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**The Stepping Stone**  
**NOVEMBER 2018**

*"Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. **2** Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— **3** who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, **4** who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, **5** who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."*

- Psalm 103:1-5

Dear Church Family,

There is nothing more important than giving thanks and praise to God. God does so much for us we ought to be in a constant attitude of praise. Psalm 103 is one of my favorites and it is a reminder of the faithfulness of God. I encourage you to read through it in an attitude of prayer. We are a blessed people. We have been given so much let's be sure to give God the praise and glory.

I want to say thank you to all the individuals who took thanksgiving bags and filled them for families in need. This was a huge success this year and the gifts of cash that came into provide gift cards was incredible. You are the hands and feet of Christ in action thank you for your faith filled support.

In just a few short weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. This is a wonderful time of the year to give thanks and praise to almighty God. On **Monday, November 19th at 7pm** we will be worshipping with the post refugee congregations. There will be choirs offering praise to God and we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. I hope that you will come and bring your family and friends as we worship and give thanks to God. We will be receiving an offering for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) flood relief that evening. Please come prepared to give generously. There is much need throughout our country.

In addition to this being an evening of thanks and praise it will also serve as a remembrance service. We will be remembering the saints who have gone onto glory this past year. Please call the office with the name of your loved ones so we may remember them at this service.

Again, thank you for being a faith filled people and I look forward to worshipping with you at our thanksgiving service. I hope and pray that you and your family are blessed this thanksgiving. If there is anything I can do to help make this thanksgiving a day of blessing for you and your family please call me at the office or my home (315) 314-6595. I welcome your call and hope to be able to serve you as your pastor. God Bless and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

*Rev. Daniel T. Bradley*

# DRUSS KUSUSI

## DRUSS KUSUSI -

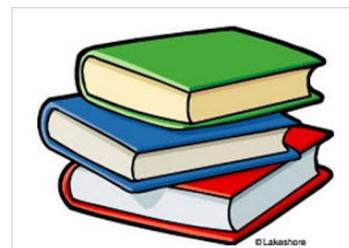
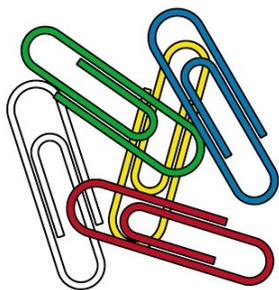
### A program that tutors our New World Ministries children

Druss Kususi has been very active. We have had 7-12 children each week . Every week we work on writing and reading comprehension as well as Math and whatever homework they may bring. We have also been having fun cooking with Debbie Riggall now that we have been able to use the kitchen. Red Velvet cookies were our first adventure and we made chicken curry soup this week. Some of the kids found the cookies to be too sweet as they were frosted. The soup was really good and we discussed ways we could adapt the recipe depending on what we had in the house.

It would be helpful to have some more tutors. If you have any interest in working with children to improve their academic skills please consider joining us. You don't need to be there every week if you are unable. We follow the school schedule and cancel for the weeks that they are out of school. You can be assigned to work with one or a small group of kids. A teaching background isn't required and is unnecessary to work with the younger children. A background check is required and a sincere desire to help children is needed.

If you aren't able or interested in working with children we can always use donations. We provide a simple morning snack and lunch during the program. Most of the time the children don't wake up in time for breakfast at home and come in hungry. They also really appreciate having a meal before they leave. Donations of juice boxes – the larger size and only 100% juice please, Pop Tarts – preferably Cinnamon and sugar, S'Mores, Strawberry with frosting; paper plates, cups, plastic knives, forks and spoons are helpful. . Make sure your donations are clearly labeled for Druss Kususi so that they get to the correct place.

If you have any questions please contact Kathy LaDuca.



# upcoming EVENTS



## DATES TO REMEMBER: NOVEMBER

- 1st - ALL SAINTS DAY, recognized on 4th
- 4th - 25th - Stewardship Campaign
- 11th - Veteran's Day
- 12th - Blood Drive 3-7
- 22nd - Thanksgiving Day!
- 25th - ONE Service & Potluck luncheon



### **Christmas Family Night**

Sunday, December  
9th 4 - 7 PM

@ Faith Journey UMC

Come join us for crafts, a story, caroling, food and fellowship as we celebrate the coming of our Savior.



