



Pentecost 2017  
“So Now What Do We Do?”

*37 Cut to the quick, those who were there listening asked Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers! Brothers! So now what do we do?" 38 Peter said, "Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away - whomever, in fact, our Master God invites." 40 He went on in this vein for a long time, urging them over and over, "Get out while you can; get out of this sick and stupid culture!" 41 That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up (Acts 2: 37-31 MSG).*

As we read the account of Pentecost in the book of Acts, Luke tells us that as Peter proclaimed the message of Christ to the crowd, something remarkable happened-they were pierced in the depth of their heart. You see, that is what the Holy Spirit did on Pentecost and certainly, the Holy Spirit still does the same to us today. Those that heard the powerful message were convicted to the extent that they ask Peter, and the other apostles, “So now what do we do?” Peter urges them to repent from their sins, be baptized in the name of Christ and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Because of Peter’s message and the powerful work of the Holy Spirit, those who heard it responded in the affirmative and the church of Christ grew immensely.

I am convinced that the Holy Spirit is still actively working in our lives, in various situations and circumstances, in the church, and in the world at large. As we clearly recognize and experience the power of the Holy Spirit, the question for us is the same as those that were convicted as Peter preached the good news of Christ-“What should we do?” The Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us the assurance that we are a new people in Christ. The Holy Spirit leads us to take action, when we ask the question, “What shall we do?”

What have you done from Pentecost 2016 to this present time? I believe this is a time for us as the church of Christ to pause for a moment and ask, “What have we done?” Have we fulfilled the challenge of 2016 to bring at least one soul to Christ? We remember that on the day of Pentecost, the church was born and it grew in numbers. Wouldn’t it be a great joy and blessing as we celebrate the birthday of the church this year, that we too celebrate the birth of new Christians? Our celebration at BHUMC is that we have seen some new faces (adults, youth and children) becoming involved in our faith community. I ask that you hold these people in your daily prayer. My hope is that as we pray for them, the Holy Spirit that works within them would continue to help them live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

*Have a Spirit-filled Pentecost*

Rev. Andy M Anderson

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**RESTART – Ministry of Syracuse UM Churches**



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**Mission:** To ‘come along side’ and help out families and individuals going through a life restart by creating a ministry which allows our communities to collect from those with resources and give to those in need.

**Needs:** (1) Volunteers to help transport, load and unload needed items; (2) Vehicles to be used to pick up and deliver items; (3) Donations: lamps, pots & pans, kitchen table/chairs, dressers, bookcases/shelving, large plastic storage bins/tops, couch (no sofa beds), chairs, beds, blow-up mattresses, linens (i.e. towels – kitchen & bath, blankets, comforters, sheets (no bed skirts please), silverware, dishes, serving bowls, drinkware. No TVs or appliances; (4) Monetary donations to pay for a storage unit for donated items, rental trucks for transportation, bus passes, store gift cards.

Coordinator/Volunteers & Donations: Carol Karins

### **LOVE BETWEEN THE LINES**

Submitted by Maxine Adams

His children called him daddy and his grandchildren called him grand-daddy. That was my dad Cecil Patterson. He wasn't outwardly demonstrative and he was a man of few words but he had a love for us that we never doubted. With dad I learned to see his love between the lines.

The Christmas I received my coveted blue bike, and couldn't wait to ride it, dad ran behind me in the cold holding me up. I saw his love between the lines. The 1963 winter I was pregnant and craved watermelon he found it for me somewhere. I saw his love between the lines. The year I separated from my husband and was financially broke my dad came to my house and placed a large sum of money in my hands without my asking. I saw his love between the lines. When I was being honored for an achievement he stood before a room full of strangers to tell them how proud he was of me. I saw his love between the lines. Every time he called and asked me if I had everything I needed, I saw his love between the lines.

Psalm 127:3-5 says, “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.”

My dad affirmed how true this scripture is each time I saw his love between the lines.

### **NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS**

Hard to believe but we are nearing the end of our regular school year! Teachers and students are hard at work planning special celebrations for June 15 and 16 to mark the end of a fantastic year!



Registration continues for Fall 2017! Please let any interested families know to call Kathy at (315) 475-2344 for more information and to schedule a tour!

Preparing for our year end celebrations means recalling the year's big highlights and small victories! Our staff and students enjoyed many of our annual traditions together such as our trip to Tim's Pumpkin Patch. You may be surprised to learn that BHNS pioneered the 'Tim's Pumpkin Patch field trip'. Many years ago, our Director contacted the folks at Tim's to inquire about bringing our classes to their lovely patch. Tim's agreed it was a good idea and voila, school trips to Tim's Patch in Skaneateles were born. We are now one of many schools visiting their farm each fall but the only one to proudly wear the title of "First"! The folks at Tim's eagerly await our call in September and fondly recall the story of how the field trip experience began.

We also shared in the little daily victories of discovery. We learned what it looks and feels like to be a friend, that we can make something new with the big blue blocks each day and explore the first phase in our Playground Pizzazz Project – the newly fenced grassy area! Each day brings a new adventure when learning happens through play! That's a tradition, much like pioneering the Tim's Pumpkin Patch field trip, we will proudly hang onto!

