

The Visitor

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PLEASE NOTE:

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

[Church Calendar](#)



From the Pastors Desk

"A Shepdogs Tale"

“Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.” Philippians 2:12-15 NRSV

The United Methodist Church is living through its most difficult time in my memory as a denomination. We seldom make the nightly news as a denomination when we feed the hungry, nor do we show up in the headlines of local papers when we are the first on the scene of a disaster with our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). I imagine that we will be front page, above the crease material for the next few months as we wrangle and struggle to find our way into the future God has for us – it will not be an easy ride.

With that said, I want to commend our church family at the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church for the integrity and love you have demonstrated as we have begun this journey. We do not agree on every issue. There is deep passion and conviction on both sides of the national debates that gather together each Sunday at 17 West Genesee Street in Baldwinsville New York. The most beautiful thing that I get to witness from my vantage point in the pulpit of this congregation is a diverse group of Christ followers who have chosen to love each other and Jesus more than we love our positions or fears. I do not take this attitude for granted, and I wanted to take this space this month to thank-you all for your kindness and love for each other and the Kingdom of God.

Several years ago, I heard Pastor Chuck Swindoll share the following piece that he wrote about the importance of maintaining our Christ like attitude. I share it with you this month as a word of encouragement and hope.

ATTITUDE by Charles Swindoll

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes"

The mission of making disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the word goes forward with us! No matter the twists and turns on the national stage, this will be our call. 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

The congregation of Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church is committed to preserving this church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

Roamers

The size and layout of Baldwinsville First UMC makes it challenging to respond to potential safety concerns and medical emergencies that may occur on a Sunday. In response to that, the church developed the Roamer system. We are always recruiting volunteers to serve as Roamers during the first worship service, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at the end of worship, at or around 10:15 a.m., and the second worship service, beginning at 10:15 a.m. and ending at or around 11:30 a.m. One Roamer is stationed at the dining room/sanctuary end of the building and the other is stationed at the office/Sunday School wing entrance.

If you are willing to be a Roamer or would like to know more information about Roamers, please see Pastors Jeff or Bill, or attend one of the two scheduled meetings:

Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. OR Sunday, February 9 at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room

This meeting, which is as an update time for existing Roamers, will serve as an orientation for new Roamers. Please consider serving in this important way.

The logo for Safe Sanctuaries Training features a stylized yellow figure with arms raised, resembling a person or a flame, positioned above the text. The text "Safe Sanctuaries" is in a blue serif font, and "Training" is in a bold black sans-serif font. Below "Safe Sanctuaries" is a small tagline: "A Ministry of the United Methodist Church".

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Wednesday, February 12 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Pennellville UMC, 389 County Route 54 Pennellville, NY 13132 **RSVP is requested** to allow adequate planning for resource materials and food. Please email, call or text Judy Craigmile at judycraigmile@msn.com or 315-720-5994. Please provide your full name, your affiliated church name and a mobile phone # (preferred) or other contact option. If registering for multiple people, please provide this information for each person.



We have an extra day this year. What are we going to do with it?
Let's use it to serve the Lord and love our neighbors.
Check Facebook for details.

Blessings and Peace, *Jeff*



Of continued concern:

Harold Crandon, 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 PT
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53
Marian Britton – St. Camillus
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #419
Jean Disinger – Syracuse Home
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334
Martha Gridley – Keepsake Village @ Green Point
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523
Barbara Kidd – Syracuse Home #322 PT
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

Sympathy to:

Sylvia Noll & family on the passing of
her sister-in-law, Marilyn Noll.
Barbara Seiffert & family on the passing of
her husband, Peter Seiffert.

Friends & Neighbors:

Peter Allen, Diane Allen's husband
Matthew Barker, friend of the Metrick's
Don Child, Stephanie Smith's uncle
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew
Joseph Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother
Nola Marotta, friend of Diane Nolan
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother
Bobby Metrick, Cheryl Metrick's nephew
Linda Munson, Marsha Plucinik's sister-in-law
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,
Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter
Judy Scott, 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
Leona Vallier, cousin of Pam Fallesen



Eureka! Book Club Goes to the Movies

Four times a year the Eureka! Book Club invites the congregation to a movie based on a book.

