

# THE BRANCH NEWSLETTER MARCH 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](http://www.facebook.com/BvilleCWChurch). You can also find the links to past services on our church website at [www.BvilleCWC.com](http://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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**WHERE PEOPLE BECOME FRIENDS AND FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY**

## CWC BOARD

### 2025-2026 Board of Administration

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## CWC LEADERS

### 2025-2026 Ministry Leaders

*Children's Ministry Director:*  
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*CWKidz JAM Coordinator:*  
Dan Perez  
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*Women's Ministry:* Lynn Hannon  
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*Chick Chat:* Dorothy Polmanteer

**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](mailto:communitywesleyanchurch.com@gmail.com) anytime or you can call the church office at 315-635-3501 during office hours.

**EASTER  
EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH**

- EGG HUNT
- EASTER STORY STATIONS

**FREE!**

Scan the QR Code to Register Your Child Online to Participate (Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

[www.BvilleCWC.com](http://www.BvilleCWC.com)

## EASTER

### EGGSTRAVAGANZA:

CWC's Spring community Easter event is returning on **Saturday morning, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your kids and celebrate the true meaning of Easter. Kids in Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will enjoy interactive stations sharing the Easter story which will culminate with an Easter Egg Hunt at the end. Register your child online in advance to choose a time slot to attend. It will take approximately 1 hour to go through the stations and egg hunt. See page 4 for volunteer and donation needs.

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**NEW SERMON SERIES:**

Key Verse: **2 Timothy 2:14** - Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you - guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Key Idea: God has entrusted us with things so that we will build the kingdom of God. How are you using what God has entrusted you to advance the gospel message?

March 1 - *Talents & Spiritual Gifts*

March 8 - *Wealth*

March 15 - *People*

March 22 - *Time*

March 29 - Palm Sunday - *"What's All The Shouting About?"*



**FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP:**

After the Sunday School hour each Sunday join us from **10:45-11am** for a time of fellowship in the gathering room upstairs at church. Coffee and snacks are provided.

**MARCH CHURCHTIME VOLUNTEERS**

**Nursery**

March 1st: Kristin Diener

March 8th: Stacey Hauswirth

March 15th: Kristin Diener

March 22nd: Kim Rice

March 29th: Stacey Hauswirth

**2s & 3s Class & Floater**

March 1st: Renee Charette

March 8th: Tracey Perez & Checka Palmisano

March 15th: Dorothy Polmanteer & Ayla Stormes

March 22nd: Chris & Heather Knepp

March 29th: Kari Clark & Abby Demianenko

**4s & 5s Class & Security Person**

March 1st: Chris Sykes & Paul Hernandez

March 8th: Chris Sykes & Jason Coleman

March 15th: Barb Good & Dave Lewis

March 22nd: Chris Sykes & Christopher Rawlins

March 29th: Chris Sykes & Dave Abrams

**CWKidz JAM**

March 1st: Barb Good (WKFM)

March 8th: Dan Perez

March 15th: Ticia Wicks & Kareem Morris

March 22nd: Sandra Darwish

March 29th: Shane Diener

**Greeters**

March 1st:

- Sara Guenther & Laurel Didget (sanctuary)

- Chermak, Mike Hodell & Sam Wilmot (front & back)

March 8th:

- Sandy & Paul Hilliard (sanctuary)

- Chermak & Scott Spier (front & back door)

March 15th:

- Georgi & Bob Duprey (sanctuary)

- Chermaks (front & back door)

March 22nd:

- Beth DeWeese & Lynn Hannon (sanctuary)

- Laurel Didget & Paul Hilliard (back door)

March 29th:

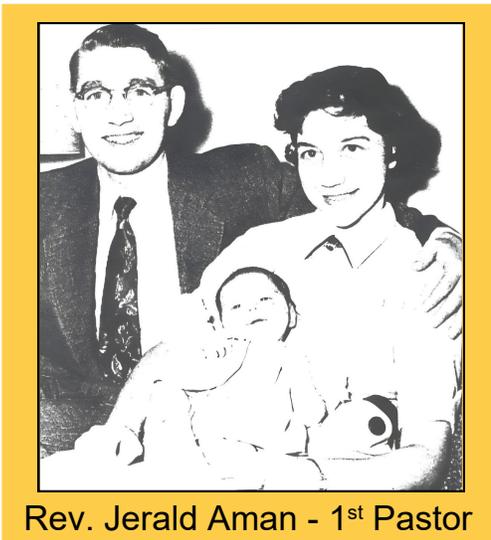
- Betty Barrett & Sara Guenther (sanctuary)

