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The Stepping Stone

June 2021

Dear Church Family,

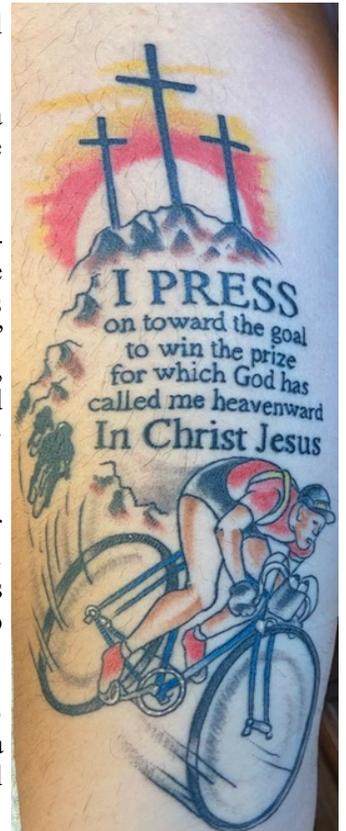
I thank God for each of you daily. Without your love and support, it would not be possible for the ministry to happen. God be with you.

A couple of weeks, ago I did something that I wanted for a long time; I got a tattoo on my right forearm. I wanted to mark all the challenges that I have gone through over the past years with a positive promise from God's holy word.

This verse comes directly from the book of Philippians and is Paul's mission statement. It is his WHY! The Apostle Paul knows that he is called heavenward to win the prize! What is that prize? What is that goal? It is, of course, to be with Jesus Christ, his Lord, and Savior. We, too, as a church, need to ask the question, "What is our Why?" We must know why we do the things that we do. Our mission statement says, "Seek, Serve, Share God with others." I would like to add that to seek, serve, and share God with others; we must be in constant relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior.

When I think of all that we have been through as a church over the past four years, I am astounded at what God has done through us, because of us, and despite us. God has been at work through every difficulty and struggle, even Covid-19. God has been behind the scenes to help us along the way. God has not left us or forsaken us to our passions and desires. Instead, God is active with us.

Cycling is a way that I relax and enjoy God's world. Mary, Kiah, and I are 33 miles into a 300 miles bike riding challenge this summer. We are riding 3-4 times a week and keeping pace with the best of them. We set this bar so high because we need to complete it, beat it, and mark the finish line with a celebration.

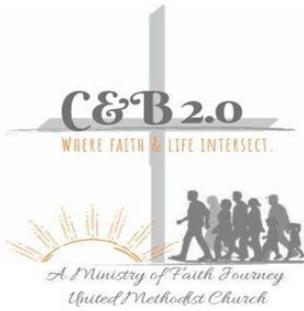


I would like you to consider sponsoring our ride and contributing a dollar for every mile we complete in the form of a gift to our Shared Ministries for the church. I will report to you each month in the newsletter the running total. There is no sign-up sheet, and no one will know if you chose to do this, but you and God. Please don't feel like you have to participate; this is just a fun way to give. The church's goal is to pay \$5000 in shared ministries this year, and thanks to the C&B store tithing 10% of their income, we are closer than ever before to reaching that goal. I also want to thank you for matching that amount to increase what we are sending in for shared ministries.

God can do anything when we approach the throne of grace in the promises of God's hope, love, and faith. Covid-19 has brought so many hardships; it has also brought out the best; you are the best that God has made, "For such a time as this."

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!

**TOGETHER WE
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



We are coming off a record-selling June and have sold more than \$11,000 worth of merchandise, have tithed \$929 to UMC conference center and have donated merchandise to many non-profit organizations thus far in 2021. In addition, we have seen our customers be in mission by bringing in food for the bread and blessing box and we have customers that have taken bread and shared it with fire stations in the CNY region.

We are blessed over and over by the donations of merchandise that is brought in – I expect this to continue to grow as more and more people hear about us. On the building side, we were able to partner with an Amish Farm and get beams for an incredibly reasonable amount – these will be installed soon. We are also working with Operation Northern Comfort on getting a ramp designed and assembled once the price of lumber comes down. The hope is that we will be open in the Fall 2021.



