

# The Family Circle

A Publication of Fairview United Methodist Church

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## OCTOBER 2022

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### From the Pastor...

*Psalm 67:6-7 Earth, display your exuberance! You mark us with blessing, O God, our God. Earth's four corners - honor God!*

I enjoy painting. I have noticed that I try to capture the beauty of each season. It's no wonder that I just finished a painting of apples. For our daughter's fall wedding years ago, I created 150 hand painted maple leaves.

We are moving into the fall season. I have already heard people start to complain about the fall, saying that they know what season is next and they don't like winter. One of the wonderful things about attending Church in the Wild (Church that meets at Sky Lake camp) is that I have more appreciation for each season. I also love Rick Marsi's weekly newspaper column that weaves a story about nature throughout the year.

Can we embrace the unfolding cycle of nature? Our landscape is changing. Take notice. Be in the moment. Notice the cloud formation. Watch the turning events of a tree in your yard. How does the moon look tonight? If we pay attention we can glean some lessons our Creator may be teaching us.

Get outside. Clear your head. Smell that fresh air. Can you linger just a moment when you go out to get the mail? Can you wait for 5 minutes on your porch before going into the house when you get out of the car? I like to stand out on my deck a few minutes before I go to bed. It's a pause that helps me settle in for the night.

Prayer of Awareness (by John Philip Newell from book "Praying with the Earth")

Light within all light

Soul behind all souls

At the breaking of dawn

At the coming of day

We wait and watch,

Your Soul within the human soul

Your Presence beckoning to us from the heart of life

In the dawning of this day

Let us know fresh shinings in our soul.

In the growing colours of new beginning all around us

Let us know the first lights of our heart.

Great Star of the morning, Inner Flame of the universe

Let us be a colour in this new dawning.

Be Still and Aware!

Happy Fall Everyone. Carpe Diem!

Pastor Jan

## Remember Our “Seniors”

Can you set aside some time to remember our seniors and those who are shut-in....with a call or a note. It means a lot!

Jean Barker Hilltop Community (Rm 1044)  
286 Deyo Hill Road  
Johnson City NY 13790

John Hillard Ideal Senior Living Center  
601 High Avenue (Rm 359)  
Endicott NY 13760

Bob Muth Hilltop Community (Rm 120B)  
286 Deyo Hill Road  
Johnson City NY 13790

Pat Reynolds Valley View Manor Nursing Home  
40 Park Street  
Norwich NY 13815

Dawn Spencer Good-Shepherd Fairview Home  
80 Fairview Avenue (Rm 20)  
Binghamton NY 13904

Betty Waffle Sisquehanna Nursing Home  
282 Riverside Drive (Rm 230)  
Johnson City NY 13790

### At Home

Estella Armstrong 30 Harry L Drive  
Kirkwood NY 13795

Sarah Baker 146 Old State Road  
Binghamton NY 13901

Shirley Cunningham 299 Loughlin Road  
Binghamton NY 13904

Dawn Dressler 47 Moeller Street  
Binghamton NY 13904

Leona Fiske 10 Gregory Avenue  
Binghamton NY 13901

Peg Muth 725 Lee Circle N-58  
Johnson City NY 13790

Sheila Runyon Hamilton House Apts  
16 St John Avenue Apt 107  
Binghamton NY 13905



## Helping Us in our Worship..... Octoberber 2022

### October 2 (World Communion Sunday)

Scripture: Galatians 3:26-29, Acts 2:43-7

Sermon: “Our Table is Extended!”

Greeter: Susan Button

Worship Leader: Debbie McMichael

Candle Lighter: Elena Rose

Ushers: Kevin Emmons, David Gardiner

Sound Board: Stacey Rose

### October 9

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7, Luke 17:11-10

Luke 12:34, 2 Corinthians 9:8,

2 Corinthians 8:1-2

Sermon: “Growing Your Gifts as You Grow Your Heart”

Greeter: Blenda Smith

Worship Leader: Amber Gregory

Candle Lighter: Maddie Button

Ushers: Korin Spencer, Riley Spencer

Sound Board: Mike Purdy

### October 16

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:27-34

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: Not a Vending Machine God”

