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Buddy & Kiah



Kovu

“I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth, I will make known your faithfulness
to all generations.

For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens, you will establish your faithfulness.”

You have said, “I have made a covenant with
my chosen one;

I have sworn to David, my servant:

‘I will establish your offspring forever
and build your throne for all generations.’” *Selah*
Psalm 89: 1-4

My dog, Kovu, knows a lot about getting what he wants when he wants it. At mealtime, he waits under the table for scraps to fall. At bedtime, he is the first upstairs to get into my bed, knowing if he does, he may have a chance of sleeping with me and Mary. My dog will gaze at me with these big eyes and know I will give him a treat. My dog is spoiled because I am a sucker for paws and a wagging tail.

Dogs intuitively know when something isn't right. They can tell when their owner (s) are having a tough day. They can sense fear, anxiety, even pain and suffering. A dog is programmed for one thing: providing joy. They bark in excitement, give kisses, and wag their tails uncontrollably until the mood of their owner passes. They are God's gift to humanity. In 2019, when I had to let my 'Buddy' go, I was heartbroken. It took less than a week to bring Kovu into our home. I told Mary, “I can't be in a house without a dog.”

Buddy was seven weeks old when we got him from the SPCA, and when we brought Kiah home six months later, he became her constant companion. As she grew, she would pull on his fur, climb in his crate with him, and even try to ride on his back. They were the best of friends. The toughest part was saying goodbye to our family friend. We were with him to the end, and even now, his pictures adorn our home, along with his collar and dog tags.

Throughout the grief of losing a best friend, I never forgot to give praise to God for the time we had with Buddy. All the memories and videos that fill my cell phone and computer remind me that Buddy will always be with me. I may be theologically wrong, but I'll take this risk: I believe one day when we enter glory, our furry friends will be waiting there for us. That is what my heart tells me. And my heart is good, and it leads me to God.

All things will pass away. War, famine, disease, death, and destruction will all pass away at some point; the things that will remain are love, faithfulness, and grace. I took a nap with Kovu the other day. As I was sleeping, he put his head on my shoulder and sniffed into my ear, waking me. It had been more than an hour, and it was time to get up. I had to get going with the rest of my day because there was work to do. God's work.

There have been many changes at Faith Journey over the past couple of months. The sanctuary has been completely renovated; the entryway is being reconfigured, demolition is in progress, and a portico is being constructed over the entry walkway. We are also in the process of getting new boilers for the heating system. A lot is happening. All of this would not be possible without your gifts of time, money, and prayers.

The vision for the remodeling of the entryway and foyer area is to provide a relaxation space before worship and after, clean up the outdated area, and breathe new life into the church building. As for the boilers, I know all of you like to be warm in winter.

These are necessary to move the Faith Journey United Methodist Church into the 21st century and to finally rid ourselves of the last remnants of the orange carpet. This methodical process comes eight years after the birth of Faith Journey UMC. We must keep our hands on the plow and continue this progress. YOUR GIFTS TOWARDS THIS PROCESS are much appreciated and will go far in building a vital physical space of faith and fellowship.

new **SERVICE TIME**

In January 2024, our worship time will move to 10:30. This is being done with a redesign of the worship service and will provide more time for our Christian Education program.

So, what does all this have to do with my dogs? Dogs are faithful, loving companions. In the darkest of hours or times of change and flux, they always look to their owner.

Take some time and be like a dog; wag your tail, bark, dance around, and worship God. Remember the words of David, "I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth, I will make known your faithfulness to all generations." In other words, "Woof! Woof! Woof!"

In Christ,



Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

What's Happening

November:

November 5th - All Saints Sunday

November 7th - Election Day

November 11th - Veterans Day

November 14th - Thanksgiving Worship Service, 7pm

November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day

November 24th - Black Friday Sale @ C&B, 10am-4pm

November 25th - Black Friday Sale @ C&B, 10am-2pm

November 26th - United Methodist Student Day

December 2nd - Christmas Cantata Concert, 10am

December 10th - Visit from Bishop Hector Burgos Nunez

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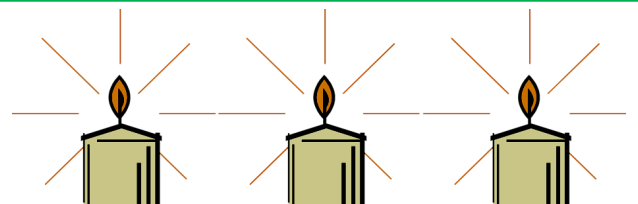
THANKSGIVING *Worship Service*

Let's pay thanks together

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
7:00 PM

FAITH JOURNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8396 MORGAN RD. CLAY, NY 13041

Please bring all items for
Thanksgiving Bags by this date so
we can hand them out by
Thanksgiving Day.
Thank you!