Mission Minute

FYI: Did you know that C&B has tithed \$929 this year to UMC Shared Ministries as a ministry of FJUMC. The congregation has added \$215 making our shared ministries giving for 2021 \$1144. Thank You! With your help, we are certain we can pay \$4000 in shared giving this year.

Bucket **SALE**



Tuesday, June 29th - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 30th - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday, July 1st - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, July 3rd - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fill a 4-gallon bucket for just \$5.00

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7778 Brewerton Rd. Cicero, NY 13039

What's Happening

July:

- July 1st** - C&B 2.0 Bucket Sale, 10am - 4pm
- July 3rd** - C&B 2.0 Bucket Sale, 10am - 2pm
- July 4th** - *Independence Day*, FJUMC 4th of July Syracuse Mets Baseball Game at NBT Stadium @ 6:30 pm
- July 8th** - Mary Circle, 1pm @ FJUMC
- July 9th** - Prayer Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC (All are Welcome to Join)
- July 10th** - Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am - until sold out @ FJUMC
- July 20th** - Annual Lifesavers Blood Drive, 11:30am-9pm @ Driver's Village

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, July 10th
11:00 am - Until 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)

FAITH JOURNEY UMC
8396 MORGAN ROAD
CLAY, NY 13041


SYRACUSE METS VS. ROCHESTER RED WINGS
FOURTH OF JULY BASEBALL GAME


Sunday, JULY 4th - 6:35 PM

The Fourth of July is next Sunday and all the tickets have been sold! The tickets will be collected by Pastor Bradley and distributed at church next week, or call Pastor Dan to schedule a pick up time at 716-485-6246. Enjoy the game!

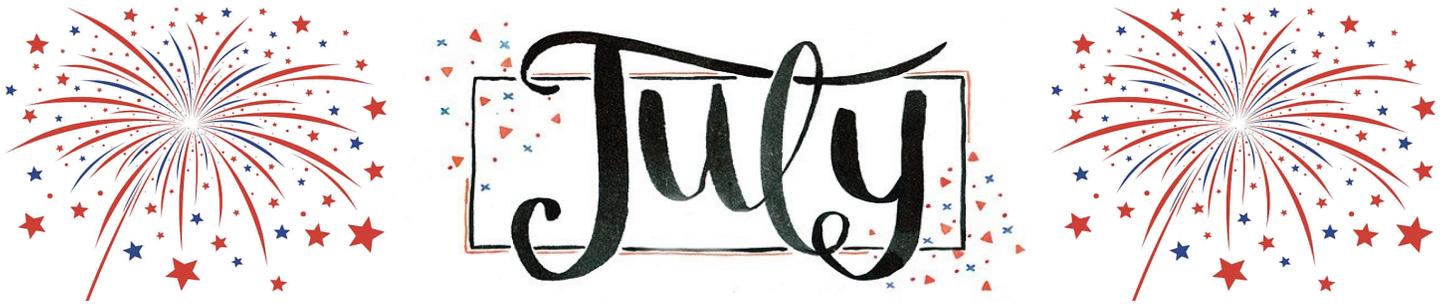


Do you want to sing or play an instrument?

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, July 8th at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - JULY - "SENT TO ENCOURAGE"

"The Lord said to Samuel, "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

- 1 Samuel 16.7



July - Happy Independence Day!

Happy Fourth of July!! This summer has been great so far, I've gone to the beach several times and I'm so excited to see family that I haven't since COVID started. It's going to feel like a mini-reunion seeing family and friends because it's been years! My older brother, sister in-law, two nephews and niece are coming to visit for the fourth of July, they live in North Carolina and I usually see them a few times a year, but it's been almost two years since I've seen them in person. I hope you all are experiencing mini-reunions with family members and friends throughout the summer, there's a feeling of rebirth and renewal, but it's different because everything feels that much more special and meaningful than ever before. I am truly grateful to experience life to the fullest again and hope we stay on a good path moving forward. I hope you all have a safe and fun month!!



50th Annual Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival

Location: Columbus Circle, 259 E Onondaga Street Syracuse, NY 13202

Dates: July 23, 24 & 25, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: Free Entry for all

A three-day showcase held in Downtown Syracuse of the country's most talented artists, craftspeople and entertainment which features more than 160 artists and crafters that represent at least 25 U.S. states and Canada.



