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**O**n March 25<sup>th</sup> I had bariatric weight-loss surgery.

It was a tremendous success. I spent Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> my birthday recovering. What a wonderful gift! Too bad we couldn't find a way to liquefy the birthday cake!

In the days following I felt renewed, refreshed, and ready to take on the world. No, I did not get Superman pajamas as a birthday gift. I felt good about my decision and for the first time, I was in control of what happened to my body.

I wanted to share this good news to tell you that I could not have done this without your prayers and words of encouragement. Thank You. This has been a huge part of my faith journey and getting the right perspective on what health looks like has been paramount.

The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the church at Philippi, "I can do all things through *CHRIST* who strengthens me." Truer words have never been spoken. It is Christ who has been with me on this journey and Christ that has been leading me forward. I never thought I would see the day when the pant size that I am now wearing is three sizes smaller!

Every day I notice something different about myself. My face looks thinner and my neck size has shrunk. I am being remade physically and spiritually. It's amazing what you see in the mirror when your attitude on the inside matches your physical appearance. I know I have a long way to go and I am at the beginning of this journey, however, I know that I now have the tools to affect real change.

To get to this point took over 35 years to face the reality of what I had done to my body. This change comes at just the right time. I am ready for the next steps and to see where God will lead me.

Over the next few months, I will be returning to a more topic focused newsletter article. I will still share my personal journeys with you and keep you posted with all that I am doing, but my articles will be much more focused.

Thank You, for taking the time to read and follow my story.

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

*I can do all things  
through Christ  
who strengthens me.*

*Philippians 4:13*

# What's Happening

## May:

**May 1st** - Native American Ministries Sunday  
**May 8th** - Mother's Day  
**May 12th** - Mary Circle Meeting, 1pm @ FJUMC  
**May 12th** - Charge Conference, 6:30pm @ FJUMC  
**May 14th** - Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am-until sold out @ FJUMC  
**May 21st** - Sewing Day for Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
**May 24th - 28th** - Memorial Bucket Sale @ C&B  
**May 28th** - Syracuse Mets Baseball Game, 6:35pm @ NBT BANK STADIUM  
**May 30th** - Memorial Day (*office closed*)

## CHICKEN BBQ DRIVE-THRU

Saturday, May 14, 2022

11:00 am - until sold out

\$6.50 - Chicken only  
(includes 1/2 chicken)

\$9.00 - Chicken Dinner  
(includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans and bread roll + butter)



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There will be a Chicken BBQ Potluck Lunch on Sunday, June 5th to celebrate Kiah Bradley's Confirmation. If you would like to join, please bring a dish to share and rsvp to [fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto:fjoffice@fjumc.org) or leave a message at (315) 652-9186 by the end of May so we can get a headcount. More details to come.



## 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 meeting on Thursday, May 12th at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Journey UMC (8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041)





# 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 :

Donations are accepted  
Tuesdays from 9 am - 11 am  
and any day/time the store is  
open!



A huge thank you to *Contour Landscaping* for the quick and professional service in taking the trees down and saving the neighbors garage roof. This was an unexpected experience, one of the trees had split and was leaning over and onto others thus at risk of falling onto the neighbors roof. We are excited for the openness and looking forward to landscaping! We are also continuing to work on the ceiling in the house and it's looking beautiful.



On Saturday 4/23, Cradle and Beyond partnered with the North Syracuse Christian Church (NSCC) and Strategic World Partners and hosted a complimentary shopping experience for a family of five who had just arrived to the US (4/21) after fleeing Ukraine. They came with only what they could carry with them. The parents were employed and had a home, the three pre-teen boys were in sports and enjoying a thriving life prior to the war. They shared that after deep soul-searching and praying, God brought them to CNY. The NSCC is housing them until they get a job (the Dad is a professional swim coach).



If you feel at all inclined and are able, the family could use some monetary gifts or gift cards to stores (Walmart, Target, Dollar Store) in order to get personal items as the kids are beginning school in Baldwinsville and the family will be looking for employment and an apartment when they are able to. If you'd like to contribute, please place your donations / gift cards (identified to go to the Ukraine family) through May 15th with your offering or hand it to Judy Bylsma or Beth Jordan and we'll be sure it gets to the family.



## HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY Bucket Sale



TUES. MAY 24TH (4PM-7PM)  
WED. MAY 25TH & THURS. MAY 26TH (10AM-4PM)  
SAT. MAY 28TH (10AM-2PM)

CRADLE & BEYOND, 7778 BREWERTON RD. CICERO, NY 13039



### SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - MAY - "PROMISE OF PEACE"

*"The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

*- Philippians 4:7*



### May

*Spring is here and summer is right around the corner, I've had a few covid scares and hope the cases go down once the warmer weather sticks around. I'm looking forward to spending time outside, possibly going camping this summer and working on landscaping at the house. We haven't decided whether or not we want to do a garden with vegetables, but know it's still too cold for planting anything yet. Last time we tried growing in our garden, the watermelons and cucumbers didn't come out so well, but the tomatoes kept growing like crazy! I hope you all have a wonderful month and start planning fun things to do during the summer months!*



## Holland Tulip Festival



4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS

MAY 9 - 12, 2022

**\$539 Per Person (Double Occupancy)**



**Package Includes:** 3 Nights Lodging, 3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners, Dutch Village, Veldheer's Tulip Gardens, DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory, "Journey of the Tulip" Immersion Garden OR Dutch-costumed guided tour, Evening Revue Show, Windmill Gardens & DeZwaan Windmill, Souvenir Gift, Luggage Handling, Taxes & Meal Gratuities and Motorcoach Transportation.

For information and reservations contact:

Liverpool First UMC Seniors

Sarah Bieling, 2 County Route 10, Pennellville, NY 13132

(315) 695-6696



# **BIBLE TRIVIA**

## **Speaking of Churches**

1. What church was neither hot nor cold?
2. What church began in the home of Lydia, the seller of purple?
3. At what church was Paul accused of turning the world upside down?
4. What church had two bickering women named Euodia and Syntyche?
5. In what church did Paul raise up Eutychus, who had fallen to his death out of a window?
6. What church was the scene of a burning of wicked books?
7. At what church were believers first called Christians?
8. Who founded the church at Colossae?
9. What church had a false prophetess named Jezebel as a member?
10. Who visited the church at Babylon?
11. What church suffered because of the "synagogue of Satan"?
12. What member of the Colossians church received a letter from Paul?
13. What church received epistles from two different apostles?
14. At what church did Paul preach his first recorded sermon?
15. What church had a former demon-possessed girl as a member?
16. What was the first church to appoint deacons?
17. Who helped Paul establish the church in Corinth?
18. What church tolerated the heresy of the Nicolaitans?
19. What church had fallen prey to the legalistic Judaizers?
20. What is the most commended church in Revelation?
21. What church received from Paul an epistle that has never been found?
22. What church took up a large love offering for the needy believers in Jerusalem?
23. On what Greek island did Titus supervise the churches?
24. What church saw the martyrdom of faithful Antipas?
25. What was the first church to send forth missionaries?
26. What church was Silas from?
27. What love-filled church sent members to accompany Paul all the way to Athens?
28. What church was noted for hating the Nicolaitan heresy?
29. To what church did Jesus say, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock"?
30. At what church did believers hold their property in common?
31. Who was sent by the Jerusalem church to oversee the church at Antioch?
32. To what church did Paul send Epaphroditus as a minister?
33. What church began at Pentecost?
34. What church had Crispus, a synagogue leader, as a member?
35. Where did Paul have a vision asking him to found churches in Europe?

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

# **DRIVE-IN CHURCH**

**at Faith Journey United Methodist Church**

Drive-in worship services are back starting on Sunday, June 12th at 10:00 a.m.

*Bring lawn chairs, blankets or stay inside your car. We will be having hot dogs and popcorn after services on days were it's nice outside.*

**Faith Journey UMC**  
8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041



Homer Gere is turning 100 on May 7, 2022. His address is included below for anybody who would like to send Happy Birthday wishes and blessings his way!



