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The Stepping Stone
February 2026



I promise it's all in there: Punxsutawney Phil, Valentine's Day, Lent, and everything else... Oh yeah, and the kitchen sink!

"The thing about me is that I'm fully committed to being delusional about what I want in life until it's my reality." – Unknown

I found this quote on the internet several years ago; the internet, I have come to believe, is the ultimate repository of all the world's useless information. This quote has stayed with me— but only recently did the thought of it surface again. I think it may have been the last of my marbles shaking loose. This quote sounds interesting, but it is missing substance, the substance of our place in this world and our relationship to God.

Let's see if we can suss it out together. The root of that quote suggests that we make our own reality; in my experience, we don't. The hard work of being human in this world is not focusing on our desires for a successful reality of who we might become, or who we wish to become, but on truly knowing whose we are and what God desires for us. Unfortunately, most of the world is convinced that somehow one makes one's own luck. My grandmother used to say, "Luck is only for those with horseshoes and hand grenades."

There's some wisdom in that quote from the last century that I still barely understand. I have played horseshoes as a child at summer camp, but I can't ever remember being lucky enough to win. As far as hand grenades are concerned, no, I have ever had any experience with them; thank God, but I understand the wisdom of that part of the quote.

The idea of hope by so many in this world is considered 'delusional' thinking or an idea made up by religious fanatics. I disagree; hope is what keeps us going, whether we believe in God or not. Hope teaches us how to have faith in the unseen works of God, and to quote Mother Abigale in her conversation with Nick, who is a deaf atheist from Steven King's masterpiece novel *The Stand* which is about the end of the world, she laughs and says, " It doesn't matter [Nick] if you don't believe in God because God believes in you." Nick would later sacrifice himself for the sake of his friends in this epic story of good vs. evil. God believed in him even when he was sure he didn't believe in God. To put it another way, the adage is true: there are no atheists in foxholes.

The Apostle Paul writes a letter of encouragement to the church at Rome, a church he did not plant but cared for deeply as they faced the unprecedented horror at the hands of an empire that destroyed anything or anyone in its way. He longed to visit them and encourage them in their work of spreading the gospel. He writes: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in *hope*." There is that pesky word again: hope. The campus Christian fellowship group I was part of during my college days was called H.O.P.E. It stood for 'his own people eternally.' It is a reminder that while we live in this world, we belong to God.

Hope is real and powerful; it comes only from God. The Holy Spirit gives hope that we may endure this world in the faith and the confidence that can only come from God. It provides us with the ability and the wherewithal to dream for ourselves, children, grandchildren, and for generations to come, far after we have departed this world.

The legacy of hope is this: God is glorified in everything we do and say, making our families and communities better places. Hope leads us into the presence of God and is anything but 'delusional.' February is a tough month. The weather is dark and dreary, which is why we all need to take Vitamin D supplements (of course, check with your doctor to see if this is a good idea; I am not a doctor, but I have played one on TV, just check out Grey's Anatomy—I am a dead ringer for Patrick Dempsey's character Dr. Derek Shepherd!)

February is also a time of waiting and longing for the end of winter. On February 2nd, the world (meaning me and maybe a few others) gathers for the spectacle on the morning news: waiting for a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil at Gobbler's Nob to see his shadow or not. Of course, I am a believer, I mean, a sucker that this rodent can predict the end of winter! Let's put it this way: if I genuinely believed a groundhog could predict the end of winter, then I ought to just trap the one in my backyard that makes all the holes.

It is also the month when we, as a civilization, will move en masse to local convenience stores for a spending spree, showering our loved ones with chocolates, flowers, and greeting cards for Valentine's Day. I know this sounds cynical; however, stay with me for a minute.

For some, Valentine's Day is a reminder of the love that is; for others, it is a reminder of love that was; and for others, it is a reminder of unrequited love. For the longest time, I thought that this was just another commercialized holiday to sell cards, flowers, and chocolates. I mean, who doesn't just love the cliché Whitman's Sampler in a box shaped like a heart? The truth is that Valentine's Day is far more than a celebration of romantic love; it is a day to celebrate the glory of God brought about by hope and faith amid evil and martyrdom. My apologies for being a downer; however, I am about to give the producers at Hallmark Channel an idea for a new movie about the truth behind Valentine's Day.