### **THANKSGIVING DAY!**

NOVEMBER 22nd

1st Rule: Thank the Lord for all things. What are you Thankful for?

2nd Rule: Eat lots of food and take a nap.

3rd Rule: Watch football

4th Rule: Play games and get ready for Christmas!

5th Rule: Eat more food!



### **Stewardship Campaign - A Way of Living**

What is stewardship? Is it only knowing how to look after finances? No. Being a good steward means to learn the art of helping, loving and caring for others. Good stewardship is living in peace, joy and harmony so that our lives are a tribute to good and God. We must look after what God has given us. Nothing truly belongs to



*Sounds  
of the  
Season*

### **Maryna Mazhukhova**

"Maryna and Friends" present 9th Annual Holiday Music Celebration.

**When:** Friday, November 30th @ 7 pm

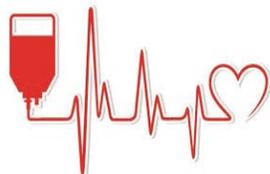
**Where:** Pitcher Hill Community Church. Donation: \$10

### **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

November 14th @ 7p.m., Clay

### **DRUM CIRCLE**

November 13th @ 6 p.m., Clay



Upcoming Blood Drive, Monday, November 12th from 3:00-7:00 pm @ Faith Journey UMC. We are always in need of baked items and volunteers, so, if you want to donate your time or a baked item, please contact Beth Jordan @315-657-5701 or fjoffice@fjumc.org. Thank you for your support.

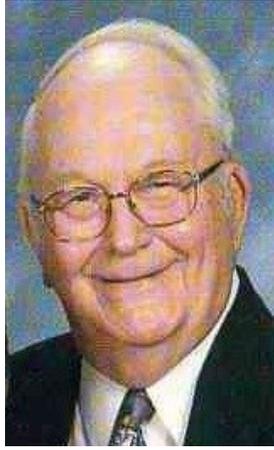


# All Saints Day!

Within United Methodist theology, a saint is one who reveals the nature of Christ in the way they live, or have lived. It is our tradition that on this day, we will remember those of our congregation who have gone to eternal life within the past year.



Ethel Moncrief  
Painted Post, NY.  
1919 - 2018



Carey Hatch  
North Syracuse, NY.  
1922 - 2018



Jean Cunninham  
Baldwinsville, NY.  
1923 - 2018



"Penny" Vosburgh  
Syracuse, NY.  
1926 - 2018



"Jackie" Abriel  
North Syracuse, NY.  
1928 - 2018

*In Loving Memory*



Albert A. Hampton, Jr.  
Liverpool, NY.  
1929 - 2018



Mary Severin  
Syracuse, NY.  
1931 - 2018



Betty Shannon  
Syracuse, NY.  
1931 - 2018



Becky Simmons  
Vernon City, NY.  
1947 - 2018



Cheryl Osher  
North Syracuse, NY.  
1967 - 2018



**November** is the eleventh and penultimate month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars, the fourth and last of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the fifth and last of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln, declared the last Thursday of November to be a National Day of [Thanksgiving!](#)

# November is...



- Adoption Awareness Month
- Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month
- American Diabetes Month
- National Blog Posting Month
- COPD Awareness Month
- Crohn's & Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Month
- Epilepsy Awareness Month
- Fun with Fondue Month
- Georgia Pecan Month
- Holy Souls in Purgatory Month
- Homeless Youth Awareness Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Model Railroad Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- No Shave November
- National Novel Writing Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- Peanut Butter Lover's Month
- Pepper Month
- Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month
- National Pomegranate Month
- Prematurity Awareness Month
- Raisin Bread Month
- Real Jewelry Month



# Quotes

"November always seemed to me the Norway of the year."  
- **Emily Dickinson**

"November comes and November goes,  
With the last red berries and the first white snows.

With night coming early and dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket and frost by the gate.

