
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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THE GOLDEN RULE...Spread the Meaning...there is still hope

By: Carole Moore, New Jersey (written for The Valley Newspaper)

With the tragedy in Florida, I wonder, why we are not looking back in history.

As a 70 something I don't remember these horrible things happening, but my husband says, it's because we didn't have the media to shove it down our throats at noon, 5, and 11 each day. He reiterated, that if we had the media present during World War II, giving a blow by blow description of what was going on in each campaign, the war would have been over a lot sooner.

But during WWII, the only "authentic photos", were shown as a preview before the movies on Friday or Saturday night.

They were edited, maybe slanted to a pro American view, and maybe never mentioning how many of our soldiers lost their lives that day.

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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 need to reach someone immediately you can call the church cell phone at 315-225-6259, if no one answers leave a message and we will call you back (we can receive text messages as well). 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 are April 8, 15, & 29, May 6, 13, 20, & 27.** 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 **May** newsletter is Wednesday, **April 4, 2018**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

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The Golden Rule *cont.*

My Uncle Herb was one of them.

But we can't blame the media, as we sit down to our supper and insist that we "turn on the news for the day". Yes, they show the worst of the worst, again and again, but maybe that's because people want to know what is happening on the other side of the globe or in the Peninsula of Florida. Maybe it's part of the human capacity to be voyeurs, and focus on the "worst of the worst", that is happening to someone else.

In my little 8 room School house in Willingboro New Jersey, before Mr. Levitt came in and built the 10 elementary schools for his new development, our class rooms were inside a 2 ½ story brick building in the center of this rural farming community of Grovatts, Stuarts, Kimbles, and VanScivers, all families who had been on premise for more than 100 years each. We, my siblings of 4, and I, were considered newcomers, when my Dad built a house at the end of his Aunt and Uncles farm. We had the same teacher for two years, and when you had a birthday party, you invited all the 3rd graders in the town which would be about a dozen kids.

Prominently posted along the upper portion of the front wall of the class room, ...even above the black board (yes, it was a real black board, not a green or white board, as they have now-we actually used chalk)...here in the most visible location were the 10" high letters: "THE GOLDEN RULE". There did not have to be any other words, to define what it was. We all knew, and we all followed the rule: "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU".

Was it such a foreign concept that I would sit next to the new girl in school and realize how I would have felt had I been among strangers, after leaving all my friends in my home town. I was no exception to the rule, in that all the children in my class, and yes, in the 8 class rooms that made up Willingboro Grade School (I can remember because I still have the gold WGS, we were awarded when we graduated from 8th grade)...I can remember deeds of kindness by all the children.

One boy in particular, being from a "single child" family, with a successful contractor father and working mother (kind of rare at the 1950's era), who actually saw a hungry little girl, one of 5, who had

forgotten her lunch money, and in deed, the school provided her a meal, but Harvey, bought her an ice cream cone, and he didn't even know who she was. A little kindness went a long way, as I still remember, being the girl.

It wasn't uncommon for one child to help a younger student, climb the monkey bars. We all wanted to make it to the top, but with short legs, and weak muscles, it wasn't easy for some of us. But no one chided, and teased, or called you names like sissy, or weakling,...we all worked together to help and encourage a smaller student to try harder, and give them a hand when they needed it. Was this part of the golden rule that we had been taught ever since kindergarten?

We read every day about people centuries ago, who did "good things" for People even if they were not paid to do good things...it was just the right thing to do and we learned it from a 2,000 year old book. David was a weak little brother, but when called upon, it was he who slayed the giant, Goliath, with his small stone and sling shot. Wasn't that part of the golden rule? Help others who needed it when a big old nasty giant preyed upon a lesser people.

When thousands came to the sunny hill side to listen to the "Good News", was it the Golden Rule, that made the small boy give up his loaves and fishes, which were able to feed the masses? Another example of the Golden Rule, to my thinking.

Were the times better in the 1950's when mother stayed home and cleaned the house, and had a snack ready for the children when they came home at 3, or for some who had an "open lunch", when Mom was there with your egg salad sandwich, or your P.B.J. or your lunch meat bologna and cheese, to serve you lunch, and hear about the first half of your day was going?...so was it a better time, with less money (no two salaries), but no stranger babysitting the families children, like at daycares now. Who knows that "care giver" is in a bad mood on a particular day, to personally affect your child's disposition or way of thinking that would stick for ever in their brain. Could this be why the Golden Rule Worked?

I remember standing at attention (yes, I was a safety patrol captain, and always had good posture) when we all became quiet, and faced the corner of the class room where the American Flag was placed.

