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*"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children." Galatians 4:4-5*

Dear Church Family,

Grace & Peace to you from God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

This Sunday, December 1st is the first week of Advent. It is hard to believe that in just four short weeks, we will celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year the theme that will run through all of Advent is "God in the Mess." We will begin with a message of preparation and then see how God works in the mess of humanity. I hope and pray that you and your family will worship with us this Advent and celebrate the good things that God is doing in your life. If you are unable to attend, you can listen to the sermon, which is broadcast on our podcast page: [faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com](http://faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com), our Facebook page: [facebook.com/faithjourneyumcclaynorthsyracuse](https://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumcclaynorthsyracuse) and on Spotify: search "faithjourneyumc" or Pastor Daniel Bradley.

On November 8th, 2019, we opened our Mission Central Campus at 7778 Brewerton Rd. Cicero, NY. It is an absolutely fantastic space that has been transformed from a run-down veterinarian hospital to the home of C&B 2.0. I hope you will come and check it out this Christmas season. Store hours are Tuesday 4pm-7pm, Wednesday 10am-4pm, Thursday 10am-4pm and Saturday 10am-2pm. Also, C&B 2.0 will be closed for the holidays, from December 22, 2019 until January 2, 2020.

Galatians 4:4-5 is one of my favorite scriptures. It reminds us that at just the right time, God sent his Son Jesus to rescue us from condemnation under the law. I need to be reminded of this every day. I need to be reminded of God's love for me, even in my sinful condition. God loves us more than we could imagine. God has never left us or forsaken us and never will. God is with us in God's Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior.

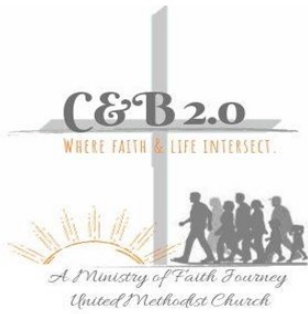
While this is a season to celebrate, I am cognizant that, for many, this is a tough and sad season of faith. Many people struggle with the loss of a loved one or battle depression and anxiety. This can be one of the toughest times of the year. I know there is a gaping hole in my heart for my father who passed on this July. Going home will be the toughest thing that I do this year. However, I don't go alone. I go with God. If you are struggling to find peace amid the Thanksgiving – Christmas season, you are not alone. Please call me at 315-652-9186 or at my home 315-314-6595, and let's talk and pray together. We can get through this season with God's grace and love.

I pray God's blessing on you this day and celebrate all the goodness God has given to you in your life. May God's love reign in your heart, and your grace be ever known to all you come in contact with. God Bless and I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rev. Daniel J. Bradley'.

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley



# Cradle & Beyond 2.0

## 7778 Brewerton Road

C&B 2.0 at Mission Central is open and thriving! Word of our opening continues to spread, donations and new shoppers are coming through the doors each day and we are working to get more volunteers in order to keep up with the demands. We have recreated and streamlined the process and responsibilities and urge anyone interested in volunteering as a substitute, for a couple of hours per week, every two weeks or even once a month, to fill out the brief application (located in the lobby) and leave it in the office or place it in the offering plate.

As we are a ministry of FJUMC, we will be hosting mission and outreach opportunities. For the month of December, we will be collecting non-perishable food items that will be given to the area food pantries, we will also be offering 'free-will donation' gift-wrapping on **Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm from 11/30 - 12/21.**

In order to make Christmas special for some of our customers, we are asking for donations of gently used toys and games, children's clothes and unique items that can be given as gifts. We will also accept plastic hangers to accommodate our donations and display them for our customers and boxes that can be used for the wrapping days.

Phase 2 at Mission Central is well-underway. New windows have been installed, our parking lot is well-lit and other indoor projects are keeping the crews busy on Thursday and Saturdays mornings 9-noon.

In closing, please continue to keep these ministries in your prayers. We hope to see you soon!

### **Location:**

7778 Brewerton Rd.

Cicero, NY 13039

(Across from the Coppertop and 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 and times / Sorters:**

Tuesdays from 9 am - 11 am  
And anytime the store is open!