The fires burn and the kettles sing,  
And earth sinks to rest until next spring."  
- **Elizabeth Coatsworth**

"November's sky is chill and drear,  
November's leaf is red and sear."  
- **Sir Walter Scott**

"Over the river and through the wood,  
To grandfather's house we go;  
The horse knows the way  
To carry the sleigh,  
Through the white and drifted snow."  
- **Lydia Maria Child, Thanksgiving Day (1845)**



# NOVEMBER BABIES





# DROP-IN DAYS!!

Need something for your child to do on these **NO SCHOOL** days?

**Dates:** Nov. 6th & Nov. 12th

**Hours:** 8a.m - 12p.m., 1p.m. - 5p.m. or 8a.m - 5p.m.

Pre-K to sixth graders are welcome to spend some or all their day at Faith Journey United Methodist Church. We have supervised games, crafts, outdoor play and seasonal themed activities planned.

The cost is \$25/half day or \$50/whole day. Family rates are available.

**Registration is required. Contact us 315-652-9186/fjoffice@fjumc.org**

## Do you want to sing or play an instrument?

We are welcoming anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument to join the worship team during the 9:30 service. Practice is every Sunday morning at 9:00am in the sanctuary. Please contact Jake Melnyk at [roadoutofhere@gmail.com](mailto:roadoutofhere@gmail.com) for more information.



# Southern Sudan Health Project

**Southern Sudan Health Project**

We are still collecting funds and donations.

Thank you to all who donate on a regular basis. God Bless.

# Recipes



# I WANT YOUR RECIPES

Do you have a favorite recipe that you love to share with others, your favorite grandma's pie, aunt's cake, or your own creation that is absolutely amazing? Then I would love to have that recipe. You can email me with information at [fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto:fjoffice@fjumc.org) or call me with information @315-652-9186. Don't miss out on sharing...and if we get enough recipes then we can make a FJUMC Recipe Book. Can't wait to see all the delicious items! Thank you!

## Recipe by: Mary Ellen Pasternak - Dilled Garden Salad

### INGREDIENTS

#### SALAD:

- 2 med. tomatoes, cut bite size
- 1 small cucumber, slice thin
- 1 small onion, thinly slice
- 1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives
- 4 oz. mozzarella cheese, cubed 1/2 inch.

#### VINAIGRETTE:

- 1/4 cup veg. or olive oil
- 2 tbsp. white wine vinegar
- 1 to 2 tbsp. chopped fresh dill weed.
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

### DIRECTIONS

#### STEP 1:

Place all salad ingredients *except* cheese cubes in serving bowl; toss lightly.

#### STEP 2:

Whisk together all vinaigrette ingredients in bowl. Pour over salad; toss well. Refrigerate at least 4 hours to blend flavors. Stir in cheese just before serving.



Do **YOU** want to be on the FJUMC email list? Please contact the church office at [fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto:fjoffice@fjumc.org). If you know of someone else who like to be added, please have them contact Mechele Wright at church office 315-652-9186 or email.

Our "Stepping Stone" newsletter will be sent to everyone on the email list, rather than through the post office. If you would rather receive the newsletter in the mail, please contact church office.

# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>2</b> 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	<b>3</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
<b>4</b> <b>Stewardship Campaign</b> 6 PM - Worship Planning mtg.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building 1 PM - Marcy Circle @ Clay 7 PM - Ministries Council Mtg. @ Clay	<b>9</b> 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	<b>10</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building.
<b>11</b> <b>Stewardship Campaign</b>	<b>12</b> 3-7 PM Blood Drive @ Clay 2 PM - Memorial Committee Mtg. @ Clay	<b>13</b> 6 PM - Drum Circle @ Clay, bring food donation	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM SPPRC mtg. 7 PM Church Conference	<b>15</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>16</b> 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	<b>17</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
<b>18</b> <b>Stewardship Campaign</b>	<b>19</b> 7 PM - Thanksgiving Worship Service.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving - Office Closed	<b>23</b> 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	<b>24</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
<b>25</b> <b>Stewardship Campaign</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 PM - "Maryna and Friends" present 9th Annual Holiday Music Celebration - Pitcher Hill \$10 donation.	

