



## **Pastor's** **Page**



*"The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples." ~ John Wesley*

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I was baptized as an infant at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (Closed), Niagara Falls, NY—Confirmed at St. James United Methodist Church, Niagara Falls, NY, and began my ministry career at the former Camp Findley, Findley Lake, NY.



It would be a United Methodist pastor who led me to the Lord when I was ten years at a summer camp session at Camp Asbury, Perry, NY. That same pastor would lead me back to the Lord after I graduated from college. The United Methodist Church would be where I found my place in ministry as I started serving as a pastor in 2002.

The United Methodist Church has been my greatest blessing and salvation. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, I will be interviewed by the Upper New York Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to be commissioned as a provisional Elder in the United Methodist Church. For me, this has been a lifelong process that spans 24 years of ministry. I would be lying to you if I told you that I was not anxious about this interview. With that being said, I would like to ask for your prayers for the week of March 2-5<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for me the following:

That no emergencies arise at the church or with church members.

For a calmness of mind, body, and spirit.

For grace in dealing with tough questions of theology, polity, and faith.

And above all that, I speak the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ in all my responses.

You are my church family, and I know you have the best in mind for me as your pastor.

I, at times, convince myself that I am not enough, but in my heart, I know I am.

For me, this ordination process is not about getting to wear a stole or being able to do Communion and Baptisms outside of Faith Journey United Methodist Church. It is about a confirmation of a call to ordained ministry within the church as an Elder.

*In the event that I am not commissioned this year,  
I will continue to serve under my Local Pastor's License.*

My only thought is of the glory of God, which can be shown through my testimony of how God has worked in my life through the United Methodist Church. I will close with this passage from Philippians 2:12-18. This is the scripture I am focusing on for the upcoming interviews.

*“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

*Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise, you also should be glad and rejoice with me.”*

Peace be with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Daniel J. Bradley". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Rev.", "Daniel", and "Bradley" being capitalized and prominent.

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

# What's Happening

## March:

**March 5th** - Jake Melnyk Preaches for Pastor Bradley

**March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th** - Lenten Pancake Breakfast @ 9:45am @ FJUMC

**March 8th & 15th** - Bible Study with Pastor Bradley @ C&B Building

**March 9th** - Trustees Meeting, 6:30 pm

**March 17th** - St. Patrick's Day

**March 19th** - UMCOR Sunday

**March 23rd** - Ministries Council Meeting, 7pm @ FJUMC

**April 2nd** - Palm Sunday Service, 10am @ FJUMC

**April 6th** - Maundy Thursday Service, 6pm @ FJUMC

**April 7th** - Good Friday Service, 8pm @ FJUMC

**April 9th** - Easter Service, 6:30 am & 10 am @ FJUMC

## LENTEN

### *Pancake Breakfast*

Join us EVERY SUNDAY from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. during Lent, Feb. 26th until Easter, April 9th for a pancake breakfast at Faith Journey UMC.



**LIFE HOUSE**

RESET. RESTORE. REBUILD. RELAUNCH.

*\*All donations received will be given to Life House Ministry*



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FELLOWSHIP HALL

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 2nd at 10:00 a.m.



*\*Palm Sunday will also be gift card Sunday, our goal is to collect 100 gift cards to be given to Life House Ministry.*

*Gift cards for Wegmans, Price Chopper, Tops, Dunkin Donuts would be greatly appreciated.*

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m.

### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 7th at 8:00 p.m.

### **Easter Worship**

Sunday, April 9th at 6:30 a.m. for Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. for Traditional Service

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## MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle is not going to be meeting for the 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:

Tuesday	4 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 4 pm
Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	10 am - 2 pm

### Contact Information:

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

**TEAMWORK  
MAKES THE  
DREAM WORK**



February has been another busy and successful month at C&B! We have been actively updating the store and serving the community through our missions and outreach! We have added various new signage around the store, including on the windows and around the outside of the building. The beautiful and bright yellow vinyl signs on the windows has attracted new customers who were unaware of what we provide. Many of our regular customers have commented how nice the store looks and how easier it is to browse our selection of great merchandise! Since we are in the Lenten and spring season, it's a good time to clean out closets and donate any unwanted items to the store! We are grateful to all of the volunteers and workers who keep the store running smoothly and improve the shopping experience of our customers, we thank you for all of your hard work and effort!





## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - MARCH - "INCREDIBLE FAITHFULNESS"

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." - 1 John 5:14*



## MARCH Happy St. Patrick's Day!

2023 has been such a busy year thus far! There's so many improvements happening at C&B and Faith Journey, it's been so nice seeing all the updates at the thrift store and church, feels like a re-birth or renewal because we are creating something that is our own. The mission outreach at C&B is simply amazing, to see how we help, support and improve lives within our community is so heartwarming and I can see the difference we make with our presence, it's more than just a thrift store, it's a welcoming space where the community can come together to shop, connect, seek resources and share their talents with one another. Come check out all the improvements and stop in on Tuesday nights from 4 to 7 pm, I am usually volunteering every Tuesday and enjoy it very much.



