

# The Visitor



## SEPTEMBER 2018

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### Summer Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
*Church Office is closed Monday, September 3*

### Beginning Tuesday, September 4

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

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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](#)



**When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:**

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

**And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:16-21 NRSV**

### *“A Sheepdogs Tale”*

It has been a beautiful summer in Baldwinsville! I have been blessed by the warm welcome and kind reception that my family and I have enjoyed as we have entered ministry here in this wonderful village. I am very excited to engage the congregation and the community this fall.

Over the summer, we have looked together at the “I AM” statements of Jesus. When God sent Moses to liberate the people of Israel enslaved in Egypt, God expressed God’s name to Moses as “I AM”. In the eighth chapter of John’s Gospel Jesus says to his detractors, “Before Abraham was, I AM!” Very striking and controversial way for an itinerant Rabbi to identify themselves!

Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will turn and study the Sermon on the Mount for several weeks. Matthew 5, 6 and 7 contains Jesus Kingdom of God Manifesto – Jesus rules for living in the Kingdom that he is ushering in.

Plan to come and join us as we take a closer look at the life Jesus intends for all who follow to live. Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will take time at 10:30 Sunday mornings to take a deeper look at the mornings sermon and ask questions about what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Come and join us for worship at 9am, stay and visit with us at 10:30am – we’ll save you a seat!

Pastor Bill

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

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I write this after wrapping up our **2018 Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School**. This year VBS welcomed 61 campers and 15 youth leaders as we experienced the ride of a lifetime with God. It was a wonderful week-long program filled with Bible stories, new friends, learning, and fun. Our campers also conducted important mission work, collecting canned goods for our **Food Pantry**, and donating health care supplies for the **Baldwinsville Volunteer Center**.

I enjoyed organizing my first VBS and would like to recognize all of those who contributed to this year's camp. We could not have served so many of God's children without you! Thank you Reverends Jeff Hodge, Gordon Knapp, Bill Mudge, and Patti Walz. Thank you VBS Guides including, David Berube, Joyce Berube, Janet Brooks, Nancy Brotherton, Barb Derby, Cheryl Metrick, George Ramseyer, Lissa Smith, Barb Stowe, Peggy Warne, Ron Waterbury, and Michael Weaver. Additionally, our VBS benefitted from the gifts of our talented youth leaders. Thank you Peyton Anderson, Mara Criollo-Rivera, Zoe-Ann Criollo-Rivera, Alex Evans, Zach Evans, Clara Derby, Morgan Hey, Shelby Hey, Maya Hewitt, Jordan Hoffman, Taylor Hoffman, Lily Horan, Jady Kantak, Noah Porter, Ella Smith, Liam Sweeney, and Leigh Zacchia. I am also grateful for the work of Sally Dayger, Carmey Evans, Frank Harris, Lisa Kane, Daniel Mackin, Julie Madden, Jeanne Pray, Susan Ranous, and Vic Walz. Special thank you to David Greer and the United Methodist Men for supporting our Family and Friends End-of-Camp Picnic.

Our camp's central Bible verse was, "*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you*" (Isaiah 43:2). I repeated those words to myself throughout the very busy week, and I could not have facilitated a camp for so many community youths without the help of volunteers. Next year we will need even more support for this important ministry. It is not too early to let me know that you are interested and to join the planning committee for next year's VBS, or for signing up to support other family ministries.

This past July we said goodbye to Ms. Piedmonte in the nursery, and **hello to Mr. Jeff Landers** – our new nursery caregiver. Jeff comes to the position with a degree in early childcare education and an active background in coaching youth sports. Feel free to bring your little ones to the church nursery during the 9 a.m. service (and 10:30 a.m. services starting on Sept. 16), or just to stop by to introduce yourself to Jeff. We also welcome nursery caregiver volunteers, please contact me if you are interested. All nursery caregivers must be at least 18 years of age and complete Safe Sanctuaries training.

