
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's News for the People of God

Ask any person of faith about prayer and I believe they will tell you how important prayer is in their life. Both of the churches that I am privileged to serve have prayer journals where members can write prayer requests (joys and concerns) for each week that we worship. What I think is as important as entering the prayer requests is the answered prayers. We pray for healing, we pray for safe travels we pray for good results of medical tests, we pray that our children and grandchildren will do well in school and get satisfying jobs, we pray for our nation, and our leaders. To articulate those answered prayers is important.

On the National Day of Prayer we come together as a country, a country of all faiths and of all faith traditions to pray that our leaders, our legislators and all of our public servants will, to the best of their

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Church Office News

The church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 1-3pm. The secretary is not in the office on Thursday. The Pastor will be in the office most Wednesdays. 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.

The office will be closed April 30-May 3.

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.

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.

The deadline for the **June** newsletter is Wednesday, **May 3, 2017**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Choir News

The informal choir rehearses and sings the second Sunday of the month at 10:45.

Ladies Fellowship

We will be meeting on May 20, 2017 at 10:00am. All ladies are welcome!

abilities, serve our citizens with courage, with intelligence and with integrity do the work that is necessary to be a free, generous and merciful nation.

God of course is always in charge, always giving those in leadership positions guidance as to how they will see ever American indeed every child of God whatever their citizenship as worthy of receiving all that God can and does bestow on each of us, each of His children.

On May 4 please take a moment however you may in whatever words you may use to ask God's blessing on our nation, our world and on those whose who would lead us at every level of government.

God's blessing on each of you,
Pastor Steve

We are looking for...

Toys for babies and toddlers. We have had an increased need for "nursery" space. Since our church no longer has a nursery we no longer have toys to help our youngest among us to keep occupied and busy. These youngsters are too young for our busy bags and too young for our Sunday School.

We would like some new or gently used items that we will store in two tubs one for toddlers and one for infants. If you feel like donating please let the office know.

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.

National Day of Prayer

What is the National Day of prayer?

"The National Day of Prayer is celebrated by Americans of many religions, including Christians of many denominations, including Protestants and Catholics, as well as Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus, and Jews, reflecting the demographics of the United States. On the National Day of Prayer, many Americans assemble in prayer in front of courthouses, as well as in houses of worship, such as churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples. Luncheons, picnics, and music performances revolving around praying for the nation are also popular observances. Traditionally, the President of the United States issues an official National Day of Prayer proclamation each year as well." (Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Day_of_Prayer)

In Camden, the noon hour of prayer gathering will meet in the village park. All are welcome on Thursday, May 4 at noon.

We can pray individually, in groups, at school flag poles, in parks, in churches, the options are endless. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20 NRSV There will be people praying around the country at various times, meaning that God will be present.

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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Please note: All schedules are available. Please stop by the office for your copy. Thank you!

COUNTER SCHEDULE-

May 7- Debbie Leach
May 14- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord
May 21- Mike Waterman
May 28- Bob & Barb Conniff

ACOLYTES

May 7- Bella Keller
May 14- Annaka Stauring
May 21- Carter Keller
May 28- Bella Keller
(If you would like to be an acolyte, young and mature welcome, please let the office know)

BIBLE READERS

May 7- Dee Dunn
May 14-
May 21-
May 28-
(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

May 7- Racheal Keller
May 14- Katrina Relyea
May 21- Carol Stauring
May 28- Kathy Duerr

USHER SCHEDULE

May 7- Dan & Leslie Coe;
Leo Seaton; Alice Trumble
May 14- Steve & Racheal Keller;
Carol Stauring; Bernice Flagg
May 21- Karl & Judy Keil;
Joanne Karboski; Morgan Comins
May 28- Bill & Jan Bickford;
Dan & Leslie Coe

COMMUNION STEWARDS

May 7- Joanne Karboski, Terry Bailey, &
Carol Stauring
(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)

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

News

The next Bloodmobile will be **May 1, 2017 1:00-6:00pm**. Come out and help to meet or exceed the goal!

