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Faith speaks; Actions Echo throughout the world!

It's really easy to have faith—in something or anything when you don't stop looking at the storms of life coming at you and your kin. In many ways and times, we profess faith, but our actions say differently.

Faith is the culmination of the reality of God at work in this world. The work of God culminated with the death of Jesus on the cross and the resurrection three days later.

Have you ever wondered? What would have happened had God not intervened? What if Jesus didn't wash the disciples' feet or institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper? What if in Jesus dying moments, instead of saying, "It is finished," called down angels to rescue him from the cross and destroy his enemies?

What would it say about God? What would it say about humanity? What if we were meant to learn from Jesus' example of sacrifice—one for another?

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:14-17

The Epistle of James is a hotly contested book in the New Testament. Martin Luther called it a "book of straw fit for the fire." Luther's position was that salvation was by faith alone in Jesus Christ. James takes it one step further and connects faith and works—grace and action as foundational principles of the gospels.

When we (the Church) claim faith in Christ, it cannot be static. Faith is an action word. Faith takes more than we can muster in the cool of the morning and the darkness of night. Faith takes a willing participant to pour our ardent hearts out to God, knowing that it isn't through our meandering prayers, but prayer depends on God, who listens. Who knows what God is saying? Do we (the Church) know what God wants of us?

I sat with a homeless man on my front porch a while back. We shared cigars and coffee and got to know one another's stories. Our time continued over a hot meal and some next steps to help him find shelter. The next day I received a text message: "Thanks for making me feel human again." My plans include reuniting and fellowshiping over cigars and a hot meal.

I tell you this because, for me, this was my faith in action. Building a connection and relationship, and forgetting the circumstances we lived in for a moment. If we stop overthinking faith and just let it unfold before our eyes, we will see God's glory in the faces of one another.



I have said, “You don’t get to pick and choose who you are on the road with.” God places each person in our life for a reason, season, or lifetime. I have friends from college that I will never see again. I have been a part of their life for a reason and season, but not a lifetime—and that’s okay.

Answering the question: “What does God want of us?” is simple. God wants us to be in a relationship with all the world the way Jesus was in a relationship with the world through the love of God. It’s not enough to trot out the processional cross on easter and sing at the tops of our lungs; Christ the Lord is Risen Today if we don’t put our faith into action. James was right, “Faith without works is dead.” Thinking about this Easter Season, we are not a dead sect.

We are a CHURCH of the RESURRECTED JESUS.

The resurrection power that flowed through Jesus' veins flows through our bodies. Our bodies are imperfect and, at times, full of sin, but Jesus has given us a transfusion by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We don’t weep at the open tomb, wondering what happened. We don’t need to sit behind locked doors out of fear. We are living, breathing examples of Jesus if we put down our need to be righteous and just.

The world needs faith and actions—grace and works. The world needs the living, breathing CHURCH of Jesus Christ to rise up and build relationships where they have been broken or harmed. The CHURCH does not need to tear itself apart with disaffiliations of congregations but needs to realize that the thing that binds us together is the body and blood of Jesus. I have no time for hate. I have no more energy to spend on the things that aren’t of God. I have two hands and a bible; that is all I need to do kingdom work.

When did you last invite a stranger for a hot meal? Or perhaps someone that you don’t know that well in your congregation? You can learn a lot about a person from sharing a hot meal. My point is this: build a larger table, a larger vision, and a relationship with someone you don’t know. Make a friend and be blessed in the blessing of the sharing of hearts and lives.

I am reminded that one of the first things that Jesus did after the resurrection was to go to the shoreline, cooked fish and bread, and share a meal with his disciples. Perhaps there is something to learn from Jesus—a hot meal and a conversation.

Faith speaks; actions echo throughout the world, making all the difference.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Daniel J. Bradley". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

What's Happening

FAITH JOURNEY UMC

Chicken BBQ

DRIVE-THRU

Saturday, June 10, 2023
11:00 a.m. - Until Sold Out

\$7.00 - CHICKEN ONLY (Includes 1/2 bbq chicken)

\$11.00 - CHICKEN DINNER (Includes 1/2 bbq chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans and a roll with butter)



FAITH JOURNEY UMC
8396 MORGAN RD.
CLAY, NY 13041



June:

June 2nd - Pastor Bradley's Commissioning & Ordination Service, 7:30 pm @ SRC ARENA OCC

June 4th - Pastor Bradley's Commissioning & Ordination Luncheon after worship service, 11am

June 4th - Peace with Justice Sunday

June 10th - Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am @ FJUMC

June 11th - Outdoor Worship Services Begin, 10am

June 14th - Flag Day

June 18th - Father's Day

June 19th - Juneteenth

June 20th - First Day of Summer

June 25th - Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign Ends

Commissioning & Ordination Service:

Friday, June 2, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. at SRC Arena
at Onondaga Community College (4585 W.
Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY)

If you can't attend in person, it will be
livestreamed on the www.unyumc.org web-
site

Also, join us for Pastor Bradley's Commissioning and Ordination Luncheon

Sunday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m., after worship service



Join us after worship on
6/4 for a luncheon to celebrate Pastor Bradley's big
achievement. Please bring
a dish to pass and share, chicken BBQ will be
provided.

