First United Methodist Church

Native American Ministries Sunday
24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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 "Maestoso"

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*Call to Worship

We come into this space, discovering, maybe for the first time, that there may be a gift in the burdens that we carry. Burdens that were too heavy to bear alone become light when carried by the community.
We come in search of that sacred community where burdens are lifted and carried together.
We seek that place where it is safe to feel 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 #2238 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

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Welcoming Words

Gathering Prayer

God who binds us to each other, you did not design us to carry alone what was meant to be shared.

We bring not just our own burdens this morning, but each other's, the ones sitting beside us, the ones we'll never meet, the ones in this room pretending they're fine.

Make us a people who notice. Make us a people who reach. Let this hour turn us toward one another, so that what is heavy might be made lighter simply because more hands are holding it. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Lay Your Burden Down

Time with God's Children

Testimony — Jennifer Withington (10:30)

1st Scripture Reading — Galatians 6:2 — Laura Hurley
2 Corinthians 8:1-15 — Allison Bookhout

*Hymn #2222 "The Servant Song"

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2nd Scripture Reading — Acts 2:44-45 — NRSVUE

Sermon — "Bear One Another's Burdens"
Rev. Casey Bradley

Anthem "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

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Sanctuary Choir
Joyful Ringers
Buckingham Bell Ringers

Experience the Unburdening of Life

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: Native American Ministries

Offertory "Allegretto"

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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 Amy Rockwell
Randall Wilson

Announcements

*Hymn #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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Benediction

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Postlude "Poco Vivace"

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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.**

Carol	Kristen K.	Mary & her caregivers
Helen B.	Jeff G.	Scott
Ann S.	Linda O.	Cindy B.
Alan F.	Bill P.	Sybil

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Michael DePauw* & *Ginny Pence* on November 8; *Mark Wolff* & *Catherine Paluch* on November 10; *Heather Barreto* on November 11; and *Kelly Cleaveland* on November 12.

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)
- 11:30 am Budget Presentation (Embury Room)
- 3:00 pm OCA Concert (Sanctuary)

MON. 11/9
- 10:00 am Book Group (Embury Room)
- 4:30 pm Yoga (Embury Room)

TUES. 11/10
- **Reporter Deadline**
- 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. 11/11
- Bazaar Setup
- 9:15 am Buckingham Bell Ringers
- 12:00 pm Spiritual Study Group (Dauley Room)
- 1:00 pm Trustees (Art Room)

THUR. 11/12
- Bazaar Setup
- 12:00 pm Lectio (Coke Room)

FRI. 11/13
- Bazaar Setup

SAT. 11/14
- **9:00 am – 3:00 pm Holiday Bazaar**
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday's Bread (at ELM PARK)

SUN. 11/15
- **Dedication Sunday**
- 8:15 am Worship in person & on Facebook
- 9:25 am Sunday School & Digging Deeper (adult class)
- 10:30 am Worship in person, via Zoom & on YouTube
- 11:30 am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Native American Ministries Special Offering

November is Native American Heritage Month. Today we celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday, which is one of six churchwide Special Sundays. On this day, we come together to honor and support Indigenous peoples and communities. It's a day to recognize the rich gifts, cultures, and contributions of Native Americans to both society and the Church.

Half of the funds collected remain in our annual conference to support local Native American ministries through the work of the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). A quarter of the money funds scholarships for Native American students pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at approved theological schools. The remaining funds support programs that develop new Native ministries, including mentoring, economic empowerment, and leadership development initiatives.

Introducing Our Newest Bell Ringers!

Today's anthem features our choir, members of the Buckingham Bell Ringers, and the Joyful Ringers. The new Joyful Ringers are Julianna Walsh, Ruth Wang, and Li Luo.

Budget Presentation Today

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

Pledge Dedication Sunday

By now you have hopefully received your stewardship mailing. If you did not receive one and want a copy of the letter and information sheet, contact Kieran at oneontafirstumc@gmail.com. There are extra pledge slips at the front of the Sanctuary.

We will be dedicating our pledges during the worship service next Sunday, November 15 (we'll continue to accept them as they come in, but the finance team would appreciate receiving them sooner rather than later!).

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!

Be Green, Be Just

Weave love of creation and neighbor into your worshipping community's practices through liturgy, fellowship, education, and contemplation. See to it that creation justice is not just an occasional program or a single campaign or the purview of one committee but a dimension of the congregation's shared life. (Creation Justice Ministries)

2026 BAZAAR
Saturday, November 14, 9 am-3 pm

THIS YEAR'S BOOTHS:

Jewels, Gems & Boutique: Chair, Angela Eardley
Please bring jewelry donations to the church office as soon as possible.

Antiques & Christmas Closet: Chair, Helen Rees
Wanted: items good for re-gifting, linens, good used Christmas items and decorations, artwork, like-new puzzles, unusual glassware, and other unique items. Donations may be left on the front of the stage until Wednesday, November 11, marked "Christmas Closet."

Naturally Yours: Co-Chairs, Sharry Strait-Carey & Marty Becker
Try UWF's natural personal care products, soaps, and shampoo bars. Also tick spray and homemade dog biscuits.

Crafts: Chair, Sue Whitney
We're looking for both usual and unique craft items. Please bring items to the church office by Wednesday, November 11. We'd love to have any house plants that you may be splitting. You'll also find canned goods and quality Rada kitchen knives and utensils in this area.

The Café: Co-Chairs Kelly Hansen & Marty Becker
Back by popular demand, there will be both eat-in and takeout options of delicious soups, chili, and sliced homemade pies. Marty will be soliciting pies again this year. Thanks in advance for saying Yes!



Cookies and Other Treats: Rosalie Higgins & Adelaide Van Buren
Bakers! Please donate one batch (or more!) of your favorite small, decorated holiday cookies, which will be sold by the pound. Sweet breads and other baked goods are also needed.

For health reasons, 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. Please label the bags with the name of the cookie and include any possible food allergens (e.g. contain nuts).

Bring your bagged and labeled cookies to the booth between 9 am and 5 pm on Friday, November 13. Questions? Contact Rosalie at 607-287-8930 or email her at Rosalie.higgins58@gmail.com.

The booth Chairs will be contacting helpers. If you want to work at a booth or you'd prefer to prepare lunch in the kitchen, tell a booth Chair. Or call or text Marty at 607-435-8551. It's a fun, festive day! We welcome all returning hands and new ones, too!

P.S. Needed: Reusable bags, all sizes (TJ Maxx, Bath & Body Works, etc.; leave on the stage)

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Holiday Bazaar



Saturday, November 14
9 AM - 3 PM

Proceeds from the bazaar will go toward United Women of Faith projects that support women, children, and youth locally and around the world in the UWF's mission for peace and justice.

Crafts *Christmas Decor + Gifts* *Cookies*
Antiques and Collectibles
Natural Skin Care Products
Jewelry and more Boutique
Cafe: Homemade Soups, Chili & Pie Slices
Accepting Cash, Check and Venmo transactions

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE LAUNDROMAT, LIBRARY LOT, OR CENTER OF THE DOLLAR GENERAL PARKING LOT.

Boomerangs for Sale

Delicious Boomerang confections will be available for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Our Boomerangs are gluten free. Boomerangs are $9.00 a dozen, and you may pay by cash or check made out to UWF.

Boomerangs will be available at the UWF Bazaar on November 14.

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

Irene Morrissey (imorrissey1936@gmail.com | 607-432-7932)
Dottie Lawson (dorothylawson05@yahoo.com | 607-432-0904).

We will try to fill all orders, and the deadline for orders is December 6.

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).

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/