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# CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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## Pastor's News for the People of God

Throughout history there have been changes in the Christian Church. Five hundred years ago an Augustinian Monk by the name of Martin Luther attempting to inform the Pope in Rome of abuses that he perceived were destroying the church. You have heard me mention that on October 31, 1517 All Saints Eve day; Luther penned 95 theses articulating his concern on the door of the church in Wittenberg. It is important I think to understand that first; this wasn't an act of vandalism as we might think because that was the norm for posting information of interest to the academic community at Wittenberg University. Second, Luther wrote in the language of academia, Latin. His thought was that his academic colleagues would read his words and have a "disputation" or debate among themselves about his concerns. His intent never was to cause a schism in the church.

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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](mailto: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 November 5 and 26, December 3, 10, 17.** 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 **December** newsletter is Wednesday, **November 1, 2017**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

## **Pastor's News** *cont.*

Something interesting happened. Individuals from the village of Wittenberg translated his theses into German and distributed them to those in the community who could read, perhaps no more than 10% of the people. From there his ideas spread like wildfire as those who could read shared all of the concerns with the populace. In addition to these theses Martin began to write pamphlets and books expanding his thoughts and soon Rome took notice.

In considering how rapidly Martin's work spread throughout the region it is helpful to know that just a few years before a man by the name of Johannes Gutenberg invented the moveable type printing press. That invention may be the greatest invention in history! And it didn't need apps to run!

The message I think for us is that churches throughout Christianity and throughout history evolve and change. Our own United Methodist Church is no exception. Right now a group of Bishops and lay persons are engaged in a great work to establish the "Way Forward" for our church (helping the denomination avoid schism amid deep divisions over homosexuality). The church needs our prayers as they meet together for that great purpose and prayers for those engaged in their work. As new developments occur I will keep you informed.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve

## **Pennies for Mission**

We added \$43.92 on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for a total of \$102.48. Bringing us to \$2.48 towards our 90<sup>th</sup> \$100.

Our 89<sup>th</sup> pennies went 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10-4. Applications are now being accepted for vendors.

Come and shop our many vendors and take a rest with a bite to eat from our café. We will have homemade soups and chili. We will also have a quilt raffle (tickets \$2.00 or 3/\$5.00. The dimensions are: 54" W x 66 1/2" H) as well as our bake sale featuring homemade items.

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.**

## **Harvest Dinner Recap**

The Harvest Dinner was a success again this year! Thank you for your dedication and help.

We had a total of \$5,232.00- \$3,431.08 for expenses leaving us with \$1,800.92 to give to missions.

We will give:

\$300.92 toward kitchen needs (silverware)  
\$500.00 to UMCOR

\$250.00 to help pay the oil bill this winter  
\$250.00 to the Camden Area Food Pantry  
\$250.00 to Cluster 13 Ministries Inc.

\$250.00 to Samaritan's Purse (Shoebbox Ministry)

## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**

### COUNTER SCHEDULE

November 5- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord  
November 12- Mike Waterman  
November 19- Bob & Barb Conniff  
November 26- Karl Keil

### ACOLYTES

November 5- Carter Keller  
November 12- Bella Keller  
November 19- Annaka Stauring  
November 26- Carter Keller

### BIBLE READERS

November 5- Kathy Duerr  
November 12-  
November 19-  
November 26-  
(If you would like to read we have openings. The sign-up 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

November 5- Michelle Relyea  
November 12- Carrie Pulizzi  
November 19- Janice Alvord  
November 26- Carrie Pulizzi

### USHER SCHEDULE

November 5- Janice & Todd Alvord;  
Charles & Jeri Norton  
November 12- Dan & Leslie Coe;  
Leo Seaton & Alice Trumble  
November 19- Steve & Racheal Keller;  
Carol Stauring & Bernice Flagg  
November 26- Karl & Judy Keil;  
Joanne Karboski & Morgan Comins

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

November 5- Dan & Leslie Coe & Janice Alvord

(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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 lively discussions on many topics. Come join us Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00pm!

## **Changes in the order of worship**

We are having a procession each Sunday morning. The procession will include an acolyte, a crucifer (the person carrying the cross), and the pastor.

Since there are often Sunday mornings when we do not have an acolyte in attendance, one of the ushers will be the acolyte as needed and another will be the crucifer.

**November 5, 2017**  
**Turn your clocks back.**

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

## Food Pantry News for September 2017

Dear church family,

The amount of families for the month of September was 91. The individuals were 285 and we gave out 4,275 meals.

The community gardens, plus others, provided us with much fresh produce, with more to come like apples and potatoes.

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Our church giving was 225 items and \$61.00!

Thank you all for these generous gifts. We appreciate your kindness towards our mission.

Diane & other staff members of our pantry.

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.

## UM Student Day Sunday November 26, 2017

Your generous gift on this Sunday enriches ministry and connects students to their faith.

The United Methodist Student Day offering makes a difference for people.

## 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](http://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.

## Rotary Christmas Basket Sign-up 2017

Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at the North Bay Town Hall, State Rte. 49 North Bay from 4:00-7:00pm.

Thursday and Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at the Camden United Methodist Church in the Head start classrooms 4:00-7:00pm.

Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Camden United Methodist Church in the Head start rooms 9am-12pm.

Basket pick up is Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm in the middle school cafeteria. If you are unable to pick up your basket, please send someone with a signed note from you stating that they have permission to collect your items.

No food boxes and/or toys will be held after 3:00pm.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> All Saints Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Informal Choir Worship Planning meeting	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		December Newsletter Due Cub Scouts 3:30-4:45 Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm			AA- 9:30 am Turn your clocks back
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 All Saints Sunday	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Blood Drive 1-6	Cub Scouts 4:30-6:00	Cub Scouts 3:30-4:45 FH Loaves & Fishes 6:30-8pm	Ad Council 6:30		AA- 9:30 am Ladies Fellowship 10:00
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Last day for Shoeboxes	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30			Rotary Basket Sign-up 4-7pm Head Start Rooms	Rotary Basket Sign-up 4-7pm Head Start Rooms	AA- 9:30 am Christmas Bazaar Rotary Basket Sign-up 9-12pm Head Start Rooms
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Thanksgiving Sunday	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Cub Scouts 3:30-4:45 Youth room Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm	Thanksgiving		AA- 9:30 am
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
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Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 First Sunday of Advent	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30	Cub Scouts 4:30-6pm	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; Those impacted by the earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, typhoons, and tropical storms; Albina Fox's family; Robert Hayes' family; Bob Smith; Charles Gerber Jr.'s family; Jeff Black; Marion R. Platt's family; Mike & Mary Jo Tollerton (Florence UMC pastor and spouse); Marge Bathrick; V-tech students/staff/police; Deanna Lane; Carolyn Dixon's family; Sister-in-law with melanoma; Roxanne Johnson; Las Vegas; Karen; Jane Nichols' family.

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