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“From the Heart...”

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express the deep gratitude that I have for you and the love that you have shown me over the past month. When my father went home to be with the Lord it left a gaping wound in my heart. Your love and generosity have helped put salve on that wound. Thank you, for the love that you have shared with me through your phone calls, cards, text messages, emails, and financial gifts. These have meant more to me than you will ever know. I especially want to thank all those that helped provide for the funeral luncheon. Your grace has shown me and my family the love of Christ in our hour of darkest need.

To express my thanksgiving for you and your families I will close with some borrowed words from the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:3-11)

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel Bradley

In Loving Memory



In Honor & Memory of Robert Alan Bradley

December 22, 1951 - July 8, 2019

Mr. Robert Alan Bradley, 67, of Niagara Falls, NY, passed away, suddenly, on Monday, July 8, 2019. Born on December 22, 1951 in Niagara Falls, NY, he was the son of the late George W. and Frances (Slaiman) Bradley. On April 15, 1972, Robert married the love of his life, the former Dawn Arnold in the Navy Chapel in Charleston, SC.

Mr. Bradley graduated from Niagara Falls High School and earned his associate's degree from Erie Community College. Robert enlisted in the United States Navy on July 7, 1970, and retired on December 3, 1994 as a Sonar Technician, 1st Class Petty Officer and Recruiting officer. Following his retirement, he worked for Niagara Auto Electric and Norman G. Jensen/Livingston Intl CHB. He was most proud of his family position he held of "Pet Maintenance Supervisor."

In addition to his parents, Robert was predeceased by a son, Christopher J. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley is survived by his wife, Dawn (Arnold); children, Rev. Daniel (Mary Babcock) Bradley, Sharon Bradley and Joshua (Tiffany Marin) Bradley; granddaughter, Kiah Bradley; siblings, George William "Skip" (Gale A. Brontmire) III, Kimi, Bruce and Carol S. Bradley, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.



August 13th, 2019 Faith Journey UMC Blood Drive from 3-7pm!! 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!



DON'T MISS OUT ON ELVIS - SEPTEMBER 28th, 2019 from 7-9pm!

Sponsored by Southern Sudan Health Project - Come help support!

Tom Gilbo providing the music of **ELVIS**. Let's go dancing and having so much fun...come dressed as you are or dress to the era!!

- Enjoy Root Beer Floats, Pizza, and more as you enjoy the music and dance the night away. ***Food and drinks are not included in the price.**
- Tickets are \$5 presale, \$6 at the door



What's Happening

AUGUST:

August 2nd: Mechele Wright Luncheon @Olive Garden at 12:00pm

August 8th: Mary Circle @12pm picnic @Ethel Hamlin House.

August 9th: Mechele Wright last day at FJUMC

August 10th: Chicken BBQ @11am

August 10th: Cradle & Beyond Summer Sale

August 13th: Blood Drive, 3-7pm

August 25th-31st: Pastor out of office



CRADLE & BEYOND **SUMMER SALE**

When: August 10th, 2019

Time: 9am - 1pm

Where: Faith Journey UMC, Back of church in fellowship hall area.

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Website: www.fjumc.org

Hope to see you there, we have tons of items, clothes, shoes and more!



Chicken BBQ

Faith Journey UMC
Chicken BBQ

August 10th, 2019

Time: 11:00am till gone...It goes fast...get there early!

Prices: \$8.50 for dinner / \$6.50 for just half chicken

Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans and dinner roll. Super Yummy! What...for \$8.50 you get all of this...that's amazing!



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 information.

MARY CIRCLE

August 8th, 2019 @12pm, Picnic at Ethel Hamlin's Home! Don't miss out.

