

# The Visitor



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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

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

[Church Calendar](#)



**From the Pastors Desk**

*"A Shepdogs Tale"*

**"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Psalm 121**

I have been thinking about the first Sunday that we will be allowed back into our building to worship. It probably is not an exaggeration to say that I have been a bit obsessed with it! I have missed our church family, the smiles, the songs, the children, the entire extended family of the Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church!

When we decided to close our sanctuary and worship on line, we did so reluctantly, but believing fully that it was the safest most loving decision that we could make. Since then, over 125,000 Americans have died due to Covid-19, and best estimates are over 500,000 worldwide. Staggering number.

Now, we are preparing to reopen our sanctuary for corporate worship. We have made this decision with the same prayer and caution that has guided us to date. We plan to continue to offer our 9:00 AM and new 11:00 AM services on line. Many of our saints will likely not feel safe returning to corporate in person worship right away, and we have attracted a significant number of new worshippers from distant locations, and various times during the week that the internet option allows. Imagine, young people in Uganda gathered last Sunday to worship with us! A friend who is not available Sunday mornings joins us faithfully at his convenience on line! With God's help, we will continue this mission.

We will obey all of the rules and restrictions set out by the State of New York and our United Methodist denominational leaders. We are not required to agree with them, or like them, but we will comply as best we are able. I am confident that even with some restrictions and inconveniences, the Spirit of the Lord and many of our dearest loved ones will be present!

To that end, I ask you to self-regulate and protect yourself and our most vulnerable populations. If you are running a temperature or have been exposed to Covid-19, please seek medical attention and join us on the on line platform for worship. We love you, and want to care for you where needed. If you need meals or transportation, please contact the church office so we can help.

Please plan to arrive early for any worship opportunity. We will ask you to register when you arrive, use hand sanitizer and wear a mask. We will keep appropriate social distancing and care for each other while we are allowed to be together.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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July - August 2020



**CHURCH ON THE ISLAND**  
*SUMMER 2020*  
JUNE 28 thru AUGUST 30

Each week at 8:00 a.m., we celebrate worship with an inclusive, informal, non-denominational 30-minute service on Papermill Island in Baldwinsville. Our worship time focuses on joy, hope and an uplifting message. Please bring your chair and join us. During our pandemic crisis, you are required to wear a mask during worship and will be asked to provide contact tracing information.

Even in the midst of difficult times – or perhaps, it is better said – especially in these difficult times – we find comfort in gathering as a community in this beautiful setting for a time of worship and reflection.

### Guest Preachers

June 28	Rev. Jeff Hodge, First UMC, Baldwinsville/Pennellville UMC
July 5	Rev. Bill Mudge, First UMC, Baldwinsville
July 12	To be scheduled
July 19	Rev. Hannah Benedict, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Baldwinsville
July 26	Rev. Jeff Hodge, First UMC, Baldwinsville/Pennellville UMC
August 2	Rev. B. J. Norrix, Syracuse United Methodist Churches
August 9	Rev. Bill Mudge, First UMC, Baldwinsville
August 16	To be scheduled
August 23	Rev. Mike Grinnals, Plainville Christian Church, United Church of Christ
August 30	Rev. B. J. Norrix, Syracuse United Methodist Churches

Pastor Jeff  
Associate Pastor of Congregational Care & Family Ministries



**Of continued concern:**

Rev. Voigt Archer, Harold Crandon, Helen Falge,  
Sally Graham, Pat Stone

**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  
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936 ??  
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #419  
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #334  
Martha Gridley – Keepsake Village @ Green Point  
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #523  
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:**

Family & friends of Barbara Kidd  
Family & friends of Rev. Dr. Paul Darnell  
Eileen & Ray Rice on the passing of her mother,  
Afton Elhage  
Gary & Esther Pacheck on the passing of his brother,  
Leo A. Pacheck  
Family & friends of Marion Britton

**Friends & Neighbors:**

*Kathy Thomas, Mary Thomas' granddaughter-in-law  
a local nurse volunteering to help in NYC*

Peter Allen, Diane Allen's husband  
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  
Scott Kent, Diane Eastman's brother  
Nola Marotta, friend of Diane Nolan  
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother  
Linda Munson, Marsha Plucinik's sister-in-law  
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,  
Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter  
Judy Scott, friend of the Benton's  
Zachary Thomas, Mary Thomas' grandson  
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury  
Kristin Hebblethwaite Walter,  
Judy Sugar-Giordano's niece  
Leona Vallier, cousin of Pam Fallesen

There will not be any choral singing at first, no hymns, our offering plates will be stationed in the back of the sanctuary and we will not distribute bulletins. All of the readings and scriptures will be projected on our screen.

Come and join us for Church on the Island at 8AM Sunday morning at 9AM for our Heritage worship service in the sanctuary, or at 11AM for our new Contemporary service featuring Nairobi Smith leading worship in the downstairs Multi-Purpose Room. We'll save you a socially distanced seat. (the 9AM and 11AM services will be live streamed and available on Facebook and YouTube)

Serving Christ with You, Pastor Bill Mudge

**WOW! – Did you know . . .?**

**2020 GRADUATES**

**C.W. Baker High School**

Abby Barker (Jerry Barker & Joni Ellsworth)

Dylan Bramble (Grandparents: Vince & Roxine Weisbrod)

Zachary Evans (Tim & Carmey Evans)

David Hildreth (Jennifer Hildreth)

Jordan Hoffman (Shelley Hoffman)

Jared Katak (Jason & Jill Katak, Grandmother: Joyce Wilkinson)

Kerri Lynn Lewis (Grandparents: Ray & Linda Honicker and the late Robert Spence)

Frances Monroe (Tod & Susan Monroe)

