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The Stepping Stone
November 2024

An open letter to the family of Reverend Arthur Northrop, a clergy member of the Upper New York annual conference



Dear family members,

I began reflecting on my early church days at Saint James United Methodist this summer. I was about five years old when I started sitting in the sanctuary and listening to Rev. Northrop thunder away during the sermons. I remember that he stood over 6 feet tall and was a rather large man. He always inspired me, even though I didn't understand his preaching at that young age.

I remember that on Sunday mornings, he would show up in full leathers on his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Over the years I attended Saint James United Methodist, I greatly admired how he conducted himself spiritually and professionally. Because of his ministry, I knew I wanted to be a pastor at some point in my life. I remember the grace he showed my family and me throughout the years and faithfully led the church.

This time in my Christian Walk was my first experience with a clergy person who showed me Christ in everything.

I am proud that my family had decided to go to Saint James United Methodist Church. I also remember that no matter what he was dealing with, it never affected his ability to bring a powerful word from the Lord; it's been a long time since I thought about Rev. Northrop. I remember mourning his passing and wishing that I could have been at his funeral service.

Sometimes, you don't find people, but people see you. I remember when I sat in the Rev.'s office with my many questions about God and the Bible; somehow, he always had an answer to my questions, no matter how ridiculous or silly they sounded.

His compassion and generosity were contagious when he laughed. When he left Saint James United Methodist Church, I was heartbroken. I thought, who could replace him? Rev. David Kofal followed him, and we have become good friends throughout my ministry career.

Grace has many shapes and forms; sometimes, grace comes in those on the journey with us. There is just something about being human and having this spiritual experience of the tangible presence of God in this world.

I cannot explain all the Rev. Northrop meant to me, but I know this as John Wesley wrote in his journal. "I offered Christ," precisely what Rev. Northrop did. I remember when he

Served me: Holy Communion for the first time in my youth. I remember that that experience was so powerful that it has stood with me all the years of my life and career; I am forever grateful for that experience and no that God placed him in my family's life for such a time as it was in my prayers I will never forget Rev. Northrop and his family.

I pray God's blessing over you as you rejoice in Rev. Northrop's life and ministry, and now in this passing, as he has experienced Christ in the whole measure of salvation, grace, and peace to you,

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Daniel F. Bradley".

Rev. Daniel Bradley

What's Happening

NOVEMBER:

November 2nd—Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru & Dine-in, 4-6pm

November 3rd—All Saints' Sunday, Guest Speaker Alice Bowman

November 10th—Buffalo Bills Football Sundays, 1pm @ C&B

November 16th—Monthly Pancake Breakfast, 9am @ FJUMC

November 19th—Thanksgiving Worship Service, 6:30PM

November 23rd—Fellowship Hall Reserved for Gianna's 1st Birthday (*Kristen + Jeremy Raciti*)

November 24th—Special Sunday: United Methodist Student Day

November 27th & 28th—Cradle & Beyond closed

November 28th—Thanksgiving Day

November 29th—Black Friday Sale, 10-4 @ C&B

November 30th—Black Friday Sale, 10-2 @ C&B

December 14th—FJUMC/C&B Holiday Party, 3-5 @ FJUMC

YOU ARE INVITED
TO OUR

Christmas PARTY



Please join us on **Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** for a FJUMC / C&B holiday party in Fellowship Hall.

There will be great food, Christmas songs and presents! Please RSVP by December 1 to Beth Jordan by phone 315-657-5701 or email bethjordanot@gmail.com.

We want to say Thank You by offering complimentary C&B garb for everyone (including spouses, friends and kids). Please select a shirt style, shirt size and color and return the order form to the folders located on the C&B desk and FJUMC lobby by **November 24th.**

Order forms are located in the lobby of FJUMC, checkout desk at C&B and also on page 9 of this newsletter.



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

**Please join us for
Thanksgiving Worship Service
on Tuesday, November 19th
at 6:30 PM.**



We will have a quick worship service then put together Thanksgiving Bags afterwards.

Also, please remember to bring all items for the Thanksgiving bags by 11/19, so we can distribute to families in need before the holiday!

Items include: Boxed potatoes, stuffing mix & gravy, canned fruits & vegetables, dessert mix, juice, and \$10 meat donation.

