



THE BRIDGE

Three A's of Servanthood

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. Luke 19:1-9

When Jesus left His heavenly home, He didn't come to earth to be a superstar. He came to serve. As disciples of Jesus, we've been left here on earth to follow His example and serve a lost and hurting world. The story of Zacchaeus shows us three Christ like qualities we need to develop in order to serve as the Lord did.

Awareness: Although surrounded by a crowd, Jesus stopped and took notice of one particular man perched in a tree. Zacchaeus was hated and rejected because he was a tax collector. Although he was rich, there was something missing in his life, and Christ recognized his need.

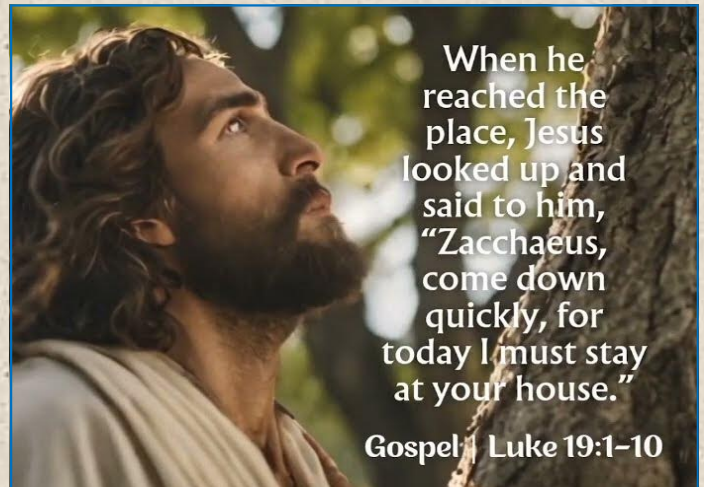
There are people all around us "hanging in trees" - needy, empty, and searching for hope. But too often, we're preoccupied with our own activities and don't even notice them.

Availability: Jesus was heading to Jerusalem to carry out the most important act in human history: our redemption. Yet He stopped to have a meal with a spiritually needy man. What could be so important that it keeps you too busy to give others what they need most - your presences and your time?

Acceptance: Although Zacchaeus was a notorious sinner, Jesus didn't say, "Clean up your act, and then I'll come to your house." We're called, not to fix people but to share the transforming gospel of Christ.

How are you doing at serving those around you? Maybe it's time to slow down and open your spiritual eyes to see all the needy people. God places opportunities all around us, but if we're not attentive, we'll miss them. Sometimes you just have to look up to see who's in the tree.

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

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 581

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-

Music: Attr. to B.F. White, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

Tune: BEACH SPRING, Meter: 87.87 D

Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.

KNOWING GOD TOGETHER



Worship Service Sunday at 9:00 am
(as of July 5th)

In-Person and FB Live.:

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



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
Done for season Have a great summer-will resume in Sept.

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
Done for season Have a great summer-will resume in Sept.



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!!
Summer hours will begin on July 5, 2026 10:15am

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



Rachel Circle: Meets @10:00am (on the 3rd Tuesday of month) in the Disciple Room (B4) **ALL LADIES WELCOME TO ATTEND** For questions call office 607-648-4339 or Jill Lyon
Done for season - Have a great summer-will resume in Sept.

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 Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00pm *in the Library*—(When scheduled)
 Email Robin Stolarcyk @ rstolarcyk1@yahoo.com for more information.

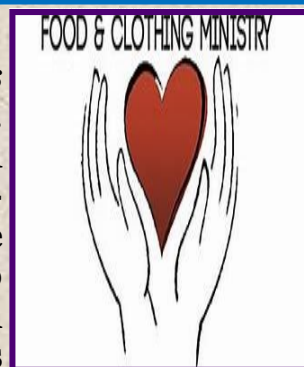


Growing In
Faith Together

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.



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



Chenango Bridge Senior Center

*Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10 am—2 pm*

A variety of activities will be offered including:

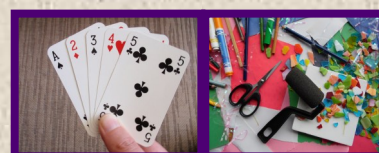
- ♥ Lunch (*Lunch reservations are needed one day in advance by 12pm*)
- ♥ Tai Chi, Bingocize
- ♥ Chair Yoga and other Health and Wellness activities
- ♥ Crafts, cards, games and chat groups

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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Magic Camp!

Monday August 3rd – Friday August 7th

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

First UMC of Chenango Bridge

740 River Road, Binghamton, New York.

We will use the fellowship hall for our activities.

Registration forms are available at the church

See David Black for more information

Online Giving Information

First UMC of Chenango Bridge

is now able to accept Online Offerings

To better support all ministries of our church;

Please consider primary giving to the General Fund

Any questions -please call Christian Harris 607-427-5993

Thank You!

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OR

Scan QR Code with cell phone>>>>>>>



ONLINE GIVING

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

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Stepping In Faith

Will be starting back up on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:30pm
Every TUESDAY from 5:30-6:30pm (till September)

We meet weekly at:

Otsiningo Park (North End Entrance)

For inclement weather :

Oakdale Commons - In front of Auntie Annes pretzels

See Michelle Stoll with questions 607-245-6880

Come and walk with us!!



New Fund Raising **opportunity for**

First UMC of Chenango Bridge

Bring your bottles and cans to The Can Man
in Johnson City, NY (24 Olive Street)

Tell them that the return is for our church
They will send us a check at the end of the month
with any donations that were made for that month!



Any Questions please contact Andrea Wolf 607-765-3879
Thank you!

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***



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Chenango Bridge Methodist Church is working closely with several other churches on a new **Feeding Ministry** at a Men's Shelter located at United Presbyterian Church (UPC) at 42 Chenango Street Binghamton NY

We will be cooking, serving and cleaning up after the meals for 40-50 men at the shelter on the following dates:

Wed. July 22, Wed. August 26 and Wed., September 23.

In addition, we will be preparing bagged breakfast for the men to take with them for the morning after our dinner.

We are **looking for volunteers** to help bag up the breakfast items

at 10:15am (after 9am Service) at the CB UMC on:

Sun., July 19, Sun., August 23 and Sun., September 20

in the kitchen at CB UMC. (Should take approx. 1/2 hour.)

We are also **looking for volunteers** for the night of the meals on

July 22, August 26 and September 23.

Sign up sheet is available at church

Any Questions please call Karen MacKenzie 845-729-0857



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

Ron Quackenbush
1944 Colesville Road
Harpursville NY 13787

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

Pam Wasley-Susquehanna Nursing Home
282 Riverside Drive
Johnson City, N.Y. 13790

*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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