

THE BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

“ I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

WATCH OUR SERVICE ONLINE

You can watch our Sunday Morning Worship service on Facebook live each week at 11am at www.facebook.com/BvilleCWChurch. You can also find the links to past services on our church website at www.BvilleCWC.com. Our church service is also aired on Spectrum Digital channel 98 and Verizon channel 30 at 5pm on Saturdays & Sundays.



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MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Guys, don't miss this month's Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, April 11th**, from **8-9am** in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to invite the boys and men in your life to join you for a hearty breakfast at church while getting to know others better in a relaxed setting. Come enjoy a breakfast made by men for men.



MOMS CONNECTING:

Moms, join us for our April get together on **Wednesday, April 8th**, from **6:30-7:45pm**. All Moms are welcome. This month we will have a guest speaker and discussing "Helpful Tips for Family Finances". There will be refreshments and the chance to win a door prize. Free childcare available.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? If you have prayer needs you can submit your request on the church app or email it to communitywesleyanchurch.com@gmail.com anytime or you can call the church office at 315-635-3501 during office hours.

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HOLY WEEK



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:

Life is busy and fast-paced. Holy Week will be no different. So come on **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd**, at **6:30pm** for a time of slowing down and focusing on what Jesus did for you and how much He loves you. We will celebrate communion, sing a few songs and spend time in prayer - all things Scripture tells us that Jesus and his disciples did this evening of Holy Week.



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST:

Join us Easter morning, **April 5th**, at **10am** for breakfast with your church family. We will be having a waffle bar with make your own waffles with your favorite toppings. All are welcome to attend. Barb Good will be showing the movie "The Easter Story" for the kids at **10:30am** in CWKidz Room. Regular Sunday School classes will not be meeting that day. Join us at **11am** for our Easter Celebration Service.

APRIL CHURCHTIME VOLUNTEERS



Nursery

- April 5th: TBA
- April 12th: Stacey Hauswirth
- April 19th: Lynn Hannon
- April 27th: Kristin Diener

Toddler Class & Floater

- April 5th: Colleen & Mike Hodell
- April 12th: Kari Clark & Checka Palmisano
- April 19th: Dorothy Polmanteer & Ayla Stormes
- April 26th: Chris & Heather Knepp

Pre-K/K Class & Security Person

- April 5th: Chris Sykes & Paul Hernandez
- April 12th: Rachel Coleman & Jason Coleman
- April 19th: Barb Good & Dave Lewis
- April 26th: Chris Sykes & Christopher Rawlins

CWKidz JAM

- April 5th: WKFM Barb Good & Patsy Sweeney
- April 12th: Jennifer Lewis & Heather Knepp
- April 19th: Ticia Wicks & Kareen Morris
- April 26th: Sandra Darwish

Greeters

- April 5th:
 - Sara Guenther & Laurel Didget (sanctuary)
 - Chermaks (front door) & Mike Hodell & Sam Wilmot (back door)
- April 12th:
 - Sandy & Paul Hilliard (sanctuary)
 - Chermaks (front door) & Scott Spier (back door)
- April 19th:
 - Lynn Hannon & Kari Ann Clark (sanctuary)
 - Diane Chermak (front door) & Mark Chermak (back door)
- April 26th:
 - Beth DeWeese & Sara Guenther (sanctuary)
 - Laurel Didget (front) & Paul Hilliard (back door)



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NEW SERMON SERIES:

Starting **Sunday, April 12th**, we will begin a new sermon series on discipleship. How would you define discipleship?

For too long the Church has defined discipleship as just learning. The model of discipleship was the classroom, small groups or a worship service. But when we look at how Jesus disciplined his followers, there is a component that is missing in many Christian's discipleship. During this series we will look at some of the challenging passages of Scripture that deal with discipleship and look at how Jesus disciplined his followers.

Don't miss this series as we unpack what discipleship is and what it looks like.



SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, May 21st, at **6:30pm** will be the Annual Church Meeting. You are invited to come and participate in the meeting. During this time a church board will be elected as well as the election of some other positions. We will look at reports from the different ministries and celebrate what God did this past church year. Ministry leaders reports are due **Friday, May 8th**.



