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Dear Church Family:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

This has been a whirlwind of a Lenten journey. So much has happened in the past weeks that it is hard to put it into words. What I can tell you is this: Lent has been a time of blessing for me and my family. Together we have experienced rest and renewal and a fresh move of the Holy Spirit.

As we are in the final weeks of lent I want to encourage you to draw close to the Lord in your prayer and devotional life. Think simply of a conversation between a father and a child. Pray the words of Jesus and trust that God hears your prayers.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory now and forever. Amen."

These words are so powerful that they lead us into the heart of God when prayed with sincerity. Follow the path of Christ and withdraw to a quiet place. Let God bless you through your time spent in quiet reflecting on all that God has done for you and your family.

As we turn our attention to Holy Week I wanted to invite you and your family to worship on Palm Sunday, April 14th at either our 9:30, 11:00 or 12:30 worship times. Holy Thursday which will be a reenactment of the last supper and Holy Communion will be held on April 18th at 7:30pm. The Good Friday service will be at 8:00pm on April 19th. Our Easter celebration will be on Sunday April 21st at 9:30 with a fellowship time together following worship. Please note that on Easter Sunday we will have only the one worship at 9:30.

I hope and pray that you and your family will be blessed on this Lenten journey and throughout the Easter season. Please come out and worship the King of Kings.

May the glory and grace of God rest upon you and your families this day now and forever more. May God bless you and keep you full of love and compassion.

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord!

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley



April 23, 2019 There will be a blood drive from 3-7p.m., Clay Campus. We will be in need of baked goods and volunteers for this day, so, if you would like to volunteer to work the drive or bring in baked items, please contact the church office or Beth Jordan @ 315-657-5701. Blood donors are especially welcome!! Thank you!



"GINORMOUS" RUMMAGE SALE

CRADLE & BEYOND

Faith Journey United Methodist Church 8396

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Website: www.fjumc.org

Easter Egg Hunt!



**This Sale will have SPECIAL Easter Eggs filled with prizes. They will be hidden throughout the clothes and items and if you find one, then you have found a special prize inside. Have fun with this sale!



EASTER EGG HUNT WITH SPECIAL PRIZES IN THEM!



When: Saturday, April 13th (9am - 2pm)

Where: Back of church - Fellowship Hall area

*We will also have a Soup/Sandwich combo along with baked items for sale. This will be a great day for spring shopping! Come early and bring lots of friends/family members!



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 roadoutof-here@gmail.com for more information.

What's Happening

Service Times

APRIL: HAPPY EASTER!

1st - April Fools Day
9th - Drum Circle @6pm
13th - "GINORMOUS" Rummage Sale 9-2
14th - Passion/Palm Sunday
14th - 20th - Holy Week
18th - Holy Thursday Service @7:30pm
19th - Good Friday Service @8pm
20th - Passover
21st - Easter Sunday - ONE SERVICE @9:30am
22nd - Earth Day - Let's keep it clean!!!
25th - World Malaria Day
26th-28th - Capstone Leadership Academy - pastor out of office
27th - Roast Beef Dinner @4pm till all are served
28th - Orthodox Easter
29th - Mike Jordan Birthday

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE: @7:30pm, we will have a re-enactment of the last supper & Holy Communion @ Faith Journey UMC.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: @8:00pm @ Faith Journey UMC

EASTER SERVICE: ONE WORSHIP SERVICE @9:30am with fellowship time following.



