First United Methodist Church

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026
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.*

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

Come, You Who are Heavy Laden

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress"
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*Call to Worship

We carry into this space the burden of memory. Regrets. Unfulfilled dreams. Tomorrows cut short by time and tragedy.
We come with hearts that are prone to wandering and too often weighed down by wondering, looking for that place where we can set down the burden of memory, even if only for a moment, so that we can know what it feels like to be unburdened.
Jesus said, "Come to me, all who toil and are burdened, and I shall give you rest."
And the Apostle reminds us, "Bear one another's burdens, and you will fulfill the law of Christ.

*Hymn #110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
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Welcoming Words

Gathering Prayer

God of the wilderness and the waiting, you fed your people one day at a time, and taught them not to hoard against tomorrow. We confess

our anxiety outruns our need. We confess we've mistaken scarcity for truth.

So, meet us this morning the way you met them, with bread enough, with manna enough, with grace enough for today. Teach us again how to open our hands before we learn how to open them wide. Amen.

Passing the Peace

All Saints Liturgy

Responsive Prayer

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For Apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

We praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who are still shining lights in the world,

We praise you, O God.

For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held fast their faith in trial, and served others,

We praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

We praise you, O God.

Keep us faithful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ the pioneer and perfector of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Pastor's Message

Naming the Saints

Robert Sandike	01/13/2022
Phil Young	11/12/2025
Grace Larkin	03/18/2026
Beverly Newkirk	04/04/2026
Richard Benz	04/05/2026
Marjorie Rowley	04/30/2026
Linda Herring	09/19/2026
Robert Wells	10/18/2026

Response

We have named and remembered the Saints of this congregation who have finished their course in faith since we celebrated our saints last year. Together they represent 410 years of membership in our church. Their names are the stories we still tell, and their stories become one of the legacies that they leave. As we named the saints today, we remember all the saints who have gone before us. The saints who loved us into the faith, and sustained us through the turmoil of life, now surround us as a great cloud of witnesses. They have laid down their burdens, and we take up their work.

We give thanks for their lives, and we carry their love forward.

May we love as they loved, serve as they served, and trust as they trusted.

Until that day when all the saints are gathered at God's table, and every tear is wiped away. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Lay Your Burden Down

Time with God's Children

Testimony — Max MacKenzie

1st Scripture Reading — Exodus 16:1-4, 13-21 — Margaret Parish, Lori DePauw

*Hymn #614 — "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

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*Gospel Reading — Matthew 6:25-34 — NRSVUE

Sermon — "Enough for Today" — Rev. Casey Bradley

Anthem — "O Holy City, Seen of John"

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Experience the Unburdening of Life

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 — November Jingle – Warming Station

Special Offering: Staff Appreciation

Offertory — "Steal Away"
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*Doxology #94 — "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
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Prayer of Dedication

Departing, Having Been Set Free

Staff Appreciation

Nora Kennelly (education intern)
Michael Weinbaum (education intern)
Zelizabeth Caranqui (technology intern)

Announcements

*Hymn #2283 — "For All the Saints"
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Benediction

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We are 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.

Postlude — "For All the Saints"
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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.**

Helen B.	Jeff G.	Scott	Ann S.	Linda O.	Cindy B.
Alan F.	Bill P.	Sybil	Jaunine	Pam	Marc

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Phillip Konstantine* & *Tyler Henderson* on November 2; *Adelaide Van Buren* & *Judi Wilson* on November 3; *Wanda Gracy* on November 4; *Amy Gardner* on November 6; and *Jayden Spencer, Tyler Maerz, Liam Wilson* & *Adrian Van Deusen* on November 7.

