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# CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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Pastor: Rev. Stephen Maddox

Secretary: Leslie Coe

January 2019

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## Pastor's News

Stay tuned for the pastor's news in 2019.

## Human Relations Special Sunday

Your giving on this Sunday strengthens community outreach and empowers at-risk youth and brings about long term change. Your gift supports neighborhood outreach and advocacy through Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services, both related to the General Board of Global Ministries ([umcmission.org](http://umcmission.org)), and at-risk teens through Youth Offender Rehabilitation, General Board of Church and Society ([umcjustice.org](http://umcjustice.org)).

## Christmas Eve Service

Thank you for your help and support to make our Christmas Eve service wonderful.

## Red Kettle Campaign

Thank you for helping to ring the bell again this year.

## 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 the office at 315-245-2600 or e-mail the office at: [camdenumc@centralny.twcbc.com](mailto: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). Please use the side door across from the office and ring the bell to the right, so I can let you in as our building is 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 January 6, 20, & 27, February 3, 10, 17, & 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 **February** newsletter is Wednesday, **January 1, 2018**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Leslie Coe  
Church Secretary

## 2019 Volunteer schedules

Volunteer schedules will be available starting the first week of January. If you have not gotten your schedule to the office, it will not be available to your volunteers. The schedules will be available in the folders just outside the office. They will be emailed as well.

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## Food Pantry News for November

Dear Church Family,

We had a large amount of needy folks this month of November. The families that came for food were 126, total individuals were 420 and we gave out 6,300 meals.

We gave out apples and potatoes along with our normal bins of food, plus \$25 gift cards to make for a happy Thanksgiving!

We were able to restock our “depleted” shelves with many items brought in by Tim Wolf’s Boy Scout troop, 1,129 items, and 608 items brought in by the Honor Society. Our shelves were almost bare and we are very thankful for these collections. The food drives were a huge success!

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We received \$200 from the Harvest Dinner and other church donations were \$279 and 278 items.

Needless to say, our church, and our community went all out for us! It makes me happy to say I’m from Camden, a very giving community, where good deeds really happen.

Diane Hertweck and other staff of the Food Pantry and naturally all our clients say “Thank you!”

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.

## Christmas Pageant

Thank you to everyone who participated, helped prepare, set up, brought their family and enjoyed the Christmas pageant this year.

Thank you especially to Michelle Relyea for all of the work and caring she has put into the leading of the kids through this year. Without her we wouldn’t have a Sunday School this year.

## American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

The next Bloodmobile will be **January 7, 2019 from 1:00-6:00pm** in our fellowship hall. Come out and help to meet or exceed 2018’s total pints collected in Camden!

Our November Blood drive collected 30 units. In 2018 the Camden community donated 185 units that were able to save 555 lives of hospital patients. The need is always great throughout the year. Please make an appointment to give today.

The majority of blood collected at our November drive went to: Faxton- St. Lukes Campus; URM- Strong Memorial Hospital; St. Elizabeth Medical Center; SUNY Upstate University Hospital Downtown Campus and United Health Services Hospital, Inc.

Rapid Pass allows you to complete the reading material and the questions the day of your donation, but before you arrive. This will allow for 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.

## 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 meet again January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We will start executing some of the things we have learned in the “Get Their Name” study. As well as start working on a discipleship plan for our church moving forward. Part of this is the Radical Hospitality that Pastor Steve recently talked about in his Sunday message. Come join us with your thoughts and ideas!

## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**

### **COUNTER SCHEDULE**

January 6- Bob & Barb Conniff  
January 13- Karl Keil  
January 20- Debbie Leach  
January 27- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord  
February 3-

### **BIBLE READERS**

January 6-  
January 13-  
January 20-  
January 27-  
February 3-  
(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.)

### **USHER SCHEDULE**

January 6- Dan Coe, Leo Seaton, Todd Alvord,  
& Howard Brooks  
January 13- Steve & Racheal Keller,  
Carol Stauring, & Bernice Flagg  
January 20- Karl & Judy Keil,  
Joanne Karboski, & Morgan Comins  
January 27- Lloyd & Janice Alvord,  
Margaret Smith, & Michelle Relyea  
February 3- Bob & Barb Conniff,  
Darrell & Kathy Flinchum

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

January 6- Michelle Relyea  
January 13- Michelle Relyea  
January 20- Michelle Relyea  
January 27- Michelle Relyea  
February 3- Michelle Relyea

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS**

January 6- Dan & Leslie Coe, & Kathy Posner  
(If you would like to help with Communion, please see Leslie Coe. Each team takes care of communion about 4 times a year)

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## **Pennies for Mission**

We added \$37.14 for a total of \$84.68 towards our 94<sup>th</sup> \$100, on December 9, 2018. Our 93<sup>rd</sup> \$100 went to our local Toys for Tots program. 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. If you have a suggestion for a mission let Bob & Barb Conniff know.

## **Future Newsletters**

Starting with this newsletter we are emailing the newsletter to those that we have an email address for. If you would like to receive the email version please email the church at:

camdenumc@centralny.twcbc.com

For those that we do not have an email address for we will continue to mail them the newsletter, or have them available for pick-up at the church. The newsletter will also be available on the church website ([www.camdenny-umc.org](http://www.camdenny-umc.org)) in the news section.

## **Local Church Profile questions**

Our local Church Profile is used to pair our church with our next pastor. The following questions are what are in that questionnaire, to be completed by February.

A. Describe your community:

1. Describe the identity of your community, (urban, suburban, town/village, rural, etc.)
2. What have been its major characteristics for the past 10 years?
3. What are your community's current assets and challenges? What are its ministry needs?
4. Who are the people in your community not being reached?
5. What major trends or changes do you anticipate in your community?
6. If there are new faces (persons or groups) in your community, who are they?

