



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



“Hold on for the New Year is here!”

There is something about holding the hand of another person. There is a comfort, a love, a touch of grace one from another. Holding on is critical in a world that tries to tear us apart.

My wife and daughter and I hold hands often. We do so when we walk together, pray together, or just because. When we hold hands our heart beats sync and our breathing matches one to another.



The best thing that we can do is hold on to the ones we love. The ones that make life worth living.

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” John 15:13

When we hold onto one another and walk where they walk we can see our story as it dovetails in the holding of hands and the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **What are you holding onto in the new year?**

I am holding on to the intangible gifts and graces from my family and my church. I am holding onto those who love me and protect me from myself. I am holding on to the hands of Jesus as this is the most important hand that I have.

When we give of ourselves is when we experience the greatest blessing of faith. I encourage you to ditch the resolutions that will last no more than a couple weeks and embrace those who are around you to love and protect. Hold hands with strangers give hugs and above all take the time to know Jesus' grace. God bless to you and your family in the new year. Hold on for it will be a bumpy ride!

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

# What's Happening

## January:

**January 1st**—New Years Day

**January 2nd**—C&B reopens to public, regular store hours

**January 7th**—Worship Time Changes to 10:30am

**January 13th**—Pancake Breakfast @ FJUMC, 9am

**January 14th**— UMC Special Sunday, Human Relations

**January 15th**—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 18th**—Chili Cookoff @ FJUMC, 6pm

**January 25th**—Visioning Session, 6:30pm

## PANCAKE Breakfast

**JOIN US ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**at 9:00 a.m.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
UPCOMING PANCAKE BREAKFAST DATES:

**JANUARY 13, 2024**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

**MARCH 9, 2024**

**FAITH JOURNEY UMC  
8396 MORGAN RD.  
CLAY, NY 13041**



## CHILI COOK OFF

**CALLING ALL COOKS AND  
TASTE TESTERS!**

*It's very exciting to announce that the Chili Cookoff event is back in action and hosted by our own FJUMC this year! We hope to see you on 1/18/24 for the battle of the chili's!*

**Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m.**

The Men's Groups in the Crossroads District will host a Chili Cookoff at Faith Journey UMC on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

All are encouraged to make a pot of chili or at least come and taste the chili and vote for your favorite!

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



# 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  
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 7778 Brewerton Rd. Syracuse, NY 13212



**Cradle and Beyond through the years - this is mind-blowing!!  
 Sit back and get ready for shocker.**

### A YEAR IN REVIEW

Below is an outline of the C&B sales to date and organizations that we have touched in some way or another! It is astonishing and AMAZING!! Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez led worship at FJUMC in December and in his sermon, he talked about miracles; in reflecting back on the last four plus years, C&B is a miracle to so many people. More important than sales is that we have helped so many people and organizations, including those that choose to donate, shop and volunteer at C&B. Thank you for all the passion, support and grace you offer / provide to C&B. We would not be doing what we do, if it were not for each and everyone of you. It is an understatement to say we have the BEST volunteers, the BEST work crew, the BEST sorters, the BEST partners and of course, the BEST customers. **In addition to the tangible giving, you all give so much of yourselves to our customers and each other. We cannot wait to see what is in store for C&B in 2024. Continue to be kind, provide grace and love to others. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year**

Month	2019 Sales	2020 Sales	2021 Sales	2022 Sales	2023 Sales
January	XXXX	\$1213	\$1424.90	\$1899.10	\$3820.32
February	XXXX	\$1056	\$1901.80	\$1936.30	\$2625.27
March	XXXX	\$595 (pandemic)	\$2014	\$2936.60	\$3595.76
April	XXXX	XXXX	\$1920.30	\$2649.78	\$3843.35
May	XXXX	XXXX	\$1804.	\$2324	\$3803.46
June	XXXX	\$1744.33	\$2908.65	\$3149.75	\$3940.15
July	XXXX	\$1884	\$2534.13	\$2769.45	\$3871.56
August	XXXX	\$1500	\$2135.90	\$2867.50	\$4255.05
September	XXXX	\$1704.48	\$2101.95	\$3372.49	\$4649.06
October	XXXX	\$2094.	\$2787.71	\$3391.49	\$4992.25
November	\$1027	\$1689	\$3193.25	\$3780.10	\$3521.55
December	\$798	\$1400.65	\$2981.75	\$2686.70	\$3997.62
<b>Annual Sales</b>	<b>\$1,825</b>	<b>\$15,184.28</b>	<b>\$27,708.34</b>	<b>\$33,763.26</b>	<b>\$46,895.40</b>

