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Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

October, 2015

Ballston Spa United Methodist Church

101 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

10-1 Trustees (P)

10-4 Worship

10-4 Adult Bell Choir

10-4 Healthy Living Bible Study (P)

10-4 Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

10-5 Gracious Notes (P)

10-5 Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)

10-6 Finance (P)

10-7 Bible Study - Worship (P)

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10-9 FOGGS (4th & 5th grade) Youth Group (FR)

10-10 – Falling Leaves 5k & Kids' Fun Run – Kelley Park

10-11 Worship and Sunday School

10-11 Adult Bell Choir

10-11 Healthy Living Bible Study (P)

10-11 Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

10-11 Contemporary Worship Service (P)

10-12 Gracious Notes (P)

10-12 Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)

10-13 Church Council (P)

10-14 Bible Study (P)

10-14 Bible Study (P)

10-15 Prayer Shawl (P)

10-17 Falling Leaves Ham Dinner (FR)

10-18 Worship and Sunday School

10-18 Adult Bell Choir

10-18 Healthy Living Bible Study (P)

10-18 Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

10-19 Gracious Notes (P)

10-19 Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)

10-23 FOGGS (4th & 5th grade) Youth Group (FR)

10-24 Free Lunch (FR)

10-25 Worship/Sunday School

10-25 Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

10-25 Healthy Living Bible Study (P)

10-25 Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

10-25 Prayer and Healing Service (P)

10-26 Gracious Notes (P)

10-26 Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)

9-30 Bible Study (P)

9-30 Bible Study (P)

7:00 PM

10:00 AM

after worship

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





Greetings in the Name of Jesus,

Can you believe another Autumn is upon us? I love this time of year as we anticipate the beauty of the bright colors of the leaves, sweaters coming out of the closet, the Autumn decorations on porches begin to appear.

With this change in the weather and time of season present today, I ask this question...is there a change in your walk with God? Do you see the need to jump start your time of study and prayer life? This would be a perfect time to find a beautiful spot in creation to quiet yourself and spend time communing with the God of creation. God is waiting for us to come to him and talk about our cares and concerns. The Bible tells us to come and cast all your cares and burdens upon God. (Psalm 55:22, 1 Peter 5:7).

At the church we have begun new opportunities to worship and learn how to cast your cares upon our God. The 2nd Sunday of each month we will worship together at 6:30pm; the 4th Sunday each month we have prayer and healing at 6:30pm and then on Wed. at 10:00am and 7:00pm we hold a Bible study, plus the many, many places to serve our community through mission. These are great opportunities to strengthen your relationship with God and your understanding of how to live a Spirit-filled life.

Come and let us grow and change; let us bring the beauty of that which is given through Jesus to all those around us.

Until next month,

Rev. Patti



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.

New Worship Service



2nd Sunday of each month ...

6:30pm to 7:30pm

Held in the church parlor

Come and enjoy God's presence through song, sharing God's Word and His Table!

Prayer and Healing Service

4th Sunday each month

6:30pm-7:30pm

Held in the church parlor



Join us for a great move of God through prayer and healing!



The family of Jeff Blake wishes to thank the BSUMC family for their condolences and prayers on the passing of his mom, Dorothy Blake.

Your words, prayers, and presence at a difficult time mean so very much. Thank you.



Birthdays

10-1 Carter Natale
 10-2 Gary Wilson; Cassandra Totten
 10-3 Gary Ziele Jr.
 10-6 Eric Arnold; Christine Thompson
 10-12 Gordon Willey
 10-14 Gary Persons; Jeff Wainwright
 10-15 Ron Solotruk; Kim Ferguson
 10-17 Jeff Clark
 10-19 Nancy Cummings; Justin Sanders
 10-21 Brooke Doyle; Trisha Heffernan
 10-23 Katie Cummings; Braiden Schmidt
 10-25 Mary Ann Sardina; Debbie Costanzo; Connor Melton; Isabella Austin
 10-27 Patty LeRoy; Marcie Wilson
 10-28 Kristopher Kidwell
 10-29 Sarah De La Cruz; Emily Grentzer; Madeline Morrison
 10-31 Annabelle Morrison

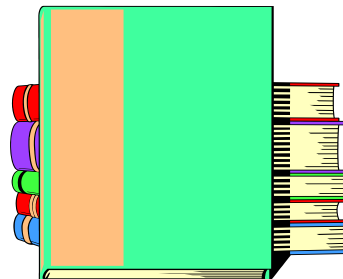
Anniversaries

10-2 George & Janet Mallette
 10-4 Donna & Stan Lockwood; Kirk & Carey Shoen
 10-17 Dolores & George Wilson

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



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!



