

The Stepping Stone November 2022

There comes a time in life when we all need a helping hand. Sometimes a hand reaches out to us, and other times we have to reach up to receive a hand from the heavens. The burdens of this life are too much for us to bear on our own.

The Apostle Paul writes, "Bear one another's burdens, and fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2. We are called to share the burden with our brothers and sisters on this journey. We are not called to live in isolation but in deep communion with one another.



I have a close circle of friends with that I confide. They are friends from seminary, pastors, and college friends, and we navigate this world together. I also have a faithful wife and daughter who help me through the most challenging times. Together we are stronger than we would be alone. Consider for a moment who has been there for you in the past. Maybe it was your father or mother, aunt or uncle, brother or sister.

Who has helped carry your load?

The Church of Jesus Christ is all about community and communion with God and one another. It is not a social club. Instead, it is a center where mission and ministry come together, and by helping one another, we fulfill the Apostle Paul's command to: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." When you consider the darkness of the day of crucifixion, another man helped carry Jesus's cross; Simon of Cyrene was pulled out of the crowd and took the burden that was too much for Jesus. So likewise, some women tended to and mourned Jesus at the cross. In their way, they were helping carry the burden of our Lord and Savior.

When we see another stumbling in sin, our responsibility is to help them through their darkest time. We listen, hear, honor, and bring them integrity and respect as we help them with their relationship with God and one another. It's all about the relationships we have and hold dear to our hearts. Some relationships are easier than others. Some relationships will never be healed on this side of heaven. The point is this; if we are not reaching up toward heaven, we will never receive the hand of God reaching out to us.

On November 6^{th,} we will celebrate All Saint's Sunday. Perhaps there is someone who has passed that has helped you reach out to heaven. All Saints Day is the time to celebrate and remember them as a faithful part of your life. Please send a digital photo to the office by Friday, November 4^{th,} along with their name, birth, and death dates to fjoffice@fjumc.org.

We all need all the help we can get. These people have been there and done that for us. We need to do this for them. God bless and keep you in this time of thanksgiving, and may the Lord continue to pour God's grace upon you.

In Christ,

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Rev. Daniel J. Bradley



November:

11/3 - Ministries Council Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC 11/6 - All Saints' Day, Communion 11/6 - Daylight Saving Time Ends 11/11 - Veterans Day 11/13 - Worship Planning after worship service 11/16 - Thanksgiving Bags & Poinsettia Order Forms Due 11/19 - Willowfield Elementary Craft Fair, 9am-3pm 11/20 - Serving meals at Brown Memorial, 1pm 11/22 - Thanksgiving Day Worship Service, 7pm @ FJUMC 11/23-11/24 - C&B 2.0 closed for Thanksgiving Holiday 11/24 - Thanksgiving Day (office closed) 11/25 - Black Friday Sale @ C&B 2.0 11/27 - Special Sunday: United Methodist Student Day

11/27 - Trinity & Andrews Anniversary Celebration after



Tuesday, November 24th 7:00 P.M.

Join us with family and friends for Thanksgiving service worship at Faith Journey UMC (8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041)

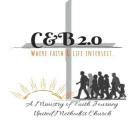
> We have signed up to serve the meal at Brown Memorial on Sunday, November 20th, contact Linda Raulli at (315) 263-1014 if you are available and interested in volunteering to serve that Sunday at

1/2p.m. Thank you! Also, remember that Brown Memorial is renovating their kitchen and bathrooms to meet the county health codes, so if you are interest-

ing in helping them raise funds to complete this worthwhile project, please make out your donations to Faith Journey with the notation of "Brown Memorial Renovation and we will see the funds are forwarded! The C&B committee has pledged to match donations up to \$500!



Mary Circle is not going to be meeting for the upcoming winter months, stay tuned for future updates on Mary Circle Meetings.



