



In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. - Genesis 1:1

here is no rhyme or reason why things turn out the way they do. Sometimes in life, all you can do is sit and watch the events unfold before your eyes. I have tried to make sense of our unfortunate situation with our transmission dying on our way home. At first, it was too much to take in, but I can now see how the good things from that event outweighed the minor first-world inconvenience.



When we were first towed to the truck center, we found out that it was one of the biggest truck repair centers in Wisconsin. They were more than able to handle the job of replacing the transmission. They were gracious enough to get us to a campground for the night, so we weren't parked in their lot. While this was an inconvenience, it gave us time to come together as a family and work through the solution.

One by one, everything fell into place, and we were on our way home. It was a journey of a lifetime. Kiah rode with me in the U-Haul and talked my ear off while Mary traveled in front of us in the rental car. We continued to enjoy our trip, even if it was interrupted by life. One of the greatest blessings was that Mary could travel with her brother Duane and his wife Tina to Wisconsin this week to retrieve the truck. I imagine the lively conversations on that trip were worth more than the cost of repairing 'Gracie Belle.'

The picture of the great grizzly bear is from a preserve in Montana. This bear could not be released back into the wild because it tends to wander the local town and was a nuisance. If you ask me, the bear is just doing what a bear does. This bear was a beautiful specimen that would turn over rocks and forage for fish in the stream. I imagine he had a far better feeding experience than if he had been left in civilization foraging through trash cans and destroying property. Bears like this one are not the problem; we are.

As humans, we build our homes and civilization in the path of nature and expect nature to get out of our way. It's a pretty arrogant way to live, but we do it all the time. How can we co-exist with nature and the world God gave us without causing destruction? That is the question that philosophers and scientists alike have been asking for millennia. We must think more significantly beyond this world and into the next. We must look at the impact our actions have on this world. After all, when we push up daisies, will anything be left for our children and grandchildren?

God created this world with the idea that we would be stewards of creation. It is lush and plentiful and continues to sustain life despite all the abuse we have subjected it to. It is something that we ought to pay attention to because if we don't, it will be gone, and we will be left wondering, "What have we done?" The great hymn of the faith, This is my Father's World, reminds us that we are living in God's creation and at the heart of that creation is God's only Son, Jesus.

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seasHis hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

There is a lot of speculation these days about the world's future. Will it continue? Will Jesus return? I believe both are true. The world will continue as long as God wills it to, and yes, Jesus will return. I am a firm believer that when that day comes that Jesus returns, there will be a lot to give account. How we built relationships and helped others find God will be the primary focus. How we handled creation will be the next question.

Each of us plays an integral part in this world from the moment we enter it to the moment we depart. Everything we do impacts the world in which we live. To simply throw our hands up in the air and say there is nothing that we can do is foolish and untrue.

We live in one of the wealthiest countries in the world. We have first-world problems. People living in third-world countries have real problems. My transmission dying was an inconvenience, but it is over and done. Someone in a third-world country who doesn't have running water and sanitation is an ecological and health crisis that needs to be remedied. We have all the wealth in the world, and we can do more than we can possibly conceive or imagine if we could be content with what we have and spend more time and resources helping others in need.

As I write today, I am reminded of our mission statement at Faith Journey United Methodist Church "We Seek God, to Serve God, to Share God with Others." I dare you to put that on your refrigerator door and look at it every time you go to the fridge and then ask yourself, "How can I be a better steward of what I have that I might affect change for this world and another person?"

Be the change you want to see in this world...don't wait; it might just be too late.

