

# The Visitor



# SEPTEMBER 2022

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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

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

**[Church Calendar](#)**



## From the Pastor's Desk

### *"A Sheepdogs Tale"*

**"The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: These are the appointed festivals of the Lord that you shall proclaim as holy convocations, my appointed festivals. "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work: it is a Sabbath to the Lord throughout your settlements "These are the appointed festivals of the Lord, the holy convocations, that you shall celebrate at the time appointed for them." Leviticus 23:1-4 NRSV**

In the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the Book of Leviticus Moses outlines the years celebrations and Holy Days (holidays) for the people of Israel. From these first notes on Sabbath keeping, thru the balance of the year, Festivals are ordered and held to help the people remember the great goodness of God.

We are following in this important Judeo-Christian tradition of ordering or declaring a Festival – our Fall Fete!

Everybody likes a party, and we are inviting you to a weekend of celebration this September! September 23, 24 and 25, our family here at the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church will be celebrating where we have been, and where we are going. On Friday night we will spend an hour or so singing praise in our parking lot. Come at 6pm and sing along! On Saturday from 10am – 2pm we will host many of the areas not for profit organizations, there will be a concert by the Baldwinsville Community Band and professional musician Bill Ali will perform for the kids! There will be a Royal Reading Room with stories and play and art spaces set up for the kids. Everything is free, including lunch! You will want to come and see the beautiful art displays, walk through and talk about our congregation's history and see our Baldwinsville Nursery School facilities. Our Food Pantry will be open and donations of food for our neighbors is always gladly accepted. I hope that you will make time to come and enjoy this event with your friends and neighbors.

On Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am we will celebrate over 150 years of ministry at 17 West Genesee Street, and over 200 years of mission and ministry in Baldwinsville! Some of our former pastors and leaders will be in attendance and Bishop Mark Webb will preach an encouraging word. It seems appropriate to me that our celebration falls on the first Day of Rosh Hashanah. I am excited about beginning this "New Year" with you!

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 online through Facebook and YouTube. We celebrate Communion on September 4<sup>th</sup>, Blessing of the Backpacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday School begins on September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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*

September 2022

### **CHURCH ON THE ISLAND:**

#### **Great Weather, inspirational preaching – and even bagpipes!**

This Sunday, September 4 is the final Sunday of our 12-week season. Rev. Jeff Hodge, coordinator of Church on the Island, will preach our closing service at 8:00 a.m. We will have a final closing report in October.



*(Photos: L-R: Jim Sollecito and Kathy Sollecito-Nickell are ready to welcome you to worship; Pipe Jack Heins plays Amazing Grace on Sunday, 08-28; Rev. Beth Quick preached twice this summer.)*

### **Eureka! BOOK CLUB**

#### **Travel to 19<sup>th</sup> Century Davenport, Missouri at our September meeting**

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain is our book for discussion in the chapel on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Jeff will lead us in the discussion of this classic, written in 1876. We will take a close look at the many themes of adventure, rebellion, friendship, and race; and talk about why this book has been the subject of censorship since it was first published over 140 years ago.

**See you at the FALL FETE on Saturday, September 24 and our Special Heritage Worship Celebration of 150+ years on Sunday, September 25!**

**Of Continued Concern:**

Suzanne Ellis, Helen Falge, Sally Graham,  
Pam & Rob Hack, Dave Horan, Elijah Huling,  
Linda Kerwin, Pat Kline, Jim Larmondra,  
Janet McIntosh, Shirley McMahon,  
Cheryl Metrick, Richard Stafford,  
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



**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  
Winifred Milliman – St. Camillus  
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107  
Mary Eleanor Slye – McHarrie Pointe #401  
Jim Tudman – Syracuse Home #204

**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



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022-2023!**

**Bring your backpacks and your appetites on September 11**



Bring your backpacks for a special blessing for a special “back to school” blessing and receive our “Back to School” survival kit during our Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 11. Immediately following church, we will have “Sundae Sunday” to kick off our Sunday School Season, and sign up for classes, which begin September 18.

### **Celebrate *Wonder* Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 18!**

Classes begin on September 18 at 10:15 a.m. (until 11:00 a.m. weekly). You can register on the day of class or in advance at Sundae Sunday on the 11<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Christian Education Wing.

Pre-K-Kindergarten – Teachers Mrs. Emma Webster and TBA

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Teachers Mrs. Stephanie Smith and Mrs. Patty Maxwell

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Teachers Mrs. Jeanne Pray & Mrs. Sonja Georger

Jr. & Sr. High – Teachers Mrs. Janet Brooks & Mr. Tim Evans

If you have any questions or can help in any way, please see Pastor Jeff.

### **STARTING SEPTEMBER 11:**

**Nursery Care** is available in the Nursery Care Room on the first floor of the Education Wing beginning Sunday, September 11 for the 9:00 a.m. service. Come meet Mrs. Theresa Piedmont, our nursery caregiver.

**Sunday’s Cool**, our activity time, which begins following the Children’s Time at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, will be held in the Nursery Care Room beginning September 11.



## Fall Fete 2022

Dear Church Friends,

On behalf of the **Fall Fete** Planning Team, I am happy to inform you of all the exciting momentum surrounding this church event. The Fall Fete is celebrating the Church's 150th+ Anniversary and we are inviting the community to join us in doing so on Saturday, September 24th from 10AM to 2PM.

Bill Ali, talented local musician is performing a "Concert for Kids" at 10:30 AM, The Community Band will play at 1:00 PM, and others will be on hand to entertain with live music throughout the day.

Many of our wonderful local non-profits have responded to our invitation and will be representing their mission to the public in the "Non-Profit Showcase".