**C&B 2.0 will be closed December 22 through the holidays and reopen on January 2, 2020.**

**HAPPENING IN JANUARY:** C&B 2.0 will be offering "learn to sow" classes once a week for the month of January! Dates and times are to be announced, look for them in January's Newsletter!

# What's Happening

## December:

December 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st: Prayer & Communion at 7:30 pm @ Clay  
December 6th: Christmas Concert, Maryna & Friends at 7 pm @ Clay  
December 10th: Drum Circle at 6 pm  
December 12th: Mary Circle Christmas @ Ethel's at 12 pm  
December 15th: Last day to submit Poinsettia flower orders to Bonnie Bergan  
December 19th, 20th & 21st: Free Gift Wrapping @ Clay from 12 pm - 5 pm  
December 24th: Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5:30 pm  
December 25th: Christmas Day, *Office Closed*  
December 31st: New Year's Eve



THE TENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
PRESENTED BY

MARYNA   
& FRIENDS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2019  
7:00 PM

AT FAITH JOURNEY UMC  
8396 Morgan Rd. Clay NY 13041

Come join us and bring family and friends for The 10th Annual Christmas Concert presented by Maryna & Friends at Faith Journey UMC on Friday, December 6th at 7:00 pm.

Suggested Donation: \$10



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Christmas  
Eve SERVICE

Tuesday,  
December 24th  
At 5:30 PM



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](mailto:roadoutofhere@gmail.com) for information.

## MARY CIRCLE

December 12, 2019 @ 12 pm, Ethel's Home!  
Don't miss out.



# December

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

*- Galatians 5:22-23*



## December - Merry Christmas!!

The snow is here! As central New Yorkers, the snow is a predictable part of the winter months for us, making travel more difficult and the cold temperatures unbearable, but the winter months are simply beautiful and full of joy, kindness and the spirit of giving. It's always nice to receive a gift from a friend or loved one, but my favorite part of Christmas is giving special gifts to family and friends because nothing compares to seeing someone's face instantly light up when they see the thoughtful and personalized gift they've received. I absolutely love baking cookies, wrapping gifts and cuddling up by the warm fire watching some classic holiday movies. What are your favorite Christmas/Holiday traditions?!

Wishing everybody a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!



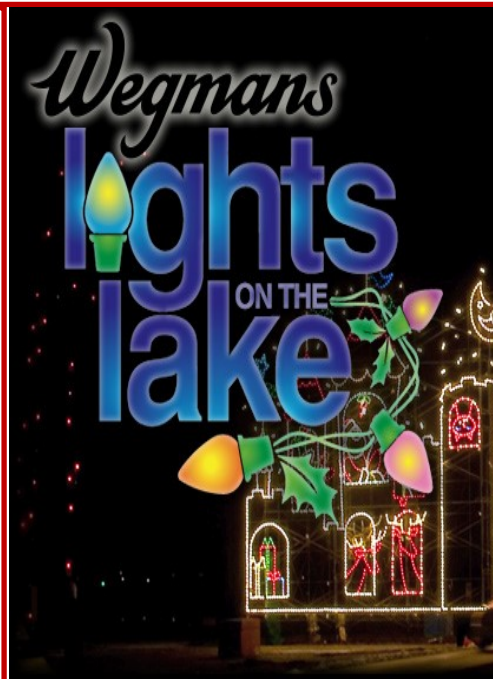
### DATES/TIME:

Thursday, November 14th, 2019  
through Sunday, January 5th,  
2020

**Open Nightly, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

### ADDRESS:

Onondaga Lake Park,  
6790 Onondaga Lake Pkwy, Liver-  
pool, NY 13088



### PRICES:

Monday-Thursday \$10  
per car, Friday-Sunday  
\$20 per car

Show your Wegmans  
Shoppers Card on Mon-  
days & Tuesdays to save  
\$4 per car.



# DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Communion</i>	2	3	4	5	<b>6</b> <b>7PM- 10th Annual Maryna &amp; Friends Christmas Concert @ Clay</b> 7PM -Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay	<b>7</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building. <b>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</b>
8	9	<b>10</b> <b>6PM - Drum Circle</b>  7:30PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	<b>11</b>  9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>12</b> <b>12 PM: Mary Circle @ Ethel's House</b>  9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>13</b> 7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	<b>14</b> 9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
<b>15</b> <i>Last day for Poinsettia Orders</i>	16	<b>17</b> 7:30PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	18	<b>19</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building  <b>12 PM - 5 PM: Christmas Gift Wrapping @ Clay</b>	<b>20</b> 7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay  <b>12 PM- 5 PM: Christmas Gift Wrapping @ Clay</b>	<b>21</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building  <b>12 PM- 5 PM: Christmas Gift Wrapping @ Clay</b>
22	23	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 5:30 PM</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day (Office Closed)</b>	<b>26</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>27</b> 7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	28
29	30	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> 7:30 PM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Services Schedule</u></b></p> <p>9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship @ Clay</p> <p>11AM &amp; 12:30 PM - Traditional Worship @ Clay</p>						

# DECEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



## DECEMBER 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 - Isaiah 7:14-17

Day 2 - Isaiah 9:6-7

Day 3 - Isaiah 11:1-5

Day 4 - Isaiah 11:6-10

Day 5 - Isaiah 40:1-5

Day 6 - Isaiah 52:7-10

Day 7 - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Day 8 - Psalm 72:1-7

Day 9 - Psalm 72:8-14

Day 10 - Psalm 72:15-20

Day 11 - Psalm 95:1-7

Day 12 - Malachi 3:1-3

Day 13 - Matthew 1:18-20

Day 14 - Matthew 1:21-25

Day 15 - Matthew 2:1-6

Day 16 - Matthew 2:7-12

Day 17 - Luke 1:26-29

Day 18 - Luke 1:30-34

Day 19 - Luke 1:35-38

Day 20 - Luke 1:46-50

Day 21 - Luke 1:51-56

Day 22 - Luke 2:4-7

Day 23 - Luke 2:8-12

Day 24 - Luke 2:13-16

Day 25 - Luke 2:17-20

Day 26 - Galatians 4:4-7

Day 27 - Philippians 2:5-8

Day 28 - Philippians 2:9-11

Day 29 - James 1:16-18

Day 30 - Titus 3:3-7

Day 31 - Choose your own verse

### 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



# **Recipe**Corner

## **Christmas “Grinch” Lime Sherbet Punch**

## **Directions:**

- 1 can of Pineapple juice (46 ounce)
  - 2 liters of Sprite, 7-Up or Ginger Ale
  - 2 quarts of lime sherbet
- ⇒ If you can’t find lime sherbet, substitute rainbow sherbet. Also, if you want more of a green color, add green food coloring or green Hawaiian Punch!
1. In a large punch bowl or gallon dispenser, add half of lime sherbet.
  2. Pour half the Sprite/7-Up/Ginger Ale over the top and then add half of the pineapple juice or green Hawaiian Punch.
  3. Add in cherries or strawberries to give it a pop of red color, if desired!
  4. Serve and enjoy!



## **Little Holiday Cakes**

**Recipe From: Taste of Home**



### **INGREDIENTS**

Pastry for double-crust pie  
(9 inches)

1/2 cup seedless raspberry  
jam

1 package red velvet cake  
mix (regular size)

1 can (16 ounces) vanilla  
frosting

Red and green sprinkles (for  
decoration if desired)

### **DIRECTIONS**

**1. Roll pastry to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut twenty-four 2-1/2 inch circles. Press onto the bottom and 1/2 inch up the sides of greased muffin cups. Top each with 1 teaspoon of jam; set aside**

**2. Prepare cake mix batter according to package directions for cupcakes. Fill prepared muffin cups three-fourths full.**

