
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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June 2017

Pastor's News for the People of God

Every day Ceilidh Grace (my springer spaniel) and I go across the street to the town of Cicero's Skyway Park to either walk or hit a few golf balls. It's one of our favorite places. This past Saturday I had the honor to do the invocation and benediction for the opening of the Little League season. It was special because the park had undergone an extensive renovation. They added one additional baseball field, moved one of the softball fields some sixty feet and developed a whole new playground area with much more in that area to come including an accessible play area for children of all abilities. Three of the fields were named after people who had given much of themselves to Little League and the maintenance of the field. One of them was the well know TV personality from the fifties and sixties, Jim Deline. This morning we went to the park as usual and as usual we took a plastic grocery bag with us that we

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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 May 29** (Memorial Day) **and June 1-3** as Pastor Steve and Leslie will be attending Annual Conference. We both can be reached by email, and limited availability by phone.

If you would like to dedicate our worship bulletins to loved ones please check with the office to book the date. **Current dates available June 25, July 9, 16, 23, & 30.** 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 **July** newsletter is Wednesday, **June 7, 2017**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Pastor's News Cont.

could use to pick up papers, bottles and cans, empty food wrappers and the like. We have on occasion picked up used diapers, clothing, baseball mitts, half eaten food among other things. None of that is unusual. The norm, frankly, is for persons to drop whatever they want to discard on the ground for others to deal with. There is a dumpster central to all the activities that is easily accessible but largely unused.

This morning, though it got me to thinking about people who are inconsiderate and who lack basic manners and everyday civility towards others and that let me to thinking about recent events at various college and university graduation ceremonies. Three in particular are Christian Colleges and universities. At least that they claim to be institutions of higher learning associated with Christianity. The three are Bethune-Cookman University, Grove City College and Notre Dame University.

All three institutions were, in my view, disrespected by a minority of students who, had they listened to the remarks, would likely have agreed with much of what the speakers were saying however their choice was not only to not hear but to do their best to cause others not to hear the remarks. While there is little that I can do about Notre Dame and Grove City, Bethune-Cookman University is a United Methodist Affiliated University. As such my recommendation would be to carefully consider whether as a denomination we want to continue to fund that kind of behavior with our shared ministry dollars.

My other recommendation might be to ask applicants to the university if they ever played Little League baseball and if so did their parents and coaches teach them to be civil and respectful of others by properly disposing of their hotdog wrappers at the ball field and if not then perhaps another school would be a better choice for them.

Disrespect, a complete lack of civility and rudeness seem to be the norm on college and university campuses these days. I am thankful my son is long past graduation and I pray for my granddaughters as one prepares for her senior year at Indiana State

University and the other prepares to enter high school.

God's blessing on each of you,
Pastor Steve

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!

Ladies Fellowship

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

Pentecost Sunday is June 4

Pentecost is when the Spirit entered the followers of Jesus and they went throughout the world to make disciples of all nations. The color that the church uses to symbolize Pentecost is red. We encourage you to wear red on that Sunday to show you are a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Special Offering June 11

Peace with Justice Sunday is June 11th this year. Your gift encourages living a gospel of peace. The United Methodist Peace with Justice Sunday offering makes a difference through ministries in the United States, our conference, and around the world.

"This peace looks injustice in the face, cries about it for a while and then advocates- and choosing this peace is a happy business." Sara Altman, member, Mississippi City United Methodist Church, Gulfport, Miss.

"Live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."-2 Corinthians 13:11b, NRSV.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

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

COUNTER SCHEDULE

June 4- Karl Keil
June 11- Debbie Leach
June 18- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord
June 25- Mike Waterman

ACOLYTES

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

BIBLE READERS

June 4- Dee Dunn
June 11-
June 18-
June 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

June 4- Katrina Relyea
June 11- Judy Keil
June 18- Michelle Relyea
June 25- Katrina Relyea

USHER SCHEDULE

June 4- Chuck & Linda Bewley;
Margaret Smith; Michelle Relyea
June 11- Bob & Barb Conniff;
Darrell & Kathy Flinchum
June 18- Norm & Debbie Leach;
Mike & Deb Watterman
June 25- Pat Duffany; Bonnie LaRock;
Lorraine Storey; Shelley DeLosh or
Carrie Pulizzi

COMMUNION STEWARDS

June 4- Karl & Judy Keil, &
Michele Relyea
(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 **July 10, 2017 1:00-6:00pm**. Come out and help to meet or exceed the goal!

Our Blood drive on May 1 collected 44 pints of blood. Our July goal is for 37 pints, going over is great. 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.

Loaves & Fishes (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!

Cleveland UMC Fun(d) Day

is June 2-3. June 2 pre-sale of rummage items, food tent and bake sale 5-8pm. Saturday Fun(d) day starts at 9am; food available all day (hot sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, salt potatoes, beverages, pizza frites and sno-cones. Chicken BBQ starts at 11am); the auction starts at 12 noon. This is one of the major fundraisers for the Cleveland UMC.

Food Pantry News for April 2017

Dear Church Family,

Here is the report for April from the Food Pantry.

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We have been getting more new families every month and that is what makes us uplifted to know we are needed.

You have all been so kind and thoughtful with your contributions of food and money.

Our church gave \$155 and 288 items of groceries, toothpaste, and shampoo. Your overall giving provided approximately 430 entire meals.

We received some oranges and grapefruit from the Vienna giveaway.

Much fresh produce on the way for May. The order came in on May 1 and will be in Mays report.