Cradle & Beyond 2.0 7778 Brewerton Road

Location: 7778 Brewerton Rd. Syracuse, NY 13212 (Across from the Coppertop and next to Dunkin Donuts)



Store hours:Tuesday4 pm - 7 pmWednesday10 am - 4 pmThursday10 am - 4 pmSaturday10 am - 2 pm

Contact Information:

Phone: (315) 980-8004 Email: Cradleandbeyond2@gmail.com

We have been tremendously busy at C&B in 2022! Our sales have exceeded 2021 and if history repeats itself, we are moving into the busiest months for retail; the holiday season! We will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday 11/23 - 11/24 to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, but will open for our annual Black Friday Sale stay tuned for more details on the actual sale. We will also be having weekly drawings for a 'Holiday Meal in a Bag' giveback from Black Friday through Christmas.



TO OUR CUSTOMERS: We are so grateful for your support and patronage, we want to thank our amazing customers with a holiday meal giveback!

HOW IT WORKS:

Every customer that visits C&B 2.0 is eligible to enter a drawing for a holiday meal that consists of: a bag filled with potatoes, stuffing, gravy, dessert, vegetables and a gift card for protein. Just simply fill out a paper that includes your name and phone number, and you will be contacted to arrange a pick-up time/date at the store.

ONE WINNER WILL BE SELECTED EACH WEEK

II/25 & II/26 II/27 - 12/3 12/6 - 12/10 12/13 - 12/17 A THRIFTY BOUTIQUE 12/20 - 12/22



Thanks to our amazing crew who hung these holiday lights! They look amazing!





SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER - "WHERE I'M MEANT TO BE"

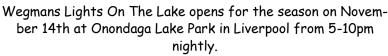
"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Ephesians 3:8-20



November

I knew once the summer ended that the months would continue to fly by! I hope everybody had a fun and safe Halloween and is getting ready for Thanksgiving! I can't believe I'm already Christmas shopping and planning for the holidays!

Everything has been going great for me personally, and at Faith Journey. We have had such a great year so far and I hope these upcoming holiday months are special and memorable for your family as we slowly are getting back to pre-pandemic routines and events. I hope you have a great Thanksgiving celebration with your families and enjoy the closeness, joy and love that the holiday season brings.



New this year we'll have a Gingerbread person jumping on a trampoline and over 30 newly lit trees! Also new this year, we're launching the first ever Lights on the Lake ornament & beanie (more info on our site).

Like to run 5k's? We're doing a "Lights on the Lake 5k" on Sunday November 20th... limited space is available so sign up today!

Monday, November 14th & Tuesday, November 15th will be charity giveback nights... in addition to our last 5 nights of the show being for charity - nominations for receiving charities can be found here: https://www.lightsonthelake.com/charitysubmission

Advance sale tickets can be purchased with a discount of \$5 using code "LOLSANTA" at LightsOnTheLake.com, while supplies last.

Lights on the Lake is presented by: Onondaga County Parks, Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital & Upstate Honda Dealers



BIBLE TRIVIA

They Spied

- 1. Who sent spies to watch Jesus?
- 2. How many spies did Moses send into Canaan?
- 3. Who sent spies to see if Saul had followed him?
- 4. What tribe sent out five spies to check out its land?
- 5. What counselor of Absalom was actually a spy for David?
- 6. Who sent two spies to Jericho?
- **7.** What epistle warns against people sent in to "spy out our liber-ty"?
- **8.** What rebel sent his spies throughout Israel, telling them to wait till they heard the sound of the trumpet?
- 9. What Canaanite city did spies find the entrance of?