Faith Journey UMC, Fellowship Hall, 8396
Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041

MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle is not going to be meeting for the
summer 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 Summer

We are so excited that the warm weather has arrived. When you arrive to the store this week, you'll see that the sorters have worked their magic and we have turned over much of the merchandise and have removed the winter clothes from the sales floor and have replaced a lot of the spring and summer wear and shared the clothes removed with two outstanding ministries doing unbelievable things to help communities in Syracuse - [We Rise Above The Streets and Beautiful Mess Ministries](#).

May has been another great month, minus the two days of selling left, we have sold over \$3500 merchandise this month - let's remember - this includes a week of Spin the Wheel sales days. **Wow!**

Because C&B has been so blessed in 2023, C&B was able to pay off outstanding (2023) national grid utility bills for Faith Journey UMC - this is beyond words amazing!!



More importantly, between sales on Saturday and what was donated in the bucket throughout the week, we have collected \$175 to offer to Clear Path for Veterans, amazing!!!



C&B will be closed July 1- July 4, reopening
Wednesday July 5th with a Bucket Sale!

FOURTH OF JULY
SALE

Wednesday, July 5th (10am-4pm)
Thursday, July 6th (10am-4pm)
Saturday, July 8th (10am-2pm)

*Come into C&B during these dates to fill a
4-gallon bucket with various merchandise
for just \$5.00!



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - JUNE - "BIGGER THAN OUR FEARS"

"Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27



June

The trip I took in May with my mom to Pennsylvania to visit family friends and my Nana was a complete success! We got caught in some road work traffic on the way there, but we still made good time and had a fantastic few days spending time with loved ones. Summer is officially here and the weather has been hot and sunny! I hope everybody has a great month and partakes in summer activities, I'm so excited to eat yummy BBQ, and possibly go camping and swimming again!

CARE NET®

B A B Y B O T T L E C A M P A I G N

We are collecting Baby Bottles for Care Net of CNY Baby Bottle Campaign 2023 starting on Mother's Day. There will be empty Baby Bottles that can be filled with loose change, bills and donations available on Sunday, May 14. They will be available in the lobby and will be collected after 6 weeks.

Thank you for supporting Care Net of Central New York, the premier "go to place" for women facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies.

Here is how your support helped the local community over the last 12 months:

- We provided 800 free pregnancy tests and 437 free ultrasound scans to confirm a viable pregnancy.
- We helped parents struggling with parenting issues and soon-to-be parents prepare for the greatest adventure of their life and provided over 4,500 parenting and life-skill classes.
- We helped women and men who lost children to abortion, miscarriage, and still-birth, we provided over 115 support sessions to help ease their burden and restore the hope that was lost.
- And to encourage abstinence, over 3,000 students watched our sexual risk-avoidance videos, or had a Care Net presentation in their school.

Thanks again for supporting our mission, you are a vital part of this ministry because with every baby bottle filled, we are better positioned and equipped to help women and families during their time of crisis.

Thank you and God Bless, Paul Marshall (President and Executive Director)

BIBLE TRIVIA

They Heard Voices

1. What New Testament character was the “voice crying in the wilderness”?
2. What blind father recognized Jacob’s voice but was deceived by his glove-covered hands?
3. When Moses was in the tabernacle, where did God’s voice come from?
4. Who heard a voice that said, “Write down what you see”?
5. Where did God speak to Moses in a voice like thunder?
6. What barren woman moved her lips in prayer but made no sound?
7. According to Deuteronomy, where did God’s voice come from?
8. Who told Saul that obeying God’s voice was more important than sacrificing animals?
9. Which Gospel mentions the voice of Rachel weeping for her children?
10. Who heard the voice of an angel ordering that a large tree be chipped down?
11. What book says that the divine voice sound like a waterfall?
12. Who said, “Is that your voice, David my son”?
13. To which church did Jesus say, “If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him”?
14. What apostle addressed the Pentecost crowd in a loud voice?
15. Who cried out at the top of her voice when she saw Samuel raised from the dead?
16. At what event did a voice from heaven say, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”?
17. What boy was sleeping near the ark of the covenant when he heard God’s voice calling to him?
18. Where was Jesus when the divine voice said, “This is my beloved Son.. Hear ye him?”
19. What king heard the voice of God in the temple - although there was no temple at the time?
20. Who heard God’s voice after running away from Queen Jezebel?
21. Who heard the voice of those who had been killed for proclaiming God’s word?
22. Who screamed in a loud voice, asking Jesus not to punish him?
23. What king was told by Isaiah that the king of Assyria had raised his voice up against God?
24. What was the problem of the ten men who called to Jesus in loud voices, begging him for mercy?
25. Who heard the “still, small voice” of God?
26. What criminal did the people of Jerusalem cry out for in a loud voice?
27. Who heard God speaking out of a whirlwind?
28. What bird did John hear crying in a loud voice, “Woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth?”
29. According to Psalm 19, what has a voice that goes out to all the world?
30. Who said that the bridegroom’s friend is happy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice?