**Total sales since we opened \$125,376.28**

## **Organizations that have been supported by C&B:**

- ⇒ Mission Central (C&B main campus)
- ⇒ Faith Journey UMC
- ⇒ The United Methodist Conference
- ⇒ Animal Alliance - fabric
- ⇒ Flowers and Bibs to Menorah NH
- ⇒ Keuka College - Scrubs, rack, durable medical equipment
- ⇒ Mental health care facilities in Kansas City, Mo and AZ - stuffed animals and hats / mittens
- ⇒ Cicero UMC - clothes and shoes sent to Ukraine
- ⇒ We Rise Above The Streets - clothing, coats, monetary donations toward Saturday Sandwich Events
- ⇒ Beautiful Mess Ministry: monthly donations of clothing, winter coats
- ⇒ Loretta - scrubs and clothes and sneakers
- ⇒ Eastern farm workers - clothing and housewares
- ⇒ Metal to Scrap for the Arts
- ⇒ Brewerton library - books
- ⇒ County Wide Children's Center - Daycare in Bville newborn - children's size clothes
- ⇒ Helping hounds - towels / bedding and pet supplies
- ⇒ 105 backpacks filled with school supplies
- ⇒ Stockings for veterans - personal care items
- ⇒ North Syracuse Drama Club sandals, dresses
- ⇒ Samaritan Center - Winter clothes / coats, books, monetary donations
- ⇒ Party Princess
- ⇒ Womens wear opportunities- Liverpool
- ⇒ Victims who were burned out of homes
- ⇒ My Sister's closet
- ⇒ Ukraine refugees newly arrived to U.S (supported by NSCC) - complimentary shopping sprees
- ⇒ Hangars to Midlakes Education Center
- ⇒ Erin's Angels - cereal bars, cereal, poptarts, etc
- ⇒ The Scotty - The Divine Mercy - Central Square
- ⇒ Kindercare Foster Services - Liberty Resources - clothing for emergency foster care
- ⇒ Shoes for animal alliance
- ⇒ Catholic Charities - small appliances for the resettlement organization for Ukrainian Refugees

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- ⇒ Roxboro Middle School and Elementary School
- ⇒ New Hope family services - baby stuff
- ⇒ Flower arrangements to shut-ins and delivered to skilled nursing facilities
- ⇒ Baby dolls donated to Menora Park
- ⇒ Gethsemane thrift shop
- ⇒ Towels to the cat spay and neuter clinic in Cortland
- ⇒ Clearpath for veterans
- ⇒ Cicero library - books
- ⇒ Ralph Rotella - shoes
- ⇒ Helping Hounds
- ⇒ Cicero floral gardens - vases
- ⇒ King of Kings - books
- ⇒ Humane society - wicker baskets
- ⇒ Vera House - hats / gloves
- ⇒ Liverpool Police Department - stuffed animals
- ⇒ Mission NSCC Mission trip to Ukraine - China cups and saucers
- ⇒ Phoenix High School: formal wear and suits
- ⇒ Seven Valleys New Tech Academy: binders
- ⇒ Pop up Pregnancy Center NSCC - baby clothes
- ⇒ Crop walk - Samaritan Center and Catholic charities
- ⇒ Laundry bag - My Place
- ⇒ Dr Hamilton Clinic - ppl bedding for migrants
- ⇒ Restart
- ⇒ Save The Stork - baby clothes and furniture
- ⇒ Bread Ministries - bread supplies brought into CB on Tuesdays and available for our customers / volunteers to take
- ⇒ Blessing box - bring what you can, take what you need ministry - non-perishable foods, adult / infant diapers, hygiene products
- ⇒ Brown Memorial UMC
- ⇒ Mrs Bradley - handmade pillow cases
- ⇒ Circle of Friends - clothing, hat / mittens
- ⇒ Elmcrest elementary- books
- ⇒ Furniture bank - Catholic charities - bed
- ⇒ Capital Regional Furniture Bank - small furniture
- ⇒ Eastwood Adoption Place - kids clothes
- ⇒ Refuge Warehouse - utensils / housewares