The Apostle Paul was martyred on June 29th, 67 A.D., in Rome. God used Paul to write two-thirds of the New Testament and to plant churches all over the known world. Fast-forward 200 years: in Rome, there was a priest named Valentinus. He was called to stand up to injustice and evil and to provide spiritual guidance to the church to which he was called. Rome was and is not an empire to be celebrated. Rome's history of conquering the world with brutal force and the enslavement of those they captured, as well as the carnage of death and destruction that followed in their path, is enough to make history question its own sanity.

At the time Valentinus was in Rome, the Roman Emperor Claudius II had declared that to enter marriage, particularly Christian marriage, was a crime against the empire. He also wasted no time putting to death anyone who dared oppose him. Valentinus did not comply with this evil pagan emperor. He continued to perform Christian marriages in secret and was eventually arrested and imprisoned. During his time in prison, ancient lore tells us that he fell in love with the jailer's daughter, who visited him and gave him hope in the face of his impending martyrdom. On the day of his execution in 270 A.D., Valentinus sent her a farewell letter to the jailer's daughter, signing it "Your Valentine." The day was February 14th.

The hope given to Valentinus by the jailer's daughter reveals a lot about her character. Although her name is unknown, it is believed that she and her family were followers of Jesus in secret. She had compassion, grace, and love. She knew that Valentinus' fate would be an inevitable martyrdom; yet somehow, she knew that God would be glorified as God had in his life and would be in his death.

Hope and love are the most extraordinary gifts that can be given away, and they are in short supply in this world. No matter how challenging circumstances are or how the world seems to be unraveling in doom and destruction, there is always hope, and nothing, not even death, can take that away. If it could, the resurrection would have never occurred, and the Church of Jesus Christ would have just been another tale of a good man put to death. Hope is the reality we need to face each day unafraid.

For many in this world, hope may be a 'delusional' concept; yet I am willing to hedge my bets that God gave hope that we might gain faith in God's begotten Son, Jesus. Hope will always bring glory to God. The Apostle Paul's reality was that his life was used to spread the gospel of Jesus to the world. Valentinus followed the Apostle Paul's faith and stood up to an evil empire. I wonder whether Valentinus was in the same jail cell as the Apostle Paul 200 years earlier. Just a thought? Whatever the case may be, remember that Valentine's Day is more than an expression of romantic love. It is about giving all that one has for the glory of God, in justice and grace.

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, just a few days following Valentine's Day. We will begin our forty-day Lenten journey focusing on 'God's Love and Hope for a Fallen World.' A brief service to receive the imposition of Ashes will be held at 12:00 pm, as will our regular evening Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm. I invite you to begin this Lenten journey by asking God, "What can I give to God and others as I walk this road of holiness?" "How can I have hope, faith, and compassion like the Apostle Paul, the jailer's daughter, and Valentinus?" Lent is a season when we grow in faith and become the reality of who God wants us to be through Jesus, our Lord.

In Christ,



Rev. Daniel J. Bradley

Treasurer's Report for 2025					
	<u>Jan-Mar</u>	<u>Apr-Jun</u>	<u>Jul-Sep</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>
Offering, rentals, interest	\$34,344	\$33,807	\$32,246	\$44,462	\$144,859
Support from C&B 2.0	\$1,500	\$6,573	\$4,774	\$1,500	\$14,347
Missions & Shared Ministry	\$1,400	\$2,004	\$2,197	\$10,863	\$16,464
Miscellaneous*	\$1,412	\$1,174	\$579	\$3,166	\$6,331
Total Income	\$38,656	\$43,558	\$39,796	\$59,991	\$182,001
Payroll	\$26,834	\$27,430	\$25,655	\$26,966	\$106,885
Facilities Exp. (Utilities, etc.)	\$3,792	\$8,524	\$6,576	\$8,977	\$27,869
Upper NY Conf.-Pastoral Support	\$6,818	\$6,814	\$7,014	\$7,054	\$27,700
Insurance**	\$229	\$1,910	\$229	\$1,706	\$4,074
Missions & Shared Ministry***	\$500	\$2,333	\$586	\$13,089	\$16,508
Miscellaneous	\$181	\$1,007	\$167	\$554	\$1,909
Total Expenses	\$38,354	\$48,018	\$40,227	\$58,346	\$184,945

*Oct-Dec miscellaneous included October BBQ done for operating expenses and donations in lieu of the roast beef dinner plus Christmas gift wrapping at C&B

**General liability insurance is paid quarterly. C&B 2.0 pays for 2 quarters and the other 2 quarters are paid out of the church operating account.

