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"A Year In Review"

Dear Church Family,

Grace and Peace be with you!

On July 1, 2019, I will celebrate the close of my first year as your pastor and the beginning of my second year. It has been an incredible year of faith as we have moved forward in ministry. God has done some incredible things, and I thought I would highlight them in this article.

- The New Screens in the Sanctuary were a gift from a dear friend of Faith Journey. Along with all the wiring and computer boxes necessary to make the system complete.
- A new WIFI router has been donated and installed in the sanctuary.
- \$1000 was raised for UMCOR flood buckets at the United Methodist Center. This was our Thanksgiving offering.
- \$2000 was raised for the Karenie – Path of Life Congregations at the Mattydale Campus. This was our Christmas Eve offering.
- We turned our Ministries Council Meetings into Strategic Planning Sessions to recraft vision and ministry for Faith Journey. We began to meet at the United Methodist Conference Center in Liverpool, NY as we have had to accommodate more people. Currently, we have 15 attending these meetings regularly.
- At our strategic Planning Session, we adopted guiding principles for Faith Journey. We are still working on our vision statement.
- We moved the 12:30 service from Pitcher Hill Community Church to the Morgan Rd. Campus.
- Over 40 blessing bags with supplies for the homeless were collected and distributed this winter.

These are just a few of the things that have been accomplished over the past year. The Lord has been so good to us and blessed us in many ways. These accomplishments do not tell the full story of what has been happening at Faith Journey. I hope and pray that you will come and see that the Lord is good and continues to bless.

It has been my privilege to serve as your pastor. I have learned and grown a lot in my faith journey. I have been watching each of you and seeing the growth that is taking place. I am so very proud of the church you are becoming. Together we can accomplish all that we set out to do in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior.

I want to remind you that for July and August we will have only two services at 9:30 and 11:00. On July 21, we will have one service at 11:00, Rev. Dr. Aaron Bowens, the Director of Vital Congregations for the Upper New York Annual Conference will be leading worship. Please come and be blessed.

May God continue to pour out his blessings upon you and your family this summer as you recreate and enjoy God's creation.

In Christ,



Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

July 4th, 2019, Independence Day!!



“...I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority.” 1 Tim. 2:1-2a (HSCB)

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

What's Happening

JULY:

July 4th: HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! OFFICE CLOSED.

July 7th: SUMMER CHURCH HOURS! We are starting Summer Services @9:30 & 11:00 until August 25th.

July 11th: Mary Circle @1pm, Clay

July 13th: Chicken BBQ @11am

July 14th: Andy's Camp, Methodists Around the World. Please bring a dish to share and the fun starts @3pm.

July 21st: ONE Church Service @11am, Rev. Aaron Bowen will be preaching. Pastor out until 27th.



4th of July and Baseball...it doesn't get anymore, "ALL AMERICAN" than that!!! Faith Journey UMC will be celebrating July 4th @ NBT Bank Stadium, watching the Syracuse Mets Baseball game. Syracuse Mets vs. Buffalo Bisons. We will also enjoy \$1 Thursday...\$1 Hoffman hot dogs and \$1 Coca-Cola drinks! There will also be a huge fireworks show after the game! Hope you got your tics.



Chicken BBQ

Faith Journey UMC

Chicken BBQ

July 13th, 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!



MARY CIRCLE

July 11th at 1:00p.m., Clay

ANDY'S CAMP: JULY 14th

Come and join Methodists From Around the World at Andy's Camp on July 14th @400 Lehigh Road, Pulaski. Fun and games start @3pm followed by supper @5pm and service @7pm. Please bring a dish to share.

