

April 2024



THE BRIDGE

Eavesdropping on Jesus

“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20-21)

In the Gospel of John chapter 17, we have the opportunity to eavesdrop on Jesus as He prays to His father. It’s the longest prayer of Jesus recorded in the New Testament, and what makes John 17 so wonderful is that we get to see what’s important to Jesus. In this intimate conversation between the Son and the Father, we get to peek into the very heart of God. After saying this prayer, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley where He was betrayed and arrested.

After praying for Himself and the disciples, Jesus prays for *those who believe in me through their word*. That’s us, you and me. Jesus had us in mind when He was speaking to His Father. Can you imagine that – Jesus putting you on His prayer list? Jesus loved you enough to pray for you and He’s still praying for you, even this very day. *Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us. (Romans 8:34)*

Jesus did not pray that you would merely be happy or even that you would escape grief. He prayed that you would have the same joy that the Father had given Him; a divine joy, a joy that

comes from a deep and unwavering relationship with the Father. It is a joy that is grounded so firmly in a relationship with God that no change in circumstances could ever shake it. This is the kind of joy that Christ is praying will be in you.

You would think that during Jesus’ prayer before His crucifixion, He would have prayed that His disciples would have courage, or would remain faithful, or would remember what they had been taught. Yet no, instead He asked that His followers remain united in their love for one another. Jesus wants us to understand that it is spiritually impossible to love God but not love others.

Let us pray: Holy God, we marvel at the mystery of Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection. We are awed by His obedience, astonished by the depth of His love for us and amazed by the display of your power over the forces of sin and death. You are a God of wonders. Your miraculous power continues to work in our lives and in our world. Set our hearts aflame and open our eyes that we may recognize your presence in every person, in every situation, in every place. Amen.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Bob



Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision for doing that is to be people who know God through faith in Jesus Christ, grow in our experience and understanding of God, and go to live our lives guided by the Holy Spirit in love and service to others so they also may become disciples of Jesus Christ.

MUSIC MINISTRY

He Lives

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 310

Text: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

Music: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

*1. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.*

Refrain:

*He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

*2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.*

(Refrain)

*3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.*

(Refrain)



KNOWING GOD TOGETHER

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

SUNDAY AT 11:00AM

In-Person and online @

FB Live.: <https://www.facebook.com/FUMCofCB/>

*For those of you that are not on Facebook
you may get the services on our Youtube Channel:*

[1st UMC of Chenango Bridge - YouTube](#)

(the following Monday)

All are welcome!



Wishing you Easter Blessings

*For God so loved the
world that He gave
His only begotten
Son that whosoever
believeth in Him
should not perish, but
have everlasting life.*

John 3:16

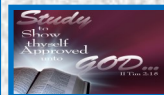
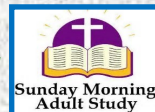


GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



Children's Sunday School: Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 am in the children's Sunday School room (B5) Ages Pre-K –Sixth grade. *Any Middle /High school students who would like to help and mentor our younger students are invited.* Volunteers are also needed to fill in for teachers as well. **Please contact Carolyn Morrison 607-875-4011 with any questions.**

ADULT Sunday School: ADULT Sunday School: The Christian Fellowship Class meets on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am in Room B6. Everyone is invited to attend when they can for learning and fellowship. **Call Tom James 607-766-1805 or Dan Fuller 607-648-6837 for more information.**



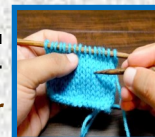
Pastor's Study & Prayer Group: Sunday mornings 12:30 AM in THE LIBRARY- Everyone is welcome to join. **Questions contact PastorBob(910)260-0551 or 607-648-4326 or rclark@nccumc.org.**

Monday Night Ladies Prayer & Bible Study Group: Monday evenings 6-7:30pm. In the Library. All ladies are welcome! **Contact Robin Stolarcyk 607-74-3471 for any questions. Group will be meeting in the Spring.**

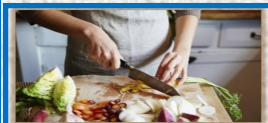


Rachel Circle: This women's group meets at 10am on the 3rd Tuesday of the months **September – June** in the Disciple Room (B4) All ladies are welcome to attend. **Contact Jill Lyon for any questions Or call Church office 607-648-4339**

Knitting For The Lord: This group meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the KFL room (B2). Everyone is invited to join. For questions please contact **Sue Alcott 607-648-6430, Jill Lyon.** Or call church office 607-648-4339 **We are accepting yarn at this time-No Meetings scheduled until further notice.**



GOING TO SERVE OTHERS WITH LOVE IN JESUS' NAME



Whitney Avenue Rescue Mission We provide a cooked meal on the 4th MONDAY of the month to the residents. If you are interested in supporting this Mission, please **contact Donna and Tom James (607-648-7934)**

Local Food Drive: We would like to continue to support our local food bank. Please drop off your non-perishable food donations every 4th Sunday of the month. No glass please, it doesn't travel well!