Reflecting on this year brings to mind how all of this is accomplished as a team. Parents, church community, staff and students all work together to create a welcoming, safe and fun learning environment.

All of us at BHNS are grateful and wish you a warm, relaxing and fantastic summer!

### **ROAD RALLY/PICNIC**

Put June 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar so that you won't miss this year's road rally/all church picnic. It will be held right after church on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. No prior experience required. Each car will receive directions to an undisclosed location where we will have a dish to pass picnic with the hot dogs and hamburgers supplied. The directions will tell you where to turn and how fast to drive. You will also be provided a sealed envelope with the picnic location in case you get lost! The object is to make all the proper turns (from cleverly? worded clues) and to drive at the designated speed indicated on the directions. Therefore, you should arrive at the picnic location in a predetermined amount of time and also traversing a predetermined number of miles. A winner will be crowned and all will be guaranteed of having a great time!

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### **VBS PLANS IN THE WORKS**

Plans are shaping up for a VBS – Vacation Bible School – at Bellevue Heights this summer. We're building on our model that worked so well in past years. Our plans are to hold the VBS on August 15-17 from 5:30-8:00 pm. Each evening will feature an exciting Bible story. Children will learn the stories and their importance through arts and crafts, music, storytelling and outdoor activities. There are several people already working on the VBS. Pastor Andy, Sue Nielsen and Laura Mattice are on the planning team and have signed up to be group leaders. Jeanie Brown has volunteered to work on arts and crafts. Tammy Tessier has taken a leap of faith and offered to do "whatever you need me to do."

We are putting more details together and you can count on lots of updates. You can participate by lifting up the VBS in prayer, thinking of children to invite, and considering ways you could participate in the VBS itself. If there is something specific, you would like to offer, please let me know and we'll put you to work.



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This is an important ministry, and we are pledging ourselves to do it well with joyful hearts.

Gretchen Kinnell  
VBS Planning Team

## HOLY LAND TRIP

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I plan to join Bishop Mark Webb on a trip to the Holy Land January 9-19, 2018. I am looking forward to such and extend an invitation to you to join me on this trip. If interested, please see me for a travel registration form. Thank you.

**Andy Anderson**

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## MOUNTAIN GOAT MONUMENT AND OUR WALT PRICE

Recently, the new Mountain Goat Monument was unveiled at “little round-top” in Onondaga Park. The inaugural Hall of Fame was announced and it included Walt Price. This year’s race included about 3600 runners and it all began with Walt back around 1976. Next time you see Walt congratulate him and, on a nice spring day, take a stroll in Onondaga Park and see the monument with Walt’s name inscribed!



### *June Birthdays*

**Happy Birthday to you!!!**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 Jennifer Davis      | 17 Jeffrey Morey      |
| 03 Brendan Kinnell     | Stephanie Sherwood    |
| Megan Vinette          | Matthew Cutler        |
| 04 Gretchen Karins     | 18 Cathy Waelde       |
| 06 Betty Vaughn        | 19 Matthew Martin     |
| Beverly Large          | Colleen Kinnell       |
| 07 Kathryn Steele      | 20 Pauline Filsinger  |
| Taylor Lounsbery       | 21 Clifford Crain III |
| 08 Amithy Long         | 22 Nellie Hamlin      |
| 09 Elizabeth Henry     | Geoffrey Lewis        |
| Lorena Lewis           | 24 Terry Durham, Jr.  |
| William Martin         | 25 Jessica Bygall     |
| 10 Irene Barmore       | Shannon O’Leary       |
| Alexandra Hill-Gilbert | 26 Marlon Woolner     |



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| 11 | Eric Wilson       |    | Elizabeth Newman    |
| 12 | Douglas Lewis     | 27 | Patrick Rankin      |
|    | Gregory Forties   |    | Maura Kusak McGuire |
|    | Jeremy Castle     | 28 | Isabella Melson     |
|    | Robert Shanebrook |    | Christopher Sands   |
| 13 | Elijah Morgan     | 29 | Ursula Hubby        |
| 14 | Peter Ott         |    | Jamie O’Leary       |
| 17 | Maxine Adams      |    |                     |

**Be sure to wish Happy Birthday to Pauline Filsinger on June 20<sup>th</sup> and Ursula Hubby on June 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be 98 and 96 years young, respectively!!**

## **City Wide Youth Group 2017**

Save the following dates for some exciting activities for youth in Grades 7-12:

### **Schedule:**

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| June 4  | Road Rally/All Church Picnic |
| June 11 | TBD                          |

If you have any questions, please call:  
Diane Morgan or Laura Mattice

### **BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK UPDATE**

From a beginning feeding 50 children at Delaware Elementary each school weekend, Bellevue’s program is partnered with Robinson Memorial and is feeding 124 children. The new program manager of national Blessings in a Backpack is coming to visit us at Bellevue Heights on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M. She is proud of our growth. We have applied for a \$2000 grant from the UMW conference, and we will soon be applying to The CNY Community Foundation for a grant of \$5000. Also, the United Church of Fayetteville is planning to sponsor five children for three years. Last Sunday Charlie and Jeanie presented our program to the mission group at University UMC. They sounded quite interested and would rather help our program than start their own. They will bring our request for help before their Administrative Council and will get back to us.

