

September 2026



THE BRIDGE

People Reaching People

"But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?"

Romans 10:14

It is worth noting that no person in the New Testament came to faith apart from the agency of a human being. Have you ever stopped and thought about that? We can find example after example.

There was the Ethiopian (see Acts 8:26-39). There are many ways that God could have reached this man from a distant country. He could have sent an angel to meet him. Instead, the Lord sent an angel to Philip and told him to go. So Philip went and proclaimed the gospel to that man, and he believed.

Then there was the Philippian jailer (see Acts 16:27-34). God could have reached him in many ways. Instead, He allowed Paul and Silas to be incarcerated and to ultimately proclaim the gospel, bringing that man and his family to faith.

We can think of Cornelius, a man who was searching for God (see Acts 10). An angel spoke to him and told him he needed to meet a man named Simon Peter. The angel explained

where to find him. The angel could have given him the gospel. But God chose to use Simon Peter.

What about Saul? While it is true that he was converted through an encounter with Christ on the Damascus Road, his conversion was sandwiched between experiences with two people who influenced him. First, it was the witness of Stephen that softened Saul's heart and made it receptive to the seed of the Word when he was confronted by Jesus Christ. Afterward, God sent Ananias to follow up on Saul and pray for him to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

So you see, God used people. And He wants to use us too. Who has God placed in your life that needs to hear the good news about Christ? Every one of us has at least one person. Let us challenge each other to identify our one person then promise to reach out to our person with the good news of Jesus Christ during this month.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Bob Clark



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.

"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

MUSIC MINISTRY

**Ask Ye What Great
Thing I Know**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 163

Text: Johann C. Schwedler; trans. by Benjamin H. Kennedy

Music: H.A. Cesar Malan; harm. by Lowell Mason

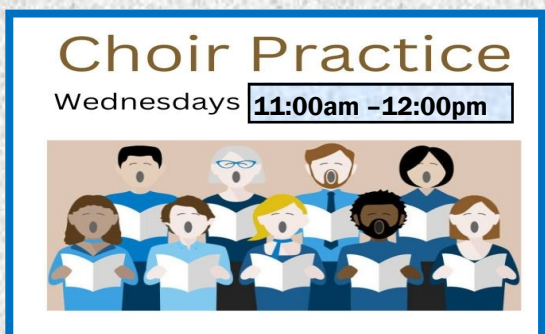
- 1. Ask ye what great thing I know,
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**
- 2. Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**
- 3. Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**
- 4. This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

KNOWING GOD TOGETHER



Worship Service Sunday at **11:00 am** **(as of Sunday, September 13 , 2026)**

In-Person and FB Live:
<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCofCB/>



CHOIR PRACTICE
WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
IN THE CHOIR ROOM
For more information call
Lois Bales 607-765-2806



Does the Bible Still Speak to Us Today?

A Bible Study for Young Adults!

Have you ever wondered how the stories of the Bible relate to our lives today? How could something written thousands of years ago possibly have something to say about what we're experiencing now? As young adults, did Jesus and His disciples deal with mental health, school, climate change, social media, friendship struggles, feeling left out, or the many other challenges we face today?

Together, we're going to explore these questions and see what the Bible has to say about the issues that matter to us.

This is a student-led Bible study, and we'll focus on the topics and questions that interest you.

We'll meet every other Sunday morning at 10:00 AM, starting September 13th.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, feel free to reach out to Robin at 607-743-3471.



GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



Young Adult Bible Study: Class will be at 10:00AM EVERY OTHER SUNDAY in the *Knitting For The Lord Room (B2)*. Please email Robin @ rstolarcyk1@yahoo.com or call **607-743-3471** for more information.

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



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

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) *Call office for more information*

New Women's Intergenerational Study group in the works:

Coming in on the ground floor

If you could have a voice in creating a woman's accountability group, what would you like to see? This would be an intergenerational group, accountable to each other for our spiritual wellbeing.

*What's the best time to meet? *What day? *Where, church setting, home? *How, face-to-face or?

A hope, a dream, a thought.: *In what ways did you experience or observe God's presence over the last week? *In what ways did you feel distant from God this past week? *How would you like to grow in your relationship with God this next week?

Sometimes these are very scary questions. Yeah, sure, I can do this by myself. Well, doing it by ourselves turns into, yeah, tomorrow, well I don't have time right now - that's where I was about 5 or 6 years ago. I found a group that meets every Thursday evening via ZOOM. we are 5 women located all over the state of New York, accountable to each other for our spiritual wellbeing.

If there is an inkling that you would like to explore this idea further, please let us know. we have a base, four women met last Sunday after church for just a half hour. It's a start if you'd like to join us. Being accountable doesn't have to be difficult or scary. Please stay tuned to the weekly church updates to see where we are going. I'm also going to invite any of you interested, to sit down with me Sunday at the church brunch (8/30/2026) and let's just chat.

Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them".



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. from 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:

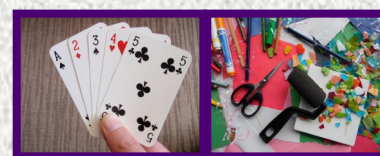
- ♥ Lunch (*Lunch reservations are needed one day in advance by 12pm*)
- ♥ Tai Chi, Bingocize
- ♥ Chair Yoga and other Health and Wellness activities
- ♥ Crafts, cards, games and chat groups

Come Explore all the possibilities!

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

First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge

740 River Road, Binghamton NY



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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

On August 30, we will collect recyclable cans and bottles in the church parking lot until 12:30 pm. These will be taken to the Can Man. Just bring to church! Questions: see Andrea.



Fundraiser for our church!!

*Donation of \$5.00 will give you a 25% off
shopping pass for Bosco's
To use in store or online all day on:*

**Wednesday October 21, 2026
from 8am -11pm**



We have shopping passes available in the office!

(All proceeds go directly to the church)

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

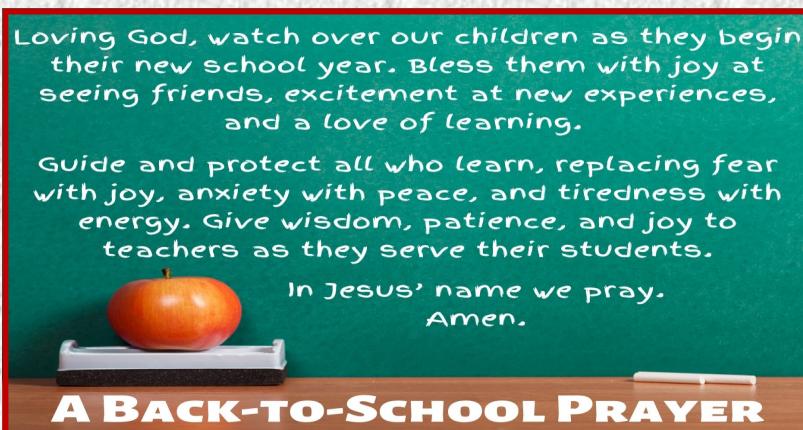
at 10:15am (after 9am Service) at the CB UMC on:

Sun., July 19, Sun., August 23 and Sun., September 20
in the kitchen at CB UMC

We are also **looking for volunteers** for the night of the meals on
July 22, August 26 and September 23.

Sign up sheets available at church -questions call Karen MacKenzie 845-729-0857

We will be collecting reusable grocery bags to give to the UPC residents. They use the bags to keep their belongings in. Please drop bags by 9/20 in the Narthex.



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
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or call -607-648-4339*

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