AUGUST SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



AUGUST Scripture Writing Plan

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 - Philipians 1:21-24
Day 2 - Philipians 1:25-27
Day 3 - Philipians 1:28-30
Day 4 - Galations 5:13-15
Day 5 - Galations 5:16-18
Day 6 - Galations 5:19-21
Day 7 - Galations 5:22-26

Day 8 - Romans 7:4-6
Day 9 - Romans 7:7-8
Day 10 - Romans 7:9-12
Day 11 - Romans 7:13-15
Day 12 - Romans 7:16-20
Day 13 - Romans 7:21-25
Day 14 - John 15:1-4

Day 15 - John 15:5-8
Day 16 - John 15:9-14
Day 17 - Mark 2:15-17
Day 18 - John 8:12-14
Day 19 - John 8:15-18
Day 20 - John 8:19-20
Day 21 - Romans 2:1-3

Day 22 - Romans 2:4-6
Day 23 - Romans 2:7-11
Day 24 - Romans 2:12-16
Day 25 - 2 Corinthians 4:1-3
Day 26 - 2 Corinthians 4:4-6
Day 27 - 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
Day 28 - 2 Corinthians 4:13-15
Day 29 - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Day 30 - Proverbs 21:1-3
Day 31 - Choose your own

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.

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

- Psalm 119:18





I would like to introduce you to “MARY CIRCLE”!!

Mary Circle is a group of women of **ALL** ages who gather together for a couple of hours each **2nd Thursday** of each month from **April - December**. We not only gather together in friendship, but also to give ourselves to church issues. We are not a “closed gathering” and we welcome any adult woman to join us. If you are interested in joining the group, drop in or ask any member to help you out. The current circle consists of 20 members. We begin with dessert & conversation followed by short devotions, current business, ending with a short synopsis of her choice relative to the gathering by Ruth Koch. Please come join in on the fun and friendship with coffee & desserts!

Mary Circle is frequently asked to respond to any church issue or projects when needed. We go above and beyond requests of donations from church service requests. Here is a list of contributions we have given to. We are presently **RESERVING \$500** donation to the trustees to approve a carpenter in replacing the back door overhang.

Mary Circle Contributions:

- ⇒ \$550 Donation for Misc. Kitchen items in May
- ⇒ \$50 Donation for “Southern Sudan Health Project” Donation in Nov.
- ⇒ \$50 Donation to “No More Malaria” in Nov.
- ⇒ \$544 Donation towards Roast Beef Dinner in May
- ⇒ Circle Member Donation in “April - May” to clean kitchen stove to a shiny re-make!



Thank you

Dear Friends in Christ –

Thank you for the wonderful send off you gave me on my last day at FJUMC. I appreciated all the thoughts and good wishes you shared with me, the beautiful flowers, cards and gift cards that were given. Your outpouring of love and care were at times overwhelming. As most of you know, as I leave FJUMC I am retiring from the active roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I have been placed on the retired roster of deacons and clergy.

I have often shared with you, over the years, in sermons and newsletters articles and I want to take this opportunity to do so once again.

“Every time I think of you, I thank my God. ⁴ And whenever I mention you in my prayers, it makes me happy. ⁵ This is because you have taken part with me in spreading the good news from the first day you heard about it. ⁶ God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won’t stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns.” (Philippians 1:3-6)

My ministry among you and in your name has been a real joy – God has blessed me with good ministry partners both lay and clergy. I have been strengthened by your zeal for outreach and mission and have felt upheld by you in prayer. I have been honored and blessed to work among you to share God’s love and grace with you and with the communities we serve.

Ministry isn’t about me or you or the pastors who have served the congregations. Ministry is about sharing God’s love, grace and peace with all those in need of hearing as God has called us to. It is about providing for the needs of God’s children in our local community and communities around the world. And we have done that often and well.

My prayer for all of you and for FJUMC in the coming years is that you will continue to grow in faith and spread the good news; provide food, clothing and shelter for those in need; bring hope to the hopeless; care for the sick; love those who are unlovable; work for justice for all the disenfranchised and peace for the world so that in the end it can be said, “Well done good and faithful servant.”

Thanks be to God for your mission and ministry!