Library Corner

The Portuguese Boy by Linda Leuzzi

Nine-year old Henriques De Jesus lives in this lively fishing village, where tough, burnished men make their living from the sea and women account for half the shop owners. Henriques doesn't fit in. He bumbles at sports, gets ridiculed by his brothers, and finds solace in observing birds, trees, and the day-to-day stories that unfold in his village. Gently coaxed by Old Francisco, the kind, local philosopher, Henriques begins a journal and discovers he is a writer. But he must pass a harsh test to succeed and confront his brutal brother Philip.

Will the villagers find Henriques' journals swept out to sea one by one? Can Henriques recreate within days, his story for the Coimbra Competition that originally took months? This poignant, humorous, inspirational story illuminates the importance of community and the magic that happens through belief in one's self. (Sylvia Carter)

Marilynn Peterson

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.

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



Fair Trade items will be offered for sale following the worship service on November 1st. We will have tea and coffee for sale which includes hazelnut and Colombian coffee varieties. 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.

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.



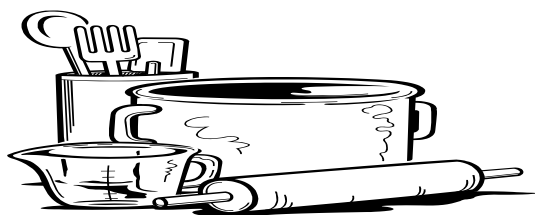
New Tunes

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



Oops ---- Missing!

Many of you know that George Mallette and Gordon Willey are remodeling the church kitchen. Yes, it has been a huge undertaking, but there have been a few people helping as well and slowly the room has taken shape.

So, what is missing? Several of the big pots for the double-boilers are gone. If you borrowed them, please return them! We have the Free Lunch program on September 26 and the Falling Leaves Ham Dinner on October 17 -- the pots are needed! Also missing is one of the long tables. We use 9 tables for the dinners and there are just 8 in the closet where they are stored. So, please return the table and the missing pots! Much appreciated!!



Falling Leaves Ham Dinner October 17, 2015

We will be holding a family style ham dinner on Saturday, October 17th from 4:00-6:30 PM.

The dinner will include roasted ham, raisin sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw and dinner rolls with a slice of pie for dessert. Beverages will include coffee, tea or juice.

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!



Embury Apartments Outreach

Our next outreach to the Embury Apartments at the Wesley Community will be another "Hymn Sing" on Sunday, October 18 from 4 – 5pm, Fellowship 5 -6 pm.

If you would like to help with set-up or making desserts please let Shirley Andrews know. 490 – 2006. Embury is on Lawrence St. in Saratoga Springs.



Healthy Living Bible Study

The Healthy Living Bible Study resumes on Sunday, September 27 from Noon – 1 pm in the parlor following Worship. We will meet for 6 weeks finishing on Sunday, November 1st. All members and interested new people can join in at any meeting. We are using the "Lose It For Life" text and workbook by Steve Arterburn and Linda Mintle. They can be purchased on line at Amazon.com, Christian Book Distributors or Cokesbury.com. Call Shirley Andrews for more info: 490-2006.



What's New in Sunday School

Sunday School has gotten off to a great start! The children all got to meet their new teachers on September 13th, and kids and teachers alike were blessed by the Blessing of the Backpacks on the 20th. We also took a special offering for Joshua so that we may continue to bless him and his family. Parents: please help your children remember to bring an offering for Joshua whenever it is possible. Every little bit helps to bless this special little boy in Uganda.

We are eager to get into our new curriculum with pre-k – 6th grade this year: "Deep Blue". The first unit the kids will be exploring is God's creation. "God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good." *Genesis 1:31*. Don't forget to ask your child what he/she learned in Sunday School and any special Bible verses!