Downtown Farmers Market

Location: The farmers converge on Clinton Square, 161 West Genesee Street Syracuse, NY 13202

Dates: Every Tuesday, June 8th - October 12, 2021

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: Free entry, parking fee

The farmers market features 50+ farmers and produce dealers each week who sell fresh, seasonal vegetables, fruits, baked goods, as well as assorted flowers, plants and more.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Rivers, Brooks, Lakes, Seas

1. What body of water was the first victim of the plague in Egypt?
2. What river did the Israelites cross when they entered Canaan?
3. What are the four rivers connected with the garden of Eden?
4. According to the Song of Solomon, what is so powerful that rivers cannot quench it?
5. Who lived by Kerith Brook?
6. Who proclaimed a fast at the river Ahava?
7. Who had a dream about cows standing by the riverside?
8. Who spoke of a river flowing with honey?
9. According to God's covenant with Abraham, how far did Abraham's land extend?
10. Who ordered the casting of the Israelite boys into the river?
11. In John's vision, what caused a third of the rivers on earth to become bitter?
12. What lake is called the Salt Sea in Genesis 14:3?
13. What apostle noted that he had been endangered by the sea and by rivers?
14. Who prophesied to the Jews by the Kebar River?
15. Who had a vision of the river of fire?
16. Who spoke about justice rolling down like a river?
17. Where did John baptize the repentant people?
18. What Christian woman worshiped with a group that met by a river?
19. In John's vision, what happened to the sea when the second angel poured out his bowl on it?
20. Who found a baby while down by the riverside?
21. Who had a vision of a deep river that could not be passed over?
22. In Revelation, what is the fiery lake composed of?
23. In Revelation, where does the pure river of the water of life flow out from?
24. According to James, what kind of man is like the waves of the sea?
25. What happens to the sea in the world to come?

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

FAITH JOURNEY **podcast**



Join us for a weekly
podcast about faith and life
featuring Pastor Daniel
Bradley and Brian Doolittle



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SCAN ME





JULY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

July

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 - Psalm 5:11

Day 2 - Psalm 16:11

Day 3 - Psalm 30:5

Day 4 - Psalm 32:11

Day 5 - Psalm 84:2

Day 6 - Psalm 95:2

Day 7 - Proverbs 10:28

Day 8 - Proverbs 12:20

Day 9 - Proverbs 15:23

Day 10 - Proverbs 17:22

Day 11 - Isaiah 49:13

Day 12 - Jeremiah 15:16

Day 13 - Matthew 2:9-10

Day 14 - Matthew 13:44

Day 15 - Luke 1:43-45

Day 16 - Luke 2:9-11

Day 17 - Luke 6:22-23

Day 18 - Luke 15:6-7

Day 19 - John 3:28-30

Day 20 - John 15:10-11

Day 21 - John 16:20-21

Day 22 - Acts 8:7-8

Day 23 - Acts 15:3

Day 24 - Romans 15:13

Day 25 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-3

Day 26 - Philemon 1:7

Day 27 - Hebrews 10:33-35

Day 28 - James 1:2-3

Day 29 - 1 Peter 1:7-9

Day 30 - 3 John 1:4

This months theme:

FREEDOM

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

- Psalm 119:18





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Red Cross**

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Donors of all blood types are needed now to help avoid delays in lifesaving medical care for patients. Schedule your appointment today!

To find a community blood drive near you, please call 1 (800) REDCROSS, visit www.redcrossblood.org or use the Blood App.



NEW MERCH! Come to give July 16th for an exclusive Red Cross embroidered hat, while supplies last.

Come to give July 7 - 31 for a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS, a chance to win gas for a year, a \$5,000 value! There will be 3 winners! Terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/fuel

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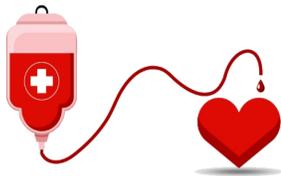
Assemblyman Stirpe's 15th Annual Lifesavers Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Driver's Village 5885 E. Circle Drive. Cicero, NY 13039

First-time donors and walk-ins are welcome!



Please consider giving a POWER RED donation if type O- , O+ , A- , or B- and help us provide hospitals with the most needed blood products.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code - Al Stirpe - to schedule an appointment.

