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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.



October, 2017

Ballston Spa United Methodist Church

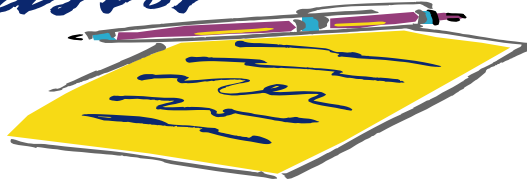
101 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

10-1 Worship	10:00 AM
10-1 Adult Bell Choir	after worship
10-2 Boy Scouts Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-2 Soloist Practice/ Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)	5:00/6:00 PM
10-3 Thrift Shop/Finance Committee Mtg.(P)	9:30-noon/ 7:00 PM
10-3 Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-4 Food Pantry	9:30-noon
10-5 Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-7 Falling Leaves 5k & Kids' Fun Run – Kelley Park	8:30 AM
10-8 Worship	10:00 AM
10-8 Adult Bell Choir	after worship
10-9 Columbus Day	
10-10 Thrift Shop/Council Mtg.(P)	9:30-noon/ 7:00 PM
10-10 Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-11 Food Pantry	9:30-noon
10-12 SPRC Mtg., (CP)	7:00 PM
10-12 Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-14 Falling Leaves Ham Dinner (FR)	4:00-6:30 PM
10-15 Worship	10:00 AM
10-15 Adult Bell Choir	after worship
10-16 Boy Scouts Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-16 Soloist Practice/ Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)	5:00/6:00 PM
10-17 Thrift Shop/Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	9:30-noon/7:00 PM
10-18 Food Pantry	9:30-noon
10-19 Laity Session with Bishop Webb (Queensbury UMC)	6:30-8:30 PM
10-19 Worship (P)/Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	7:00 PM/7:00 PM
10-22 Worship	10:00 AM
10-22 Fair Trade Sale/Adult Bell Choir	after worship
10-22 Apple Picking at Saratoga Apple	after worship
10-23 Boy Scouts Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-23 Soloist Practice/ Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)	5:00/6:00 PM
10-24 Thrift Shop/Nomination Committee Mtg.(P)	9:30-noon/ 7:00 PM
10-24 Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-25 Food Pantry/Prayer Shawl (P)	9:30-noon/ 6:30 PM
10-26 Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-29 Worship	10:00 AM
10-29 Adult Bell Choir	after worship
10-29 Boy Scouts Court of Honor	
10-30 Boy Scouts Mtg.	7:00 PM
10-30 Soloist Practice/ Voice Choir Rehearsal (P)	5:00/6:00 PM
10-31 Thrift Shop/Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	9:30-noon/7:00 PM

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



*From the
Pastor*



Birthdays

Greetings,

As many of you know, at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, August 27th, Rev. Bill Mudge, Adirondack District Superintendent, announced that my final day as your pastor will be Sunday, October 29th. This announcement was made by Rev. Mudge after I informed him of the decision I made to bring my time in ministry with you to a close.

This was not an easy decision for me and it is one that I have been struggling with over the past several months. During these months, I prayerfully reflected on whether or not I felt my gifts for ministry are what are needed to effectively prepare you to receive your next settled pastor. At the end of this period of discernment, I felt very strongly that, for your best interest and for mine, moving on would be the appropriate thing for me to do.

My stay with you has been rewarding and I appreciate the opportunity to have been appointed to this charge by Bishop Webb. While I have not been able to accomplish all that I had wanted to, I feel I have been helpful to you.

Over the next several months, Rev. Mudge will continue to be present with you and he will be working with your Staff/Parish Relations Committee on the appointment of your next pastor. I truly hope you will welcome your new pastor with great enthusiasm and that you will be successful in your continuing efforts to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Blessings,
Pastor Bob



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.



Thank you Pastor Bob

During the August 27th worship service, Rev. Mudge announced that after a period of prayer and discernment, Pastor Bob has determined he is no longer called to serve as pastor at the Ballston Spa United Methodist Church. Pastor Bob's resignation from service at the Ballston Spa United Methodist Church will be effective following the Sunday October 29th worship service.

Although we are saddened by this news, we thank Pastor Bob for his leadership at BSUMC and wish him and Sheila all the best with prayers as he begins his next journey.



Sincere thanks to those who shared a story for the Children's Message for July and August.

Karen Groff, Jan Mallette, Marilynn Peterson, Linda Sheeran, Karen Staulters, Melissa Taylor, and Debbie Thompson.



Library Corner

Susanna Wesley

A biography of the woman who married the well-known preacher, Samuel Wesley, and was the mother of John, founder of Methodism, and Charles, famous for the more than 6,000 hymns he wrote during his lifetime.

This is a fascinating book showing what a wonderful Christian mother Susannah was against great odds. She taught all the children and also found the time to meet each child individually to teach them about God's will and discuss their problems or questions.

Marilynn Peterson



11 th Annual Falling Leaves 5K – Run for Charity

Our 11th Annual Falling Leaves 5K Run for charity is Saturday, October 7th. During September we were advertising the Run and we were 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



Falling Leaves Ham Dinner

Annual Falling Leaves Ham Dinner

Saturday October 14

4:00 – 6:30 PM

Come enjoy a delicious home-made dinner served family style. Roast ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, pickles, dinner rolls, slice of pie and beverage.

Adults - \$13.

All takes out - \$13.

Children up to age 16 – Free.

The Bake Sale will offer a variety of goodies!

This is a church fundraiser, so come join us!

Good food – Good fellowship – God's Blessing!



