

First United Methodist Church

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement

“First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Oneonta, NY is a congregation of faith and doubt. We commit ourselves to pursue justice, and pledge to stand with all our neighbors who are marginalized and oppressed, as Jesus did.” – Adopted by the Church Council on September 1, 2021



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.
Bold text invites the congregation to speak in unison.*

Gathering

(As the prelude begins, please prepare your hearts for worship)

Prelude

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work”
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Welcome

*Call to Worship

We come to you, God of wisdom, looking for answers.

Show us how to be obedient, show us the truth.

We praise our creator and teacher, the One who owns all!

Show us how to live a life that reflects your image.

We are ready to empty our busy and sometimes crafty minds.

Show us how to love you and our neighbors here and now.

We follow Jesus’ teachings to embody a dynamic discipleship!

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for guiding us! Amen.

*Hymn #3148

“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”
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Passing the Peace

Children’s Moment

Time of Prayer

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40

Laura Hurley
Alan Franks

Liturgy for All Saints Day

Today we light candles to remember members and constituents who have died since last All Saints Day.

...Let us join our voices together in Jan Richardson’s poem *For Those Who Walked With Us*.

**For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.**

**For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.**

**For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us**

**while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.**

**For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.**

We lift the names of our siblings in Christ who we honor today:

Eric Wilson	11/07/2024
Robert Dresser	12/17/2024
Beverly Ritchko	01/02/2025
Beverly LeBeau	01/11/2025
George Kiakis	01/21/2025
Shirley Walker	01/29/2025
Patricia Stevens	02/10/2025
Marcia Kozubek	04/15/2025
Verna Engstrom-Heg	05/25/2025
Mary Ellen Burdick	07/14/2025
H. Laverne Thomas	09/01/2025
Ronie Dario	10/16/2025
Betty Burr	10/22/2025

God of eternity, we name the saints of your holy church. We name those who have done justice, and we seek to carry on the work of justice in our church today. We name those who have loved mercy, and we seek to strive towards the love of mercy in our church today. We name those who have humbly walked in their Creator's midst, and we seek to continue the humble walk with God in our church today. Amen.

*Hymn #408

"The Gift of Love"

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:26-27

NRSVUE

Sermon

"Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving"

Rev. Casey Bradley

Anthem

"Have You Heard God's Voice?"

Words and tune by Jacqui G. Jones © 2008
arr. Frederick Chatfield (2016) St. James Music Press

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred? Are you still prepared to follow?

Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow?

Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent?

Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent?

Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow?

Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be diff'rent?

Will you share your views using words of grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?

Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow?

Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?

In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless?

Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless?

*We will walk the path that will cost us so much and embrace God's love and sorrow.
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow.
Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?*

Responding

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Musical Setting C (UMH p. 20)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Now, beloved child and image-bearer of God, join your voice in the timeless hymn:

(sing) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

... In this meal we see an image of God's great love for us. In our sharing of this meal we open ourselves to the great mystery of faith.

(sing) **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

... We recognize that at the Table we are all caught up in the work of the Holy Spirit, which makes us one with each other, one with Christ, and one in ministry with all the world, until one day when we are all invited to feast at the Table prepared for us in glory.

(sing) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

... And now, as forgiven and reconciled children of God, we pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer following Communion

Let us give thanks to God for the sharing of this meal.

We give thanks to God who welcomes us to the Table. We give thanks to God for creating a space where we can see the holy in one another. We give thanks to God for sending us from the Table filled with grace. We give thanks to God for welcoming us, naming us, equipping us, and sending us to share our blessing with all of creation. Amen

Offering

November Jingle – Warming Station

The Love Offering goes to the pastor's discretionary fund.

Offertory

“Elegy”

John Ireland, arr. Alec Rowley © 1950 Edwin Ashdown Ltd.

Doxology

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To God, all glorious heavenly light;
To Christ, revealed in earthly night;
To God, the Spirit now we raise;
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn #2008

Let All Things Now Living”

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Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress”

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Counterculture series created by the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The placement of the votive candle on the altar started the year of our 25th anniversary in 2014 of becoming a Reconciling Congregation. Each month we honored a different person(s) who answered the call to stand for full inclusion of all God's children.

