



## **Pastor's** **Page**



I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.** -Philippians 3:10-14

Dear Church Family,

For my eighth birthday, I received one of the most precious gifts I have ever received from my grandmother. She bought me a BMX bike from the local bike shop. It was chrome silver with spoked wheels and off-road tires. I rode that bike all over the neighborhood. It was my way of declaring my independence. I would race other children on my street. And most of the time, I would win.

Winning a bike race is different than winning the prize that Paul is talking about in his letter to the Philippians. Paul recognizes that the race he is running here on earth is leading him heavenward to the eternal prize of life with Christ for eternity. Paul's race included many hardships, imprisonments, shipwrecks, and disappointments. Yet, Paul pressed on to the eternal prize heading heavenward. His mission was to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. He did just that, and the effects of that mission are still being felt today. As followers of Jesus Christ, it is our job to be in mission to all the world. We are called to, "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Over the past year, I have been listening to all who have shared with me about our mission and vision for the future. I have come up with a draft of a vision statement that sums up where we are headed as a church.

"The Faith Journey United Methodist Church exists to transform lives for Jesus Christ. Its holistic vision is that people would be lifted from scarcity to an abundant life full of faith, hope, and love so that they may truly transform their communities and the world."

We exist not to be another civic organization. We exist to make disciples and transform the world. We are the church of Jesus Christ. We are redeemed, and we are marked with the call of Christ to be in mission and ministry to all in our community and the world. On April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, two strategic planning sessions for our Leadership Team were held at the Upper New York Annual Conference office building. We had fifteen at our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and thirteen at our May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We shared a meal and had a lively discussion. We talked about the direction that the Faith Journey United Methodist Church was going. We

talked about planning for the future and building on the guiding principles that were adopted. We are growing and developing as a leadership team and need your prayers. To close each meeting, we broke bread and shared in Holy Communion.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, we will hold another Strategic Planning Session from 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM at the Upper New York Annual Conference Center. If you would like to attend, you are more than welcome. The only requirement I have is that you love Jesus and desire to see Faith Journey rise to glory in Christ Jesus. Please contact me for more information. Minutes from these meetings are available in the church office.-

I still have that old BMX bike. It is not as shiny as it once was and it needs new tires and handlebar grips. As I reflect back on all the races that I won, perhaps it wasn't the bike that caused me to win but that eight-year-old boy whose heart was bigger than his head. I am still running this race, working out my own salvation and pressing on towards the prize that I have been called heavenward in Christ Jesus.

I pray God's blessing on you and your family this day, now and forever more. May the God of peace grant you the assurance of salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior. Go forth to love and serve one another just as Christ has laid down his life for you.

In Christ,



Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

## BIRTHDAY WISH REQUEST

### **SSSSSSHHHHHH....DON'T TELL!!**

Jeanne Sharp is turning **90** on June 19th. Faith Journey UMC wants to do a "CARD SHOWER" for Jeanne, requested by her daughter, Karen.

Please mail Jeanne Sharp a special 90th birthday card **BEFORE June 19th** @ address below:

**Jeanne Sharp  
3584 Redhead Terrace  
Liverpool, NY. 13090**

**THANK YOU!!!**



# What's Happening

## JUNE:

June 1st: Day of Outdoor Cleanup  
 June 2nd: Ascension Sunday  
 June 5-8: Annual Conference  
 June 8th: Chicken BBQ  
 June 9th: Day of Pentecost  
 June 13th: Mary Circle  
 June 14th: Flag Day  
 June 16th: Trinity Sunday  
 June 16th: Peace with Justice Sunday  
 June 16th: Father's Day  
 June 16th: Brown Memorial Food Service

### Brown Memorial Food Service June 16th:

Please join Faith Journey United Methodist Church is helping out Brown Memorial @3pm with a food service volunteer day. You can either serve or help prepare the food. Please contact Linda Raulli @315-263-1014 if you would like to help out!

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Don't forget Dad this June 16th, 2019! Let's celebrate our dad on this special day and take him out to a movie, lunch or a special golf day! Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!



# MARY CIRCLE

June 13th at 1:00p.m., Clay

### **Chicken BBQ**

Faith Journey UMC  
 Chicken BBQ  
 June 8th, 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!

