



**Pastor's
Page**



“Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive
it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.”
ISAIAH 43:18-21

**God Is Doing a New Thing at
Faith Journey United Methodist Church!**

I am not always good at accepting change. As I get older, I like for things to stay the same. After all, if it isn't broken, don't fix it. Right?

My father once tried to change an oil pan on a 1984 Plymouth Reliant Station Wagon. We got the car up on ramps and drained the oil. We undid all the bolts and tried to remove the rotted oil pan. It wouldn't budge. My father, in his infinite wisdom, got a hammer and started to beat on it. Thank God my friend Rich showed up and stopped him from doing more damage than he had already done. Rich showed him how to put a jack under the transmission and lift it up about an inch, and the pan came free. A little know-how goes a long way.

In 2015, the Andrews Memorial United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church came together to become Faith Journey United Methodist Church. There were many plans to revamp our building and make it a welcoming space. Some of those plans got put on hold while we were righting our financial and spiritual ships.

Through our hard work and dedication, we have begun the process of renewal, beginning with the sanctuary. This week the painters arrived and began sanding and scraping walls and applying the first coat of paint. The old orange carpet has been torn out, and the chancel area will be getting a makeover. The memorial committee has pledged \$5000 to the purchase of a new carpet (It's not going to be orange). Chicken BBQ funds are paying for the painting of the sanctuary, and the remainder of proceeds from the sale of the Morgan Road parsonage is funding much of the renovation.

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

The Dream Team, in conjunction with input from the trustees and other individuals, decided to permanently remove the pews and replace them with auditorium-style seating. This will dramatically change the look, feel, and use of our sanctuary space. This decision was not made lightly. It took a long time to focus our thinking on those that would be coming into this sanctuary space for the next forty years. It was a forward-thinking decision that I was not totally on board with until I purchased some of these auditorium-style chairs for my office. I couldn't be happier.

The Grand Piano will reside on the platform, and stairs will be put in to make it easier to access for choir members. The monitors have been raised up so that they can be seen by all in the audience. The new carpet will be installed in the last week of August, and it will look like something brand new.

Now that I have shared all of that with you, I hope that you can catch your breath and hear what God is saying through this scripture.

Faith Journey United Methodist Church has been in the process of building and rebuilding its spiritual footing. We have survived three years of COVID and maintained our staff and our online presence. We have opened Cradle & Beyond 2.0 and have been successful.

At every turn of adversity, we have seen God work through the faith of everyday folks. Continually the leadership of the church has been working on redefining faith and growing spiritually. Sanctuaries are not meant to be worshipped. They bring people together for the worship of God, the edifica-

tion of the believer, and the administration of the sacraments. Where we worship is not as important as WHO we worship. I am confident that once the process is complete that we will see a whole new concept of ministry that can be birthed in this sanctuary. God has been making streams in the desert. God has been tearing down fences and boundaries to make dreams become reality.

On Sunday, September 3rd we will enter a new space with the same intention of glorifying God through our worship. On October 1st—World Communion Sunday, we will rededicate the sanctuary and rejoice in all that God has done. This is a season of new beginnings and opportunities to “Seek, Serve, and Share God with others.” It is my hope that you will embrace the work that is being done in faith and see the future.

As I close this letter, I invite you to make a financial gift to this work in memory or honor of someone. Please contact me with suggestions or questions, and I will do my best to accompany an answer.

Faith Journey United Methodist Church has been waiting a long time for this upgrade; please make sure to express your appreciation to the leadership of the church for this work that is taking place.

I pray for God's blessing on you this day and trust you and your family to his care. Thank You for all you do to make ministry possible in grace and thanksgiving.