PRAYER LIST

Recovering or in long term care (ask the church office for contact info):

Bhala Jones Harry & Virginia Pence Louise Van Buren

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will be published for 4 weeks. If you would like to extend a request, please fill out one of the prayer cards located in the pew rack. **Please mark if you want your request to be public.**

Susan B. Mary C.

Our sympathy to Charlie Dario & family following the death of her brother.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Burr, who passed away on October 22.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Phillip Konstantine & Tyler Henderson on November 2; Adelaide Van Buren & Judi Wilson on November 3; Wanda Gracy on November 4; Evelyn Bresee on November 5; Amy Gardner on November 6; Jaden Spencer, Tyler Maerz, Liam Wilson & Adrian Van Deusen on November 7; and Michael DePauw & Ginny Pence on November 8.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday services are accessible online. The 8:15 service is on Facebook. The 10:30 service is on YouTube or Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/195736049> or call 1-646-558-8656. Meeting ID: 195 736 049).

- TODAY: All Saints Sunday / Dedication Sunday**
8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
9:25 am Sunday School, Digging Deeper (adult class) & Parent's Cafe
10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube
- MON. 11/3** 10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room)
5:00 pm Yoga (Embury Room)
- TUES. 11/4** 9:00 am Boomerangs (Kitchen)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)
2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room)
7:00 pm Patrick Committee (Art Room)
- WED. 11/5** 9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers
6:00 pm Beginner Bell Choir
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir
- THUR. 11/6** 10:00 am UWF Book Group (Embury Room)
12:00 pm Lectio (Embury Room)
5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)
6:00 pm Faith at the Table (Jay's Place)
- FRI. 11/7**
- SAT. 11/8** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread Hot Meal Program
- SUN. 11/9** 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
9:25 am Sunday School, Digging Deeper (adult class) & Parent's Cafe
10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube
4:00 pm Charge Conference (Elm Park UMC)

Save the Date – November 16 Following the 10:30 am Service

Please come and enjoy some cake and fellowship as we recognize our wonderful staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Pledges

Today during the service, we are dedicating our 2026 pledges. If you brought your pledge with you today, please place it in the offering plate.

Extra pledge cards and envelopes are available on the tables just inside the sanctuary if you need one.

If you do not have it with you today, you can put your card in the offering plate, mail it, bring it to the church office, or email to Kieran at secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org.

Faith at the Table – Thursday, November 6

Next month's Faith at the Table dinner and conversation will be on Thursday, November 6 at 6 pm at Jay's Place (453 Chestnut St.). The conversation topic will be: Suffering.

Please RSVP with the church office (secretary@firstumc-oneonta.org or 607-432-4102) **by Monday, November 3.**

Boomerang Sales

Delicious Boomerang confections will be available for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Our Boomerangs are gluten free. Boomerangs are still \$8.00 a dozen, and you may pay by cash or check made out to UWF. Boomerangs will be available at the UWF Bazaar on November 15.

Clipboards will be available in the Sanctuary for orders. Orders may also be placed with:

Irene Morrissey – imorrissey1936@gmail.com or 607-432-7932

Dottie Lawson – dorothylawson05@yahoo.com or 607-432-0904

All orders must be made by Sunday December 7.

Boomerangs contain: GF Rice Krispies, Confectioner's Sugar, Chunky Peanut Butter, Butter, dipped in melted Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips (with a small amount of Paraffin Wax).

Safe Sanctuaries Training

We will be providing Safe Sanctuaries training for anyone invested in making all vulnerable populations of our congregation safer.

Even if you have done Safe Sanctuaries training in the past, you will find that new elements have been added to move use towards "Safer Sanctuaries."

A training session will be available on **November 23 from 1 – 4 pm following the 10:30 worship service and a light lunch.**

Please contact Lori DePauw to sign up or with any questions (email mldepauw@stny.rr.com or text 607-287-7140).