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### **New Prayer Chain Coordinator**

Ann Toscano has taken over responsibility for coordinating the Prayer Chain now that Eleanor Murphy has moved to Ohio. Anyone wishing to become a part of the prayer



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chain and/or anyone with a concern to be placed on the prayer chain may call Ann at 315-492-0702.

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## **TUTOR A CHILD THIS SPRING AT BROWN MEMORIAL**

Each Tuesday and Thursday through the end of the school year, students and tutors meet from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Brown Memorial United Methodist Church. We welcome adults who are willing to work with a child between the ages of 6 and 15. Students and tutors gather to eat a snack, pray, read together, practice writing skills and do math. Please consider joining us for this ministry with children and youth who can benefit from encouragement and developing academic skills. Please contact Joyce Trinkley-Wolfson at [trinkwolf@yahoo.com](mailto:trinkwolf@yahoo.com) or Pastor Chris at 315-385-7592.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE:

**June 4 – Day of Pentecost (Red):** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35*b*; 1Corinthians 12:3*b*--13; John 7:37-39

**June 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday (White):** Genesis 1:1-2; 4*a*; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

**June 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green):** Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

**June 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green):** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 17; Romans 6:1*b*-11; Matthew 10:24-39

## COFFEE HOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

<b>June</b>	<b>Finance</b>
July/August	Congregation Signups
September	Church Council
October	Youth Group
November	Worship
December	United Methodist Women
January	Trustees
February	Staff Parish
March	Mission
April	Friends in Faith and Fellowship
May	Choir

## USHERS FOR JUNE:

Ushers – Jim Morgan, Phyllis Sherwood, Wayne Gallaher  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Mike Drake

## UMW NEWS

On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, six of our UMW ladies attended the Spring District Meeting at Fayetteville UMC. The program was a dramatization of the walk to Emmaus,



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by two male actors from a Methodist congregation. It was good and humorous! The luncheon was very tasty. Bellevue's UMW, along with four others, received a Mission Today award.

Our on-stage bazaar this spring collected \$383 and sold most of our baked goods and other items. Thanks to all who baked, crafted, helped on stage, and bought our stuff!

Our May meeting had a speaker from The Neighbor-hood Center headquartered in Utica, who told us about their numerous activities and their long history of helping the Utica community and beyond. Our hostesses were Hope and Joy Circle. This was our last meeting until September.

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### **SUMMER CHURCH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

It is time to start planning for summer camp at one of your favorite UMC camps. Brochures are available in the narthex or you can review them online at [www.casowasco.org](http://www.casowasco.org). Scholarship funds are available for any youth who needs assistance. Please see Diane Morgan if you are interested in summer camping and scholarship fund.

In order to send as many of our younger church family members as we can, we require the additional funds. Anyone who would like to donate to the BHUMC campership fund, please do so by placing a monetary donation in the Sunday offering plate. You may also give any donations to Diane or by sending to the church office. Whatever way you choose to donate, please attach a note indicating it is for the BHUMC Campership fund. Thank you for your assistance.

**GREETER:** Dawn Daggett

### **LITURGISTS FOR JUNE:**

June 4 – Charlie Brown

June 11 – Steve Mattice

June 18 – Linda Randall

June 25 – Connie Myers-Kelly

If you cannot make it, please find a replacement & advise Linda by Wednesday of the week you are scheduled. Thank you.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



**Congratulations to:**

Bev & Bob Large	6/06/59
Sandy & David Cole	6/07/91
Laura & Steve Mattice	6/09/90
Brianne & Isaac Santiago	6/09/01
Susan & Gordon Spooner	6/15/74
Pam Martin & Richard Louer	6/21/80
Judith & Christopher Sands	6/21/86
Stephen & Lyndsie Mangano	6/21/08
Lisa & Robert McIntyre	6/25/88
Meghan & Todd Doss	6/29/01

Please notify the church office, either by email or phone, of any necessary changes.

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**ROAST BEEF DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS**

Thank you to all the bakers, waiters, cooks, dishwashers, table setters and everyone else who worked on the dinner. A special thanks to our dedicated cooks, Ray Brunner, Steve Mattice and John Ott, who spent the entire day the kitchen preparing the wonderful food! We served 360 people in the dining room and another 100 opted for take-outs. When you add in the help, we served a total of 500. The profit of about \$2300 is used for the benefit of the church general budget. (And a special thank you to Jim Morgan for coordinating it all!!)

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP IN THE CITY**

All dates are Wednesdays and all times 7:00 am:

- June 7 - Erwin First UMC
- June 14 - Onondaga Nation
- June 21 - Bellevue Heights UMC
- June 28 - External location to be determined