Greeter: Karon Lewis

Worship Leader: Michelle Purdy

Candle Lighter: Aariana Reid

Ushers: Paul & Jeanette O’Malley, Mike Purdy

Sound Board: Darnel Reid

### October 23

Scriptures: Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: “Keeping the Faith”

Greeter: Kathy Sheehan

Worship Leader: Kevin Emmons

Candle Lighter: Delilah Kachmarik

Ushers: Joan Murray, Penny Daugherty,  
Karon Lewis, Linda Prudy

Sound Board: Mike Purdy

## **October 30** (All Saints Day)

Scriptures: Psalm 149, Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

Sermon: "Remembering and Celebrating the Saints, Past and Present"

Greeter: Linda Purdy

Worship Leader: Sarah Gaeta

Candle Lighter: Lexi Rose

Ushers: Joan Murray, Penny Daugherty,  
Karon Lewis, Linda Prudy

Sound Board: Stacey Rose

## **THANK YOU goes to:**

- Dave Gardiner and all those who helped with the Chicken BBQ
- Sue Barton, Susan Button and Lori Barbeisch for their donations to our Blessing Box
- Stephany Charnetsky for providing new Children's Bags for worship
- Amy Soto for caring for our Little Lending Library
- Windsor UMC Mission Committee for preparing & serving the September 26<sup>th</sup> Community Meal
- Sunday School Teachers who have begun another year of commitment to teaching our children, youth, and adults
- our Committee Chairs who serve so faithfully and give our projects & programming their direction
- Linda Purdy for lining up our greeters

## **HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT**

Candy apples, colored leaves, ghosts and goblins....Trunk or Treat is happening again this Fall. Monday, October 31, 4-6pm in our parking lot. Plan on 200-250 children passing by each car. Suggestions on what to give out: candy, bags of chips, pencils, please no homemade items. Decorate your vehicle...wear a costume, invite friends. In the past we have had a Haunted House but this year we have something new and exciting happening. For questions please contact Amber Gregory [607-237-9376] or Sue Boucher [607-724-5084].

## **USHERS**

We have opportunities for a few persons to join our ranks of ushers for Sunday morning worship. There is an usher team for each of the 4 Sundays of every month. There will be some training provided for new ushers who would join a team and serve only one Sunday per month. There is also a need for substitute ushers to be called when a regular usher is not available such as during a vacation. Men, women and youth who are interested should contact either Dave Gardiner or Pastor Jan.

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

We will celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us on Sunday, October 30 during worship. Special music by Melissa Collins, Harpist.

## **FROM YOUR LAY LEADERS**

Happy Fall Everyone!

The change of seasons finds us busy moving into many activities at Fairview. Sunday School has begun for the year, our committees are meeting and planning, our Evening with the Arts Fundraiser is about to launch, and we keep working on all of our mission and ministry that continues year round. If you are looking for a place to put some of your time and energy, please let Pastor Jan or one of your Lay Leaders know, and we'll help you find a spot.

October, besides being a beautiful month in our area, is also commonly known as Clergy Appreciation Month. Our Pastor Jan is an outstanding spiritual leader in so many ways: the pastoral counselor when you need her, a marvelous teacher, a fun and creative participant in projects, a great preacher, an organized administrator, a strong motivator, a talented musician, just to name a few of her qualities. We know how hard she works and want to make sure she knows how much we appreciate it. Many of you like to acknowledge her with cards and other forms of communication or gifts during this month, which is awesome and we encourage you to have at it!

There are other considerate ways we can help Pastor Jan in her ministry. For example, if we have a prayer request on a Sunday morning while she's busy preparing for Worship, we can fill out a prayer request form in the Narthex and hand it to an usher who will get it to her. If we have a concern on one of her days off, we can call one of the Lay Leaders for advice on contacting her. They are trained to help us deal with this. We can try not to tie her up too long in the receiving line after worship, she is generous with her time and is eager to speak to everyone, but for longer conversations we can call or make an appointment. These are just some of the small ways we can help our amazing Pastor conserve her energy and keep leading us in Christ. Can you think of some small considerations to add to this list?

