

# The Visitor



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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"*

**“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”** Isaiah 43:1-2, 18-19

It is a very exciting time to be part of the First United Methodist Church in Baldwinsville! As September comes up on our calendars, we have old friends returning to worship and new friends from the area joining us to see what the Lord is doing at 17 West Genesee Street! Our final Church on the Island service is September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00AM. The weather and attendance have been wonderful so far – thank-you to the pastors and the musicians and especially the COTI team that has worked so hard to make this work!

And there is much, much more going on in our church family! This summer many of our children attended Camp and our congregation generously reached out and provided support for these children and tools for ministry for the camping program. I am honored to be a pastor in this generous congregation!

This fall we will offer a new youth opportunity on Sunday afternoons. We hope that our young people can come together for fellowship and conversations and grow together in their faith journey! Look for more information as we gather on Sunday mornings! Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings will be full of exciting opportunities for children of all ages! Come and see!

In September we will launch our new Mission Initiative. On Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> disciples from Liverpool, Baldwinsville, Pennellville and Phoenix will move into the communities Northwest of Syracuse to do hands on mission work – please plan to join in the excitement!

Our church family has a faithful prayer chain that calls us to prayer and supports us spiritually. We plan to step up our prayer ministry this fall, and you are invited to participate. Perhaps you are struggling and need prayer? Perhaps you have felt the Lord nudging you to step closer spiritually – this is opportunity to move closer o God and each other.

Come and join us for worship at 9am Sunday mornings for our Heritage worship service featuring our choir and familiar hymns. If you are unable to join us in person, we are livestreaming our worship services on Facebook. There are Bible Studies and book clubs and an open chair reserved just for you! Plan to come and join us – we’ll save you a seat!

Serving Christ with You, Pastor Bill Mudge

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Rev. Jeff Hodge

September 2024



## Celebrate the the start of the School Year and all of the ministries of B'ville First UMC on Sunday, September 8

Enjoy a delicious Ice Cream Sundae and take a peek at all the ministries of BFUMC at our Sundae Sunday First Fest in the dining room and multi-purpose room on Sunday, September 8. First Fest began 17 years ago as a way of celebrating our ministries. Grab your sundae (and maybe a cookie or two) and visit all of the different tables that represent the different studies, groups, events, and ministries of our church. The event is hosted by Congregational Care & Family Ministries to help us all get a fresh, and maybe even **first look** at the ministries at **First UMC**. Be the first in line at **First Fest!**

## Bring your backpacks on September 8

Bring your backpacks for a special blessing for a special “back to school” blessing and receive our “Back to School” blessing kit during our morning Worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 8.



## Confirmation Delayed until Winter/Spring

Our Confirmation program for 2024-2025 has been re-scheduled to begin in winter/spring of 2025, with Confirmation planned for Sunday, June 8, 2025. We will follow a similar format as our original plan, with a weekend retreat that will include several learning stations, followed by a few different weeks that include small groups, a field trip, and involvement in other ministry projects.



## Eureka! at the Movies “Where the Crawdad Sings”

Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

In September, the book club goes to the movies! We will watch and discuss “Where the Crawdad Sings, based on the best-selling book of the same name by Delia Owens. The film stars Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor John Smith, and Harris Dickinson. The film is PG-13, length: 2 hrs, 15 mins.



**Of Continued Concern:**

Dave Berube, Elijah Huling,  
Jim Larmondra, Janet McIntosh,  
Ron Waterbury

**Friends & Neighbors:**

Judy Barkley, Jeanne Pray's sister  
Francis Bliven, Julia Bliven's husband  
Larry Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen  
Carolyn Dixon  
Emily Gibbs  
John Hughes, Joyce Wilkinson's brother  
Dana Kaiser, Donna Foster's son  
Rudy Kline, Pat Kline's husband  
Ian McKay, nephew of Tish & Gene Evans  
Susan Mosher, friend of Helen Stafford  
Ruby VanDuser, friend of Suzanne Ellis  
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury  
Lisa Wilson & family, Judy Herbs' niece  
Dorothy Wolfe, Joyce Berube's mother

