

The Tidings

September, 2017

Ballston Spa United Methodist Church

101 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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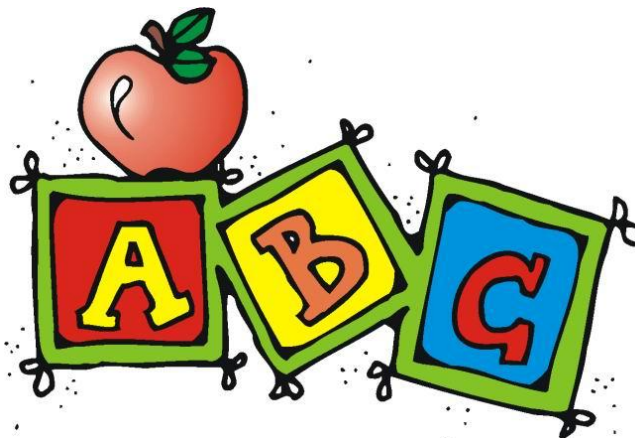
ballstonspaumchurch.org

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

9-3	Worship	10:00 AM
9-4	Gracious Notes/ Voice Choir Rehearsals	5:00/6:00 PM
9-5	Thrift shop	9:30 - noon
9-6	Food Pantry/Prayer Shawl	9:30 - noon/6:30 AM (P)
9-7	Trustees Committee Meeting	7 PM (CH)
9-10	Worship; Sunday School starts; Church Picnic at Burgess Park (after Service); Fair Trade	10:00 AM
9-11	Gracious Notes/ Voice Choir Rehearsals	5:00/6:00 PM
9-12	Thrift Shop/Council Meeting	9:30 - noon/7 PM (P)
9-13	Food Pantry	9:30 - noon
9-14	Worship	7 PM (P)
9-17	Worship/Adult Bell Choir Children's Bell Choir	10:00 AM/after Church (S) 6:00 PM (S)
9-18	Gracious Notes/ Voice Choir Rehearsals	5:00/6:00 PM
9-19	Thrift Shop	9:30 - noon
9-20	Food Pantry	9:30 - noon
9-24	Worship/Adult Bell Choir Children's Bell Choir	10:00 AM/after church (S) 6:00 PM (S)
9-25	Gracious Notes/ Voice Choir Rehearsals	5:00/6:00 PM
9-26	Thrift Shop/Nomination Committee	9:30 - noon/7 PM (P)
9-27	Food Pantry/SPRC Meeting	9:30 - noon/7 PM (CP)

S=Sanctuary, FR=Fellowship Room, P=Parlor, CH=Church House, MSR=Middle School Room, SS=Sunday School Area





request. I also encourage you to contact one of these people if you feel you have gifts and graces that can be used in an area of the church where you may not yet be involved.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob

Greetings!

As we move our attention away from the "lazy, hazy days of summer" and begin to focus on the fall season, I want to take just a moment to remind you of the tremendous value there is in living lives of service for the Lord. If you call Ballston Spa United Methodist Church your church home, perhaps now is the time for you to decide to get involved in the life of this church by serving in a position of responsibility. You may find the following story about the late 1800's evangelist by the name of D.L. Moody helpful in your decision making process.

A large group of European pastors came to one of D. L. Moody's Northfield Bible Conferences in Massachusetts in the late 1800s. Following the European custom of the time, each guest put his shoes outside his room to be cleaned by the hall servants overnight. But of course this was America and there were no hall servants.

Walking the dormitory halls that night, Moody saw the shoes and determined not to embarrass his brothers. He mentioned the need to some ministerial students who were there but met with only silence or pious excuses. Moody returned to the dorm, gathered up the shoes, and, alone in his room, the world's only famous evangelist began to clean and polish the shoes. Only the unexpected arrival of a friend in the midst of the work revealed the secret.

When the foreign visitors opened their doors the next morning, their shoes were shined. They never knew by whom. Moody told no one, but his friend told a few people, and during the rest of the conference, different men volunteered to shine the shoes in secret.

