

First United Methodist Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.



*Staying
Present*

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.*

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

Entering the Courtyards

Prelude

“This Is My Father’s World”

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*Hymn #432

“Jesu, Jesu”

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*Call to Worship

When we are sick, afraid, or forgotten...

Christ does not look away.

"I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me."

Teach us to stay when we would rather flee.

Welcoming

Gathering Prayer

When we do it for the least of these, we do it for the Lord. Make us as welcoming as Christ has been to us – a table wide enough for the weary, a door open to the ones this world calls left behind. When we welcome the foreigner, the stranger, the forgotten, let us know: we are welcoming Christ, just as Christ first welcomed us. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Encountering the Word

Children’s Time

Anthem

“Lead On Softly, Lord”

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1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:11-14

Mary Lynn Bensen
Charles Sherrard

*Hymn #314

“In the Garden”

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:41-46

NRSVUE

Sermon

“Staying Present”

Rev. Casey Bradley

Responding in Faith

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering

October Jingle – FSA Thanksgiving Baskets

Offertory

“Steal Away”

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*Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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Prayer of Dedication

Departing in Peace

Announcements

*Hymn #2171

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, adapt. By Sebastian Temple
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Benediction

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Postlude

“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”
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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.**

Alan F.	Bill P.	Sybil	Rev. John Bowen
Jaunine	Pam	Marc	Annette L.

Mary & Holly L. A friend who fell & her caregiver

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Helen Rees* on October 18; *Roselyn Kinnick, Stefanie Paluch & Honey Young* on October 20; *Bob Bensen, Leslie Parmeter & Emma Maerz* on October 21; *Deb Kiakis* on October 22; *Helene LaHood* on October 23; and *Owen Conklin, Sandra Currie & Rachel Rissberger* on October 24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: *R.P. & Jennifer Withington* on October 20.

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 (Meeting ID: 844 9992 4538, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84499924538> or call 1-646-558-8656).

TODAY 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
 9:25 am Children's Sunday School, Digging Deeper &
 Three Simple Questions (adult classes)
 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube
 11:30 am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

MON. 10/19 10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room)
 4:30 pm Yoga (Embury Room)
 6:30 pm Saturday's Bread Board (Art Room)

TUES. 10/20 9:00 am Boomerangs (Kitchen)
 11:00 am Staff Meeting (Coke Room)
 2:30 pm Selah Circle (Coke Room)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Art Room)
 6:00 pm Joyful Ringers (Sanctuary)
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

WED. 10/21 9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers
 3:00 pm Worship at the Plains

THUR. 10/22 10:00 am UWF Book Group (Embury Room)
 12:00 pm Lectio (Embury Room)
 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)

FRI. 10/23

SAT. 10/24 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)

SUN. 10/25 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
 9:25 am Children's Sunday School, Digging Deeper &
 Three Simple Questions (adult classes)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith at the Table – November 5

On the 1st Thursday of each month we gather around a different table to discuss big topics of faith. On November 5 at 6 pm we'll be at The Depot (4 ½ Railroad Ave.). Our topic will be "How should our faith inform our civic life?" **Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, October 30.**

UWF Bazaar – from President Marty Van Lenten Becker

Our November Holiday Bazaar is UWF's biggest and most profitable fundraiser. The money we raise is donated locally and also supports nearly 90 national mission institutions (community centers, schools, and residential care facilities across the U.S.), as well as international projects that empower women and children.

There is a creative and supportive community at FUMC that makes the Bazaar happen, and I'm inviting you to be a part of it this year. The vision of UWF is to be "A fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood to act for justice and transform communities." Please find 2 or 3 hours to be a part of our energy and service on Saturday, November 14. Then call or text 607-435-8551 and let me know when you're available to join us. I know that you'll be glad that you did!

Fellowship Time

Each Sunday, after the 10:30 am worship service, we have fellowship time. There is a sign-up sheet on the table between the Sanctuary and the Embury Rooms. If you sign up to help, you only need to bring in a light snack. Please try to be mindful that we have several people who cannot eat gluten, and anything with nuts must be labeled. If you want to learn to make the coffee or run the dishwasher, please speak with Pastor Casey (you don't need to do either to volunteer for fellowship time).

All Saints Sunday

On November 1, we will be honoring the memory of FUMC members Richard Benz, Linda Herring, Grace Larkin, Beverly Newkirk, Marjorie Rowley, Robert Sandike, and Phil Young. A table with votive candles will also be available in the sanctuary for you to remember other loved ones.

Honoring our FUMC Staff

November is staff appreciation month. Each of the 5 Sundays of November we will highlight two members of the church staff, along with our college interns.

Staff Parish Relations Committee asks that congregation members consider giving to a special collection on November 1 to express our appreciation for the FUMC staff (any checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church, with "staff appreciation" on the memo line).

Update on Email Issues

We are still having intermittent email issues with our domain emails (ending in @firstumc-oneonta.org). If you send an email to Pastor Casey, Kieran (secretary), Rick/Carol (finance), or Amy (communications) and your message is rejected or blocked, please send it to our backup address at oneontafirstumc@gmail.com.

Spiritual Care Week Recognizing Hospital Chaplains

October 18-24 is Spiritual Care Week. Bassett Hospital Network is honoring A.O. Fox Chaplains with an informal lunch on Thursday. The Chaplains are Rev. David A Rockwell, Rev Randy Palada, Walter and Martha Gauthier, Sean Moundas, Suzy Beddoe, Mel Sperti, and Rev. James Crouthamel. The Bassett Hospital Chaplain is Gerald Paciello.

Be Green, Be Just

According to research, just two hours a week in nature have a positive effect on health and psychological wellbeing – and the benefit holds regardless of age, income, or chronic illness. Build nature time into your routine and your family's. Take a 10-minute nature break, eat lunch outside, talk and walk. Love yourself and your loved ones. (Creation Justice Ministries)