Battles Won Supernaturally

1. What prophet's word caused the Syrian soldiers to be struck blind?

2. What nation's army was destroyed in the Red Sea?

3. What nation was Israel fighting when Moses' arms, held aloft, caused Israel to win?

4. What weather phenomenon did the Lord use to defeat the Amorites when Joshua and his men were fighting them?

5. What army was defeated when an angel of the Lord struck down 185,000 soldiers?

6. When Samuel was offering a sacrifice, what did the Lord do to rattle the Philistines?

7. What occurred when Jonathan and his armor-bearer attacked the Philistines?

8. What made the Syrians flee, thinking the Israelites had joined forces with the Egyptians and Hittites?

9. Who were the Judeans fighting when God helped them slaughter a half million soldiers?

10. What king led the people in singing and praising God, leading God to destroy the armies of the Ammonites. Moabites, and Edomites?

⇒ Answers are located on the bottom of **Page 8**



We have decided to order Christmas Poinsettias from Chuck Hafner's this year, we must have our orders in by

Wednesday, November 16th so Bonnie Bergan can place them for us. Please fill out your flower order form and make your checks out to "Faith Journey UMC - Poinsettias". This year you have a choice of red, white or pink poinsettia's and they are \$8 a piece. Extra flower order forms are located in the lobby.



Marge Strother has moved to live with her daughter, included below is her new address for anybody who would like to contact her and keep in touch.

> Marge Strother 2003 Falls Blvd. Quincy, MA 02169

Buffalo Bills Football Sundays



THIRD GAMEDAY (11/20) AT 1:00 PM!

Buffalo Bills vs. Cleveland Browns Food theme 3: Appetizers

The following games will be at 1:00 pm and everyone is invited to join us to watch the game, play games, enjoy company and yummy snacks. Food themes will be announced before game days!

GAMEDAY SCHEDULE:

11/20/22 - Buffalo Bills vs. Cleveland Browns 12/11/22 - Buffalo Bills vs. New York Jets



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

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

November

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 Psalm 145:18 Day 2 - Colossians 4:2 Day 3 - 1 Thess 5:16-18 Day 4 - Hebrews 12:28-29 Day 5 - Psalm 118:1 Day 6 - Ezra 3:11 Day 7 - Psalm 106:1 Day 8 - Hebrews 13:15 Day 9 - Colossians 3:16 Day 10 - 1 Chronicles 16:8 Day 11 - Psalm 9:1-2 Day 12 - Philippians 4:6 Day 13 - 1 Samuel 12:24 Day 14 - Psalm 32:11 Day 15 - Romans 8:28 Day 16 - Ephesians 5:20
- Day 17 1 Thess 1:2 Day 18 - Psalm 95:2 Day 19 - Isaiah 12:4-5 Day 20 - Zephaniah 3:17 Day 21 - Romans 5:1 Day 22 - John 6:11 Day 23 - Philippians 1:3-5 Day 24 - Numbers 6:24-26 Day 25 - Psalm 136:1-3 Day 26 - John 3:16 Day 27 - Jeremiah 30:19 Day 28 - Revelation 11:17 Day 29 - 1 Timothy 1:12 Day 30 - Daniel 2:23

<u>What are Scripture</u> <u>Writing Plans?</u>

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





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

Peanut Butter Hummus

"For a healthy, high-protein snack, look no further than this peanut butter hummus. Chickpeas, peanut butter, garlic and other ingredients are combined in a food processor, and this hummus is ready in just 10 minutes. If your little one or you don't like eating meat, this is a wonderful way to sneak in some extra protein. It works just as well for adults as an easy party dip to pair with fruit, vegetables, or crackers!"



https://www.thespruceeats.com/peanut-butter-hummus-2355626 Recipe by: Saad Fayed

INGREDIENTS

Ingredients:

- 1 (15- to 19-ounce) can chickpeas
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 4 tablespoons natural-style peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice, from 1 lemon
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Prep: 10 mins. Cook: 0 mins. Total: 10 mins. Servings: 44 servings Yield: 2 3/4 cups

IRECTIONS

1. Gather all ingredients.

2. Combine the chickpeas, warm water, peanut butter, olive oil, lemon or lime juice, crushed garlic and salt to a food processor. Blend to a very smooth, diplike consistency. If it is too thick, add a bit more warm water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until the mixture has reached your desired level of thickness.

