

The Stepping Stone October 2022

"And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them." – Mark 6:7-13

M any times in life, we are presented with an impossible task. Changing the world is just one of those things we are asked to do.

I recall being a new preacher in my first appointment and thinking, "What have I gotten myself into?" This journey which has spanned over twenty years, still has me asking that same question. I don't have an answer, but I know this; God has not let me go from God's sight. Whenever I think I can escape, God gets a hold of me and won't let me go. Don't get me wrong, I have fought God and struggled with God just as Jacob wrestled with God in the wilderness, but there is a blessing in the end.



On July 1, 2022, I started my fifth year under appointment as your pastor, and I find myself asking a new question, "Where do we go from here?" Do we go up? Down? Turn left, or right? Does the future look bright or dim? The answer to that question is that we go where the Lord leads.

Jesus sent the disciples out two by two to do the work that Jesus was doing. He gave them the ability to heal the sick and drive out demons. He sent them out with nothing but the clothes on their back, and they came back with stories to tell of the miraculous things that God had done.

The disciples had each other, but most importantly, they had faith that they could change the world through their actions. As a result, lives were touched that are too numerous to count in so many ways.

Have you been called and sent out?

The answer to that question is a resounding "YES!" God has called you from your birth and baptism for the excellent work of the kingdom. No one does this alone.

Who is your partner in faith? Who are you walking with? Where does God want you to go?

These are questions we all must ask of ourselves and God. They are the questions that keep me up at night and cause me to think there must be more to this ministry. God never leaves us or forsakes us in these times of questioning. God wants us to search deep inside and see the gifts we have been given and use them for God's glory, not our own.

When we deal with the reality that we are part of a larger world, we must also recognize that our responsibility is more significant than we think. We must place ourselves on the shores of heaven, see God's vastness, and remember our position as the ones standing on the shoreline.

When the disciples return, they want to tell Jesus about their actions. Jesus tells them to come to a quiet place and get some rest. The quiet place leads to crowds of people hungry for the gospel message and physically hungry from the journey. Jesus tells the disciples to give them something to eat. Five loaves and two fish fed 5,000 men and numerous women and children.

A disciple follows Jesus and listens to his words. A disciple does what his master does. A disciple feeds people spiritually and physically. We must do these things to live out our baptismal covenant.

We are responsible for our actions and inactions. We are responsible for our small corner of the world. The question, "What have I gotten myself into?" It is answered by God, "just wait and see!"

The upcoming year for Faith Journey United Methodist Church will be filled with grace and love. It will be challenging. We will be asked to wear nothing but clothes on our backs and take no food or money with us for the journey. We will do what Jesus told us to do. We will clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and drive out the demons. When we do these things is when the blessings of God come. This season will be a year of prayer and faith. I am proud to be your pastor and on the road with you.

Together we will keep changing the world one person at a time. We are making a difference in Clay and North Syracuse. We are doing what seems impossible, but take heart and hand—we are not alone. Hold fast to one another and trust God with your heart, mind, and soul. Focus on the mission before you and leave the details to God.

Go with God, dear friends; go with God.

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel . 7 Gudlig

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley





Come dressed as you are or dress to the era! tickets are \$7 and all proceeds support Southern Sudan Health Projects as we continue to raise funds to support Home Health providers in South Sudan. Pizza, snacks, water and soda will be available for purchase.

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Contact Faith Journey UMC at (315) 652-9186 or email fjoffice@fjumc.org for information and tickets

October:

October 2nd - World Communion Sunday October 7th - Elvis Concert, 6:30-8:30pm @ FJUMC October 8th - Fall Fun Fest, 12-4pm @ Clay Park Central October 10th - Columbus Day (office closed) October 16th - Virtual CROP WALK October 23rd - Church Conference after worship @ FJUMC October 25th, 26th, 27th & 29th - Spin the Wheel of Spooktacular Deals @ C&B 2.0 October 29th - Grandma's Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru, 4pm-sold out @ FJUMC October 31st - Halloween November 6th - All Saints Day November 24th - Turkey Trot, 9am @ Onondaga Lake Park November 24th - Thanksgiving Day November 27th - Trinity and Andrews Anniversary Celebration, after worship service, we will have a little reception to celebrate 175 years for Andrews and 125 years for Trinity @ FJUMC

