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^{11:7} Then¹¹ they brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks¹² on it, and he sat on it. ¹³ ^{11:8} Many spread their cloaks on the road and others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ^{11:9} Both those who went ahead and those who followed kept shouting, “*Hosanna!* ¹⁴ *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*” ¹⁵ ^{11:10} Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Dear Friends,

For the past five weeks of Lent we have been following Mark’s Gospel. We have witnessed Jesus do miraculous things and we have learned what it means to ‘pay it forward.’

We are about to enter Holy Week and follow the events that led up to Jesus betrayal and crucifixion. That is the hard news of the week. The good news is this; Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

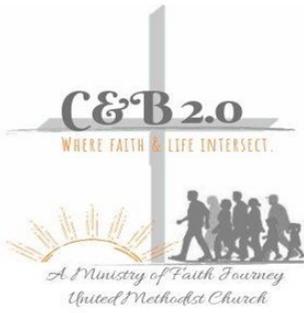
This Easter Sunday we will bear witness to the resurrection as we celebrate with a sunrise service – gather at the crosses at 6:30am. There will be a pancake breakfast to follow in our remodeled fellowship hall. This will be a great time to gather and celebrate Jesus. We will also have our 10:00am service which will feature our Bell Choir and other special music.

The pandemic may have kept us from gathering last Easter, but it will not keep us from celebrating our faith and love in Jesus this year. Let’s gather together and worship the king of Kings. You and your family are constantly in my prayers. Give glory to God this easter and shout, “Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Happy Easter!

God Bless,

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley



Cradle & Beyond 2.0

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Location:

7778 Brewerton Rd.
 Cicero, NY 13039
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 and next to Dunkin Donuts)

Store hours:

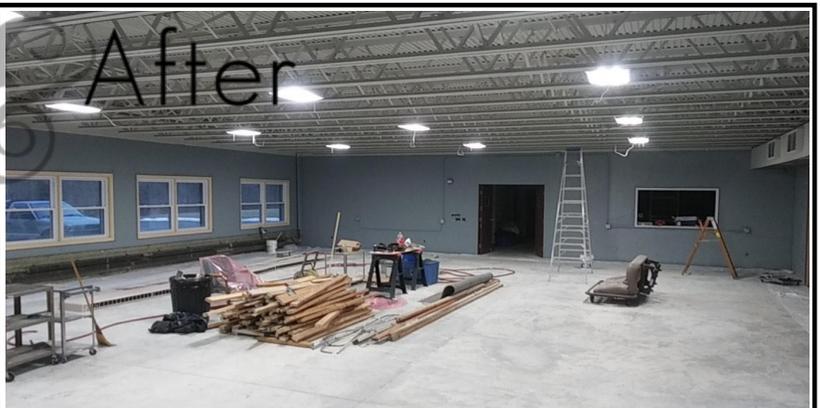
Tuesday 4 pm - 7 pm
 Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm
 Thursday 10 am - 4 pm
 Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Donation Drop-off days/times:

Donations are accepted
 Tuesdays from 9 am - 11 am
 And anytime the store is open!



Before



After



The FJUMC work crew has been on hiatus from C&B in order to get some work done at church. The fellowship hall has been receiving a makeover - new lights, ceiling and walls painted and ductwork removed. The kitchen is up next - lighting is being updated and ceiling and walls will be repainted. Flooring options are being investigated as is a redesign of the kitchen space (please take some time to check out the kitchen and provide suggestions to the trustees).

New lights have been installed in the boiler room and Sheetrock repairs have been done on the back classroom. If you're interested in volunteering, join the work crew on Thursday and Saturday mornings 9-12.

Spring has sprung and we have been so blessed with donations. We continue to accept donations when the store is open so while you're cleaning out your closets, please think of C&B and come check us out! Also, please let Beth Jordan or Judy Bylsma know if you're interested in learning about volunteer opportunities- we are getting busier and could use more amazing people - to help us out during the 'busy' times.