B. Describe your congregation:

1. What do you believe is God's vision for the congregation?
2. What is preventing your congregation from fully living into God's vision?
3. Describe the congregation's top three core values.

## Local Church Profile questions *Cont.*

4. What are the congregation's greatest strengths? List several.
  5. What are your three greatest challenges?
  6. How does your congregation make decisions?
  7. How does your congregation respond to change?
  8. How does your congregation seek transformation in conflict? (When your church has a disagreement, what happens?)
  9. Describe your membership re: mix of age, ethnicity, affluence or poverty. How does your membership reflect the make-up of the community?
  10. What events of the past 15 years have shaped the life of the congregation?
- C. Describe your church's spiritual focus:
1. What is the purpose of the church?
  2. How is the congregation living the mission statement of the UMC, that we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?
  3. How do you describe the congregation on the theological spectrum?
  4. Describe the congregation's intentional plan for discipleship.
  5. Describe your style/styles of worship. What is the best part of your worship? How might the worship experience need to be strengthened?
  6. How important is your lay leadership in the life of the church? How do you nurture, train, and support your lay leaders?
  7. Name any current candidates for pastoral ministry, and share the ways the congregation is creating a culture of calling to pastoral ministry.
- D. Describe your church's sense of mission and ministry:
1. What are the ways your congregation is moving beyond the walls of the church?
  2. How do your ministries allow church members to come into relationship with people they don't yet know?
  3. How are you using your building as a resource for mission?
  4. How does the church respond to, and follow up with, visitors? (Please be specific)
  5. If the church vanished, what would be the impact on your neighborhood?
  6. Describe how the congregation is training people for evangelism in the 21st Century.

## Local Church Profile questions *Cont.*

7. Who are the people your congregation weeps over?
  8. What are the new ministry possibilities for your congregation? What needs to change to help those possibilities become a reality?
  9. How do you interpret and support Conference Ministry Shares?
  10. How do you connect to Conference and District ministries and learning opportunities?
- E. Pastoral Leadership
1. How do you understand the partnership between pastor and laity? What has been the history of the pastor/lay relationship in the last several years? To whom do church members listen or grant authority?
  2. To what style of leadership does the church respond most positively? (i.e., parental, administrative, directive, collegial, nurturing, encouraging, teaching, coaching, modeling, challenging, managerial...or choose your own description.)
  3. What have been the congregation's most important expectations of their pastor? Have those expectations changed over the last few years?
  4. What personality traits best make the culture of the congregation?
  5. List in priority order the critical skills needed from a pastor as the congregation seeks to respond to God's call in the community over the next five years. (i.e. missions, outreach, connectionalism, evangelism, community engagement, conflict transformation, team-building, lay empowerment, leadership development, visioning, teaching, stewardship, administration, strategic planning, counseling, pastoral care and visitation, spiritual direction, leading worship, communication, preaching)
  6. In Addition to the pastor/senior pastor/lead pastor, list your other staff members by name, role and length of service.
- F. Facilities
1. Describe the church building, including its strengths and liabilities, the level of accessibility, and attach a digital photo.
  2. If applicable, does the parsonage meet the UNY parsonage standards? Please describe the parsonage- including its strengths and weaknesses, level of accessibility, and square footage-and attach a digital photo.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	New Year's Eve Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 6-7	New Year's Day Office Closed	February Newsletter deadline			AA- 9:30 am
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40  Epiphany	Bloodmobile 1-6pm Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 6-7		Loaves & Fishes 6:00-8pm Villagers 11-?			AA- 9:30 am
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40  After church reception Baptism of the Lord	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 6-7		Cub Scouts 4-8 FH Loaves & Fishes 6:00-8pm			AA- 9:30 am Ladies Fellowship
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 6-7 Martin Luther King Jr. Day		Loaves & Fishes 6:00-8pm			AA- 9:30 am
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm	Christmas Day Office Closed	Loaves & Fishes 6:00-8pm			AA- 9:30 am
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	Weight Watchers 5:30- 7:30 Cub Scouts 6- 7:30		March Newsletter deadline Loaves & Fishes 6:00-8pm			AA- 9:30 am Cub Scouts 4-8 FH

## Prayer List: Names remain on list for one month, unless requested to keep on the list.

For those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. For those who are learning how to cope with a new health condition and their caregivers. For those who are preparing for their final life journey. For those who need to hear of God's love for them. For those who are looking for work. For those who are in need of shelter. For those who are in need of food. For those who answer the call for help and need, the first responders. For those who are dealing with an ongoing health condition and their caregivers. For peace and patience in times of strife, when hurt and when upset. Give us hearts that love all people, not just the easy ones we know. For those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For those who are teaching, learning, driving & helping with schools. For those battling addictions. For those suffering from depression throughout the year. Joseph Wiggins; Aaron Keville; Destinee Sobles; Tom Young; Paul Horn; Skyla; Liborio Barbagallo; Jack Estrella; Susane Lewchanin; Terry Polini & family; Marcia Bogle; Lillian; Brayden Hughes; Bob Smith; Daniel Dunn; Coramae Mikitin; Mike Riley; Derek Holmes & family; Rev. Janet (Gibbs) Bently; Phoebe Barber; those traveling; Doris Matteson & family; Kay Marion's family; Sarah Whitt; Carter Keller & family; David Spainhower's family; Barb Linza's family; Valerie Longchamps; Brenda Cooper; Nancy Surprenant's family; Bob Riley and family; Edie Van Schoick's family; Charles Robinson's family; Jean Nestle's family; unspoken request.

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