Our first movie is **Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m.:** Hidden Figures, PG based on the book Hidden Figures: The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women who Helped Launch Our Nation Into Space by Margot Lee Shetterly. Movies are free and no reservation is needed.

Worship Schedule

Normal:

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

Feb 2 – Worship Service, Communion

Feb 9 – Scouting Ministries Sunday

Feb 16 – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Feb 23 – Transfiguration Sunday

Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday

Feb 28 – Lenten Service, 12:05 pm (Chapel)
Lenten Luncheon, 12:30 pm

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



Youth Group
9 - 12 graders

With 25 participants, the Youth Group prepared 75 Disaster Relief Buckets at the Upper New York Conference Center to help families that have been affected by floods and other natural disasters.

We gather in the multi-purpose room and will usually meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, as well as other times for special activities and service projects.

Bottle & Can Returns

Do you have returnable bottles and cans in your home? Please consider bringing them to the River Mall Bottle & Can Return Center located at 2265 Downer St., B'ville and specify they are for BFUMC Youth Group. Thank you!!

SAMASAN

Some Are Married And Some Are Not

Come in from the cold on February 15, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the church for “Games with Friends”, an afternoon filled with fun and fellowship. All are welcome; snacks provided. **PLEASE RSVP:** Sylvia Rich (315-303-0191) or Mickie Lorenz (315-877-0087)

O.W.L.S.

Our next gathering is on Thursday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room. (Terry Miller, 315-409-4063)

Eureka! Book Club

“Any Dream Wil Do” by Debbie Macomber
Monday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Book and meal leader: Ron Waterbury

Join us for the discussion of this New York Times Bestseller: Shay Benson adored her younger brother, Caden, and that got her into trouble. When he owed money, Shay realized she would do anything to help him avoid the men who were threatening him, and she crossed lines she never should have crossed. Now, determined to start fresh, she finds herself in search of a place to stay and wanders into a church to escape from the cold. **Please reserve by February 19** in the office (315) 635-6442.

Save the date:

March book club is Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. The two books are: “The Simple Faith of Mr. Rogers” by Amy Hollingsworth and “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” by Tom Junrod.

U.M.M. Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, February 29 at 8:00 a.m.
in the church dining room.



02/01 Jim Sollecito
02/04 Rudy Kline
02/05 Norma Widmann
Pastor Bill Mudge
02/06 Gwen Sacia
Joan Foster
Raymond Honicker
Kyle McCaleb
Zachary McCaleb

02/08 Taylor Hoffman
02/10 Christopher Picco
02/12 Susan Monroe
Judy Gilbert
02/13 Gavin Crippen
Jennie Austin
Elaine Habelt
02/14 Gregory Johnson
02/15 Bret Hartman
Calleigh Lockwood
Evelyn Abbott

02/17 Cassandra Weaver
02/18 Martha Gridley
02/18 Bryanne Reynolds
02/19 Jeanne Margeson
02/20 Julia Bliven
Reta Read
02/21 Jude Burke
02/22 Bryan Fleury
02/26 Kevin Lawrence
02/27 James DeBarr
Ellone McCall
02/28 David Malcolm

Food Collection Sunday is February 2
Needed in February: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and soup.
Monetary donations are also gladly accepted.

WOW! – Did you know . . .?

Participated with the Baker HS Marching Band in the Rose Bowl Parade:
Alex Evans and Frances Monroe

Abby Barker earned her orange belt from Andrellos Karate School.

Annabelle Horan, Baker HS Indoor Track – 6th in the 3,000-meter run at the Fred Kirscheneheiter Memorial Invitational.

Ella Smith, Baker HS Indoor Track – 3rd in the pole vault at the George Constantino Memorial Invitational; 3rd in the pole vault at the Fred Kirscheneheiter Memorial Invitational; 8th in the pole vault at the Mohawk Valley Indoor Track Association meet.

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