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2, 2022

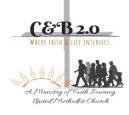
On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. In 2021, World Communion Sunday offerings awarded 242 scholarships and grants. Your generosity continues to provide scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development. The needs exceed what we can fund and your gifts can further growth and success.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope which will guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our gifts and support, we can invest in talented, qualified students from around the globe to transform the world as witnesses for Christ!



Mary Circle is not going to be meeting for the month of October, 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)

	<u>Store</u>	hours:	Contact Information:		
)	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday	4 pm - 7 pm 10 am - 4 pm 10 am - 4 pm 10 am - 2 pm	Phone: (315) 980-8004 Email: Cradleandbeyond2@gmail.com		
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Our 7 day bucket sale was a huge success! We sold 171 buckets (equivalent to 684 gallons of merchandise!) in addition to other sales. Thanks to the sorters and volunteers who helped us switch over to fall and winter stuff, which means some organizations will be getting some donations! Thanks to Judy Bylsma, we were able to give the Humane Society some baskets. We are also delivering shoes and sneakers to the Discount Shoe Store where they will be revamped and given out to those in need (thanks to Ralph

Rotella). Baby items like clothes, furniture and toys will be given to Nee Hope Family Services and sheets will be given to Hekoing Hounds. We have a box of books that will be sent to KY at the request of a BOE of Letcher Co KY schools sharing that three of the schools libraries were flooded and are in desperate need of books.

We are excited for Bills Football Sundays - Mike and Beth Jordan got the app on the TVs so that we can access NFL on CBS and watch the Bills games. We were also able to secure these amazing tables, our work crew cleaned, painted and assembled them and they match perfectly with our 'house' décor. It's so awesome all the progress we have made so far and we are excited for all the future events that will be held at the house side of the building.





SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER - "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







TIM'S PUMPKIN PATCH

2901 Rose Hill Rd.

Marietta, NY 13110

October

The last two months have just flown by! I can't believe it's already October! The weather has definitely been cooler, but I hope we don't get snow for a while! Over the last month, I've celebrated multiple birthdays and have been having a lot of fun volunteering at Cradle & Beyond on Tuesday nights. It's been so fulfilling and nice meeting those within the local community and some people who live outside of CNY but stop by to see what we are all about! The outreach of our mission has been such a wonderful blessing to the community and I feel like we make a difference with each connection we make! Don't forget we have tons of exciting things happening at Faith Journey this month, including the Elvis concert and the Annual Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru. Also included in the newsletter is local events happening around CNY for the spooky season!

Open every day of the week in September/October from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm (Also open Monday Columbus Day 9am-6pm)

For the last 35 years, Tim's Pumpkin Patch has been a tradition for families and those who want to pick their own pumpkins, but there is a large display of pre-picked pumpkins for the less adventurous.

Tim's is also a real working farm, the farm animals eagerly await daily visitors and they offer other fun farm activities such as tractor wagon rides, corn maze, hay maze and the grain bin barn.

Finish your fun-filled day at Tim's with some homemade from scratch cookies, donuts, bread, muffins and their famous pumpkin whoopie pies that are made fresh everyday. They also have homemade fudge, brownies, pumpkin funnel cakes and apple fritters! The Brew Barn features locally produced craft beer and hard cider available on Saturdays, Sundays and Fridays by chance. There is a limited selection of beverages available in the bakery.

BIBLE TRIVIA

The Very Devil

1. According to Jude's epistle, who disputed with Satan over the body of Moses?

2. What animal does 1 Peter compare Satan to?

3. In what epistle does Peter refer to Satan as "the god of this world"?

4. What, according to the New Testament, is the final place for Satan?

5. In what Gospel does Jesus refer to Satan as "the prince of this world"?

6. What is Satan the father of?

7. What prophet spoke of the fallen Lucifer, usually taken to refer to Satan as a fallen angel?

8. According to the parable of the sower, what happens when someone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it?

