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**Sunday Worship**

10:00 a.m.

November, 2015  
Ballston Spa United Methodist Church

101 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

11-1 Worship	10:00 AM
11-1 Fair Trade Sale	after worship
11-1 Potluck Luncheon and discussion about annual conference (FR)	11:30 AM
11-1 Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	6:00 PM
11-2 Gracious Notes (P)	6:00 PM
11-2 Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)	7:00 PM
<b>11-3 Finance (P)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
11-4 Bible Study (P)	10:00 AM
11-4 Bible Study (P)	7:00 PM
<b>11-5 Trustees (P)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
11-6 FOGGS (4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Youth Group (FR)	6:00-7:30 PM
11-8 Worship and Sunday School	10:00 AM
11-8 Contemporary Worship Service (P)	6:30 PM
<b>11-10 Church Council (P)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>11-14 Annual Church Conference (FR)</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
11-15 Worship and Sunday School	10:00 AM
11-15 Adult Bell Choir	after worship
11-15 Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	6:00 PM
11-16 Gracious Notes (P)	6:00 PM
11-16 Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)	7:00 PM
<b>11-17 SPRC (P)</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
11-18 Bible Study (P)	10:00 AM
11-18 Bible Study (P)	7:00 PM
11-19 Prayer Shawl (P)	6:30 PM
11-20 FOGGS (4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Youth Group (FR)	6:00-7:30 PM
11-21 Free Lunch (FR)	11:30 AM
11-22 Worship/Sunday School	10:00 AM
11-22 Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal	after worship
11-22 Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	6:00 PM
11-22 Prayer and Healing Service (P)	6:30 PM
11-23 Gracious Notes (P)	6:00 PM
11-23 Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)	7:00 PM
11-25 Thanksgiving Eve Service (P)	7:00 PM
<b>11-26 Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	
<b>11-28 Hanging of the Greens (S)</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
11-29 Worship and Sunday School	10:00 AM
11-29 Fair Trade Sale	after worship
11-29 Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal	after worship
11-29 Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	6:00 PM
11-30 Gracious Notes (P)	6:00 PM
11-30 Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)	7:00 PM

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





Greetings in the Name of Jesus,

I am so excited to share with you some thoughts as we begin to "UNPACK" the Scripture text with you.

This is the title of our new Bible Study we will be working together through the end of the year. We will "unpack" the Scripture text from the Sunday morning reading when we gather to explore what God is trying to say.

As we finished up our series on stewardship we read Oct 25<sup>th</sup> from the book of Job 42: 10-17. Job here is talking about his praying for his friends and in the end as Job prayed NOT for himself but those around him, God restored to him his wealth. God not only restored his financial wealth, but restored his family to him. God gave Job his great friends and family that brought him great and mighty things.

I wonder if we as a church began to pray for others, not only for one another in the church, but for those that have not yet arrived that God would do the same thing for us. God would give us new people to attend and find God's love here, we would be blessed financially as we begin to take our eyes off our own need and pray for the needs of others. Here is a thought...what if we prayed for God to bless the other churches here in the community and see what God does for those who diligently seek Him!

Many times we get stuck in a rut and cannot seem to get out of it, but as Job learned very early on in his journey of faith, he never once gave into the difficulties he faced. Job never gave up on God!

So let's give it a try, let's begin to pray for others who may not have come yet, for those in the community to find the love that God has for them and finally to pray that God would bless the other congregations, believing that God will bring forth complete restoration to us!

Can I get an AMEN!!!

Until next month,

**Pastor Patti**



All church **POT LUCK** to be held on **November 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am** as a time for discussion regarding our Church Charge conference to be held Nov. 14th. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor or you can contact the church office.

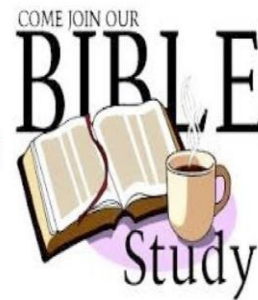
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Wednesday Mornings @ 10 am  
In the Parlor

Wednesday Evenings @ 7 pm  
In the Parlor

Dates for Morning  
Studies

Nov. 4, 18, 25  
Dec. 2, 9,

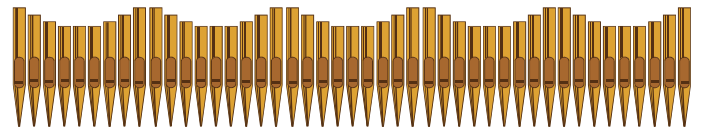


Dates for Evening  
Studies

Nov. 4, 18  
Dec. 2, 9

Title of Series: "Unpacking"

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### Church Organist/Keyboard Player

The Ballston Spa UMC is in need of a church organist/keyboard player beginning Jan.1, 2016. The responsibilities are Sunday morning for 10 am service, special services for during the holiday of Easter and Monday evenings for Gracious Notes/choir practice. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact the church office.

