

*First United Methodist Church  
65 Main St.  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
Phone: (716) 694-2456  
October 10, 2021  
9:30am Service*

*Prelude*

Joel Hurlbert

*Hymn: "Be Unto Your Name"*

Amanda Taylor, Kristi Crosby, John Jenks and Joel Hurlbert

*Hymn: "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"*

Amanda T., Kristi C., John J., and Joel H.

*Welcome and Announcements:*

Amanda Taylor

We're glad you're here! At FIRST UMC IN NORTH TONAWANDA NEW YORK, we value community. None of us are perfect, but together we are changing the world with love, generosity, and service. If you have tried church before and did not like it, please come worship or serve with us. If you have never been to church or it has been a long time....This is the place to start. GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT FIRST UMC. We would love for you to come and visit us. Dress is always casual, so please come as you are!

*Call to Worship*

Pastor Raquel Alston

L: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

**P: We come from busy lives, filled with a host of banes and blessings.**

L: Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal your souls.

**P: Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.**

L: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.

**P: We open our lives to do God's will. AMEN.**

*Opening Prayer*

Pastor Raquel Alston

*Joys and Concerns:*

Miriam Hanley

Diane K., Marge S., Nancy H., Ruth L., Zoe R., Terry & Judy W., Fern S., Joan B., Virginia R, Dawn D., Bill W., Bud and Barb K., Jackie F., Cindy Z, Eric G., Richard S., Katie A., Millie P., Bob B., Kyle R, our Pastor, our church, and our church family every day.

*Tithes and Offerings*

Pastor Raquel Alston

*Offertory Prayer*

Pastor Raquel Alston

*Scripture Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17*

Barry Tubbs

*Children's Moment*

Miriam Hanley

*Hymn: "Here I Am Lord"*

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*Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31*

Barry Tubbs

This is the word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Sermon: "When the Cost Seem too High" (Mark 10:17-31)*

Pastor Raquel Alston

*Lord's Prayer*

*Hymn: "I'll Fly Away"*

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*Benediction*

Pastor Raquel Alston

*Postlude*

Joel Hurlbert

## Church News



Please continue praying for Pastor Raquel and her mom, Katie who is in rehab.

Prayers for Eric G. who had heart surgery on September 21.

Prayers for Richard S. who is home and recuperating.

Please continue praying for Millie P. who is in rehab because of a fall.

Please pray for Bob B. who is in rehab after shoulder surgery.

## Quilters



The quilters will be meeting on Wednesday nights in the Hopf Hall at 5:00pm.

If you are interested in joining them, contact Ruth Hodgson.

## Trunk or Treat



We will be participating in the Downtown Merchants Halloween celebration again this year on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We need your cars!! Come and decorate your trunk from 4:00-5:30 and hand out candy to all the ghosts and goblins from 6:00-8:00.

Sweeney Hose Fire Company will also be here for everyone to enjoy a ride around the block (on Marion Street).

If anyone can donate candy, there will be a box in the narthex.

Thank you all for helping make this a fun, safe event for our community.

## Life Line Screening

Have you ever thought about the following?

- I want to see my grandchildren grow up.
- I want to continue living independently.
- I don't want to be a burden on my family.

Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings. The mission of Life Line Screening is to provide advance, yet affordable and convenient health screenings that supplement your traditional healthcare. They can help make you aware of a previously silent, unrecognized problem that can now get treated at an early stage, or confirm that you are on the right path and should continue your healthy habits. Don't let heart disease and stroke get in your way of the life you love. Call toll free 1-888-653-6441, or text the word, "circle" to 797979 to schedule your health screening. A package of 5 vital screenings is offered for only \$149. If you call today to register, you will receive a \$10 discount!

### Chowder Sale

We will be selling our delicious homemade chicken/beef chowder on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It will be served from 11:00-12:30. It is available by the quart for \$7.00.

There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for you to place your order.

**We need volunteers to help on Friday night to cut up the vegetables and meat and for Saturday to stir and serve the chowder. Please contact Barry if you can help.**

### Girl Scouts

There is a Girl Scout Troop that meets in the Hopf Hall every other Saturday from 11:00-12:00. If you know any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders that are interested, please contact the church office for more information.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We are having services in our sanctuary at 9:30 and online for those who are not able to make it to church for the service. There are still restrictions that must be followed by ALL who choose to attend in person. We are still required to wear masks at all times in the building, your temperature will be taken when you enter the Gorsline entrance, you will be asked the required questions and we will have hand sanitizer for everyone to use. **We are allowed to sing but you must stay 12 feet apart from non-family members and you must wear your mask while singing. When you are not singing and are sitting in the pew, if you are fully vaccinated you may take your mask off, but please be respectful to the children and adults who have not been vaccinated. Also, for those of you who would like to use one of the Bibles or Hymnals that are in the Narthex please use the hand sanitizer before you take one and after you put it back on the table in the narthex.**

Please do not congregate in the building to talk to others. On the first Sunday of every month, we will be having Communion. Please pick up your Communion elements in the Narthex before sitting down.

Please continue to donate to our church using this link or by mailing in your tithes and offerings at: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/fumcnt> or visit our website <https://Firstchurchnt.com> and click on Get Involved and then Giving while on our website check out our previous sermons. If it is more convenient for you, you can mail your offerings to the church:

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