***\$8650 for Shared Ministries and \$7858 was paid to a variety of missions.

In addition to our very generous congregation, paying all of our bills would not be possible without the support of C&B 2.0. Not only did our thrift store contribute toward operating expenses, they also paid \$7,403 for Shared Ministry directly to the conference, bringing our total payment for Shared Ministry to \$16,053. This did not fulfill 100% of our obligation to the conference, but it is the highest amount we have ever paid.

What's Happening

FEBRUARY:

February 10th—New Member Class, 6:30-7:30pm @ *FJUMC*
February 11th—Grief Group, 12PM on Second Thursday of Month @ *FJUMC*
February 14th—21st—Valentine's Bucket Sale @ *C&B 2.0*
February 17th—New Member Class, 6:30-7:30pm @ *FJUMC*
February 18th—Ash Wednesday: Imposition of Ashes, 12-1:30 PM, Evening Worship Service, 6:30 PM
February 21st—Pancake Breakfast, 9am @ *FJUMC Café*
February 28th—GNAC's Generation Gap: Dinner Theater Fundraiser, 6:30—8:30PM @ *FJUMC*
March 1st—Faithful Meals: Make & Take Ministry, 12PM (*last one of the season until next winter*)
Holy Week 2026—Palm Sunday (March 29th), Maundy Thursday (April 2nd), Good Friday (April 3rd), Easter Sunday (April 5th)

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will begin our forty-day Lenten journey focusing on 'a delusional love and hope for a fallen world.'

Wednesday, February 18, 2026



The sanctuary will be open from 12:00—1:30 PM to receive the imposition of ashes and prayer

Our regular evening Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 6:30 PM

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

MAKE & TAKE

Faithful Meals: Make & Take Ministry

LAST ONE UNTIL WINTER

DATE: Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM (after worship) at Faith Journey United Methodist Church Kitchen (Downstairs) (8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!
NO COST- FREE EVENT- but donations are welcome!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We will be offering classes for those who wish to become new members of Faith Journey UMC

New Member Class Schedule

Tues. February 10th (6:30-7:30 pm)

Tues. February 17th (6:30-7:30 pm)

Classes will be held at Faith Journey UMC
8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041

New members will be received on Sunday, February 22nd, the first Sunday of Lent.



Monthly Community Pancake Breakfast at Faith Journey UMC

NEXT DATE: Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the upper Café area

UPCOMING DATES:

March 21st, April 18th, May 16th

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!
Bring family and friends with you!

Please note: There is no cost to attend this breakfast, but donations to continue ministry are very much welcome and appreciated

Faith Journey UMC
8396 Morgan Rd. Clay, NY 13041

Information from the three questions we asked the congregation on sticky notes:

What do you like about FJUMC - why do you choose to attend church here?

- The people, the missions, the sermons, the ability to attend in person / FB Sincerity of Pastor Dan's sermon being relative to everyday life; I feel spiritually fed each and every week in a genuine community gathering; God is Alive Here
- Awesome Sermons
- Welcoming, willing to try new things, intentionally live out our mission
- Welcoming, giving people and pastor; wonderful music ministry; Pastor's sense of humor
- Friends / good conversation after service
- Old friendships, family, helping with artwork / banners
- Greetings, conversation, smiles; many people doing a variety of things
- The people; Pastor Dan, learn more about Jesus, help the community, be inspired
- To feel closer to God
- Its like a family; good friends
- Ministry and fellowship
- Welcoming community
- People are warm and welcoming
- People with a passion to help others; missions; the music; support and ministry of the choice with is like a 'small group'; music is another way to pray
- Feels like home; challenges one to consider meaning of 'life'
- I found grace, kindness and peace when I was feeling state of fear and panic
- The message, the music, the people

Synthesis: People choose to worship at FJUMC because we are a faith-filled community that prioritizes meaningful worship, relevant teaching, and authentic relationships to deepen spiritual growth and inspire service across in-person and online platforms.