**Homer Gere**  
235 Fay Park Dr.

**North Syracuse, NY 13212**



# MAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

## May

### 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 - 1 John 14:26-27

Day 2 - Isaiah 35:3-6

Day 3 - Joshua 1:8-9

Day 4 - Matthew 6:33-34

Day 5 - Isaiah 43:1-2

Day 6 - Psalm 23:1-6

Day 7 - Psalm 34:4-8

Day 8 - Psalm 94:18-19, 22

Day 9 - Romans 8:37-39

Day 10 - Psalm 5:7-8

Day 11 - 1 Peter 5:6-8

Day 12 - Psalm 118:6-9

Day 13 - 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Day 14 - Deuteronomy 31:6-8

Day 15 - Psalm 56:3-4, 8-9

Day 16 - Isaiah 41:10-13

Day 17 - Matthew 10:28-32

Day 18 - Romans 8:14-16

Day 19 - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Day 20 - Hebrews 13:5-6

Day 21 - 1 John 4:17-19

Day 22 - Philippians 4:4-8

Day 23 - John 14:26-28

Day 24 - Luke 12:22-26, 32

Day 25 - Psalm 27:1-4

Day 26 - Psalm 55:22-23

Day 27 - Mark 6:49-51

Day 28 - Mark 11:24

Day 29 - Revelation 1:17-18

Day 30 - Zephaniah 3:16-17

Day 31 - Psalm 91:1-5

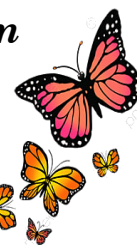
### What are Scripture Writing Plans?

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 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.



### THEME:

*Freedom  
from  
Fear*





# Memorial Weekend **BASEBALL** **GAME**

**SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022**  
**6:35 PM**

We have reserved the metropolitan club with bathrooms and handicap accessibility at NBT Bank Stadium on 5/28/22. We have access to the room starting at 5:00 PM. Fireworks to follow the baseball game! Please sign-up for tickets at Faith Journey UMC (8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041). If cost of tickets is a concern, please contact Pastor Dan at (716) 485-6246. We hope to see you at the game!!

**Tickets: Adults \$50, Kids (6-12) \$20,  
Children (3-5) \$10, Children 2 & under are FREE  
Meal & Drinks are included in ticket price**

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**Syracuse Mets VS Rochester Red Wings**

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**NBT BANK STADIUM**  
**1 Tex Simone Dr. Syracuse, NY 13208**

**[www.fjumc.org](http://www.fjumc.org)**



# 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)



## Strawberry Snacking Cake

*"This olive oil and cornmeal enriched sheet cake is perfect with a cup of coffee or glass of champagne, and some fresh whipped cream is all you need."*

<https://bonappetit.com/recipe/strawberry-snacking-cake>

*Recipe by: Sarah Jampel*



### INGREDIENTS

- ♦ 8 oz. strawberries, hulled, thinly sliced lengthwise
- ♦ 1 cup plus 3 tablespoons sugar, divided, plus more for pan
- ♦ Kosher salt
- ♦ 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for pan
- ♦ 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- ♦ 1/2 cup fine-grind cornmeal
- ♦ 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- ♦ 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- ♦ 3 large eggs
- ♦ 2 large egg yolks
- ♦ 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons sour cream
- ♦ 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- ♦ 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ♦ 1/2 cup strawberry jam
- ♦ Finely grated zest of 2 lemons

