

November 2025



THE BRIDGE

Praising God Continually!

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the first fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.
(Hebrews 13:15)

Giving praise to the Lord is one of the best ways to express our thanks to God for His blessings. But, how many of us do it on a regular basis? Yes, we normally go through our routines of thanking God for our food before we eat, sometimes we even thank Him for the clothes we wear and praise Him for the nice weather. Around the Thanksgiving Holiday we may even list out our blessings and reflect on what God has done, but do we really “offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually” as Hebrews 13:15 states?

Continually doesn’t just mean once a year or even once a day for that matter. It implies that it is repeated without interruption. David said in Psalm 34:1, “His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

If truth be told there are times when we don’t feel like praising God. Times when we feel like everything is going wrong, yet our feelings are neither here nor there when it comes to praising God. Praise is not about us. Praise is all about God. Praise is a deliberate choice and a learned habit that produces contentment and an attitude of gratitude.

In Philippians 4:11, the Apostle Paul writes, “I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.” In this verse, “learned” means to be “educated by experience” and the word “content” means “contained.” Paul’s contentment was the result of the resources contained in his heart. In other words, Paul used his circumstances as tutors in the school of praise. He learned how to give praise even when he was beaten, ridiculed, in prison and facing his own death. Paul’s attitude did not reflect his circumstances. Paul made a deliberate choice to praise God no matter what. Why? Because Paul knew that even when he did not understand God’s ways, he could trust God’s heart. Praise invites God to take up residence in the middle of whatever problem we are facing. Praise also produces trust in God and strengthens our faith.

So let us offer the first fruits of our lips and give praise to God always.

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

We Gather Together

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 131

Text: Nederlandsch Gedencklanck; trans. by Theodore Baker

Music: 16th cent. Dutch melody; arr. by Edward Kremser (1838-1914)

Tune: KREMSER, Meter: Irr.

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name,
he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

KNOWING GOD TOGETHER



Worship Service Sunday at 11:00 am

In-Person and online

FB Live.:

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



Choir Practice
Wednesdays at 11:00 am
in the Choir Room
See Lois Bales
for more information

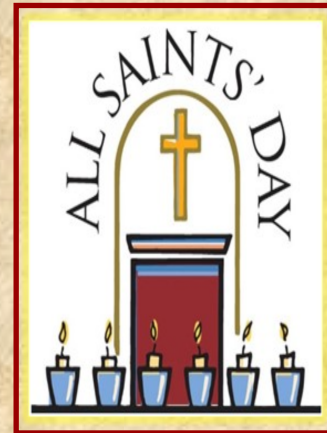


ALL ARE WELCOME!

All Saints Day Service is
Sunday November 2, 2025
@ 11:00am

We will be lighting candles in memory of
Our deceased members:

Charles Bartlow - Anna Hoffmaster
William Jamieson



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE



First United Methodist Church
of Chenango Bridge
in the Sanctuary

Saturday, November 8, 2025

@ 1:00pm

Everyone is welcome!

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



YOUTH Sunday School: Class will be at 10:00-10:45am in the *Knitting For The Lord Room (B2)* on Sunday mornings for all youth. Please email Robin Stolarcyk @ rstolarcyk1@yahoo.com

ADULT Sunday School: The Christian Fellowship Class meets on Sundays from 9:30-10:30am in Room B6. Everyone is invited to attend when they can for learning and fellowship. Please call Tom James 607 648-7934 for more information



Pastor's Study & Prayer Group: Sundays @12:15 pm in the Disciple Room (B4) Contact Pastor Bob at 910-260-0551 or 607-648-4326 or rclark@nccumc.org Everyone is welcome!!

Knitting for the Lord: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6-7pm in the Knitting for The Lord room (B2). Please contact Sue Alcott at 607-648-6340, or Jill Lyon if interested in joining or if knitted items are needed, NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Rachel Circle: Meets @10:00am (on the 3rd Tuesday of month) the Disciple Room (B4) **ALL LADIES WELCOME TO ATTEND** For questions call office 607-648-4339 or Jill Lyon

Men's Small Group: This group meets every Wednesday from 2:30-4:00pm In the KFL room- Contact Pastor Bob at 910-260-0551 or 607-648-4326 or rclark@nccumc.org.if interested in joining.



