



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



“I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.”

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.”



Words cannot express the joy I feel inside having been approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry for approving me for commissioning as a provisional elder in the United Methodist Church. The feelings are overwhelming.

For me, this is a culmination of years of growth and development as a disciple of Jesus Christ and as a pastor. It is important for me to remember that I did not do this alone. It took a team of trusted colleagues and professionals to help me on my journey. It also took all of your faith and prayer to carry me on my interview weekend. I needed all of your grace, love, and care. Thank You!

Joy comes in the morning. Joy comes when the darkness of trials and struggles lifts in the light of the dawn of a new day. Joy comes when we least expect it—God brings it when we need it the most. Throughout the interview weekend, I was accompanied by a dear friend. We laughed, prayed, and shared our thoughts and feelings about each interview. God’s grace was present with us as we sojourned.

Joy happened when I gave the weekend over to God, time and again, trusting God for the outcome. I had made up my mind that no matter what the result of the weekend that, I would praise God! There was nothing that was going to keep me from praising God. My best friend, Rev. Jerry Piper, says, “There are two times to praise the Lord—When you feel like it and when you don’t.”

I will sing God’s praises always and await the culmination of this season of faith's perfection.

This June at the Upper New York Annual Conference June 2-4 at the Onondaga Community College SRC arena I will be commissioned during the commissioning and ordination service. As soon as I have an exact date and time, I will share it in the hopes that you will share your presence with me. A reception luncheon is being planned for June 4<sup>th</sup> following church, and you are all invited.

Go with God and be blessed on this day!

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

# What's Happening

## April:

**April 1st** - Bible Study, Baking Communion Bread in Fellowship Hall @ *FJUMC*, 10am-1pm

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

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

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

**April 8th** - Easter Egg Hunt, 11am @ *FJUMC*

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

**April 12th** - Bible Study, 4-6pm @ *C&B Building*

**April 23rd** - Native American Ministries Sunday

**April 29th** - Grandma's Old-Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner, 4-6pm @ *FJUMC*

## Grandma's Old-Fashioned ROAST BEEF DINNER Drive-Thru

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



### MENU

#### ADULT DINNER

Adult dinner includes roast beef, potatoes, gravy, corn, tossed salad, roll with butter, and homemade pie or cake

\$14

#### CHILDREN DINNER

Children's dinner includes a half-portion of roast beef, potatoes, gravy, corn, tossed salad, roll with butter, and homemade pie or cake

\$7



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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### Maundy Thursday

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

### Good Friday

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



### Easter Egg Hunt

*Come join the fun!*

Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Journey UMC

### Easter Worship

Sunday, April 9th at 6:30 a.m. for Sunrise Service  
Sunday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. for Traditional Service

Faith Journey UMC  
8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041

# 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



### Happy Spring! I believe it has finally arrived.

I want to say a HUGE thank you for such a record-breaking quarter. I am sure you have realized that we haven't needed a sale to thin out merchandise - it is selling as fast as it is coming in. Over this past weekend, Monday and Tuesday, our amazing sorters did their magic and completed a big switcheroo, removing all winter wear and putting out spring merchandise. We'd like to share the recipients that merchandise was donated to:



### **PSC's Circle of Friends (CoF)**

**A free, fun, safe, & casual environment  
for people of all abilities to meet & socialize with friends.**

**Mondays & Fridays  
10am - 2pm**

7778 Brewerton Road, North Syracuse, 13212  
(across from Copper Top / next to Dunkin)

CONTACT: [pscconf23@gmail.com](mailto:pscconf23@gmail.com)  
or the PSC Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064651661010>

**Anyone interested in holding  
social events,  
such as UNO or Lego groups, music,  
crafts, games, health,  
fitness, etc.,  
please reach out to  
get on our calendar!**



- Jeans and Fleece jackets - We Rise Above the Streets
- Winter coats - Beautiful Mess Ministries
- Winter gloves / hats and scarfs are packed away and will be sent to Mental Health clinics in Missouri
- Sweaters were donated to Loretto and the refugees from the Ukraine
- Wicker baskets were donated to Humane Society
- Sheets and bedding - Helping Hounds

In addition, if you come by Mission Central on Mondays and Fridays, you'll see a full parking lot. The 'house' is being used by Circle of Friends, this is an organization supported by the non-profit Parents of Special Children, that supports and provides programming for individuals and families with persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Our space provides a safe and consistent space for the group to engage in various social events and we couldn't be happier. Please reach out to Theresa Familo for more details - there are fliers hanging in the store.

Let's talk sales... our \$5 bucket sale was a HUGE success. We sold a total of 193 four gallon buckets totaling a whopping 772 gallons of merchandise that went out of CB in just 5 days!! But even better is the new customers that have come in for the first time and are coming back. This again is a credit to the experiences they have with the staff at C&B. So Thank you for all that you do.