Knitting for the Lord has prayer shawls & prayer blankets available for those in need. Please contact Sue Alcott or Jill Lyon if you know of someone in need. Thank you for all of your help & support in our missions!

Quality Steam Cleaning Fund Raiser for First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge. 10% of all work done will be donated to the church. Coupon is available from the church office or from the website. You may also let Quality Steam Cleaning know that it is for our church fundraiser. For all questions and appointments please contact Quality Steam Cleaning: (607) 754-3462 or qualitysteamcln@aol.com.



Feeding and Clothing Outreach Ministry. **St. Cyril's Church on Clinton Street** in Binghamton (formerly at St. Pats) Make some sandwiches, pack some food, help unload the CHOW truck! They are open Mon.– Fri. 10:30-12:30 and are **in NEED of volunteers on any of those days.** The ministry is providing food to an average of 100 families a day! They also provide bagged lunches 5 days a week. In addition, they also have a clothing ministry and assistance is always welcome. Thank you, David Carter.

GOING TO SERVE OTHERS WITH LOVE IN JESUS' NAME



The Endwell United Methodist Church & The Church of the Holy Family of Endwell are teaming up for a Rise Against Hunger 20k meal packing event Saturday, May 4th

beginning at 10:00 am at the Endwell UMC

We would love to have another church, or two, join our efforts.

Depending on the number of churches committed to be involved,

We would equally share both the expense and labor involved.

First United Methodist of Chenango Bridge will be participating in this mission-

If interested in joining our team please

Call the office 607-648-4339

Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex



Broome County Council of Churches

Volunteers are needed!

The Broome County Council of Churches is a volunteer driven nonprofit organization. Without our volunteers our programs could not provide the assistance that they do.

All are in need of volunteers—do you have some time?

Where would you like to volunteer?



Faith in Action Volunteers helps adults 60 and over maintain quality of life and independence.

The **CHOW** program provides needed food and healthy lifestyle assistance.

The **Jail Ministry** gives support to those incarcerated and their families and reentry assistance to those just released from jail.

The **Hospital Ministry** gives support to the patients and families of those who are hospitalized.

Some of these programs require no more than a bit of your time, a short orientation, and a drivers license or a strong back. Others, such as the Jail and Hospital Ministries, require specialized training which is provided.

For more information about the various programs and for volunteer applications you can go on line at www.broomecouncil.net or call 607-724-9130.

You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you



Thank You!



Our Congregation has collected \$430.00 to donate to CWS Blanket Fund for the mission to help all those afflicted with disaster and displacement. Because of your generosity it will help others in need!



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American Red Cross

Blood Drive

**First United Methodist Church
of Chenango Bridge
740 River Road In Fellowship Hall**

Thursday May 9, 2024

9:00am- 2:00pm

**There is a need for blood so,
if you are able to give blood, please sign up by calling:
[1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767) or (redcrossblood.org)
Schedule Your Blood Donation Today!**



Chenango Bridge Senior Center

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10 am-2 pm

A variety of activities will be offered including:

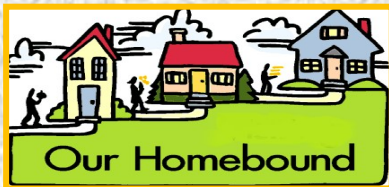
- ♥ Lunch, (Lunch reservations are needed one day in advance by 12pm)
- ♥ Tai Chi, Bingocize, Chair Yoga and other Health and Wellness activities
- ♥ Crafts, cards, games and chat groups

Come Explore all the possibilities!

For more information or to make a reservation call Vet @ 607-663-0406
Located at *First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge* 740 River Road



Broome County
Office for Aging



Home bound parishioners that may like to hear from members of their church family. If you know of anyone not already on list please email the church office at chenbridgeumc@outlook.com or call the church office at 607-648-4339.

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