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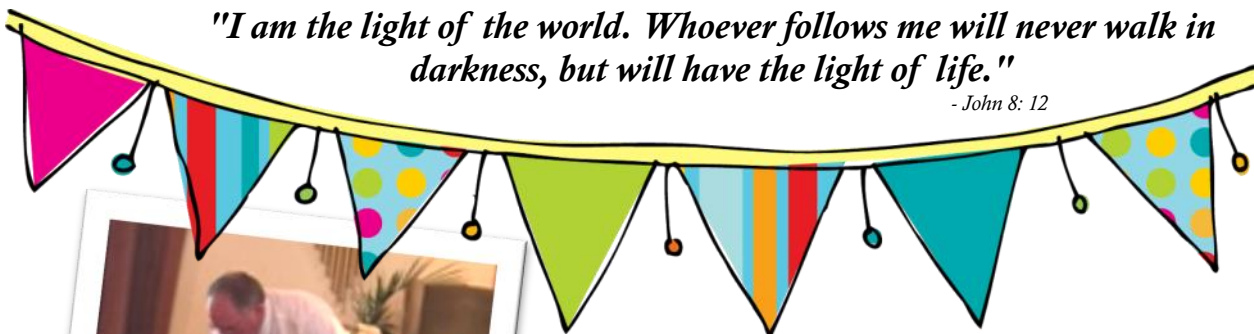
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August 2015 Newsletter

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- John 8: 12



We Welcome New Members!

**Paul Zogg, Mark Zogg,
Emily Crispin, and Hannah Crispin**

to Faith Journey UMC! Mark and Paul were baptized on Sunday, July 26th, and then confirmed their faith with Hannah and Emily, and became professing members of Faith Journey UMC.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It was a wonderful summer evening at our house up north. The sunset was astounding. As the evening wore on, the stars were out and the quarter moon was shining.

Sometimes I like to wander in the expansive area outback when it gets dark. This was one of those wandering nights. I finally found myself sitting on one of our benches, and looking at the sky.

Small clouds had come in from the lake, and passed in front of the moon. The moon would shine bright, then dim with a passing cloud. Sometimes the moon would almost disappear with the passing of a more dense cloud.

It was fascinating to watch. I like to be intimidated with the expanse of the universe. It helps me to be intimidated with power and vastness of God. I couldn't help but think as I sat there, how sometimes we get a clear understanding of God, only to have it fade away with the struggles and successes of life. It was as if the moon was God, and the clouds of activity passed in front of God making it difficult to see God at times. But if I kept watching, the moon would come out from behind the cloud and shine bright once again.

Sometimes God appears brightly in our lives, and sometimes it appears as if God is not there. But like the moon on that night, God is always there. If we watch and wait, and know that those small clouds will move on, we will enjoy the light of the moon again and again.

-Rev. Bradford Hunt



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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Present Committees Elected July 16th, 2015:

Faith Journey UMC - Trustees		
Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Carol Stott	Terry Bryant	Yvonne Lawrence
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Jerry Jordan	Harold Babcock	Michael Jordan

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Donna Kennedy	*Beth Jordan	*Cindi Clement
Diane Foraker	Marge Strother	Gail Wentworth
Dana Vinch	Tom Porter	Chelsea Foley
*Represents co-chair persons.		

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• Rev. Bradford Hunt	• Dorothy Mahoney	• Mike Jordan
• Connie Clark	• Debbie Riggall	• Beth Jordan
• Cindi Clement	• Carol Stott	• Minni Jordan
• Bill Clement	• Marge Strother	• Marcia Zogg
• Kristen Johnson	• Linda Raulli	• Aime Lorini

Vacation Bible School is August 10-13 for children who have completed Kindergarten through children who have completed 6th grade. We will have a great time learning about three of Jesus' miracles through crafts, songs, games and fun! We will also be serving a snack. The final evening we will have a cookout and a presentation for the parents of what we have learned. If you know anyone who might be interested in attending feel free to share the information with them. Vacation Bible School is open to all children in the North Syracuse and Clay areas and Karenni and New World Ministries programs. There is a limit in the number of children who will be able to attend due to the staff children ratios. If you are interested in helping with the program please contact Kathy LaDuca. Children who are interested in attending need to be pre-registered by calling either of the church offices – Clay – 652-9186 or North Syracuse – 458-0890.