We're looking forward to our first Group Gathering on October 11 to learn about the Indigenous People. Group Gatherings are a time when all of the children ages pre-K through Middle School will meet together. Ilah Sisson-Walser will be leading the first gathering. Any adults who would like to assist with the gathering please see Holly Flynn or me (Grace Paster). This is a great way to get involved with the Sunday School program with minimal commitment!

Spotlight on Youth Groups

All three youth groups are gearing up for a great year!

FOGGS (Followers of God's Great Son) is open to all 4th & 5th grade students. Their first meeting was September 25th and they generally meet on alternating Friday evenings. They are discussing some great ways to serve the Lord through service projects and have lots of fun ideas for the year.

LIFE (Living In Faith Everyday) is our middle school group for students in grades 6-8. We kicked off the year with a campfire and talked about plans for the first few months. We hope to have a good showing at the Falling Leaves 5K (both runners and volunteers) and we'll be attending the next non-traditional evening worship service.

SWAG (Standing With Almighty God) is our high school group for 9th-12th graders. They always have lots of activities to keep them busy so watch the church calendar for events.

We're also discussing options about mission trip opportunities for next summer.

Also – mark your calendars!! BSUMC will be observing **Make-A-Difference Day** on **October 25th!!** The three youth groups will be leading the whole church family in a service project. Stay tuned for more information!!

Blessings,
Grace Paster, Director of Children's Ministry



Make a Difference Day is a day when people all across the United States will be joining together with a common purpose – to improve the lives of others. The youth groups would like to invite the **entire BSUMC family** – all ages!! – to join us after worship on **Sunday, October 25th**, to do service for others. We have a few ideas of service projects to work on but if you have a project that is special to you, please get in touch with Grace Paster ASAP (884-0424, gracepaster@gmail.com). Together, we can make a difference!



Finance Corner

October is the month that allows us some breathing room between the rush of getting children back to school and the rush of preparing for the holiday season. Leaves are changing color and like the author of *Hebrews* advises, let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Ch. 12:1. From the perspective of the Finance Committee, this means we should all take a look at our Annual Pledges to consider where we are as we enter the final accounting quarter of the year. We are ending a summer when vacation absences might have meant a missed weekly donation. You can check the status of your tithe account with Heather Leggieri if you have any questions. This might also be a good time to consider signing up for VANCO, the automatic account withdrawal system for your weekly offering. It will simplify your Sunday mornings and your recordkeeping. With regard to Church finances, current to the end of the end of August, we show a shortfall of approximately \$7,000 for the 2015 calendar year. This can be explained, in part, because of particularly low attendance numbers during the summer and the usual drop in income for summer months. Some of this income will be made up over the coming months as people meet their pledge obligations and attendance increases as the holidays approach. Moreover, we are hoping that the annual Stewardship Campaign, which begins in September, will remind everyone again of their tithing obligations.

Yours in Christ,
Don



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.



Volunteers Needed!

The thrift shop is looking for volunteers for manning the store. It is open from 9:30 to 12 on Tuesdays. Usually you would be asked to help out one morning a month.

If you are available to give some time or have questions please call Thelma @ 885-9696 or Melody @ 490-2015.

Thanks for your support in another avenue to serve God!



Regional Food Bank Warehouse- Sunday, January 10, 2016, 1-3 pm

We are on calendar for volunteering in the Warehouse in Latham! We will be sorting and re-boxing donated food or other supplies. Bring a bag lunch to eat after church and we will car pool down together. Anyone 12 years of age and older is most welcome. Contact: Linda Sheeran at 885-1729 or lsheeran6@gmail.com.

Don't want to wait that long to help? See Linda to set up a time this fall to volunteer. Weeknight and Saturday shifts need to be filled too!



YOUNG ADULTS

Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

Psalms 119:66

Some of our young adults are back on campuses or out-of-state searching for a job or serving on a military base. But their church family is still here. Please keep them in your prayers, and reach out to them as you feel called. (Addresses are given by permission only.)