In Christ,



Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

What's Happening

August:

August 12th - Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am

August 12th & 19th - GNAC; The Awesome 80s Prom, 7pm

August 17th - United Methodist Family & Friends Night at the Ballpark, 6:35pm @ *NBT Bank Stadium*

August 19th - Family Fun Fest, 11am-9pm, Inner Harbor

September 2nd - 9th - Bucket Sale @ C&B

September 6th - Fall Book Study begins, 4-6pm @ C&B

September 9th - Faith Journey Syracuse Mets Baseball Game, 6:35pm @ *NBT Bank Stadium*

September 11th - Finance Meeting, 6:30 pm



CHICKEN BBQ DRIVE-THRU



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH | 11AM- TIL SOLD OUT

\$7.00 - Chicken Only (includes 1/2 chicken)

\$11.00 - Chicken Dinner (includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans and a roll with butter)



FAITH JOURNEY UMC
8396 MORGAN RD.
CLAY, NY 13041



For the month of August, we will be giving away backpacks full of essential school supplies to any student (pre-k through college), and a \$1 off coupon for school related attire!

To receive your free backpack, simply fill out a back2school giveaway slip at the store with your name and school to be proudly displayed throughout the store!

Supplies are limited, one backpack per student.

Cradle & Beyond
7778 Brewerton Rd. Syracuse, NY
13212



Cradle & Beyond 2.0

7778 Brewerton Road

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
 7778 Brewerton Rd. Syracuse, NY 13212



Can you believe that we continue to break records? Why of course you do! Our days are busier than ever, whether you're working the desk, assisting on the floor, accepting or sorting donations, thinning out merchandise, delivering merchandise, making hotdogs or doing crafts you have experienced this! We have exceeded weekly sales of \$1,000 multiple times this year - in addition we have celebrated \$3000 in monthly sales six times so far - this is more than what we celebrated in all of 2022!



New people come through our doors each day - more people means more opportunities to make a difference in someone's life. These two quotes came to my mind as I was reflecting on 2023 and all the blessing C&B has in our volunteers, customers and partners. *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."* Helen Keller *"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."* Mother Teresa New Partner - Eastern Farm Workers Judy and Beth were able to meet up some amazing people that needs C&B support - we are so thankful to Jenn who introduced C&B to this amazing organization.

Memories from July's craft / hotdog events





SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - AUGUST - "TOO PERFECT"

"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect." - Romans 12:2



August

The summer has really flown by so far, and I haven't done much in terms of outdoor activities or trips, but I'm still having a lot of fun and enjoying the extra hot summer weather! It's very exciting to see all of the construction activity going on in the sanctuary, and knowing the church building is getting the improvements it deserves! I am interested in watching the progression take place, the painting has just begun this week! I hope you have a wonderful last month to summer and enjoy the drive-in worship services until Labor Day!

Family FUN FEST



Join Churches Coming Together to Provide Family-Centric Activities
GAMES - LIVE MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS
 ★ AUGUST 19th, 11am - 9pm ★ SYRACUSE INNER HARBOR ★



Join us on Saturday, August 19th, 11am-9pm at the Inner Harbor for Family Fun Fest!

This event includes live music, games, give-a-ways, food trucks from Chic-Fil-A and Cam's Pizzeria, balloon artists, bounce houses, prizes, mega bubble man, and family caricatures.

328 West Kirkpatrick St. Syracuse, NY 13204

This is a free event open to the public! Street parking, parking lot and valet parking available

BIBLE TRIVIA

Taxes, Extortion, and Bribes

1. What noble prophet's sons were notorious for taking bribes?
2. What tax collector climbed a tree to see Jesus?
3. Who kept Paul in prison, hoping Paul would try to bribe him for release?
4. Who advised that the Egyptians be taxed 20 percent of their produce in order to prepare for famine?
5. Who taxed the Israelites in order to pay off Paul, the king of Assyria?
6. Who did Jesus send fishing in order to get money for taxes?
7. Who warned the people of Israel that having a king would mean having taxation?
8. What figure did Jesus use as a contrast to the humble tax collector?
9. What did the hungry Esau give up to Jacob in exchange for food?
10. What was Judas given to betray Jesus?
11. By what other name was the tax collector Matthew known?
12. What did John the Baptist tell the tax collectors who came to him for baptism?
13. Who offered Delilah silver if she could find out the secret of Samson's strength?
14. Who bribed the guards at Jesus' tomb to say that the disciples had stolen the body?
15. According to the Law, how much tax did all adult Israelites have to pay when the census was taken?
16. What ruler imposed tribute in Jesus' day?
17. Who taxed his subjects in order to pay tribute to Pharaoh Necho of Egypt?
18. What king is remembered as placing a "heavy yoke" of taxation of Israel?
19. What king of Israel paid tribute money to King Shalmaneser of Assyria?
20. Who laid a tax on the whole Persian Empire?
21. To what king of Judah did the Philistines bring tribute?
22. What Persian king exempted the priests and Levites from paying taxes?
23. What empire's taxation led to Jesus being born in Bethlehem?
24. Whose wife was threatened with having her family's house burned down unless she would find the answer to Samson's riddle?
25. Who made for Jesus a feast that was attended by many tax collectors?

