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PLEASE NOTE:

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

[Church Calendar](#)



From the Pastors Desk

"A Sheepdogs Tale"

"He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him." Mark 3:13-19 NRSV

I am VERY excited about this new season in our life together at the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church! It has been a lovely summer, and I have had a wonderful time with my family and friends. I golfed badly, laughed a lot, and watched God move in my life, the lives of my family, and in the lives of our church family. And now, back to the beauty and activities of fall.

There are several new opportunities for deeper engagement in our faith journey ahead of us this fall, I'm going to use this space to highlight a few of them.

We will start the season with a deeper look at what it means to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. I like it that the primary reason listed in the scripture above from Mark 3 for the calling of the disciples was for them to be with Jesus. That offers us a great starting point for our journey this month – you are going to need to be with us! We will be using the study "A Disciples Path" by James Harnish as a guide for Sunday morning worship. We will offer a group discussion forum in the Multi-Purpose Room each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. to go deeper, and study groups will meet during the week.

A group of our leaders will engage a new discipline called SLI – a fellowship and leadership model offered through Spiritual Life Incorporated out of Lexington Kentucky – if you are interested in going deeper and helping to lead our church family forward, ask me more about this!

Finally, I will be traveling to Uganda at the end of October for 3 weeks of ministry and evangelism. I will be going on your behalf and hope to engage our church family in the journey. I will share more about this mission in the next few weeks, for now I request your prayers!

I hope that you will plan to join us as we move into this exciting fall program. Prayerfully consider what part or parts of this the Lord is inviting you to – there is a place in this work for everyone! The Church is OPEN!! 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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Join us for **FIRST FEST**

Sunday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m.



A "first hand opportunity to get excited about ministry at First UMC!"

Get a "first-hand" look at the many exciting things going on at B'ville First UMC! Our church-wide celebration begins immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service and includes:

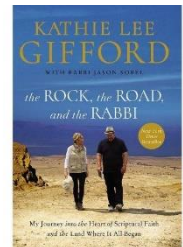
- *free appetizers & a time for fellowship*
- *exhibits by church groups*
- *opportunities to sign up for Sunday School classes*
- *a chance to learn about new groups & activities*

The Multi-Purpose Room is busy with a wide number of existing and emerging ministries here at First UMC. Follow the signs (and bring your appetite) as you explore the many ministries of the church and meet and greet new and old friends.

If you have questions, or if your group wants to participate, see Jeff Hodge or call the office at 635-6442

Eureka! Book Club

On Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 in the chapel, the Eureka! Book club will be discussing the book: **The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi**: *my journey into the heart of scriptural faith and the land where it all began* by Kathie Lee Gifford with the April 2019 "Journey through the Bible" Holy Land travelers. Please feel free to bring/wear/share your Holy Land travel pictures, books, stories, clothing, souvenirs, etc. Books are available to borrow for free from the church office. A Middle Eastern dinner will be catered through a local establishment with the costs split among attendees. Please RSVP by noon Friday, September 20 your plans to the church office at 315-635-6442 or secretary@bvillefirstumc.org.



*Blessings to all students and their families;
teachers and staff as a new school year begins!*

--Rev Jeff Hodge, Pastor of Congregational Care & Family Ministries



Of continued concern:

Brad Benton, Patricia Berry, Julia Bliven,
Harold Crandon, Jeane Custin, Joan Foster,
Judy Gilbert, Rev. Fred Kelsey, Patricia Kline,
Mildred Long, Janet McIntosh, Shirley McMahon,
Bob & Lois Minnoe, Anna May Turner,
Peggy Warne, Robert Yeddo

At Care Facilities:

Julie Ball – Syracuse Home #102
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53
Marian Britton – St. Camillus
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #419
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523
Barbara Kidd – Syracuse Home (PT) #320
Zora Meloling – Loretto-Cunningham #534
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, Jeffrey Lucy,
Dr. Kristen Lucy, Jeffrey Meany,
Brandon Merle, Benjamin Nordmark,
Tyler Reynolds, Peter Slye, Richard Slye