### **SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - JANUARY - "No Worries in the New Year"**

*"Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks." - Philippians 4:6*



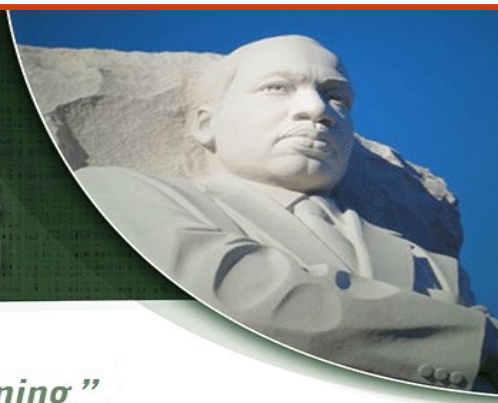
## **January**

It's been a crazy month for me! First, I got sick before Thanksgiving and was recovering from feeling unwell, then our Church work computer decided it had enough and gave out on me! The blue screen of death appeared and I was in panic mode. Thankfully, Pastor Bradley scrambled to help me resolve the issue and I have been busy trying to re-create files and get organized again! I lost December's Newsletter when it was almost complete, so I apologize for the missing newsletter last month. Here's to 2024 being a year of fresh starts and many blessings!

**SPECIAL  
SUNDAY**

**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY | JANUARY 14**

**Listening Hearts: Responding to the Prophetic Call**



***"Speak. Your servant is listening."***

—1 SAMUEL 3:10 (CEB)

*Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday held on January 14, 2024, designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. A special offering taken the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering build King's vision of "the beloved community" through programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important. One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. Our gifts are part of building "the beloved community."*

# **BIBLE TRIVIA**

## **New Things in the Bible**

1. What wise man in the Bible once penned these words; "... there is no new thing under the sun."?
2. The book of Daniel tells the story of the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar's capture of the city of Jerusalem and of four young men of nobility who were brought into the king's service. Daniel's friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were given "new" names and are better known as whom?
3. In Exodus 1:8 (KJV) it is said that some time after the death of Joseph, a "new" king who hadn't heard of Joseph took over Egypt. What did this king do to the Israelites?
4. What was the 'new command' which Jesus gave to His disciples in John 13:34 (NIV)?
5. Although things looked really hopeless at the time, God told the prophet Isaiah to forget the past and see what new thing He was doing! According to Isaiah 43:19 (NIV), where was God making a new path and new streams?
6. In the book of Revelation, Jesus promised those who overcometh something new when speaking to the church at Pergamos. What was that new thing?
7. In the 1st chapter of the book of Mark, what had Jesus done to cause people to believe that a "new" doctrine was being introduced to them?
8. Paul was a testimony of a life turned around by Christ. According to Paul, in 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV), if any man be in Christ, he becomes what new thing?
9. When Joseph of Arimathea asked for the body of Jesus, and buried him in his own new tomb, whose prophecy of the Messiah was fulfilled, in Christian belief?
10. In the book of Revelation, John relates his vision of Jesus's return to earth and the final judgement of mankind. In Chapter 21, verse 1, he tells of seeing what new things as he stand before the throne of God?

⇒ *Answers are located on the bottom of **Page 10***



*Mark your calendars for the next  
GNAC show!*

**Bugsy Malone Jr.!**

**Directed by Trevor Hill**

Friday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available at Tick-  
etor.com/GNAC closer to show dates

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### **Visioning Session**

Thursday, January 25, 2024

6:30 p.m.

All are welcomed, bring your ideas  
and open minds! Subs and chips will  
be provided.

Faith Journey UMC, Café Area  
8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041

