
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's News for the People of God

Perhaps I have mentioned a time or two that I like golf. I like to play golf, I like to watch golf tournaments, I like to watch golf movies and of course I like to collect vintage and antique golf clubs. As I write this message I am preparing to play in our golf club's member guest tournament. I've never played in it before so I am kind of excited about it.

We begin with a practice round on Thursday and then a flighting round on Friday to determine which flight or at which skill level my partner and I will be playing in and then finally on Saturday and Sunday the actual tournament itself. I hope that I will still be able to walk on Monday evening when we will play in our regular weekly golf league so then if I'm able to walk on Tuesday it will be something of a miracle.

Why do I like golf so much? In part it is the opportunity to be with people I really like. It gives me exercise that I hope will keep me mobile into

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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.

If you would like to dedicate our worship bulletins to loved ones please check with the office to book the date. **Current dates available August 6, 20, 27, and September 3, 10, 17, & 24.** 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 **September** newsletter is Wednesday, **August 2, 2017**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Ladies Fellowship

We will be meeting on August 5, 2017 at 10:00am. All ladies are welcome!

Pastor's News Cont.

my senior years and while there is a spirit of competition in reality the game is really more about defeating a piece of real estate rather than a person. Another and perhaps the most important reason that I like the game of golf is that there is virtually no need for umpires or referees because the players call penalties on themselves. This is a game of ethics of honesty and even morality. It's common to hit a ball twice in a Swing for instance. Almost never will your playing opponent observe the infraction and yet I can't tell you how many times players will call the penalty on themselves. I did it once and it cost me a tournament win. My opponent said that he didn't see it or hear it and that I shouldn't count it. Truth is I knew it and had I won the tournament on that basis, well I wouldn't have won it at all.

I can't tell you the political position of any of the players that I know and play golf with. I couldn't tell you the political position of any of the PGA tournament players but I can tell you quite emphatically that many, if not most have a deep and abiding faith in God. Take time to watch a golf tournament sometime and watch how many players when interviewed thank God for giving them the talent and the patience and the caddy they have and what a blessing their wife and family are to them and that God has blessed them in so many ways and that's why they won.

While Jesus didn't play golf to the best of my knowledge it was common for children in Jesus day to hit stones with a stick along the ground perhaps a precursor to the game of golf, who knows.

If only the world lived by the rules of golf and that rather than fighting against each other we fought against our common enemies, poverty, hunger, ignorance, lack of availability of quality healthcare, bigotry, racism and hate.

Someday perhaps, all of these will no longer be a part of everyone's lives. I pray in Jesus name that it will be true.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Pennies for Mission

We added \$51.51 on July 9th for a total of \$92.99 towards our 87th \$100. The 86th Pennies for missions went to the Cluster of Produce (the Community Garden). 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!

2017 Camping News

This year we have 5 people attending camp.

Aldersgate- Family Life Weekend- Kathy Duerr and her granddaughter, Brinley Duerr.
Casowasco- The Great Outdoors- Robert Widor, grandson of Steve and Dorcas Dunn.
Skye Farm Camp- Creativity Camp, Performing Arts- Lindsay Melancon.
Skye Farm Camp- Creativity Camp, Folk Arts- Madeline Melancon.

This year the Lorna Manzer Fund covered 50% of each camper's cost. Next year we will appreciate donations from the congregation.

Something to Think About

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., referred to an old Arabian proverb when he said "Before you speak, ask yourself (of what you are about to say): Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? Does it improve upon silence?" The apostles Paul, Peter, and James also instruct us to be careful with our words.

What might our world be like if everyone followed this advice? It's something to think about.....

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

August 6- Bob & Barb Conniff

August 13- Karl Keil

August 20- Debbie Leach

August 27- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord

ACOLYTES

August 6- Annaka Stauring

August 13- Carter Keller

August 20- Bella Keller

August 27- Annaka Stauring

(If you would like to be an acolyte, young and mature welcome, please let the office know)

BIBLE READERS

August 6-

August 13-

August 20-

August 27- Winnie Dunn

(If you would like to read we have openings. The signup sheet is on the table by the front of the sanctuary, the readings for the rest of the year are there. I will let you know what the reading is the week scheduled. The slip has the possible readings for each service.)

USHER SCHEDULE

August 6- Chuck & Linda Bewley;

Margaret Smith & Michelle Relyea

August 13- Bob & Barb Conniff;

Darrell & Kathy Flinchum

August 20- Norm & Debbie Leach;

Mike & Deb Waterman

August 27- Pat Duffany; Bonnie LaRock;

Lorraine Storey; & Shelley DeLosh or
Carrie Pulizzi

COMMUNION STEWARDS

August 6- Karl & Judy Keil & Michelle 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 **September 4, 2017 1:00-6:00pm, Labor Day**. Come out and help to meet or exceed the goal of 39 pints!

