
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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Letter from UNYAC Bishop Webb

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Our hearts ache and our spirits grieve as once again senseless violence and evil has taken the lives of innocent people. I invite you to join me in praying for the victims and families of the shooting yesterday at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Our prayers are with our United Methodist brothers and sisters in the communities of Parkland and Coral Springs, Florida as they seek to be the presence of Christ during this horrific time.

Like you, I watch and listen as people attempt to make sense of events like this. I hear the discussions that attempt to find a reason and then ultimately a solution. We must lead and be engaged in the conversations that address the moral and spiritual decay in our society. We must lead and be engaged in the conversations that work toward ending all acts of violence and evil, including gun violence.

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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 March 11, & 25 April 8, 15, 22, & 29.** 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 **April** newsletter is Wednesday, **March 7, 2018**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Bishop's letter *cont.*

We must lead and be engaged in the conversations that seek to address the hopelessness, fear, and spiritual yearnings found in each person. We must confess our lack of compassion, passion, and urgency in offering the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action to the world around us.

Ephesians 6 remind us of a powerful truth: "for our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." The words of Jesus in John 12 invite us to claim and proclaim a promise as well - "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness."

May we allow the light of Jesus to continue to transform us and then may we take that light into the darkest parts of our community and world, trusting that light to penetrate the darkness. The light of Christ is our hope, our source of peace and the true solution for transforming change in us, in others and in our world. Let us boldly offer Jesus!

Grace and peace,

Bishop Mark J. Webb

Pennies for Mission

We added \$59.20 for a total of \$59.20 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!

American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

The next Bloodmobile will be **March 5, 2018 from 1:00-6:00pm**. Come out and help to meet or exceed the goal!

Our January blood drive brought in 32 donors and collected 34 pints of blood which will help to save the lives of many patients. The need is great throughout the year. 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.

Fiddlers' Talent show

The NYSOTFA (Fiddlers) will be hosting a talent show on Friday March 9 from 7pm-10pm. Come share your talent or come to enjoy the talent that will be shared.

All talent welcome See Terry Bailey to share your talent. (315-245-0292)

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@twcnny.rr.com.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

March 4- Bob & Barb Conniff
March 11- Karl Keil
March 18- Debbie Leach
March 25- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord
April 1- Mike Waterman

ACOLYTES

March 4- Carter Keller
March 11- Bella Keller
March 18- Annaka Stauring
March 25- Carter Keller
April 1- Bella Keller

BIBLE READERS

March 4- Ben DeLosh
March 11- Karl Keil
March 18-
March 25-
April 1-

(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

March 4- Carol Stauring
March 11- Rachael Keller
March 18- Kathy Duerr
March 25- Rachael Keller
April 1- Rachael Keller

USHER SCHEDULE

March 4- Karl & Judy Keil;
Joanne Karboski & Morgan Comins
March 11- Bill & Jan Bickford;
Steve & Dee Dunn
March 18- Chuck & Linda Bewley;
Margret Smith & Michelle Relyea
March 25- Bob & Barb Conniff;
Darrell & Kathy Flinchum
April 1- Norm & Debbie Leach;
Mike & Deb Waterman

COMMUNION STEWARDS

March 4- Dan & Leslie Coe & Kathy Posner
April 1- Charles & Jeri Norton & Dee Dunn
(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 have been delayed a few weeks through illness, weather, and Ash Wednesday from our Revival study. Without any other delays we will be starting a new study on Wednesday March 14th.

Choir News

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

Ladies Fellowship

The next ladies fellowship will be March 17, 2018 at 10:00am. All ladies are welcome.

Daylight Savings time begins on Sunday, March 11th- Spring is close!

April 1, 2018 is Easter Sunday

UMCOR Sunday

Special offering is March 11, 2018. Share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your generous gift on UMCOR Sunday supports UMCOR's administrative costs so that all designated gifts will go to the program of the giver's choice. Your contribution ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis.

Food Pantry Report for January 2018

Greetings church family,

Our household numbers were up again. We served 102 families, consisting of 381 individuals, and gave out 5,715 meals.

We had a loss of food in our refrigerators due to an electric outage for 20 hours. However, thanks to Richard Duerr, Lorraine Storey, Karleen Yager and Deanna Lane plus other donations we were able to purchase milk, cheese, and eggs for the next 30 clients. This church works wonders, when we put it in God's hands!

We had a total of 90 families... consisted of 315 individuals and we gave out 4,774 meals.

Our produce included oranges and grapefruits, potatoes, squash, sweet potatoes, peppers and onions. The grapefruit and oranges came from a gentleman who had approximately 60 pounds that he wanted to share with us.

Our church giving for the month of January was \$348 and 117 items.

Thank you all for helping our food pantry! All the food pantry staff think you are special.

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.

Free to a good home:

Tables: 14- 8 foot, 2- 6 foot. Banquet tables (wood top) and a Gem G 120 organ (MOD 06120USA; COD 99185; SER _4C86039).

For more information or to request please call the Camden United Methodist Church 315-245-2600. There is the possibility of delivery.



March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm	Cub Scouts 5:45- 7:15	World Day of Prayer	AA- 9:30 am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Communion Sunday	Blood Drive 1-6PM Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30	Cub Scouts 4:30- 6:00	Loaves & Fishes 6:30-8pm Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 FH April Newsletter Deadline		Talent Show hosted by The Fiddlers- 7- 10PM	AA- 9:30 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Daylight Savings Time begins UMCOR Sunday	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Villagers 11am- 4pm Loaves & Fishes 6:30-8pm			AA- 9:30 am Ladies Fellowship 10am St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 First Sunday in Lent	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm			AA- 9:30 am
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Palm/Passion Sunday	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30		Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 FH Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	AA- 9:30 am
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Easter Sunday	Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30 Blood Drive 1-6	Cub Scouts 4:30- 6pm	May Newsletter deadline Loaves & Fishes 6:30-8pm 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; Deanna Lane; Bob Smith; Judy Bacus; Those traveling; Steven Santucci's family; Unspoken request; Families impacted by Bridgeport deaths; Pastor Jodi Haier; The Harden family, employees, their families, & our community; Safe Pregnancy; Pat & Karen Regan; those mourning loss through accidents; Coramae Mikitin; Bill Lundrigan's family; Pam Watson & mission trip; Derek Holmes & family; Marjorie Brown's family; Tiffany Lynn Grieber's family; Florida school and families.

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Holy Week