3. Serve peanut butter hummus with fresh celery sticks, carrot sticks, and broccoli florets. Warm pita or French bread cubes also go very well for dipping.

4. Many people sprinkle roasted chickpeas on top of traditional hummus, but you can sprinkle some roasted peanuts on top of this to add some texture and also indicate the flavor.

- **Tip:** You can serve the peanut butter hummus immediately or store it, covered, in the refrigerator for up to three days.
- Recipe Variation: Switch from lemon to lime juice if you prefer.



Willowfield Elementary Fall Crafffair

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Join us on Sunday, November 27th after worship service for an anniversary celebration for former Trinity and Andrews. We will be having a small little reception with cake and historical books and papers that can be looked through to celebrate 175 years for Andrews and 125 years for Trinity.

Take a journey down memory lane with us and appreciate how far we've come as we celebrate the history and the impact Andrews and Trinity had on the local community and families. We hope to see you there!

Willowfield Elementary Craft Fair

Saturday, November 19, 2022 9 AM - 3 PM

Come meet local artists and vendors, appreciate their creativity and support small businesses at our 2022 Fall Craft Fair. Event hosted by North Quadrant PTO.

> Willowfield Elementary School 3900 State Route 31 Liverpool, NY 13090





RUN THE RACE BEFORE YOU STUFF YOUR FACE! Celebrate the 9th annual Liverpool Turkey Trot this Thanksgiving Day!

The event is held every Thanksgiving morning at Onondaga Lake Park near Griffins visitor center, under the lights on the lake. This year's date is November 24th. The starting gun goes off at 9:00 am SHARP!

Race Day Information: Registration and packet pickup from 7:30-8:40am, race course will be plowed and salted day of race. You have a choice to sign-up for the 5k race, the 5 mile or the separate Dog walk or Kids (proceeds benefit a K9 rescue center)!

Packet pickup: Bib and merchandise pick up at the Home Team Pub (7990 Oswego Rd. Liverpool, NY 13090) Monday 11/21 5-8pm, Tuesday 11/22 5-8pm, Wednesday 11/23 12-2pm

Race day at the registration tent by the Griffin Visitors Center on Onondaga Lake Park. (106 Lake Dr. Liverpool, NY 13088) Registration is online only and credit card is preferred (no paper or cash accepted). Register online early to save and guarantee your shirt size at <u>https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=78060</u>

Registration in the 5k/5 mile includes a cool custom long sleeve T-shirt, race bib and one free crowd pleasing craft beer! (to collect craft beer must be 21 and over)*

<u>Bible Trivia Answers</u>: 1. The chief priests and scribes, 2. Twelve - one from each tribe, 3. David, 4. Dan, 5. Hushai, 6. Joshua, 7. Galatians, 8. Absalom, 9. Bethel, / 1. Elisha's, 2. Egypt's, 3. Amalek, 4. Large hailstones, 5. Assyria's, 6. Thundered from heaven, 7. An earthquake, 8. The Lord made a sound like a thundering army, 9. Israel, 10. Jehoshaphat

NOVEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	З Ministries Council Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC	4	9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
6 All Saints Day, *Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build- ing	11 Veterans Day	9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
13 Worship planning after service	14	15	9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	18	19 Willowfield Ele- mentary Craft Fair, 9am-3pm
20 Serving Meal at Brown Memorial, 1pm	21	22 Thanksgiving Wor- ship Service, 7PM @ FJUMC	23 <i>C&B 2.0 Closed</i> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	24 Thanksgiving Day (office closed) C&B 2.0 Closed 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	25 Black Friday Sale @ C&B 2.0	26 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
27 Trinity & Andrews Anniversary Cele- bration (after wor- ship) Special Sunday: United Methodist Student Day	28	29	30			

In-Person and Online Worship Service:

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

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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.



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

Nith Others



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

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