9. According to John's Gospel, Satan was from the very beginning both a liar and a <u>(fill in the blank)</u>?

10. In what epistle does Paul call Satan the "spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience"?

11. What Gospel uses the name Beelzebub?

12. What book of the Bible speaks of the demonic fiend Abaddon and Apollyon, both names for Satan?

13. What apostle spoke of the contrast between Christ and Belial (presumably another name for the devil)?

14. What prophet spoke of "weeping for the king of Tyre" in a passage that has traditionally been interpreted as referring to Satan instead of a human king?

15. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus refers to seeing the fall of Satan. What does he compare the fall to?

16. Who did Satan provoke to do a census in Israel?

17. What disciple did Satan enter into?

18. What disciple was told by Jesus that Satan wanted to sift him like wheat?

19. What New Testament man did Satan provoke to lie to the Holy Spirit?

20. Who had seven sons that were overcome by an evil spirit they were trying to cast out of a man?

21. What king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit?

22. In the story of the demon-possessed boy healed by Jesus, what had the evil spirit been doing to the poor child?

23. What did the evil spirit do when Jesus cast him out of the man at Capernaum?

24. What possessed the man that ran around naked?

25. What was the affliction of the woman who had an evil spirit for eighteen years?

26. What king had court prophets that had been the agents of a lying spirit?

27. What woman had Jesus driven seven demons out of?

28. In Revelation, for what reason do the demons perform miracles?29. According to Jesus, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring with it?

30. What does Satan masquerade as in the present world?

⇒ Answers are located on the bottom of Page 10





Fran Haskins is turning 100 on October 29, 2022. Her address is included below for anybody who would like to send Happy Birthday wishes and blessings her way!



Fran Haskins 7251 Janus Park Dr. Apt. 235 Liverpool, NY 13088

Buffalo Bills Football Sundays



SECOND GAMEDAY (10/9) AT 1:00 PM!

Buffalo Bills vs. Pittsburgh Steelers Food theme 2: Taco Bar (Meat will be provided, bring your favorite toppings and extras)

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:

10/9/22 - Buffalo Bills vs. Pittsburgh Steelers
11/20/22 - Buffalo Bills vs. Cleveland Browns
12/11/22 - Buffalo Bills vs. New York Jets



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OCTOBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

October

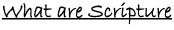
Scripture Writing Plan



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 40:29-31 Day 2 - Exodus 14:14 Day 3 - 2 Chronicles 7:14 Day 4 - James 1:5 Day 5 - Philippians 4:19 Day 6 - Psalm 37:4 Day 7 - John 14:13-16 Day 8 - Luke 11:9-13 Day 9 - Matthew 6:31-33 Day 10 - Proverbs 3:5-6 Day 11 - Romans 10:9-10 Day 12 - Revelation 3:5 Day 13 - John 8:36 Day 14 - Deuteronomy 31:8 Day 15 - James 4:7 Day 16 - Isaiah 61:1

Day 17 - Isaiah 54:17 Day 18 - 1 Peter 4:1-2 Day 19 - 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 Day 20 - Colossians 3:3-4 Day 21 - Revelation 2:7 Day 22 - Isaiah 43:2 Day 23 - John 3:36 Day 24 - Malachi 3:10 Day 25 - Psalm 18:3 Day 26 - Ephesians 3:16-19 Day 27 - Psalm 103:2-5 Day 28 - 2 Samuel 7:28 Day 29 - Psalm 19:7 Day 30 - John 10:10 Day 31 - Isaiah 54:10



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

THEME: Holding Unto

God's Promises









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



Roasted Apple Bread

"Apple Bread with Walnuts! This delicious apple bread is studded with cinnamon sugar roasted apples and crunchy walnuts. A perfect fall treat to bake for the family or a get together! This recipe is also naturally vegetarian and vegan."