What Do You Wish Faith Journey UMC Would Do Differently?

- Have summer picnic
- Church suppers
- Have bible services after church around the tables; group discussions about who God is
- Transportation for the elderly to attend church
- Create a lounge in the room in the rear corner of the building for multiple purposes - adult school, meetings, prayer chapel
- More hands-on mission in community
- Small study group in neighborhood - develop own program
- Have some outside services in the summer; grow congregation, more young families / children; adult bible study; more outreach beyond C&B; more gatherings at the church
- Continue to do what we do but also build and plant thriving communities and look at God's creation—
Visit the elderly
- Prayer chain
- Organize group for home visits to elderly
- Create zoom group for worship / study during the week; bible studies at home, dinner club; more concerts
- Movie nights for the community
- Mission trip - domestic or international
- More opportunities to volunteer
- Have contemporary music be even more uplifting and energized
- Create more opportunities to be engaged

Synthesis: The shared vision focuses on how FJUMC could strengthen connection, worship, and outreach by building on existing strengths. Priorities include expanding fellowship and faith formation opportunities; increasing care and inclusion for older adults through transportation, visits, and prayer; and growing hands-on mission and volunteer engagement locally and beyond. Additional goals include enhancing church spaces for flexible use, deepening intergenerational engagement and extending the church's presence into the wider community through outreach, outdoor services, and creative gatherings.

Where do you see God leading FJUMC in the next three years?

- Help start ministry for harvest for Asia; outreach in our community
- International / intergenerational mission trip
- Larger memberships and more programs at FJUMC
- More membership / growth
- Bringing in younger members
- God leading us in the community
- Stay true to our mission but expand as possible
- Improve connection and outreach in Syracuse
- Brainstorm, think out of the box, expand on ideas
- Continuing Love, support, prayers for the people in FJUMC, community and world

Synthesis: Expand FJUMC's ministry and outreach locally and globally by growing membership, engaging younger generations, supporting international and intergenerational missions, strengthening community connections, and staying true to God's guidance and the church's mission.

We will continue to refine goals and set benchmarks along the way to show progress and stay attune to the goal.



Generation Gap

Dinner Theater Fundraiser

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Saturday, February 28, 2026

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Event Details & Ticket Information

Your ticket includes a full evening of entertainment and a delicious meal. We invite you to arrive early to find your seats and mingle before the show begins.

- **Doors Open:** 6:30 PM
 - **Spaghetti Dinner Served:** 7:00 PM
 - **The Performance:** Starts promptly after dinner
- Intermission:** Sweet treats, Coffee & Tea will be served

Why Your Support Matters: This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Every dollar raised from this event goes directly toward funding our upcoming season. Because of your generosity, we are able to keep our **participation fees free** for all performers and keep **ticket costs low** for our community *Thank you for helping us keep the arts accessible to everyone!*

Grab your tickets at [Ticketor.com/GNAC](https://www.ticketor.com/GNAC)

**Great Northern Artists Collaborative
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

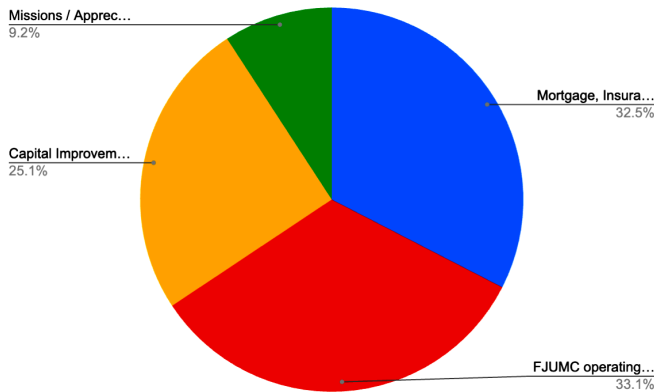
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Phone: (315) 980-8004
 Email: Cradleandbeyond2@gmail.com
 7778 Brewerton Rd. Syracuse, NY 13212



Hi, there, I have a few updates and reminders to share. First of all, our Valentine's Day sale will be the infamous Bucket Sale and will run February 14–21. We will plan to do a Plinko sale in March, just in time for what will be a very welcoming SPRING!