Ladies Small Group: This group meets on Wed. from 2:30-4:00pm in the Library—(When scheduled) Email Robin Stolarcyk @ rstolarcyk1@yahoo.com for more information.



GOING TO SERVE OTHERS WITH LOVE IN JESUS' NAME

Feeding and Clothing Outreach Ministry.

Outreach Ministries of the Southern Tier @ 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.Wed,Thurs.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. In addition, they also have a clothing ministry and assistance is always welcome. Thank you, David Carter.



Quality Steam Cleaning Fund Raiser for First UMC 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.

We are collecting food for The Local Food Bank

Every 4th Sunday of the month *Please bring your non-perishable food items to the church* No glass please



Whitney Ave Rescue Mission

We are providing a **Cooked Meal** to Men and Women in need **Every 4th MONDAY of each month** Please call Donna and Tom James @607-648-7934 If interested to help with this worthy Mission

Chenango Bridge Senior Center

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
10 AM—2 PM

A variety of activities will be offered including:

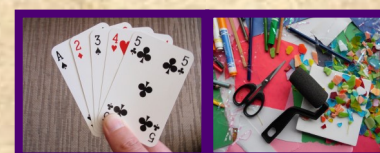
- ♥ Lunch (*Lunch reservations are needed one day in advance by 12pm*)
- ♥ Tai Chi, Bingocize
- ♥ Chair Yoga and other Health and Wellness activities
- ♥ Crafts, cards, games and chat groups

Come Explore all the possibilities!

For more information or to make a reservation call Vet @ 607-663-0406

First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge

740 River Road, Binghamton NY



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Soup- Salad & Conversation

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge
740 River Rd., Binghamton, NY - In Fellowship Hall

Everyone is Welcome!

Donations gladly accepted



Thanksgiving Baskets

We are working with St Francis Church
to donate food items for families in our area for Thanksgiving
There will be bags available to fill at church,
with a list of items requested
on the outside of the bag (*Please leave those stapled to the bag.*)

Donations of Money are also welcome
to put toward the baskets and /or gift cards
Call office for more information 607-648-4339

- ♦ Filled bags are Due By November 17
- ♦ Delivery to St Francis church will be on November 19

THANK YOU!!

Turn clocks back
1 Hour on
November 2, 2025 at 2am

or Before you go to bed on Saturday night



Decorations for Advent
In Sanctuary

November 29, 2025

At 9:00am

Come one ...come all!



Broome County Council of Churches

Volunteers are always 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 give.-
Winston Churchill***



GOING TO SERVE OTHERS WITH LOVE IN JESUS' NAME



WE ARE SUPPORTING THE RED BIRD SHOE BOX MISSION

*Please bring filled, labeled plastic shoe boxes (6qt. size) to:

First UMC of Chenango Bridge

A delivery will be made to Endwell UMC from our Church
on November 17

Labels and shopping lists are available at the Church now!

Monetary donations are also appreciated—***Please do not put money in box-place in separate envelope***

Suggested Items for Adults:

*comb, hairbrush, shampoo, hand lotion (small)
deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, chap stick
Full size bar of soap, washcloth, disposable razors
shaving cream, nail care items, work gloves
scarf, hat, socks, mittens*

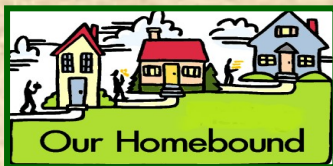
Suggested Items for Children:

*2 or 3 toy items, 2 or 3 school items
toothbrush, tooth paste
comb, brush, lotion, chap stick
wash cloth, full bar of soap, shampoo
hat, socks, mittens
Christian bookmark, wristband or other spiritual items*



****Deadline to have filled shoe boxes brought to church is NOVEMBER 16****

Thank you!



*Home bound members
that may like to hear from
their church family:*

Mary Williams - Elizabeth Church Manor
863 Upper Front St.
Binghamton N.Y. 13905

Ron Quackenbush
1944 Colesville Road
Harpursville NY 13787

Donald Prentice- Willow Point Nursing Home
3700 Old Vestal Rd
Vestal, NY, 13850

Jean Golden-Bridgewater Nursing Home
159-163 Front Street
Binghamton N.Y 13905

**If you know of anyone that would like
to be added to this list
please email the church office at
chenbridgeumc@outlook.com
or call -607-648-4339.**

Pastor:

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