

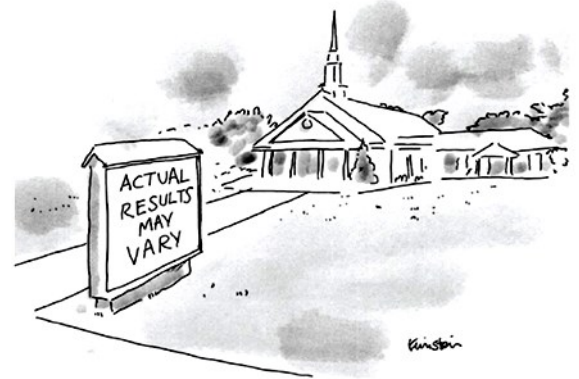


Pastor's
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The Stepping Stone
June 2024

The average television watcher will consume 16 hours of pharmaceutical adds per year. They are targeted at various demographics and always include the phrase, “Actual Results May Vary.”



The church of Jesus Christ grows or dies based upon what is put into it by the believer who participates in mission and ministry. The work of the church is not stagnant, but active in faith as we have been called to be faith filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit that fills us a fresh with opportunities to serve with grace and dignity as we seek to “Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” That is our call as Christians operating out of faith.

“Actual Results May Vary.”

My physical education teacher once told me that you get out of the class what you put into the class. The same is true for participation in a local church. Each of us have a part to play and we must do our part through our “**TIME, TALENTS, SERVICE, PRAYER AND FINANCES.**”

An old pastor taught me about stewardship, his words were, “Stewardship is never about the money...it’s all about the attitude. Get the attitude right and money will flow.”

My attitude has kind of been out of whack. You see I got to a place this year when I thought God was a spiritual vending machine, giving me everything I wanted. The fact of the matter is God gives as we need, not as we want. I need to be exercising my faith and prayer muscles that God may work through me to help others in need.

If I am not balanced in my life then I am no good to anybody.

This year, is going to be a year of blessing. No matter what we experience individually or congregation. “We praise God in life and we praise God in death.” God knows what we don’t know and it’s not up to us to make things happen. God will do what God will do and we are just along for the ride.



There’s an old bumper sticker that says, “If God is your co-pilot, then pull over and switch seats.”

This summer won’t you pull over with me and switch seats so that God can lead us home.

In Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Daniel J. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Daniel J. Bradley



What's Happening

JUNE:

June 8th — CiceroFest, 12pm-10:30pm @ *Spinning Wheel Restaurant*

June 8th — Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am-sold out @ *FJUMC*

June 9th — Outdoor Worship Service Begins, 10:30 am, Church Lite on hiatus until Fall.

June 9th — Open house @ Rev. Sai Lanleesay's Farm, 3pm @ 3330 St. Rt. 31 Canastota, NY

June 15th — Pancake Breakfast, 9am @ *FJUMC*

June 15th — HumaneCNY Bake Sale, 9am-3pm @ *Clay Fire Department*

June 22nd — Strawberry Festival, 10am-4pm @ *Navarino Orchard*

June 28th — Annual Fireworks Display, 9pm @ *55 State St. Phoenix, NY*



Chicken BBQ



CHICKEN BBQ DRIVE-THRU

THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

We begin selling at 11:00 AM till sold out!

June 8, 2024

July 13, 2024

August 10, 2024

September 14, 2024

\$7.00—1/2 Chicken and roll

\$11.00—1/2 Chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans and roll

Faith Journey United Methodist Church
8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041



Sai and his family have purchased a farm and have been working diligently and faithfully to get it cleared and crops planted. They would like to share their farm in an open house on **Sunday, June 9th at 3:00pm**. All are welcome. There will be a time for food and fellowship and walking around the barn / farm. They have faithfully named the farm: The Family of Blessings Farm, LLC and have plans to use the crops to help feed their church community as well as others. The farm is located at **3330 St Rt 31 Canastota, NY (town of Lenox) 13032**.



Join Us for
OUTDOOR WORSHIP

OUTDOOR WORSHIP STARTS
SUNDAY, JUNE 9,
2024 at 10:30 AM

CHURCH LITE SERVICE HIATUS & SURVEY

Church Lite Service is taking a hiatus for the summer and we have plans to come back anew in the Fall! We are conducting a survey to improve our service with your feedback.

Reach out to fjoffice@fjumc.org to receive the survey via e-mail or fill out a paper copy, which are located on the table in the café area. We will keep you updated on changes to Church Lite Service and when it will resume in the Fall.