I am excited that we had such a great turnout for VBS and hope to see many of our little campers return throughout the year. Currently, I am busily planning fall activities. We will have the "**Blessing of the Backpacks**" on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> (during the 9:00 a.m. service "Young Disciples Time"). Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church to receive a special blessing and small gift for the new school year. Following service, our annual kickoff event "**First Fest**" is being held at 10:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Church groups will host information tables about their activities, gatherings, and studies. Christian Education will also welcome Sunday School registrations, Trunk-or-Treat & Christmas Bazaar sign-ups, and promote other family ministries. This also affords us the opportunity to welcome our new Senior Pastor Bill Mudge and his family. Mark your calendars, as you do not want to miss this event!

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**Of continued concern:**

Diane Allen, Patricia Berry, Harold Crandon,  
Joan Foster, Fred Herbs, Jim Johnson,  
Patricia Kline, Tim Link, Mildred Long,  
Janet McIntosh, Betty Morrow, Gwen Sacia,  
Anna May Turner (home)

**At Care Facilities:**

Julie Ball – Syracuse Home  
Marian Britton – St. Camillus  
Gertrude Collins – Sedgwick Heights  
Harriet Comstock – McHarrie Pointe #407  
Isa Huntley – Cortland Park Nursing Center  
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523  
Betty Meloling – James Square  
Zora Meloling – Sedgwick Heights  
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107  
Eloise Rockwood – Parkrose Estates  
Ruth Roy – Loretto (Cunningham) #1238  
Jim Tudman - McHarrie Pointe #401  
Patricia Tudman – Syracuse Home

**Pray for our Service Men & Women:**

Jeff Coover, Brian Cunningham, James Scott  
Gibbs, Jeffrey Lucy, Dr. Kristen Lucy, Jeffrey  
Meany, Brandon Merle, Benjamin Nordmark, Jeff  
Powers, Tyler Reynolds, Peter Slye, Richard Slye

**Sympathy to:**

Rev. Larry Lundgren &  
Debbie Mott-Lundgren on the passing  
of her mother, Betty L. Mott  
Family & friends of Barbara MacPhersc.,  
Vicki Crego & family on the passing of  
her mother, Connie Davie Bauer  
Family & friends of Norma Johnston

**Relatives/Friends/Neighbors:**

Mothers & children in Texas and around the world  
Sharyn Brown, Lynda Benton's sister  
Deb Carhart, Julia Bliven's sister-in-law  
Jim Coleman, friend of Brad & Lynda Benton  
Brent Ellsworth, Candace Johnson's nephew  
E.J. Erickson, Alice Nykaza's brother  
Cindy Hawthorne, former church member  
Dana Kaiser, Donna Foster's son  
Suzanne Milliman, Gerry Foster's daughter  
Carolyn Nowicki, niece of the Kisselsteins  
Charlene Nowicki, Bonnie Kisselstein's sister  
Prudy Pray, Jeanne & Wes Pray's sister-in-law  
Robert Slye, Mary Eleanor Slye's son  
Kristin Hebblethwaite Walter,  
Judy Sugar-Giordano's niece  
Dallas & Delpha Youngman, Susan Monroe's parents

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**Sunday School** for elementary and middle school-age children, and our teen **Youth Group**, will get underway Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. While children are in class, caregivers and parents are invited to relax with coffee and refreshments in the dining room at our “Caregiver Café,” or attend peaceful worship in the Chapel. We would like to know how many children to prepare for, so please contact me by calling the church office (315-635-6442) or emailing [christianeducation@bvillefirstumc.org](mailto:christianeducation@bvillefirstumc.org) to register your child/children. We are also still looking for more teachers. If you have taken Safe Sanctuaries training and are available Sundays at 10:30 a.m., please contact me about becoming a Sunday School teacher. We have more children signing up for Sunday School, and we need at least two teachers in each classroom. This is a rewarding opportunity that supports our church family.

