
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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December 2016

Pastor's News for the People of God

Stay tuned for the January newsletter to hear from the Pastor.

Hanging of the Greens

We will be hanging the greens on December 3, 2016 at 11:00am. All are welcome to help make our church for Christmas!

2016 Christmas Bazaar

Thank you for all of your support, prayers, donations and time! We had another very successful bazaar! Our totals so far are \$2,198.10! We will be sending this money to various missions both within and outside of our church. Thank you again!

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Church Office News

The church office hours are Monday through Friday 1-3pm. The secretary is not in the office on Thursday. The Pastor will be in the office most Wednesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm. You may call during these hours to speak with the secretary, 315-245-2600 or e-mail the office at: camdenumc@centralny.twcbc.com. If you would like to come in during these hours please use the side door across from the office, and ring the bell to the right. The doors to our building will remain locked.

If you would like to dedicate our worship bulletins to loved ones please check with the office to book the date. The minimum suggested donation is \$6.60 a Sunday. If you would like to dedicate a hymn to loved ones for one of our worship services, for a donation, please check with the office for the date and to pick the hymn.

The deadline for the **January** newsletter is Wednesday, **December 7, 2016**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

If you are planning an event please be sure to check the church calendar for availability, a copy of the calendar is on the board outside of the office. If your event requires the office to participate or prepare any information for that event, please let the office know before it is announced.

People still needed to fill teams!

We are looking for people to help lead our church for the next year. If you are interested in helping out, please see Pastor Steve to let him know.

Please take the time to pray for our church leadership. If you feel called to one of these positions please pray, ask questions, pray, and answer the call as called.

We will have more information to come about the teams. Below are the current needs for the next year. Most of these teams meet as needed or quarterly. Some of these will need to meet monthly.

Staff/Parish Relations: 5-9 members
Trustees: 3-9 members
Safe Sanctuaries: at least 1 male and 1 female
Sunday School Superintendent/s: 1-2
Christian Education: at least 5
Worship planning: 5-9

Adult Study News

Sunday Morning:

SEEKERS adult study group meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:40 in the Library Lounge. All are invited to join us on our journey through life via the Bible.

Wednesday evening

We have started the Disciple I course. This is a 34 week study with daily reading and thought provoking questions. We have been having very interesting discussions and we are just starting in Genesis! Come join us!

Harvest Dinner

Thank you for all of your help this year to make our dinner a success!

After the expenses we have \$1,422+ profit. Some of the places the profit will be going toward are UMCOR, Worship Without Walls (Utica mission group), Cluster 13, Camden Area Food Pantry, Shoebox Ministry, fuel oil for the church, and our stove repairs.

Food Pantry News for October

Hello my dear friends. I'd like to start off my report a little differently. First of all the Pantry was very blessed with monetary giving from our church.

Ed & Lynette Rood celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party on October 22, and asked those who came to donate gifts to the Food Pantry. Hold on to your hats... the total amount we received from the Rood party was \$1,785!!

Secondly we received \$203.19 from the Harvest Dinner. Then Carolyn Dixon gave us \$100 in memory of Bernie & Pastor Steve and others gave to the Pantry in October. With an awesome total of \$2,214.19. Also given by our church was 148 items of food.

We had 95 families... 280 individuals and gave out 4,200 meals.

This money will help us give out \$25 gift certificates for food to our clients for the holidays as well as the normal food we always give out.

These blessings have been wonderful and unbelievable! We had 95 families in October, 280 individuals, and gave out 4,200 meals.

We are overwhelmed with your generosity. Thank you all again.

In the Bible, certain apostles bragged up some of their favorite churches who did things right. I brag all the time about this church, and no wonder why!!!

Totally Amazed, Diane Hertweck and the staff of the Camden Area Food Pantry

The Camden Area Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12:30 PM, and now Tuesday evenings from 6-7 pm.
Phone (315) 245-5788.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Please note: on the printed schedules for October, I missed October 30th. I moved every person or team forward to fill in the gap.

COUNTER SCHEDULE

December 4- Mike Waterman
December 11- Bob & Barb Conniff
December 18- Karl Keil
December 24- Debbie Leach
December 25- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord

ACOLYTES

December 4- Annaka Stauring
December 11- Carter Keller
December 18- Bella Keller
December 24- Annaka Stauring & Carter Keller
December 25- Bella Keller
(If you would like to be an acolyte, young and mature welcome, please let the office know)

BIBLE READERS

December 4- Jeri Norton
December 11-
December 18-
December 24-
December 25-
(If you would like to read we have openings. A signup sheet is on the table by the front of the sanctuary. I will let you know what the reading is the week scheduled. The slip has the possible readings for each service.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 4- Judy Keil
December 11- Carol Stauring
December 18-