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

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# What's Happening

#### September:

Sept. 4th - Sunday Worship, 10am w/ Luncheon after @ C&B Building

Sept. 5th - Labor Day (office dosed)

Sept. 10th - Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am-sold out @ FJUMC

Sept. 15th - CNY Senior Housing & Care Expo, 9am to 1pm @ CNY Regional Market

Sept. 17th - Taste of B'ville, 12pm-10pm @ Paper Mill Island

Sept. 17th - Canine Carnival, 10am-3pm @ Jamesville Beach Dog Park

**Sept. 17th** - Staff Development Day w/SPPRC Team Members 8:30am-11:30am *@ FJUMC* 

Sept. 20th - Red Cross Blood Drive, 1pm-6pm @ FJUMC

Sept. 24th - Food Truck Fall Festival, 11am-10pm @ NYS Fairgrounds

**Sept. 25th** - Buffalo Bills Game Day/*Chili-cook off,* 1pm @ *C&B Building* 

Sept. 25th - Pennellville UMC Christmas Cantata Rehearsal, 6pm-8pm @ Pennellville Church

Sept. 29th - Memorial Committee Meeting, 10:30am @ FJUMC

Oct. 2nd - Special Sunday: World Communion Day





## MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle is not going to be meeting for the month of September, stay tuned for future updates on Mary Circle Meetings



## Cradle & Beyond 2.0 7778 Brewerton Road

#### **Location:**

7778 Brewerton Rd.
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Thank you to Nick Berra and Operation Northern Comfort for installing our accessibility ramp today! It's been 5 years in the planning and we couldn't be happier! Nick drives all over the country removing accessibility ramps that are no longer used and repurposes them for organizations and families who are in need! Volunteers from Operation Northern Comfort come, size / plan for the ramp, assist in getting necessary permits and install at no cost! Our work crew, Butch, Terry, Duane, Mike J, Judy and Mike B (missing him) and so many others have worked years getting this amazing space ready! What an amazing group of people.











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## LABOR DAY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

On Labor Day weekend, Sunday worship (9/4/22) will be held at the Mission Central/C&B 2.0 building at 10:00 a.m. with a 'bring a dish to pass' luncheon immediately following worship.

Mission Central/C&B 2.0 Building 7778 Brewerton Rd. Syracuse, NY 13212





#### SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER - "SIMPLE PLEASURES"

"Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has already approved what you do." - Ecclesiastes 9:7



#### **September**

With summer coming to an end, I realize how much I am looking forward to the cooler weather. It's been so hot that I am not going to mind the breezy, fall season. August literally flew by so fast, but it was full of fun, tons of sun and memories with the family. It's been so nice going to my inlaws on the sunny weekends to enjoy their pool and beautiful backyard. Peanut, my 2 year old dog, whose birthday was on August 20th, has been swimming several times and is getting less fearful of the water. He has grown up so much and has developed into a happy, healthy and extremely GOOD BOY! I am so proud of him and love him so much, he has been the biggest blessing and gift from God, especially through the last few years and all the pandemic turmoil. Check out the Canine Carnival below and spend the day with your furry family members at a local event!



#### CANINE CARNIVAL PRESENTED BY STAFFWORKS RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2022!

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



PMAWF Priscilla Mahar Animal Welfare Foundation

Canine Carnival began as an idea by Wayne Mahar as a tribute to his mom and has become a major event for Syracuse and Central New York. Over the years, it has grown to become one of the largest animal rescue events in the country attracting people and rescue organizations from across Central New York. Over the past 10 years, Canine Carnival, in partnership with the Priscilla Mahar Animal Welfare Foundation, the charity behind the carnival - has donated nearly a quarter million dollars to CNY animal rescues! Come join us for a day full of fun, food and enjoyment and to see all types of animals looking for loving homes. There will be 50 rescue organizations and dozens of vendors of foods, goods and service and animal demonstrations. The event goes on rain or shine! You may bring your dogs, but they must be on a 4-5 food non-retractable leash for safety purposes. Proceeds benefit the Priscilla Mahar Animal Welfare Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit.