- Chermak & Dennis DeWeese (back door)

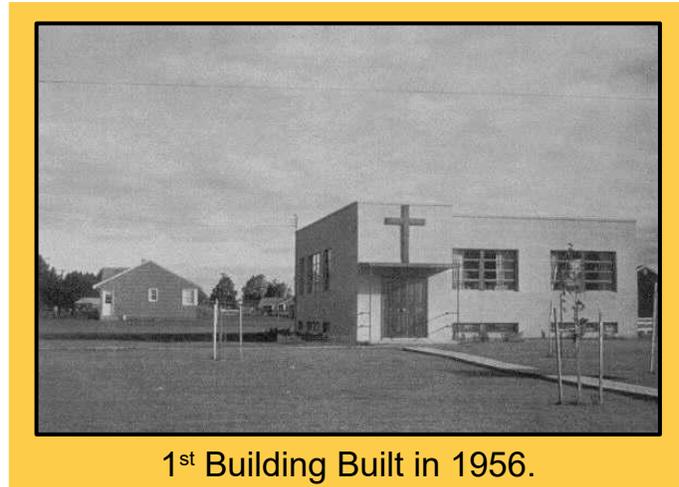


**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS:**

This year, CWC turns 70 years old! In the early 1950's there was a desire to see an evangelical church in Baldwinsville. A group of people began meeting in the home of Eva Green to pray for Baldwinsville and to pray about their desire to see a church planted in Baldwinsville. A retired pastor from Syracuse, Rev. John McGraw, would come out and lead this group in prayer and singing. This small group grew and it got connected with the Rochester District of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The Rochester District made this group part of the district and in 1956 helped build a 2 room church building made of cinder blocks. In August of that year, Rev. Jerald Aman and family were called to be the first pastoral family. Rev. Aman was bi-vocational and the church paid him \$5 a week. The very first service held in the new building was a prayer meeting on **September 23, 1956**. The first official Sunday service was held a few weeks later on **October 14, 1956** with 50 people in attendance.



Rev. Jerald Aman - 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor



1<sup>st</sup> Building Built in 1956.

CWC was birthed out of prayer. If you are a part of CWC or have ever been a part of CWC, you are the fruit of the prayers of those people that met in Eva Green's house and prayed for God to do a work in Baldwinsville. Many of those people who gathered to pray for Baldwinsville have passed away, but their prayers continue to bear fruit.

Prayer has always been a corner stone and prayer must continue to be an integral part of the church. Are you praying for the greater Baldwinsville area, that the Holy Spirit would do a work in the hearts of people? Who are you praying for specifically that they would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior? If you have grown spiritually because of CWC, you can thank that group of people who 70 years ago prayed for Baldwinsville and the possibility of starting a gospel preaching church in the community. May our prayers and sacrifice enable CWC to continue to reach and impact Baldwinsville with the gospel message for the next 70+ years.



**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA NEEDS:**  
 CWC's Easter Eggstravaganza is returning on **Saturday morning, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. We need your help to make this community outreach event a success. Volunteers are needed the day of the event (**between 9am-12:30pm**). You can sign up to serve on the CWC app or see Shane Diener. We also need volunteers to help set up and decorate the church on **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **6:30pm**.

We need lots donations of small wrapped candy (chocolate eggs, Hershey kisses, starburst etc.). We plan to fill 1200 eggs! See the collection box in the church foyer. We will have two egg filling get togethers: **Monday evening, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **6:30pm** and **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, at **10am**.



**SHARE THE BURDEN GATHERING:**  
 On **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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."



**SYRACUSE vs. DUKE LACROSSE GAME:**  
**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**, is Military Appreciation Day at the Dome for the Syracuse-Duke lacrosse game. It is a **2pm** game. Syracuse's mantra is "Burn the Boats"

this year as they go for the national championship. The plan is to carpool from the church at **noon**, as some of us are authorized to park at the VA. Contact Paul Hernandez at [hernandez.paul357@gmail.com](mailto:hernandez.paul357@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.



BEAUTIFUL MESS  
**MINISTRIES**

**BEAUTIFUL MESS MINISTRIES:**  
 This month's worship night will be on **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**, at **7pm** at Encounter Christian Fellowship (705 Hamilton St., Syracuse). Hand to Hand Market is **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, at Ross Towers in Syracuse. Meet at Casa de Paz at **10am**. See Pastor Carl or Cindy for information.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, join us for our monthly men's breakfast from **8-9am**. Bring your sons, grandsons, a neighbor, friend or co-worker. Please RSVP through the CWC church app so we can plan how much food to prepare. Come & enjoy a breakfast that is made by men for men!



