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Dear Church Family:

Light flashes in the darkness and the voice of God is clear, "I love you. You are my blessed children, and there is nothing more than I desire to be with you."

The WORD of God, Jesus, has been calling to us throughout the ages. We have not always responded well to that call. We have fought with our brothers and sisters. We have waged war in the name of God. We have destroyed life in the preservation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not loved God with our whole hearts, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, O'Lord, and restore us the to right relationship.

Hear the words of grace: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Relationships are among the most important things that we can have as people living in this strange world. We are traveling the same roads together interwoven in a story of faith, hope, life, and love. The story begins with the cross of Jesus and the resurrection from the dead. The story is continued in our stories. We tell our stories in the hope that someone might hear and learn and grow from our mistakes. Sometimes we tell stories just to amuse ourselves.

For example, have you heard this one?

A man buys a horse from an old pastor.

The pastor explains to the man that to make the horse go, he must say "Thank God," and to make him stop, he must say, "Amen." The man nods in understanding.

He gets on the horse, readies himself, takes a deep breath, and says, "Thank God!"

Immediately, the horse takes off like a jet. The man initially holds on desperately as he tries not to get bucked off by the incredibly fast and agile horse, but eventually, he's having the time of his life. At least until the horse starts heading towards a cliff.

"Uhh...stop!" the man says, to no avail. The horse continues galloping towards the cliff.

"Stop! STOP!" Nothing. The man is ready to accept his fate. Then suddenly he remembers--

"AAAAAAMMEEEEEEEEEEN!!!!!"

The horse screeches to a halt, right at the edge of the cliff. The man breathes a great sigh of relief and says, "Oh, thank God."

Ok, enough of the jokes, but you get my point. We are storytellers. What will your story be? What will it say about you and your relationship with God?

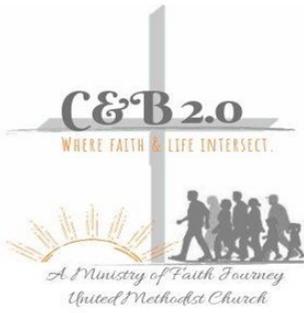
Faith Journey United Methodist has a story. It's a proud story of two great parishes coming together to create new life. The story of Faith Journey United Methodist Church has not been finished. There is still more to write. I want to be a part of writing it with you this year and for years to come.

On May 23, we will celebrate Pentecost and receive new members into Faith Journey United Methodist Church. I would invite you that if you would like to become a member or be baptized on Pentecost, please contact the office as soon as possible.

It is my earnest prayer that you will be in a relationship with God and one another. God go with you in this time of winding roads and narrow paths. God give you grace for the journey ahead and behind you. Go with God's blessing!

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley



Cradle & Beyond 2.0

7778 Brewerton Road

Location:

7778 Brewerton Rd.
 Cicero, NY 13039
 (Across from the Coppertop
 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!

The first quarter of 2021 we have had record amounts of donations, new shoppers and had record sales. You have sold \$5456. Worth of merchandise while making connections with the community and our customers, many who have become friends. We have donated books to the Phoenix Library, coats to Beautiful Mess Ministries and clothes to Brown Memorial – in addition we tithed \$540 to the UMC Conference Center.

A few behind the scenes things have happened at C&B. We met with Operation Northern Comfort who we are hoping will build us a ramp for the 'building' (we will need to provide the materials). The work crew has taken a break from working in the 'building' as some things at FJUMC needed attention. They will be in and out over the summer working on getting the bathroom and main space put together. I am excited to share that we had a \$1500 donation and were able to purchase new wood floors for the building; this will be installed over the summer.

We have installed more shelves in the toy room and we hung four security cameras in the store. Web search engines have been updated and C&B should now populate when people search thrifty stores in the area of Cicero / North Syracuse.

We are doing great things, I hear over and over again how nice everyone is, how clean the store is and just yesterday a customer left the store sharing, *"I feel like I am leaving a high-scale boutique"* after purchasing two purses and 6 pieces of jewelry that were packaged oh so nicely.



Hey jewelry lovers!
 Thanks to Robin and her husband Neil and Christ the King church for the donation of more jewelry as our wall was getting quite bare.