JUNE SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



JULY

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 - Psalm 40:1-3	Day 15 - Deuteronomy 31:6
Day 2 - Psalm 62:5-8	Day 16 - 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Day 3 - Psalm 37:5-9	Day 17 - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14
Day 4 - Psalm 37:10-11	Day 18 - 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18
Day 5 - John 13:1-7	Day 19 - Colossians 1:9-11
Day 6 - Lamentations 3:22-26	Day 20 - James 5:7-9
Day 7 - Psalm 130:5-6	Day 21 - James 5:10-11
Day 8 - Hebrews 10:35-36	Day 22 - 2 Peter 1:5-9
Day 9 - Psalm 25:1-5	Day 23 - Hebrews 6:10-12
Day 10 - Ecclesiastes 3:11-14	Day 24 - Hebrews 6:13-15
Day 11 - Isaiah 40:28-31	Day 25 - Hebrews 6:16-18
Day 12 - Romans 5:1-5	Day 26 - Hebrews 6:19-20
Day 13 - Hebrews 12:1-3	Day 27 - 2 Corinthians 6:3-5
Day 14 - 1 Peter 2:19-23	Day 28 - 2 Corinthians 6:6-10
	Day 29 - Galatians 6:7-10
	Day 30 - 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5

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.

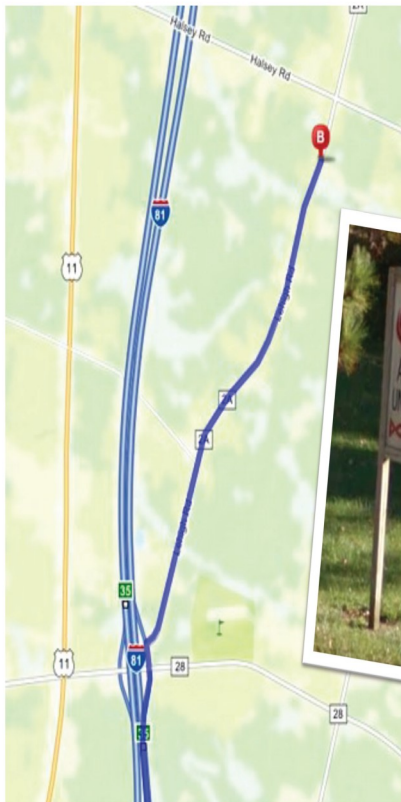
Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

- Psalm 119:18



ANDY'S CAMP: JULY 14th

FUN & GAMES



To get to Andy's Camp:

400 Lehigh Road, Pulaski, NY 13142

- Take 81 North to Exit 35 - Tinker Tavern Road.
- Go across Tinker Tavern Road, then take your next right onto Lehigh Road (Route 2A)
- Go 2 miles and Andy's Camp is on the right.
(Look for the sign!)



DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS: Methodists From Around the World @ Andy's Camp on July 14!

- United Methodists from Around the World will gather at Andy's camp for this annual gathering.
- Soccer and Volleyball games will start sometime in the morning. More games will begin at about 3:00.
- Supper will be at 5:00! This supper will be a pot luck, with Sudanese, and Burmese and Nepali and Lao and American food. We hope to have more congregations join with us in this celebration.
- Worship will begin at 7:00, where scripture and music will be shared in many different languages.
- The evening will end with some special effects.

Methodists
From Around
the world

Faith Journey United Methodist Church "Guiding Principals"

Principle 1: Transparency- "In everything we do as the Faith Journey United Methodist Church, we will do out in the open. Minutes from meetings will be kept and will be accessible. Budgets and financial statements will be available upon request. In house audits of all accounts will be done yearly, and we will comply with all aspects of the 2016 Book of Discipline and our Annual Conference policies. There will be no secrets kept from the congregation except for pastor/parishioner confidentiality and the confidentiality of the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee."

Principle 2: Excellence- "Excellence will be our native tongue. We will do everything with excellence, or we will not do it at all. From our worship on Sunday morning to the work at the Cradle and Beyond building. Even our dinners and barbecues will be done in such a way as that by doing these things Christ will be glorified."

Principle 3: Honor- "We will honor God in everything we do and say. We will show honor to one another and continually listen for wisdom and understanding. We will treat one another as better than ourselves and put the needs of other people first. We will be humble and always remember that the positions that we hold and not for our gratification but the glorification of others in Jesus Christ."