https://www.thekitchenprepblog.com/roasted-apple-bread/

Recipe by: The Kitchen Prep Blog



INGREDIENTS

Ingredients:

- 2 cups peeled, chopped apples like Granny Smith or Honeycrisp
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons sugar + 1 teaspoon, divided
- 3 1/4 cups bread flour *see notes
- 1 cup white whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoons instant yeast
- 1 3/4 cups warm water
- 1 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts or pecans

DIRECTIONS

ROAST APPLES:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Prepare a baking pan by lining with parchment paper.
- 2. Place chopped apples on the pan and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until just starting to become tender. Remove from the oven, set aside or store until later.

MAKE BREAD DOUGH:

- 1. In a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer, combine flours and salt.
- 2. In a small bowl, stir yeast and 1 teaspoon sugar into warm water, and allow to sit for 5-10 minutes or until it starts to foam.
- 3. Pour liquid into the dry mixture, and mix until the flour has been absorbed and a sticky dough is formed. Cover the bowl with a sheet of plastic wrap and place it in a warm, dark place to rise for about 8 hours or overnight.
- 4. When the dough has risen, turn it out onto a floured surface and work in the roasted apples and nuts, if using by folding and kneading into the dough.
- 5. Grease a large stoneware baker, crock or Dutch oven. Shape the dough into a ball and place smooth side up in the oiled dish. Cover, and let it rise for another 2 hours.
- 6. When the bread has risen, you may bake it directly in the crock or Dutch oven, covered, or you can transfer it to a baking stone or baking pan and bake "freeform".

BAKE BREAD:

- 1. Place it in a cold oven and then set the temperature to 425 degrees. Bake for 45-55 minutes until the outside is brown and crisp and the bread sounds hollow when you tap it. (If you have a baking thermometer, you'll want the middle to register to 205 degrees.)
- 2. If you used a lid for the baking vessel, remove it for the last 5-15 minutes of baking so the crust can brown.
- 3. Remove from oven and allow to cool before slicing with a serrated knife.

Notes*

• If you do not have bread flour or white whole wheat flour, this recipe may be made with all purpose flour only.



LONG BRANCH PARK, LIVERPOOL \$25 PER VEHICLE THURS-SUN IN OCTOBER / 5PM-9PM GNN'S (NOT=50=SGARY) FAMILY WALLS-TURU HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE

Spooktacular Stroll is a new event coming to the area. Event organizers plan to make this an annual event.

Families can go to Long Branch Park in Liverpool every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the month of October for a spooky fun night. The stroll that is put on by Galaxy Media runs from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

There are 8 themes including spider forest, creepy castle, skeleton graveyard and more. Food trucks, music and other family fun activities will also be there. People are encouraged to bring their dogs on Thursdays for "dog-o-ween. Kids don't even have to wait until Halloween to get dressed up in a costume and grab some candy.

Tickets are \$25 per car and must be purchased in advance at *https://www.spooktacularstroll.com/*



Town of Clay Fall Fun Fest

Saturday, October 8th from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

There will be food trucks, carnival games, craft vendors, inflatables, and live music performed by Brass Inc. (2-4pm)

Clay Park Central 4821 Wetzel Rd. 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)*

Bible Trivia Answers: 1. The archangel Michael, 2. A roaring lion, 3. 2 Corinthians, 4. A lake of fire and brimstone, 5. John, 6. Lies, 7. Isaiah, 8. The wicked one (Satan) snatches from the heart what was sown, 9. A murderer, 10. Ephesians, 11. Matthew, 12. Revelation, 13. Paul, 14. Ezekiel, 15. Lightning, 16. David, 17. Judas Iscariot, 18. Peter, 19. Ananias, 20. Sceva, 21. Saul, 22. Throwing him into the fire or water and making him foam at the mouth and grind his teeth, 23. Gave a loud scream, 24. The Gerasene demoniac, 25. She was bent and could not straighten up, 26. Ahab, 27. Mary Magdalene, 28. To bring the nations to war, 29. Seven, 30. An angel of light



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



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

Share

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

With Others

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

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