Make your calendars - we will be having a \$5 bucket sale during the week of 4/6-4/10!

What's Happening

April:

- April 1st** - Maundy Thursday, Worship Service at 7pm
- April 2nd** - Good Friday, Worship Service at 7pm
- April 4th** - Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service at 6:30am & Pancake Breakfast, Traditional Worship Service at 10am
- April 6th** - Dream Team Meeting, 7pm @FJUMC
- April 10th** - Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am-til sold out @FJUMC
- April 18th** - Native American Ministries Sunday
- April 20th** - Make It Happen Meeting, 7pm @FJUMC
- April 22nd** - Earth Day
- April 24th** - Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru, 4pm-til sold out @FJUMC
- April 25th** - Serving Sunday Meal at Brown Memorial



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 28th, 2021 -

Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 am

Thursday, April 1st, 2021 -

Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Friday, April 2nd, 2021 -

Good Friday Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 4th, 2021 -

Easter Sunrise Worship Service at 6:30 am

**Gather outside by the crosses, pancake breakfast to follow*

Traditional Easter Worship Service at 10:00 am

Faith Journey UMC

8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041



This year, **Native American Ministries Sunday is on April 18, 2021.** "When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

FOR EXAMPLE, LAST YEAR, THE OFFERING PROVIDED FUNDING FOR:

- Native American Rock and Community Interaction, a three-day event implemented by the Native American Ministries of the Tennessee Annual Conference.
- Support for Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference to send 25 Native youth and leaders to the national Youth 2019 event held July 10-14, 2019, in Kansas City, Kansas.
 - Support for Chihowa (Oklahoma) United Methodist Church to complete the final stage of construction on a new church building.
- Delegation funding that provided travel and lodging to a 13-member team that attended the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on behalf of The United Methodist Church."



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 9:30 service. Practice is every Sunday morning at 9:00am in the sanctuary. Please contact Jake Melnyk at roadoutofhere@gmail.com for info.

MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle is on hiatus due to COVID-19.

April

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - APRIL - "ABUNDANT BLESSINGS"

"God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

- 2 Corinthians 9:8



April - Happy Easter!

Spring has officially arrived! I'm excited for the warmer days ahead, I am looking forward to many outdoor adventures with my husband and puppy, and can't wait for summer days at the beach. I sense a feeling of calm and better days ahead now that many people have received the COVID 19 vaccine and hope that we keep up all the process we have made over the past few months. The year of 2020 was very unpredictable and distressing for all of us and I sincerely hope this year is full of optimism, healing and advancements towards a better, healthier and safer world for us all.

Below is some ways to celebrate Holy Week even if you can't get out of the house.

Creative Ways to Celebrate Holy Week & Easter in a Time of Quarantine

Maundy Thursday

- Bake a loaf of bread
- Wash the feet of someone
- Make a phone call or write a letter to someone to tell them that they are loved
- Wash your kitchen table as a way to model the stripping of the altar
- Gather all your plants into one place to remind you of the Garden of Gethsemane
- Set your alarm to wake in the night "to watch and pray"

Good Friday

- Place a cross on your bare table
- Consider fasting today from the things that distract you - news, technology, activities, needless work, etc.
- Make your "confession" to someone

Easter Sunday

- Attend virtual church and consider having a virtual Easter via video chat with family and friends
- Sing Hallelujah or look up the meaning of the word "Alleluia"
- Read the Resurrection Scripture Passages
- Give thanks for three things that "give you life"
- Make homemade meals, desserts and gift baskets
- Start a new family tradition

Website resources: www.holycommunion.net and www.crosswalk.com

BIBLE TRIVIA

Everyday Phrases from the Bible

(Identify the book, and if possible, the chapter and verse where these commonly used phrases originated).