Opportunities await your servant hearts, as they did D.L. Moody, and the following members of the Nominations Committee have begun the task of finding people to serve in various capacities in the church for 2018: Donna Lockwood, Ruth Persons, Helen Senecal, Ilah Sisson Walser, Linda Sheeran and Debbie Thompson. If you are asked to serve by one of these committee members, please give prayerful consideration to saying "yes" to their



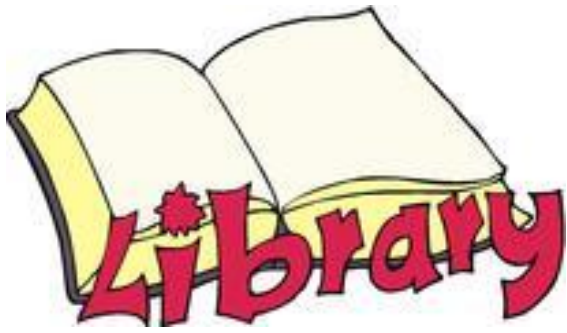
Birthdays

- 9-1 Lily Reid
- 9-3 Darryl Leggieri
- 9-4 Barb Cope
- 9-6 Brian Bussing; Judi Wainwright
- 9-7 Ben Winslow
- 9-8 Edna Komada; Glen MacMillan
- 9-9 Tricia Cummings
- 9-10 Bill Mason
- 9-11 Patrick McAuliffe
- 9-12 Jackie Capone
- 9-13 Melissa Morrison; Carolyn Duquette
- 9-14 Joan Glossner
- 9-16 Sheri Litchfield
- 9-17 Kelly LeRoy; Bill Parlipiano; Matteo Sansone
- 9-18 Donna Bisbee; Terri McAuliffe; Campbell Simmons
- 9-21 Ilah Sisson Walser; Ilijah Sutton
- 9-22 Karen Staulters
- 9-24 Danielle Coffey
- 9-25 Joe Adkins
- 9-26 James Fenton
- 9-28 David Heffernan
- 9-29 Brad Heffernan; Breta Sisson



Anniversaries

- 9-6 Ronald & Diane Solotruck
- 9-9 Ruth & Gary Persons
- 9-16 Maria & Keith Dickerson
- 9-17 Debbie & Clifford Miller, Jr.
- 9-18 Shirley & Paul MacMillin
- 9-28 Karen & Bill Parlipiano



Library Corner

Bite-Size Twain

Compiled by J. Holms & K. Baji

"From jumping frogs to genuine Mexican plug-horses and meddlesome adolescent boys, Mark Twain penned many a tall tale. But even the tall ones showcase his gift for the short, witty comment that contained the essence of a person, place, or human situation. Twain's thoughts on an astounding range of subjects—people, politics, culture, fads, morality, lawyers, life, love, money, and education—have not only become classic observations about the human condition in turn-of-the-century America, but have also remained fresh, accurate, and totally applicable today." (Taken from book jacket)



Fair Trade sale will be Sunday, September 10th after church at the North Door. Thank you to all members for supporting the BSUMC Fair Trade efforts through the purchase of these fair trade items for your own use, or as gifts, and also through your support of the church coffee hour following Sunday church services.

We hope to have dark chocolate bars again later in the Fall.



Voice Choir rehearses at 6:00 pm in the parlor on Monday evenings. All are welcome - please come join this dedicated group as they lift their voices in praise, tell the Story in song, and lead the congregation in musical worship.

Would you like to sing a solo? Sing as part of a duet or other small group? If so, please see Cathy King. Rehearsals for soloists/small groups will take place in the parlor on Monday evenings between 5:00 and 6:00 pm, but need to be scheduled in advance.

Adult Bell Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 17 after church in the sanctuary. If you are interested in ringing, please let Cathy King know **NO LATER** than September 12 so she can assign a bell (or two) to you and make sure there are adequate supplies. All youth entering sixth grade or older are welcome to join the adult bell choir. The ability to read music is not required. Come join this fun and spirit-filled group as we ring our praises to God.



Children's Bell Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 17 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Any young person entering the second grade or above is welcome to join this group and learn how to ring BSUMC's wonderful handbells.

Musical basics along with good ringing technique will be taught. Neither prior ringing experience nor the ability to read music is required, just the desire to learn and have fun ringing.

Parents need to let Cathy King at 518-584-2865 or cathys.notes@gmail.com know by September 12 if their child(ren) will be ringing so she can be sure to have appropriate music and supplies.



We will be collecting nightwear again this year for the community served by the United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem, Maine. These are to be new items that can be used as gifts. Any size, for any gender, for any age. This project started here last year with the collection of over one hundred items. They were gratefully received.

Nightwear is a luxury for people who have very little income or resources, as is underwear and socks. Out of our abundance, we can share something that can make life more enjoyable and comfortable.

The collection will go through the month of September. Leave the items at the back of the sanctuary in box marked for "Nightwear Project". Thank you for your generosity.

Any questions, please contact ***Ilah Sisson Walser***.



Church and Community Picnic

**Sunday, September 10th after Worship.
Burgess Kimball Park, Pavilion 1.
Food, Games, Fun!**

Bring a dish to share. Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and paper goods provided by the Trustees!