Pancake Breakfast



Join us for a delicious Pancake Breakfast at Faith Journey UMC on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

The next date is:

Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 9:00 am



Cradle & Beyond 2.0

7778 Brewerton Road

Store hours:

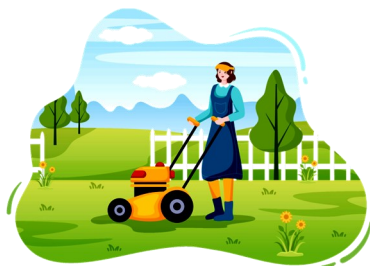
Tuesday	4 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 4 pm
Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	10 am - 2 pm

Contact Information:

Phone: (315) 980-8004
Email: Cradleandbeyond2@gmail.com
7778 Brewerton Rd. Syracuse, NY 13212



We've made it to warmer weather, summer days and vacation time! June looks to be an exciting start to a fresh makeover at Cradle and Beyond. You've likely noticed that the big tree in the yard is cut down - this is in preparation for the start of a new donation center / sorting room. We have quotes for clearing out the space of dirt and prepping a pad with concrete and are working on getting plans drawn up for the 24x24 foot room.



Other changes that you may not have noticed is that we have transitioned to a more 'green' lawnmower - one that runs on battery power and not gas - it's the little things that goes along with our mission of reusing, repurposing, recycling and being mindful of reusable energy.

We have new partners that have 'found us' and are excited to support their ministries and mission. We have made new friends with new to our country, Ukrainians - and look forward to seeing this friendship blossom as they would like to help out with building the new sorting room.



In addition, our bucket sale in May was a huge success. We sold 188 buckets. which equals 752 gallons of merchandise sold in 5 days! That's amazing. May also brought about a record sale which beat our previous record that was set in November by \$450 dollars. We are on track to smash our 2023 sales record and are so excited to be on this journey with all of you.

Enjoy your summer, can't wait to hear all the great events, family gatherings, and vacations that you'll have. See you soon!!



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - JUNE - "FROM GRIEF TO COMFORT"

"[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." - Revelation 21:4



JUNE

It's been a rough last few weeks for me. My uncle Bob has passed away after losing his 4-year battle with cancer and my husband's grandfather has passed away from various health issues at 98. I've been trying to stay focused and move forward, but we all know how grief comes and goes in waves. Please keep my family and husband's family in your prayers as we plan funerals to celebrate the impactful lives of our loved ones and say our goodbyes.

Embark on some adventures, make memories with family and friends and enjoy the beautiful summer that lies ahead.

Celebrating Father's Day for Every Type of Dad

The History Buff & Art Dad

Visit the renowned Onondaga Historical Association and Museum in Downtown Syracuse or the Everson Museum of Art

The Golfing Dad

Check out The Pompey Club in Jamesville, NY or put your skills to the test at Drumlin's Country Club.

The Craft Brew Dad

Stop into the Middle Ages Brewing Company, Willow Rock Brewing Company, Buried Acorn Brewing, Beak & Skiff and Heritage Hill Brewhouse

The Adventurous Dad

Labrador Hollow Unique Area is located on the outskirts of Tully, Apulia, and Truxton, NY making it a beautiful 20 minute drive outside the city limits. If you want to explore and hike, grab your boots and check out Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville, NY. You can also grab your bikes and hit the Erie Canal trail or Onondaga Lake Park.

The Foodie Father

Pick Dad's favorite food spot to grab some yummy food, or stop into Liehs & Steigerwald butcher shop/deli or Lombardi's Imports to grab their one-of-a-kind meats, sausages, hot dogs, salads, burgers, kabobs, cutlets, spiedies, and much more for the foodie dad in your life.

The Fisherman Father

Head to Oneida Lake, one of the region's premier fishing destinations to fish. There's also plenty of fishing spots throughout Onondaga County, such as Onondaga Lake Parkway, Skaneateles, and Green Lakes.

Great Northern Artists Collaborative Presents:



