

The Visitor

October
2019



Pastor

Rev. William Mudge 315-292-0850

Congregational Care & Family Ministries

Rev. Jeff Hodge 315-383-4384

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Gordon Knapp 315-303-4862

Christian Education

Joan Ellsworth 315-251-5477

Music Director

Douglas McCall 315-313-0767

Secretary

Lisa Kane 315-635-6442

Treasurer

Stephanie Hines 860-917-3145

Custodian

Dan Mackin 315-635-6442

Housekeeper

Frank Harris 315-635-6442

IN THIS ISSUE

Trunk or Treat/Eureka! Book Club Page 2

CROP Walk Page 2

Uganda Mission Trip Page 3

Youth Group & Sunday School News Page 4

Grief Yoga Class/Grief Support Group Page 4

Lay Speaking Class/SAMASAN Page 5

Electronic Giving Page 6

Church Office: 315-635-6442

Fax: 315-635-6963

**Normal Church Office Hours:
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

E-mail: secretary@bvillefirstumc.org

Website: www.bvillefirstumc.org

PLEASE NOTE:

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

[Church Calendar](#)



From the Pastors Desk

"A Shepdogs Tale"

“So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” Acts 1:6-9 NRSV

I have spent a lot of time this past year studying the scripture accounts of Jesus mission statements for us as disciples, the church. I want to make sure that I am attempting to lead our congregation in the direction that Jesus instructed us to go.

Dr. Luke expresses it in a progressive blossoming way here in Acts chapter 1. Jesus says, “**and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**” In our context at the Baldwinsville First UMC, Baldwinsville is our Jerusalem! We are first tasked with witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ in our Jerusalem – Baldwinsville New York. I have been praying and thinking about the ways that we witness to Jesus in our town. We do some wonderful things and offer a strong testimony to the life-giving love of God in Christ Jesus!

What is our Judea and Samaria? Perhaps Onondaga County? New York State? The USA? We send financial support to many areas when crisis hits through our United Methodist Committee on Relief, and a few of our folks go and serve! I wonder in the future if we can strengthen this aspect of our mission together – perhaps you and I can go!?

In a few weeks, we will carry the Gospel message “to the ends of the earth”! I will be traveling on your behalf half-way around the world to Kenya and Uganda to witness to the life giving, life changing love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord – and you are going with me! Don’t start packing a duffle bag, I am inviting you to go with me in a spiritual support capacity. I believe that God has some deep lessons to teach me as I travel, I need your prayers. I believe that God is going to do powerful things in and through our team as we preach and pray and learn from the Body of Christ in Kenya and Uganda, I will bring these lessons and blessing back to our family.

The trip will cost around \$4,500.00 but I hope to raise significantly more than that! The pastor that will be hosting us, Rev. Davis Mutovou is, in my opinion, the Apostle Paul of Uganda. Davis trains pastors and plants churches all over Uganda and now Kenya! If we raise enough money, I would like to provide Rev. Mutovou with a replacement for his dying automobile. The team in ministry with Davis also publishes and distributes theological books to every student so that they have resources for preaching and teaching – that publishing fund needs to be replenished too. This is an exciting opportunity; will you pray about joining me in this mission? 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



October

Saturday, October 26, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the BFUMC Parking Lot

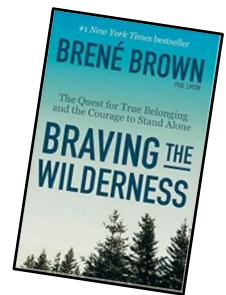
Please consider being a part of this fun activity What a safe and fun memory this is for the children - as well as for the adults! Please contact the church office if you wish to have a spot for a decorated car or if you would just like more information (315-635-6442; secretary@bvillefirstumc.org).

- Children ages 2-12 wear costumes and go car “trunk” to car “trunk” to receive Halloween treats!
- We will also have refreshments and games!
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- OPTIONAL: Decorate your “trunk” and be part of the fun. Please bring 100-150 wrapped candies, snacks or non-food items like pencils, toys, etc.

Eureka! Book Club on Monday, October 28 features

Brene’ Brown’s *Braving the Wilderness*

Our October book club, which begins at 6:00 p.m., will be led by Pastor Jeff. In *Braving the Wilderness*, Brown re-defines what it means to truly belong in an age of polarization...she argues that we’re experiencing a spiritual crisis of disconnection and introduces four practices of true belonging. Each meeting begins with dinner (cost ranges from \$5-\$10). RSVP by calling the office at 315-635-6442



Think Globally, Act Locally!