USHER SCHEDULE

December 4- Chuck & Linda Bewley;
Margaret Smith & Jeff Johnson
December 11- Bob & Barb Conniff;
Darrell & Kathy Flinchum
December 18- Norm & Debbie Leach;
Mike & Deb Waterman
December 24- Pat Duffany; Bonnie LaRock;
Lorraine Storey; Shelley Delosh or
Carrie Pulizzi
December 25- Janice & Todd Alvord;
Charles & Jeri Norton

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES *Cont.*

COMMUNION STEWARDS

December 4- Bob & Barb Conniff &
Karleen Yager

(If you would like to help with communion, please see Leslie Coe. Our teams take care of communion about 2-3 times for the year)

Volunteer Schedules for 2017

Please meet with your volunteers and confirm them for next year, and find new volunteers to help through the year. I have blank calendar forms available in the office to fill out your volunteers.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

The next Bloodmobile will be **January 2, 2016 1:00-6:00pm**. Come out and help to meet or exceed the goal! Please note that the Bloodmobile is on **Mondays**.

Rapid Pass allows you to complete the reading material and the questions the day of your donation, but before you arrive. This will allow more donors by speeding up your registration process. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to learn more.

Please help by sharing the gift of life, the need is always present. The cost to you is about one hour of your time.

Increased Giving Sunday

Thank you for increasing your giving on November 6th! You have stepped up once again! Thank you for your continued financial support.

Card Ministry

If you have someone who you would like to receive a card from our Church please let me know and provide an address for me.

You can e mail me at janicealvord@gmail.com or give me a name and address at Church any Sunday morning. Thanks, Janice

Choir News

The choir is rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. The informal choir rehearses and sings the second Sunday of the month at 10:45. Come join us!

The choir is rehearsing the Christmas cantata on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm. Come and sing with us!

Ladies Fellowship

We will be meeting on December 3, 2016 at 10:00am. All ladies are welcome!

Card Supplies

There are card supplies available, free to use for personal use or to send a card to someone in our church family near and far. Supplies located on the card ministry table in the hall near the sanctuary. Help yourself.

Wanted, Stickers

Thank you for all of your help with suppling the stickers. We will be collecting again for next year's Christmas Bazaar. Thank you!

Shoebox Ministry

Thank you for all that you donated! We had **74** shoeboxes! These will make many children very happy!

Christmas Eve Service

Pastor Steve would like to have your ideas to help plan our service again this year. Feel free to share your thoughts of what you would like the service to contain. See Pastor Steve, Barb Schwartz or Karen Regan.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
SP Offering 1 st advent Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00	Choir 6-7:00 pm		AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10 Hanging of the Greens 10AM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2 nd Sunday in Advent Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir 10:00am	Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30 Cub Scouts 6- 7:30 Fellowship Hall	Cub Scout Leaders 4:30- 6:00 Library	January Newsletter deadline Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Villagers 12-?	Choir 6-7:00 pm		AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3 rd Sunday in Advent Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am & 10:45	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Library	Choir 6-7:00 pm		AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4 th Sunday in Advent Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 6- 7:30 Fellowship Hall		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Library	Choir 6-7:00 pm		AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10 Christmas Eve Service 7PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Library			AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10 New Year's Eve
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Epiphany Sunday Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am	Blood mobile 1- 6PM Fellowship Hall Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30	Cub Scouts 4:30- 6:00 Library	January Newsletter deadline Adult Bible Study 6:30-8pm		Epiphany of the Lord	AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10

Prayer List: Names remain on list for one month, unless requested to keep on the list.

Joseph Wiggins; those with dementia and Alzheimer's, their families & caretakers; Nancy & Rachel Curtis; Darrin Halstead & family; Aaron Keville; those fighting cancer; Police, Fire, Rescue, & Military personnel; Scott Manzer; Destinee Sobles; All religious minorities under persecution; Tom Young; families dealing with recent loss; Skyla 8 yr old; Liborio Barbagallo; Service members & families; Jack Estrella; The world; Students, Teachers, & Parents; Lillian, 6yr. old; Carole Abbott; Terry Polini & family; Marcia Bogle; Walt DeLosh; Prayers to calm hearts; Brayden Hughes; Cindy Polniaszek; Jeff Johnson's friend Carole; Susane Lewchanin; Paul Horn; those dealing with loss from violence, hurt, and anger; Communities and police officers dealing with recent death and violence; People dealing with loss of life due to violence around the world; Lorraine, Beth & Josie Story; Italy; Dorothy Walker's family; Able Roy & family; Capt. Chris Flaherty & those he leads; Tom Fanning; Lesley Mahoney; Kathleen Tilton; Alma Marie VanRiper's family; New Zealand; 11 yr old's family; Tom De Rose & family; co worker arm/hand issues; Laura Doolittle and family; Our Country; Logan Metott's family; those dealing with colds, flu and seasonal depression; Rosemary Winters.

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