**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

APRIL SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



APRIL 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 it 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 - Matthew 16:24-28

Day 2 - John 11:25-26

Day 3 - Matthew 21:1-11

Day 4 - Luke 23:26-30

Day 5 - Luke 23:33-38

Day 6 - Luke 24:36-49

Day 7 - Psalm 25:1-6

Day 8 - Psalm 25:7-14

Day 9 - Psalm 25:15-22

Day 10 - Proverbs 3:3-12

Day 11 - Colossians 3:22-25

Day 12 - Romans 3:21-26

Day 13 - Psalm 16:1-5

Day 14 - Psalm 16:6-11

Day 15 - Romans 2:1-4

Day 16 - Isaiah 66:12-14

Day 17 - James 5:7-11

Day 18 - Isaiah 43:1-3

Day 19 - Psalm 66:8-12

Day 20 - Hebrews 4:15-16

Day 21 - 1 John 5:1-5

Day 22 - 1 John 5:6-12

Day 23 - Psalm 105:1-5

Day 24 - Psalm 106:1-5

Day 25 - Colossians 3:1-3

Day 26 - Hebrews 12:1-2

Day 27 - Matthew 6:25-27

Day 28 - Matthew 6:28-34

Day 29 - John 14:1-4

Day 30 - Psalm 150:1-6

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

- Psalm 119:18





Do you have a child or grandchild who needs something to do this summer? United Methodist Summer Camps give children a place to go and have fun along with growing in their faith!

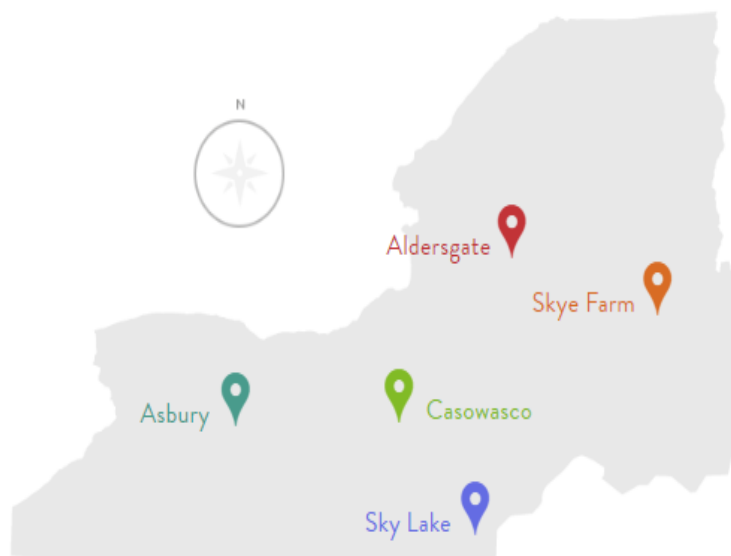
There are many different options available to children of different ages. There are one day camps for children as young as 4 years old at Aldersgate to camps for Senior High students. There are Father-Son and Mother- Daughter camps, family camps, and camps for people of all ages with special needs.

There are camps that give kids a chance to ride horses, learn survival skills, cook, participate spend time doing art, music and dance. There are Lego camps slime camps sport camps and water camps. There are X-games camps, Minecraft camps and night owls camps as well as Wizard schools and fishing camps and tech camps. There's something for everyone while learning, hearing and knowing that there is a God who loves them and wants a relationship with them.

Casowasco is our local camp located in Moravia. There are also four other Methodist Camps in New York state. Why not encourage your child or grandchild to spend a week or two this summer at one of our beautiful camps. For more information you will find brochures near the entrance of church or go to campsandretreats.org/2019.

-Kathy LaDuca

Website: <http://campsandretreats.org/>





Roast Beef Dinner

DON'T MISS OUR 64th GRANDMA'S OLD-FASHIONED ROAST BEEF DINNER

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm 'til all are served

Place: FAITH JOURNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY. 13041

(Located between Route 31 & Wetzell Rd.)

Phone: (315) 652-9186 E-mail: fjoffice@fjumc.org

IT'S TIME FOR OUR SEMI-ANNUAL FUNDRAISER! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please indicate the areas in which you are willing to help. This form will be in the Clay Lobby area to fill out.

AREAS OF HELPING/VOLUNTEERING:

I WILL DONATE: _____ CASH to buy supplies (make checks payable to faith Journey UMC).