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

**Monthly Pancake Breakfast at
Faith Journey UMC**



NEXT DATE—November 16th at 9am in the upper Café area

*Bring family and friends!
(There is no cost, but donations to continue ministry are welcome)*

FJUMC—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
Email: Cradleandbeyond2@gmail.com
7778 Brewerton Rd. Syracuse, NY 13212

MISSION



MOMENTS

Monthly Mission Moment - we all have experienced memorable moments from C&B and / or FJUMC. We would like to highlight and share a few stories each month so please let Beth know of a memorable mission moment you've experienced. Here are a few from this month:

- * Peggy bought a tv for a son who left his job for a better job and three months later was laid off, his tv broke and he had nothing, felt despaired, she came into CB and we had a TV that was just recently donated. Not a smart tv but worked, she purchased it for him and came in last week to share how blessed he felt that something positive was going his way. Still without a job so prayers are needed. Peggy offered tearful hugs
- * Robin came into CB this past month, she had a client who needed a bed frame and had been looking and looking - came into CB this week and because we had one that hadn't sold, it was given to her. She is also a custodial grandmother with custody of two young children. They typically get two pairs of shoes per year; she came to CB and was able to purchase an 'extra' pair of shoes which she's never been able to do! In addition, found new undies, just the right size for her granddaughter; this was the first time her granddaughter had new underwear. Robin cried and shared how blessed she is for CB and all the workers at CB
- * While sitting in the cafe area before the Rocky performance, one of the actors was eating and shared unsolicited thanks for the church for allowing them to be in our beautiful space.

BLACK FRIDAY  *Sale*

Our October 'Fall'ing in love with thrifting sale was a huge success, selling in excess of 198 buckets (792 gallons of merchandise). We continue to have new customers enter our store and our sales are beyond any preconceived expectations.

We will again be having weekly sales and giving away a 'holiday meal-in-a-bag' each week beginning Black Friday / Saturday through December.

Remember, **we are closed on Wednesday and Thursday to prepare and celebrate Thanksgiving and will be open Black Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2.**



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER - "SHARED BLESSINGS"

"Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all."

- James 1:17

LET OUR LIVES BE FULL
OF BOTH
**Thanks
&
Giving**

NOVEMBER

I feel like I can finally breathe a huge sigh of relief with the 2024 election over. I think everybody was getting fed-up with the endless commercials, mailing fliers, calls and text messages from politicians on both sides. I hope America can collectively breathe a sigh of relief and look towards to a future of peace and prosperity instead of the constant fighting and conflict. It's been disheartening to know how divided we become when we are the ones in the same boat, let's stop getting distracted by the division and focus on what's really important for the livelihood of all American citizens.



United Methodist Student Day
Sunday, November 24, 2024

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit [UMC.org/yourimpact](https://umc.org/yourimpact)

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY?

United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Godly Government Workers in Ungodly Places

1. What Hebrew governed Egypt?
2. What upright young man was made ruler over the whole province of Babylon?
3. What island was Sergius Paulus, who became a Christian, the deputy of?
4. What Persian king did Nehemiah serve under?
5. What church in Greece had believers that were workers in “Caesar’s household”?
6. From what country was the eunuch that was baptized by Philip?
7. What cousin of Jacob’s ran to tell her father when she found out she was related to Jacob?
8. What Roman centurion of Caesarea was a godly man?
9. What three Hebrew men were appointed Babylonian administrators by Nebuchadnezzar?
10. What was the occupation of the Roman who had his beloved servant healed by Jesus?
11. What Jewish girl became queen of Persia?

Thieving Types

1. Who stole idols from her father?
2. What robber was released from prison at the time of the Passover?
3. According to Malachi, what were the people of Judah stealing from God?
4. Who was stoned for stealing booty during the battle for Ai?
5. Which epistles say that the day of the Lord will come like a thief?
6. What disciple stole from the treasury?
7. In the time of the judges, what man stole eleven hundred pieces of silver from his own mother?
8. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of stealing?
9. What prophet condemns people who pile up stolen goods?

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



Dear Members of Faith Journey
UMC,

Thank you for collecting and donating cups for our Back-to-School Cereal Drive. This gift was not just an act of generosity, but a demonstration of your commitment to social responsibility and giving back. It is heartwarming to see people like you go above and beyond to support those who are less fortunate, especially during a time when so many families are struggling to make ends meet.

Once again, thank you for your dedication to Feed the Future of CNY. Your generosity and kindness are making a real difference in the lives of children in our community.

Warmly, Sheila Don (*Founder*)



Willowfield Elementary **Fall Craft Fair**

Saturday, November 16, 2024
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Willowfield Elementary
3900 RT-31, Clay, NY 13090


Morgan Road Complex **Fall Craft Fair**



Saturday, November 23, 2024
10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Morgan Road Complex
4340 Wetzell Rd. Liverpool, NY
13090

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



Gratitude and Thanksgiving

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 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Day 2 - Psalm 100:4

Day 3 - Colossians 3:15

Day 4 - Philippians 4:6

Day 5 - Psalm 107:1

Day 6 - Ephesians 5:20

Day 7 - Psalm 28:7

Day 8 - James 1:17

Day 9 - 2 Corinthians 4:15

Day 10 - Colossians 2:6-7

Day 11 - Psalm 69:30

Day 12 - Hebrews 12:28-29

Day 13 - Psalm 136:1

Day 14 - Colossians 4:2

Day 15 - Psalm 95:2-3

Day 16 - 1 Chronicles 16:34

Day 17 - 2 Corinthians 9:11

Day 18 - Psalm 30:12

Day 19 - Psalm 116:17

Day 20 - 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Day 21 - Psalm 9:1

Day 22 - Daniel 6:10

Day 23 - Psalm 92:1

Day 24 - Psalm 7:17

Day 25 - Luke 17:15-16

Day 26 - Psalm 50:23

Day 27 - Nehemiah 12:31

Day 28 - Psalm 147:7

Day 29 - Colossians 3:17

Day 30 - Psalm 105:1

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.