Visit: www.caninecarnival.org for tickets and more information

JAMESVILLE BEACH DOG PARK JAMESVILLE, NY 13078

#### BIBLE TRIVIA

#### The Bible on Screen

- 1. What controversial 1985 movie starred actor Richard Gere as a king of Israel?
- **2.** Cecil B. DeMille's *The Ten Commandments* (1956), which starred Charlton Heston as Moses, was a remake of a 1923 silent film of the same title. What famous director made the earlier film?
- **3.** What 1966 epic featured director John Huston both as Noah and the voice of God?
- **4.** What much-loved TV movie was directed by Franco Zefferelli, an Italian best known for his work with Shakespeare and opera?
- **5.** In the 1949 film *Samson and Delilah*, directed by Cecil B. DeMille, who played the leading roles?
- **6.** The popular 1943 film *Song of Bernadette* featured actress Linda Darnell in the role of a biblical character. What did she play?
- **7.** What bald actor, famous for his role in another biblical film, played Solomon (with hair!) in the 1959 film *Solomon and Sheba?*
- **8.** Italian Communist director Pier Paolo Pasolini shocked the world with his 1964 film based on life of Christ. What was the film's title?
- **9.** What 1981 TV movie starred Anthony Hopkins and Robert Foxworth as two apostles?
- **10.** What 1953 film starred Charles Laughton as a lecherous Herod and Rita Hayworth as the title character?
- **11.** What heartwarming 1963 film with Sidney Poitier took its title from Jesus' statement about "Solomon in all his glory"?
- **12.** What 1932 film showed the declining Roman Empire and the growth of the church, and featured Charles Laughton as the despised Emperor Nero?
- **13.** What popular 1953 film, based on a novel by Lloyd Douglas, told the story of Peter and featured such actors as Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, and Victor Mature?
- **14.** This gaudy 1951 film was based on popular novel by Polish author Henryk Sienkiewicz. It told the story of the early Christians and their persecution under Nero, played by Peter Ustinov. What was the film?
- **15.** This MGM film, made in 1961, was criticized as being "too reverent" in its portrayal of Jesus, played by Jeffrey Hunter. What was the title?
- **16.** Based on a popular stage play, this off-beat 1936 film showed Southern blacks acting out the roles of Old Testament characters. What was the film?
- **17.** In the immensely popular *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (1965), practically every star in Hollywood had a small role. What role, with only one line of dialogue, did John Wayne play in this movie about Jesus?
- **18.** What blond Swedish actor played the role of Jesus in *The Greatest Story Ever Told?*
- **19.** What characters from the early years of Jesus' life appear as characters in the film *Ben-Hur?*
- **20.** In the 1956 film *Moby Dick*, which two of the main characters have biblical names?
- **21.** What 1957 film, based on an Ernest Hemingway novel, took its title from the Book of Ecclesiastes?
- **22.** What 1973 movie, filmed on location in Israel, featured young actors in a musical based on a popular (and controversial) play?
- 23. Who played the leading roles in David and Bathsheba (1951)?
- **24.** What 1973 musical, based on a stage play taken from the Gospel of Matthew and using old hymns set to new music, was filmed in locations across Manhattan?
- **25.** Director Frank Capra caused controversy when he stated he wanted to cast a popular singer-actor as the lead in his proposed film about the life of Paul. What unlikely star did Capra want?
- ⇒ Answers are located on the bottom of Page 10





Looking for a way to give back and have fun at the same time?

Look no further!

The Samaritan Center is the place to be! As we look to fully re-open on Monday, September 12th, we are recruiting new volunteers.

Go to **samcenter.org/volunteer** and complete your application today!

We were hoping to establish a volunteer group to help at the Samaritan Center and find a day/time to all get together to volunteer from the church.

Contact the office by text, phone or email to let us know if your interested in volunteering:

Email: FJOFFICE@FJUMC.ORG Phone: (315) 652-9186

Also, you can contact Beth Jordan at (315) 657-5701 if you have any questions.









A night with flvis!

Friday, October 7, 2022 6:30 P.M.