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350. Gently toss strawberries, 1 tablespoon sugar, and a pinch of salt in a medium bowl. Let sit, stirring occasionally, until ready to use.
2. Grease a 13x9" pan with oil. Line with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on 2 long sides. Grease parchment with oil. Generously sprinkle pan and parchment with sugar, tilting to coat pan in an even layer; tap out excess.
3. Whisk flour, cornmeal, baking powder, baking soda, 1 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon salt in a medium bowl. Whisk eggs, egg yolks, sour cream, lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla in a large bowl until well combined. Add dry ingredients to sour cream mixture and whisk gently to combine. Using a spatula, gradually fold in 3/4 cup oil until batter is smooth and homogenous with all of the oil incorporated.
4. Scrape batter into prepared pan and spread evenly. Using a small spoon, dollop jam onto surface. Using a butter knife or small offset spatula, gently swirl jam into batter. Arrange reserved strawberries on top of batter in even rows, touching at widest points. Sprinkle all over with remaining 2 tablespoons sugar.
5. Bake cake until risen and deeply bronzed with no damp spots in the middle and a tester inserted into the center comes out clean, 40-45 minutes.
6. **Do Ahead:** Cake can be made 4 days ahead. Cover with foil and store at room temperature.

RECIPE







## Williamstown Kentucky, BUS TRIP

### Noah's Ark Encounter and Creative Museum

### September 26 - October 1, 2022

Trip includes transportation and lodging, Aquarium with three breakfasts, three dinners with one being a cruise, driver gratuity, and much more.

The trip is sponsored by Cicero United Methodist Church Caring Support Group. For more information, contact Mary Alice Scheel at (315) 699-7181.

Cost is \$875 per double per person, \$975 Single person

\$250 deposit by April 5th

\$250 payment by June 5th

Balance of \$375 Double, \$475 Single due by August 5th

*Don't miss out on this fantastic trip!*

**Bible Trivia Answers:** 1. Laodicea, 2. Philippi, 3. Thessalonica, 4. Philippi, 5. Troas, 6. Ephesus, 7. Antioch, 8. Epaphras, 9. Thyatira, 10. Peter, 11. Smyrna, 12. Philemon, 13. Ephesus, 14. Antioch of Pisidia, 15. Philippi, 16. Jerusalem, 17. Priscilla and Aquila, 18. Pergamos, 19. Galatia, 20. Philadelphia, 21. Laodicea, 22. Antioch, 23. Crete, 24. Pergamum, 25. Jerusalem, 26. Antioch, 27. Berea, 28. Ephesus, 29. Laodicea, 30. Jerusalem, 31. Barnabas, 32. Philippi, 33. Jerusalem, 34. Corinth, 35. Troas



# MAY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Native American Ministries Day</b> <i>*Communion Worship Planning</i>	2	3	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary	<b>5</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	6	<b>7</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
<b>8</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>	9	10	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	<b>12</b> <b>Mary Circle, 1pm @ FJUMC</b> <b>Charge Conference, 6:30pm @ FJUMC</b>	13	<b>14</b> <b>Chicken BBQ, 11am-until sold out @ FJUMC</b> 9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
15	16	17	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	<b>19</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	20	<b>21</b> <b>Sleep In Heavenly Peace Sewing Day</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
22	23	<b>24</b> <b>Memorial Bucket Sale, 4pm-7pm</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial Bucket Sale, 10am-4pm</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in sanctuary.	<b>26</b> <b>Memorial Bucket Sale, 10am-4pm</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	27	<b>28</b> <b>Memorial Bucket Sale, 10am-2pm</b> <b>Syracuse Mets Baseball Game, 6:35pm @ NBT BANK STADIUM</b>
29	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day (office closed)</b>	31				
<p align="center"> <b><u>In-Person and Online Worship Service:</u></b>            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>  <b><u>Sermons also available on:</u></b>  <a href="http://Faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com">Faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com</a> or <a href="https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc">https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc</a> </p>						





For the month of **MAY**, we will be collecting *money towards making a bed, sheet sets and fabric for pillowcases* for **Sleep In Heavenly Peace**. Sleep In Heavenly Peace is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering beds to children (ages 3-17) in need in the greater Syracuse area, since their first delivery on October 6, 2018, they have delivered over 2,200 beds and counting!

We will be having a sewing day on Saturday, May 21, 2022 to assemble pillowcases (more details to come).

Thank you for your support!

## 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*

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Jake Melnyk - Musician  
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Sean Townsend - Custodian