**3. Bake at 350° for 14-16 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.**

**4. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely**

**5. Frost with vanilla frosting and decorate with sprinkles for decoration if desired.**

**Prep time: 20 mins   Bake Time: 15 mins   Makes: 2 dozen**





## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

### Miracles of Jesus

1. How was the woman with the issue of blood healed by Jesus?
2. What unproductive tree did Jesus wither by cursing it?
3. Where did Jesus work his first miracle?
4. Which apostle did Jesus enable to walk (briefly) on water?
5. When Jesus healed the blind man of Bethsaida, what did the man say people looked like?
6. What widow had her dead son brought to life by Jesus?
7. Where was Jesus when he miraculously escaped from a crowd that was going to push him off a cliff?
8. How was Joseph told about Jesus' miraculous conception?
9. What was the affliction of the man Jesus healed after his famous Sermon on the Mount?
10. What little girl did Jesus raise from the dead after telling people she was only asleep?
11. When Jesus healed a man of dumbness, what did the Pharisees accuse him of?
12. When Jesus healed a paralyzed man, what did the man pick up and carry home?

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

## **Faith Journey UMC Podcast:**

*Where Faith and Life Intersect*

*Featuring Pastor Daniel Bradley*

*&*

*Brian Doolittle*

### **Three Ways to Listen:**



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or Pastor Daniel Bradley

### **Unable to attend Sunday Service?**

*Good News!*

Sunday Service Sermons are now available for listening as well!



### **"Get Fit" Update**

"GET FIT" with Beth Jordan  
is taking a hiatus for now!

We will let you know when  
we are back at it !



Have you ever lost something  
while attending Sunday Service?

Come in during office hours and  
check out our box of lost & found  
items, maybe you will be reunited  
with an old pair of glasses, gloves,  
backpack or other miscellaneous  
items!







We want to thank you all so much for the wonderful response to the thanksgiving bag collection, we were able to deliver 32 bags to 4 different schools as well as give to 3 different food pantries in the area including Anna's, St. Rose and Phoenix! They were so overjoyed and thankful to receive such a large amount of thanksgiving day food items. All of the Thanksgiving day bags will be going to less fortunate families in the area and now thanks to you all, they will be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner too! Thank you again for all your support to make a difference in the community!



These men from Adult & Teen Challenge joined us for an amazing FJUMC Thanksgiving worship and shared personal testimonies and shared a song with us. Please keep these men in your prayers for the month of December.

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| ♦ Garrett | ♦ Mike        |
| ♦ Chris   | ♦ Mark        |
| ♦ Stormy  | ♦ Michael     |
| ♦ Matt    | ♦ Earl        |
| ♦ Henry   | ♦ Pastor Dave |



A huge thank you to the women of Mary Circle for organizing the Bibles and Hymnals in the Sanctuary and ensuring each pew has books available for worship! It looks so lovely and we thank you!

The next Mary Circle meeting is at Ethel Hamlin's house to celebrate Christmas on December 12th at 12:00 pm, bring a covered dish to share!

**Bible Trivia Answers:** 1. She touched the hem of his garment, 2. A fig tree, 3. Cana, 4. Peter, 5. Like trees walking, 6. The widow of Nain, 7. His hometown of Nazareth, 8. In a dream, 9. Leprosy, 10. Jairus's daughter, 11. Having demonic power, 12. His bed.



# Get Your Christmas Presents Wrapped At Faith Journey United Methodist Church This Holiday Season

Faith Journey UMC is trying to cut down on our supply of fabulous wrapping paper we acquired from gift-wrapping at the mall. We will gift wrap with beautiful paper, bows and boxes.

If you would like to help in the wrapping, contact Bonnie Bergan

@ 315-652-4402 or 315-657-0851

If you would like your presents wrapped this holiday season, come to Faith Journey UMC at

8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041 on either of these dates:

- **Thursday, December 19th**

- **Friday, December 20th**

- **Saturday, December 21st**

between **12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**



## *Christmas Poinsettias*



*In Memory  
Or  
In Honor*

Christmas Poinsettia Flower orders can be placed now until December 15th.

You can order poinsettias for our worship this season. They can be given in honor or in memory of someone of your choice. Order forms are available on the table in lobby.

Remember to make checks out to William Goike.



For the month of **DECEMBER** we will be holding an annual Hat & Mitten Tree for those less fortunate and making the winter a little warmer & welcoming.

**Items to donate: Hats, Mittens, Gloves or even socks.**

If you have any questions, please call the church office @ 315-652-9186. Thank you for all your support during this holiday season.



## *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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Clay NY 13041

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