. Everything doesn't always go the way we want. A **pencil** to remind you that you are a part of our church family. A **cross lollypop** to remind you that the Bible can help “lick” any problem. Extra kits are in the office.

“Celebrate WONDER” each Week

Sunday School returned to the classrooms on Sunday, September 18 for classes for Pre-K thru Sr. High School. The Sunday School wing, which includes the bell rooms and Adult and Children's libraries, has been transformed to “Celebrate Wonder”. Sunday School is held from 10:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There are no classes on Sunday, October 9.

Of Continued Concern:

Suzanne Ellis, Sally Graham,
Pam & Rob Hack, Dave Horan, Elijah Huling,
Pat Kline, Jim Larmondra, Janet McIntosh,
Shirley McMahon, Cheryl Metrick,
Justin Taylor, Robert Yeddo

Friends & Neighbors:

Francis Bliven, Julia Bliven's husband
Larry Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother
William Hobart, friend of the Kisselsteins
Dana Kaiser, Donna Foster's son
Jim Kelley, stepfather of Pastor Jeff
Richard Marks, friend of Joan Foster
Robert Metrick, Cheryl Metrick's nephew
Blakely Nowicki, Kisselstein family
Doris Picco, Andy Picco's mother
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:

James Larmondra on the passing of
his son, Michael James Larmondra
Joni Ellsworth & Jerry Barker and family on the
passing of her uncle, John Lewien
Lynda & Brad Benton and family on the passing
of her cousin, Peter VanBuren
Family & friends of Helen Falge
Matt Kerwin & family on the passing of
his wife, Linda Kerwin

Remember Those at Home and at Care Facilities:

Joan Foster, Mildred Long

Bill Barrett – Sedgwick Heights #124A
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale #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 #457
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107
Mary Eleanor Slye – McHarrie Pointe #401
Jim Tudman – Syracuse Home #204

The Elephant in The Room

After church on October 30, Jan Beall and Ellen Jennings will be offering a session of how to talk about those difficult things life brings. They are doing it in response to an article one of our congregation members found in the Saturday Evening Post entitled "Having the Talk". See your church Bulletins for more information.



Saturday, October 22

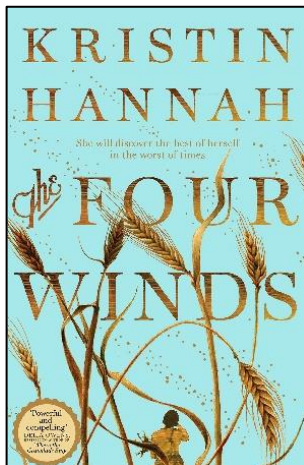
begins at 5:30 p.m.

in the BFUMC Parking Lot

- ☐ Children wear costumes and go car “trunk” to car “trunk” to receive Halloween treats!
- ☐ Children must be accompanied by an adult
- OPTIONAL: Decorate your “trunk” and be part of the fun. Please bring 100-200 wrapped candies, snacks or non-food items like pencils, toys, etc.
- There is a signup sheet for participating “trunks” in the dining room. If you have any questions, see Pastor Jeff or Janet Brooks

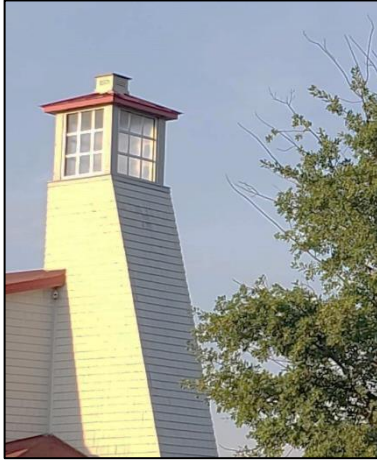
Eureka! Book Club – Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.

The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah



The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah is a captivating, heartbreaking tale of a family who will do anything for each other — and everything to survive. The strength of Hannah’s prose brings the characters to life in a way that will make you unable to tear yourself away from them. You will celebrate their triumphs, mourn their tragedies, and commend their bravery.

Through it all, it is easy to feel Hannah’s desire to honor those who lived and fought through this devastating time in history. *The Four Winds* is also an ode to the strength and ferocity of mothers, and a declaration that sometimes, love is the only thing that holds us together.



Church on the Island, Summer 2022 Report

June 19 thru September 4, 2022

We had a beautiful summer on Church on the Island, with 12 (almost) picture perfect mornings, meaningful worship and solid attendance. We were also blessed to have bagpipers Avery Head, who opened our season, and Jack Hines, who joined us on August 28th.

There are so many to thank for helping make our 7th season the best-attended yet:

A special thank you to the village of Baldwinsville for the free use of the amphitheater for our 12-week season!

Church on the Island (COTI) is a team effort. We thank all those who work hard to plan, prepare, and lead worship.