We also like to keep you informed of opportunities offered through the District and Conference. Please check out the websites below for classes, events, and other information.

The Upper New York Conference:

[www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org)

Binghamton District:

[www.unyumc.org/district/binghamton](http://www.unyumc.org/district/binghamton)

Please feel free to contact one or both of us if you have questions or concerns. Our contact information is in the Directory or you can call the church office.

Growing with you in Christ,  
Jenn Evans and Elizabeth Noonan

**JAVA AND JESUS** (Sunday adult class)  
Join Pastor Doug in a class based on the series "A Force more Powerful."

This video series documents six active non violent movements in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some are well known like Ghandi in India and MLK in the USA others less so, like Danes resisting Nazi occupation. They illustrate that Jesus' dictum to "turn the other cheek" is not a weak submission to oppression, but a "Force more Powerful." Why not come and encourage a friend to join you. Sunday mornings @ 9:00am in Bouton Room. Coffee is on!



## Concert October 15 at 4 PM

"Brilliant Brass"

Masterpieces of Chorus and Brass

Featuring Madrigal Choir and members  
of the Binghamton Philharmonic.

Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church  
44 Main Street, Binghamton  
Tickets \$20

Come here Pastor Jan and Claudia sing!



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

A few notes to share:

The Welcome Table is set up in the narthex. Please help our greeters be aware of any visitors so they can receive a welcome bag.

There are activity bags available for the children to use during worship. The bags are at the back of the sanctuary and should be returned at the end of the service.

Communion has been presented in a variety of ways this past year to avoid personal contact. The organ has been serviced. The committee set up lemonade social time this summer and it was well received and enjoyed.

~ Barb Medinosky, Chair



## FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is off to an amazing start with several new faces and a return of all of last year's students. It was so great to get and give hugs from the returning students and I think I can speak for all the teachers when I say our little troop of learners is just the best bunch of kids we have ever had! The Ice cream truck was a huge hit with all of the parishioners this past Sunday and many children came forward to have Pastor Jan bless their backpacks and pray for them to have strength and peace through their school days. Our modern world presents many challenges to our little ones that many of

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Jan will be teaching a New Members Class on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the Bouton Room and will include a light lunch. Come learn more about our church and the denomination. Class will join on November 20<sup>th</sup>. When it gets closer to date there will be a sign-up sheet but if you are interested, please mark your calendars now!

## LADIES OF THE LAKE RETREAT

November 4-6 at Sky Lake.

Join Pastor Jan for this time away. The theme is "Gifts, Received and Given" What we have gained from those we have lost.

Come, be part of the drum circle, create a barn quilt, take a cooking class with Sue Boucher or make a Christmas card with Carol Carpenetti. Join Pastor Jan for vespers or a discussion on "Good Grief." Get a massage, take a walk in the woods and eat delicious food.

To register and for cost information go to:  
[www.skylakecenter.org](http://www.skylakecenter.org)

**God's voice is as loud as your  
willingness to listen.**

us have never had to navigate.

I am glad to report the Sunday School is thriving and offering not only education on God's love to us all, but a sense of warmth and well-being....and most of all a sense of belonging. Our littlest lambs belong here at Fairview right alongside the rest of us and I believe they know it! Thank you to all the people here for welcoming the children every Sunday at worship. It is vital that our children know they are a valued part of this church.

Blessings, Amber Gregory  
Sunday School Superintendent



## **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

Adult Sunday School - Pastor Doug is doing the first 6 weeks of this group. class based on the series "A Force more Powerful." Several adults joined the first session on Sunday, 9/18 at 9:00 and am sure more will join.

We started Sunday School with approximately 10 students which we hope to continue to grow. The Sunday School Team Play and Soup/Sandwich after event will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022. The Sunday School group will be busy organizing our Holiday Play. Details to come.

We do have a need for more people to assist with Shepherd's Ministry. We have approximately 15 in need and only 5 or so helping out. If you feel you could assist with this please feel free to touch base with Ellen G., Mryt B., or Sue B. Please think of others who might be interested in this effort.

Confirmation class has started and we will be hearing about all the great things they will be doing. Pastor Jan has a variety of plans for our young persons to have the chance to learn more about their personal faith, outreach into the spiritual community and will complete a variety

of activities to support the growth of our local community.