Friday, July 12th @ 7PM
Saturday, July 13th @ 2PM
Sunday, July 14th @ 2PM

Friday, July 19th @ 7PM
Saturday, July 20th @ 7PM
Sunday, July 21st @ 2PM

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

General Admission: \$20 + fee
Seniors/Students: \$15 + fee
Ticketor.com/gnac

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

Across the Biblical Spectrum Pt. 1

1. What color was the hideous seven-headed dragon in Revelation?
2. What is the first color mentioned in the Bible?
3. What doting father gave his favorite son a coat of many colors?
4. What New Testament woman was a seller of purple cloth?
5. What book describes a handsome man whose hair is black like a raven?
6. What prophet had a vision of four chariots pulled by different colored horses?
7. According to Isaiah, what color does the Lord wear?
8. According to Isaiah, what color are sins?
9. What color was the sun in Revelation when it became like sackcloth?
10. What fabulous animal is mentioned as churning up white foam in the sea?
11. Who, according to 2 Peter, had a place of deep blackness reserved for them?
12. What evil woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and covered in jewels?
13. According to Joel, what fateful day would be a day of blackness?
14. Which Old Testament book contains the most references to the color blue?
15. According to Psalms, what color is the sinner after being washed by God?
16. What color was the cloth draped over the ark of the covenant?
17. Who sang a victory song that mentions white donkeys?
18. What Gospel mentions Jesus commenting on the red sky as a weather omen?
19. In Mark's Gospel, what color was the robe Jesus wore when the soldiers mocked him?
20. What three colors was the curtain for the Holy of Holies in the temple?
21. What Jew wore the royal purple garments in a foreign court?
22. What prophet talked about idols dressed in blue and purple garments?
23. Who had a vision of a heavenly being with white hair and white clothing?
24. What people defeated by Gideon wore purple garments?

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



LIFE HOUSE
RESET. RESTORE. REBUILD. RELAUNCH.

Dear Pastor Daniel and Congregation,

Thank you for your **generous gift of \$200** to *In My Father's Kitchen*. This gift will enable us to continue providing needed food, necessities and medical care to those live in campsites, under bridges and place not meant for human habitation in Central New York.

We also want to thank you of your amazing generosity of your gift of **\$820 in gift cards** to *Life House*. These gifts will enable us to continue working with women to reset, restore, rebuild, and relaunch their lives after escaping Human/Sex Trafficking in Central New York through our 24/7 residential program. Thank you again for investing in our friends. Together we are building hope and changing the lives of those who feel invisible! You can view what your donation will continue to do to bring hope to our friends outdoors at www.inmyfatherskitchen.org

Many Blessings, John & Leigh-Ann Tumino, Founders of In My Father's Kitchen/Life House

Thank you to all who supported the Roast Beef Dinner. We served approximately 260 dinners, earning a profit of \$1,257. Attendance was down a little, but the enthusiasm of the volunteers as well as the diners made it a successful event. We did offer a dine-in option, which 30 people took advantage of. They appreciated the feeling of community around the dinner table as well as a hot meal. A truly heartfelt thanks for the support this fundraiser continues to receive!

- Linda Raulli

JUNE SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



Taming the Tongue

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 - James 3:3-4

Day 2 - James 3:5-6

Day 3 - James 3:9-10

Day 4 - 1 Peter 3:10-11

Day 5 - Proverbs 12:18-19

Day 6 - Proverbs 18:21

Day 7 - Matthew 12:34

Day 8 - Matthew 12:36-37

Day 9 - Psalm 19:14

Day 10 - Proverbs 4:23

Day 11 - Proverbs 27:19

Day 12 - Ezekiel 36:25-27

Day 13 - Psalm 139:23-24

Day 14 - Colossians 4:6

Day 15 - Ephesians 5:4

Day 16 - Proverbs 17:19

Day 17 - Philippians 4:7

Day 18 - James 5:12

Day 19 - 1 Timothy 6:4-5

Day 20 - Ephesians 4:2

Day 21 - James 1:19

Day 22 - Ephesians 4:29

Day 23 - Proverbs 10:20-21

Day 24 - 1 Thess, 5:11

Day 25 - Proverbs 25:11

Day 26 - Isaiah 51:16

Day 27 - Proverbs 17:9

Day 28 - Matthew 15:11

Day 29 - Proverbs 31:26

Day 30 - Proverbs 17:27-28

Bonus - Psalm 35:27-28

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.





RecipeCorner



Mango Crumb Bars

"These crumbly bars are filled with fresh mangos, then baked to perfection. These savory and yummy bars bursting with tropical flavor can be eaten as a fruity dessert, afternoon snack or delightful breakfast, they are delicious any time of the day!"

Recipe by: Joyous Apron

<https://www.joyousapron.com/mango-crumb-bars/>

*It's National
Mango Month!*



INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 cups ripe mangoes, *small chunks (2-3 mangoes, depending on size)*
- 3-5 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon corn starch
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup cold unsalted butter
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Cut mangoes into small chunks. In a bowl, combine mango chunks, sugar (use more if mango is not ripened) and corn starch. Mix well and set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt.
4. Cut cold (important: make sure it is cold!) unsalted butter into chunks and add to flour mixture.
5. If using a food processor, pulse until small crumbs are formed. If using a pastry cutter, cut butter into flour mixture until small crumbs are formed.
6. Mix together wet ingredients—brown sugar, egg, and vanilla extract. Then add wet ingredients into buttery dry mixture and mix well, mixture should be slightly crumbly.
7. Bring 2/3 of crumbly mixture to the bottom of a 8" x 8" baking pan lined with parchment paper. Press mixture onto pan to form a layer of crumb pastry.
8. Add mango mixture, and spread it out evenly.
9. Then sprinkle the top with the rest of the crumbles.
10. Bake in the oven for 35-40 minutes.
11. Remove from oven and let it cool for 5-10 minutes. Then lift parchment paper and bring pastry out from the pan. Let it cool for another 15-20 minutes.
12. Cut into 9 square bars. Serve and enjoy!