Our July goal was for 37 pints, we exceeded that goal. There were 47 donors, 5 were first time donors, and 43 pints were collected. 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 taking the summer off and will start meeting again in September. We will have 7 lessons of the Disciple I course left to complete in September. This is a 34 week study with daily reading and thought provoking questions. We have been having very interesting discussions. Come join us!

Desperate Need for Acolytes

There are often Sunday mornings when we do not have an acolyte in attendance.

We welcome anyone from the congregation to be an acolyte. You can be youth or adult, all are welcome.

If you would like to help in this important ministry please let the office know.

Food Pantry News for June 2017

Dear church family,

Here is the report from the Food Pantry for the month of June.

We served 90 families consisting of 304 individuals and gave out 4,560 meals. Although the amount of families is about the same, they seem to be larger families with more children.

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It was indeed a great month for giving out fresh produce. Most came from the Community Gardens. Their produce was spectacular! Strawberries in abundance, Swiss chard (red and green), radishes, lettuce (red and green leaf), spinach, mustard greens, and kale. God surely has blessed their garden. Also of course, those who tend it know what they're doing.

We got oranges and grapefruits from the Vienna giveaway and Little Debbie cakes donated from the Family Dollar.

Our people still find it hard to believe they receive so much.

Our church family gave 401 items and \$275. This amount includes items from Bill Sanford's birthday party and items from Bev & Tom Pritchard.

Thank you so much for all you do to keep our clients well fed and happy.

You indeed are a loving and caring church family.

Diane Hertweck and all staff and clients 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.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

We are looking into new ways to share the church newsletter. Specifically to email the newsletters we can and use USPS to mail the newsletter to those who do not have email.

This has the potential to reduce the costs of mailing the newsletter (postage, paper, & printer ink)

What is needed from you is to give me feedback by phone, email, or letter. If you call please let me know your name, phone number, and the address that you prefer I use (USPS mail or email). If you send an email, please put "Newsletter feedback" in the subject line as well as your name and I will add your email to the list I have on file. I do not share the email addresses with anyone other than our financial leader if requested for mailing statements, and the Pastor, if a need arises. If you mail your response please fill out the form in this newsletter and return it to me.

I will continue to put the monthly newsletter up on our church website.

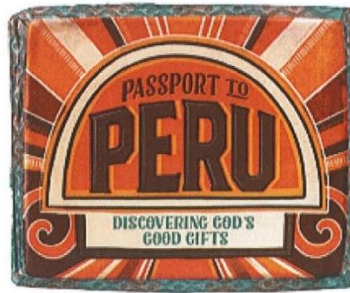
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		September Newsletter Deadline			AA- 9:30 am Ladies Fellowship 10:00am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Communion Sunday	LABOR DAY Office Closed Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30 Blood Drive 1-6		October Newsletter deadline			AA- 9:30 am

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; Liborio Barbagallo; Service members & families; Jack Estrella; The world, our country; Students, Teachers, & Parents; Lillian; 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; Rev. Janet (Gibbs) LaCroix; Baccus & Ball families; the families and people of those involved in I81 accident; Melody Habeeb; Karen Duffany Rowe; Kathy Woods; Stephen & Betty Carpenter; John Bruggerman's family; the families impacted by violence in Jefferson County; John Vossler's family; those areas in Upper NY with recent flooding; Military families impacted by plane crash; Pat Missell's family and friends; Ted & Mary Wyskida



Dear Parents:

Your kids are invited to experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of a unique culture at Passport to Peru VBS, where kids discover how much God loves the world. Passport to Peru is a whole new environment filled with incredible Bible-learning adventures, cultural experiences, team-building games, unique treats, and cool faith-building songs—all amazing standout activities that help faith grow in real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life, something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us in the Closing Celebration each day at 7:30 pm, because that's when we'll be having a daily celebration you won't want to miss.

So mark these dates on your calendar: August 28 - September 1, 2017.
The fun starts at 6:00 pm and will end at 8:00 pm.
Call this number 315-245-2600 to register your children for this life-changing adventure!

Sincerely,

*Katrina Relyea,
Sunday School Superintendent*

Newsletter feedback form:

Please provide this information when you reply in any way that works best for you

I wish to receive the monthly Camden United Methodist Church Newsletter by:

Email: _____ (Please provide your email address)

USPS mail: (Please provide your name, and confirm your address)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

You may share my contact information for financial or Pastoral use:

(Please check one)

Yes: _____

No: _____

If mailing this response to the church fold this page in half and tape shut. Add the return address and a stamp, the church address is already provided. Thank you.

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