### **Worship Schedule**

**Sept 2** – Worship Service, Communion  
(8:00 a.m. - last Church on the Island service)

**Sept 9** – First Fest! Sunday and  
Blessing of the Backpacks at 9:00 service

**Sept 16** – 10:30 Sunday School begins  
10:30 Service begins

**Sept 23** – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Sept 30** – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 on  
Monday, September 3

#### **Church Office Normal Hours:**

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
beginning September 4

**Births:** *Anna May Turner,*  
daughter of Andrew Turner & Jennifer Luke  
granddaughter of Dan & Linda Miller

*Alexandra Jean Weaver,*  
daughter of Mike & Frankie Weaver

*Emma Joy Oppito,*  
great-granddaughter of Floyd & Kathleen VanWie  
great-great-granddaughter of Emma Dullen

#### **Anniversary Celebrations for:**

Brad & Lynda Benton (50<sup>th</sup>)  
Wes & Jeanne Pray (50<sup>th</sup>)  
Fred & Judy Herbs (60<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Food Collection Sunday ~ September 2**

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

**Monetary donations are also gladly accepted.**

### **✓ Sunday School REGISTRATION**

**DURING FIRST FEST!**

**September 9**

**Regular classes begin  
on September 16**

#### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Children of all grade levels, bring your back-  
packs to the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday,  
September 9. There will be a short blessing of  
the backpacks to jump start the journey  
through your school year.

#### **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  
meeting is September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the  
church library. Refreshments served.

#### **O.W.L.S. Luncheon**

Our next gathering is on Thursday, September  
20 at 1:00 p.m. in the church dining room.  
Vicki will be providing a spaghetti lunch. (Terry  
Miller, 315-409-4063)

#### **Eureka! Book Club**

The Eureka! Book Club will restart on  
Monday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for  
dinner and discussion in the church chapel. It  
will be a happy reunion. We are  
reading/discussing *The Book of Joy: Lasting  
Happiness in a Changing World* by Dalai Lama  
and Desmond Tutu. Please rsvp by calling the  
church office (315-635-6442) or emailing  
[christianeducation@bvillefirstumc.org](mailto:christianeducation@bvillefirstumc.org). You may  
also want to start reading *The Handmaid's Tale*  
which is the club's October book selection.



### All God's Children Have a Place in the Choir

The Adult Choir is getting ready to start another wonderful season of sharing the Gospel through music! We are always looking for more singers. I know there are some of you "hiding" in the congregation but singing your heart out to the hymns. We want YOU in the choir! Maybe you wanted to sing with us, but Thursday nights just didn't work...GREAT NEWS!! We are rehearsing on Friday evenings this year. Come join us and find a place with other people who love to sing, gather, and share their talents. Perhaps you think you might like to join us but aren't sure if you are ready to make the weekly commitment from September through June. That's OKAY, come and try it for a month and if I don't win you over...there is no pressure to stay. Either way, come join us in the choir and see why we are smiling every Sunday.

Rehearsals begin on Friday, September 7, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

And to all the youth out there...I have not forgotten about you. I want to get all the kids in the church singing. I will be coming to visit Sunday school soon to give you all an opportunity to share your voice! If you want to know more about choir...come and see me after any Sunday service. Douglas



### Fall Rummage Sale: Sept 26 - 29

Donation days: Sept. 26 & Sept. 27, 9 am to 6 pm

Sale days: September 28, 9 am to 6 pm

September 29, 9 am to 1 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 Gilbert (315-638-4653) or Marlene Fredette (315-652-6989).

**The Cheery Visitors** will be having a **Bake Sale** on Friday, September 28 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).



### SAMASAN

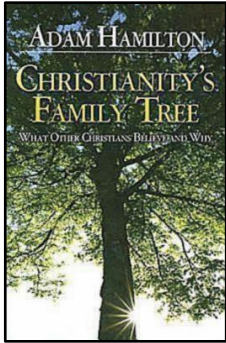
Mark your calendars for a new SAMASAN program. On Thursday, September 27, we will attend a mystery dinner theater at Spaghetti Warehouse. (This program is not available weekends. Note: the date is different than in your SAMASAN flyer.)