2025 BAZAAR: Saturday, November 15, 9 – 3

Needed: Reusable Bags of all sizes. (i.e. TJ Maxx, Bath & Body Works, etc. They can be left on the stage).

Jewelry Booth – Chair: Angela Eardley. Please bring your jewelry donations to the church office ASAP.

Grandma's Attic – Chair: Helen Rees. Wanted: Items good for re-gifting, linens, good used Christmas items & decorations, artwork, like new puzzles, unusual glassware, and other unique items. Items can be left on the front of the stage until Wednesday, November 12 marked for "GM's Attic".

Naturally Yours – Co-Chairs: Marty Becker & Sharry Strait-Carey. Includes: Personal care products, soaps, shampoo bars, tick spray, dog biscuits, etc. Looking for a variety of house plants.

Sweets & Treats – Includes baked goods, jams, pickles, pies, muffins, etc. Bring food items to the church by Friday noon, November 14. Marty Becker will be soliciting pies and muffins, so be ready to say YES to her. Rada Knives and peelers, etc. will also be available.

Crafts Booth – Looking for unique craft items as well as the usual. Bring items to the church office by Wednesday, November 12.

Mary's Café – Back by popular demand will be an "eat in" or "take out" option of delicious soups or chili, and sliced homemade pie.

Silent Auction – If you are making or have a relatively expensive item that would be better sold at the Silent Auction Table, please let Joyce know.

Joyce Miller and some Booth Chairs will be contacting helpers. If you want to help and haven't been contacted by November 5, please call 607-432-8751 or email millerumw@gmail.com and talk to Joyce. It's a fun, festive day! New people always welcome!

Cookie Booth Requests for the Bazaar

All of the bakers in our church are being asked to donate one batch (or more) of their favorite small, decorated holiday cookies.

Due to the continuing appearance of COVID, please bag your cookies in clear snack and/or sandwich size bags – 4-6 cookies per bag will enable folks to purchase a variety of cookies. Labels on the bags should include name of cookie and the names of any allergen-producing ingredients (e.g. contains nuts).

Please bring your bagged and labeled cookies to the Cookie Booth between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14.

Thank you from Cookie Booth Co-Chairs Rosalie Higgins & Adelaide Van Buren. If you have questions, contact Rosalie at 607-287-8930 or rosalie.higgins58@gmail.com.

And don't forget to come and shop on November 15 from 9 – 3!!!



Collection of Adult and Children Shoeboxes for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky

We are once again looking for people to fill a clear plastic shoe box for either an adult or a child which will be sent to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Like last year, the "shoe box" will be available in the church office or at the Sunday Worship service. Small Flashlights will be supplied for the Child's shoe boxes. Winter hats will be available/supplied for ALL shoe boxes.

Filled boxes need to be returned by **Sunday morning, November 9.** If you return your box during the week, bring it to the church office (Tuesday – Thursday 9 am – 3 pm; Friday 9 am – 1 pm).

Please indicate whether the box is for an adult or child. We have labels to put on them. When you take a box, please sign your name and phone number on the sheet provided.

The Mission also needs NEW pillows, NEW sheet sets and blankets for full and twin size beds, and NEW bath towels.

Questions? Contact Joyce at 607-432-8751 or millerumw@gmail.com.

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Adult Shoeboxes

- Comb and/or Hair Brush
- Hand Lotion
- Deodorant
- Chap Stick
- Full size Bar of Soap
- Washcloth
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Nail Care Items
- Socks
- Work gloves or Mittens
- Winter Stocking Hat or Scarf

Children's Shoeboxes

- Comb and/or Hair Brush
- Shampoo
- Hand Lotion
- Chap Stick
- Bar of Soap
- Washcloth
- Socks
- Mittens
- Winter Hat (provided)
- Small Flashlight (provided)
- 2 or 3 small toys
- 2 or 3 school items

Christian bookmarks, wristbands, and other spiritual items are also appreciated.