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 **All Saints Sunday**
- 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)
- 4:00 pm Charge Conference (Elm Park UMC)

MON. 11/2
- 10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room)
- 4:30 pm Yoga (Embury Room)

TUES. 11/3
- 9:00 am Boomerangs (Kitchen)
- 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
- 7:00 pm Patrick Committee

WED. 11/4
- 9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers

THUR. 11/5
- 10:00 am UWF Book Group (Embury Room)
- 11:00 am Thrift Shop Board (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 pm Lectio (Embury Room)
- 5:30 pm Oneonta Hooks & Needles (Embury Room)
- 6:00 pm Faith at the Table

FRI. 11/6

SAT. 11/7 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (Fellowship Hall)

SUN. 11/8
- 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)
- 11:30 am Budget Presentation (Embury Room)
- 3:00 pm OCA Concert – Richard Fountain (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charge Conference Today

Our annual Charge Conference meeting will be today at 4:00 pm at Elm Park UMC. All are welcome to attend!

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 today's special offering 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).

Budget Presentation Next Week

The congregation is invited to an information session about the 2027 budget after the second service on November 8. The Finance Team will share a draft budget and answer any questions you may have.

Deadline for the December Reporter: November 10

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline to submit articles for the December Reporter is **Tuesday, November 10**. Since we are still having some issues receiving messages (especially from Gmail accounts), please send your content to BOTH communications@firstumc-oneonta.org and oneontafirstumc@gmail.com. Thank you!

Help Store Some Boomerangs!

Got extra freezer space? UWF needs help storing boxes of Boomerangs until after our November 14 Bazaar. If you can help, call Dottie at 607-432-0904 or Marty at 607-432-4917.

Oneonta Concert Association – Richard Fountain, solo pianist

Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 pm (at First UMC)
Adults $30 ($35 at the door) | Students $15

Fountain is one of very few pianists to perform the complete cycle of Franz Liszt's monumental transcriptions of Beethoven's nine symphonies. His solo and concerto repertoire highlights American music from all eras, and he is also devoted to the poetic and religious music of Liszt.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, go to https://oneontaconcertassociation.org/.

A Message from Creation Care Team

FUMC's Creation Care Team urges opposition to the poorly named Bipartisan Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 (BAAJA). Riverkeeper, which has been protecting the Hudson River since 1966, as well as Food & Water Watch and Waterkeeper Alliance, oppose this bill because it dramatically weakens some of our country's most important environmental protections. It also limits citizens' ability to weigh in on proposed oil and gas projects. *If this bill passes, the Constitution Pipeline will be a surety and our beloved area will be permanently damaged.*

You can learn more and ask your U.S. senators and representative to oppose this bill at https://engage.riverkeeper.org/oppose-baaja and at https://waterkeeper.quorum.us/campaign/PermittingOct2726/

Be Green, Be Just

Green space is critical infrastructure for health and wellbeing. And like all infrastructure, access to it isn't equally distributed. Lower-income neighborhoods consistently have less tree canopy, hotter temperatures, more pollution, and worse health outcomes. Speak up for parks and trees to be placed so that all neighbors benefit. (Creation Justice Ministries)

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" and item lists will be available through the church office or at the Sunday worship service.

Filled boxes need to be returned by **Sunday morning, November 8.** If you return your box during the week, bring it to the church office (Tuesday – Friday 9 am – 12 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 sized beds, and NEW bath towels.

Questions? Contact Joyce at 607-432-8751 or millerumw@gmail.com. Thanks for being the hands & feet of Jesus.

RED BIRD MISSION – Adult Shoebox	**RED BIRD MISSION – Child's Shoebox**
Note: All items should be FULL size and in their original containers, as purchased. To help items fit in the box, purchase flat bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, etc. & small round cans of shaving cream. - Comb and/or Hair Brush - Shampoo - Hand Lotion - Deodorant - Toothbrush and Toothpaste - 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	Note: All items should be FULL size and in their original containers, as purchased. To help items fit in the box, purchase flat bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, etc. - Comb and/or Hair Brush - Shampoo - Hand Lotion - Child's Toothbrush and Toothpaste - Chap Stick - Full size Bar of Soap - Washcloth - Socks - Mittens - Winter Hat - Small Flashlight (provided) - 2 or 3 small toys - 2 or 3 school items Christian bookmarks, wristbands, and other spiritual items are also appreciated.