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

April 1- Mike Waterman
April 8- Bob & Barb Conniff
April 15- Karl Keil
April 22- Debbie Leach
April 29- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord
May 6- Mike Waterman

ACOLYTES

April 1- Annaka Stauring
April 8- Carter Keller
April 15- Bella Keller
April 22- Annaka Stauring
April 29- Carter Keller
May 6- Bella Keller

BIBLE READERS

April 1- Dee Dunn
April 8- Jeri Norton
April 15- Karl Keil
April 22- Carrie Pulizzi
April 29-
May 6-

(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

April 1- Rachael Keller
April 8- Carol Stauring
April 15-
April 22- Janice Alvord
April 29-
May 6- Carol Stauring

USHER SCHEDULE

April 1- Karl & Judy Keil; Morgan Comins; & Joanne Karboski
April 8- Bill & Jan Bickford; Steve & Dee Dunn
April 15- Chuck & Linda Bewley; Margret Smith & Michelle Relyea
April 22- Bob & Barb Conniff; Darrell & Kathy Flinchum
April 29- Norm & Debbie Leach; Mike & Deb Waterman
May 6- Janice Alvord; Bonnie LaRock; Lorraine Storey; Shelley DeLosh or Carrie Pulizzi

COMMUNION STEWARDS

April 1- Charles & Jeri Norton & Dee Dunn
May 6- Terry Bailey, Steve Dunn, & Carol Stauring
(If you would like to help with communion, please see Dee Dunn. Our teams take care of communion about 2-3 times for the year)

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 will be starting a new study "Breaking the Code Understanding the Book of Revelation". This is an 8 video, about 15 minutes each, study. Come join us for great food and discussion 6:30-8:00pm Wednesday evenings!

Choir News

The choir is rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. Come and join us!

Ladies Fellowship

The next ladies fellowship will be April 7, 2018 at 10:00am. All ladies are welcome.

Pennies for Mission

We added \$9.83, in March, for a total of \$60.03 towards our 91th \$100. Keep those "pennies" coming! (Any amount of money is welcome) Our 90th \$100 is going to UMCOR relief in Puerto Rico

Each time we gather \$100 we send that money to a mission local as well as global. If you have a suggestion for a mission let Barb Conniff know. Thank you!

Prayer Tree

If you would like to be part of the prayer tree, please let the office know. We will have different forms of communicating the prayer requests.

The first will be as it has been by phone, the second will be by text, and the third will be by email.

If there is a prayer request please contact the office first, so that it can be shared in the various ways. Please give the name the request is for and the need. You may share as little or as much information as you would like. Call 315-245-2600 or call or text 315-225-6259 (Church's cell, please provide your name), email the church: camdenumc@centralny.twcbc.com or Leslie: lac@twcny.rr.com.

Food Pantry Report for February 2018

Dear church family,

February was a slow month again, partly because it is a shorter month. Had it ended on Thursday, the amount of clients would have been much higher.

As it is we had 74 families, 234 individuals and gave out 3,570 meals.

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The pantry didn't get much fresh produce other than some very gigantic potatoes. We did have yogurt to give out.

Our church family giving was \$578, \$500 of that was from the U.M. Women, and 105 items.

Thank you so much again for sharing these gifts with us to help feed our clients. I wish I could share with you, the joy of their happy faces.

The Pantry Crew, Judy, Diane, Leslie, Linda, Patty, Michelle, Hope, Andrea, Jane and Bob.

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.

UMCOR Sunday

Thank you for supporting UMCOR Sunday Our church gave \$1,525.92.

Native American Ministries Sunday

Special offering is April 15, 2018. Your generous Gift to Native American Ministries Sunday provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians, strengthen and develop Native American ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and support Native American outreach at the annual conference level. Your contribution supports aspiring Native American pastors and enriches outreach in their communities. Thank you for your generous gift!

New Adam Hamilton Books

Several more books by Adam Hamilton have been donated to our church library. They are:

- *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* – experience the birth of Jesus from the perspectives of those who were part of the story.
- *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* – follow Jesus on his travels through the Holy Land, experiencing his life and teachings in a new way.
- *24 Hours that Changed the World* – walk with Jesus on his final day, sit with him at the Last Supper, pray with him in Gethsemane, follow him to the cross.
- *Moses: in the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* – explore the sites and events of Moses' life from the Nile River to the Reed Sea, from Mt. Sinai to the wilderness.
- *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity* – rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. This book could change your life by changing your relationship with money.
- *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* – find practical solutions to the fear, worry, or anxiety caused by living in troubled times.