***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 Karen Vasteno
Rev. Larry & Debbie Lundgren on the
passing of his mother, Dorothy Lundgren
Judy Herbs & family on the passing of her
husband, Frederick A. Herbs
Family & friends of Ann Kohler
Kristin (Vanderveer) Gagnon and
Don & Sue Vanderveer on the passing
of husband and son-in-law, John Gagnon
Richard & Christine Meloling and family on the
passing of his mother, Betty Meloling

Relatives/Friends/Neighbors:

Jackson Edward Braig,
Norma Widmann's great-grandson
Ross Devendorf, Julia Bliven's brother
Jean Disinger,
Sue Vanderveer & Barb Stowe's mother
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother
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
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury
June VerNooy, Beverly Archer's sister
Kristin Hebblethwaite Walter,
Judy Sugar-Giordano's niece
Ralph Wolfe, Joyce Berube's father
Dallas & Delpha Youngman,
Susan Monroe's parents
Graydons Youngman, Susan Monroe's uncle

Worship Schedule

Normal:

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary & 10:30 a.m. Chapel

Church on the Island

Our last service for this summer

September 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Papermill Island Amphitheater

Sept 1 – Worship Service, Communion

Sept 8 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. **First Fest**

Sept 15 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School begins: 10:30 a.m.

Sept 22 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Sept 29 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Please Note:

The Church Office is closed Monday, Sept. 2

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 two meetings are September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. Refreshments served.

O.W.L.S.

Our next gathering is on Thursday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room. (Terry Miller, 315-409-4063)



SAMASAN "Car Cruise-In"

Classic & Vintage Cars

September 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Eileen & Ray Rice's (7667 East Dead Creek Road, Baldwinsville). Call Eileen at 315-635-9644 or Linda Froats at 315-622-2185. Come for an interesting and fun afternoon!

Fall Rummage Sale: Sept 25 - 28

Donation days: Sept. 25 & Sept. 26,
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sale days: Sept. 27, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sept. 28, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Donations wanted – clothing of all sizes, linens, bedding, kitchen items, puzzles, books, games, toys, tools, sporting equipment, leftovers from your garage sale, etc. If you would like to volunteer to help with the sale or if you have any questions about donations, please call Wayne & Judy Gilbert (315-638-4653) or Beverly Frank (315-247-0934).

The Cheery Visitors will be having a **Bake Sale** on Friday, September 27 in conjunction with the U.M.W. Rummage Sale. Your donations of baked goods would be most appreciated. The sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Questions? Alice Nykaza (635-5569).

Baptisms:

**Benjamin Michael Baldwin and
Sophia Lynn Baldwin,**
children of William & Nicole Baldwin

John Grayson Chappell,
son of Matthew & Mary Chappell

Zoey Margaret Daniels,
daughter of Zachary & Maggie Daniels

Food Collection Sunday ~ September 1

Children will be collecting food donations as you enter the Sanctuary. Needed in September: pasta, crackers, tuna, and soup. (Food Collection Sunday is the first Sunday of the month.)

**Monetary donations are
also gladly accepted.**

A New Class

On Wednesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., September 25 to October 30, there will be a new class using Joyce Rupps book “The Cup of Our Life”. The class will join together to review the daily study that they have used as a devotional during the week. The daily study can take 15 minutes or more. As with anything the more one put into it the more they will get out of it. Each lesson includes a short story and suggests some reflective journaling along with prayer.

The class will include looking back over the week and sharing what was found most meaningful. It will include reflection, scripture, meditation, visualizations and a refocusing on prayer using a cup of one’s own choosing. The cup will provide images such as the open cup, the chipped cup, the broken cup, and the blessing cup for reflection.

