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December 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father who looks off in the distance to see you and comes running with the finest robe and ring. You are highly treasured in the Kingdom of God. Be Blessed in God's grace this day.

This past Sunday, we marked the beginning of Advent. We opened up Paul's Letter to the Corinthian church and the Gospel of Mark. We will be staying with these two sources for all of Advent. Our theme for this year is "Prevenient Grace." Simply put, this is grace that goes ahead of us. It is grace present in our lives before we were thought of, conceived, or born. It is God's grace. I hope you will be able to come to worship this Advent and be blessed.

This year we are offering two Christmas Eve services at 5:30 & 7:30. Both services will include Candlelight and Holy Communion. We will celebrate with joy-filled music and liturgy. ***Please call 315-652-9186 to make a reservation as our seating space is limited.*** The children will also be performing some bell music at the 5:30 service.

2020 has been an outstanding year for Faith Journey United Methodist Church. We have been through so many challenges this year; God has been faithful. God has blessed us with each of you and your steadfast love and support. Thank you for being part of the Faith Journey Miracle.

On Sunday, January 3, Alice Bowman will be leading worship, and she will be sharing the second book that she authored about Twinkle Dust. It will be a great time to relax and be a kid again.

I pray God's blessing on you and your family this day. I trust that God is with you and will provide for all of your needs. Go with grace, love, and mercy.

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

### Location:

7778 Brewerton Rd.  
Cicero, NY 13039  
(Across from the Coppertop  
and next to 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/times:

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

A milestone happened in November, we celebrate C&B 2.0's first anniversary and the entire Mission Central Campus is now completely sided! Thanks so much to our amazing team of volunteers and mother nature for providing beautiful weather to complete the project.



### December Specials

Week 1 - 12/1-12/5: BOGO Half Off housewares/entertaining merchandise

Week 2 - 12/8-12/12: BOGO Half Off anything you can wear

Week 3 - 12/15-12/19: 50% off Christmas merchandise

Week 4 - 12/22 & 12/23: 50% off all toys

**We will be closed from 12/24/2020  
until 1/5/2021**





# What's Happening

## **December:**

**December 1st-5th** - C&B 2.0 sale, BOGO Half Off Houseware/entertaining merchandise

**December 8th-12th** - C&B 2.0 sale, BOGO Half Off anything you can wear

**December 15th-19th** - C&B 2.0 sale, 50% Christmas merchandise

**December 22nd & 23rd** - C&B 2.0 sale, 50% all toys

**December 24th** - Christmas Eve Worship Services, 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm, please call or email and make a reservation for the service you would like to attend - (315) 652-9186 or [fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto:fjoffice@fjumc.org)

**December 25th** - Christmas Day

**December 31st** - New Year's Eve

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR

## Christmas EVE SERVICE

AT FAITH JOURNEY UMC

THURSDAY,

24

DECEMBER

5:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Faith Journey UMC will be holding two Christmas Eve Worship Services, one at 5:30 pm and another at 7:30 pm.

Please call (315) 652-9186 or email [FJOFFICE@FJUMC.ORG](mailto:FJOFFICE@FJUMC.ORG) to make a reservation for the service you would like to attend, leave a message with your full name, service you would like to attend and number of people in your party.

Faith Journey United Methodist Church  
8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041

Please call or email to make a reservation for which Christmas Eve Worship Service you would like to attend, limited to 52 people for each service.

*Please contact the church and leave a message with your full name, which service you would like to attend, 5:30 pm or 7:30 pm and the number of people in your party.*

**Faith Journey UMC**

**Phone: (315) 652-9186**

**Email: [fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto:fjoffice@fjumc.org)**



### **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 info.

## MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle is on hiatus due to  
COVID-19.

# December

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER - "CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS"

*"Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

- Isaiah 43:18-19



## December- Merry Christmas!

It's winter time!! I love the snow and snowy nights cuddled up by the fireplace with a cup of hot cocoa while watching Christmas classics, but I don't look forward to driving in the snow! I've been really busy, my husband and I got our first dog! He's a 3 month old French Bulldog mix and his name is Peanut! It's been so exciting and fun training him, he's a quick learner, he already knows how to sit, stay, lay down and shake! It's been amazing to experience the love and creating a bond with him. Christmas will be different this year with less get togethers and possible virtual gatherings, but we can make it through! It shouldn't be long until life can resume to normal with the vaccine on the horizon. In the meantime, stay safe and have a happy holidays.

## Lights on the Lake

Starts on Monday, November 16, 2020 until  
Sunday, January 10, 2021

Open seven days a week from 5 p.m. until 10  
p.m.