## Sunday Services Schedule

9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship @ Clay  
 11 AM - Traditional Worship @ Clay  
 12:30 PM - Traditional Worship @ Pitcher Hill Community Church at 605 Bailey Rd. in N Syracuse



# Fun Stuff!

## SMILES: Jesus' Style:

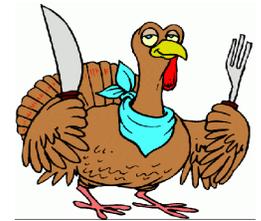
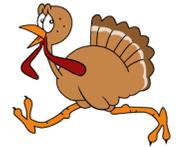
Two well worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas , Atlantic City ," he said. "I even want on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?" "Oh," said the one dollar bill, "I've been to the Methodist church, the Episcopal church, the Lutheran church." "What's a church?" asked the twenty.

## Do you know the answer?

1. In what city was Jesus born?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
4. Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus?
5. How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves of bread and two fish?
6. After Jesus was arrested, which apostle disowned him three times?
7. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?
8. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion?
9. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
10. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?
11. Who is the author of the Book of Revelation?
12. Matthew was a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. To what city was Saul traveling when he encountered a great and blinding light?

## Answers:

1. Bethlehem
2. 27
3. Locusts
4. Peter and Andrew
5. 5000 men
6. Peter
7. Simeon
8. Joseph of Arimathea
9. Malta
10. 2 John
11. John
12. Tax collector
13. Damascus



*I will praise  
the name  
of God  
with a song,  
and will  
magnify him with*  
**THANKSGIVING**

*Psalms 69:30*





## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

"Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

- Job 22:21 (KJV)



## FALL COOKING!

It's that time of year y'all!

Are you ready for Thanksgiving? I certainly am, it's my favorite time of year, all of the leaves are falling, I bake all kinds of goodies, turkey is being prepared and all of the side dishes. We have a tradition in the house, on Thanksgiving evening, my husband bakes cookies and we all decorate our tree and drink hot chocolate. It's so much fun. What's your tradition?

### Sage rubbed Roasted Turkey

- 1 whole turkey, (12 to 14 pounds), fresh or frozen, thawed
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons Sage
- 1 tablespoon Lawry's® Seasoned Salt
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper



### Directions:

1. Place oven rack in lowest position. Preheat oven to 325°F. Place roasting rack in shallow roasting pan. Mix seasonings in small bowl.
2. Place turkey, breast-side up, in prepared pan. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the seasoning mixture inside turkey. Brush turkey breast with oil. Spread remaining seasoning mixture over entire surface and under skin of turkey. Add 1/2 cup water to pan. Cover turkey loosely with heavy duty foil.
3. Roast 1 hour. Remove foil. Roast 2 to 2 1/2 hours longer or until internal temperature reaches 165°F (175°F in thigh), basting occasionally with pan juices. Remove turkey from oven. Let stand 20 minutes. Transfer to platter or carving board and slice. Reserve pan juices to make gravy or to serve with turkey.

# LATEST NEWS!

## MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle, November 8th at Faith Journey UMC @ 1:00p.m.



\*\* Don't forget that on November 4th @ 2a.m. Sunday morning you need to set clocks back one hour!

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mechele Wright - November 10th (celebrating her 50th!)

Beth Jordan - November 15th

If you see these ladies please tell them Happy Birthday!



### Conversation & Refreshments

When: Tuesday, Nov. 13th

Time: 1p.m.

Who: Retired persons & older

Where: Faith Journey UMC, 8396 Morgan Rd.

Fellowship Hall (back of building) 315-652-9186

\*\* Bring a friend or caretaker and enjoy some special time together.

## Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served



What is a Veteran? A "Veteran", whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve is someone who at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to, and including his or her life."

We THANK YOU for your service!



We have heard the need and FJUMC is answering the plea. There are two ways to you can help:

One Way - The UNY Mission Central Hub at the conference center on Henry Clay has buckets and supplies and they need volunteers to fill the buckets.

Second Way - Fill a bucket (as a family, church committee or with friends) and bring the bucket to church and we can get them transported to the conference center. List of items on table in lobby and bulletin board. Please contact Minnie Jordan or church office if you have questions @ 315-652-9186.