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



Great Northern Artists Collaborative 1st Annual Summer Fundraiser!

The Awesome 80s Prom presented by Ken Davenport and the Class of 1989! All proceeds go towards 2024 kids classes!

Saturday, August 12th & Saturday, 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20
www.ticketor.com/GNAC



Thank you so very much for all the wonderful nonperishable items you donated to our Church. You will be spreading love to many people who can't afford to buy food items. Our food pantry is open to all: Tuesday + Wednesday (2-3pm) and Friday (8:30-9:30pm). However, when you drive by, you will see a brown cabinet outside that is open 24/7 for people who need food. You can drop off food in the cupboard as well. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered for many a day! Thank you!

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Food Pantry
Director, Bob Crabtree

AUGUST SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

August 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 - Exodus 13:27

Day 2 - Numbers 9:15,16

Day 3 - Matthew 5:14,15

Day 4 - Deuteronomy 1:31-33

Day 5 - Psalm 18:28

Day 6 - Psalm 36:9

Day 7 - Psalm 84:11

Day 8 - Psalm 104:1,2

Day 9 - Psalm 118:27,28

Day 10 - Philippians 2:15

Day 11 - Psalm 119:105

Day 12 - Isaiah 60:19,20

Day 13 - Proverbs 6:23,24

Day 14 - 1 John 1:5-7

Day 15 - Revelation 21:23,24

Day 16 - Revelation 22:3

Day 17 - Proverbs 4:18,19

Day 18 - Deuteronomy 4:37,38

Day 19 - Deuteronomy 7:8,9

Day 20 - 1 Kings 10:9

Day 21 - Psalm 78:67-69

Day 22 - Isaiah 43:3,4

Day 23 - Isaiah 63:9

Day 24 - John 13:34

Day 25 - Psalm 87:2,3

Day 26 - Daniel 9:22,23

Day 27 - Hosea 11:1

Day 28 - Matthew 3:17

Day 29 - John 3:16

Day 30 - 1 John 4:7-9

Day 31 - 1 John 4:10-11

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:

GOD IS LIGHT

GOD IS LOVE





RecipeCorner



Raspberry Peach Upside Down Cake

"This cake is a BEAUTY. Our favorite thing about upside down cakes? They're impossible to mess up because you can place your fruits just so before pouring the batter on. It's always a joy to see how they turn out once you flip them—they ALWAYS impress."

Recipe by: Lena Abraham

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a52803/raspberry-peach-upside-down-cake-recipe/>



INGREDIENTS

FOR THE FRUIT TOPPING

- Cooking spray
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large or 4 small ripe peaches, sliced
- 2 (6-oz.) packages of raspberries
- 3 teaspoons cornstarch, divided

FOR THE CAKE

- 2 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350° and line a 9"-x-13" baking pan with parchment and grease with cooking spray. In a medium bowl, stir together melted butter and sugar. Spread in an even layer in prepared pan. In another medium bowl, toss peaches with 1 teaspoon cornstarch. In a small bowl, toss raspberries with 2 teaspoons cornstarch. Overlap peaches to make a stripe, then add an even layer of raspberries to make another stripe. Repeat two more times.
2. Make cake: In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. In a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat butter with sugars until mixture resembles wet sand, about 3 minutes. Beat in eggs, vanilla, and sour cream, then slowly beat in flour mixture and milk until just combined. Pour batter over fruit and smooth into an even layer.
3. Bake until cake is golden evenly across the top, the sides of the cake begin to pull away from the pan, and a toothpick comes out clean, about 50 minutes.
4. Remove cake from oven, let cool 15 minutes, then flip cake upside-down onto a large serving platter or cutting board. Let rest 30 seconds, then carefully remove pan.
5. Let cake cool completely before slicing and serving.