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



Syracuse Food Trucks in the Park

Starting on Thursday, May 25th
Thru Thursday, August 17th

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us every Thursday (except for 7/13/23) at Long Branch Park to enjoy dinners featuring a variety of delicious cuisines just steps away from each other! Hosted by the Syracuse Food Truck Association.

Long Branch Park at
Onondaga Lake Park
3813 Long Branch Rd. Liverpool,
NY 13088

CRAFT FAIR

Craft, Vendor and Used Book Sale

Saturday, June 3rd, 2023
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cicero United Methodist
Church
Route 11 Cicero, NY 13039
(315) 699-2731

JUNE SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

June

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 51

Day 2 - Matthew 26:69-75

Day 3 - 1 Kings 21:17-29

Day 4 - John 4:1-30

Day 5 - Luke 8:43-48

Day 6 - John 8:2-11

Day 7 - 2 Samuel 12:1-5

Day 8 - Psalm 32

Day 9 - James 4:1-10

Day 10 - JOB 17

Day 11 - Micah 6:6-8

Day 12 - 2 Chronicles 7:11-18

Day 13 - Jeremiah 30:1-11

Day 14 - Jeremiah 30:12-24

Day 15 - 2 Kings 5:1-14

Day 16 - Philippians 2:1-11

Day 17 - Psalm 139:23-24

Day 18 - Psalm 147:1-6

Day 19 - Daniel 4:28-37

Day 20 - 1 Peter 5:5-7

Day 21 - Psalm 63

Day 22 - Hebrews 12:1-17

Day 23 - Genesis 45

Day 24 - Genesis 29:21-35

Day 25 - Isaiah 57:14-21

Day 26 - Leviticus 26:1-13

Day 27 - Luke 9:23-27

Day 28 - Acts 9:1-19

Day 29 - Genesis 21:8-20

Day 30 - Luke 7:36-50

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:

*Wholeness
through
Brokenness*





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



Savory Zucchini Cheddar Quick Bread

"A savory, quick, one bowl, bread that's full of fresh zucchini and cheddar! Make this to go with soups, salads or toast it up for a delicious breakfast!"

Recipe by: Kathi & Rachel

<https://www.laughingspatula.com/savory-zucchini-cheddar-quick-bread/>



National Cheese Day - 4 June



INGREDIENTS

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups zucchini, grated
- 2 cups all purpose white flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk (I used 2%, but whole or non-fat would be fine!)
- 1 tablespoon vinegar, white or apple cider
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar
- 2 green onions, chopped



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and spray a 9 x 5 bread pan with non-stick spray
2. Wrap grated zucchini in a paper towel and squeeze until some of the liquid releases. You don't need to completely dry it out, just a tablespoon of liquid or so.
3. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
4. In a small bowl, combine milk and vinegar. The milk will curdle a bit (you just made homemade buttermilk!).
5. Mix in melted butter and egg to milk and vinegar.
6. Add milk mixture to dry mixture being careful not to over mix. (over-mixing will make for a low rising bread).
7. Add grated zucchini, cheese and onions. Mixing lightly until just combined.
8. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour.
9. If toothpick inserted comes out clean, the bread is done! Cool for 10 minutes in the pan and remove carefully and cool on wire rack.

Recipe notes:

- Do not skip the step where you squeeze a bit of the moisture out of the grated zucchini, or you could end up with mushy bread.
- We used a combination of one cup milk to 1 tablespoon vinegar to make the buttermilk. But if you prefer, simply omit the vinegar and use one cup of buttermilk.
- I used a 9 x 5 Loaf Pan.
- This is a great way to use little chunks of cheese you might have left over and can't bring yourself to toss out.
- Toast this up the next day for a fabulous breakfast!