ALL SAINTS' DAY

**All Saints' Sunday is on
November 5, 2023.**

I am currently hard at work on the PowerPoint for All Saints' Sunday and want to include all of your loved ones to be honored and remembered, so please reach out with their pictures and names.

Please e-mail fjoffice@fjumc.org with any photos of family members, friends and loved ones who have passed away that you want to honor this year. Also, please include their full name, and dates of birth and death. Thank you!



A THRIFTY BOUTIQUE

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

Hard to believe we are back into the holiday season. We will be closed Wednesday 11/23 and Thanksgiving Day - reopening Black Friday and Saturday with 50% off all merchandise in addition to doing Holiday-meal-in-a-bag giveaways each week (this is quite popular). I'd like to welcome three new volunteers, Linda Raulli, Stefanie Osburn and Sherri Willis - we are so excited to have you as part of the C&B family. We have some of our regular volunteers heading to warmer climates over the winter.

Our last bucket sale was a HUGE success - we sold more than 240 buckets worth of merchandise - that is about 950 gallons of merchandise that we sold in six days... unbelievable that we have anything left!! But we do, and lots of it. We are working on devising ways to have the sorting room more organized and able to accept donations at the same time - will let you know as soon as we finalize a plan. Happy November!!

Holiday Giveback

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

We are so grateful for your support and patronage, we want to thank our amazing customers with a holiday meal giveback!

HOW IT WORKS:

Every customer that visits C&B 2.0 is eligible to enter a drawing for a holiday meal that consists of: a bag filled with potatoes, stuffing, gravy, dessert, vegetables and a gift card for protein. Just simply fill out a paper that includes your name and phone number, and you will be contacted to arrange a pick-up time/date at the store.

ONE WINNER WILL BE SELECTED EACH WEEK



11/28 - 12/2
12/5 - 12/9
12/12 - 12/16
12/18 - 12/21



BLACK FRIDAY SALE!

Join us for Black Friday at C&B on Friday, November 24th (10am-4pm) and Saturday, November 25th (10am-2pm) to receive 50% off all merchandise!

Please note that we will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, 11/23.

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

We will also be closed for Christmas from 12/23/23 to 12/31/23 and will re-open to the public on 1/2/24.



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER - "SERVING WITH LOVE"

"The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40



November

I hope everybody had a safe and fun Halloween! It's hard to believe the holidays are upon us, and the new year is just around the corner! As I grow older, I realize how precious time is, especially since it seems to be going by faster than ever before. We all lost a few crucial years from the pandemic, and those years have become a distant blur that I can barely remember. Over this past year, I've really tried to soak up every moment, memory and experience, hoping to really feel connected and involved in life again. Since the pause button was pressed for so long, I've never been more ready to press play again. I hope everybody is able to press the play button in your life by leaving the uncertainty behind and returning to normalcy! Cheers to the season of blessings, gratitude and thanksgiving!



WHAT IS UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY?

United Methodist Student Day (**November 26, 2023**) was the original Special Sunday founded by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools who collected offerings to help advance education for their children. The fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund. Today, United Methodist Student Day Sunday has the same purpose, calling upon the denomination to support their students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith.

Every year, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards an average of \$5.5 million in financial aid to United Methodist students. The offering taken on United Methodist Student Day is one opportunity to support these scholarships. Every dollar – **yes 100%** - received goes towards supporting and educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. Supporting this Special Sunday is truly an investment in our future.

Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral United Methodist students. Financial support for all General Board of Higher Education and Ministry scholarships come from five primary sources: 63% from endowments; 22% from wills and annuities; 13% from United Methodist Special Sundays and 1% from online gifts and fiduciary income. All donations received empower and encourage our students that we are investing in them and our future.

We are blessed to support thousands of students through scholarships, but we would like to do more. Our funds are limited, and every awards cycle we end up with a large pool of qualified candidates who we are unable to help because there was no money left to give. You can help us change that! Donate now and help more students answer God's call to higher education. We thank you for your support!