Vacation Bible School 2015

JESUS' MIRACLES!



August 10th -13th from 6:00-8:00 pm

**Children completing
Kindergarten - 6th grade**

*Learn about Jesus' miracles through
crafts, games, and fun!*

**Andrews Memorial
United Methodist Church**

106 Church Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212
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TRINITY PRESCHOOL



Located at
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Clay, New York 13041
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*Now Accepting
Fall Enrollment
for the 2015-2016
School Year!*

We will use thematic units throughout the school year that will focus on the following foundational skill areas to help your child learn and grow:

- Learning through curiosity, exploration, interest and experimentation
- Physical / Spiritual development and health
- Social and emotional development
- Communication, language and literacy
- Cognition and knowledge of the world
- Math skills
- Science
- Social Studies
- The Arts
- Technology

Mindy Lawrence has accepted the position of our Preschool administrator!

We are excited about her developing a new program that will reach more and more children and their families.

Mindy and her husband have two daughters ages 9 and 5. Mindy is an experienced teacher and we look forward to her being part of our staff. We will soon be selecting a teacher to assist Mindy in leading the Preschool.

-Rev. Bradford Hunt

Our curriculum will focus on developmentally appropriate academic and social skills that will play a key role as your child prepares for their formal elementary school education. Using the New York State Common Core Learning Standards as a guide, our curriculum will help your child engage in the learning process in a fun, interactive way.

Our school year will begin on September 14, 2015 and will follow the Liverpool Central School District calendar. The 4 year old program will held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays each week from 9:15-11:45 am. The 3 year old program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15-11:45 am.

Letter from The Board of Trustees

Andrews Memorial and Clay Trinity UMCs recently merged to become one church known as Faith Journey UMC

Questions and comments will certainly be a part of the process. We, your Trustee's, welcome your questions. The trustees are responsible for the two churches properties as we move forward as one church.

The question regarding past gifts to either church, rather tangible or intangible are all properties of the UMC. Faith Journey owns all jointed properties to be used solely for the purpose of the mission of the church.

Please contact trustees with any future questions as we begin our new church.

Carol Stott
Chair of Trustees

Musicians!!

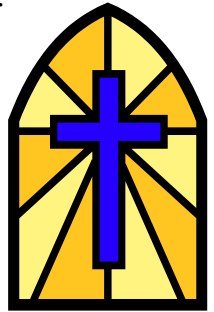
The Contemporary Catalyst Service at the Clay Campus is going to need some new musicians starting in September. Keyboardist and bass player is especially needed, *BUT* no matter what you play, if you might be interested or know someone who would be, please contact Dennis, or either church office (652-9186 / 458-0890) for more details.

Dennis Goettel at: dengoet19@gmail.com

Late Summer 2015 Worship Schedule

Worship on August 2 is the end of this series of worship services. Friedman's Fable, "Panic" will be shared in worship. We will also celebrate communion.

On August 9th and 16th, Kathy LaDuca will be leading the 9:00am and the 11:30am worship. Marcia Zogg will be leading the Catalyst Worship at 10:15.



GARDEN UPDATE



The vegetable gardens at the Clay campus are flourishing this summer! By the end of July, we've already donated 57 squash and 4 quarts of green beans along with some kale, cucumbers, beets and zucchini. The organizations that have benefited are Phoenix Area Food Pantry, Trinity Assembly of God in Clay, and the Karenni Congregation.





Methodists From Around the World

Sunday, July 19th, 2015

We had an **excellent** turn out for this event! **120 people** came up to Andy's Camp in Pulaski on July 19th! The weather was warm, but a nice breeze kept everyone comfortable. We had people from both campuses of Faith Journey UMC, New World Ministries, Karenni Congregation and Parish United Methodist Church. Thanks for all that helped out!





Cradle & Beyond is the good used clothing store with very reasonable prices currently in the basement of the North Syracuse campus. A mission started over ten years ago the store is run entirely by volunteers to “provide affordable, quality clothing and essentials for children and the community”. Governed by a Board of

Directors, whose volunteer members are from different congregations, any profit is used to help support three of the food pantries serving nearby areas.