CROP WALK is Sunday October 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Please join us in the fight to stop hunger both globally and locally! There are two ways you can participate:

- 1) **Sign up** to walk on **October 20 at 1:00 p.m.** at Onondaga Lake Park
- 2) **Sponsor** a walker with a generous donation.

Information is available at coffee hour in the dining room or in the office during the week

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



Of continued concern:

Diane Allen, Brad Benton, Patricia Berry, Julia Bliven, Harold Crandon, Jeane Custin, Gene Evans, Joan Foster, Rev. Fred Kelsey, Patricia Kline, Mildred Long, Janet McIntosh, Shirley McMahon, Bob & Lois Minnoe, Peggy Warne

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
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:

Pam & Rob Hack on the passing of her aunt, Edna Scott
Amanda Scott Hartman and Jared Scott & their families on the passing of their mother, Lynn Neave (Scott) McKinnon
Debbie Gunther on the passing of her brother, Robert “Broda” Gunther

Relatives/Friends/Neighbors:

Peter Allen, Diane Allen’s husband
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
Richard Greer, Dave Greer’s brother
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 Scriver, 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

Mission Trip to Uganda

At the end of October, Pastor Bill will be going to Uganda for 17 days on a mission trip and it is important for our congregation to be a part of this trip. Pastor Bill would like us to develop a daily prayer book for the mission team. This will include scriptures and notes from the congregation. Please consider submitting a note for the trip. Also, he would like to raise funds from this congregation. The cost of his trip is approximately \$4,500. Any money raised beyond this will be designated to a publishing fund for future books for the seminary and/or a car for Rev. Davis Mutovu, the director and main evangelist for the Nexus Seminary. Please consider helping Pastor Bill with this important mission by submitting a note or helping to provide funds for the trip. Blessings, Dave Greer

Worship Schedule

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

- Oct 6** – Worship Service, Communion
World Communion Sunday
Oct 13 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Oct 20 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Oct 27 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Youth Group News

The first Youth Group
meeting will be on
October 20 at 2:30 p.m.

following the CROP Walk. We will meet in
the multi-purpose room. The youth group
is for 9-12 graders and will meet twice a
month on Sundays as well as other times
for special activities and service projects.

Sunday School

- Pre-K - 1st Grade in Room #207
2nd - 4th Grades in Room #209
5th - 7th Grades in Room #211
8th - 12th Grades in Room #210

Births:

Abigail Marie Benton

daughter of Matthew & Jessica Benton
granddaughter of Brad & Lynda Benton



Congratulations!

Katharine Ramseyer & Donald Burke, III

were joined in marriage on September 14

=====

U.M.M. Breakfast & Meeting
Saturday, October 26 at 8:00 a.m.
in the dining room.

Food Collection Sunday October 6

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

**Monetary donations are
also gladly accepted.**

Hands of Hope/Grief Yoga Class

On Sunday, October 6, 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. in the
BFUMC Chapel, we will be viewing the DVD
"Grief Yoga, Moving into Empowerment with
Paul Denniston" with yoga instructor Melissa
Turner and a counselor. For all yoga levels (you
may sit quietly in a chair and listen as a guided
meditation OR bring a square pillow and
exercise floor mat/towel.) A limited number of
mats available at church. Free and light
refreshments. We hope you can attend.
RSVP: Church Office (315-635-6442
or secretary@bvillefirstumc.org).

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 October 16 at 6:30 p.m. in
the church library. Refreshments served.

O.W.L.S.

Our next gathering is on Thursday, October 17
at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room. (Terry
Miller, 315-409-4063)

SAMASAN
Saturday, October 19 at 1:30 PM



Rosamond Gifford's, **Zoo-to-You**, is coming to BFUMC! A program on the topic of "Amazing Adaptations" will begin at 2:00 PM in the multi-purpose room. Plan to arrive one half hour earlier. Animals will be brought as part of the total presentation. Seating is limited. Please purchase your ticket (yes, a *real* ticket) through Jeanne Pray in Church or at the church office.

Cost is \$8.00 per person. Reservation AND payment required by Sunday, October 13. Refreshments will be served. Unfortunately, our request for an elephant was denied!

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts – October 18 & 19, 2019

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are and how you can use them in your life?