BIBLE TRIVIA

Encounters with Angels Pt. 2

1. Who was told by an angel that the angel's name was a secret?
2. According to Revelation, what angel fights against Satan?
3. What kind of angels did Isaiah see in the temple praising God?
4. Who had a dream about an angel and goats?
5. What person saw the angel of the Lord in the form of a flame?
6. What prophet was fed two meals by an angel?
7. According to Jude, who fought with Satan over the body of Moses?
8. Where was Jesus when an angel came and strengthened him?
9. Where was Paul when an angel assured him that he would stand trial before Caesar?
10. How many angels will be at the gates of the New Jerusalem?
11. According to Jesus, what causes the angels to rejoice?
12. Who had a vision of four angels holding the four winds of the earth?
13. Which Gospel says that an angel rolled away the stone from Jesus' tomb?
14. At the end time, what will an angel bind Satan with?
15. How many angels pour out the bowls of wrath on the earth?
16. What prophet saw the Lord's angel riding on a red horse?
17. What is the name of the evil angel of the Abyss in Revelation?

Visions of God

1. Who had a vision of the Ancient of Days seated upon a throne?
2. Who looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw Jesus on the right hand of God?
3. Who knew a man who had been caught up into the "third heaven"?
4. What seer described himself as "in the Spirit" when he received his visions?
5. What did Isaiah see filling the temple when he beheld God sitting on his throne?
6. Who saw the back of God, since he could not bear to see him face to face?
7. Who, besides Isaiah, saw the Lord sitting upon his throne?
8. What seer of weird visions beheld a throne like a sapphire?
9. Who saw a heavenly ladder with the Lord standing above it?
10. Who, along with Moses, saw God during the wilderness wanderings?

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Christmas Cantata

Join us at Faith Journey UMC on Sunday, December 2, 2023 at 10 a.m. for a Christmas Concert featuring our wonderful musicians and Maryna & Friends.



Faith Journey / C&B Holiday Party,
Date and Location to be announced; stay tuned for future updates on this event.



GNAC will be hosting a few Holiday Musical Shows, dates to be announced.

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

November 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 145:18

Day 2 - Colossians 4:2

Day 3 - 1 Thess 5:16-18

Day 4 - Hebrews 12:28-29

Day 5 - Psalm 118:1

Day 6 - Ezra 3:11

Day 7 - Psalm 106:1

Day 8 - Hebrews 13:15

Day 9 - Colossians 3:16

Day 10 - 1 Chronicles 16:8

Day 11 - Psalm 9:1-2

Day 12 - Philippians 4:6

Day 13 - 1 Samuel 12:24

Day 14 - Psalm 32:11

Day 15 - Romans 8:28

Day 16 - Ephesians 5:20

Day 17 - 1 Thess 1:2

Day 18 - Psalm 95:2

Day 19 - Isaiah 12:4-5

Day 20 - Zephaniah 3:17

Day 21 - Romans 5:1

Day 22 - John 6:11

Day 23 - Philippians 1:3-5

Day 24 - Numbers 6:24-26

Day 25 - Psalm 136:1-3

Day 26 - John 3:16

Day 27 - Jeremiah 30:19

Day 28 - Revelation 11:17

Day 29 - 1 Timothy 1:12

Day 30 - Daniel 2:23

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:

Thankful
Hearts





Orange Pomegranate Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies

"Add this winter cookie to your holiday baking list. It's a fun twist on oatmeal cookies with flavorful mix-ins, like orange zest, chocolate chips, and pomegranate seeds!"

Recipe by: Running to the Kitchen, Gina Matsoukas



INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup oat flour
- 2/3 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2/3 cup lightly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon orange extract (optional, but adds to orange flavor)
- 3/4 cup chocolate chips
- 2/3 cup pomegranate arils

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine flours, oats, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl.
2. With a hand-mixer in a large bowl, beat butter and sugar together on high speed until light and creamy, about 2 minutes.
3. Add the egg, orange zest, and extracts and beat again until thoroughly incorporated.
4. Add the dry ingredients to the wet and stir until just combined.
5. Gently fold in the chocolate chips and pomegranate arils until combined.
6. Refrigerate dough for 30 minutes.
7. During last 10 minutes of refrigeration, preheat oven to 375 and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
8. Spoon the dough out (about 2 tablespoons each) onto the baking sheets, leaving about 2 inches of space between each.
9. Bake for 12-15 minutes (I did 14 minutes, rotating sheets half way through baking) until edges just start to turn golden brown, but middles are still somewhat soft.
10. Remove from oven and let cool on baking sheet for 1-2 minutes before transferring the cookies to a cooling rack.

Prep Time: 10 mins

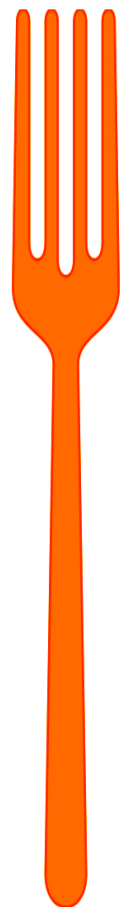
Cook Time: 15 mins

Additional Time: 30 mins

Total Time: 55 mins

Yield: 18 servings

RECIPE





UNITED METHODISTS OF UPPER NEW YORK
LIVING THE GOSPEL. BEING GOD'S LOVE.