Our volunteer sorters work Monday and Tuesday morning 9 AM-noon.

Our volunteer sellers work Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

There are two shifts on Wednesday and Thursday, morning and afternoon, 2 1/2 hours each. Presently there is one shift of 4 hours on Saturday.

Additionally AM people have a 15 minute set up time and PM people have a 15 minute transition time.

Sellers work in two person teams with most sellers working two times each month. Most sellers have established times with a few who serve various times as needed and several who serve as subs.

I am the scheduler for the sellers. Each 4 week month we currently need a minimum of 20 sellers to cover the hours the store is opened. Several times a year a month will have 5 weeks and then we need 10 more sellers. Rarely is there a month I can fill all slots. Saturdays are the most difficult to fill.

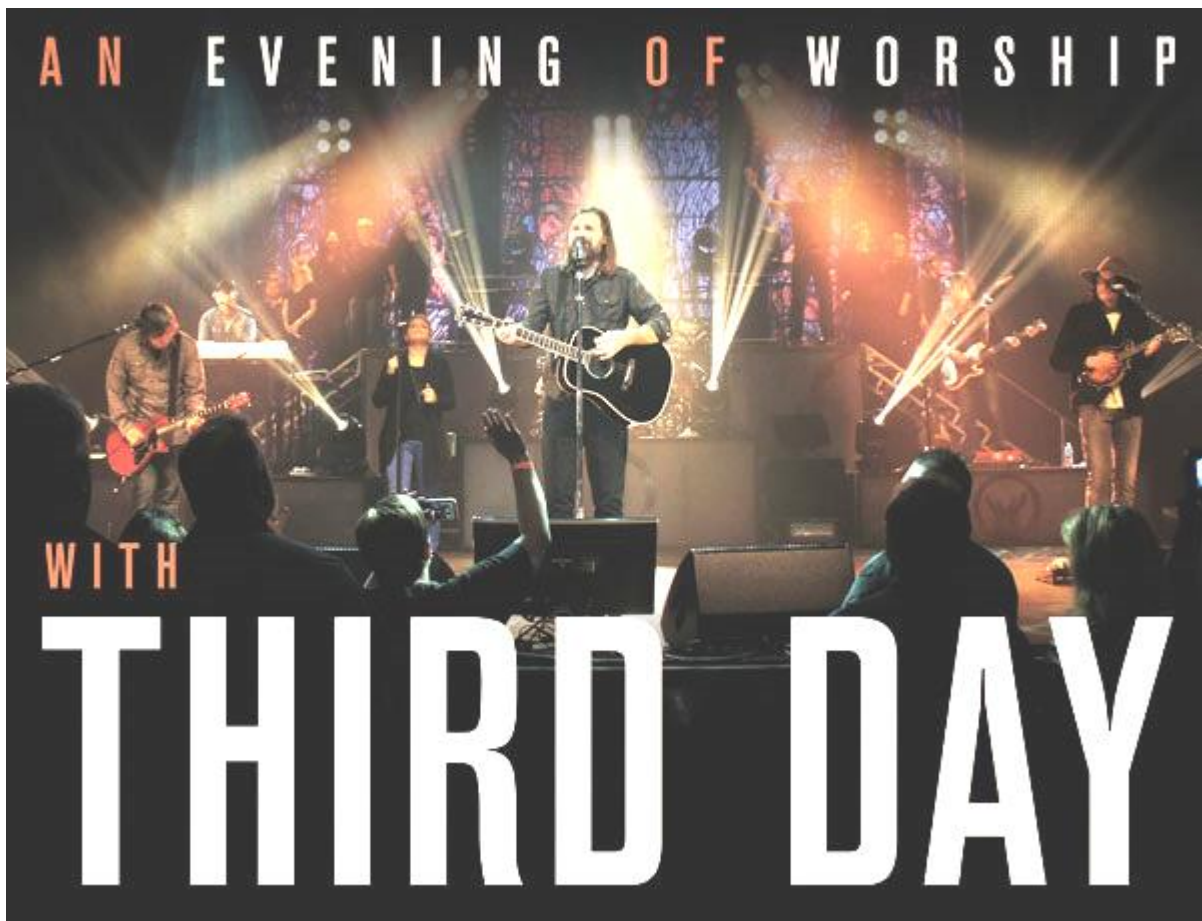
If you, a neighbor, a friend, a relative would consider even one time monthly, we would welcome them to serve with us helping those in our community. I would be happy to talk with anyone regarding serving as a seller.