During the month of October the unit has been called We Are Family. We studied Family Blessings (Jacob and Esau), Joseph and His Brothers, Moses and his Sister, and Sisters (Martha and Mary). Many of the experiences and feelings Biblical families have are the same ones we have. November's unit will be Different Kinds of Families – Naomi and Ruth; Hannah Samuel and Eli; The Widow and her Sons; and Esther and Mordecai.

We continue to have one to three children at Clay. We enjoy worksheets and crafts before we go into church for Children's Time

### [Nepali Sunday School](#)

The Nepali group continues to be a big one. They have many younger children as well as school age so their attention span is often shorter.

### [Karenni Sunday School](#)

The Karennis have anywhere from 7-15 children. We work on worksheets and crafts when we have time. They continue to enjoy challenging each other to see who can complete the worksheets first and accurately.

### [New World Ministry Sunday School](#)

The Sudanese have between 5-10 children. We sing, read the Bible story, work on the worksheets and offer the craft to those who enjoy doing it.

### [Clay Sunday School](#)

The Clay Sunday School continues to have a number of children each week. In addition, there are usually younger ones for the nursery. We enjoy spending time working on the worksheets together and doing the craft. All school age children participate and preschoolers who are interested sometimes listen to the story or color a worksheet. If you are interested in helping with any of the Sunday Schools or are available to sub when one of the teachers is away please contact Kathy LaDuca.

# Cradle & Beyond New Building

## 7778 Brewerton Road

### Update on the C&B building

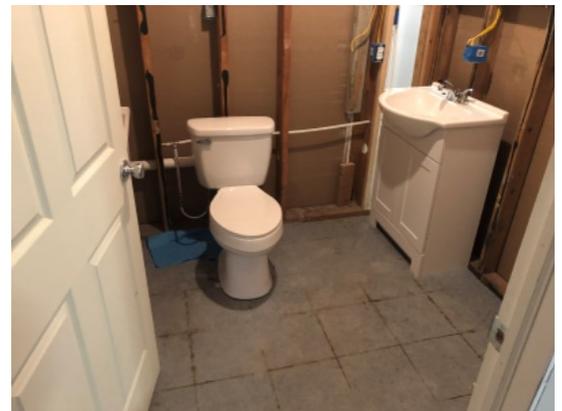
Work continues, thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who give their time to help this vision come to fruition. We now have a working bathroom and a donor has come forward to pay to have the sheetrock finished (thanks so much). We have three bids for the driveway and are moving forward with identifying ways to get this installed. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers as we work to envision how to finish and utilize this space. Here is a list of the latest progress.



Do you have some extra time this summer? Work days continue on Thursday and Saturdays 9:00 - noon with a few other days mixed in during the week. We have a tentative

goal of being ready to open for the Back-to-School season, but we need more help. All talents and abilities are welcome to help out. Please contact the office 315-652-9186 or Mike Jordan 315-657-4199 if you have time to offer.

Working bathroom



Front wall facing Rt. 11



A/C & Furnace installed



Lights on outside building





For the month of **NOVEMBER** we will be handing out and collecting Thanksgiving Bags. Faith Journey will fill with food for Thanksgiving time. Each bag has a list of items to be purchased, and an envelope asking for \$10 for the purchase of meat for the meal. Thank you for helping out this holiday season.

### Empty Laundry Detergent Bottles

We are Collecting Empty laundry detergent bottles for St. Rose of Lima food pantry. They will refill the bottles with homemade detergent and give them out in their food pantry.



## *Seek*

We *seek* God’s presence in our lives, to help others in their relationship with God, and to strive to see God’s work through all people.

## *Serve*

We *serve* God through missions, encourage everyone on their spiritual journey, and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

## *Share*

We create opportunities for all to share their gifts and talents, and demonstrate openness, acceptance, and hospitality.

## *God With Others*

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(315) 458-0890

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### Faith Journey UMC Staff:

Pastor Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

Kathy LaDuca - Christian Education

Kristy Lee Hochenberger - Preschool Teacher

Maryna Mazhukhova - Musician

Daniel Williams - Musician

Jake Melnyk - Musician

Mechele Wright - Administrative Assistant

Custodian– Sean Townsend