



# First Fruits

SPRINGVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
474 East Main St., Springville, NY 14141

OCTOBER 2019

## OCTOBER

### IF:GATHERING MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 2 @ 6:30 pm  
S1UMC

### HARVEST OF LOVE DINNER

Friday, Oct. 4 @ 6:00 pm  
S1UMC

### PROPEL CONVERSATION

Sunday, Oct. 6 @ 9:45 am  
S1UMC Room 2A

### CHURCH CONFERENCE

Tuesday, Oct. 8 @ 6:00-8:00 pm  
S1UMC

### FIRST FRUITS

#### DEADLINE

Tuesday, Oct. 15

### WISE WORDS

#### BOOK CLUB

Friday, Oct. 18 @ 6:00-8:00 pm  
Parsonage

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Thursday, Oct. 24 @ 7:00-9:00 pm  
Watermark Wesleyan

### STAFF RECOGNITION

#### SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 9:30 & Noon  
S1UMC

### HALLOWEEN & TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday, Oct. 31  
Fiddler's Green or Heritage Park

## Trunk or Treat...with a Twist

On Halloween evening, our church will once again participate in Trunk or Treat. If you are not familiar with this event, it works like this: adorn yourself in your favorite Halloween costume, decorate the trunk of your car and fill it with candy, then line up your vehicle in the church parking lot in preparation to hand out candy to all the trick-or-treaters who come to visit. In the past two years our church provided a small fire pit so adults and children could roast a few marshmallows while enjoying cider or hot chocolate. This event has proven to be a popular one...we usually attract over 100 trick-or-treaters.

This year we will be adding a bit of a twist to Trunk or Treat as we will be joining forces with local churches and moving Trunk or Treat to either Fiddlers Green Park or Heritage Park, both of which are in the business district of Springville. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for the trick-or-treaters. And moving Trunk or Treat to the business district will give us an opportunity to reach out to a greater number of our community members. Watch for more info in the Sunday bulletin as we draw closer to Halloween.



## Staff Recognition Sunday

October 27, at the coffee hour following each service, so times are 9:30 and noon. The Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) is hosting the coffee hours to recognize and extend our thanks to all our church employees and to our faithful music volunteers. Please plan to stay after the services to fellowship and to thank our employees and volunteers as we enjoy refreshments.

THANK  
YOU

DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER FIRST FRUITS NEWSLETTER: TUES., OCT. 15  
NEWSLETTER@S1UMC.ORG OR DROP OFF ARTICLES TO CHURCH OFFICE

## From The Pastor's Desk

### Growing Together

I have some exciting news for myself and SIUMC. I have been accepted into Northeastern Seminary's Doctor of Ministry Program. This doctorate level degree is different than most others. Instead of going away to school, the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) is considered a "practical degree". One of the unique things about such programs is that you do it while in the context of the ministry setting you are in. So for us, that means I continue to be your pastor and the work I do for class is meant to build up the ministry we share together.

How will this help our church? First, I think it is important to be clear about why this program is something I need to pursue now. I am approximately half way through my ministry career, I have two decades under my belt and two more left. Ministry and the world around the church has changed dramatically since I started as a pastor. The United Methodist Church requires pastors to do continuing education each year, and I have felt the need to spend some time digging deep to best help the church adjust to the changes we already have experienced and to be ready for what is ahead. My hope and expectation is that we will be experiencing this future together. The top-notch training I will get at Northeastern will help us ask the right questions and provide guidance on our next steps. Doctor of Ministry programs are only open to people who have been in ministry for a while. So I will also be learning along-side other experienced pastors who are dealing with similar things that our church has or will be wrestling with. Being in this environment will give me the support and tools to walk with you in the call God is giving us for the coming years.

Pursuing this work is something that I have considered for a long time. Yet, engaging in the work this year came about rather quickly. Northeastern is the seminary that is linked with Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester. They are approved by the UMC as a place for pastors to be trained and when I spoke with them at the Annual Conference, I found out that I was eligible for a large grant if I started this fall. In addition to the cost savings, being in Rochester will help for the two weeks in January and June that I will need to be on campus over the next couple of years.

This is a big commitment, it will take me approximately 15 hours a week over the next few years to complete my studies. I look forward to seeing how this work will help us step into a faithful future together as we approach the work of growing in Christ and making new disciples.



Because of Grace,  
Pastor Matthew

## Upcoming Events and Updates

### Soups and More Event

It's hard to believe but now is the time to begin preparing for this year's event which will be held on Saturday, November 2nd from 9-2. Set-up will be on Friday, with the time to be announced at a later date. We'll have soups to eat-in or take-out, baskets for sale, craft items and baked goods.