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

Holly Abbott, Jeff Coover, Brian Cunningham,  
Casey DeLapp, Clara J. Derby,  
James Scott Gibbs, Casey Hargrave, Jeffrey Lucy,  
Dr. Kristen Lucy, Jeffrey Meany, Brandon Merle,  
Benjamin Nordmark, Tyler Reynolds, Peter Slye,  
Richard Slye



**Sympathy to:**

Lynda Benton & family on the passing of  
her sister, Sharyn Brown  
Family & friends of William Holbert  
Rev. Jeff Hodge & family on the passing of  
his stepfather, Jim Kelley  
Rev. Jeff Hodge & family on the passing of  
his brother, Craig Hodge

**Remember Those at Home and at Care Facilities:**

*Joan Foster, Mildred Long, Clara Rose Thomas*

Bill Barrett – Loretto-Cunningham #504  
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale #53  
Mary Falanga – Syracuse Home #133  
Judy Herbs – Elderwood #225D  
**Stu Hosler – Syracuse Home (PT)**  
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107  
Arleen Russ – Brookdale Bellevue #48  
Mary Eleanor Slye – McHarrie Pointe #401

**Keep our Military List Updated:**

You can call, drop off or email any military service  
updates and give an updated picture, if you would like,  
for the church dining room bulletin board.  
( 315-635-6442; [secretary@bvillefirstumc.org](mailto:secretary@bvillefirstumc.org) )

**Please Note:**

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email, please let us know at  
[secretary@bvillefirstumc.org](mailto:secretary@bvillefirstumc.org).

## Children's Ministries

Sunday School, which happens every Sunday after the Children's Moment at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, begins on Sunday, September 15! We can use your help. If you can help one or more Sundays, please sign up in the dining room or at **First Fest!**

Here are some dates to put on your calendar and events you should not miss! --

**Sunday, September 8-- Backpack Blessing** in worship at 9:00 a.m. followed by **Sundae Sunday** at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, September 8** – Sign up for Sunday School & take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about our Christian Education and Fellowship opportunities for children and families at **First Fest**.

**Sunday, September 15** -- we will **Celebrate Wonder** – our interactive Sunday School program for children ages 4 and up.

**Also, check out these Sunday morning offerings for families!**

**Nursery Care** is available in the Nursery Care Room on the first floor of the Education Wing.. For more information about the nursery and ways to help, please contact Marsha Plucinik at [Marshaplucinik@gmail.com](mailto:Marshaplucinik@gmail.com). We will also have a booth at First Fest on Sunday, September 17.

**Acolytes for 2023-2024** – We will be starting a Youth Acolyte Program this fall. For more information, meet us at our booth at First Fest on Sunday, September 8.

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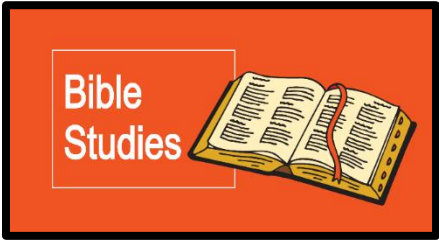
### Mission NW (Northwest)

Pastors Bill Mudge, B.J. Norrix, and the Mission NW Planning Team, would like to invite everyone to participate in **Mission NW Day** on Saturday, September 28, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Locations are yet to be determined. The Tentative Agenda:

8:30 a.m. All Meet Together for Sending Prayer + Coffee/Refreshments

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Mission Field Work/Projects

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Meet Back at Church, Sharing/Listening Session, Lunch and Blessing Prayer



**Disciple 1 New Testament Bible Study**

In the United Methodist Church tradition, Christians become more committed Disciples of Jesus through Bible study. This is the perfect time for you to join this study. We will begin the New Testament study on Monday, September 16 at 1 PM at our church. Please be a part of this spiritual-deepening experience. God is calling! George Ramseyer, 315-720-6184, [ramseyerg@gmail.com](mailto:ramseyerg@gmail.com)

**Men’s Bible Study**

The **Pauline Epistles** were written by Paul to guide early Christians and provide valuable insight into modern-day Christian living. Beginning Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. George Ramseyer (315-720-6184) and David Horan (315-638-2407).