\*More information to come

Faith Journey UMC 8396 Morgan Rd. Clay NY 13041

A Southern Sudan Health Projects Event

#### SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

## September

#### 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 - Jeremiah 17:14

Day 2 - James 5:14-15

Day 3 - Proverbs 4:20-22

Day 4 - Psalm 107:19-21

Day 5 - Jeremiah 33:6

Day 6 - Matthew 4:23-24

Day 7 - Mark 1:29-34

Day 8 - John 9:5-11

Day 9 - Isaiah 53:4-5

Day 10 - Psalm 147:3

Day 11 - Psalm 41:2-3

Day 12 - Isaiah 38:16-17

Day 13 - 1 Peter 2:24

Day 14 - 3 John 1:2

Day 15 - Matthew 10:1-8

Day 16 - Matthew 9:35

Day 17 - Proverbs 17:22

Day 18 - Exodus 15:26

Day 19 - Psalm 103:2-4

Day 20 - Luke 8:49-56

Day 21 - Isaiah 40:29

Day 22 - Jeremiah 30:17

Day 23 - James 5:6

Day 24 - Isaiah 57:18-19

Day 25 - Psalm 41:4

Day 26 - Mark 5:34

Day 27 - Mark 2:17

Day 28 - Exodus 23:25

Day 29 - Revelations 21:4

Day 30 - Psalm 30:2

## 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

speak those words into reality, this will also help with memorization of the word of God and your daily walk with Him.





Give the gift of life.





Join us on Tuesday, September 20, 2022

FROM

1PM to 6PM



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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



#### **Creamy Crockpot White Chicken Chili**

"This flavorful White Chicken Chili is so deliciously savory with just the right amount of spice! Plus, it's almost effortless since it cooks in your slow cooker. It's perfect for those chilly Fall nights and also great for game day since you can feed quite a few people with this chili and if you bring a skillet of cornbread alongside, you'll love it!"

https://www.thechunkychef.com/slow-cooker-creamy-white-chicken-chili/

Recipe by: Amanda, The Chunky Chef



#### INGREDIENTS

#### **Ingredients:**

- ◆ 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts (trimmed of excess fat)
- ◆ 1 yellow onion (diced)
- ◆ 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- ◆ 24 oz. chicken broth (low sodium)
- 2 15oz cans great Northern beans (drained and rinsed)
- 2 4oz cans diced green chiles (I do one hot, one mild)
- 1 15oz can whole kernel corn (drained)
- ◆ 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- ◆ 1 tsp oregano
- ◆ 3/4 tsp oregano
- ◆ 1/2 tsp chili powder
- ◆ 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- Small handful fresh cilantro (chopped)
- 4 oz reduced fat cream cheese (softened)
- 1/4 cup half and half

#### **Toppings:**

- Sliced jalapenos
- Sliced avocados
- Dollop of sour cream
- Minced fresh cilantro
- Tortilla strips
- Shredded Monterey jack or Mexican cheese

#### NIRFCTIONS

- 1. Add chicken to slow cooker
- 2. Top with seasonings
- 3. Add onion, garlic, beans, chiles, corn, cilantro and chicken broth
- 4. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours
- 5. Remove chicken to a plate and shred, then return to slow cooker
- 6. Add cream cheese and half and half
- 7. Cover and cook on high for 15 minutes
- 8. Serve and enjoy!

#### Additional Tips\*

- Be mindful of heat levels there are several heat levels for diced green chiles, so be sure you're getting the one you really want. The hot versions can be pretty spicy!
- Go crazy with toppings like most chilis, you can top this recipe with so many delicious things, Tortilla chips, jalapenos, sour cream, cheese, cilantro, green onions, avocados, etc.

#### Variations of this recipe\*

- Protein swap try making this chili with leftover shredded turkey!
- Extra protein try adding a can of black beans, just make sure you drain and rinse them, or they can turn your chili an odd color
- Add heat for a spicier chili, try using the hot variety of green chiles, and/ or add some diced jalapeno to the slow cooker
- Non-Dairy you can enjoy this chili without adding the cream cheese and half and half
- \* A lot of creamy white chicken chili recipes don't have corn in them, but I added some here because the subtle sweetness goes really well with the heat level from the green chiles.

#### STORAGE

Chicken chili can be kept refrigerated in an airtight container for 4-5 days. This recipe can also be made ahead of time and freezes beautifully, with some minor adjustments. Complete the recipe through step 4, then cool completely and freeze. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator. When reheating, add cream cheese and half and half and serve as desired.





#### **FOOD - MUSIC - DRINKS - KIDS ACTIVITES**



#### Saturday, September 17th 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Taste of B'ville is a daylong family-friendly event with great food and entertainment, showcasing the many wonderful eateries and breweries in the Baldwinsville area. There is no general admission charge. Each food vendor will offer a lowcost sample as well as a full-size offers. There will also be music throughout the event, which is planned to run from noon until 10:00 p.m.