## **SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - APRIL - "FORGIVENESS IS ESSENTIAL"**

*"If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you." - Psalm 130:3-4*



## **APRIL**

Spring is finally here! I'm excited for the warmer weather and getting out of the house more, looking forward to taking Peanut to the park and on long walks, we all could use the fresh air and exercise! I've been busy Spring cleaning the house, trying to declutter and organize more! Whatever I don't want anymore, I will bag up and donate to Cradle & Beyond. Now is the perfect time to open up the windows, sort through closets and donate unwanted items from attics, basements and sheds. I am looking forward to cleaning up the yard too, I've been trying to give my house more "curb appeal" for years! Wish me luck on my mission and let me know any suggestions you might have on sprucing up my landscape!

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

**TOGETHER**  
**OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE**

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

**YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME**  
**GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:**  
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at [ResourceUMC.org/SGive](https://ResourceUMC.org/SGive)

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 Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church™

Native American Ministries Sunday is on April 23, 2023 and serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in The United Methodist Church.

This Special Sunday was officially recognized in 1988 and has been celebrated on the Third Sunday of Easter since 1989. An offering is taken on this day and is used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the annual conferences, and Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

# **BIBLE TRIVIA**

## **Cave Men, Cave Women**

1. Who lived in a cave with his daughters after Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed?
2. Who trapped five Canaanite kings in the cave where they were hiding?
3. What friend of Jesus was buried in a cave?
4. What prophet, fleeing from Jezebel, hid in a cave?
5. In the time of the judges, what tribe did the Israelites hide from in caves?
6. What hero hid in caves to avoid the wrath of Saul?
7. Who hid a hundred prophets in a cave when Jezebel was trying to kill them?
8. In Saul's time, what marauding people drove the Israelites into caves?
9. Who was buried in the cave of Machpelah?
10. Who hid in a cave while God passed by?

## **Them Bones, Them Bones**

1. What weapon did Samson use to kill a thousand men?
2. Whose bones were buried under a tree at Jabesh?
3. Who was made from a single bone?
4. Who was spared having his bones broken because he had already died?
5. Who had a vision of a valley filled with men's dry bones?
6. What saintly king desecrated a pagan altar by burning human bones on it?
7. What prophet's bones had sufficient power to raise another man from the dead?
8. What leader, carefully buried in an Egyptian coffin, had his bones transported out during the exodus and was buried at Shechem?
9. Which psalm contains a lament that passerby can count the psalmist's bones?

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



Building Hope and Changing Lives  
PO Box 11328  
Syracuse, NY 13218

February 28, 2023

Dear Faith Journey United Methodist Church,

*Thank you for your generous gift of \$200.00 to **In My Father's Kitchen (IMFK)**. We are very honored to be the recipient of your generosity. Your gift will enable us to continue providing needed food, necessities, and medical care to those who live in campsites, under bridges and places not meant for human habitation in Central New York. You can view what your donation will continue to do for our friends outdoors at [www.inmyfatherskitchen.org](http://www.inmyfatherskitchen.org).*

*Thank you again for investing in our friends, together we are building hope and changing lives of those who feel invisible!*

*Faithful friends, we so appreciate you!*

*Many Blessings,  
John & Leigh-Ann Tumino, Founders (IMFK)*



**GLOBAL MINISTRIES**

The United Methodist Church

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you for your gift of \$133 to UMCOR! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - **THANK YOU!** And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

God & Peace,  
Ronald Fernandes, General Secretary

# APRIL SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

## April

### 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 - Philippians 4:6-7

Day 2 - Matthew 11:28-30

Day 3 - John 14:27

Day 4 - Proverbs 12:25

Day 5 - Psalm 55:22

Day 6 - 1 Peter 5:6-8

Day 7 - Hebrews 13:5-6

Day 8 - Psalm 56:3

Day 9 - Psalm 23:1-2

Day 10 - Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 11 - Romans 8:38-39

Day 12 - Colossians 3:15

Day 13 - 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Day 14 - Psalm 23:4

Day 15 - Isaiah 41:10

Day 16 - 2 Timothy 1:7

Day 17 - 1 John 4:18

Day 18 - Psalm 94:19

Day 19 - Isaiah 43:1

Day 20 - Joshua 1:9

Day 21 - Matthew 6:34

Day 22 - Luke 12:22-26

Day 23 - Psalm 27:1

Day 24 - Mark 6:5

Day 25 - Deuteronomy 31:6

Day 26 - Psalm 46:1

Day 27 - Psalm 118:6-7

Day 28 - 1 Peter 3:14

Day 29 - Mark 5:36

Day 30 - Revelation 1:17

### 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:

*Overcoming  
Anxiety*





# 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)



## Pecan Pie Muffins

*"Pecan Pie Muffins are a mix between a pie and a muffin, they have a muffin texture with a soft, gooey inside like a mini Southern pecan pie. This recipe is one of the highest used recipes, especially during the fall months and Thanksgiving."*

<https://www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com/pecan-pie-muffins/>

Recipe by: Christy Denney

NATIONAL PECAN



MONTH!

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 2/3 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs, beaten

## DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Grease mini or regular muffin cups generously; grease them well or they will stick.
3. In a medium bowl, stir together brown sugar, flour and pecans. In a separate bowl, beat the butter and eggs together. Stir in dry ingredients just until combined.
4. Spoon batter into muffin cups about 2/3 full.
5. Bake for 12-13 minutes for mini muffins or 15-17 minutes for regular size muffins. Run a knife around the edge of each muffin and pop it out.