Sisters of Lydia will start on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church. (there is some discussion if the meeting should be at 6:30 or 7 info to follow). We, Elizabeth Noonan and Kathy Sheehan will be using a 4 part study titled "Common Ground."

We sent 4 campers to Sky Lake Campership this summer. Many thanks and praises to those who donated at any level to support this wonderful sponsorship and a shout out of thanks to Liz Gdovin who was kind enough to send out on our behalf goodie bags to the 4 attendees as well as 2 other campers associated with our church. Please consider bringing in your cans for return which Gary Loichle kindly takes care of each week to add to this sponsorship.

We also need to help support the nursery during church services if you are available to do so or know someone who might. We have a paid person but need a second person help out if at all possible.

Yours in Christ, Kathy Sheehan

**The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let things go!**

## **RECONCILING COMMITTEE**

The Reconciling Committee, now an official committee of the church, has begun meeting with an exciting new focus on exploring a variety of ways for Fairview to keep our minds, hearts and doors open in today's world.

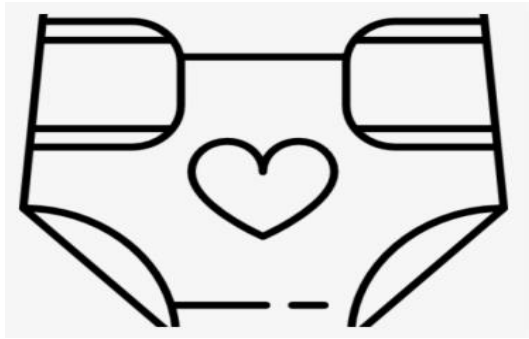
In October we will be discussing areas of interest and begin setting goals.

Stay tuned as our plans unfold for reaching out and widening the welcome to the world around us.

~ Elizabeth Noonan







## FROM THE DIAPER BANK

The Diaper Bank is doing amazing!!! We are now getting our diapers in conjunction with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier so future donations should focus on baby wipes and size 7 diapers! We can now give families as many sizes as they need and 70 diapers not 50!! In August, we served 33 families and 67 individual babies and toddlers last month. It was our best month ever and I could not have done it alone! Thankfully we had some extra hands. There were three people handing out diapers and one person running to get extras, as we kept running out of the stock we had at the door! We never turned anyone away!!

If anyone is interested in helping, the Diaper Bank is the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30 am -12:30 pm. This Diaper Bank is a true blessing to the many families that come every month! Contact Amber Gregory 607-237-9376 for just show up!

~ Amber Gregory, Coordinator



## MISSION AND OUTREACH

Fairview UMC....You have done it again! You always go above and beyond when it comes to the kids in our church and community. These are the tallies from the School Supplies that we collected. 10 Backpacks, 502 Colored pencils, 6 Composition notebooks, 944 crayons, 29 Dry erasers, 9 Erasers, 3770 Sheets of filing paper,

26 Folders, 23 Glue sticks, 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer, 33 Highlighters, 26 Markers, 390 Pencils, 9 Pencil boxes, 3 Pencil pouches, 1 Pencil sharpener, 60 Pens, 28 Post its, 2 Scissors, 136 One subject notebooks, 1 Box of tissues, 3 Containers disinfectant wipes 75 sheets, 12 Containers disinfectant wipes 225 sheets. WOW!

Food Pantry numbers continue to increase weekly. And with this happening more grant money is being shared with us. We are celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary September 17 of cooking Community Meals. We are giving out diapers to over 35 families per month. Yarn is available to anyone interested in knitting hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for our Clothesline going up in December. Contact Sue Boucher . Lastly we will have 45 turkeys available to give away on Saturday, November 12 for Thanksgiving. More info to come.

~ Sue Boucher, Mission and Outreach Chair

## TRUSTEES

If you notice anything around the church that needs attention, inside or outside, please bring it to the attention of a trustee.