BAPTISM SERVICE:

There will be an informational meeting to explain and talk about baptism on **Monday, April 6th**, at church. If you would like to know more about baptism: what it is and why we do it or interested in being baptized, please attend the meeting. We will be having a baptismal service on **Sunday, April 26th**.

Updates from Your Local Church Board

LBA ACTION IN MARCH:

1. The board approved the missions committee request to send \$4,000 to our missionaries in Guatemala to help build another classroom for the school that is used to train pastors.
2. The board voted to send the local benevolence money (\$2,430) to the Joseph House in Syracuse. This is a home for women and their children who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurities. They not only provide safe housing but time, resources, spiritual care & opportunities to make real long-term & life-changing decisions.

BEAUTIFUL MESS MINISTRIES:

Hand to Hand Market is on **Saturday, April 11th**. Please meet at Casa de Paz, 907 Butternut St., Syracuse at **10am** for prayer and further instructions. See Pastor Carl or Cindy with any questions.



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS:

This year as a church we celebrate 70 years of being in the Baldwinsville community; 70 years of showing and sharing the love of Jesus to our community. Over these 70 years, CWC has had 7 pastors and 2 assistant pastors. From 1980-1982 **Randy Boschee** served as the assistant pastor, than **Carl Chapman** served as assistant pastor from 1987-1999.

Jerard Aman was the first pastor at CWC. He served from 1956-59.

In the Spring of 1959, Baldwinsville called **Gerald Jack** to become its second pastor. Reverand Jack served as pastor for 18 years. In July 1977 he and his family left Baldwinsville to become missionaries in Puerto Rico.

Roger Rounds moved into the parsonage in July 1977 and assumed pastor's responsibilities. He pastored for two years. He resigned to accept a call to serve as a missionary in Australia.

The church was without a pastor from 1979 to 1980, but during that period **Earl Mills**, a layman from the church, stepped into that role.

Lewis O'Veil was the next pastor and he led the church from 1980-84. It was under his leadership that **Randy Boschee** was hired as an assistant pastor.

After Lewis left, the church called **Jim Willson** to be pastor. He served from 1984-99. It was during his leadership that the church hired **Carl Chapman** as the assistant pastor.

When Jim left, the church voted to have **Carl Chapman** step into the lead pastor role. And from 1999 to the present, Carl Chapman has been the Sr. Pastor.



Jerard Aman
1956-59



Gerry Jack
1959-77



Roger Rounds
1977-79



Lewis O'Veil
1980-84



Jim Willson
1984-99



Carl Chapman
1999-Present



L to R: Jerard Aman, Gerry Jack, Earl Mills, Roger Rounds, Jim Willson, Carl Chapman

Picture taken at our 50th Anniversary in 2006.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES SPRING QUARTER**

Classes Meet Weekly
from 9:45-10:45am.



#1. 1 & 2 Thessalonians - Wesley Press

Paul wrote two letters to the young believers in the city of Thessalonica. These letters focus on the 2nd coming of Christ and the judgment that the 2nd coming will bring upon the wicked. Paul urges them to live holy lives, & to remain steady in their faith, emphasizing the importance of having perseverance and living responsible Christian lives while waiting for Christ's return.

Teacher: Ticia Wicks Location: Board Room

#2. Faith Foundations

Whether you've been a Christian for years, discovered faith in Jesus recently, or are still wondering what it is all about, we all share similar questions about why and how to live out our faith. We wonder: What are we made for? What does it look like to know God deeply? Why are we called to reflect His light to those around us and how do we do that? Together we will examine foundational truths for becoming mature disciples of Christ. Some topics include: Why You are Here, What is God's Will for Your Life and The Discipline of Prayer.

Teacher: Pastor Carl Chapman

Location: Fellowship Hall, Far Side

#3. Men's Bible Study (2 Books)

"Unstuck" - Learn the 7 steps to break free and live courageously. This book is a collection of stories & reflections meant to help you begin the journey of getting unstuck through God's power within you.