**Prep Time: 10 mins. Cook Time: 15 mins.**

**Total Time: 25 mins. Servings: 8 muffins**

RECIPE





## GNAC Rehearsal Dates & Times:

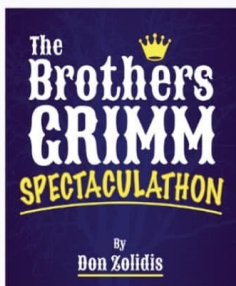
Sundays (130 -430 pm)

Mondays (6 to 830pm)

wednesday (6 to 830pm)

## Upcoming Shows:

### Great Northern Artists Collaborative 2023 Season



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Two narrators attempt to recreate all 209 of the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm in a wild, fast-paced extravaganza. To make it more difficult, they attempt to combine them into one gigantic fable using Rapunzel, Rumpelstiltskin, Hansel and Gretel, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and other more obscure stories like Lean Lisa and The Devil's Grandmother.  
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Director: Derek Potocki

Show Dates: May 12th & 13th

Dessert Theater

### Great Northern Artists Collaborative 2023 Season



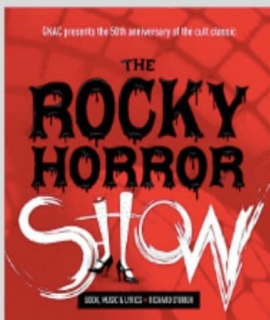
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Two gangs in a fictitious city populated only by children are in a rivalry of Capone-ian standards. Dandy Dan's gang has gotten the upper hand since acquiring the "splurge" gun (a weapon that shoots whip cream). Bugsy Malone, a one-time boxer, is thrust into the limelight when he becomes the last chance Fat Sam's gang has of surviving. All Bugsy really wants to do is spend time with his new love, Blousey... but that just isn't in the cards for our hero.  
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Director: Trevor Hill

Show Dates  
August 4th - 6th, 10th & 11th

Audition Announcement  
Coming soon!

### Great Northern Artists Collaborative 2023 Season



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In this cult classic, sweethearts Brad and Janet, stuck with a flat tire during a storm, discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter. As their innocence is lost, Brad and Janet meet a houseful of wild characters, including a rocking biker and a creepy butler. Through elaborate dances and rock songs, Frank-N-Furter unveils his latest creation: a muscular man named "Rocky."  
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Show Dates

October 13th, 14th,  
20th & 21st

Audition Announcement  
Coming soon!

### Great Northern Artists Collaborative 2023 Season



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Show Dates  
December  
9th-10th, 14th-17th  
DIRECTOR: LIZ LADD

Audition Announcement  
Coming soon!

DONE IN THE STYLE OF VICTORIAN HORROR TROUPE "PHANTASMAGORIA"  
WE ARE PROUD TO BRING YOU OUR VERSION OF THEIR POPULAR DOUBLE FEATURE  
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" AND "THE CANTERVILLE GHOST"

- WRITTEN BY JOHN DiDONNA

**Bible Trivia Answers:** Cave Men, Cave Women - 1. Lot, 2. Joshua, 3. Lazarus, 4. Elijah, 5. The Midianites, 6. David, 7. Obadiah, 8. The Philistines, 9. Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah and Jacob, 10. Moses

**Them Bones, Them Bones** - 1. The jawbone of a donkey, 2. Saul's and his sons', 3. Eve, 4. Jesus, 5. Ezekiel, 6. Josiah, 7. Elisha's, 8. Joseph, 9. Psalm 22

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2023**  
**6:35 PM**

We have reserved a suite with bathrooms and handicap accessibility at NBT Bank Stadium on 5/26/23. 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). Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the lobby! We hope to see you at the game!!

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

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**Syracuse Mets** **VS** **Louisville Bats**

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

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



# APRIL 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <i>Bible Study/ Baking Communion Bread, 10am-1pm @ FJUMC</i>
<b>2</b> <i>Lenten Pancake Breakfast, 9-9:45am @ FJUMC</i> <i>Palm Sunday Worship Service, 10am</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	<b>6</b> <i>Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 6pm @ FJUMC</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Good Friday Worship Service, 8pm @ FJUMC</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Easter Egg Hunt, 11am @ FJUMC</i>
<b>9</b> <i>Lenten Pancake Breakfast, 9-9:45am @ FJUMC</i> <i>Easter Worship Services, 6:30am &amp; 10am</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Bible Study, 4-6pm @ C&amp;B Building</i> 9:30 AM - Prayer &	<b>13</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	<b>20</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
<b>23</b> <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Grandma's Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner, 4-6pm @ FJUMC</i>
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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/faithjourneyumccclaynorthsyracuse](http://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyumccclaynorthsyracuse)

## Sermons also available on:

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



For the month of **APRIL**, we will be collecting Snack Cereal Boxes and items for PB&J for Phoenix Food Pantry.

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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Daniel Williams - Musician  
Jake Melnyk - Musician  
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Sean Townsend - Custodian