~ Kris Ballard, Chair

Trustees: Kevin Emmons, Judy Knewasser, Gary Loichle, Cincy Minus, Paul O'Malley, Patty Lacey, Chuck Purdy

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE UPPER NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Annual Conference will be virtual October 6-8 th this year. One of the highlights will be the Ordination of Rev. Bryant Clark as Full Elder. The Ordination Service will be at 3 PM on Saturday October 8th at the Liverpool First UMC. This service will also be livestreamed and can be accessed via the Conference website at <https://www.unyumc.org> Some of you may remember that we gifted him with his clergy robe when he began the process of becoming an ordained United

Methodist Clergy. As you Lay Member to Conference, I will update you of any other new developments at conference.

As you may know, our Bishop is retiring on 12/31/22. On November 2-5 th the Northeast Jurisdictional will meet with delegates from ten conferences (Maine to West Virginia). At that meeting, some new bishops will be elected and appointments made to annual conferences. Join me in praying for discerning wisdom as those assignments are made.

Blenda Smith  
Lay Member to Annual Conference



## From the Faith We Sing song book

### “God Weeps”

God weeps at love withheld, at strength  
misused, at children’s innocence bused  
and till we change the way we love, God weeps.

God bleeds at anger’s fist, at trust betrayed,  
at women battered and afraid,  
and till we change the way we win, God bleeds

God cries at hungry mouths, at running sores,  
at creatures dying without cause,  
and till we change the way we care, God cries.

God waits for stones to melt, for peace to see,  
for hearts to hold each other’s need,  
and till we understand the Christ, God waits.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray  
Music: Carlton R Young  
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## UGLY QUILTS

Hey, Ugly Quilters! We have resumed our quilting get-togethers, moving from Mondays to Thursdays, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. For anyone wishing to join this group of quilters, you need absolutely NO sewing skills! Feel free to call if you need more information.

~ Karon Lewis, Project Coordinator

## FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

As we prepare to enter the fall season, we Also prepare to enter pledge season at our church. In a few weeks everyone will receive a pledge card in the mail. As we prayerfully consider our financial pledge for next year let us remember Acts 20:35; *For we must always cherish the words of our Lord Jesus who taught ‘Giving brings a far greater blessing than receiving.’*

The final chicken BBQ of the year was held September 12. The Finance Committee thanks everyone for the support. We sold over 180 dinners and raised over \$1200 to be used for programs in our church!

Pledge Sunday will be November 13. During worship that Sunday there will be an opportunity to present your financial pledge for 2023.

~ Dave Gardiner, Finance Chair





## WELCOME FALL!

### When the Frost is on the Punkin

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

The husky, rusty rassel of the tossels of the corn,  
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;  
The stubble in the furries—kindo' lonesome-like, but still  
A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they growed to fill;  
The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;  
The hosses in theyr stalls below—the clover over-head!—  
O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps  
Is poured around the celler-floor in red and yeller heaps;  
And your cider-makin' 's over, and your wimmern-folks is through  
With their mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage, too! ...  
I don't know how to tell it—but ef sich a thing could be  
As the Angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on me—  
I'd want to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-indurin' flock—  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

James Whitcomb Riley was born in Indiana in 1849. While the revered poets of New England held sway in the late 19th century, it was Riley, with his folksy mid-American voice and child-like spelling that set his works apart from those New Englanders. I love the last lines that once all the work is done, if the Angels wanted shelter, we would offer Christian hospitality.

The fall season finds me drawn to the music of the early 19th century and the American composers of that era. Two, in particular, are a good fit. "Jesus Spreads His Banner O'er Us" by Francis H Barthelemon, a Connecticut pastor, has the hymn tune Autumn. The "banner" represents the cloth Jesus spreads over his followers as they gather at the Communion table.

Fantasia on WEBB was written by George James Webb. In 1830 Webb emigrated to Boston, Massachusetts where he became the organist at the Old South Church for 40 years. We know this song as "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus". While many today consider this an old-fashioned song, its origins come from a sermon Webb preached that many of the day considered his best and most influential message.

Musically all aspects of our worship will continue to offer the old, traditional hymns along with more modern songs as we strive for the most meaningful worship experience for all who worship with us.

As always, we encourage anyone interested in singing in the choir or ringing with the handbells to jump in, we need you.

Autumn Blessings,  
Claudia