

2024 News

Dec 20

Interim Worship Music Leader

Pastor BB and the S/PRC have enlisted Benjamin Kapilow to fill in as Worship Music Leader for some Sundays as we continue our search for a permanent part-time Worship Music Leader. Ben Kapilow is an Assistant Professor of Performing Arts/Music Director at SUNY Cortland. He worked as the Resident Music Director for the Media Theatre for the Performing Arts in Media, Pennsylvania. He has original choral pieces published with Alfred, Chorister's Guild, and Heritage Press. He received an MM degree in Music Composition from the Peabody Conservatory and a BA in Music and Psychology from Swarthmore College. We welcome Ben and look forward to his music leadership.

[Sharon Signor](#)

Council Chair

[Benjamin Kapilow's bio...](#)

Nov 16

Worship Music Leader

The church is searching for a Worship Music Leader to fill a part-time position. The person would work with the pastor, personnel in the sound room and Tech person to lead worship music during the Sunday service as well as special services such as Christmas, Easter, etc. Interested persons should send a text message Pastor Douglas "BB" Watson or email the church office. Download a printable flyer. Links below.

[Contact pastor...](#)

[Email...](#)

[Flyer...](#)

Poinsettia Sale

In the spirit of the upcoming holidays, we would like to spread some good cheer and celebration. To beautify the sanctuary and bring joy to you or a loved one, or to honor a loved one, during the holiday season, please consider purchasing a poinsettia.

Poinsettias will be purchased from Zerrillo's Greenhouses in Syracuse. Color choices are Red, White, Pink, or Marble. Prices are: **4" \$10, 6 ½" \$12, 10" \$33**. Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the December 22nd service. If you would like to order but are unable to pick them up, we would be happy to deliver.

Please email [Deb Williams](#) or call **607-745-9314** to place your order by Friday, November 22nd.

There is also a signup sheet located in the narthex. If you would like to purchase in memory, honor, or support of someone, please include that information. Thank you and we appreciate your support.

Download a printable flyer:

[Flyer...](#)

Oct 10

Trunk or Treat

Join us for **Trunk or Treat** in the church parking lot on **Thursday October 31, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
Download and print a PDF flyer at the link below.

[Flyer...](#)

Lasagna Dinner

Join us for **Lasagna Dinner** at the church on **Saturday October 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m.** *** **Menu:** meat and meatless lasagna, salad, Italian bread, brownie Sundae. Dine in or take out. *** Download and print a PDF flyer at the link below.

[Flyer...](#)

Sep 3

Charge Conference

Charge Conference will meet **Tuesday October 8 at 7:00m p.m.** at the church.

[View calendar...](#)

Donate Baked Goods

The Fellowship Outreach Committee is asking congregation members to donate baked goods for the Harvest Day Fundraiser. Please sign up on the **signup sheet** if we can count on you for some cookies, pies, brownies, breads, or whatever is your specialty. Baked goods should be delivered to the church kitchen **by Friday, September 13th**. Please include a list of ingredients so labels can be made. If you have any questions, please contact [Deb Williams](#).

Aug 15

Fall Harvest Festival

2024 Fall Harvest Day will be held Saturday, **September 14 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.** at the church. Mums, pumpkins and gourds, corn stalks, straw bales, hamburgers, hotdogs, and baked goods. Please join us! Download a flyer at the link below.

[Flyer...](#)

July 7

Welcome Pastor BB & Family

We extend a warm welcome to Pastor BB and his family. Pastor BB recently arrived in Cortland and was present for his first Sunday with us today. Read more about Pastor BB and his family at The Pastor's Page, at the link below.

[The Pastor's Page...](#)

June 8

Sunday Service Time Change

Our collaboration with Freeville and Harmony Methodist churches will affect Cortland FUMC Sunday service starting time. Our church Council has met and after much discussion it was decided that an 11 am service would work best. **Starting Sunday July 7 our worship service will**

start at 11 am. Pastor Douglas “BB” Watson will be doing his first service with our church on Sunday July 7 at 11 am. He will be doing Sunday services at Freeville at 8 am, Harmony at 9:30 am, and then return to cover our church service at 11 am. Pastor BB will be residing in our parsonage. We understand change is always difficult but trust you will be in prayer about this change as we transition to our new pastor and collaborate with Freeville and Harmony churches.

[Sharon Signor](#)

Council Chair

June 8

Event Photos Needed!

Please email photos and videos of events to webmaster [Jason Signor](#) for the Our Lives Together page! The more I have to work with, the better! Thank you!

[Our Life Together...](#)

April 14

Church Interior Repairs Photos

The church interiors repairs project page now has photos! View them at the link below.

[Interior Repairs Project...](#)

Upcoming Events

We have new events planned for the coming months! Please Join us. See the schedule below. You can also view the events on our calendar and print a flyer. See the links below.

[View calendar](#) or

[download a printable PDF flyer](#)

[for all events in the list below.](#)

FRI. MAY 3

Community Game Night & FREE Pizza

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

SAT. MAY 4

"SCRAP-TASTIC"

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cottons fabrics 7 panels - \$1 per gallon

SAT. MAY 18

Spring Flower Sale

9:00 a.m. until gone.

[Download poster \(PDF\)](#)

SUN. MAY 26

Bones East Concert (Trombones)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

FRI. JUNE 7

American Red Cross Blood Drive

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

To schedule a donation appointment, call 1-800-733-2767.

FRI. AUG 2

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9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

To schedule a donation appointment, call 1-800-733-2767.

SEPT. 14 OR 21 (TBD]

Harvest Day Sale

9:00 a.m. until gone.

SAT. OCT. 19

Lasagna Dinner

Time (TBD)

Feb 11

Upcoming Special Events

We have some upcoming special events now through May. Please Join us. See the schedule below.

You can also view the events on our calendar at the link below.

[View calendar...](#)

[Print flyer...](#)

FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Worship

MARCH 16

Woes Carnival

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[Print the flyer for this event here.](#)

MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

MARCH 28

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship

MARCH 29

Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

MARCH 31

Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service Outdoors
10:00 a.m. Worship

APRIL 7
Holy Humor Sunday
10:00 a.m. Worship & Laugh

Church Interior Repairs Update

The ceilings and walls inside our church that were damaged by the roof leaks sustained over the past several years have been repaired. The work performed by Michael Burk and his construction workers were expertly done in the front entrance, hallways, office, library, as well as the Fellowship Hall, Quiet Room, kitchen, and classrooms. Read more at the new Renovation Projects page. Select the link to the "2024 Interior Repairs Project".

[Renovation projects...](#)

Jan 10

Church Interior Repair

Now that roofs on all three church structures have been replaced, work will soon begin on the interior of the church to repair the ceilings and walls damaged by the roof leaks sustained over the past several years. Repairs will be done in a priority sequence starting with areas where mold has built up and people meet and congregate in places like the office, entrance way, and Cry Room. Repairs to the rest of the areas in the church such as the hallways, library, Fellowship Hall, and classrooms will be completed for as long as our roof fund balance holds out. The roof fund balance will be carefully monitored as the project progresses. No money will be taken out of our operating fund to cover the cost for any of these repairs.

Community Game Night

We will be having another Community Game Night on Friday, January 12, 2024, from 6:00-10:00 PM at the church. Please join us!

[View calendar...](#)

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Safe Sanctuaries training will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the church. Adults 18 and older must receive Safe Sanctuaries training and be compliant before working or volunteering with children, youth, and adults of First United Methodist Church.

[View calendar...](#)