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**November 1, 2015**



**Birthdays**

- 11-1 Ronald McCumber
- 11-3 Mary Drake
- 11-5 Joanne O'Connor
- 11-6 Keenan Leggieri; Emily Skillings
- 11-7 Conrad Dorau, Jr.
- 11-8 Andy Wess
- 11-9 Glenn Evans, Adam Sibley
- 11-12 Aren Paster
- 11-16 Debra Winslow
- 11-17 Dolores Wilson
- 11-21 Ruth Persons
- 11-22 Helen Senecal
- 11-23 Marion Capasso, Janet Mallette
- 11-27 Kevin Blake, Jerry Litchfield
- 11-29 Robby Phelps
- 11-30 Claire Trumbull

**Anniversaries**

- 11-4 Darryl & Heather Leggieri
- 11-5 Ed & Mary Sutton
- 11-9 Bill & Kathy Haege
- 11-19 Kimberly & Ronald McCumber

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

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**Does the office have your e-mail address?**

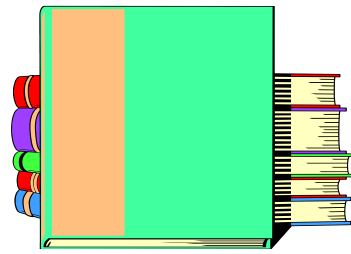
Contact the office at [bsumc@albany.twcbc.com](mailto:bsumc@albany.twcbc.com) so we can add you to our mailing list. Please let us know if you'd like to receive **The Tidings** electronically. Also, remember to visit our website ([www.ballstonspaumchurch.org](http://www.ballstonspaumchurch.org)) and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

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**Hanging of the Greens**

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited. Many hands make light work so any time that you can give would be much appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.



**Library Corner**

**WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG**  
by Adam Hamilton

Linda Sheeran and Gary DiLallo led a class twice using this book as a basis for the course. If you missed the classes you might like to read the book. Rev. Hamilton talks about politics, judgment, salvation, sexuality, tragedy and science. Even if you do not agree with his proposals, they will give you much food for thought.

Marilynn Peterson

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**BSUMC EMAIL PRAYER MINISTRY**

If you are interested in being a member of our BSUMC email prayer ministry, please contact Peggy Traver at [pchurchmouse@earthlink.net](mailto:pchurchmouse@earthlink.net) .

Anyone may also submit prayer requests in this way, but be certain to get permission from the individual or family concerned.

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**Fair Trade** items will be offered for sale following the worship service on November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will again have at least three types of dark chocolate bars and of course, coffee (hazelnut too), tea, hot chocolate and smaller candy bars for our younger members. 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.

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**Annual Church Conference**

The Annual Church Conference will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the fellowship room.

# MUSIC NOTES

♪ Praise singers and guitarists are needed to lead the praise set the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are at 9:15 prior to the service – you do not have to be a part of the voice choir to sing with the praise team!

♪ Adult voice choir is rehearsing on Monday nights at 7:00 pm.

♪ Children's voice choir will be on a break until further notice.

♪ ABC (Adult Bell Choir) is rehearsing on Sunday after worship.

♪ CBC (Children's Bell Choir) will begin rehearsing Sunday evenings beginning October 4th at 6:00 pm.

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## New Tunes

Do you ever listen to some of the new songs we sing in church and wonder how other folks seem to already know them? Christian radio is the answer. If you would like to give it a try, check out these local stations.

93.7- Air1

94.5- KLove

94.9- Sounds of Life

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## The Church Kitchen

The signs are down and the rope is tucked away. Yes, the kitchen is done! The kitchen has been remodeled, painted, tiled, new plumbing, new electrical boxes, panel, and outlets installed, the refrigerator and freezer cleaned inside and out, new stainless-steel counters, new mixer, new sink, new cabinets, a new "home" for a microwave oven, even an up-dated spice cabinet.