1. The skin of my teeth
2. Wolf in sheep's clothing
3. Salt of the earth
4. Holier than thou
5. Woe is me!
6. Can a leopard change his spots?
7. A drop in a bucket
8. Eat, drink and be merry
9. Pride goeth before a fall
10. Give up the ghost
11. Spare the rod and spoil the child
12. My brother's keeper
13. Fat of the land
14. A lamb for the slaughter
15. The blind leading the blind

⇒ *Answers are located on the bottom of **Page 7***

Faith Journey UMC Podcast:

Intersections of Life & Faith
Featuring Pastor Daniel Bradley
&
Brian Doolittle

Three Ways to Listen:



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Search "faithjourneyumc"
or Pastor Daniel Bradley

Unable to attend Sunday Service?

Good News!

Sunday Service Sermons are available to!



To make the gospel more accessible, we have launched a Vimeo channel. Vimeo is a video sharing service on the internet, it will have all of our worship videos, sermons and music that appears each week on Facebook in one place and you will be able to access whenever you want. Please share this resource with family and friends. It is our desire to put the word of God into the hands of as many as possible.

The web address is:

<https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc>

Check out our Vimeo Site. All of our worship services are available at this site. Simply Scan the code with your phone.

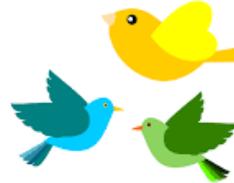
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APRIL SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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Scripture Writing Plan



What are Scripture Writing Plans?

Scripture Writing plans are something you can do every day and it will help you in your journey with God. Get your bible out and write out the scripture for that day. It is a proven fact that when you write something down is resonates more fully than just reading it. So, write it out and speak those words into reality, this will also help with memorization of the word of God and your daily walk with Him.

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice and Connect with the word!

Day 1 - 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Day 2 - Revelation 3:19-22

Day 3 - Ephesians 5:8

Day 4 - Hebrews 10:16-17

Day 5 - Philippians 1:3-6

Day 6 - Galatians 6:1-5

Day 7 - 2 Peter 3:13-14

Day 8 - 2 Timothy 1:12-13

Day 9 - Philippians 3:13-14

Day 10 - James 5:16

Day 11 - James 5:19-20

Day 12 - 2 John 9

Day 13 - 1 John 3:1-3

Day 14 - 2 Corinthians 6:16-18

Day 15 - Hebrews 7:25-27

Day 16 - 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Day 17 - 1 John 2:28

Day 18 - 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

Day 19 - 1 John 1:5-10

Day 20 - Hebrews 12:1-3

Day 21 - Titus 3:3-7

Day 22 - 1 Peter 1:22-23

Day 23 - 1 Timothy 1:14-17

Day 24 - Ephesians 6:11

Day 25 - Hebrews 2:1-4

Day 26 - 2 Corinthians 13:5

Day 27 - Ephesians 2:1-7

Day 28 - Ephesians 2:8-10

Day 29 - 1 Peter 3:10-12

Day 30 - Luke 15:20-24

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

- Psalm 119:18

This months theme:

**REPENTANCE &
RENEWAL**



Spring into life.

Give blood.



American
Red Cross

Community Blood Drives

- Tues 4/6 Drivers Village** - 10am - 3pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - DV**
- Thurs 4/8 St Augustine's Church** - 1:30pm -5:30pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**
- Fri 4/9 St Francis of Assisi** - 2pm -6pm - Bridgeport - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code - St Francis**
- Fri 4/9 North Syr Community Center** - 1pm-5pm - N Syracuse - **Sponsor Code - NSyracuse**
- Tues 4/13 St Augustine's Church** - 1:30pm -5pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**
- Tues 4/13 Drivers Village** - 1:30 -6pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - DV**
- Wed 4/14 Syracuse Airport** - 10am -4pm - N Syr - John Walsh Conf Room - **Sponsor Code - DeltaSYR**
- Thurs 4/15 Sacred Heart Church** - 1-6pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - SH**
- Tues 4/20 St Augustine's Church** - 11:30am - 3:30pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**
- Wed 4/21 Gander Outdoors** - 10am -3pm - Cicero - Community Room - **Sponsor Code - Gander**
- Wed 4/21 King of Kings Church** - 12 - 4pm - Liverpool - **Sponsor Code - King of Kings**
- Thurs 4/22 Drivers Village** - 11:30am-4:30pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - DV**
- Thurs 4/22 American Legion Post 787** - 1:30 - 6pm - Cicero - **Sponsor Code - Cicero Legion**
- Fri 4/23 St Augustine's Church** - 1:30pm -5:30pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**
- Tues 4/27 North Syr Community Center** - 11:30am -4pm - N Syracuse - **Sponsor Code - NSyracuse**
- Tues 4/27 St Augustine's Church** - 11:30am - 3:30pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**