- Beth Schnipp

AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UMM = United Methodist Men • UMW = United Methodist Women • VBS = Vacation Bible School • SSHP = Southern Sudan Health Projects • GA = Gambler's Anonymous 		
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Friday, August 7th, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Doors at 6:00 pm

\$25 General Admission | \$75 VIP

General Admission tickets \$30 at the door.

VIP includes early entry at 5:30pm for first choice of seating and a post-show Meet & Greet with the band.

at

North Syracuse Baptist Church

420 South Main Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Sunday Schools at
North Syracuse Campus &
Path of Life Mission Center (PoLMC)
(201 East Molloy Road, Mattydale NY)

During July we talked about David, Namaan Jeremiah and Timothy and despite how young they all were they all served God and cared for people. We looked for ways that we could do the same.

During August we will be learning and sharing God's word. The studies will focus on the Shema, Psalm 23, John 3:16, The New Commandment and 1 Corinthians 13.

We are looking forward to September. We will be changing curriculums. The curriculum we have been using has been phased out as it has been used for three years. It is being replaced by Deep Blue Curriculum which uses the Bible we purchased for the children a year ago. We are looking forward to the change in curriculum and the ability to have children use the Bibles we gave them as they learn from the new curriculum.

Saturday night's Grand Kids event continues through the summer. We have had more sporadic attendance during the summer as children take advantage of the nice weather to go swimming and go to camp. If you want to support the Grand Kids event by providing a meal or some of the things we need to make a meal please see Connie Clark.

We are always in need of more help at the New World Ministries Sunday School. There are a lot of children and the little ones need help with the arts and crafts.

Sunday School meets throughout the summer! If you are interested in helping please contact Kathy LaDuca at kladuce@andrewsmemorial-umc.org or leave a message for her at the North Syracuse campus at 315-458-0890.



Sunday School Times:

North Syracuse Campus

- 9:30am - Sunday School for ages 3 - 6th Grade

PoLMC - Mattydale

- 11:00am - Karenni Sunday School
- 2:00pm - New World Ministries Sunday School



A Message from Kathy LaDuca

I received an email from Connie late Saturday afternoon telling me she was going to be unable to make Grand Kids' Event at 6:00. She asked me to call her. She wanted me to be there in case any of the community kids came. She didn't want them to show up and have no one available. I agreed asked a few questions about what had been planned and thought a little about just telling them it was cancelled because I didn't have all of what we needed to do the class. I hate surprises - and I hate to do something unless I have had plenty of time to plan it and have things together just the way I want it. I rarely do things that typically require planning on the spur of the moment. I just don't enjoy it. Now there wasn't a choice.

Despite my discomfort I really felt I needed to be prepared to do something. It wouldn't be the same - I didn't have all the resources, as what we would normally do but I could provide some type of learning experience for them. First I stopped at the grocery store. Connie had been planning to do hotdogs. That wouldn't be easy to do if I was alone so I chose some lunch meat to make sandwiches and tossed salad and cookies for dessert. I then went to the North Syracuse campus and put together some worksheets for the lesson and thought about what I might do for a craft if there were younger children. I also found a copy of the lesson we would be studying.

I had a little more than an hour to prepare and I was hoping no one would show up. But God had other plans. Two kids who had been selling hot dogs during the day to raise money for one of them to go to CASOWASCO came just as I was thinking about leaving (after all they were more than 15 minutes late). They were two of the older kids.

We did things differently - I let them make their own sandwiches from the supplies I had. We ate the tossed salad and cookies. We did our lesson right where we were sitting, discussed the story and it's meaning and worked on some of the worksheets (they weren't interested in crafts). We did a lot of talking and had a great time! I enjoyed our time together and was excited about how well it went despite the little preparation and not having all the materials I thought I needed.