The cost for the course is \$10 for a used book. You may order your own new or used if you prefer. Let Jan Beall know at 315 635-1236 if you will be able to be a part of this course and if you want her to order you a book. Books need to be ordered in the next couple of weeks to be available for the class. You will be able to pick them up in the office when they come in or you can order your own online. This book is a nice one to have to use on your own. Jan Beall

Adult Choir News

It’s September and soon Fall will be upon us. What better way to beat the cooler weather than to put on a nice warm CHOIR robe! By the time you read this article, choir season will already be in full swing. But that does not mean that you cannot still join the choir! We rehearse Friday nights 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and would love to have new members. OR

If the Adult Choir commitment isn’t quite your speed, the Intergenerational Choir will also be getting together after church on Sunday’s to just spend some time singing together. We will meet on Sunday’s right after church until 10:30 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and come try a low impact way to see if singing in a group is something for you!

IN OTHER NEWS

I want to thank the folks on the Memorial Committee. Thanks to their generous support, we have a new digital keyboard that will be used in both the Chapel and the community room. Additionally, we have some much-needed maintenance items for the choir room piano and the upright piano in the sanctuary. I continue to be amazed by the support and commitment this congregation has to the centrality of music to its spiritual life.

LASTLY

I am currently working on some ecumenical projects that are still in progress, but I hope to be sharing the details with you in the October issue! Keep your eyes open and by the way.....
JOIN THE CHOIR! We have LOTS of fun!

Men's Bible Study
AMEND Together (Amending through Faith)

We will be meeting again starting on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. The Christian community should play a critical role in creating an atmosphere where all women and girls are valued and safe. Extensive work by experts in the prevention of gender-based violence reveals that this is accomplished through education, and then applying the learned principles. This 4-week study is an innovative, primary prevention initiative dedicated to ending violence against women by engagement and education.
Additional details: George Ramseyer



Yoga Classes Available at BFUMC

Yoga means union of body and mind. It can lower stress, which is toxic to overall health and well-being. A typical class will begin with warm-ups and a Kriya (set of exercises) followed by deep relaxation and meditation. This is a safe environment with sensitivity to the needs of each student. All are welcome at any level of experience. You do not need to have experience with yoga to receive benefit from the class. You don't have to be excessively flexible to enjoy this class. Bring a blanket, water bottle, and anything else you may need for a yoga class. Chairs will be available for all classes if necessary

Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry are always welcome as well.

\$10 per class or 6 classes for \$50. Drop-in for \$10.

Wednesdays: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Checks should be made out to “Baldwinsville FUMC”.

Families are encouraged to come together. This is a safe sanctuary so if the church office is closed, the doors will be locked, so please be on time for class.

Join our group on Facebook: Yoga at Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church.
Any questions, look there or call Melissa Turner at 315-396-4001.



09/01 Peter Morgan
Michael Joncas
09/02 Fran Crippen
Marlene Fredette
Jesse Johnson
09/04 Brad Benton
Evelyn Reynolds
Jenna Hunsberger
09/06 Tim Evans

09/10 Sharon Cook
09/11 Paul Dreher-Wiberg
Chuck Anderson
09/12 Jennifer Sterbak
09/13 Gertrude Collins
Jenoyce Wooldridge
Jonathon Price
Rachel Hewitt
09/17 Scott Baldwin
Joan Simmonds
Kevin Zacchia
09/18 Craig Barrett
Erik Bjorn
Allison Hoffman
09/20 Rev. Gordon Knapp
Gary Pacheck

09/21 Zachary Fleury
09/22 Alexandra Switzer
09/23 Valerie Dreher-Caldwell
Judi Dreher-Wiberg
Wayne Gilbert
Amanda Gilbert
Katharine Ramseyer
09/24 Lisa Phelps
09/25 Melinda Kenney
09/27 Jonah Kantak
09/28 Betty Morrow
Collin Oppleton
Rob Scott
Janet Joslyn
09/30 Linda Horan

WOW! – Did you know . . . ?

Baker High School students inducted into National Honor Society:

Michael Lawrence, Frances Monroe, Ella Smith

Baker High School seniors entering the military:

Holly Abbott: U.S. Navy

Maya Hewitt: R.O.T.C. at R.I.T./University of Rochester

Onondaga Community College Spring 2019 President's List:

Madeline Bush, Maya Hewitt

Congratulations to Troop #71 Eagle Scout: ***Nate Durkin***

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