Let's try something a little different this year and get together 2 weeks before the event to make baskets. We'll do that on Sunday, October 20th, right after the 11:00 service. Lunch will be provided.

So dig out your favorite soup and baked goods recipes, craft instructions and basket items! Call or see Debe Ploetz (982-8764) with questions and offers to help. This is a major fund-raiser for the church and much help is needed.



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### Monthly Mission Offering

There is a big heart for missions here at S1UMC. The Missions Team is hard at work looking at ways to help us grow in how we live this out and support the Kingdom of Christ in the world. One way that we will be highlighting some of this work and inviting you to step deeper into mission is with a monthly special offering on the second Sunday of each month. Each second Sunday there will be a second basket passed after our regular offering. Each month we will have a specific mission that we are highlighting and supporting with this offering.

Our church supports two missionary families in a variety of ways. The Vaccaros and the Ingersolls. Our mission offering will be on a three month rotation between these families and another mission that S1UMC is supporting. If you are already supporting these or other missional causes you can give any Sunday as long as you are properly designating your gift. This special offering each month gives us the chance to hold up a particular mission with the opportunity to support that specific cause. For October our mission offering will be directed to the Vaccaros serving at the Rift Valley Academy in Africa. In November our offering will support the Ingersolls in Newark. In December we will be supporting a special mission project with more information coming out soon.

## Harvest of Love Dinner



September 1, 2019

Greetings to our partners at First United Methodist:

With the fall season coming up shortly, the Board of Directors of Love In the Name of Christ are planning our 3<sup>rd</sup> Harvest of Love dinner. As Thanksgiving is not just one day, but the way we can live our lives every day, this year the dinner will be a "Thanksgiving Celebration". Instead of enjoying one course at each church, this year the churches will work together, in friendship and love, to create a harvest of love dinner at one location. The dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Springville on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm and will include non-alcoholic drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a thanksgiving feast, desserts, and sharing of talents from the church community.

There are three ways we are asking you, a Love INC partner church, to get involved:

1. **Join us for dinner!** Tickets are \$25 per person for the dinner. Tickets are available through the Love INC office, and must be purchased by Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Donate a dessert for a silent auction.** We are seeking specialty/decorative cakes, cookies, pies etc. Decorative dessert platters are available at the Love INC office. The bidding for the dessert and platter will all begin with a minimum \$25 bid. Please call Love INC with your donation information by Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Items should be delivered to the First United Methodist Church on Thursday evening Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm-9 pm.
3. **Please promote this fundraising event** through your weekly bulletins, newsletters, and social media. If people cannot attend but would like to support the event, they can make a separate donation to Love INC.

During the evening, we will be highlighting the outreach ministries of our partner churches. All pastors and leaders are invited and welcome to either speak on behalf of their church ministries to the community or just provide written materials. Some examples include MOPS, Alzheimer's Respite Care, Community Dinners, and baby care ministries. Please contact the Love INC office if you are interested in being part of this promotion so we can prepare a schedule for everyone to share the talents of their church.

We thank you, in advance, for your support of this event and are ever grateful for the hands and feet and spirit of Christ that you are in our community! Feel free to reach out to the Love INC office with any questions or concerns that you may have at 592-3761.

In Christ,

The Board of Directors of Love In the Name of Christ

Theresa DeVore	Jen Shearer	Mary Kay Williams
Kristine Edbauer	Nina Hansen	Pamela Zablonski

## Announcements

### Propel Conversation

Ladies, feel free to join a Propel Conversation class in room 2A during the Sunday School hour. This class will meet on October 6th and each week through October 20th. It is lead by Mary Lou Forster and Angie French.



### Commitment Sunday

Mark your calendar – Commitment Sunday has been scheduled for November 24th. Further details will be forthcoming.



### Kennel Class

A Dog Kennel class is available in the church on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. in room 1F. Further information is available from the church office. (592-7451).

### Church Conference

The S1UMC CHURCH CONFERENCE is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 8th. PPR will meet from 6:00 – 6:30 and the conference will take place 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Some District reports are due at that time.



### Basket Making

Basket making for the Soups Event will take place on Oct. 20th from 12:00 – 4:00 and the again on Oct. 27th in room 2A and 2B.

## Small Groups & Fellowships/Meetings

### Tuesday Men's Group

Attn: MEN...Dave Ploetz leads a Men's Group each Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the Apple Dumplin Restaurant. The current title of the study is "Dirty Glory". Join with other men for a time of learning and discussion.



### Mom's Group

Moms group will meet the 4th Monday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00 in the yellow room. Coffee/Conversation. The next meeting is October 28. Child care for kids 1 year and up.