Arrive by 6:45 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. show. For a cost of \$37.50, there will be a

choice of 4 dinners and includes entrée, salad, bread, dessert, coffee, tea, and soft drinks, tax, tip, and the interactive theater performance of "My Dead Lady". This is open to the entire church, family, and friends. Please respond to Patty Kline, Stu Hosler, Mickie Lorenz, or Norma Widmann if you plan to attend. Payment is due by September 20. Payment may be made to any of the above or mailed to Patty Kline, 1373 County Line Road, Fulton, Ny 13059.

*Make checks payable to Norma Widmann.*

## A Book Study ~ Eight Christian Denominations



Using the book “Christianity’s Family Tree” by Adam Hamilton, a United Methodist pastor, this study is being offered for eight Wednesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. running from September 12 through October 31. He examines the traditions of Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism and Methodism. A video will help the group identify what other Christians believe and why. Please sign up early in the office so that books may be ordered for you. The cost of the books is \$10. Contact Jan Beall 635-1356 with any questions regarding the study.

### ***WOW! – Did you know . . .?***

Baker High School inducted into the National Honor Society:

***Madeline Bush, Kelsey DeLola, Maya Hewitt***

***Maya Hewitt*** earned a perfect score on the U.S. History Regents exam.

***Rachel Hewitt*** named to Le Moyne College Spring 2018 Dean’s List

***Claire McMahon*** named to spring 2018 Provost’s List at SUNY Oneonta

**Congratulations!** to ***Douglas McCall*** who has been accepted into the highly competitive Ph.D. program at Penn State’s Music Department, with a teaching assistantship and full tuition waiver! Auburn Enlarged City School District has awarded him a sabbatical for the 2018-2019 academic year (only one is awarded per year) and a Leave of Absence for the 2019-2020 academic year to complete his coursework. Doug plans to return to teaching in the Auburn school district in the Fall of 2020 and complete his dissertation to graduate with a Ph.D. in Music Education in the spring of 2022. During the two academic years of weekly commuting to State College of Pennsylvania, he plans to continue in his position as the Director of Music for the First Methodist Church of Baldwinsville. The adult choir has moved their rehearsal time to allow him to remain. He will also continue to sing here as his schedule permits. Please keep Doug and his family in your prayers as they embark on this exciting and demanding adventure!

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



09/01 Peter Morgan  
Michael Joncas  
09/02 Fran Crippen  
Marlene Fredette  
Jesse Johnson  
09/04 Brad Benton  
Evelyn Reynolds  
Jenna Hunsberger  
09/05 Norma Johnston  
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  
Joan Weber  
Jonathon Price  
Rachel Hewitt  
09/17 Scott Baldwin  
Joan Simmonds  
09/18 Craig Barrett  
Erik Bjorn  
Allison Hoffman  
09/20 Rev. Gordon Knapp  
Gary Pacheck

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

### New BFUMC Emergency Action Plan

The Administrative Council voiced their support for the new BFUMC Emergency Action Plan, developed by the Trustees. All people using the church should be prepared to follow direction in the Plan. Some key points are:

- If an alarm sounds in the church, **evacuate immediately!** *As you leave, help others needing assistance.*
- If you are the first to see a fire, pull an alarm (a small red box). Know where the alarms are.
- When you are in a safe place, call 911.
- Once evacuated, safely move to the Charlotte Street sidewalk, **beyond (west)** of the church parking lot. Stay there and be accounted for. (People with key emergency information, meet at the southwest corner of the parking lot.)

Copies of the 2-page Plan are available at the table, next the coat rack, near the church office.



### **Thanks and Praise**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the sneaker fund. We were able to meet our 2018 goal - 60 pairs of sneakers, school supplies and snacks were handed out on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

But the collection always continues for the next year so please keep checking your pockets, sofa cushions, and car seats for all those stray pennies! The penny jar is in the dining room on Sundays. Thank you!!