Stuffed Pepper Soup

"This easy, one-pot dinner is deconstructed soup-version of classic stuffed peppers. It's less fussy, just as delicious and makes the most amazing leftovers. It's the perfect soup for a chilly day!"

Recipe by: Pioneer Woman

Author: Ree Drummond

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1 medium onion, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 large green bell peppers, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 cup long-grain white rice
- 4 cup low-sodium beef broth
- 1 28-ounce can tomato puree
- 1 10-ounce can diced tomatoes with green chiles
- 2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 cup grated pepper jack cheese (about 6 ounces)
- Chopped fresh parsley, for topping

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat.
2. Add the beef, sprinkle with the Italian seasoning and cook, breaking up the meat into small pieces with a wooden spoon, until browned, 4 to 6 minutes.
3. Add the onion and bell peppers and cook, stirring, until they start to soften, 4 to 6 minutes. Stir in the garlic, salt and pepper and cook for 30 seconds.
4. Stir in the rice, then add the broth, tomato puree and diced tomatoes. Stir to combine.
5. Bring the soup to a simmer, then reduce the heat to low, cover and cook until the rice is tender, about 25 minutes.
6. Stir in the Worcestershire sauce and combine.
7. Ladle the soup into bowls and top with the cheese and parsley.

Prep Time: 35 mins.

Total Time: 1 hr.

Servings: 4-6 servings

RECIPE



We want to say Thank You by offering complimentary C&B garb for everyone (including spouses, friends and kids). Please select a shirt style, shirt size and color and return the order form to the folders located on the C&B desk and FJUMC office by **November 24th**.

Hooded Zip-Up Sweatshirt



Size:

Quantity: _____ Child S M L XL

Quantity: _____ Adult S M L XL XXL ~~XXXL~~

Crew Sweatshirt



Quantity: _____ Child S M L XL

Quantity: _____ Adult S M L XL XXL XXXL

T-shirt



Quantity: _____ Child S M L XL

Quantity: _____ Adult S M L XL XXL XXXL

Color Choices

- White
- Light Gray or Dark Gray / Charcoal
- Black
- Navy or Royal or Light Blue
- Red or Maroon
- Green
- Purple

Name: _____

Number of Shirts Ordered: _____



NOVEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>PSC Group, 1:30-4</i>	2 <i>Grandma's Old-Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner Drive-Thru & Dine-in, 4-6pm @ FJUMC</i>
3 <i>All Saints' Sunday, guest speaker Alice Bowman</i>	4 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	5	6 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	7 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Building	8 <i>PSC Group, 1:30-4</i>	9 9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
10 <i>Buffalo Bills Football Sunday @ C&B 1PM</i>	11 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	12	13 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's Office	14 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	15 <i>PSC Group, 1:30-4</i>	16 <i>Pancake Breakfast, 9am @ FJUMC</i> 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
17	18 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	19 <i>Thanksgiving Worship Service, 7PM @ FJUMC</i>	20 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's	21 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	22 <i>PSC Group, 1:30-4</i>	23 <i>*Fellowship Hall Reserved for Gianna's 1st Birthday</i>
24 <i>Special Sunday: United Methodist Student Day</i>	25 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	26	27 <i>C&B Closed</i> 9:30 AM - Prayer & Holy communion in Pastor's	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>C&B Closed</i> 9AM - 12PM - Workday	29 <i>Black Friday Sale, 10-4pm @ C&B</i>	30 <i>Black Friday Sale, 10-2pm @ C&B</i>

Bible Trivia Answers: 1. Joseph, 2. Daniel, 3. Cyprus, 4. Artaxerxes, 5. Philippi, 6. Ethiopia, 7. Mordecai, 8. Cornelius, 9. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, 10. A centurion, 11. Esther \ 1. Rachel, 2. Barabbas, 3. The tithes they owed, 4. Achan, 5. 1 Thessalonians, 6. Judas Iscariot, 7. Micah, 8. His silver cup, 9. Habakkuk

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



For the month of **OCTOBER AND 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 now until Nov. 17th, then we will put them together after worship service.

Thanks so much 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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