We are happy to welcome *Tammy and Daphne* as new volunteers—please be sure to say hello! We are excited to have more assistance to cover shifts as needed; if you see an open spot on the calendar and if you are able to work a shift, please add your name. We continue to be present for those in need of a hug / ear to listen to their story. As a reminder, prayer hearts are still available to share with anyone who may need encouragement or a prayer.



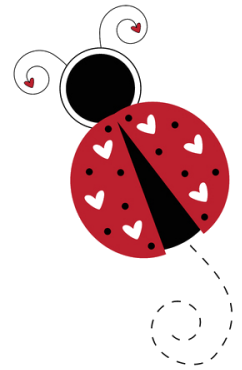
In 2025, we partnered with over 30 organizations, making a difference in the lives of those near and far, friends and strangers, we offered support not only FJUMC but also several other non-profit organizations; In addition, we were able to fund the build of a new donation center which is so close to being completed and we can't wait (see breakdown of our expenses on the graph)

It's been a long winter, so let's celebrate spring together. Please join us for a (pay your own way) lunch at RFH's on Friday, March 20 at noon. Please RSVP to Beth by March 16 so that reservations can be made. Thank you for all you do—we truly appreciate you.





Hello FEBRUARY



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY - "DOUBLY BLESSED"

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." - 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

FEBRUARY

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Valentine's day has always been my favorite holiday—not only because of all the pink and red colors and the hearts, but because I believe it's all about LOVE—the love you feel for your family, friends, significant other, community and above all—GOD! It became about chocolates, flowers and sharing love between partners, but I always try to remind people, it's about sharing love with those around you, and spreading love to those who will unloved, unappreciated and overlooked. Don't forget to share the love with those around you, and remind them just how loved they are!

I'm going to feel immense love this month with the arrival of my little bundle of joy, the love I will feel for my baby will be unfathomable to explain or comprehend and I'm so excited to finally meet him and see his sweet little face!

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JOHN 3:16

"Change for Change" Mission



For January, we collected \$20 for Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church's "Blessings in a Backpack" program, which bridges the weekend hunger gap for children facing food insecurity at Delaware Primary School in Syracuse (the school is across the street from Brown Memorial Church). While all students receive free breakfast and lunch at school, Blessings ensures each child has food to eat over the weekend.



**AFRICA
UNIVERSITY**
A United Methodist-Related Institution

February's mission will be Africa University.

Africa University has been described as the most exciting mission ministry of the United Methodist Church. Donations to Africa University provide scholarships to students. Approximately 1500 students are enrolled full-time each year. There are 29 countries in Africa represented by current students and alumni, and 90% of graduates return to their home country to put their education to use.



We want to recognize and give a huge **THANK YOU** to Theresa and Alex Familo for the *NEW* trashcan and metal broom/dustpan, plus garbage bags for the café area! We appreciate the improvements to our café area, it looks super nice!

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Abounding Love



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 - John 3:14-17

Day 2 - Romans 5:8

Day 3 - Colossians 3:12-14

Day 4 - 1 John 3:16-18

Day 5 - Proverbs 3:11-12

Day 6 - Zephaniah 3:17

Day 7 - Jeremiah 31:2-3

Day 8 - Isaiah 54:10

Day 9 - Nehemiah 9:17

Day 10 - Micah 6:8

Day 11 - Luke 6:35

Day 12 - John 15:12-13;17

Day 13 - Ephesians 2:4-5

Day 14 - 1 Peter 1:22-23

Day 15 - Matthew 22:34-40

Day 16 - Galatians 5:22-23

Day 17 - Hebrews 13:1-2

Day 18 - Deuteronomy 7:7-8

Day 19 - Lamentations 3:22-24

Day 20 - Psalm 36:7-9

Day 21 - Joel 2:12-13

Day 22 - 2 John 1:6

Day 23 - Exodus 20:4-6

Day 24 - Romans 13:8-10

Day 25 - 1 John 4:18-21

Day 26 - Isaiah 43:1-4

Day 27 - John 21:15-17

Day 28 - Ephesians 5:1-2

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.





