



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE BELL

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**At Church on Sundays:
Beginning June 30 New Hours**

◆ **9:00 am** Early Informal Service

◆ **10:00am** Regular Service
This service also available live on

Facebook and YouTube. The Church's website has the links.

◆ Sunday School & Youth Group—see inside for details

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Pastor Danyal is enjoying a well-earned break. He will have a new message for us in the Fall.

LEAVING? TAKE US WITH YOU!

Vacation plans this summer? Take the church along. Bring your church t-shirt, wear it during your trip and send us a selfie! If possible, include in the picture something that shows where you are. You standing in the Grand Canyon wearing your church t-shirt. Send the picture to jschmidt13050@gmail.com and we'll find a way to share in the fall. A fun way to help spread the Good News! Some of the most interesting conversations begin with a t-shirt!



See you in September as the song says. Have a wonderful and safe Summer.

THE LECTIONARY FOR JULY

JULY 7—7th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:-10; Mark 6:1-13

JULY 14—8th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29



JULY 21—9th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

JULY 25—10th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

A Reconciling Congregation

THE LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST



AUGUST 4—11th Sunday After Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

AUGUST 11—12th Sunday After Pentecost
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 4-51

AUGUST 18—13th Sunday After Pentecost
1 Kings 2:10-12,; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

AUGUST 25—14th Sunday After Pentecost
1 Kings 8:(1,6, 0-11), 40-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Membership Committee was asked to begin a formal review of the church membership list, which has not been done for many years. Currently there are about 700 names on the list. We want to be sure that we have correct contact information and that the people on the list actually want to be members.



One of the first things the committee noticed is that many children of members who joined the church years ago are still listed under their parents’ address. Where do they live now? Do they still consider themselves members of our church? Some people on the list have no contact address at all. And some live out of the area, so we want to check to be sure they should still be on the list.

It looks like there will be a number of people we need to contact to answer our questions. You can help! If you have information about people who should not be listed as members or you have updated addresses and membership information for your children or other people on the list, please send emails to membership@fumceg.org. Or speak to one of the committee members.

The list will take some time to review. Ultimately, the people we can’t identify will become part of the formal two-year process The United Methodist Church has in place to remove people from membership. Any help you can give us to get that work done sooner will be appreciated.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

As the song says, “See you in September” . Have a wonderful and safe summer.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hello Sunday School families and happy summer!

Thank you for the great year in Sunday School, we shared some great memories and made new friendships. Don't forget Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. We will have VBS right at church - **July 22-26** from 5:30-7:30. Check your emails or the Facebook page for the registration link. We hope to see all the children there, and be sure to tell all of your friends about VBS! All kids are welcome to join us. There is still opportunity for church members to help: Sponsorships, volunteering with decor the week prior, helping with food donations, or simply volunteering the nights of VBS!

Tuesday evening Bible adventures with Pastor Danyal have been **cancelled** until further notice.

I can't wait to see you all next September, when Sunday School begins again!

Enjoy your summer!

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OUR STORYTELLING NIGHTS CONTINUE WITH

Can We Talk About This?

On Wednesday evening, **August 7** at 7:00, we will welcome the founder of the Mental Health Awareness and Creative Arts Gallery located in Hudson, NY, Brian Belt, for our latest Storytelling Night Presentation. Brian is a recovering addict who will speak honestly and openly about his challenging journey through addiction and recovery. Diagnosed with schizophrenia and substance use disorder in 2006, Brian is anxious to share with others how he has achieved success. He is a NY certified peer specialist and leads a peer support group at the psychiatric hospital in Columbia County. Brian is anxious to continue the discussion with others about mental health awareness to help reduce the stigma that continues to surround mental health. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us. Brian will answer questions. **Join us for pizza before the presentation at 6:30 pm.**



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MILLER'S BACKYARD BBQ -CHICKEN DINNER DRIVE THRU



Wednesday, **August 14** - 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm— drive thru only—**no reservations**

The dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, potato, slaw, corn bread for \$15.00 This is a new fundraising effort. Proceeds to be used for Church Building Projects . Put this date on your calendar and tell everyone you know how to enjoy a mid-week night, great meal, with no cooking!!! Check them out at [www.facebook.com/MillersBackyard BBQ](http://www.facebook.com/MillersBackyardBBQ)

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