Principle 4: Integrity- "As a people of faith we will conduct ourselves with the highest moral integrity available. We will comply with all Annual Conference policies and the 2016 Book of Discipline to be above reproach. We will be respectful of staff, pastor, pastor's family, and members of the congregation. We will maintain the highest of standards when relating to one another, creating an environment where sexual harassment, racial bigotry, and immoral behavior of any type is not permitted. Our policies will reflect John Wesley's first rule: Do No Harm.

Principal 5: Biblical Authority- "We recognize the scriptures of the old and new testament as the inspired word of God. All 66 books of the Bible are the authority which will guide our church and be the foundation of all that we do as the Church of Jesus Christ.

Principal 6: Inclusion- "As the church of Jesus Christ we are an open and inclusive church of LGBTQIA persons. This position is in stark contrast with our current denominational stance on homosexuality which states: "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching..." (See Paragraph 161 of the 2016 Book of Discipline.) *We will continue to honor their presence with us and support and sustain them in their Christian walk. "...We affirm God's grace is available to all. We will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving, and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us. We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons."*(Excerpt Par. 161h.) We will not discriminate in employment or ministry positions within the church recognizing that all have gifts for service in the kingdom of God.

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

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Recipe by: Mechele Wright - Bacon Ranch Pasta

INGREDIENTS

12 oz. uncooked tri-color pasta
10 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled
3 tbsp. dry ranch mix
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. garlic pepper
1/2 cup milk
1 large tomato, chopped
1 can sliced black olives
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese



DIRECTIONS

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil; cook rotini at a boil until tender yet firm to the bite, about 8 minutes; drain.
2. Place bacon in a skillet over medium-high heat and cook until evenly brown. Drain and chop.
3. In a large bowl, mix mayonnaise, ranch dressing mix, garlic powder, and garlic pepper. Stir in milk until smooth. Place rotini, bacon, tomato, black olives and cheese in bowl and toss to coat with dressing. Cover and chill at least 1 hour in the refrigerator. Toss with additional milk if the salad seems a little dry.



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.

JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30 PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	3	4 Independence Day! Fireworks to-night!!! Syracuse Mets baseball game at 7:05pm.	5 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	6 9am - Outdoor Cleanup Annual Conference - Pastor out of office 11 AM - Chicken BBQ
7 COMMUN-ION SUMMER HOURS STARTING TODAY thru August 25th! Services are at 9:30am & 11am	8	9 6 PM - Drum Circle @ Clay, bring food donation 5:30 PM - 9PM - Strategic Planning mtg. Conf. Ctr. Bring dish to pass	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. 11 AM - Chicken BBQ
14 SUMMER HOURS Andy's Camp - Methodists Around the World event!	15	16 7:30 PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	17	18 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building	19 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus - Pastor out of office	20 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building - Pastor out of office
21 ONE Service @ 11am - Pastor out of office	22 - Pastor out of office	23 - Pastor out of office	24 - Pastor out of office	25 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building - Pastor out of office	26 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus - Pastor out of office	27 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building - Pastor out of office
28 SUMMER HOURS	29	30	31			
<p align="center"><u>Sunday Services Schedule</u></p> <p align="center">9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship @ Clay</p> <p align="center">11 AM - Traditional Worship @ Clay</p>						

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Cradle & Beyond

7778 Brewerton Road

PROGRESS!!





SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - JULY

**Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- 2 Corinthians 3:17**



July - Fireworks!!!

July is a time for hot dogs, baseball & apple pie...right? We love to celebrate 4th of July with watching a wonderful fireworks show, having a picnic with hot dogs and watermelon. We can sit outside and watch the stars at night and enjoy the warm summer breeze. I sit on my deck at night and look up at the stars and think about God up there, watching over us and keeping us safe. It's the best feeling in the world! Blessings and high favor to all!!

Watermelon Salsa

From: Mechele Wright

- 3 cups chopped watermelon
- 1/2 chopped green bell pepper
- 2 tbsp. lime juice
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tbsp. chopped green onion
- 1 tbsp. chopped jalapeno
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, combine the watermelon, green bell pepper, lime juice, cilantro, green onions, jalapeno and garlic salt. Mix well and serve with chips or pita chips.





For the month of **JULY** we will collecting **SPAGHETTI SAUCE** for Brown Memorial 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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