Quick Tip for Mango Crumb Bars:

- **Sour, under-ripe mangoes don't work as well in this recipe—so if your mango isn't super sweet, you would want to add more granulated sugar to the mango mixture to sweeten it.**

Prep Time: 20 mins.

Cook Time: 35 mins.

Total Time: 55 mins.

Servings: 9

Calories: 351kcal

RECIPE



COMMUNITY EVENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Navarino Orchard

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

RAIN OR SHINE

22 JUNE

10AM-4PM

COME ON BY FOR AN EVENT WITH VENDORS, STRAWBERRY PICKING, AND MUCH MORE!

Navarino Orchard
3655 US-20, Syracuse, NY 13215



Annual Fireworks Display

Friday, June 28, 2024 at 9:00 PM

Join us for our annual fireworks display at dusk, this is a public event hosted by Bridge House Brats, a local group of volunteer kids who help make our Phoenix community a better place for everybody!

55 State Street, Phoenix, NY 13135



CiceroFest 2024

Saturday, June 8, 2024
12 PM—10:30 PM

A day of non-stop fun with exciting attractions, games and activities for the whole family. From bounce houses, laser tag, face painting to delicious food and live entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy! This event is sponsored by Cicero-Plank Road Chamber of Commerce.

The Spinning Wheel Restaurant Parking Lot
7384 Thompson Rd.
North Syracuse, NY 13212



HumaneCNY Biggest Bake Sale Ever

Saturday, June 15, 2024
9 AM — 3 PM

Our bake sale was such a HUGE success in 2023, we are back this year and we hope you will join us to support our animals and shop over 10,000 baked goods by individual and professional bakers.

We have people and PET treats, a silent auction, jewelry making supplies and a 50/50 raffle at the event.

Clay Fire Department
4383 State Route 31
Clay, NY 13041

Bible Trivia Answers: 1. Red, 2. Green, 3. Jacob, 4. Lydia, 5. Song of Solomon, 6. Zechariah, 7. Red, 8. Scarlet, 9. Black, 10. Leviathan, 11. False teachers, 12. Babylon, the great harlot, 13. The day of the Lord, 14. Exodus, 15. Whiter than snow, 16. Blue, 17. Deborah and Barak, 18. Matthew, 19. Purple, 20. Blue, red, and purple, 21. Mordecai, 22. Jeremiah, 23. Daniel, 24. The Midianites



JUNE 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
2	3 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	4	5 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	6 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Building	7 <i>PSC Group, 1:30-4</i>	8 Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru, 11am -til sold out @ FJUMC 9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
9 Outdoor Worship Service begins, 10:30 am <i>*Church Lite Service on Hiatus until Fall</i>	10 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	11	12 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	13 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	14 Flag Day <i>PSC Group, 1:30-4</i>	15 Monthly Pancake Breakfast @ 9am, FJUMC 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
16 Father's Day	17 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	18	19 Juneteenth 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	20 First Day of Summer 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	21 <i>PSC Group, 1:30-4</i>	22 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building
23	24 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	25	26 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	27 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	28 <i>PSC Group, 1:30-4</i>	29 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
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Thank you
for your donation 

For the month of **JUNE**, we will be collecting **Assorted Cleaning/Personal Items** for the *New York Adult & Teen Challenge Program*, which is a residential program that provides hope, healing, and a future to those struggling with life-controlling issues through Christ-centered solutions.

Items Include:

- * *Trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels*
- * *Laundry bags, dryer sheets, laundry detergent*
- * *Floor cleaner, toilet cleaner, kitchen gloves*
- * *Shower shoes, Ziploc bags, aluminum foil*
 - * *Men's underwear, socks, razors*
- * *Coffee, napkins, paper cups & plates*

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

Office Location:

8396 Morgan Road
Clay NY 13041

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(315) 458-0890

E-Mail: fjoffice@fjumc.org

Website: www.fjumc.org

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Daniel Williams - Musician

Jake Melnyk - Musician

Sara Mertz - Office Manager

Sean Townsend - Custodian