Thank you for giving so generously to the Food Pantry.

Grateful,
staff and clients

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.

Baccalaureate Service June 22nd

This year's Baccalaureate Service will be at the Camden High School, June 22 and 7:00pm. Refreshments will be available after the service. If you are interested in donating to the refreshments please contact Carrie Pulizzi or Shelley DeLosh.

Sunday School News

Summer is on the horizon! Can you taste the s'mores and hear the campfire songs yet? I am thrilled that some of our students are attending camp this summer! It's a fantastic place for making new friends and unforgettable memories.

Speaking of memory making, how would you like to get a chance to experience the culture of Peru without having to leave behind the comforts of your home? Well, now you can! Our Vacation Bible School is excited to present our 2017 summer curriculum: Passport to Peru! Mark your calendar for the week of August 28th. We will spend our evenings adventuring in God's word, exploring Peruvian culture, trying new food, and playing games from Peru. By the end of the week we guarantee you'll have an earworm or two!

We are thrilled to learn how our brothers and sisters in Christ live in South America, and we hope to make an impact locally by partnering with a mission project. Any suggestions are welcome. Our next two planning meetings are on June 11th and July 23rd directly after church. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon and planning.

While VBS is gearing up, Sunday School is winding down. On June 25th we will have an end-of-the-year party during class! Also, we hope to honor all the students completing 2nd grade that day, so make sure you don't miss it.

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

Cluster 13 Report – June 2017

Cluster 13 has another very active summer planned. The year-around missions of the Camden Area Food Pantry, the Clothing Connection, and Heartfelt Helping Hands are always serving our community, most especially the less fortunate and/or those needing temporary help and encouragement. The Cluster of Produce garden is being planted and tended already with a team of volunteers in ministry. Arrive at the garden on Ripley Drive on a Saturday morning if you want to help.

The Housing Ministry is also year-around to some extent, but much less active in the winter. Tom Prichard and others answer emergency needs, work on the Cluster 13 Center building, rescue building materials that can be repurposed, and plan for the next season. Currently our building is being insulated and given a “face-lift” with grant money received from the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties in 2016. All The King’s Men Construction is doing the work.

Many of you will be receiving Cluster 13 fund raising letters soon. Please prayerfully consider a donation. We are your local mission, with a vision and outreach limited only by the funds received.

Our United Methodist Church will be providing lodging again for visiting Mission Work Groups. June 25-July 1 about 30 adults lead by Bob Quimby will be here, representing a number of different churches in Pennsylvania. Also, July 15-22 we lodge 15 workers (youth and adults) from the First Church of Windsor, CT, lead by Char Corbett and Hal Milliken. We will provide the Welcome Meal for this group, 6:00 on Saturday, July 15. They will be worshipping with us Sunday morning as they have in other years. Four other work groups will be here this summer, staying at other sites. Make an opportunity to meet and welcome these generous and joyful visitors.

Something to Think About

In April 1966, the Bicentennial of American Methodism was celebrated with a 4-day event in Baltimore, MD. To commemorate the role of the early circuit riders in our history, twelve Methodist pastors from various states east of the Mississippi traveled *on horseback* from their home states to Baltimore. Dressed in typical garb for the 1700’s, and stopping often to speak to local congregations and the general public, they attracted much attention from local and national news sources. The interest they generated in our bicentennial celebration was enormous, but for the riders themselves, the most exciting part of the journey was the opportunity to connect with and witness to their faith before a huge number of people from all faiths and walks of life.

The rider who traveled from Louisiana, Dan Tohline, spent 46 days in the saddle and spoke in churches along the way 158 times, in parks and other public venues 26 times, and informally with schoolchildren at 20 public schools. This rider felt very strongly about the opportunity to witness in this manner. In his message, Dan called people “to a renewed emphasis on witness to the faith that is in them.” He commented further, “We have a strange attitude about talking about our religion. We get embarrassed. We talk about travel, politics, education, business, or television, and even tell jokes about drunkenness, but never mention religion. Mankind will never outgrow the power of a personal witness. While church people have given up witnessing, the advertising people have taken it up as the best way to sell their products. They use athletes, actors, and attractive models to say that their products are the greatest of their kind in the world. Jesus said, ‘You shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth.’ Still we find it easier to testify about an electrical appliance or about a new food product, than to tell someone what Christ means to us.” It’s something to think about....

(For more about the twelve riders and their experiences, check out the book “Twelve Came Riding” edited by Kenneth S. Jones in the section on United Methodism in our church library.)
Submitted by Our Lay Leader, Lorraine Storey

June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Ascension/ Memorial Sunday Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	Memorial Day Office Closed Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30	Cub Scout Leaders 4:30- 6:00 Library	Bible Study 6:30-8:00	First day of Annual Conference	Annual Conference continues	AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10 Last day of Annual Conference Relay for life
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pentecost Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir 10:00am	Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30 Cub Scouts 6- 7:30pm		July Newsletter Deadline Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Pastor library 12-2		Wedding rehearsal 5:00pm	AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Trinity Sunday Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 & 10:45am VBS meeting after church	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Library			AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's 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	Baccalaureate Service CHS		AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Cluster 13 Work group arrives	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Adult Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Library			AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 9-10 Cluster 13 Group leaves
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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; Those questioning their faith and disengaging from their church family; Carolyn Dixon; Marcia Bogle; Family of 8yr old killed; Kim; Gary Wallace; Lynette & Ed Rood; Laurie O'Hern; Elaine Cripe; Unspoken request; Jim

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