Heidi made this cake in 2022 and gave this review:

"I made it in a larger round pan. I am taking it to a dinner party. I'm pretty sure it's done in the middle, the pick came out clean in a couple places. I had a few peaches fall off in the pan in the flipping process, but I carefully replaced them. It was a beautiful presentation and delicious with a little dollop of vanilla ice cream, everybody loved it."

Prep Time: 20 mins.

Total Time: 1 hr. 30 mins.

Yields: 10 servings

Cal/Serv: 579 calories per serving



Fall Book Study at Cradle & Beyond beginning in September!

This will be a discussion class lasting approximately 2 hours from 4-6pm on Wednesdays beginning September 6th through the end of November. Led by Pastor Daniel Bradley. RSVP to Sara at fjoffice@fjumc.org or 315.652.9168.

By August 20th.

An analysis of society's behavioral expectations for women.

Drawing largely on her own experiences, Loehnen, the host of the *Pulling the Thread* podcast and former editorial projects director of *Condé Nast Traveler*, contends that women have been unwittingly programmed to behave in a certain manner in order to be accepted.

"Where did this beast come from," she asks, "how did it get its power, and why was I so willing to submit? I began to trawl through history to locate the early murmurs of when good-ness and acceptability were conjoined for women." Loehnen shows that the framework for this programming arose via the Seven Deadly Sins found in Christian teachings.

The author explores the origin of the sins and examines each in relation to the modern life of women. As Loehnen points out, the sins were based on the "Eight Thoughts" of a fourth-century monk named Evagrius Ponticus, which additionally included the concept of "sadness" and became a teaching tool for the church. While the concepts referenced in the book do have strong religious underpinnings, the author's language and writing style are more secular in nature and will appeal to a wide audience. "Even if you consider yourself an atheist, or agnostic, or opposed to organized religion, the moral codes directed by the Seven Deadly Sins have influenced you," she writes. "They are not solely the prove-nance of the church; the sins have permeated culture."

Throughout, Loehnen demonstrates that women have limited their lives based on these artificial restrictions and must strive to break free from this "tool of oppression." For example, out of fear of appearing slothful, women frequently deny themselves rest. For fear of appearing gluttonous, women often deny their own hunger. Afraid of being deemed "unhinged," women are often apprehensive about expressing their anger.

An engaging work that offers an opportunity for pause and reflection regarding our daily choices.

Bible Trivia Answers: 1. Samuel's, 2. Zacchaeus, 3. Felix, 4. Joseph, 5. King Menahem, 6. Peter, 7. Samuel, 8. A Pharisee, 9. His birthright, 10. Thirty pieces of silver, 11. Levi, 12. To collect no more than was legal, 13. The lords of the Philistines, 14. The chief priests, 15. A half shekel each, 16. Caesar, 17. Jehoiakim, 18. Solomon, 19. Hoshea, 20. King Ahasuerus, 21. Jehoshaphat, 22. Artaxerxes, 23. Rome, 24. Samson's, 25. Levi

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED NIGHT @ THE BALLPARK!

The new date is Saturday, September 9, 2023.
Please sign-up as soon as possible so we can get
an accurate headcount for this upcoming game!
Sign-up sheet is on the table in the lobby!

SYRACUSE METS BASEBALL GAME



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 **VS Rochester Red Wings**

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

www.fjumc.org





AUGUST 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
6	7	8	9 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	10 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build- ing	11	12 Chicken BBQ Drive- Thru, 11am GNAC, Awesome 80s Prom, 7pm
13	14	15	16 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	17 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	18	19 GNAC, Awesome 80s Prom, 7pm Family Fun Fest, 11am-9pm @ Inner Harbor
20	21	22	23 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	24 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	25	26 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
27	28	29	30 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	31 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.		

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 **AUGUST**, we will be collecting
School Supplies and Snack-size boxes of Cereal
for North Syracuse Christian Church.
 Thank you for your support!



- Binders, notebooks
- Folders, loose leaf paper
- Pencils, pens, markers, crayons
- Glue sticks, calculators
- Rulers, erasers, sharpeners
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