**Cicero-North Syracuse H.S.**

Sasha Korycinski (Grandmother: Janet Wojnovich)

**Monroe City H.S., Monroe City, MO**

Kayla Mary Spence, Salutatorian (Grandparents: Ray & Linda Honicker and the late Robert Spence)

**Ithaca College**

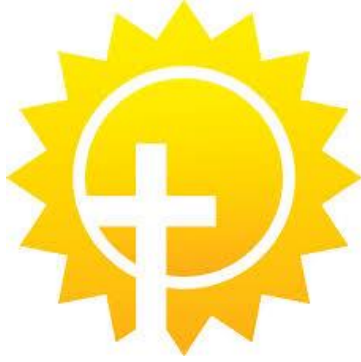
Ashley Weaver, Degree in Accounting (Grandparents: Don & Sue Vanderveer)

**SUNY Oswego**

Kevin G. Lewis, Bachelor in Business Management (Grandparents: Ray & Linda Honicker and the late Robert Spence)

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





**BFUMC**

# ***Let the Sonshine In!***

Engaging – Entertaining – Exciting – Educational  
VBS experience!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Baldwinsville UMC's 2020 Vacation Bible School will be held entirely online this summer. We will produce one video a week in August and post on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. It will be fun with the SON as we discover the joy of following Jesus Christ. Every week a new VBS lesson will appear in the VBS Group Page of BFUMC. Join the page now and get ready to share the light – and “Let the Sonshine In!”

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## **Thanks and Praise**

Hi, I hope you get to start up the services of the church soon. Congratulations to all seniors and their families! I miss everyone but Alice keeps me informed. God be with you with the Corona-19 closings. I am better, just waiting to get out again. Love, Diane Allen

Thank you to our wonderful church family for all the cards and well-wishes we received when we lost our mother, Jean Disinger. We are truly blessed to have had her in our lives for so many years. Barb Stowe, Sue Vanderveer & families

A big thank you to everyone for cards and calls concerning my sister's passing. Also, many thanks for cards and prayers relating to Voigt's illness. God Bless! Beverly Archer



**Summer Worship Schedule**

**9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary & 11:00 a.m. in the MP Room**

***Church on the Island***  
**at 8:00 a.m. - through August 30**  
**at the Papermill Island Amphitheater**

**Eureka! Book Club – Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

We will meet outdoors (weather permitting; Rain date: Tuesday, July 28) for an in-person meeting. We will share “What I read during the Pandemic”, sharing your favorite reads during time of quarantine. Please bring your chair. If you want to share, we encourage you to: 1. Give a brief description of the book 2. Why you read it/enjoyed it/ share it 3. Two or three inspirational highlights to share. We will not share a meal, but it will be an opportunity for us to be together again.

**Message from Pastor Jeff:**

Friends, it has been so nice to see more and more of our faith community in person as different activities re-open to in-person contact. I pray that you will join in those activities where you feel most comfortable. Church on the Island at 8:00 a.m., BFUMC in the sanctuary at 9:00 p.m., Church in the Car at 10:00 a.m. in Pennellville, and BFUMC Contemporary Worship at 11:00 a.m. offer us many opportunities to be together. Our Eureka! Meeting will also be different, gathering outdoors and focusing on sharing about our favorite recent reads, but it will be so nice to be together again. I invite you to do what works best for you but look forward to seeing you soon.

In grace and peace, **Jeff**



07/01 Michael Kasprzak  
07/04 Wes Pray  
Oscar Jensen  
Justin Taylor  
07/05 Tyler Reynolds  
Kyra Phelps  
07/07 Summer Austin  
Micah Johnson  
07/08 Darren Gilbert  
Elijah Bahamonde  
Jay Scarson-Barrett

07/09 Amanda Lawrence  
07/10 Sarah Hudson  
Renee Bouchard  
Ezra Oyer  
07/11 Leah Bahamonde  
07/12 Jonathon Alfieri  
07/13 Timothy Link  
Dorothy Clary  
07/14 Susan Lawrence  
07/15 Jennifer Hildreth  
07/17 Dave Greer  
James Austin  
07/19 David Metrick  
Joyce Berube  
Timothy Horan  
07/20 Jolene Hurley  
Capri Hartman  
Gene Evans

07/21 Tammy Falconer  
Liam Sweeney  
Karen Witter  
Pete Simmonds  
07/23 Sophia Cavaliere  
07/24 Sarah Jennings  
Claire McMahon  
07/26 Cindy Bartlett  
07/27 Karen Smith  
Zach Evans  
Tim Miller  
07/28 Eleanor Kieskowski  
07/29 Mary Thomas  
07/31 William Falconer  
Arleen Russ  
Andrew Johanson  
Rebecca Jensen



08/02 Elizabeth Noll  
Terry Miller  
08/03 Ethan Pacheck  
08/04 Ali Niemiec  
Lily Horan  
Linda Froats  
08/06 Joseph Monaco  
08/07 Drew Picco  
08/08 Olivia Ransiear  
Kaitlyn Dodge  
08/11 Carl Kristeller

08/12 Colton Hartman  
Tehya Johnson  
Kevin Prgent  
Janet Knapp  
08/13 Lyra Sweeney  
Scott Hudson  
08/15 Cheryl Metrick  
Chuck Brooks  
08/16 Elijah Huling  
08/19 Madison Price  
08/20 Janet Brooks  
08/21 Emily Thompson  
08/22 Jack Ferguson

08/23 Clara Rose Thomas  
Jan Beall  
08/24 Jordie Reed  
Leigh Zacchia  
08/26 Amanda Hartman  
Kay Davidson  
08/27 Thomas Derby  
David Marsell  
08/28 Harlow Kisselstein  
08/29 Virginia Guy  
Susan Ranous  
Elizabeth Hildreth  
08/30 Carmey Evans