All that present receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card, via email, in addition to receiving automatic entry for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5,000 value). All are entered for an Apple Air Pods Raffle and all receive a box of Girl Scout Cookies!



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



Zucchini Bread Blueberry Crisp

<https://inspiredbycharm.com/zucchini-bread-blueberry-crisp>



INGREDIENTS

- ◆ 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- ◆ 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- ◆ 2 eggs
- ◆ 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- ◆ 1 cup white sugar
- ◆ 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- ◆ 1 cup grated zucchini (seeds removed)

Crisp:

- ◆ 2 cups blueberries
- ◆ 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- ◆ 1/2 cup quick-cooking oats
- ◆ 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- ◆ 1/4 cup sugar
- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ◆ 1/2 pecans, finely chopped
- ◆ 1/2 stick unsalted butter, cubed and softened

DIRECTIONS

1. Begin by spraying two 12.5 oval skillet (or baking dishes) with baking spray. Set aside. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon.
3. In a large bowl, beat the eggs, oil, vanilla, and sugar with an electric mixer. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ones and mix until almost combined. Then, stir in the zucchini until just combined. Divide the batter evenly into the prepared skillet. Set aside.
4. In another bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown and white sugar, cinnamon, and pecans. Add the butter. Using your hand, pinch the ingredients together until the mixture looks crumbly.
5. Evenly divide 3/4 of the blueberries on top of the zucchini bread batter, pushing few slightly into the batter. Then, divide the crisp mixture evenly over the blueberries. Top with the remaining blueberries.
6. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Allow the pans to cool slightly.
7. Serve with vanilla ice cream if desired and enjoy!

Cook Time: 30-35 mins.

Makes: 2 skillets



THANK YOU!

Dear Faith Journey UMC,

The volunteers of the pantry would like to thank the congregation of Faith Journey UMC for thinking of the pantry with the wonderful donation of thirty-one cans of baked beans. The clients will greatly appreciate them in their supplies.

Personal regards,

Sally Dayger,

Volunteer Coordinator at Baldwinsville Food Pantry

A SPECIAL
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Dear Friends of Faith Journey United Methodist Church,

It's with heartfelt gratitude that we thank you for your generosity during this most challenging past year. Your kindness assisted us in helping so many families facing the repercussions of the COVID-19 virus. You are a true Godsend! Thanks so much!!

Yours Truly,

Sacred Heart Church - Anna's Pantry



FOOD DRIVE



HELP DONATE TO THOSE IN HUNGER!

ACCEPTING CANNED FRUITS, VEGETABLES, PASTAS, AND OTHER NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

July 1st, 2021 - September 30th, 2021

Interfaith Works of CNY is seeking to address food insecurity and hunger in under served communities in Syracuse by running a Food Drive through their Center for Dialogue in Action building from July 1st through September 30th. C&B 2.0 wants to support their mission and so can you by donating canned fruits and vegetables, pastas and other non-perishable food items. We appreciate you and thank you for the support!

Donations for Interfaith Works of CNY can be dropped off in their parking lot or will be collected at Cradle & Beyond during regular store hours. (Tues. 4pm-7pm, Wed./Thurs. 10am-4pm or Sat. 10am-2pm)

**Interfaith Works of CNY
1010 James Street. Syracuse, NY 13202**

Bible Trivia Answers: 1. The Nile, 2. The Jordan, 3. Gihon, Pison, Tigris, and Euphrates, 4. Love, 5. Elijah, 6. Ezra, 7. The Pharaoh, 8. Zophar, 9. From the river of Egypt to the Euphrates, 10. Pharaoh, 11. A Star, 12. The Dead Sea, 13. Paul, 14. Ezekiel, 15. Daniel, 16. Amos, 17. In the Jordan, 18. Lydia, 19. It turned to blood, 20. Pharaoh's daughter, 21. Ezekiel, 22. Burning sulfur, 23. The throne of God, 24. A doubting man, 25. It does not exist

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build- ing	2 7PM - Gambler's Anony- mous @ Clay Campus	3 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
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For the month of **JULY**, we will be collecting *Personal Care Items* such as toothbrushes/ toothpaste, shampoo, soaps, sanitary items, combs/brushes, lotions, tissues, wipes, etc. for **Immanuel Lutheran Church**.
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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