**George Mallette and Gordon Willey** have spent 10 weeks creating this beautiful kitchen. Items have been placed in strategic places for optimal use, so things aren't quite where they used to be! George and Gordon have a few "small things" to finish up (don't ask!), but basically it is DONE!!!

So, a **HUGE** thank you to them for all their time and effort. Just don't ask them to do any major projects for a while!!



## Falling Leaves Ham Dinner

Many people have asked for the results, so here is where we stand as of the Monday after the dinner.

We served 157 dinners, received a few donations, for a total of \$2,082. The Bake Sale continued into Sunday morning and raised \$248. So, the total is \$2,333. A good dinner considering two other churches also had their dinners the same night.

We want to thank ALL the people who donated pies and baked goods and those who volunteered their time and effort to make this dinner a success. There were many compliments about the great service they received. Many asked when the next dinner was scheduled and they were told -- Roast Beef Dinner -- Saturday, December 5 -- 4:00 to 6:30 PM. That is just 6 weeks after this dinner!! So mark your calendar and be ready to sign up to help in any way you can.

Blessings to all,

Janet and George Mallette

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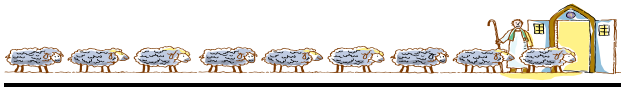


## Roast Beef Dinner December 5, 2015

We will hold our annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Room ---- 4:00 to 6:30. The family-style dinner consists of roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, butternut squash, rolls, pie and a beverage.

Cost: \$13 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12, children under 4 are free. Tickets are available at the door. Take-out dinners will also be available. There will also be a bake sale of homemade goodies.

Come and enjoy the food and hospitality!



## What's New in Sunday School

Things are going well in Sunday School, and we're settling in with our new classes of students and teachers and our new curriculum. We'd love to see more kids in Sunday School, so please reach out to others that you haven't seen in a while or invite a friend to check us out for the first time. Our teachers are ready to share the good news of God's love with all our children!

Once again this year we'll be sending home bags with our kids to collect food for our Food Pantry. You'll be seeing the bags come home over the next couple of weeks. If your family is able, please fill a bag with some food items. The Food Pantry is always in need of cereal, peanut butter, tuna, and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your help with this!

### Spotlight on Youth Groups

All three youth groups are off to a great start! All 3 groups are excited to work with our church family on Make-A-Difference Day. Keep an eye out for our youth ... they're amazing!

Blessings,  
Grace Paster, Director of Children's Ministry

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**Africa 360** is an initiative of the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. It combines initiatives of Imagine No Malaria and Africa University to fight poverty and disease in Africa and train its future leaders. Our Bishop, Mark J. Webb, has challenged each church in our conference to bring \$1000 to Annual Conference in 2016. The "God Blesses Us" t-shirt sales got us started in that goal bringing in \$104. More activities will be planned for the year.

Linda Sheeran- 885-1729 or [lsheeran6@gmail.com](mailto:lsheeran6@gmail.com)

#### **Impact at a Glance:**

**Malaria** kills **1** child every minute.

Approximately **1500** students are enrolled full-time at **Africa University** each academic year.

In Africa, the most affected continent, deaths due to malaria have **declined** by **49%** over the last decade, yet **594,000 deaths** still occur yearly.

More than **50%** of Africa University's students are **female**.

## **Finance Corner**

In November we celebrate Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. As we prepare to give thanks for our veterans and all our blessings, let us not forget the Church year drawing to a close. While we certainly have many blessings to be thankful for here at Ballston Spa United Methodist Church, the Treasurer informs me we are still operating in the red for this calendar year, a shortfall of approximately \$6000. We anticipate that some of this will be recouped during the last quarter.

Additionally, our budget for next year's operating expenses is slightly higher. The proposed spending plan for 2016 calendar year totals about \$160,000. The increase of about \$7000 is, for the most part, the result of mandatory changes in our Ministries and a small Personal Service increase. I am pleased that this spending plan was proposed and passed by the Administrative Council on October 13, 2015.

November is also the month for holiday shopping, holiday planning, preparing for holiday gift giving and buttoning up the house for winter. As you and your family begin to prepare for the holidays and colder days ahead, please take a look at your pledge and determine that you are up to date. With the rush of Advent and holiday activities, it's so easy to get behind or just put things off. This is a gentle reminder that the Church must continue to operate and incur expenses even as the year marches on and so many other activities engage our attention. Heating costs will be starting up again and so will snowplowing and the increased need for cleaning due to grit tracked in from our sanded walkways. We also hope we'll have more new people attending our Sunday services.