"Battle Cry" - This book aims to help men with internal battles to live more fully, become better husbands, fathers and leaders. The author looks at redefining what it means to be a man, teaching you to master your emotions, improve your relationships and heal trauma.

Teacher: Paul Hernandez

Location: Upstairs Corner Room

#4. Think Ahead

This study gives us 7 life-defining pre-decisions that provide a foundation for success. Every choice you make, as well as the ones you choose not to make, cast a vote towards who & what controls your life. Regardless of where you are, you probably would like to change the way you've been making decisions in your life or continue making good choices in a more consistent way. Join us in learning how to make decisions that glorify God.

Various Teachers

Location: Fellowship Hall, Kitchen Side

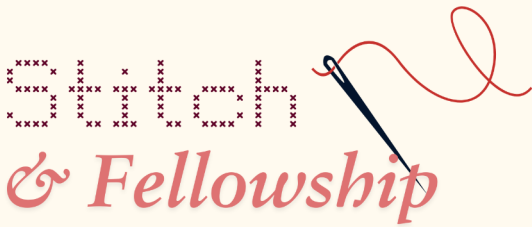


9:45AM SUNDAY CWKIDZ CONNECT:

Children Age 2-5: Led by Chris Sykes

Children 1st-5th Grade

- April 5th: Easter Breakfast and then at 10:30am movie, "The Easter Story" with Barb Good
- April 12th: "Kidz Serve" with Jenn Lewis
- April 19th: "Bible Wrap Up" with Susan Dyer
- April 26th: "Connect Time" with Shane Diener



STITCH & FELLOWSHIP:

Ladies are welcome to come and bring personal projects while sharing fellowship on **Thursday, April 23rd**, from **1-3pm**. You are welcome to bring sewing, stitching or knitting/crochet or crafting projects and we will have coffee/tea and treats to share. And if you would like to just come and visit, we'd love to see you. Please contact Kathy Weller at kitwhel@gmail.com or 315-561-3656 if you are interested or have questions.



Believe. Receive. Become.

LADIES SPRING RETREAT



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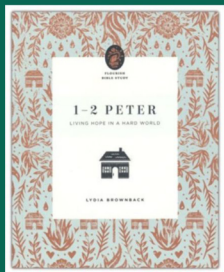
Ladies, join us for our Spring Retreat on **Friday, April 17th**, starting at **5pm** through **Noon** on **Saturday, April 18th** at St. Margaret's Retreat Center (47 Jordan Road, New Hartford). Our theme will be "Believe. Receive. Become" based on the verse John 1:12. Join us for a relaxing getaway at the beautiful retreat center & grounds where we will enjoy food, fellowship, devotionals and fun activities together. Full retreat includes dinner on Friday, overnight lodging and breakfast on Saturday and is \$80 per person. Friday only includes dinner and is \$20. Pick up a registration form at church or you can register online by



scanning this QR code or through the church website or app. Space is limited, please register by **Sunday, April 5th**. If you would like to attend but



have financial concerns regarding the retreat fee see Lynn Hannon. Payments can be made by checks made out to the church or online.



Ladies Evening Bible Study

Monday Nights at 6:30pm

NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study will begin a new 10 week study on **April 6th** using the book "1 - 2 Peter: Living Hope in a Hard World". Written to a young church facing intensifying persecution, Peter's epistles showcase the living hope of the gospel even when living through trials and tribulation. Books are \$9. Contact Lynn Hannon (e-mail: lkhannon10@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the study and have not received a book yet.



chick chat

Ladies Lunch & Fellowship

CHICK CHAT:

All ladies are invited to this month's Chick Chat on **Sunday, April 26th**, from **1-3pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a great afternoon of food and fellowship together. Please bring a dish to pass. Invite a friend to join you this month. See Dorothy Polmanteer for more information.