Our Blood drive on March 6 collected 32 pints of blood. Our May goal is for 40 pints, going over is great. Due to the winter weather they have had to cancel recent blood drives. The need is great at this time. Please make an appointment to give today.

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.

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 are now studying the New Testament of the Disciple I course. This is a 34 week study with daily reading and thought provoking questions. We have been having very interesting discussions. Come join us!

Food Pantry News for March 2017

Dear church family. Here is the report from the Food Pantry for the month of March.

We had 88 families, consisting of 251 individuals and gave out 3,765 meals.

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We acquired some wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables like potatoes, apples, lettuce, peppers, melons, pineapples and oranges.

This coming month we have ordered more fresh produce like green beans and peas and other items.

It's always nice to see fresh produce to let us know summer will soon be here and community gardens will start growing for us again.

Our church giving for the month of March was \$636.00, which included \$500.00 from the Ladies Fellowship, and 207 items. This amount provided approximately 843 meals.

All of you have been so generous to us and we are very grateful.

Sincerely the staff of the Camden Area Food Pantry and our needy.

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.

Sunday School News

Spring is finally here, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Our Sunday School class was thrilled with our Palm Sunday and Easter events. There were abundant smiles on students' faces as they uncovered Easter eggs and answered the questions found inside. It was an engaging way to reinforce what we have been learning all year and what Easter means to us as Christians.

All of the excitement of the Easter season has increased our weekly attendance greatly! We now have a weekly average of five students attending class! I am proud of all of these children and their parents, grandparents, and other family members who make it a priority to be in church on Sundays. Children in a church congregation are a sign of its good health! If you have not yet had a chance to teach a Sunday School class, or would like to do so again, let me know. There are still some opportunities left for May 7th, May 14th, and June 4th.

You can contact me at katrina.relyea16@houghton.edu or (315)245-3817. Talking face to face is also appreciated.

Pax et bonum,
Katrina Relyea
Sunday School Superintendent

Pennies for Mission

We added \$53.26 on April 2 for a total of \$103.48. That means we have 3.48 towards our 87th \$100. We will announce where the 86th Pennies for missions will go once the Ad Council make the decision. If you have a mission that you think our pennies should go, let the office know.

Keep those "pennies" coming! (Any amount of money is welcome)

Each time we gather \$100 we send that money to a mission local as well as global.
Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Transfiguration Sunday Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am	Bloodmobile 1-6pm Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30	Cub Scout Leaders 4:30-6:00 Library OFFICE CLOSED	June deadline Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Pastor library 12-2	National Day of Prayer		AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10 Camden Color Run
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir 10:00am	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 6-7:30pm		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Villagers 4-?		Wedding rehearsal 5:00pm	AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10 Wedding 11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 & 10:45am	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Library			AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Heritage Sunday Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Library		Wedding rehearsal 5:00pm	AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10 Wedding 11
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Ascension/Memorial Sunday Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am	Memorial Day Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Library		Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 5:30-7:30pm	AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10
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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; Paul Horn; Those troubled and carrying out violence; Skyla 8 yr old; Liborio Barbagallo; Service members & families; Jack Estrella; The world, our country; 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; those dealing with loss from violence, hurt, and anger around the world; Tom Fanning; Those dealing with domestic abuse; Diane Hayes; Families dealing with health issues and concern for finances; Rosemary Winters; those dealing with colds, flu and seasonal depression; Rev. Janet Gibbs; Coptic churches in Egypt; Robert Armstrong's family; Joan Webb; Karleen Yager; Linda Brown's family; John Melancon; Richard Knodel Sr.'s family; Jennifer Ferrara; Caleb Wurz; Phillip Drought & Floyd Collins' families, Lois Drought (wife & sister); Jeff Black; Charlotte Williams' family

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