This year UMCOR Sunday is on **March 19, 2023.**

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR – assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.



This ministry is achieved exclusively through your generosity. In 2022, **you gave almost \$2.2 million** which provided hope and safety for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. The special offering on this Sunday underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost.



# **BIBLE TRIVIA**

## **The Lenten Season**

1. What Biblical event does the time of Lent represent?
2. What forms does penance take in Christian life?
3. Which is the first day of Lent?
4. What is the original meaning of Lent?
5. Which is the last Sunday of Lent?
6. Lent is known to be 40 days long even though from Ash Wednesday to the last Saturday of the season is 46 days. Why?
7. Which feast day always comes during Lent?
8. How is ash for Ash Wednesday made?
9. On which day is Chrism Mass?
10. When thinking about the liturgy what is different about Good Friday?
11. Which devotion has a special place during Lent?
12. Which of the following does not take place on Good Friday?
13. Which two people appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration?
14. Which three disciples went with Jesus to the Mountain?
15. What did Luke say the two Old Testament Saints were discussing with Jesus?
16. What did the Father call Jesus on the Mountain?
17. The Romans got involved in the case regarding the trial of Jesus because..?
18. When Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, the Jewish authorities said he would be?
19. The cause of death listed for a crucified man would be?
20. After the resurrection the total number of witnesses who saw Jesus alive was about?

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



### **Grandma's Old-Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru**

Saturday, April 29, 2023

#### **\$14.00 - Adult Dinner**

(includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, tossed salad, roll + butter and homemade pie or cake)

#### **\$7.00 - Children's Portion**

(includes a half-portion of roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, tossed salad, roll + butter and homemade pie or cake)



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Saturday, May 16, 2023

#### **\$7.00 - Chicken Only**

(1/2 bbq chicken)

#### **\$9.00 - Chicken Dinner**

(includes 1/2 bbq chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, and a roll with butter)



**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY**

Please contact us via email ([fjoffice@fjumc.org](mailto:fjoffice@fjumc.org)) or phone (315-652-9186) if you are interested in becoming a member of Faith Journey United Methodist Church. All new members will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023.

# MARCH SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

## March 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 - Joshua 1:9  
Day 2 - Psalm 56:3-4  
Day 3 - 1 Corinthians 16:13  
Day 4 - Isaiah 12:2  
Day 5 - 2 Timothy 1:7  
Day 6 - Romans 8:31  
Day 7 - Proverbs 28:1  
Day 8 - Matthew 14:27  
Day 9 - Ephesians 6:10  
Day 10 - Deuteronomy 31:6  
Day 11 - Isaiah 35:4  
Day 12 - Ezra 10:4  
Day 13 - Psalm 27:1  
Day 14 - Acts 27:25  
Day 15 - 1 Chronicles 22:13  
Day 16 - Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 17 - Matthew 10:26  
Day 18 - Joshua 1:6  
Day 19 - 1 Corinthians 15:58  
Day 20 - Psalm 31:24  
Day 21 - Romans 8:38-39  
Day 22 - Isaiah 41:6  
Day 23 - Psalm 138:3  
Day 24 - 1 John 4:18  
Day 25 - Romans 8:15  
Day 26 - Isaiah 41:13  
Day 27 - 1 Chronicles 28:20  
Day 28 - Joshua 10:25  
Day 29 - Psalm 27:14  
Day 30 - Hebrews 13:5-6  
Day 31 - John 16:33

### 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:

*A Heart of Courage*





# 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)



## Peanut Butter and Jelly Crumb Cake

This is the perfect cake for PB&J lovers. Use your favorite jelly, jam or fruit preserves. If you can't find honey-roasted peanuts, roasted and salted ones are a great substitution.

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/peanut-butter-and-jelly-crumb-cake-3364301>

Recipe by: Food Network



### INGREDIENTS

#### Cake:

- 1 1/2 sticks (12 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for greasing the baking dish
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup smooth peanut butter
- 4 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3/4 teaspoon fine salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3/4 cup raspberry, strawberry or grape jelly

#### Topping:

- 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup honey-roasted peanuts, roughly chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

### DIRECTIONS

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Position an oven rack in the center of the oven, and preheat to 350 degrees. Butter a 9-by-13-inch baking dish.
2. **For the cake:** Whisk the flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda together in a large bowl.
3. Beat the brown sugar, butter and peanut butter in another large bowl with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until the mixture is light and creamy, about 5 minutes. Scrape down the side of the bowl as needed. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. Continue beating until the mixture is light and creamy, about 2 minutes. Beat in the vanilla, reduce the mixer speed to medium-low, and add the flour mixture in 3 additions and the milk in 2 additions, beginning and ending with the flour. Beat until just combined.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared baking dish. Spoon dollops of the jelly all over the top, and swirl with the back of a spoon.
6. **For the Topping:** Mix together the flour, brown sugar, peanuts and salt in a small bowl to combine. Add the butter, and mix thoroughly with your fingers or a fork until it has been evenly distributed and incorporated into the flour mixture. Scatter the topping over the batter.
7. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes until the cake is golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cool in the baking dish on a rack. Dust with confectioners' sugar, cut and serve.

