
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's News for the People of God

My favorite music genre is called solo piano. This afternoon I'm sitting on my front porch on a beautiful end of summer day listening to Michael Jones album entitled SeaScapes with Ceilidh sitting next to be. If I didn't know better I would say I'm very content and all is right with the world. To be sure I feel content but all is not right with the world.

We (a collective American we) have suffered from two major hurricanes in the past three weeks, our friends in Montana had experienced horrific wild fires during the same time and another hurricane Maria is devastating parts of the Caribbean that already has barely survived the last hurricane, Irma.

And so on this beautiful sunny warm day as I sit on my porch listening to solo piano music I remember that we are not solo people. We are united by a

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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 October 1, 15, & 22, November 5, 12, and 26.** 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 secretary will NOT be in the office Tuesday, October 3. She will be in the office on Thursday, October 4. Friday, October 13 she will be in the office 10:00am-12:00pm.

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 **November** newsletter is Wednesday, **October 4, 2017**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Pastor's News *cont.*

common desire to look out for each other, to care for others during times of crisis. As followers of Jesus we want to reach out to those who are suffering and offer our prayers for hope, strength and recovery and we reach out by offering our gifts of money and items like cleanup buckets to those who are trying to rebuild after the recent devastation.

If you have not yet made a donation or are considering giving more, UMCOR the United Methodist Commission on Relief is an excellent choice for responsible giving. Remember all administrative expenses are paid by our shared ministry giving throughout the year so that donations given in time of natural disaster are targeted 100% to the purpose for which they are given.

Please consider this opportunity to be generous to all of our brothers and sisters near and far who need our help.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Pennies for Mission

We added \$22.00 on September 3rd for a total of \$58.56, towards our 89th \$100.

Our 88th and 89th pennies will be going to UMCOR for Hurricane relief.

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!

Christmas Bazaar

The bazaar will be held on Saturday November 18th, 2017. Applications are now being accepted for vendors. For questions please call Karleen Yager at 245-2433 ***Before 8pm.**

Volunteers will be needed to help supply soups, baked goods, and to clean up after. Please contact Karleen Yager at 245-2433 ***Before 8pm.**

Something to Think About

The theme of this year's Annual Conference was *Trusting that God is Enough*. Stephen J. Hustedt, Editor/Publisher of our conference magazine, Upper New York Advocate, says: "In life, in our world, and even in our Church, there are times when it is hard to see the way forward. There are times when we just don't have the energy or resources to do what needs to be done. But, even when things seem hopeless, they are not, because God is there and God is enough."

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men. I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

Our Bishop, Mark J. Webb, continues the thought: "As we strive to be the Church that God has called us to be, we have to stop living with a theology of scarcity and start living the truth that God is enough. Whatever God is calling us to, wherever God is leading us, God has already given us everything we need to accomplish God's purpose and plan. God is enough for your life – God is enough for the ministries of your church – God is enough for the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. God is enough for the future of The United Methodist Church!"

It's something to think about. . .

Fall Back November 5, 2017

Turn your clocks back on November 5th.

Charge Conference

Charge conference is scheduled for October 22 at Vienna United Methodist Church 2-3pm with worship at 3:15-4:00. Stop by the office for your forms. (SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Laity). The first deadline is **OCTOBER 2.**

Safe Sanctuaries

We have obtained a DVD and workbook for people who will be working directly with children and youth. All those working with children and youth in the Upper New York Annual Conference are required to take Safe Sanctuaries training. Please stop by the office to sign up to take part.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

October 1- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord
October 8- Mike Waterman
October 15- Bob & Barb Conniff
October 22- Karl Keil
October 29- Debbie Leach

ACOLYTES

October 1- Bella Keller
October 8- Annaka Stauring
October 15- Carter Keller
October 22- Bella Keller
October 29- Annaka Stauring
(If you would like to be an acolyte, young and mature welcome, please let the office know)

BIBLE READERS

October 1- Terry Bailey
October 8-
October 15-
October 22-
October 29-
(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.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 1- Michelle Relyea
October 8-
October 15- Alice Trumble
October 22- Karen Regan
October 29- Karen Regan

USHER SCHEDULE

October 1- Bill & Jan Bickford;
Dan & Leslie Coe
October 8- Chuck & Linda Bewley;
Margaret Smith; Michelle Relyea
October 15- Bob & Barb Conniff;
Darrell & Kathy Flinchum
October 22- Norm & Debbie Leach;
Mike & Deb Waterman
October 29- Janice Alvord; Bonnie LaRock;
Lorraine Storey; Shelley DeLosh
or Carrie Pulizzi

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES Cont.