RecipeCorner



STARBUCKS CHERRY OATMEAL BARS

"This is a copycat recipe for Starbucks beloved cherry oatmeal bars. Starbucks no longer makes these breakfast bars, but if you've ever had one before, you know how good these crispy, buttery oatmeal bars are! Topped with a cherry pie filling and finished with another layer of oat crumble and a cream cheese glaze, these cherry bars are guaranteed to be your new favorite!"

Published by Golden Grace Kitchen, Nicole Kendrick

INGREDIENTS

BARS

- 1 1/2 cups quick oats
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1 1/4 cups gluten free 1:1 flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 3/4 cup softened butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

1 Cup Cherry Filling

- 2 cups fresh cherries, pitted
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoon corn starch
- Juice from 1 lemon
- 2-3 tablespoon water

Cream Cheese Topping

- 2 oz cream cheese room temperature
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2-3 tablespoon milk

Prep Time: 10 mins.
Cook Time: 40 mins.
Total Time: 50 mins.
Servings: 12

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F and lightly coat the pan using a pastry brush and coconut oil.
2. Then line the pan with a parchment. I like to use the ones with the handles for easy removal.
3. In a large bowl, add all of the dry ingredients and mix together.
4. Then add the butter and vanilla. Using either your hands, or a pair of gloves, covering your hands, mix this together, until completely combined. The mixture will become crumbly.
5. Next, add 2/3 of the mixture to the baking pan. Using the bottom of a cup press the mixture firmly down into the pan.
6. Then, add the cherry filling and spread evenly across.
7. Next, sprinkle the remaining crumb mixture on top of the cherries.
8. Bake for 35-43 minutes, until golden brown.
9. Allow the bars to cool completely and enjoy!

Cherry Filling: 1. place a small sauce pan over medium heat. Begin by adding the cherries, sugar, corn starch, and lemon juice. 2. Bring this to a boil, once the mixture has begun to boil, continue stirring for about 6 to 7 minutes. 3. As it begins to thicken, slowly add 1 to 2 tablespoons of water. Continue stirring until your desired consistency has been achieved. You will want this to be thick enough to spread, and not too watery, then set aside.

Cream Cheese Topping: 1. In a mixer, using the paddle attachment, combine all of the cream cheese topping ingredients, once fully combined, drizzle over the top of the bars, slice and enjoy!

FEBRUARY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>PSC Karaoke, 1:30-4</i>	7 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
8	9 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	10 New Member Class, 6:30-7:30pm @ FJUMC	11 <i>Grief Group, 12PM @ FJUMC</i>	12 9AM-12PM - Workday @ New Building	13 <i>PSC Karaoke, 1:30-4</i>	14 Valentines Bucket Sale, 10am-2pm 9AM - 12 PM - Workday @ New Building
15	16 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	17 New Member Class, 6:30-7:30pm @ FJUMC Valentines Bucket Sale, 4pm-7pm	18 Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes, 12PM Evening Service, 6:30PM Valentines Bucket Sale, 10am-4pm	19 Valentines Bucket Sale, 10am-4pm 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	20 <i>PSC Karaoke, 1:30-4</i>	21 Pancake Breakfast, 9am @ FJUMC Valentines Bucket Sale, 10am-2pm 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building.
22 First Sunday of Lent: Receiving of New Members	23 <i>PSC Group, 10-2</i>	24	25	26 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building	27 <i>PSC Karaoke, 1:30-4</i>	28 GNAC Generation Gap, Dinner Theater, 6:30-8:30PM 9AM - 12PM - Workday @ New Building



For the month of **FEBRUARY** Food Pantry, we will be collecting **personal use items** for the **“Closet” at the Samaritan Center**. They open their “Closet” one morning and one afternoon each week for people to pick up 5 personal items. They are always in need as their “Closet” is supplied solely by donations.

Items needed include:

- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap
- Hand warmers, body wipes
- Lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer
- Chapstick, razors, brushes/combs
- Toilet paper, tissues
- Laundry detergent
- Tampons, diapers (baby/adult), incontinence pads
- Hats, gloves, socks
- Drawstring bags



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

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 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

Office Hours & Location:

Tuesday—Friday
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
 8396 Morgan Road
 Clay NY 13041

Contact Information:

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