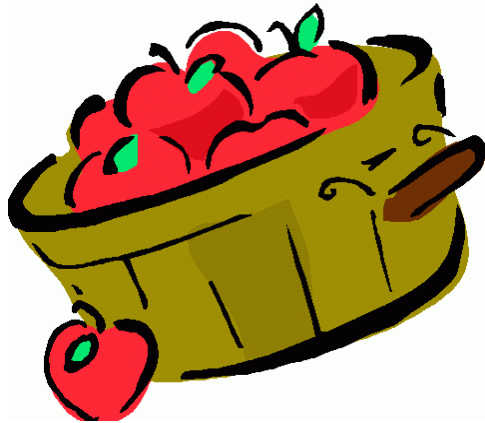
Summer Lunch Program 2017

The Summer Lunch Program 2017 was once again a great success. Thanks to all corporate and individual donors, 4,712 lunches were prepared and distributed during seven weeks. The Program was blessed to have had more than 50 volunteers this year representing all Village churches, staff from the school district and those faithful others who so unselfishly donated their time and energy.

This was the seventh year of the Program and we pray it will continue for many, many more years to come. Thanks to all who helped make the Program a success once again.

Blessings,

Debbie Thompson, SLP Mission Representative



Apple-Picking at Saratoga Apple Sunday, October 22

Bring a bag lunch to church and meet downstairs in the Fellowship Room after Coffee Hour. After we eat together, we will carpool to Saratoga Apple. It is approximately a 30-minute drive. If you prefer, you can meet us there.

In order to pick your own apples, you must purchase a pre-paid U-Pick bag.

Minimum purchase for U-Pick:

Per Adult: \$10 includes peck bag (approx. 10 lbs of U-Pick apples).

Per child (ages 4-12): \$7 includes half peck (approx. 5 lbs. of U-Picked apples)

The half bushel bag (approx. 20 lbs of U-Pick apples) costs \$20, & covers 2 adults or 3 kids for U-Pick.

It's simple and fun. Purchase your prepaid U-Pick bags, enough to cover the number of people in your party. Take the wagon ride across the road to the orchard. Fill the prepaid U-Pick bags in the orchard. Enjoy your time choosing from a variety of delicious apples, but please do not ask to enter our orchard during harvest

unaccompanied by prepaid U-Pick bag(s). During the U-Pick / harvest season, the orchard is reserved strictly for U-Pick customers.

For those not interested in U-Pick, Saratoga Apple offer a wide range of products, veggies, baked goods, and varieties of apples available for sale in the orchard store. Music is provided for your listening pleasure starting at 2 pm. Fresh cider and donuts are available for purchase all day, every day.

Join the fun, the views, and the delicious tastes of fall with your church family!

The Food Pantry would love to distribute some fresh apples to their families/clients, so feel free to pick for them as well!

Contact: Linda Sheeran at [518-885-1729](tel:518-885-1729) or lsheeran6@gmail.com



Welcome Mr. Keith

Ballston Spa United Methodist Church has a new custodian. We would like to welcome Mr. Keith Wood to the staff of BSUMC. Keith will clean the church and church house. Keith typically cleans when no one is in either facility, however, should you happen to meet him, please give him a warm BSUMC welcome.



Young Adult Addresses

If your young adult has moved away from home due to college or military service, for example, and would like to periodically receive mail from their church family, please feel free to share their address with Linda Sheeran at lsheeran6@gmail.com. Cards and/or packages will be sent throughout the year.



Skye Farm News!

A special **Anniversary Banquet** to celebrate 75 years and share the future vision for Skye Farm will be held on **Saturday, November 4th** at Saratoga United Methodist Church, 175 Fifth Ave. Saratoga Springs, NY.

For questions and further info: please call Skye Farm at 518-494-7170 or visit the website: www.skyefarmcamp.org



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUPS

This Fall there are an Ecumenical Youth Groups that meet Sunday afternoons at Christ Episcopal Church. Middle School group meets from 2-4 p.m. and High School group meets from 3-5 p.m. The overall time is opportunity for fun and fellowship between the two groups.

Contact Laura Marino if you have any questions: marinolaura@yahoo.com, at 518-581-2456, or check the youth group's website radicalyouth.org



Concert: Harmonic Brass, Munich

Since 1991, Harmonic Brass has been renowned for their big elegant brass sound.

An ensemble of one female and 4 males spreads good humor, combining a meticulous baroque performance with giggling boyishness. First United Methodist Church is pleased to offer this performance as part of their 40th

Anniversary Concert Series which serves to glorify God through the gift of music.

Sunday, October 1, 2017, 3:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

603 State St., Schenectady, NY

518-374-4403

www.fumcschenectady.org

Cost: None



Greeters Needed!

A welcoming smile. A positive disposition. A strong arm to open a door. These are the requirements of a Sunday Morning Greeter. If you would be interested in opening the outside doors as folks come for church, greeting them with a friendly welcome, and answering any questions they may have, please contact Linda Sheeran at lsheeran6@gmail.com or 885-1729. Greeters are needed at each entrance.



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!



Outreach to the Regional Food Bank coming again this fall!



Women's weekend 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. _____

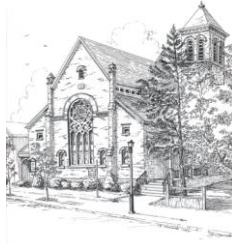
Send to: Linda Sheeran, 19 Pinehollow Drive,
 Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Calendar is attached.



Newsletter Deadline:

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

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"