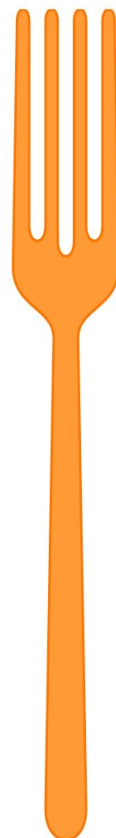
Prep Time: 10 mins.

Cook Time: 1 hr.

Total Time: 1 hr. 10 mins.

Servings: 8 servings

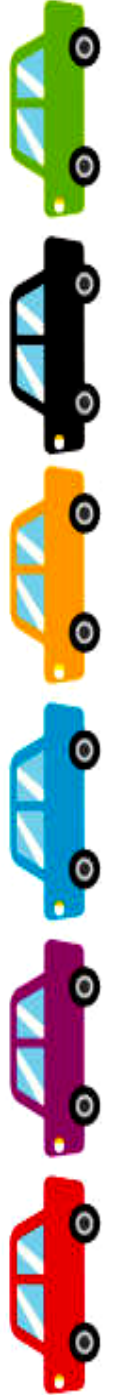
RECIPE





Outdoor Worship Service starts NEXT SUNDAY!

Join us next Sunday, June 11th at 10 a.m. for drive-in worship service. Feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit outside on the grass or simply stay inside your car and tune the radio to 92.7 FM to listen to a live broadcast. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. to get a parking spot and get settled in before service begins. We will continue to have outdoor worship until Labor Day; some services will be held indoors depending on weather or other unforeseen circumstances. See you next week to worship under the sun!



**EVERY SUNDAY STARTING JUNE 11TH
THROUGH LABOR DAY**

SERVICE STARTS AT 10:00 AM

Summer Drive-In Worship Service is Back!
Bring lawn chairs, blankets and anything you
need to be comfortable! Please arrive by 9:45 a.m.
and tune your radio to 92.7 FM for a live
broadcast of Sunday Worship Service.



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Bible Trivia Answers: 1. John the Baptist, 2. Isaac, 3. Above the ark of the covenant, 4. John, 5. Mount Sinai, 6. Hannah, 7. The fire, 8. Samuel, 9. Matthew, 10. Daniel, 11. Revelation, 12. Saul, 13. Laodicea, 14. Peter, 15. The witch of Endor, 16. Jesus' baptism, 17. Samuel, 18. On the Mount of Transfiguration, 19. David, 20. John, 21. Elijah, 22. The Gerasene demoniac, 23. Hezekiah, 24. Leprosy, 25. Elijah, 26. Barabbas, 27. Job, 28. An eagle, 29. The heavens, 30. John the Baptist

CHANGE OF PLANS

The date for the Syracuse Mets Baseball Game has changed due to low attendance for the 5/26/23 game. The new date is Saturday, September 9, 2023.



**SYRACUSE METS
BASEBALL
GAME**

 **IMPORTANT** *THE DATE HAS CHANGED TO:*

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2023
6:35 PM**

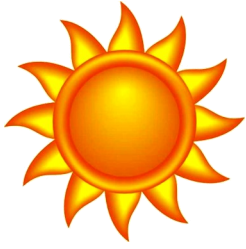
We have reserved a suite with bathrooms and handicap accessibility at NBT Bank Stadium on 9/9/23. We have access to the room starting at 5:00 PM. Please sign-up for tickets at Faith Journey UMC (8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041). Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the lobby! We hope to see you at the game!!

**Tickets: Adults \$45, Kids \$12,
Children 2 & under are FREE
(Meal & Drinks are included in ticket price)**

Syracuse Mets  Rochester Red Wings

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

www.fjumc.org



JUNE 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in	1 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.	2 Commissioning & Ordination Service, SRC ARENA @ OCC, 7:30 PM	3 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
4 *Communion Commissioning & Ordination Lunch- eon for Pastor Bradley, 11 am	5 Youth Group Dance in Fellowship Hall, 10am-2pm	6	7 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	8 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build- ing	9	10 Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am @ FJUMC
11 Outdoor Drive- in Worship Ser- vice Begins, 10am	12	13	14 Flag Day 9:30 AM - Prayer &	15 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	16	17 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20	21 First Day of Sum- mer 9:30 AM - Prayer &	22 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	23	24 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
25 Care Net Baby Bottle Drive Ends	26	27	28 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	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/faithjourneyumccclaynorthsyracuse

Sermons also available on:

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

FoodPantry

For the month of **JUNE**, we will be collecting a variety of items including **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Cereal and Crackers** for Immanuel Lutheran Church. 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.

Serve

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

Share

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

God With Others

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