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 5-8th, 2019

Pastor Daniel Bradley will be out of the office for Annual Conference @ OnCenter in Syracuse.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

FAITH JOURNEY UMC will have a **Day of Outdoor Cleanup** on Saturday, June 1st 2019, at FJUMC @9am and possibly go to North Syracuse Parsonage.

# JUNE SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



## JUNE

### 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!

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| Day 1 - 1 John 1:5-7         | Day 15 - 2 Corinthians 2:9-11 |
| Day 2 - 1 John 1:8-10        | Day 16 - Luke 17:3-4          |
| Day 3 - 1 John 2:1-4         | Day 17 - Matthew 6:12,14-15   |
| Day 4 - 1 John 2:5-8         | Day 18 - Psalm 86:3-5         |
| Day 5 - 1 John 2:9-11        | Day 19 - Psalm 103:1-4        |
| Day 6 - 1 John 2:12-14       | Day 20 - Micah 7:18-19        |
| Day 7 - Matthew 18:21-22     | Day 21 - Ephesians 1:3-7      |
| Day 8 - Psalms 103:8-12      | Day 22 - Colossians 1:9-14    |
| Day 9 - Mark 11:24-25        | Day 23 - James 5:15-16        |
| Day 10 - Colossians 3:12-13  | Day 24 - Romans 3:21-24       |
| Day 11 - Ephesians 4:26-27   | Day 25 - Romans 3:25-26       |
| Day 12 - Ephesians 4:31-32   | Day 26 - Luke 7:44-50         |
| Day 13 - Matthew 5:23-24     | Day 27 - Psalm 32:1-5         |
| Day 14 - 2 Corinthians 2:5-8 | Day 28 - Acts 2:37-39         |
|                              | Day 29 - Romans 8:1-4         |
|                              | Day 30 - John 8:1-11          |

### 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.

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

- Psalm 119:18





## **GET FIT with Beth Jordan**

SUMMER IS COMING!!! Are you ready for the summer season? Do you hide from bathroom mirrors? Well...if you are ready to get rid of that extra little weight or just stay in shape, please join Beth Jordan for, "GET FIT" on Tuesdays @6:30-7pm here at Faith Journey UMC, in the sanctuary.





### **We will miss you Kathy!**

How blessed we have been to have **KATHY LADUCA** with us for the past 12 years!!

Since Kathy came to the former Andrews Memorial UMC in October of 2007, she has been committed and dedicated to providing Christian education, guidance and being a great resource to all.

Kathy originally was hired through the SPRC at Andrews. She was appointed each year by the Bishop and Synod Council of the Upstate New York Lutheran church, of which she is a member. Kathy has a Master's Degree in Counseling and a Master's Degree in Christian Education. She is also qualified to preach and has been gracious in providing many sermons for us when the pastor has been away.

During her time at Andrews, she worked with the Youth Group. At Andrews and Faith Journey she has organized many special days for children in the community around Christmas, Easter and even Halloween, as well as classes on Sunday mornings. Kathy participated in many of our Mission Sundays and her hours spent working went beyond those in her job description. She facilitated a retreat for mothers and was willing to offer leadership to other small groups.

Andrews began supporting the post refugee population in Syracuse in 2005. This began with the Sudanese and has grown to include the Karenni and Nepali groups. Kathy has been vital to this ministry. She developed Christian education programs and worked diligently teaching the post refugee children about Christianity (along with providing numerous nutritious snacks). She has organized the collection of school supplies for the children each year, along with items useful for summer vacations. In addition, she was a part of starting Druss Kususi, the tutoring program provided for post refugee children. She has guided the volunteers for this program over the years that not only provides academic tutoring, but also teaches life skills necessary to adapt to a new culture, such as cooking classes.