One of the things that always amazes me is that if I just stop getting in the way God has great idea for what can happen. I don't always have to be in charge (just most of the time - lol). I can make something happen when I need to if I'm willing to get beyond my discomfort and let God inspire me to do what I am able.

With God's help we can all do much more than we think we can and be successful - not because we are so great but because God is great and has amazing plans for us and for how we can serve God's children. We just need to get out of the way and risk! That's what I see happening as we step forward in faith and move forward in our Faith Journey. We are being asked to move out of our comfort zone, embrace what needs to happen now to make a vibrant congregation that shares God's love and grace. We need to allow God to be present in our lives and support us as we reach out to others and help them grow in their relationship with God and use our gifts and talents in order to provide for all those in need. This is about God and God's people not about us. I challenge all of us to continue in our faith journey moving into never thought about possibilities in little and big ways to serve God!

-Kathy LaDuca



SOUTHERN SUDAN HEALTH PROJECTS

- *The Clay Campus has raised \$1624.00 for Rebecca*
- *The North Syracuse Campus has raised \$1732.00 for Mary*

South Sudan continues to be in conflict, though it appears that our Home Health Promoters are able to work in Malek. Getting funds to them still is a challenge, but one that we are willing to undertake.

Trinity has more than funded Rebecca for 2015, and Andrews has more than funded Mary for 2015. Two Home Health Promoters are still not yet supported, so we may be looking at adopting yet another Home Health Promoter.

Recent reports say that South Sudan is one of the two worst countries in the world for a woman to safely give birth. Our Home Health Promoters are working in the most challenging of conditions in the world.

Your continuing support makes a difference.

Watch for information about benefit concerts coming up in September and in October.

-Rev. Bradford Hunt



We're up to \$1,180 for getting the Parking Lot at the Clay Campus sealed and having the parking spots re-painted. *An anonymous gift will be given to match the remaining half of the \$3,300.00 to complete the project!*



Food Pantry Collection

At the North Syracuse Campus, for the month of August we will be collecting Spaghetti Sauce for Brown Memorial United Methodist Church.

Druss Kususi

In September Druss Kususi will start up again. We will need your support on a number of levels. We need volunteers. The more adults there are to work with the children the more individual attention and help they get. It also makes it possible to keep the program going when some of our volunteers are unavailable. If you are interested in volunteering please talk with Kathy LaDuca. Druss Kususi runs during the school year when school is in session (we are off for holidays). If you can't come every week but still are interested in helping we can use you.



We also need donations. Gift certificates to Wegmans where food is purchased for snacks and lunch are helpful. Gift certificates to Five and Below, Walmart, Ollies, and the Dollar Tree are helpful so that we are able to purchase supplies, workbooks and other necessities for the program. We are also able to use them to purchase items when we give the children gift bags at Christmas and the end of the year. If you are interested in donating either gift certificates or money you are welcome to give them to Kathy, put them in the offering plate clearly designated for Druss Kususi or give them to the church secretary.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

*Jessica Parkhurst and Joshua Blesh exchanged their vows on
Saturday, July 18th at the North Syracuse Campus.*

We wish them a beautiful future together!



I know...school
JUST finished.
How can we be
asking for school
supplies
already? We
hope to have a
good stock of
school supplies
by August 12th.
We are planning
an event at
Madison Village
to include school
supplies as
"prizes". In
addition, we help
out the Sudanese
and Karenni
congregations as
well as
S.W.U.M. The
stores will be
starting their
school supply
sales any day
and you can get
some great
bargains. Please
consider
dropping off
supplies - for all
ages - at either
campus.

- Linda Raulli

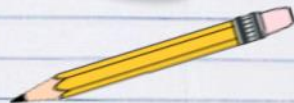
School Supplies

For New World Ministries, Karenni,
Madison Village and S.W.U.M. Children

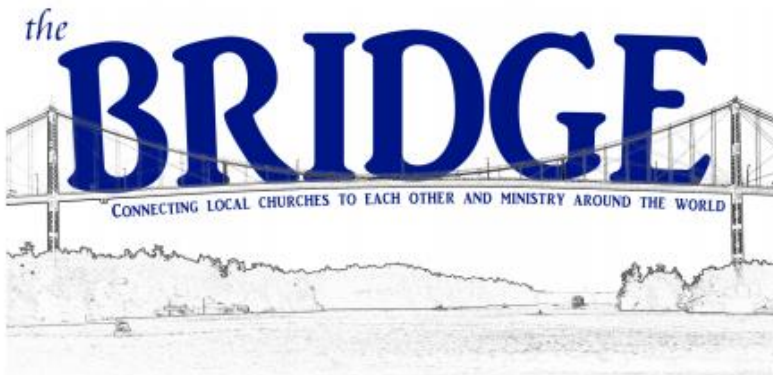
Collection Dates: Today - August 12th

We Need:

- Pencils (regular or mechanical)
- Pens
- Erasers
- Loose leaf notebook paper
— wide rule and college ruled
- Composition books
- Binders
- 1 subject notebooks
- Crayons
- Backpacks — if they are generic in color and theme we can use them for anyone
- Calculators — regular or scientific
- Pencil holders
- Pocket folders — generic in color and theme we can use them for anyone



Thank You!



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Rev. Manry received 2014 Chaplain of the Year Award



Chaplain Captain the Rev. Keith Manry received the 2014 Edwin R. Chess Award, which is given annually to one company grade officer who best displays the United States Air Force Chaplain core values of “glorifying God, helping airmen, and pursuing excellence.” He was recognized for his work at both Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Mont., and Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

Rev. Manry said “the opportunity to exercise the gifts and graces God has given me in the deployed environment” distinguished him.

In Afghanistan, he helped a 12-yearold Afghan girl – who had been badly injured by a rocket attack on her house – and her family acquire a \$5,000-grant to rebuild their home. At Bagram Airfield, he also provided comfort care to a young girl dying of intestinal issues at the airfield’s Heathe N. Craig Joint Theater Hospital.

“I would play the guitar and sing to her at night to put her to sleep and support the staff while we watched this little girl die,” he said.

Rev. Manry has also been very involved with Holy Joes Café, a free coffee outreach program for troops. He first learned of the ministry during his time in Connecticut, where he discovered Green Mountain Coffee donates K-cups and Keurig machines to soldiers.

“The ministry takes those donations and sends them to deployed troops, particularly to allow relationships to be built between the chaplains and the troops, so that conversations can take place in a natural way,” he said.

Since then, he coordinated shipments of more than three million K-cups.

He’s utilized this ministry at Malmstrom, where troops are deployed to the missile field on a daily basis. “I felt like, in many ways, that they are deployed; they’re just not deployed overseas,” he said.

“I felt like that a lot of what I did in Afghanistan with the coffee ministry could also be accomplished here.”

So Rev. Manry headed up the base’s first coffee shop, which now serves about 2,000 cups of coffee a month. He also helped establish “minister by satellite” Holy Joes Cafés in each Malmstrom missile alert facility.

In addition to Holy Joes, Rev. Manry also ran the Detour, a chaplain sponsored airmen’s ministry center at Malmstrom. The center provides pastoral care for airmen by offering amenities they otherwise would not have. For example, it has a pool table, foosball, air hockey, theater, and recording studio.

“The chaplains hang out with them; it allows them to communicate with us in a non-threatening way,” he said.

Rev. Manry also planned monthly events for the airmen, including retreats to Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp in Rollins, Mont., white water rafting adventures, and shopping mall trips.

Rev. Manry highlighted the support of his wife, Erica, saying that she deserves the award even more than he does. He left on July 1 for a new appointment at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam and will be there for two to three years.

Rev. Manry is an elder of the Upper New York Conference who most recently was appointed at the First United Methodist Church in Akron in the Niagara Frontier District.



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basement of
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Street in North
Syracuse*

Cradle & Beyond

Wednesdays & Thursdays : 11am-4pm
Saturdays: 10am-2pm

Upcoming Sales

<u>Items</u>	<u>Effective Dates:</u>
Shorts & Capris - .50¢ Each	July 8, 9 & 11
Pants, Slacks, & Jeans - .50¢ Each	August 12, 13 & 15
Handbags & Shoes - .50¢ Each	August 19, 20 & 22
Shirts & Blouses - .50¢ Each	August 26, 27 & 29

*Donations can be dropped off at the Clay in the large
garbage can located in the Narthex.*