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES SPRING QUARTER**

*New Adult Electives Start March 1<sup>st</sup> and Meet Weekly from 9:45-10:45am.*



**SPRING QUARTER**

**#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 2<sup>nd</sup> coming will bring upon the wicked. Paul urges them to live holy, and 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**

- March 1<sup>th</sup>: "WKFM Hour 1" with Barb Good
- March 8<sup>th</sup>: "Connect Time" with Lynn Hannon
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: "Bible Wrap Up" with Susan Dyer
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: "Connect Time" with Shane Diener
- March 29<sup>h</sup>: "Kidz Serve" with Jenn Lewis



**MOMS CONNECTING:**

Moms join us for our March get together on **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:30-7:45pm**. Moms of all ages and stages of parenting are welcome. Join us for a relaxing evening with other Moms. This month we will be having a guest speaker and discussing "Traveling on a Budget." There will be refreshments and the chance to win a door prize. Moms Connecting meets the same time as CWKidz Club and Youth Ignite. Free childcare is available for kids 5 and under. Invite a friend!



**LUNCH BUNCH:**

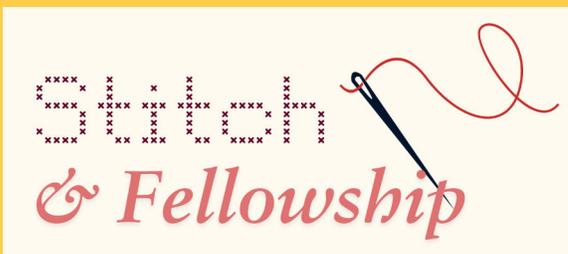
Lunch Bunch is a group for all ladies to eat and fellowship with other ladies. We meet once a month at **noon** at

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, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 315-420-8099.



**LADIES SPRING RETREAT:**

Ladies, join us for our Spring Retreat on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **5pm** through **Noon** on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** 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. Watch for registration details in mid-March.



**STITCH & FELLOWSHIP:**

Ladies are welcome to come and bring personal projects while sharing fellowship on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:kitwhel@gmail.com) or 315-561-3656 if you are interested or have questions.



# CWC Ministry Spotlight



*This month you will have an opportunity to fill out a stewardship survey selecting ministry areas where you can serve at CWC. Please take some time to review the ministries we sponsor at the Community Wesleyan Church and be praying for these ministries. We will be featuring videos highlighting our different ministries at church and online this month. Also, be praying about how God is calling you to serve at CWC. Here are some of the specific volunteer needs for the upcoming church year which starts in May 2026.*

## Worship & Production Team

Sound System Tech, Computer Tech, Online Service Tech, Lighting Tech, Set Design

## First Impressions Team

Greeter, Making Coffee for Worship Service, Flowers

## Children's Ministries

Serve in CWKidz Club, CWKidz Connect Teachers and Helpers, CWKidz JAM Teachers & Helpers, Nursery and Toddler Room Helpers, Security

## Teen Ministry

Sunday School Teacher, Youth Group Sponsor

## Administration

Coordinating Teen Sunday School, CWKidz Director, CWKidz Security Coordinator, Greeter Coordinator

## Adult Ministry

Coordinate Young Adults Ministry, Adult Sunday School Teacher or Substitute, Serve on the Sunday School Committee, Small Group Leader, Life Group Facilitator, Work with Moms Connecting, Men's Breakfast Cook/Server

## Service

Serve on the Building Maintenance Team, Help with Operation Christmas Child, Help Decorate the Church for Different Holidays, Help with Thanksgiving Baskets

## Outreach & Helping Ministries

Serve on the Fellowship Team, Serve on the Outreach Team, Serve on the Missions Team, Serve on the Church Family Ministry Team, Preparing Food or Meals for Church Families, Childcare for Various Ministries

## **CWKIDZ UPDATE: "**

"Because CWKidz happens in a different part of the building it is easy to forget that children are also doing their best to follow Jesus in their own way. In children's ministry we have the privilege of watching kids light up when a friend from school comes to church. They greet each other with joy and surprise saying, "I didn't know you follow God too!" We have the honor of watching them pray for each other. With Easter coming up, let us remember that our youngest disciples of Jesus also have friends they want to see come to Jesus. Let us pray with them that their friends and "ones" come to saving knowledge of Christ. Let us encourage them to invite friends to Sunday service and even Eggstravaganza. Let us be faithful to do so with joy and excitement also." ~ Pastor Shane Diener



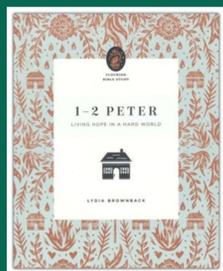


# chick chat

Ladies Lunch & Fellowship

### CHICK CHAT:

All ladies are invited to this month's Chick Chat on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from **1-3pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a great afternoon of food and fellowship together. Please bring a dish to pass. See Dorothy Polmanteer for more information.