**Join us for the BNS 50th Birthday Bash!**

Saturday, September 21

Magician, Balloon Animals, Cake, Crafts and more!

Celebrate with us at a free party brimming with fun!

Begins at 1:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

Bring friends and family!

**Chicken BBQ Fundraiser**



The church thanks all the volunteers who helped at our last BBQ chicken plate fundraiser. It was a fun and joyful day! Our next BBQ chicken sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 28. We are again asking for volunteers to assist in this sale. This solicitation is for the entire congregation who would like to help. If you are able to assist, please notify the church office (315-635-6442; [secretary@bvillefirstumc.org](mailto:secretary@bvillefirstumc.org)) or Alan Lindsey (315-857-4609; [awlsr@hotmail.com](mailto:awlsr@hotmail.com)). Thank you for your

consideration in this matter.

## Church Giving

If you are not in church, you can continue supporting our church using automatic payments on your on-line bank account or the church's on-line payment system.

Using your bank's on-line bill payment feature, you can set up an automatic payment where your bank sends a check to the church. You control the frequency and amount of the payment. Simply use Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church, 17 W. Genesee Street, Baldwinsville NY 13027, indicate the amount and frequency of payment. Most banks do not charge you any additional cost for this feature.

The church also has an on-line payment system thru VANCO. Go to the on-line church's website [www. https://www.bvillefirstumc.org](https://www.bvillefirstumc.org) and on the right-side column press 'Online Giving – Make a Donation'. You set up your account and make your donation to the general fund or other areas listed. You will go to a screen where you can enter the amount, frequency of payment and if you want to pay using a bank account or credit card. You will have the option to offset the charge the church incurs for this system.

If you prefer to use a mobile device (cell phone), use the following QR code and it will take you to the on-line payment system from VANCO. Follow the same procedure to set up your contribution as the on-line system. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z7C7/home>  
For more information, contact Rocky Maxwell, Chair of Finance Committee (315) 488-5700. Thank you for supporting our church.



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## L'Arche Syracuse

**We're Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Come celebrate with us!**

**Who:** L'Arche Syracuse

**What:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**When:** October 11, 2024

**Where:** LeMoyne College at the Campus Center  
The James Commons & Curtain Special Event Room

**Time:** 5:00pm – 9:00pm

**Price:** \$50.00 per person

Our very own Ian Nordmark is a member of L'Arche Syracuse and has been helping out in the church office for many years now with his wonderful shredding machine. Thank you, Ian!

For more information, please reach out to our office at (315) 479-8088.



09/01 Michael Joncas  
 09/02 Owen Hudson  
       Jesse Johnson  
       Fran Crippen  
       Marlene Fredette  
 09/03 Susan Bednar  
 09/04 Evelyn Reynolds  
       Jenna Hunsberger  
 09/06 Tim Evans

09/10 Sharon Cook  
 09/11 Chuck Anderson  
       Paul Dreher-Wiberg  
 09/12 Jennifer Sterbak  
 09/13 Jenoyce Wooldridge  
       Rachel Hewitt  
       Jonathon Price  
 09/17 Kevin Zacchia  
       Scott Baldwin  
       Joan Simmonds  
 09/18 Craig Barrett  
       Allison Hoffman

09/20 Rev. Gordon Knapp  
       Gary Pacheck  
 09/23 Wayne Gilbert  
       Amanda Gilbert  
       Katharine Burke  
       Valerie Dreher-Caldwell  
       Judi Dreher-Wiberg  
 09/24 Lisa Phelps  
 09/25 Melinda Kenney  
 09/27 Jonah Kantak  
 09/28 Collin Opleton  
       Rob Scott  
 09/30 Linda Horan

## RUMMAGE



**Donation days:** October 2 & 3, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Sale days:** October 4, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bake Sale (*Friday only*) 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 and

October 5, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (\$4 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. Please call Dave Horan (315-415-0229) or Ron Berry (315-635-4321).

Thank you and 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.**