Attend the Advanced Lay Speaking Class, **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts**, at **PENNELLVILLE UMC**, 389 County Route 54 in Pennellville. Classes on are Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19. Friday's class begins with registration at 5:30 p.m.; class from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Lunch provided. Registration forms are available in the office. Completed forms can be dropped in Pastor Jeff's mailbox.



Hurricane Dorian

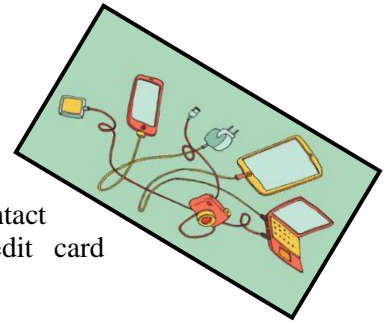
Hurricane Dorian has left a trail of devastation throughout its impact region. Please join us in prayer for those that are working to recover from this very powerful storm. We have been constantly monitoring the situation and continue to be in close contact with conference disaster response coordinators in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Solidarity grants have been awarded to UMCOR partners including the Florida and North Carolina conferences and the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church to assist with initial response efforts. You can help, too, by continuing to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Dorian and by making a donation to the response efforts.

Make checks out to BFUMC with one of the UMCOR designations listed below:

UMCOR #901670 (U.S.) or UMCOR #982450 (International)

ELECTRONIC GIVING

We have offered the ability to give to the church via electronic means for some time. However, we have added two additional ways to make giving electronically easier.



You can still fill out the paperwork available in the church office, or contact the treasurer to provide the necessary information, including credit card information or bank account information.

Our website also now contains a link!

You can access this link by going to our website: (bvillefirstumc.org) and select Online Giving. You will then be able to select the fund you wish to contribute to, such as general fund, capital campaign, UMCOR, Christmas, etc. You can easily make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation. You type in the amount of the gift, securely providing your name, address and credit card information, or you can select to have the gift made via your checking or savings account.

In addition to filling out paperwork or accessing the website, we also are offering an “app”. This app can be downloaded on an I-Phone or an Android. The name of the app is “GivePlus”. You can load this app on your phone or other device. Once you have loaded the app, you would select the church “First UMC Baldwinsville” as the recipient of the gift. Once you have set up a sign-in on the app, you are able to make gifts just as easily as via our website.

If you have any questions about any of this on-line giving, including how to load the app, etc., please contact Rev. Susan Ranous (315-427-3668) or sranousacctg@twcny.rr.com

+++++

Thanks and Praise

I wish that I could thank each of you personally for all your prayers and concerns for my son Robert over the past year. In June of 2018 he was diagnosed with a melanoma on the top of his head, which had spread to the lymph glands in his neck. Following major surgery, radiation, and months of chemotherapy, he is now cancer free. Thanks be to God! Mary Eleanor Slye

We wish to thank all our church friends for all the cards and visits to Fred during his stay at Syracuse Home. They were so special to Fred and to all of us. Thanks for the comfort and care. Special thanks to Jeff and Gordon. Judy, and all the Herbs Family

To Our Church Family,
Thank you so much for the cards and phone calls and thank you Rev. Jeff for the support through Brad’s knee surgery. It is very much appreciated. Brad & Lynda Benton



10/01 Rev. Patti Walz
10/02 Bethany Cole
10/03 Molly Derby
Katie Oyer
Shirley Eisenhower
10/05 Derrick Taylor
Jack Kenney

10/06 Barb Johnston
Nancy Burt
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
10/14 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

WOW! – Did you know . . .?

B'ville C.A.R.E.S. Hosts Back-to-School Giveaway

B'ville C.A.R.E.S., with the help of the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church and Olivia Oyer-Halen, collected pennies for sneakers all year, providing 56 children with new sneakers. The program recently held its giveaway providing school supplies, backpacks, snacks, and water. B'ville C.A.R.E.S. is a program to help families struggling with economic obstacles. The intention is to serve the population that is currently underserved.

Janet Therrien, co-chair of B'ville C.A.R.E.S.
Olivia Oyer-Halen, First United Methodist Church

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



It's not too early to start thinking about the **Children's Christmas Bazaar!** It will be held on Saturday, December 14 and children will be able to shop in secret for family and friends. Each item, regardless of size, will cost 50 cents! **We welcome the following donations! Items can be brought to the church office.**

- Gift bags – we have plenty of wrapping paper
- Tissue paper, bows, tape, and gift tags
- Gifts for men, women, and children of all ages.