Spin The Wheel SALE

Tuesday, May 11th - 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 12th - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday, May 13th - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 15th - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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 7778 Brewerton Rd. Cicero, NY 13039

Come "Spin the 'Wheel of Discounts'" to see what special offer you will receive!



What's Happening

May:

May 5th - Cinco De Mayo

May 6th - Dream Team Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC

May 8th - Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am-until sold out @ FJUMC

May 9th - Mother's Day

May 11th - Make It Happen Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC

May 13th - Mary Circle Meeting, 1pm, Fellowship Hall @ FJUMC

May 18th - SPRC Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC

May 23rd - Pentecost

May 30th - Peace with Justice Sunday

May 31st - Memorial Day

FAITH JOURNEY UMC

DRIVE-THRU

Chicken BBQ

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021
11 AM - UNTIL SOLD OUT

\$6.50 - CHICKEN ONLY (INCLUDES 1/2 CHICKEN ONLY)
\$9.00 - CHICKEN DINNER (INCLUDES 1/2 CHICKEN, SALT POTATOES, BAKED BEANS AND A ROLL)



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This year, *Peace with Justice Sunday* is on **May 30, 2021.**

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation.

When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad. These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.

Your Giving Makes Possible the Proclamation of Christ's Peace, Thank You For Your Support!



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 resuming meeting on Thursday, May 13th at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - MAY - "THE FRAGRANCE OF LOVE"

"Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him."

- 2 Corinthians 2:14



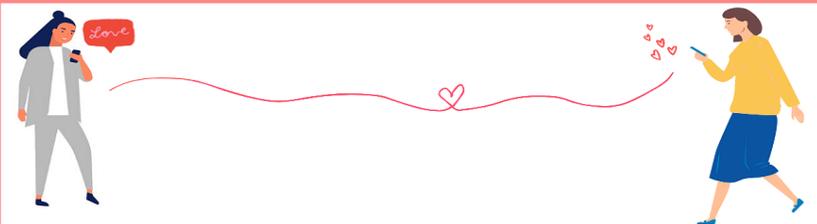
May - Happy Mother's Day!

It has been such a treat being out in the beautiful weather lately. I have taken so many trips to the park with Peanut and he loves playing fetch in the sunshine. I have received my first vaccine dose and look forward to being fully vaccinated soon!

Below are ways to celebrate a distant Mother's Day if your unable to visit loved ones in person due to the virus, travelling restrictions or health issues.

Wishing all the mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, mother's in heaven and all mom's around the world a very Happy Mother's Day!

Celebrating Mother's Day FROM A DISTANCE



Ways to Celebrate Mom From a Distance

- Send some flowers, cards or gifts through the mail
- Give your mom a long phone call or plan a virtual facetime with family
- Watch a movie or TV show together at the same time with new "watch party" options on streaming services
- Decorate your mom's door or front porch with signs, streamers, balloons and flowers!
 - Cook your mom's favorite meal or order your mom a special dinner to be delivered
- Plan a celebration outside, either at a park or backyard and go for a walk and have a picnic
 - Make a homemade or DIY gift/card
- Take a virtual tour of museums together or attend a cooking class online

BIBLE TRIVIA

Take a Letter

1. What lost letter of Paul is mentioned in the Letter to the Colossians?
2. Who received a letter from David, telling him to put Uriah in the heat of battle?
3. Who wrote to the churches concerning the Jerusalem council's decision on the issue of circumcision?
4. Who, using John as a scribe, wrote to the seven churches in Asia?
5. Who had enemies that wrote smear letters about him to the Persian king?
6. What mighty king wrote a letter to Hezekiah concerning surrender?
7. Who wrote to the people of Samaria regarding the fate of Ahab seventy sons?
8. Who wrote a letter recommending Apollos to the Corinthian church?
9. Who wrote a letter to Felix concerning the apostle Paul?
10. Who wrote a letter granting permission to continue construction on the second temple?
11. What king received a letter from Elijah predicting judgment on his sinful reign?
12. What queen wrote to the leaders of Jezreel concerning Naboth?
13. Who asked the high priest for letters of introduction to the synagogues in Damascus?
14. Who sent letters of invitation to the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, asking them to join in a Passover celebration?
15. Who sent a letter giving Judah's enemies permission to stop the Jews' work on the temple?
16. What feast did Mordecai prescribe in his letter to the Jews in Persia?
17. What leper carried a letter from the king of Syria to the king of Israel?
18. Who sent a threatening letter designed to discourage Nehemiah from his plans to rebuild Jerusalem?
19. Who, with Paul, penned the First Letter to the Corinthians?
20. Who wrote to Philemon concerning his runaway slave, Onesimus?