Emily Groff
95-710 Kipapa Drive, Unit 18
Mililani, HI 96789

Jennifer Taylor
195 Hillendale St.
Rochester, NY 14619

Shawn Taylor
440 Roberts Ave., PMB#2261
Pensacola, FL 32511-5151

Living Hope UMC: A Local New Ministry !

Aug. 29 marked the inaugural "Summer Fest" and the dedication of a new congregation and service at the [Living Hope United Methodist Church](#) in Waterford. The event introduced the new church, born from the merging of the historical Clifton Park and Waterford United Methodist churches. Summer Fest was a success as scores of people arrived for tours, food, games and worship. Check out the video <https://vimeo.com/137245885> for more of Living Hope's story.

Bishop Schnase, Best-selling Author, at Bishop's Retreat

UM Bishop Robert Schnase, from the Missouri Conference, said he is "looking forward to participating" in this year's Bishop's Retreat held Oct. 20-22 in Rochester. Part of his discussion will focus on his 2014 book, "Seven Levers: Missional Strategies for Conferences," and his newest release, "Just Say Yes!: Unleashing People for Ministry". Bishop Schnase is the well-known author of "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" a best seller, and the follow-up, "Five Practices of Fruitful Living". Pastor Patti will be attending this retreat.

Bishop Webb's Adirondack District Day- October 26

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb will be visiting each of the districts in the Upper New York Conference during his 2015-2016 District Days tour. The theme of the tour will be "Increasing Our Capacity: A Time of Conversation and Encouragement." At each location, Bishop Webb will spend the morning and lunch together with clergy. An evening session will be open to both laity and clergy. Our day is Monday, October 26 at Christ Church in Glens Falls, 7 - 9 pm. Please contact Linda Sheeran at 885-1729 or lsheeran6@gmail.com if you are interested in carpooling.



Bishop Webb

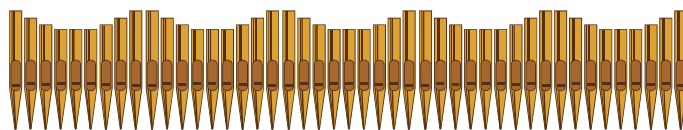
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T-Shirts Still Available

There are still some "God Blessed Us So That We May Bless Others" t-shirts in Sapphire Blue available. The cost is \$12, with \$4 for each sale going towards **Africa 360**, an Upper New York Annual Conference-sponsored program aimed at "ambitiously eliminating preventable deaths from malaria and equipping the next generation of leaders." Thank you to all those who have already purchased shirts and are wearing them on Sunday.





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.





The 9th Annual Falling Leaves 5K and kids run Saturday, October 10, 2015

The 9th Annual Falling Leaves 5K and Kids' Fun Run will be held on October 10, 2015 at 10 am (packet pick-up and day of race registration starts at 8:30 am).

The race will start and end at Kelley Park on Ralph Street in Ballston Spa.

There is plenty of parking available at the Village pool.

Please stay after the Kids' Fun Run for the awards ceremony, delicious baked goods, and the opportunity to win one of many gift certificates to local businesses!

This race benefits BACA (Ballston Area Clergy Association Community Assistance Fund), CAPTAIN, and Shelters of Saratoga.

Register on-line or use the attached registration form.

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Additional applications and online registration @ <http://www.ballstonspaumchurch.org/falling-leaves-5k-run.html>
<<http://www.ballstonspaumchurch.org/falling-leaves-5k-run.html>>

OR

<http://www.active.com/ballston-spa-ny/running/distance-running-races/falling-leaves-5k-and-kids-fun-run-2015>

"How Great Thou Art"

Story behind the Song

The words are from an old Swedish poem written by Rev. Carl Boberg in 1886. He wrote it after being caught in a midday thunderstorm with awe-inspiring flashes of lighting followed by bright sunshine and the calm tweeting of birds singing that the storm was over.

Boberg fell to his knees in awe of God's greatness and wrote a poem. Several years later he was at a church and was surprised to hear his poem sung to an old Swedish melody. The beautiful hymn has since gone around the world inspiring many of God's greatness and wonder.



Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline date for the November issue of *The Tidings* newsletter is October 16th. 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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October Tidings

"Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors"