I WILL WORK: _____ Saturday, April 27, 9am-Noon (Kitchen)
 _____ Saturday April 27, 3pm- 6:30 (Kitchen)
 _____ Saturday, April 27, 3:30-6:30 (Dining Room)

_____ Saturday, April 27, 6:30 + (Clean up)
 _____ Saturday, April 27, WHEREVER NEEDED

I WILL BRING: _____ DESSERTS (Pies preferred but other desserts are welcome).

_____ ASSORTED LOAF BREADS (Pumpkin, Zucchini, banana or nut).

_____ OTHER SUPPLIES

Name: _____

Phone: _____

MENU - (All You Can Eat)

Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes

Gravy

Vegetables

Tossed Salad

Rolls & Mixed Breads

Homemade Pie or Cake

Assorted Beverages

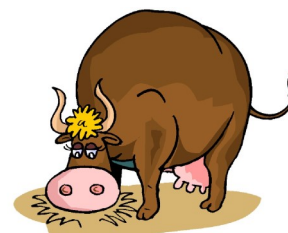
DONATION

ADULTS: \$13.00

SENIORS: \$12.00 (65+)

CHILDREN: \$5.00 (6 - 12)

5 & UNDER: FREE



CALLING *all* COOKS



I need RECIPES! Do you have a favorite to share? Just email me at fjoffice@fjumc.org or place in church office. I would love to share for all to enjoy! Thank you.

ADVERTISING: Do You want to advertise your business? Contact the church office 315-652-9186 or email at fjoffice@fjumc.org

LMW Home - I offer cleaning, organization, redecorating, interior design and design services for your home. Please call Mechele Wright if you need any of these services done and for a free estimate @ 315-727-3741.

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Recipe by: Mechele Wright - Beer Battered Fish

INGREDIENTS

Vegetable Oil

1 lb. fish fillets, thawed if frozen

3-4 tbsp. Bisquick Mix

1 cup Bisquick Mix

1/2 cup beer or non-acholic

1 egg

1/2 tsp. salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oil & lightly coat fish with 3-4tsp. Bisquick mix.
2. Beat 1 cup Bisquick, beer, salt & egg with beater until Smooth. Dip fish into batter.
3. Fry fish in oil about 2 min. on each side or until golden brown; drain. Serve with tartar sauce and cole slaw.



E-mail!

Do **YOU** want to be on the FJUMC email list? Please contact the church office at 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.

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 APRIL FOOLS DAY!	2	3	4	5	6 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
7 COMMUNION	8	9 6 PM - Drum Circle @ Clay, bring food donation 6:30 PM - Get Fit with Beth Jordan @ Clay Campus	10	11 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building 1 PM - Mary Circle @ Clay	12 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	13 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building. 9 AM - 2 PM - Rumage Sale
14 PALM SUNDAY	15	16 6:30 PM - Get Fit with Beth Jordan @ Clay Campus	17	18 HOLY THURSDAY 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building	19 GOOD FRIDAY 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	20 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
← HOLY WEEK →						
21 EASTER SUNDAY ONE Service @9:30am	22 EARTH DAY	23 6:30 PM - Get Fit with Beth Jordan @ Clay Campus 3-7 PM - Blood Drive @ Faith Journey UMC	24	25 WORLD MALARIA DAY 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building	26 Capstone Leadership Academy - Pastor out 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay	27 Capstone Leadership Academy - Pastor out 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
28 Capstone Leadership Academy - Pastor out	29 Mike Jordan B-day	30 6:30 PM - Get Fit with Beth Jordan @ Clay Campus				

HAPPY EASTER

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



Sunday Services Schedule

9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship @ Clay

11 AM - Traditional Worship @ Clay

12:30 PM - Traditional Worship @ Clay

He isn't here!
He is risen!

Luke 24:6

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During March the focus was primarily be on Jesus parables, Holy Week and the Passion. Lessons included The Stories of the Lost, The Forgiving Father, The Two Debtors, The Last Supper and In the Garden. April is the rest of Lent and Easter. Lessons include Peter Pretends, Jesus Enters Jerusalem, Jesus Lives and Feed my Sheep.