⇒ *Answers are located on the bottom of **Page 9***

MARY CIRCLE



A huge thank you to all the women in Mary Circle for collecting and donating \$300 towards Southern Sudan Health Projects and \$500 to Faith Journey UMC. Your endless support is greatly appreciated.

At last Mary's Circle feels comfortable returning! We will resume our meeting on May 13th at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please know we welcome any and all adult women to join us.

The Circle's Purpose:

- To help grace the church in many and all ways
- Support mission projects of the church and those abroad
- Prepare "our" table with desserts of pies, breads, cookies, etc. - as well as our "Scrubbies" handmade articles - in concert with our two Roast Beef Dinners. This table is our main source of income to work with.

Please consider joining us for lively conversation, short devotions, dessert, then onto business.

Contact Eileen Amidon - (515) 715-4571 or any Circle member if you have any questions.

Thank You

Thank you so much Faith Journey for your help in this time of need. It was a great comfort to us and we thank you. God bless you and your family.

*With Thanks,
Adam Koko*



MAY SCRIPTURE WRITING

May

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!

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| Day 1 - John 1:9-13 | Day 17 - 2 Timothy 2:1-7 |
| Day 2 - Ephesian 1:1-4 | Day 18 - 2 Timothy 2:8-12 |
| Day 3 - Ephesians 1:5-10 | Day 19 - 2 Timothy 2:15-16 |
| Day 4 - Ephesians 1:11-14 | Day 20 - 2 Timothy 2:19-22 |
| Day 5 - Romans 14:7-9 | Day 21 - Titus 2:11-14 |
| Day 6 - Genesis 1:26-27 | Day 22 - John 17:9-13 |
| Day 7 - Colossians 2:6-12 | Day 23 - John 17:14-19 |
| Day 8 - Colossians 1:1-6 | Day 24 - John 17:20-26 |
| Day 9 - 1 Peter 4:1-6 | Day 25 - Galatians 3:27-28 |
| Day 10 - Revelations 3:5 | Day 26 - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 |
| Day 11 - Revelations 21:5-7 | Day 27 - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 |
| Day 12 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 | Day 28 - Jeremiah 1:5 |
| Day 13 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 | Day 29 - 1 John 3:1-3 |
| Day 14 - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 | Day 30 - 2 John 1:9-11 |
| Day 15 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 | Day 31 - 3 John 1:11 |
| Day 16 - 1 Peter 2:9-10 | |



This months theme:
Identity in Christ

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

- Psalm 119:18



Spring into life.

Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

Community Blood Drives

The American Red Cross is now experiencing the lowest blood donor turnout since the pandemic began and more blood donors are needed now!

Wed 5/5 Drivers Village - 11:30am - 4pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - DV**

Thurs 5/6 St Augustine's Church - 11:30am -3:30pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**

Fri 5/7 Drivers Village - 1:30 -6pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - DV**

Tues 5/11 St Augustine's Church - 1:30pm -5:30pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**

Tues 5/11 North Syr Community Center - 2pm-6pm - N Syracuse - **Sponsor Code - NSyracuse**

Tues 5/11 Advocates Incorporated - 1pm -6pm - Liverpool - Conference Room - **Sponsor Code Advocates**

Thurs 5/13 St Augustine's Church - 11:30am -3:30pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**

Fri 5/14 Borodino Fire Dept - 3pm -7pm - Skaneateles - Main Hall - **Sponsor Code - Borodino**

Fri 5/14 Drivers Village - 1:30 -6pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - DV**

Tues 5/18 St Augustine's Church - 1:30pm -5:30pm - Baldwinsville - Parish Center - **Sponsor Code STM**

Wed 5/19 Drivers Village - 11:30am - 4pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - DV**

Wed 5/19 King of Kings Church - 11:30 - 4pm - Liverpool - **Sponsor Code - King of Kings**

Thurs 5/20 St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church - 2 -6:30pm - Baldwinsville - Gym - **Sponsor Code STM**

Mon 5/24 Drivers Village - 1:30 -6pm - Cicero - Center Court - **Sponsor Code - DV**

Tues 5/25 North Syr Community Center - 2pm-6pm - N Syracuse - **Sponsor Code - NSyracuse**

Thurs 5/27 American Legion Post 787 - 1:30 - 6:30pm - Cicero - **Sponsor Code - Cicero Legion**

All that present May 1st - 15th will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card via email!