ALL THAT PRESENT WILL RECEIVE

DiBella's Subs Free Cookie Coupon!

Entry for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of their choice!

4/1- 4/15 - Entered to win a VIP package for four to the 2022 Indy 500!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/indy.html>

You're essential! Youth donors ages 16-24: get a \$10 e-gift card

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Bible Trivia Answers: 1. Ezekiel or John, 2. Revelation, 3. Jehoshaphat's, 4. Rehoboam, 5. Rehoboam, 6. David's, 7. Nathan, 8. John, 9. Malachi, 10. The lion of the tribe of Judah, 11. Jehoiakim, 12. Ephesus, 13. 1 Kings, 14. Numbers 21:14-15



RecipeCorner

Do you have any recipes to share? I would love to feature your recipes in the monthly newsletter! Leave a recipe on my desk, in the offering plate or email the office at fjoffice@fjumc.org



Pecan Pie Cheesecake Bars

Recipe by: Joanna Cismaru

<https://jocooks.com/recipes/pecan-pie-cheesecake-bars/>



INGREDIENTS

For the Crust

- ◆ 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- ◆ 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- ◆ 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted

For the Cheesecake

- ◆ 16 oz cream cheese
- ◆ 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- ◆ 2 large eggs
- ◆ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ◆ 1/8 teaspoon salt

For the Pecan Pie Layer

- ◆ 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- ◆ 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- ◆ 1/2 cup heavy cream
- ◆ 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ◆ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ◆ 2 cups chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x9 inch baking dish with parchment paper, spray the pan first with some cooking spray so that the parchment paper will stick to it. Set aside.
2. **For the Crust:** In a food processor, pulse the graham crackers with the sugar until fine crumbs form. Add in melted butter and pulse until well combined. Press the mixture into the bottom of prepared baking dish. You can use your fingers, but it's easier to use the back of a spoon to make sure it's pressed evenly. Set aside.
3. **For the Cheesecake:** Add the cream cheese, sugar, eggs, vanilla extract and salt to the bowl of your mixer. Mix on medium using the whisk attachment until smooth, should take about 5 minutes. Pour this over the graham crust and smooth it out as much as possible with a spatula. Set aside.
4. **For the Pecan Pie Layer:** Add the brown sugar, corn syrup, heavy cream, butter, salt and vanilla extract to a small saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue cooking for 1 more minute then remove from heat. Stir in the chopped pecans. Pour over the cheesecake layer, and smooth it out with a spatula, if necessary. Transfer the pan to the oven and bake for 40 minutes, the pecan layer should start to get golden. Cool completely then cover with plastic wrap or aluminum foil and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Cut the cheesecake into slices before serving. **These little bars will keep in the fridge for up to 5 days.*

Prep Time: 30 mins. / **Bake Time:** 40 mins. + cooling / **Serves:** 16



Drive-Thru Take-Away
Grandma's Old-Fashioned
ROAST BEEF DINNER

Saturday, April 24th, 2021
 4:00 pm - til' sold out

MENU:
 Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Tossed Salad, Roll & Butter, and Homemade Pie or Cake