Whether you are interested in the spiritual and historical aspects of Jesus' life and ministry, the Old Testament world of Moses, or practical ways of seeing and dealing with issues in your daily life, there's a title here for you. You can find them on the rack to the right of the main sanctuary doors. Enjoy!

American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

The next Bloodmobile will be **May 7, 2018 from 1:00-6:00pm**. Come out and help to meet or exceed the goal of 35 pints!

Our March blood drive brought in 32 donors and collected 29 pints of blood, and we had 2 first time donors. The need is great throughout the year. Please make an appointment to give today.

Please help by sharing the gift of life, the need is always present. The cost to you is about one hour of your time.

Cont. the Golden Rule

Some years, the big pole was in a very heavy stand at the corner, but as we got farther along in school, a thinner pole, with a smaller flag was hung from a bracket on the wall, at the top edge of the black board frame...I stood and stared at the top star, the one you almost can't see, when the flag is draped down, but the one I knew was there, even out of sight. I gazed strongly at it, because I knew this flag was there to remind us of all the men who had gone to war, to fight to keep our country free, especially my Uncle Herb who died 6days after his D Day jump. No one could stop my glare, and at the end of the Pledge of Allegiance, it was I who sang the loudest, and the strongest, when the teacher began playing, America the Beautiful, or one of the well-known patriotic songs on the tall black piano at the other end of the room. Was this what it meant by the Golden Rule?

No one had to encourage us to stand, or not to slough. We were proud because many of our fathers had been gone across the ocean to Europe in the last World War, and we were glad to have them back, for some of the kids in our class, were not so lucky. Was the Golden Rule the feeling we knew they had when their father was lost in war fighting for our freedom?

We all knew the Golden Rule, as if it had been tattooed on our foreheads but on the inside of our brain, where no one could see it, but all would know that it is there. We shared our lunch with one who had little, and we ate only half of sandwich, because the other child, was chewing crayons, to fill his empty stomach. I'm convinced, this was the Golden Rule.

And Now, 2018, we have had over a dozen school shootings in class rooms, with teachers and kids being murdered, and even more being traumatized by another student, who felt, deprived, dejected, unwanted, and alone. Could the Golden Rule have been tattooed in to his head?

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Had he heard it in first grade, and all through the 8years of elementary school. Would he have known the story of Cain and Able, would he have understood the Good Samaritan, who picked up the injured stranger, took him to an inn, and paid for his care...not because he had to,...not because someone was watching, who might praise him for doing it...but because it was the right thing to do. And I am truly convinced that it was the Golden Rule.

We took the Bible out of school, a book whose verses were read before every public meeting, began each day at school, and a many places of work began the events of business. Could the readings of a few paragraphs about kindness and goodness to others have made the difference between a violent shooter, and a kind child/adult? Did the requirement to stand for the Flag Salute ever become a question, as to showing respect for authority, and those who went before us...who gave us the great nation we have with so many freedoms and liberties?

Sometimes, and effort to become "modern", and not to do the "old fashioned things", like prayer in school, or pledging the allegiance, or singing to your hearts fulfillment, a patriotic song, can go wrong, and in today's schools, you can see that we have gone so far "modern", that we have "shot ourselves in the foot", to the point where children are corrupted by the violence on TV, Videos, and movies, only to "replay" this violence in their heads over and over again thinking that in deed it must be "normal", if it's "everywhere".

Well it's not normal, as we can see, as the violence spreads thru our schools, and having the "GOLDEN RULE" placed back in the school, with a definition that can be verbalized, and lived in each class room in America, "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU", would be a good start to getting our morals, ethics, and kindness back on tract. And it wouldn't do anyone any harm, if a few verses of "King James" Bible were read aloud each day to set the stage.

Carole Lokan Moore,
Television Personality/host/writer
(Submitted by Richard Duerr)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Easter Sunday Communion Sunday Choir Rehearsal 10:00	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Cub Scouts 3:30-4:45 Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm May Newsletter Deadline			AA- 9:30 am Ladies Fellowship 10am
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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; 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; Deanna Lane; Bob Smith; Judy Bacus; Derek Holmes & family; Mike Choquette; Emerald Brookins; Unspoken request; Cindy Weiss; Those searching for jobs; Pastor Jodi Haier; Geno Martino; Bill & Bev Sanford; Dan & Leslie Coe; Relyea family; Denise & Bill Shaw; Kathy Duerr; John Florsch Jr.'s family; Yolanda Roberts.

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