All that present in May will be entered for a chance to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps five!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/get-a--5-amazon-com-gift-card.html>

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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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

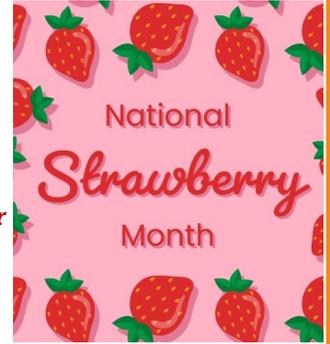


Strawberry Trifle

<https://tasteofhome.com/recipes/strawberry-trifle>

"I won first prize in a dairy recipe contest with this tasty strawberry trifle. You can double the recipe and make two for large groups."

- Norma Steiner, Monroe, Wisconsin



INGREDIENTS

- ◆ 1 cup cold whole milk
- ◆ 1 cup sour cream
- ◆ 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- ◆ 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- ◆ 2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped
- ◆ 8 cups cubed angel food cake
- ◆ 4 cups sliced fresh strawberries

Kitchen Tip: Add one tablespoon of orange liqueur in the sour cream mixture for a special touch.

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, beat the milk, sour cream, pudding mix and orange zest on low speed until thickened. Fold in whipped cream.
2. Place half of the cake cubes in a 3-qt. glass bowl.
3. Arrange a third of the strawberries around sides of bowl and over cake; top with half of the pudding mixture.
4. Repeat layers once.
5. Top with remaining berries.
6. Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.

Kitchen Tip: To avoid squishing light-as-air angel food cake, freeze it overnight, then cut it with a serrated knife, using a back-and-forth motion.

Prep Time: 20 mins. + chilling
Makes: 10 servings



Grandma's Old-Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru

The Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru was a great success, thank you to everybody who donated, volunteered and helped out!



Meal at Brown Memorial UMC & Water Bottle Mission Project

Spending the afternoon at Brown Memorial serving lunch and Olivia Osburn is passing out her water bottle packages.



Bible Trivia Answers: 1. The Letter to the Laodiceans, 2. Joab, 3. James, 4. Jesus, 5. Zerubbabel, 6. Sennacherib, 7. Jehu, 8. The Ephesian church, 9. Claudius Lysias, 10. King Darius, 11. Jehoram, 12. Jezebel, 13. Paul, 14. Hezekiah, 15. King Artaxerxes, 16. Purim, 17. Naaman, 18. Sanballat, 19. Sosthenes, 20. Paul

MAY 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
2 COMMUNION	3	4	5 <i>Cinco De Mayo</i> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctu- ary.	6 <i>Dream Team Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC</i> 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build-	7 <i>Prayer Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC</i> 7PM - Gambler's Anony- mous @ Clay Campus	8 <i>Chicken BBQ Drive- Thru, 11am-until sold out @ FJUMC</i> 9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11 <i>Make It Happen Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC</i>	12 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctu-	13 <i>Mary Circle, 1pm Ascension</i> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	14 7PM - Gambler's Anony- mous @ Clay	15 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
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23 <i>Pentecost</i>	24	25	26 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctu- ary.	27 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	28 7PM - Gambler's Anony- mous @ Clay Campus	29 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
30 <i>Special Sunday, Peace with Jus- tice Sunday</i>	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>	<p><u>In-Person and Online Worship Service:</u></p> <p>Join us in-person or watch us live every Sunday at 10 am on Facebook www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumcclaynorthsyracuse</p> <p><u>Sermons also available on:</u></p> <p>Faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com or https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc</p>				



For the month of **MAY**, we will be collecting cans of *Baked Beans and Pork & Beans* for **Baldwinsville First UMC Food Pantry**. Thank you for your support!



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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