Join us for service on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. as we welcome Rev. Hector A. Burgos Nunez to Faith Journey United Methodist Church.

We will also be preparing a meal in his honor following the service.



The Rev. Héctor A. Burgos Núñez was elected Bishop on Nov. 4, 2022, at the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church held in College Park, Maryland. He is the first Hispanic-Latino bishop in the Northeastern Jurisdiction and the first Puerto Rican bishop in The United Methodist Church.

Bishop Burgos was assigned to serve as the Episcopal leader of the Upper New York Area effective Jan. 1, 2023.

Bishop Burgos envisions the United Methodist Church and the Upper New York Conference being a Holy Spirit-led global movement that is:

- ♦ Thriving and united in the mission of transforming the world by nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ who share faith, hope, and justice
- ♦ Spiritually alive and culturally relevant
- ♦ Committed to personal and social holiness, celebrating its rich diversity as a gift from God
- ♦ A multi-generational network of faith communities that embrace all people as beloved children of God and allow them to live to their full God-given potential.
- ♦ An organization that is agile, innovative, and creative, and while global in its nature and impact, it is local and contextual in its ministry so that it can reach as many people as possible with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Burgos' interests include racial and organizational equity, leadership development, contextual evangelism and worship, and strategic communications in a digital era. He finds joy in cooking for his family and friends and is known for his famous meat marinades and BBQ ribs. Bishop Burgos also enjoys blogging. His blog, Mensajes de Esperanza has more than 150,000 followers throughout Latin America. He shares life with his wife, Jazelis Adorno, and their children, Fabián, Joel, Marcos, and Valeria.

Bible Trivia Answers: 1. Samson's parents, 2. Michael, 3. Seraphim, 4. Jacob, 5. Moses, 6. Elijah, 7. The archangel Michael, 8. Gethsemane, 9. On board ship during storm, 10. Twelve, 11. A repentant sinner, 12. John, 13. Matthew, 14. A chain, 15. Seven, 16. Zechariah, 17. Abaddon or Apollyon, 1. Daniel, 2. Stephen, 3. Paul, 4. John, the author of Revelation, 5. The train of God's robe, 6. Moses, 7. The prophet Micaiah, 8. Ezekiel, 9. Jacob, 10. Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the Israelite elders

NOVEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Fall Book Study, 4-6pm @ C&B 9:30 AM - Prayer &	2 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.	3 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.	4 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
5 All Saints' Sunday Daylight savings time ends	6	7 Election Day	8 Fall Book Study, 4-6pm @ C&B 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in	9 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Build- ing	10	11 Veterans Day 9AM - 12 PM - Work- day @ New Building
12	13	14 Thanksgiving Worship Service, 7pm	15 Fall Book Study, 4-6pm @ C&B 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in	16 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	17	18 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
19	20	21	22 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	23 Thanksgiving Day (FJUMC, C&B closed)	24 Black Friday Sale @ C&B, 10am- 4pm	25 Black Friday Sale @ C&B, 10am- 2pm
26 Special Sunday: United Method- ist Student Day	27	28	29	30		

In-Person and Online Worship Service:

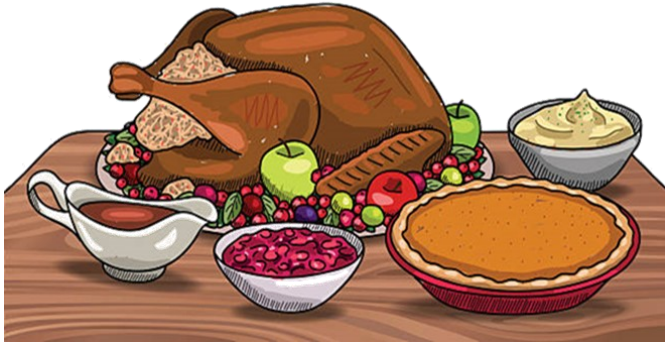
Join us in-person or watch us live every Sunday at 10 am on Facebook
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Sermons also available on:

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

FoodPantry

HAPPY
Thanksgiving



For the month of **NOVEMBER**, we will be collecting **boxed potatoes, stuffing mix and gravy, canned vegetables and fruits, dessert mix, juice and \$10 meat donation** for *Thanksgiving Bags* to distribute to local families in need before Thanksgiving Day.

We are collecting Thanksgiving items on tables in the sanctuary from Nov. 1st until the 14th, then we will put them together after worship service.

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

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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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