#### **OUR LOCAL FOOD VENDORS:**

- Angry Garlic
- Pizza Man Pub
- Lock 1 Distilling Company
- San Miguel Mexican Bar & Grill
- JessiCakes
- Bee You
- Sammy Malone's
- Tassone's Wine Garden

- Sal's Pizza & Restaurant
- Fireside Inn Baldwinsville
- WT Brews Baldwinsville
- Strigo Vineyards
- Skippy's Ice Cream
- Tony's Lemonade

**Bud Light Amphitheater at Paper Mill Island** 136 Spensieri Avenue, Baldwinsville, NY 13027



The #SYRFoodTrucks are BACK at The Great New York State Fair for our annual Fall Festival! Join us on Saturday, September 24th from 11am-10pm

Featuring 50+ food trucks, 100+ artisan vendors, live local music in TWO locations, low-cost food samples from each truck, kids zone, games, craft beer, wine slushies and so much more!

Buy your \$5 pre-sale tix and save! Tickets will be \$10 the week of the event.

Free parking with entrances at the main gate and back corner of Chevy Court.

100+ locally curated artists, vendors, and local live acoustic music all day long in the Center of Progress building! Kids Zone inside the COP!

## Tennellville United Methodist Church



The Pennellville United Methodist Church will, once again, be hosting the Christmas Cantata. If anybody would like to participate, please join us for our first rehearsal on Sunday, September 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Pennellville Church located at 389 County Route 54 in Pennellville, NY 13132.

Performance dates are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd and 4th.

We will be singing "Go Sing it on the Mountain" which was performed in 2016. It was so well-liked we decided to sing it again this year. We will also do some stand-alone pieces.

If you still have your cantata copy, please bring it with you so you don't have to purchase a new one. Terry Sivers will direct the choir, and Sue Candee will be our accompanist.

Also, ALL participants MUST be vaccinated and boosted and provide a copy at the first rehearsal.

Hope to see you on September 25th. Sincerely, PUMC Choir

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Bible Trivia Answers: 1. King David, 2. Cecil B. DeMille, 3. The Bible, 4. Jesus of Nazareth, 5. Victor Mature and Hedy Lamarr, 6. The Virgin Mary, 7. Yul Brynner, 8. The Gospel According to St. Matthew, 9. Peter and Paul, 10. Salome, 11. Lilies of the Field, 12. The Sign of the Cross, 13. The Robe, 14. Quo Vadis?, 15. King of Kings, 16. The Green Pastures, 17. The centurion at Jesus' crucifixion (who said, "Truly, this was the son of God"), 18. Max von Sydow, 19. The three wise men, 20. Ahab and Ishmael, 21. The Sun Also Rises, 22. Jesus Christ Superstar, 23. Gregory Peck and Susan Hayward, 24. Godspell, 25. Frank Sinatra

## SEPTEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Labor Day Wor- ship, 10am with luncheon after @ C&B building	Labor Day (office closed)		9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build-		Last Chicken BBQ of the Season, 11am-sold out @ FJUMC
11	12	13	9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's	15	16	17 SPPRC Staff Development Day, 8:30- 11:30am @ FJUMC
			Office	9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building		Canine Carnival Taste of B'ville
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1pm to 6pm @ FJUMC	9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building		Food Truck Fall Festival, 11am- 10pm @ NYS Fair- grounds
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Buffalo Bills Game Day, 1pm @ C&B building & chili- cook off				Memorial Com- mittee Meeting, 10:30am @ FJUMC		
Pennellville UMC Christmas Cantata Rehearsal,			9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy			
6pm-8pm @ Pennell- ville Church			communion in Pastor's Office			
	In-Person and Online Worship Service:					

#### <u>In-Person and Online Worship Service:</u>

Join us in-person or watch us live every Sunday at 10 am on Facebook www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumcclaynorthsyracuse

Sermons also available on:
Faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com or https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc



For the month of **SEPTEMBER**, we will be collecting *turkey gravy, canned yams or sweet potatoes* for **Sacred Heart Food Pantry**.

Thank you for your support!











#### 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.



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



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



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