### FORUM

FORUM to meet in room 2B On October 16th at noon for a painting lesson. Sounds fun doesn't it? Bring a bag lunch and a smock or an oversize t-shirt!

### Pastor's Bible Study

A Tuesday Morning Bible Study is available from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. each week in room 2B.

Pastor Matthew facilitates the study on the Gospel of Mark.



### Wednesday Volleyball



Do you like Volleyball??? Please note...Volleyball games take place each Wednesday evening from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m, in the Family Life Center. For more information you can contact Mike Lux at 449-2734.

### Reservations

The Family Life Center, Kitchen and Kennel rooms are reserved from 6:00 p.m. on October 18th through 5:00 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 19th for an Emmaus overnight event.

Then the yellow room is reserved for their regular meeting on October 19th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00.

### Al-Anon/AA

Do you or someone you love have a need concerning alcohol issues? If so, please note that Alanon meetings take place in room 2B on Friday nights 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

There is also AA meetings held each Saturday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. also in room 2B. For contact information call the church office.

### Pickleball

Pickle Ball is available on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 in the Family Life Center. See the information near the church office where you will find a contact number.



## Library Corner

## NONFICTION BOOK OF THE MONTH

*Unexpected: Leave Fear Behind, Move Forward in Faith, Embrace the Adventure by Christine Caine*

Life is full of surprises. How can we move forward when we're faced with the unknown? Using personal stories and biblical examples, in *Unexpected*, author Christine Caine offers real-life strategies to help you journey from fear to hope. Discover how to embrace the unexpected, strengthen your faith, choose your destiny, and trust that God is in control.



## FICTION BOOKS OF THE MONTH

*A Voice in the Wind by Francine Rivers*

This is book 1 in the Mark of the Lion Series. It has been missing from our library for months and a new copy has been purchased. This series is considered one of the very best series in Christian fiction.

*When You Are Near by Tracie Peterson is book #1 in the Brookstone Bride Series*

After her father's death, Lizzy Brookstone, the star trick rider of the all-female Brookstone Wild West Extravaganza, loses interest in performing. What she longs for is a life with the Brookstone ranch foreman, Wesley DeShazer, the man who once broke her heart. Meanwhile, Jason Adler, son of the show's new financial partner, comes to help with the show, and Lizzy soon finds him vying for her affection. Ella Fleming is fleeing a forced engagement when she stows away on the Brookstone train. Lizzy finds her and gives her a job in the costume department, but Ella has a dangerous secret that could affect all of their lives, as well as the future of the Brookstone Extravaganza. When Mary Reichert, a former sharpshooter for the show, learns that her brother, August, has been killed at the Fleming farm, she refuses to believe it was an accident. She returns to the show to find the truth, but is she seeking justice or vengeance? As the three women work together to discover how August died, Lizzy strives to hold the show together. Can she keep the Brookstone Extravaganza alive without losing the desire of her heart?



## Services and Sunday School

### Sunday Services and Communion

You are invited to join us for our Sunday worship services which have resumed at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School between at 9:45 for all ages. Communion will take place on October 6th. There will be recognition of a day of WORLD COMMUNION.



### Springville Moms Group (Formerly Known as MOPS)

The Mom's Group (formerly known as M.O.P.S.)... will meet Mon, Oct. 28th from 10:00 – 11:30 in the yellow hospitality room. Moms, come and enjoy coffee and conversation with other moms in our area. Child care provided for kids 1 year old and up. Normally the meetings take place the 4th Monday of the month. Do you have questions? call or text Sam Skura (880-4943) or if you are interested in serving in this ministry – contact Nancy Vredenburg at 560-8763.



## Our Staff & Information

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**SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE & VIA PODCAST, SEARCH "S1UMC" IN iTunes**



## SiUMC Women

## Ladies Night Out with Angie Smith @ Watermark Wesleyan

Thursday, October 24 from 7:00-9:00PM. Family Life 's Ladies Night Tour with Angie Smith. This will be an evening of worship and teaching. Angie is married to Todd Smith, lead singer of Selah, a mom to five daughters and the author of multiple books. In 2008, the Smith's received news that their daughter, Audrey would not survive after birth, Angie began blogging as a means of communication with friends and family during those difficult days. Now as a writer and Bible study teacher, her greatest passion is still to make the Bible feel accessible and to encourage others along their faith journeys. Angie is a regular part of IF:Gathering and a delight to hear speak. Grab a friend or two and plan for a great evening. We'll put out a sign up sheet closer to the event for those attending who want to car pool and maybe even grab dinner before.