From Kelly Schmidt

I'm participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® because I'm committed to raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. I'm leading the way to Alzheimer's first survivor — but I need your help!

The walk I will be participating in takes place on September 17, 2017 at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, registration and check-in begins at 12:00 pm and the walk begins at 1:00 pm.

Will you help me reach my fundraising goal by making a donation today? Visit my personal fundraising page to make a secure, tax-deductible donation or download and print the paper form on my page to mail in with a check. All donations benefit the Alzheimer's Association — and every dollar makes a difference in this fight. You may also join my team by going to my personal fundraising page.

If you have any questions please contact me at 518-885-4362 or schmidt1@nycap.rr.com.

Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease!

My page:

http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=10654&pg=personall&px=12220757

Thank you for your support,
Kelly Schmidt.



A Retreat for the Women of Ballston Spa UMC!

Rest & Renewal
November 3-4, 2017,
Friday, 6pm – Saturday, 4pm
Ogden Lodge at Skye Farm, Warrensburg, NY
Spiritual Leader: Pastor Kelly Warner

Take a much-needed break from all the responsibilities and roles you have (work, kids, volunteering), and restore your mind, body, and soul. Enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, inspirational messages from women of the Bible, worship, fellowship, maybe some extra sleep... and a campfire complete with s'mores.

Cost is \$50. This includes lodging, Friday night snacks, Saturday breakfast, lunch and snacks, and all materials. (Scholarships are available.)

We are limited to 13 participants, so reserve your spot early by filling out the **Registration Form**, with a \$15 deposit. Full payment is due by **Friday, October 13.**

Additional Forms are located on the Welcome Tables.

Please feel free to contact **Linda Sheeran** (885-1729 or lsheeran6@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

Rest & Renewal Women's Retreat Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Phones:

home _____

cell _____

Email

Address: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone:

Allergies/Accessibility?

Deposit of \$15 must be received with Registration. Full amount due by October 13th.

I am interested in the Scholarship. _____

Send to: Linda Sheeran, 19 Pinehollow Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12020





Upper Room Thrift Shop & Food Pantry

The Thrift Shop has lots of good used clothing of all sizes available for \$2.00 a bag, as full as you want to get it. It is open every Tuesday from **9:30 am to noon**. Just come in the front door of the Church House and go up the stairs. Good used clothing in all sizes is accepted. Thank you to all who donate to the thrift shop. For those who are donating clothing we ask if it is possible to try to give seasonal items as our storage is extremely limited in the shop.

The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from **9:30 to noon**. Our entrance is up the ramp and in the side door of the Church House, so come and receive a good variety of food. Visits are limited to once a month.

We are fortunate to have such a giving community that helps provide the pantry with all kinds of food. The items we usually need are cereal, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce and personal care products. Donations for the food pantry and thrift shop can be brought in any time the office is open. Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way to make these projects such a success. Thanks also to those who work in them.

Please let the Church Office know if there are any additions and/or corrections.



Does the office have your e-mail address?

Contact the office at bsumc@albany.twcbc.com so we can add you to our mailing list. Please let us know if you'd like to receive **The Tidings** electronically. Also, remember to visit our website (www.ballstonspaumchurch.org) and find BSUMC on **Facebook** so you can keep up-to-date on all of the good things happening at our church!



11th Annual Falling Leaves 5K – Run for Charity

It's **not** too early to start thinking about our 11th Annual Falling Leaves 5K Run on Saturday, October 7th. During August and September we will be advertising the Run and, in September, we will be requesting assistance from church members and friends to help the day of the race and also to provide baked goods and fruit for the runners. Without your help the race would not be the success it has been since its inception in 2007.

Further, participants are needed to register to run or walk the 5K to ensure its continued success. Please promote our Falling Leaves 5K amongst your family, friends and co-workers. Participants can register on Active.com or by sending in their registration form with payment by October 4, 2017. Day of race registrations are also gladly accepted.

This year, we have again selected the **Veterans Community & Housing Coalition** as our charity of choice with the proceeds earmarked for the Vet House and Guardian House for male and female homeless veterans, respectively. Last year, we were able to donate over \$7,400 to our Veterans. If you have any questions or wish to help out in any way, please contact anyone on the 5K Committee.

5K Committee:

Gary Wilson, Stan Lockwood, Lynne Blake, Alaina Greco and Kim Ferguson

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for the September 2017 calendar in the attached file.**



SEPTEMBER

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline date for the October issue of *The Tidings* newsletter is September 15th. You may e-mail your article to bsumc@albany.twcbc.com, drop it off, or mail it to the office. Anyone may submit an article for the newsletter.



Sunday Worship 10 AM - Nursery Care Available

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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"