DONATIONS:
 Adults: \$12.00
 Children (Half Portion): \$6.00

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STAY HOME  STAY SAFE 

CHICKEN BBQ
DRIVE-THRU

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH
11 AM - TILL SOLD OUT

\$6.50 for chicken only (includes 1/2 chicken)
 \$9.00 for chicken dinner (includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans and a roll)

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We are serving the *Sunday meal at Brown Memorial* on **Sunday, April 25th**. We are ordering extra supplies for the roast beef dinner with the intent of serving hot roast beef sandwiches to the people at Brown. We could use 2-3 people who would be willing to prepare the food after our 10 a.m. service or go with us that Sunday afternoon to serve (we would leave FJUMC around 2 p.m.).
 Please let Linda Raulli know if you are able to volunteer (315) 263-1014.

MEMBER UPDATE



Jim Knoop will not be able to return to Buckley Landing. He was transferred to long-term care at Sunnyside Care Center. Address is 7000 Collamer Rd. East Syracuse, NY 13057, room 17W. The room number will change in 14 days when he finishes precautionary quarantine. I will update you then.
 Please share this information with everyone at FJUMC. Hope all is well with you all.
 Sincerely, Pam Knoop

Water Bottle Mission Project

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to the Water Bottle Project! We are so excited about the response we've gotten so far and can't wait to put it all together and get them into the hands of those who need them! So far we have collected 57 water bottles, 57 pairs of socks, 334 snacks, 78 bars of soap, 163 toothbrushes, 65 tubes of toothpaste, 11 gift cards and a variety of lotions and chapsticks as well!

We will continue collecting items through March 31st with a goal of putting together 100 water bottles!
 Thank you so much! Stefanie & Olivia Osburn

Cans for Sudan Bottle and Can Drive

FJUMC is five weeks into the can and bottle drive for the "Cans for Sudan" campaign to help pay for our two health care workers in Sudan. Here is a brief update of where we stand after 5 short weeks.

Submitted by Kiah Bradley

Week	Number of Cans & bottles returned	\$Amount received
Week 1	705	\$35.25
Week 2	1,170	\$58.50
Week 3	700	\$35.00
Week 4	742	\$37.10
Week 5	481	\$24.05
Total:	3,798 Cans & bottles returned	\$189.90

APRIL 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maunder Thursday Worship Service, 7pm @ FJUMC 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	2 Good Friday Wor- ship Service, 7pm @ FJUMC 7PM - Gambler's Anony- mous @ Clay Campus	3 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
4 Sunrise Easter Service, 6:30am @ FJUMC Easter Worship Service, 10am @ FJUMC	5	6 Dream Team Meet- ing, 7pm @ FJUMC	7 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctu- ary.	8 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build- ing	9 7PM - Gambler's Anony- mous @ Clay Campus	10 Chicken BBQ Drive- Thru, 11am-until sold out @ FJUMC 9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
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18 Special Sunday, Native American Ministries Sun- day	19	20 Make It Happen Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC	21 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctu- ary.	22 Earth Day 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	23 7PM - Gambler's Anony- mous @ Clay Campus	24 Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru, 4pm- until sold out @ FJUMC 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
25 Meal for Brown Memorial	26	27	28 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctu- ary.	29 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	30 7PM - Gambler's Anony- mous @ Clay Campus	
<p><u>In-Person and Online Worship Service:</u> Join us in-person or watch us live every Sunday at 10 am on Facebook www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumcclaynorthsyracuse <u>Sermons also available on:</u> Faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com or https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc</p>						



FoodPantry

For the month of **APRIL** we will be Serving a Meal at *Brown Memorial*, any leftover food and money donations from the Roast Beef Dinner will be used for the Meal at **Brown Memorial**. We are also still collecting items for our two Youths' Missions: the Water Bottle Mission Project and "Cans for Sudan."

Water Bottle Mission Project



"Cans for Sudan"



Meal for Brown Memorial UMC



Seek

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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

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

Share

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

God With Others

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