## Ladies Evening Bible Study

Monday Nights at 6:30pm

### NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study will be completing its current study on **March 16<sup>th</sup>** and will begin a new 10 week study on **April 6<sup>th</sup>** 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. The author explores the theme of suffering in Peter's letters, displaying how God uses hope, humility, and holiness to prepare believers for their final home in heaven. Books are \$9 contact Lynn Hannon (e-mail: lkhannon10@gmail.com) by **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** if you would like a book ordered for you.

## MISSIONARY Spotlight

### Jim & Karen Pickett, Missionaries to Mozambique with Global Partners



*Message from Jim Pickett:* "Pray for protection and deliverance from the flooding which affected most of Southern Mozambique. 15,000 households affected in XaiXai, and 10,000 acres of crops in Maputo province.

The flood waters have receded for the most part, but roads have been heavily damaged. A few of our churches have been damaged. In Choke, 2-3 hours north of XaiXai, water was up to the roofs of houses, and people waited for rescue on their roofs. Major need is for food as gardens have been washed away. People are taking flour, cornmeal and rice that got soaked and dumped by stores and trying to dry it out to feed their families. Contributions can be made at [www.globalpartnersonline.org/emergency-relief/](http://www.globalpartnersonline.org/emergency-relief/) add "Mozambique Flood" to the comments box.



Pray as the Bible College starts its new school year. Pray for wisdom as our new leaders transition into their new positions, going through the complicated process of getting recognized by the various government offices and getting authorizing names changed.

Praise that there are now 103 established churches and 217 church plants, 37 new church plants were started this year, and 18 pastors were consecrated.

Continued prayers for protection for churches and Christians in northern Mozambique, especially in Cabo Delgado, where at least one of our churches & pastoral families have endured repeated attacks.

Pray for Karen and I as we travel back to Mozambique (March 14-27) to deal with some government paperwork. Please pray as we will be traveling through Qatar/Middle East on our way back to Africa.

My Mom has been home from the hospital for almost a month, getting physical therapy at home. She continues to have some hip pain and Dad is also dealing with serious physical issues. Please keep them in your prayers.



Thanks for all your prayers and support of the work in Mozambique."



# WKFM

## WESLEYAN KIDS FOR MISSIONS:

The February WKFM was wonderful!

**Connect Time (9:45-10:45am):** We had one student (Mallory) who recited 7 Bible verses, completed chapter two of her devotional book and watched the movie "The Eric Liddell Story." I had a great time with her! Halfway through the movie 3 more students arrived (Ben, Abby and Elizabeth) with Grandma Lisa. They enjoyed the rest of the movie and the Review Game that followed.



**Snack Time (10:45-11am):** Two more students joined us (Harrison and Mabelynn). We did Memory Verses while eating Pringles and making duck faces!

**WKFM (11am-church ends):** After Song Time, we began learning about our missionaries, Mike and Cindy Helvie, starting with their grandparents and parents. I compared our students' lives with the missionaries' lives when they were the same age. Church ended early so we will continue with the Helvie's story in March.

**MARCH WKFM:** During the Connect hour, starting at 9:45am, we will watch the movie "The Martin Luther Story" by The Torchlighters, recite memory verses, work on a chapter of "Every Day with God", and do a Review Game. We will have our snack time from 10:45-

11am. Then during WKFM at 11am we will continue to learn what a person has to do to become a missionary by reviewing the lives of Mike and Cindy Helvie. Our Review Game will be Scaling Mt. Everest in Nepal, seeing which team makes it to the top first. We will review the Gospel, using our Memory Verses, Songs and Bible Lesson. Please pray that God will bring each of our 17 students to church and give each a heart for missions.

~ Barb Good and Team

P.S. I thank God for our young helpers: Lisa, Ayla and Annabel.



*Mike & Cindy Helvie ready to board a plane for SE Asia*



## VBS 2026:

Mark your calendars! This year's Vacation Bible School will be **Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, through **Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:30am- Noon**. **FREE** for all kids age 4 through entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.