In Christ, Kathy LaDuca

Time
TO
say
GOODBYE

It is with a heavy heart that I have to say Goodbye. The last 1.5 years at Faith Journey have been wonderful. Faith Journey took a chance with me and I learned so much from being here. I and my family moved from Oklahoma to NY 15 years ago, not knowing anyone, growing in our faith along the way and that faith led me here to work for you. God leads us all in different directions and it’s up to us to listen and go down the path of righteousness and success. I have so enjoyed my employment here at FJUMC, the wonderful people, the conversations and the friendships. After long hours of discussion and prayer, my husband and our family decided to take on a venture to Georgia/South Carolina, it is time for us to be led by the Lord and follow His word and path. I and my family are ready for this new direction of life, but know that you will always be in my heart! My last day at Faith Journey United

Methodist Church will be August 9th, 2019.

I wish Faith Journey United Methodist Church and all of its employees and members much success in the coming years. Much love always.

Mechele Wright - Faith Journey UMC Office Manager



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 - Dole Whip Lemonade

INGREDIENTS

1 cup frozen pineapple
1 cup lemonade
1/2 cup coconut milk
Pineapple wedges
Cherries for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Blend pineapple, lemonade, coconut milk.
2. Pour into glasses and garnish with pineapple and cherry.



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.

AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 12PM - Mechele Wright luncheon 7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay	3 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
4 COMMUNION SUMMER HOURS	5	6	7	8 9AM-12PM - Workday 12PM - Mary Circle @ Ethel Hamlin's - Picnic 4PM - C&B mtg. @new bldg.	9 7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus - Mechele Wright last day	10 9AM - 2 PM - Workday 11AM - Chicken BBQ 9AM - 1PM - C&B Sale
11 SUMMER HOURS	12	13 3-7PM - Blood Drive 6PM - Drum Circle 7:30PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	14	15 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	16 7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	17 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
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25 SUMMER HOURS - Pastor out of office	26 - Pastor out of office	27 - Pastor out of office	28 - Pastor out of office	29 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building - Pastor out of office	30 7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus - Pastor out of office	31 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.. - Pastor out of office
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer Services Schedule</u> 9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship @ Clay 11 AM - Traditional Worship @ Clay</p>						

Cradle
& Beyond



Cradle & Beyond

7778 Brewerton Road

The C&B building is coming together! More ceiling done (only a few tricky pieces left before the AC guy comes to finish it off), window trim is all up and being painted, closet doors installed and windows washed! Progress is being made!





SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

**Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. -
Romans 12:10**



August - Summer is Here!!!

Summer is out and in full force! I love Summer, We hang by the pool, eat our dips/chips, drink our flavored water and enjoy the heat. I think about the kids getting ready to start school, going shopping for school supplies, the bus transportation and know that Fall will be here very soon. This is the time for renewal, the time to let God transform into our lives...shed off the old skin and renew!

Key Lime Dip

From: Mechele Wright

- 1/2 Cup Marshmallow Fluff/
Creme
- 1/3 Cup Sweetened condensed
milk
- 1/4 cup Key Lime juice
- 1 Cup Heavy Whipping Cream
- 1 tbsp. Lime zest to garnish

Directions:

1. Whisk together fluff, condensed milk, lime juice and zest until combined.
2. Beat heavy cream until stiff peaks form.
3. Fold Whipped cream into marshmallow mixture. Cover and chill for at least an hour and up to 24 hours.
4. Top with additional lime zest prior to serving.





BENJAMIN JAMES WENTWORTH

JULY 10th, 2019 @9:15am

Please say, "CONGRATULATIONS" to Gail Wentworth and her family! Her son, Daniel Wentworth and his wife, Amanda gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, "Benjamin James Wentworth"! He arrived July 10th, 2019 at 9:15 am, he weighed in at 9 lbs 6oz and 22 inches long.



For the month of **AUGUST** we will be collecting **LAUNDRY DETERGENT** for Sacred Heart Anna's 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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