**This year, tickets are available for purchase online in advance only. A limited amount of tickets are available for each day, visit [www.lightsonthelake.com](http://www.lightsonthelake.com) to reserve a date and time.**



**Note changes: There will be NO walk-throughs for people or dogs, drive-through only\***



# **BIBLE TRIVIA**

## **Lamps, Candles, Etc.**

1. Who had a vision of Jesus walking among seven gold candlesticks?
2. Who told a story about ten women lighting their lamps to meet a bridegroom?
3. Who saw a torch from God pass between the animals he had brought to sacrifice?
4. Which psalm says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"?
5. Who was told to make a seven-branched candlestick to place inside the tabernacle?
6. According to Jesus, where do we never put our light?
7. What King sang, "For thou art my lamp, O Lord, and the Lord will lighten my darkness"?
8. What man, seeing his headquarters collapse, called for a light to check on Paul and Silas?
9. What judge confused the Midianite army by having his men break the jars they were using as lanterns?
10. According to the New Testament, what city has no need of lamps and candles?
11. In Jesus' parable, what was the woman who searched her house with a lantern looking for?

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

## **Faith Journey UMC Podcast:**

*Intersections of Life & Faith*

*Featuring Pastor Daniel Bradley*

*&*

*Brian Doolittle*

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



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[www.fajourneyumc.libsyn.com/](http://www.fajourneyumc.libsyn.com/)



**Spotify**

Search "fajourneyumc"  
or Pastor Daniel Bradley

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

*Good News!*

Sunday Service Sermons are available to!

# *vimeo*

To make the gospel more accessible, we have launched a Vimeo channel. Vimeo is a video sharing service on the internet, it will have all of our worship videos, sermons and music that appears each week on Facebook in one place and you will be able to access whenever you want. Please share this resource with family and friends. It is our desire to put the word of God into the hands of as many as possible.

The web address is:

**<https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc>**



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# 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 - James 1:17

Day 2 - Luke 11:9-13

Day 3 - John 4:7-10

Day 4 - John 4:11-15

Day 5 - 1 Samuel 1:17

Day 6 - Romans 5:15-16

Day 7 - Roman 6:23

Day 8 - Psalm 76:11

Day 9 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Day 10 - 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

Day 11 - Ephesians 2:4-7

Day 12 - Ephesians 2:8-10

Day 13 - Ecclesiastes 5:19

Day 14 - John 3:16

Day 15 - Revelation 2:10

Day 16 - Psalm 68:3-6

Day 17 - Psalm 68:9-11

Day 18 - Psalm 68:19-21

Day 19 - Matthew 5:23-24

Day 20 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-3

Day 21 - Hebrews 11:24

Day 22 - 1 Timothy 6:6-8

Day 23 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Day 24 - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Day 25 - Jeremiah 33:6

Day 26 - 1 Peter 1:18-19

Day 27 - Hebrews 9:15

Day 28 - Matthew 5:11-12

Day 29 - Matthew 6:38

Day 30 - 1 Timothy 3:15-16

Day 31 - Romans 5:8-11

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

- Psalm 119:18

### 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.





BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED.

*Give blood.*



**St Augustine's Church – Sponsor Code - STM**

**7333 O'Brien Road– Baldwinsville**

Wed 12/9 – 11am – 4pm - Get a chance to win an Outdoor Living Experience! Details: [rcblood.org/comfort](http://rcblood.org/comfort)

Tues 12/15 – 1pm - 6pm - Get a chance to win an Outdoor Living Experience! Details: [rcblood.org/comfort](http://rcblood.org/comfort)

Wed 12/16 – 11am – 4pm

Tues 12/22 – 1:30pm – 5:30pm - Presenting donors get a \$5 Dunkin Card and a RC Long-Sleeved T-Shirt!

Wed 12/23 – 11:30am – 3:30pm - Presenting donors get a \$5 Dunkin Card and a RC Long-Sleeved T-Shirt!

**Drivers Village – Center Court – Sponsor Code – DV**

**5885 E. Circle Drive – Cicero**

Thurs 12/3 – 1pm - 6pm – Get a chance to win an Outdoor Living Experience! Details: [rcblood.org/comfort](http://rcblood.org/comfort)

Wed 12/9 – 1pm – 6pm - Get a chance to win an Outdoor Living Experience! Details: [rcblood.org/comfort](http://rcblood.org/comfort)

Sat 12/26 – 9am – 2pm - Presenting donors get a \$5 Dunkin Card and a Red Cross Long-Sleeved T-Shirt!

**North Syracuse Community Center – Sponsor Code – NSyracuse**

**700 South Bay Rd – N. Syracuse**

Mon 12/14 – 1pm - 6pm - Get a chance to win an Outdoor Living Experience! Details: [rcblood.org/comfort](http://rcblood.org/comfort)

Mon 12/28 – 1pm – 6pm - Presenting donors get a \$5 Dunkin Card and a Red Cross Long-Sleeved T-Shirt!