Classes continue for all groups – the children at Clay, the Karennis, the Sudanese and the Nepalis. We all use the same United Methodist curriculum – especially important for new refugee congregations so that the people have a better understanding of how United Methodists understand the Bible. Crafts, coloring pages and worksheets help to reinforce the lesson. It's especially fun to watch the children work together or challenge each other to finish the worksheets. Some children really love working on the crafts and even the youngest who aren't able to do much of it for themselves want one to take home. Some groups have the chance to sing some favorite children's church songs. We also work with the refugee groups to make sure they learn the Lord's Prayer in English. There have been more children attending the Clay Sunday School more regularly. Last Sunday we had 8 children in Sunday School and the nursery. The Karenni group is a has two very young preschoolers who join us and color and take part in craft activities.



–Kathy LaDuca

DRUSS KUSUSI - A program that tutors our New World Ministries children

We have had two weeks of Druss Kususi during March due to children not showing up. There was lower attendance due to lack of rides, weather and people not wanting to get going on Saturday mornings. However, we continued to work on skills and cooking for the kids that wanted to.

We start the morning with snack. We then it look at what happened during the week that was good. Then it's time for prayer.

Cooking is fun for the kids. This month we made chicken baked in the oven and buffalo chicken macaroni and cheese. This was an especially fun activity as each child had their own pan to put ingredients in, mix and heat. The macaroni and cheese was really good.

Academic skills are also important and the primary reason we are there. Math and English worksheets that have themes which are appropriate to the season, holiday or something we are focused on helps to make working on skills more fun. We continue to work on primarily math skills but whatever else the children need.

We end with lunch at which time we are able to share the food that was prepared if it is ready. Otherwise the kids get to take it home and share it with their families.

If you want to help out with the cost of the food you are welcome to donate a gift certificate to Price Chopper or ask Kathy or Linda what might be needed.

–Kathy LaDuca



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - APRIL

"Be Joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. - Romans 12:12



HAPPY EASTER!

What is Easter to you? Is it the cute little bunnies, eggs and candy for the kids? Or is it Jesus dying on a cross and being resurrected? My family celebrates Jesus dying on a cross for our sins, he died for all of us to be free, to live on this earth and know that He is our Lord and Savior. I love the bunnies and candy, too, but Jesus is the reason for our Easter! Celebrate Him!

Carrot Cake Trifle

- 1 box of Carrot Cake Mix
- 1 Carrot
- 8oz. Softened Cream Cheese
- 1.5 sticks of softened butter
- 3.5 cups of powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 16oz. Cool Whip
- Chopped Walnuts or pecans

Directions:

1. Prepare carrot cake as directed and add shredded carrots to the mix. Allow to cook before cutting into cubes
2. For the whipped mixture: Cream together cream cheese, butter until fluffy. Then add the powdered sugar until combined, then add vanilla.
3. With the mixer on low, combine the cool whip a little at a time to incorporate.
4. In trifle bowl or deep glass bowl, place in one layer of carrot cake pieces, then add a layer of the whipped cream mix. Repeat ending with whipped cream mix on top.



The Bulletin Board

64th Grandma's Old-Fashioned

Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

4:00p.m. 'till all are served!



We NEED Your Help!

You can help in many ways...there will be a fill-out form on the table in lobby, please fill out and hand-in, or email me with what you want to do.

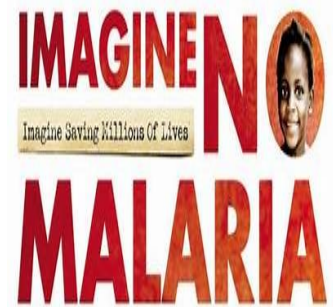
Here's how you can help:

- Donate Cash/Check to buy supplies
- Sign up to bring a Dessert, Pie, Loaves of bread or other supplies.
- Or, you can help work the Kitchen, Dining Room or help clean up.

April 25 is World Malaria Day!

April 25th is an international observance dedicated to malaria awareness.