Tickets are available on [fln.org](http://fln.org)'s website. Limited VIP tickets available for \$30 and will include meet and greet, special seating, and a gift from Angie. VIP doors open at 5, meet and greet at 5:15- 6pm. General Admission tickets are \$18 in advance, \$21 at the door. Doors open at 6 pm.

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## IF: Gathering 2020

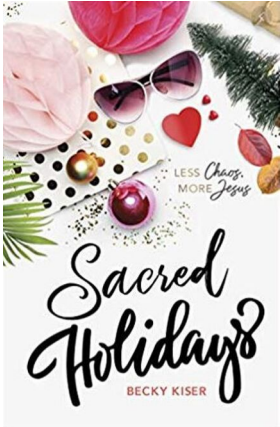
Many of you have already heard Sam or I (Angie French) talk about IF:Gathering and how excited we are to come together with our church community to host an event here in our town. By the time you receive this newsletter, we'll have newly returned from the IF:Gathering's leadership conference, IF:Lead, which I'm sure we loved! Ask us about it. That means it's time to start preparing for the 2020 women's event. If you are interested in learning more about IF:Gathering; if you are interested in having input to planning for the event; if you want to be part of the leadership team for this event, please join us. We're looking for input from women of all ages, including high school. If you have special knowledge about hosting past events in our facilities, we'd love for you to share that with us. This initial informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 in the upstairs classroom across from the nursery.



IF:GATHERING

Wise Words Book Club

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We have one last book discussion scheduled for 2019. We'll be discussing Sacred Holidays by Becky Kiser. Holidays are meant to be more than chaos with glimpses of grace; they are meant to draw us closer to God and one another, but often life is so busy that setting a game plan just doesn't happen. Sacred Holidays is part book and part resource, meant to help you avoid what has tripped you up in the past and give you insights, tips, and tools to make your holidays less chaotic and more meaningful. This discussion is planned for Friday, October 18 at the home of Angie French from 6:00-8:00pm. NOTE: This is a date change from the last newsletter.

Secret Sisters

Can you keep a secret? Join us in a secret sister ministry where you'll be connected with another woman from S1UMC and commit to pray for, encourage, and build her up through this school year. More information and forms to sign up are available in church lobby, as is the box to place them in when completed. Please submit your forms by Sunday, October 6 and plan to pick up your packet containing your match on Sunday, October 13. If you have any questions, please see Laurie Harrington or Anita Domes, our facilitators for this year.

Worship Assistant Schedule

	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
8:30	<b>MEDIA CREW</b>			
	<b>NURSERY</b> Mary Kay Williams	Mary Lou Forster	Jen Sullivan	Kate Moody
	<b>GREETERS</b>			
11:00	<b>GREETERS</b> Debe Ploetz & Mary Hill	Shirley Quick & Peggy Rice	Jon & Joy Maybray	Wantuck Family
	<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b> Tom Place	Kim Jackson	Mary Lou Forster	Judy Law
	<b>MEDIA CREW</b> Jan Ingerson			Mary Kay Williams
	<b>USHERS</b> Ted Williams	Rich Place	Paul Williams	Tom Place
	<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>			De Bonenherger

Please sign up on the clipboards provided!

# October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Worship/World Communion 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School Ladies Propel class  Secret Sisters form to be submitted.	7 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Pickle Ball	1 8:00 a.m. – Men’s Group 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Leadership Mtg. 8 8:00 a.m. – Men’s group 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study  6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – <b>Church Conference</b> 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. <b>PPR to meet</b>	2 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Volleyball  If Gathering info meeting 6:30 9 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Volleyball	3 6:00 p.m. – Kitchen reserved – set up 6:30 – 9:30 Kennel class registration 10 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Pickle Ball  6:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Kennel class	4 6:00 p.m. – Love Inc. Dinner  6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Alanon 11 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Alanon	5 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. – AA meeting  12 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. – AA
13 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Worship 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School & Ladies Propel class  Secret Sisters packets available.	14 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Pickle Ball	15 8:00 a.m. – Men’s group 10:00 – 11:30 – Pastor’s Bible Study  November First Fruits article DEADLINE	16 Noon – <b>FORUM</b> <b>to meet</b> - Painting lesson in 2B  7:00 – 10:00 p.m. - Volleyball	17 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Pickle Ball 6:30 – 9:30 a.m. Kennel class	18 Emmaus overnight 5:00 p.m. Friday until 5:00 Saturday.  6:00 – 8:00 Wise Words Book club discussion. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Alanon	19 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Emmaus monthly meeting. 1:00 – 3:30 P.M. – AA
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