**American Legion Post 787 – Sponsor Code – Cicero Legion**

**5575 Legionare Drive – Cicero**

Mon 12/21 – 1:30pm – 6:30pm Presenting donors get a \$5 Dunkin Card and a Red Cross Long-Sleeved T-Shirt!

**Syracuse Hancock International Airport – Sponsor Code – DeltaSYR**

**1000 Col Eileen Collins Blvd- John Walsh Conf Room**

Wed 12/30 – 10am – 4pm Presenting donors get a \$5 Dunkin Card and a Red Cross Long-Sleeved T-Shirt!

**For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use the listed Sponsor Code**



# RecipeCorner

Do you have any recipes to share? I would love to feature your recipes in the monthly newsletter! Leave a recipe on my desk, in the offering plate or email the office at [fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto:fjoffice@fjumc.org)



## Fresh Pear Bread

Recipe by: Taste of Home

[www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/fresh-pear-bread/](http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/fresh-pear-bread/)



### INGREDIENTS

- ◆ 3 large eggs, room temperature
- ◆ 1-1/2 cups sugar
- ◆ 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- ◆ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ◆ 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ◆ 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ◆ 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ◆ 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ◆ 1 teaspoon salt
- ◆ 4 cups finely chopped, peeled ripe pears (about 4 medium)
- ◆ 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ◆ 1 cup chopped walnuts

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a bowl, combine the eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla; mix well.
2. Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; stir into the egg mixture just until moistened.
3. Toss pears with lemon juice, stir pears and walnuts into batter (batter will be thick).
4. Spoon into 2 greased 9x5-in. loaf pans.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
6. Cool for 10 minutes before removing loaves from pans to wire racks.

*Apples or Asian pears would be a terrific substitute for the pears in this recipe, berries and stone fruits (like plums and peaches) would be too soft and yield too much juice. You can also freeze pear bread up to three months.*

**Prep Time: 15 mins.**

**Bake Time: 55 mins. + cooling**

**Makes: 2 loaves (16 slices each)**







C&B 2.0 donated 30 boxes of clothing to the Red Bird Mission and the shoeboxes collected at the church were delivered to the conference center who will give them to the Red Bird Mission.



## Thanksgiving Bags

What an amazing thing!! More than 60 bags filled with all the Thanksgiving Fixings were put together by our church members - 20 were delivered to the Phoenix Food Pantry yesterday, 20 will be delivered to the North Syracuse Community Church tomorrow and the rest will be given to the Syracuse City School District to be distributed to families before Thanksgiving!



## THANK YOU

*Thank you letter from Webster Elementary*

Dear Friends of Webster School,

We are overwhelmed by and so very appreciative of your generosity to the children of Webster School. These Thanksgiving donations will make a great difference for many children and their families. We appreciate all you've done.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Mamie Howard (Social Worker)

**Bible Trivia Answers:** 1. John, 2. Jesus, 3. Abraham, 4. Psalm 119, 5. Moses, 6. Under a Bushel, 7. David, 8. The Philippian Jailor, 9. Gideon, 10. The New Jerusalem, 11. A Lost Coin

# DECEMBER 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  9:00 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	3  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	4  7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	5  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
6	7  <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	8	9  9:00 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	10  9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Building	11  7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay Campus	12  9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
13	14	15	16  9:00 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	17  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	18  7PM - Gambler's Anonymous @ Clay	19  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
20	21  <i>First Day of Winter</i>	22	23  9:00 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	24  <b>Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Worship Service, 5:30 pm &amp; 7:30pm @ FJUMC</b>	25  <b>Christmas Day</b>  7PM - Gambler's Anonymous	26  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
27	28	29	30	31  <i>New Year's Eve</i>		
<p align="center"><b><u>In-Person and Online Worship Service:</u></b></p> <p align="center">Join us in-person or watch us live every Sunday at 10 am on Facebook  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumccclaynorthsyracuse">www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumccclaynorthsyracuse</a></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Sermons also available on:</u></b></p> <p align="center">Faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com or <a href="https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc">https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc</a></p>						



For the month of **DECEMBER** we will be holding an annual Mitten, Hat and Sock Tree for those less fortunate to make the winter a little warmer and welcoming. Items to donate: Hats, Mittens, Gloves or 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

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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

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We serve God through mission, encourage everyone on their spiritual journey and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

## Share

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We create opportunities for all to share their gifts and talents and demonstrate openness, acceptance and hospitality.

*God With Others*

### Office Location:

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**Phone:** (315) 652-9186 or  
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**Website:** [www.fjumc.org](http://www.fjumc.org)

### Faith Journey UMC Staff:

Pastor Rev. Daniel J. Bradley  
Maryna Mazhukhova - Musician  
Daniel Williams - Musician  
Jake Melnyk - Musician  
Sara Mertz - Office Manager  
Sean Townsend - Custodian