Kathy's last day at Faith Journey will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will miss her greatly! Kathy has blessed us with the ministry she has provided to those of all ages and backgrounds these past 12 years. We know she will continue to be a blessing, sharing her multitude of gifts with others. We offer heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Kathy and also to God for the time Kathy has been with us. - **Staff Parish Relations Committee**

# CALLING *all* COOKS



I need RECIPES! Do you have a favorite to share? Just email me at [fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:fjoffice@fjumc.org)

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## Recipe by: Linda Smith - Rhubarb Nut Muffins

### INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 Cups flour  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 cup diced rhubarb  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1 tsp. vanilla

### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine flour, sugar, soda, salt
2. Combine oil, egg, buttermilk & vanilla
3. Stir the liquid mixture into dry mixture just till moistened.
4. Fold in rhubarb & nuts.
5. Fill muffin cups 2/3rds full.
6. Muffin topping: 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 cup chopped nuts. Mix together and sprinkle over top of muffins.
7. Bake 20-25 mins. @375 degree oven or until done.



**E-mail!**

Do **YOU** want to be on the FJUMC email list? Please contact the church office at [fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto: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.

# JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM - Get Fit with Beth Jordan @ Clay Campus 7:30 PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	<b>5</b> Annual Conference - Pastor out of office	<b>6</b> Annual Conference - Pastor out of office	<b>7</b> Annual Conference - Pastor out of office 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay	<b>1</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building <b>8</b> Annual Conference - Pastor out of office
<b>9</b> Day of Pentecost	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6 PM - Drum Circle @ Clay, bring food donation 6:30 PM - Get Fit with Beth Jordan @ Clay Campus	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building 1 PM - Mary Circle @ Clay	<b>14</b> 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	<b>15</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building.
<b>16</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Brown Memorial Food Service @3pm.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM - Get Fit with Beth Jordan @ Clay Campus 7:30 PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>21</b> 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	<b>22</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
<b>23</b> Pastor out of office - Rev. Allen Kinney	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM - Get Fit with Beth Jordan @ Clay Campus 7:30 PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>28</b> 7 PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	<b>29</b> 9 AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
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## Sunday Services Schedule

9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship @ Clay  
11 AM - Traditional Worship @ Clay  
12:30 PM - Traditional Worship @ Clay



Cradle  
& Beyond



# Cradle & Beyond

## 7778 Brewerton Road

Cradle & Beyond is coming along great!!! All lights and ceiling grid are installed and tiles to be installed soon!! All Flooring was donated...Yay!!! Thank you for the donations.

In May we'll be painting - work continues every Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9-12. There will be added evening hours for the month of May so that all painting can get done.





## **SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - JUNE**

**I am more than a conqueror through Him that loved me.**

**- Romans 8:37**



## **June - Summertime is here!**

June is one of my favorite months of the year. We get to enjoy the pool, BBQ, meals with friends and just hang out on the back deck. I take my bible out to the deck and enjoy the sun and the word! Summer is a time when we are growing in the assignments He has given us. It is a time of experiencing visual fruit, gifts, movement and productivity, where we are fully launched in passion and carry out the plans that God has spoken to us.

### **Spicy Corn Carbonara**

**From: Mechele Wright**

- 4 ears corn
- 8 strips bacon, diced
- 1 red onion, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper
- 16 oz. spaghetti or linguine
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- Chives, for serving

### **Directions:**

1. Cut the corn off the cob with a sharp knife. Transfer kernels to a bowl and firmly scrape the knife against the cob to release any liquid. Discard the cobs.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the bacon and cook until the fat has rendered and it's very crisp, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove the bacon from the pan with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels.
3. Add the red onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until it's tender, about 4 minutes. Add the corn and garlic and cook until the garlic is fragrant, about 3 minutes. Season with the salt and red pepper flakes and reserve over low heat.
4. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over medium-high heat. Add the pasta and cook until al dente, 8 to 10 minutes. Scoop out and reserve 1 cup of the pasta water, then drain the pasta.
5. Stir the pasta water into the corn mixture. Raise heat to medium and bring the liquid to a gentle simmer. Add the pasta to the skillet and toss to combine.





For the month of **JUNE** we will collecting **Canned Fruit/Vegetables** for North Syracuse 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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### Faith Journey UMC Staff:

Pastor Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

Kathy LaDuca - Christian Education

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Daniel Williams - Musician

Jake Melnyk - Musician

Mechele Wright - Office Manager

Sean Townsend - Custodian