Our COTI Team

Julia Bliven
Janet Brooks
Chuck Brooks
Alex Evans

Tim Evans
Susan Lison
Pam Pannebianco
Jim Sollecito

Also, thanks to Kathy Sollecito-Nickell for her prayerful support, to Pastor Jeff Hodge for serving as coordinator, and to Pastor Patti Walz, who first organized COTI, for her continuing inspiration

Thank you to Our Guest Musicians

Susan Candee
Rheta Jenks

Phil Sterling
Bruce Webster

Lisa Kisselstein

Also, thanks to Keenan Smith, the Pennellville trio, and the Pennellville quartet for Special Music

Thank you to our Guest Preachers

Rev. Hannah Benedict, formerly St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Vicar Chuck Copps, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Rev. Jeff Hodge, Baldwinsville First, Pennellville UMC
Rev. Bill Mudge, Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser, Baldwinsville First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Bj Norrix, Syracuse United Methodist Churches
Rev. Beth Quick, PhD. Student at Drew University
Rev. Patricia Walz, retired, COTI founder

Our attendance and offering for 2022:

June 19	37	\$194	Rev. Patti Walz, UMC, retired
July 26	42	\$489	Rev. Hannah Benedict, St. Mark's Lutheran Ch.
July 3	51	\$248	Rev. Bill Mudge, Baldwinsville First UMC
July 10	57	\$740	Vicar Chuck Copps, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
July 17	55	\$145	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser, B'ville First Presbyterian
July 24	55	\$110	Rev. Beth Quick, UMC, Ph.D. student
July 31	60	\$170	Rev. Jeff Hodge, Baldwinsville /Pennellville UMC
August 7	46	\$110	Rev. Bill Mudge, Baldwinsville First UMC
August 14	46	\$229	Rev. Beth Quick, UMC, Ph.D. student
August 21	45	\$478	Rev. Bj Norrix, City of Syracuse UMC
August 28	56	\$207	Vicar Chuck Copps, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
September 4	42	\$157	Rev. Jeff Hodge, Baldwinsville/Pennellville UMC
	592	\$3,277	

(average weekly attendance for 2022: 49)

In our 7th year, in addition to honorariums for musicians and some guest preachers, COTI was able to provide a \$500 gift to the Baldwinsville Food Pantry.



I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

It takes a community to be a church, with each one adding their gifts and talents.
There are **so many ways to be the church together.** Here are just a few:

- **Greeters at the parking lot door every Sunday morning** – Meet and greet in the lobby every Sunday, letting people in the locked door and giving directions to the sanctuary and other locations as needed. (Sign up for a month or for a week at a time)
- **Help in Nursery Care Room every Sunday morning** – Teresa Piedmonte will be providing nursery care each Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m. A second person is needed to meet the Safe Sanctuaries requirement of The United Methodist Church. (sign up for a day or multiple days)
- **Help with Sunday's "Cool!"** – our activity time during worship – We provide a short activity time following the Children's Moment. The leader of that reads a book, supervises an activity, which usually includes coloring pages or a simple craft. (sign up for a day or multiple days)



Donation days: October 12 & 13, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sale days: October 14, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and
October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (bag day)

Volunteers Needed! –

In order for our Fall Rummage Sale to be successful, we need YOU to help. Do you have a friend or neighbor who would work beside you? We're an EO "employer" for fun and fellowship. All proceeds from the sale stay right here in Baldwinsville. (Shh, best kept secret, volunteers have first choice of items they wish to purchase) Please call Mickie Lorenz (315-635-5182) or Dave Horan (315-638-2407). Thank you & God Bless

Donations wanted –

clothing of all sizes, linens, bedding, kitchen items, puzzles, books, games, toys, tools, sporting equipment, leftovers from your garage sale, etc.

Sorry -

We cannot accept suitcases, bowling balls, VHS tapes, and large furniture.



Bell Ringers Needed!

Practice Time: Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

First Practice: September 20, 2022

Linda Miller, director: 315-440-6049 (leave a msg)



10/02 Bethany Cole
David Smallwood
10/03 Shirley Eisenhower
10/05 Derrick Taylor
Jack Kenney
10/06 Barb Johnston

10/08 Esther Pacheck
10/07 John Monroe
Edward Froats
Nathan Georger
Haylee Robinson
10/10 PatsyAnn Stone
10/11 Olivia Webster
Shad Miller
10/12 Maurice Hay
10/13 Courtney Cook
10/14 Steven Monaco
10/15 Joshua Price

10/17 Maya Pickard
10/16 Rachel Radicello
10/18 Fred Sage
Ellen Jennings
10/19 Kelsey DeLola
10/20 Dave Horan
10/21 Erin Bahamonde
Megan Sollecito
10/25 Barbara Herlan
10/26 Lynda Benton
10/27 Dave Sacia
10/31 Joyce Ramseyer

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The October event for SAMASAN will be held
on October 22, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the church dining room.

It will be 'A Fall Fest' with a Baldwinsville Community Band concert at 1:00 p.m. The band has become a favorite of the church and has played several concerts in the last few years. The music is diversified and fun and always a crowd pleaser.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert made from apples or applesauce to feed 8-10 people. We have invited the band to enjoy refreshments with us after the concert. (The band plays for food and/or donations!)

This event is open to anyone who would like to attend, whether you are a member of SAMASAN or not.

Please contact Eileen Rice (315-635-9644) or Melba Lindsey (315-638-1245) if you are interested in attending as we need a head count by October 16.

Thank you, Eileen Rice and Melba Lindsey