**Total Time: 2 hrs. 40 mins (includes cooling time)**

**Yield: 12 to 14 servings**

RECIPE







# BIBLE STUDY

## THE BOOK OF

# Habakkuk



This past Fall I preached through the book of Habakkuk. From that preaching experience, I have developed a six-session study to go deeper into Habakkuk's message of complaining and God's response. We will explore themes of suffering and God's grace in those moments of suffering and explore the deeper concepts of praying through tough times.

### **Goals and Objectives:**

1. The student will be able to articulate a prophet's job and responsibility as a prophetic voice in biblical times.
2. The student will be able to understand the concept of suffering and despair and what to do with those feelings and emotions when confronted with them.
3. The student will have a knowledge of the power of visioning for a new future designed by God.
4. The student will become biblically literate understanding that the Old Testament books of the bible are just as important as the New Testament.

### **Bible Study with Pastor Daniel Bradley Dates & Times:**

Wed. February 1st (4-6pm) @ C&B Building

Wed. February 15th (4-6pm) @ C&B Building

Wed. March 8th (4-6pm) @ C&B Building

Wed. March 15th (4-6pm) @ C&B Building

Sat. April 1st (10am-1pm) @ Faith Journey UMC in Fellowship Hall/ the Kitchen to bake the communion bread

Wed. April 12th (4-6pm) @ C&B Building

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\*Refreshments will be provided at each Bible study meeting.

One of the companion books we will use is:

[Hand, Cynthia. \*The Last Time We Say Goodbye\*. First edition. ed. New York, NY: HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2015.](#)

### **The Last Time We Say Goodbye**

*There's death all around us. We just don't pay attention. Until we do.*

The last time Lex was happy, it was before. When she had a family that was whole. A boyfriend she loved. Friends who didn't look at her like she might break down at any moment. Now she's just the girl whose brother killed himself. And it feels like that's all she'll ever be. Lex's brother is gone. But Lex is about to discover that a ghost doesn't have to be real to keep you from moving on. From New York Times bestselling author Cynthia Hand, *The Last Time We Say Goodbye* is a gorgeous and heart-wrenching story of love, loss, and letting go.

With all the loss that the Faith Journey United Methodist Church has experienced over the past couple of years, I thought that exploring this book would be uplifting and a powerful way to help us deal with trauma and grief in the context of the Christian Faith. I hope you will join us for this study!

God Bless, Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

**Bible Trivia Answers:** 1. Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil, 2. Penance can be expressed in many and various ways but above all in fasting, prayer and almsgiving, 3. Ash Wednesday, 4. Spring, 5. Palm Sunday, 6. Sundays are not included, 7. St. Joseph's Feast, 8. By burning palms used during previous Palm Sunday, 9. Maundy Thursday, 10. Day when mass is not celebrated, 11. Stations of the cross, 12. Consecration, 13. Moses & Elijah, 14. Peter, James & John, 15. His departure in Jerusalem, 16. My beloved Son, 17. The Jewish authorities couldn't execute, 18. No friend of Caesar, 19. Asphyxiation, 20. 500+



# MARCH 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in	2  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.	3	4  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
5  <i>*Jake Melnyk Preaches</i>  <i>Lenten Pancake Breakfast, 9- 9:45am @ FJUMC</i>	6	7	8  <i>Bible Study, 4-6pm @ C&amp;B Building</i>  9:30 AM - Prayer &	9  <i>Trustees Meeting, 6:30pm</i>  9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build-	10	11  9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
12  <i>Lenten Pancake Breakfast, 9- 9:45am @ FJUMC</i>  <i>Daylight savings</i>	13	14	15  <i>Bible Study, 4-6pm @ C&amp;B Building</i>  9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in	16  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	17  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
19  <i>Lenten Pancake Breakfast, 9- 9:45am @ FJUMC</i>  <i>UMCOR SUNDAY</i>	20  <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21	22  9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	23  <i>Ministries Council Meeting, 7pm</i>  9AM - 12PM - Workday	24	25  9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
26  <i>Lenten Pancake Breakfast, 9- 9:45am @ FJUMC</i>	27	28	29	30	31	

## In-Person and Online Worship Service:

Join us in-person or watch us live every Sunday at 10 am on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumccclaynorthsyracuse](https://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumccclaynorthsyracuse)

## Sermons also available on:

Faithjourneyumc.libsyn.com or <https://www.vimeo.com/channels/fjumc>

# FoodPantry



*Erin's  
Angels*  
FEEDING the FUTURE of CNY

For the month of **MARCH**, we will be collecting Chicken & Tuna Lunch Kits for *Erin's Angels in Phoenix, NY*. These items are ideal because it's hard to find food with protein that is also self stable, these kits help keep the kids full and help in their muscle maintenance and growth!

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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