# JANUARY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

## Renew. Refresh. Revive.

### 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 - Romans 12:1-2

Day 2 - Psalm 51:7-8

Day 3 - Psalm 51:9-10

Day 4 - Isaiah 40:30-31

Day 5 - 2 Cor. 4:16-18

Day 6 - Lam. 3:21-23

Day 7 - Titus 3:4-7

Day 8 - Psalm 23:1-3

Day 9 - Hebrews 12:11-13

Day 10 - Psalm 40:1-3

Day 11 - Psalm 119:25-27

Day 12 - Psalm 119:36-38

Day 13 - Psalm 119:39-40

Day 14 - Psalm 119:87-88

Day 15 - Psalm 119:105-107

Day 16 - Psalm 119:147-149

Day 17 - Proverbs 3:6-8

Day 18 - Hosea 6:1-3

Day 19 - Proverbs 13:12

Day 20 - Proverbs 15:30-31

Day 21 - Psalm 92:12-14

Day 22 - Isaiah 52:7-9

Day 23 - Isaiah 54:11-14

Day 24 - Isaiah 43:1-2

Day 25 - Job 33:26-30

Day 26 - Galatians 6:14-16

Day 27 - 2 Cor. 5:17

Day 28 - Colossians 3:9-11

Day 29 - Romans 6:3-4

Day 30 - Ephesians 4:20-24

Day 31 - Galatians 2:20

### 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 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.

**Relax**  
THE MIND  
**Renew**  
THE BODY  
**Revive**  
THE SOUL







# RecipeCorner



## Chicken Parm Soup

"A delicious and warm meal for those cold winter nights that the whole family will love, pair it with some garlic bread to make the perfect combo! Also, using a Rotisserie chicken makes this soup super easy to make!"

Recipe by: Ree Drummond

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a44964263/chicken-parm-soup-recipe/>



JANUARY IS  
NATIONAL  
SOUP MONTH

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion, *diced*
- 3 garlic cloves, *minced*
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning, *plus more for topping*
- 2 (14-oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups ditalini, mini penne, or other small pasta
- 3 cups chopped or shredded rotisserie chicken
- A pinch of Kosher salt and black pepper, *for taste*
- 3 oz. mozzarella cheese, *shredded or thinly sliced*
- Chopped fresh basil and red pepper flakes, *for serving (optional)*

## DIRECTIONS

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic, bay leaf, and Italian seasoning and cook, stirring, until the onion is softened, 4 to 5 minutes.
2. Add the diced tomatoes, chicken broth, and 2 cups of water to the pot.
3. Increase the heat to high and bring to a boil.
4. Add the pasta, return to a boil, and cook until the soup is slightly thickened and the pasta is al dente, 8 to 10 minutes.
5. Remove from the heat and stir in the chicken. Discard the bay leaf. Season with salt and pepper.
6. Divide the soup among bowls and top with the mozzarella. Let the cheese melt for 1 minute.
7. Top with chopped basil, Italian seasoning, and red pepper flakes. Serve with any type of bread on the side to complete the dish! Enjoy!

**Prep Time: 20 mins.**

**Total Time: 30 mins.**

**Yields: 6 servings**





# Worship.connect.grow.serve.

## JUST A REMINDER!



WORSHIP SERVICE TIME IS CHANGING TO **10:30 AM** ON  
JANUARY 7, 2024.

*Please feel free to still arrive at 10 a.m. to spend some time in our new café area! Join us prior to service and enjoy a cup of coffee, some refreshments and engage in fellowship with others!*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



We will have a sign-up sheet to host a refreshment and fellowship time on Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Also, don't forget to sign up to bring in flowers or plants for the sanctuary on Sundays. There will also be a sign-up sheet available in the lobby area for those that want to help brighten up the sanctuary.



**Bible Trivia Answers:** 1. Solomon, 2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, 3. He enslaved them, 4. To love one another, 5. In the wilderness and wastelands, 6. A new name written in a white stone and hidden manna, 7. He had cast out a demonic spirit, 8. A new creature, 9. Isaiah, 10. A new heaven and earth

# JANUARY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>New Years Day</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Cradle &amp; Beyond reopens to public</i>	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in	<b>4</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
<b>7</b> <i>Worship service time changes to 10:30 am</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	<b>11</b> 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build- ing	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Pancake Break- fast @ FJUMC, 9am</i> 9AM - 12 PM - Workday
<b>14</b> <i>Special Sunday: Human Relations Sunday</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	<b>18</b> <i>Chili Cookoff @ FJUMC, 6pm</i> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	<b>25</b> <i>Visioning Session @ FJUMC, 6:30pm</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office			

## **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>



For the month of **JANUARY**, we will be collecting diapers and formula for the CNY Diaper Bank and other family planning organizations *to help those in need and welcoming a baby in the new year!*

**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*

.....  
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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Daniel Williams - Musician

Jake Melnyk - Musician

Sara Mertz - Office Manager

Sean Townsend - Custodian