
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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May 2018

In honor of Memorial Day... "Strange Meeting" by Wilfred Owen

It seemed that out of battle I escaped
Down some profound dull tunnel, long since
scooped
Through granites which titanic wars had groined.

Yet also there encumbered sleepers groaned,
Too fast in thought or death to be bestirred.
Then, as I probed them, one sprang up, and
stared
With piteous recognition in fixed eyes,
Lifting distressful hands, as if to bless.
And by his smile, I knew that sullen hall,—
By his dead smile I knew we stood in Hell.

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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.

April 30 and May 1-6 the office hours will be April 30 and May 1 & 2: 1-3. I will be not be in the office Thursday, Friday or Sunday May 6th. This is in order to be with my husband through and after his surgery on May 3rd. You can reach me on the church's cell phone at 315-225-6259 voice and text messages accepted. The week of May 7-11 the hours may be different based on his needs as he recovers at home. Please call or text the church cell if you need me. Thank you.

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 May 6, 13, & 20, June 3, & 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.

The deadline for the **June** newsletter is Wednesday, **May 2, 2018**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

“Strange Meeting” *cont.*

With a thousand fears that vision's face was
grained;
Yet no blood reached there from the upper
ground,
And no guns thumped, or down the flues made
moan.
“Strange friend,” I said, “here is no cause to
mourn.”
“None,” said that other, “save the undone years,
The hopelessness. Whatever hope is yours,
Was my life also; I went hunting wild
After the wildest beauty in the world,
Which lies not calm in eyes, or braided hair,
But mocks the steady running of the hour,
And if it grieves, grieves richlier than here.
For by my glee might many men have laughed,
And of my weeping something had been left,
Which must die now. I mean the truth untold,
The pity of war, the pity war distilled.
Now men will go content with what we spoiled.
Or, discontent, boil bloody, and be spilled.
They will be swift with swiftness of the tigress.
None will break ranks, though nations trek from
progress.
Courage was mine, and I had mystery;
Wisdom was mine, and I had mastery:
To miss the march of this retreating world
Into vain citadels that are not walled.
Then, when much blood had clogged their chariot-
wheels,
I would go up and wash them from sweet wells,
Even with truths that lie too deep for taint.
I would have poured my spirit without stint
But not through wounds; not on the cess of war.
Foreheads of men have bled where no wounds
were.

“I am the enemy you killed, my friend.
I knew you in this dark: for so you frowned
Yesterday through me as you jabbed and killed.
I parried; but my hands were loath and cold.
Let us sleep now. . . .”

Food Pantry Report for March 2018

Dear Church Family.

The food pantry report for March was picked up
from last month.

We had 102 families, 317 individuals and gave out
4,755 meals.

We had lots of potatoes, really big ones, and
broccoli crowns for a real veggie treat. We also
gave out lots of yogurt.

*We had a total of 102 families, 317 individuals
and gave out 4,755 meals.*

We were able to give out more meat than usual,
including nice big turkeys and venison.

We also gave out Girl Scout cookies, cake and
brownie mixes and other special items to make for
a happy Easter.

Our church's total giving was 140 items and \$29.00.
Thank you for always thinking of us in a special,
caring, way.

The staff and clients really appreciate you. Thanks
again!

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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

May 6- Mike Waterman
May 13- Bob & Barb Conniff
May 20- Karl Keil
May 27- Debbie Leach
June 3- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord

ACOLYTES

May 6- Bella Keller
May 13- Annaka Stauring
May 20- Carter Keller
May 27- Bella Keller
June 3- Annaka Stauring

BIBLE READERS

May 6- Dee Dunn
May 13-
May 20-
May 27- Karl Keil
June 3- Dee 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.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 6- Carol Stauring
May 13- Kathy Flinchum
May 20- Carrie Pulizzi
May 27-
June 3-

USHER SCHEDULE

May 6- Janice Alvord; Bonnie LaRock; Lorraine Storey; Shelley DeLosh or Carrie Pulizzi
May 13- Janice & Todd Alvord; Charles & Jeri Norton
May 20- Dan & Leslie Coe; Leo Seaton & Todd Alvord
May 27- Steve & Racheal Keller; Carol Stauring & Bernice Flagg
June 3- Karl & Judy Keil; Joanne Karboski & Morgan Comins

COMMUNION STEWARDS

May 6- Terry Bailey, Steve Dunn & Kathy Flinchum
June 3- Karl & Judy Keil & 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 are continuing the 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!

Pennies for Mission

We added \$23.89, in April, for a total of \$92.92 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.

Sunday morning announcements

Due to adjusted office hours the first week of May any announcements you want announced on Sunday May 6th need to be to the office no later than Wednesday May 2nd. I will not be in the office the rest of the week to add any announcements.

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.

Peace with Justice Sunday

Special offering is May 27, 2018. Through The United Methodist Church's observance of Peace with Justice Sunday, we witness to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. The offering received on this Special Sunday supports ministries that teach and advocate for principles of peace and justice around the world. Your generous Gift supports Peace with Justice Ministries in your annual conference, administered by your conference Peace with Justice Coordinator, and Peace with Justice work in the United States and around the world, administered by the General Board of Church and Society. When you give on this Sunday, you encourage people to live- not just preach- a gospel of peace. Your gifts to the Peace with Justice Sunday offering strengthen ministries like refugee resettlement and other justice ministries in your annual conference and around the world.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30	Cub Scouts 4:30- 6:00	Cub Scouts 3:30- 4:45 Loaves & Fishes Study 6:30-8pm June Newsletter Deadline	National Day of Prayer	Office closed	AA- 9:30 am 10:30 am Marjorie Brown's Memorial Service
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Communion Sunday	Blood Mobile 1-6pm FH Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30		Villagers 4pm- ? Loaves & Fishes 6:30-8pm	Ascension Day		AA- 9:30 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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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; Coramae Mikitin; Families dealing with health issues and concern for finances; Rev. Janet (Gibbs) LaCroix; Deanna Lane; Bob Smith; Judy Bacus; Derek Holmes & family; Margi Rood; Evan Young & family; Kayla; Eddie Foster; Dawn LaFlamm and work in Ghana; Mike Riley; LeRoy Crist's family; Alice Trumble and family; Healing heartache; Jackie Abriel's family; CAPT. Chris Flaherty and those involved with air strikes; Lillian Clapp; Fire Victims family; Sharlene; Betty George; Dan & Leslie Coe.

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