The Fall Fete will have creative and fun activities for children. We will have a "Build with Boxes" room, Make and Take Art, a "Royal Reading Room", to name a few, and The Baldwinsville Nursery School will have discovery play centers open.

Don't miss visiting the Chapel where Village Historian and Church Member, Bonnie Kisselstein will provide us with Baldwinsville History.

We will also be serving Refreshments.

The BFUMC 150+ Anniversary is our chance now to celebrate this milestone by not only looking back, but moving forward, opening our doors and inviting others into God's House, and being disciples for Christ.

What we need now is you. Please help by planning to attend the Fall Fete, signing up to make cookies, as a door greeter, hall, or room attendant, to guide and answer questions from our visitors. To make this a safe and successful event for the church we need the help of everyone in prayer and service. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors, add your name to the sign-up sheets in the dining room, or fill out the tear sheet below and return to church.

Please come celebrate together! God Bless,

The Fall Fete Planning Team, Sharon Cook, Facilitator

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Will help all day 8:30AM to 2:30PM \_\_\_\_\_

Available to help \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Will make cookies \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ doz.

Please bring to church in Zip-lock bag and **No nuts in cookies.**





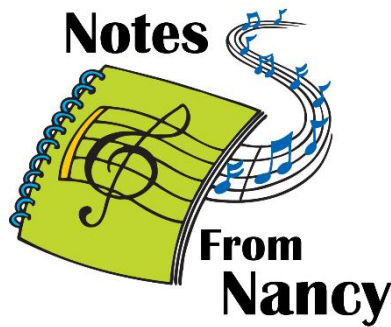
## Fellowship Schedule 2022-23

To help you plan ahead, here is the Committee Schedule for Fellowship Hour after the 9 am service each Sunday.

### Responsibilities:

- Make sure you have at least 1-2 people each week to set up, serve, and cleanup.
- Dave Greer usually sets up the coffee to be brewed each week. However, if he is not available, please set it up before you go up to the 9am service. Instructions are on the counter next to the coffee makers.
- Check the kitchen and the Bride's Room cabinets for coffee cups and napkins, or purchase some you'd rather use!
- Each group is responsible for Juice for children (and those who do not drink coffee or tea!) and cookies or snacks of some kind to go along with the drinks.

Month	Group (s)
September	SPRC
October	Pantry Board and Cheery Visitors
November	Eureka Book Club and Adult Bible study
December	Trustees
Christmas Eve	Membership
January	SAMASAN
February	Altar Guild and UMW
March	Congregation Care
April	Finance and Stewardship
May	BNS Board
June	Hands of Hope/Worship Enhancement
July	UMM
August	Adult Choir and Covenant Chimers



Well, this summer sure flew by fast! While I have enjoyed a little slower pace I have really missed the choir and am SO excited for their return. Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm in the choir room and will sing in service again beginning on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We would absolutely LOVE new members to join, or for former members to return. I can't think of a better way to serve God than to worship and praise God's glory through music. If you have any questions about choir please don't hesitate to ask me. You can reach me at #315-256-7509 or through email at nbhdkidd@yahoo.com. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

The choir will continue to mask in the fall as long as we are singing and the covid virus is still mutating, singing remains at high risk for spreading it. Remember that you can still transmit the virus to others even if you don't know you have it. We must protect our elderly and immunocompromised. Also remember that we must respect each individual's choice, because you NEVER know their situation or reasons for masking.

Just an FYI - after Labor Day we will no longer be pre-recording music for the YouTube services. This was something that the staff was willing to do during covid to help through the pandemic but as it takes so very much extra time out of our week we can no longer keep up the extra workload. We, the staff, ask for our understanding, and hope that in the near future we can make the much-needed efforts to Livestream the service, as most other churches are doing.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Marianne Miles and all of the folks who offered special music this summer. They were all so heartfelt and beautiful, and varied!! SO many different kinds of music. What a blessing. Also, a thank you to Nairobi Smith for sharing her glorious music with us in the Heritage service for inviting me to the Friday night service. It's been a wonderful summer and I look forward to a glorious fall (my favorite season)!! Blessings to all,

Nancy B. James,  
Director of Music.





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.**

Positive thinking must be  
followed by positive doing.



09/01 Peter Morgan  
Michael Joncas

09/02 Owen Hudson  
Marlene Fredette  
Jesse Johnson  
Fran Crippen

09/03 Susan Bednar

09/04 Evelyn Reynolds  
Jenna Hunsberger  
Brad Benton

09/06 Tim Evans

09/10 Sharon Cook  
09/11 Paul Dreher-Wiberg  
Chuck Anderson

09/12 Jennifer Sterbak

09/13 Jenoyce Wooldridge  
Rachel Hewitt

Jonathon Price  
Gertrude Collins

09/17 Kevin Zacchia  
Joan Simmonds  
Scott Baldwin

09/18 Craig Barrett  
Erik Bjorn  
Allison Hoffman

09/20 Rev. Gordon Knapp  
Gary Pacheck

09/23 Wayne Gilbert  
Amanda Gilbert  
Katharine (Ramseyer) Burke  
Valerie Dreher-Caldwell  
Judi Dreher-Wiberg

09/24 Lisa Phelps

09/25 Melinda Kenney

09/27 Jonah Kantak

09/28 Collin Oppleton

Rob Scott  
Janet Joslyn

09/30 Linda Horan

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### Thanks and Praise

It is extremely difficult for me to find adequate words of thanks for the prayers, cards, phone calls, text messages, and hugs I've received over the past two and a half months. Baldwinsville First United Methodist is truly a "church family". In the darkness, you brought me light, and in the depths of my fears, you brought me hope. I am deeply grateful for your caring and kindness. Suzanne Ellis



### 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)