LUNCH BUNCH:

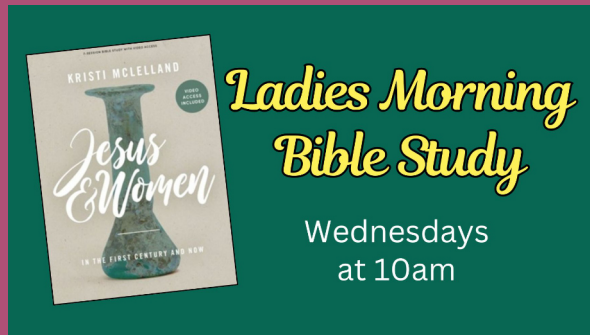
Lunch Bunch is a group for all ladies to eat and fellowship with other ladies. We meet once a month at **noon** at

our new location, Smokey Bones Restaurant, on Rte 31 in Liverpool. Please call or text Marilyn Palermo to make reservations for our next get together on **Thursday, April 16th**, at 315-420-8099.

DISCUSSION GATHERING

SHARE THE BURDEN GATHERING:

On **Sunday, April 26th**, at **4pm**, we will be having this month's "Share the Burden" gathering. Join others that afternoon for a time of listening and discussion. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."



Ladies Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays
at 10am

NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will begin a new study on **April 8th** at **10am**. They will be using the book "Jesus & Women" by Kristi McLelland. Books are \$24, contact Jeanette Durkin for more information or to order a book at Jdurkin475@gmail.com.

VBS 2026:

Mark your calendars! This year's Vacation Bible School will be **Monday, August 3rd**, through **Thursday, August 6th**, from **9:30am- Noon**. FREE for all kids age 4 through entering 6th Grade. Contact Shane Diener to volunteer to help with our annual summer outreach program for children. Please also be praying for VBS plans & preparations.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NOTE:

"The weather is getting warmer. And with the days getting warmer there is a great desire among all of us to go outside. This is even more true with our children. This is a season of sports and play. I want to encourage parents to support kids in play. Physical activity provides many health benefits, and let us pause to consider a spiritual benefit. When our children are playing they are connecting with others. When teams come together our kids are bringing faith lessons they are learning. They are also carrying Jesus with them. We should be making sure that our children are equipped physically for a good time of play and so we feed them healthy foods. We are also making sure they are spiritually equipped to be bearers of good news to classmates and teammates. Let's make sure we are praying with our children as well as for them. Let's make sure we are not skipping meeting with Jesus to go play. Let's help our kids grow and reach their ones."

~ Pastor Shane Diener
Children's Ministry Director



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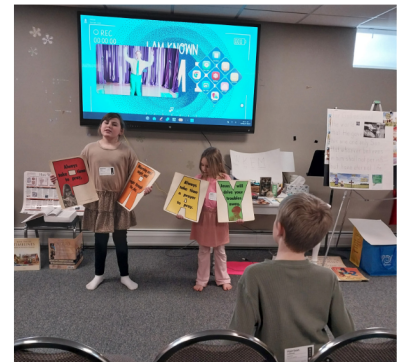
WESLEYAN KIDS FOR MISSIONS:

March WKFM was exciting!

Connect Time (9:45-10:45am): Mallory recited 7 verses and did Chapter 3 of "Every Day with God." Elaina delighted us when she recited her first verse, John 3:16. Each enjoyed the movie "The Life of Martin Luther" and Elaina won the review game.

Snack Time (10:45-11am): Abby and Harrison joined us. Harrison recited the first 6 Bible verses on our sheet. **WKFM**

(11am): After Song Time, I started to share the Gospel. Though unplanned, the story of Judy Ivey's life just flowed! The children learned how a true follower of Jesus



impacted everyone she met. The children and I read her obituary together with its invitation to receive Jesus as one's Savior. We continued to learn about our missionaries Mike & Cindy Helvie. The Scaling Mt. Everest review game was fun.



APRIL 5th WKFM: No Connect Time because of Easter Breakfast time. But, we will show the Movie "The Easter Story" at **10:30am. WKFM (11am):** We will use the Resurrection Eggs to teach the Easter Story, followed by a short

play, using Matthew 28 as our script. Please pray for our students and staff as we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,

~ Barb Good and Team (Chip, Patsy, Sandra, Lisa, Ayla, Annabel)