COMMUNION STEWARDS

October 1- 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)

2018 Volunteer scheduling

If you are the head of a volunteer group please touch base with all of your volunteers to be sure they want to continue. If you think of someone who might like to be a volunteer, invite them to help.

There are forms in the office to help you schedule your volunteers. Only the first rotation of volunteers is needed for the office to put the schedules together.

Please get your list to the office by December 6th at the latest.

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 have started meeting again. We have been having very interesting discussions. Once we finish this Study we will start something new. 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.

**The First Sunday of Advent is:
December 3, 2017**

Food Pantry News for August 2017

Dear Friends & church family,

Our family count was up from 79 in July to 106 families for the month of August. We had 298 individuals and gave out 4,470 meals. We got at least 4 new families and the rest were families that had been coming but stopped during the summer months.

I was especially impressed by community gardens bumper crop of tomatoes. We also got green beans, collard greens and other leafy greens, cucumbers, radishes, yellow and zucchini squash plus patty pan and bell squash. It's so wonderful, like going to the market with no price tags, take as much as you want of whatever you like.

We served 106 families...298 individuals and gave out 4,470 meals.

We also got many canned goods from the Family Dollar, a real blessing as we were getting low.

Our church's total giving was 199 items and \$36.00 for August.

Once again thank you so much for helping us feed our hungry.

The pantry staff and clients

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

World Communion Sunday October 1, 2017

Your generous gift on this Sunday helps promising young adults to become leaders.

Your contribution funds graduate racial-ethnic World Communion scholarships, with at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the U.S. Donations also provide undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service training programs. The World Communion Sunday offering makes a difference.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

The next Bloodmobile will be **November 6, 2017 1:00-6:00pm**. Come out and help to meet or exceed the goal of 39 pints!

Our September blood drive brought in 41 pints. 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.

Harvest Dinner

Will be Thursday October 19th 4pm-?. The menu is Turkey & gravy, stuffing, potato, squash, cranberry, green bean casserole, roll, dessert and beverage. All tickets are \$15, children under 5 FREE (dining room only). Take-outs one price one size. Tickets available from Camden UMC members or by calling the church office at 315-245-2600.

Volunteers needed to help the day of the dinner to prepare, serve, and help cleanup. Volunteers also needed to donate pies and cupcakes to go with the dinner. Many hands together make the work of God possible.

Pies and cupcakes are needed. Please no Custard pies, Pumpkin is okay. Please let Janice Alvord or let the office know if you are able to assist with these.

October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Informal Choir	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45			AA- 9:30 am
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 World Communion Sunday	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Charge Conference form deadline Cub Scouts 4:30-6	Office Closed	November Newsletter Due Loaves & Fishes 6:30-8pm Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 FH	Office open 1-3pm		AA- 9:30 am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Villagers 4-?pm Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 Youth room		Office hours 10:00am- 12:00pm	AA- 9:30 am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Laity Sunday	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 Youth room	Harvest Dinner 4-?pm		AA- 9:30 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Charge Conference 2- 3pm Vienna UMC	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 FH			AA- 9:30 am
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Reformation Sunday	Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30	Halloween	December Newsletter deadline Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm All Saints Day Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45			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; Susane Lewchanin; Carole Abbott; Terry Polini & family; Marcia Bogle; Lillian; Prayers to calm hearts; Brayden Hughes; Cindy Polniaszek; Jeff Johnson's friend Carole; Rosemary Winters; 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; Rev. Janet (Gibbs) LaCroix; Walt Delosh's family; Dave & Kathy Duerr; Lena Brown; Charlie Smith's family; Carolyn Dixon and family; Deanna Lane; Bill Sanford and family; Texas and surrounding area from Hurricane; Marcia Bogle; Jeff Doran; Jean Davies' family; Devon Freeman; Harriet Rowell; Those searching for jobs; Joanne Karboski; Those impacted by the earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, typhoons, and tropical storms; Winnie Dunn & family; Diane Ren's family; Denise Hanna; Michael A. Peppers II's family; Richard Duerr Jr.'s family; Katrina Relyea; Greg Relyea.

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