If you decide you want to simplify your giving, the Church offers the option of VANCO. That's the automatic withdrawal of a portion of your tithe amount each week from your bank account as you designate. Many of our members are electing this easy, secure and efficient method of providing a regular offering each week. They know a check is one more thing they don't have to worry about on Sunday morning and they can count on a clear and concise record at tax time. Also, should your VANCO offering need to be changed or ended, this can be done on very short notice. If you think VANCO might be of interest to you or if you have questions about how it works, please don't hesitate to speak to Heather Leggeri or me. Meanwhile, have a safe, happy and savory November.

In Christ,  
Don



# Community Supports the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Falling Leaves 5K

## 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 new entrance is now open, 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. They sometimes give money in memory of someone. We use that to purchase from the Regional Food Bank in Latham at a good price. We also receive a grant once a year from the Food Bank.

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.

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## Assistance needed for technology on Sunday mornings!

We are looking to develop a team of people to assist with operating the projection machine and recording the sermon each week. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, please contact Pastor Patti.

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**November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

The Ballston Spa UMC would like to thank its many sponsors and also those local businesses that provided a total of 38 gift certificates as door prizes for the 170 race participants. Because of their generosity, we expect to be able to return approximately \$5,000 to the selected charities for this year: the Ballston Area Clergy Assistance Fund, Shelters of Saratoga, and CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services.

Race sponsors included: the D.A. Collins Companies (including Jointa Galusha, LLC and Palette Stone) as our Presenting Sponsor at \$1,500; LaMarco Physical Therapy, P.C. as an Oak Leaf Cluster Sponsor at \$500; Armer Funeral Home, Ballston Carpet & Tile, Ballston National Bank, Ballston Spa Fitness, Pizza Works, Saratoga Organics & Hydroponic Supply, E. Stewart Jones Hacker and Murphy Law Firm, LLP, and Recovery Sports Grill as Maple Leaf Sponsors at \$250; and Agway of Ballston Spa, Alexander Blueline, Allerdice Building Supply, Baker's Auto Service, Capital Area Physical Therapy and Wellness, Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs, Joyce Garlock --Coldwell Banker, Lance Evans Memorials, Make Me Fabulous, Malta Animal Hospital, Mangino Chevrolet Buick GMC, Mayfair Jewelers, O'Brien Pharmacy, T-Shirt Graphics and Wilson Property Maintenance as Elm Leaf Cluster Sponsors at \$100. Businesses providing gift certificates for the runners were as follows: Anna's Flowers, Augie's Italian Restaurant., Ballston Spa Fitness, Bead Just So, Coffee Planet, Corina's Jewelry & Fine Crafts, Curtis Lumber, Doheny Oil Corp., Double M Haunted Hayride, Fleet Feet-Malta, Front Street Deli, Good Morning Café, Gore Mountain, Inspirational Touch Massage Therapy, Iron Roost, Kimberly Leahey, Lewis House B&B, Local 388 Burger Bar, Make Me Fabulous, MyGym, Next Door Kitchen & Bar, Pizza Etc., Red Dragon Karate School, Ruth Caswell-Arbonne Products, Sanders Meat Market, the Saratoga Hilton, Three Olives Restaurant, Tresa's Café, the Village Barber and Ye Olde Wishin Shoppe. Also, Stewart's Shops and Price Chopper provided refreshments for the runners after the race.

**We encourage church members and friends to please remember and support these sponsors and local businesses whenever you can over the next 12 months.**

We would also like to thank the many BSUMC volunteers that helped with the race and also those that participated by registering to run. Without everyone's help the race would not have been another record year for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Falling Leaves 5K.

We cannot end this without also thanking the many organizations that made our race possible by helping put on the race on October 10<sup>th</sup> including the Village of Ballston Spa, especially Jeff Gawrys and the DPW crew; the Village Fire Police; David Forbes of the Town of Milton; and the Ballston Spa Ambulance Corps.

5K Race Committee: Gary Wilson, Lynne Blake and Stan Lockwood





**Newsletter Deadline:**

The deadline date for the December issue of *The Tidings* newsletter is **November 12th**. You may e-mail your article to [bsumc@albany.twcbc.com](mailto: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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*November Tidings*

*"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"*