Since 2010, the people of The United Methodist Church through its Imagine No Malaria initiative have focused on reducing malaria deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa. In the process, the denomination has learned that "our God is able, more than able to do more than we can ask or imagine."



40 BAGS IN 40 DAYS



A Lenten challenge to declutter and simplify

FJUMC Lenten Clean-up / Clean-out

Have you noticed the clean-out improvements around the church? "The trustees have organized a 'Lenten 40-day clean-out @ FJUMC'! We had our kick-off meeting and starting cleaning

immediately. The trustees have created tasks to do that will beautify our Clay Campus. If you would like to help with clean-up, contact Beth Jordan or the church office at 315-652-9186.

MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle, April 11th at 1:00p.m., Clay Campus



CAPSTONE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY:

Pastor Daniel Bradley out of office from April 26th - 28th



Cradle & Beyond

7778 Brewerton Road

So much progress has been done at the building!

In the retail space: the walls are primed in all rooms, ceiling insulation is about ½ complete and the drop ceiling frame is being installed in the former ‘garage’ space. We have contracted with a plumber and are in the process of obtaining a permit for the plumbing and making necessary alterations to meet ADA standards in the bathroom - after this is completed we will be ready for the plumbing to be inspected.

In the house (new worship / meeting area): the outside walls have new plywood and house wrap on the back wall, upper side wall (looking over retail space) and ½ the front of the house. The old chimney blocks have been removed and beams in the upstairs have been prepared so that the space can be ‘opened up’. Windows will soon be framed and plans to run the electricity are in the works. A business plan is being created by the Cradle & Beyond committee - this will create the foundation on how the retail space will operate. Please keep the dedicated work crew and the Cradle and Beyond committee members in your prayers as they continue to dedicate their time and energy in working to create this into an amazing FJUMC space.





HOLY WEEK

APRIL 14th - 20th (HOLY WEEK)

APRIL 21st (EASTER)

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

Holy Week now and in Jesus Time:

TODAY: Holy Week is the week before Easter.

The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday, when the crowds welcomed Jesus waving branches and shouting “Hosanna”.

The Thursday in that week before Easter is “Maunday Thursday”, the day Jesus had the Last Supper with the Apostles and from which we get the base for communion.

The Friday before Easter is Good Friday, It is the day Jesus was Crucified. So what can be “GOOD” about it? There are 2 ideas about it. 1. Some churches say that this terrible day had to happen so Jesus could be resurrected and that ‘s the good part. 2. Second idea about “GOOD” is that in ancient times, “Good” meant holy, pious, or devout. The Bible is sometimes called the “Good” Book. The New Testament is sometimes called “Good” News. Substituting the word “Holy” for “Good”.

JESUS TIME: You can read it in the Bible In Matthew...verses below

Matthew 21:1-11 - Jesus enters Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Matthew 21:12-17 - Jesus Cleanses the temple

Matthew 26:26-30 - Jesus and the disciples eat together (Last Supper)

Matthew 26:36-46 - Jesus prays in Gethsemane

Matthew 26:46-49 - Judas kisses Jesus

Matthew 26:50-56 - Jesus is arrested

Matthew 26:69-75 - Peter denies knowing Jesus

Matthew 27:11-14 - Jesus questioned by Pilate

Matthew 27:29 - Jesus gets a crown of thorns

Matthew 27:32-44 - Jesus is put on the cross

Matthew 27:45 - There is darkness at noon

Matthew 27:57-61 - Jesus is wrapped in linen cloth and put in tomb

Matthew 28:1-11 - Easter



For the month of **APRIL** we will collecting **CEREAL** for Phoenix Food Pantry.



What is April Fools Day?

It is commonly believed that in medieval France, New Years was celebrated on April 1st. Then in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, changing New Years to January 1st. With no modern communications, news traveled slowly and new ideas were often questioned. Many people did not hear of the change, others chose to ignore it, while some merely forgot. These people were called fools. Invitations to non-existent “New Year” parties were sent and other practical jokes were played. This jesting evolved over time into a tradition of playing pranks on April 1st.

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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