
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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September 2019

Pastor's News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you have been in church and heard my sermons, you know that I emphasize a lot about your own personal relationship with God. Let me be very vulnerable (I honestly never have an issue sharing my personal stories, just ask) and share with you the background of this for me.

We were at a very difficult appointment in Connecticut. The demands of the church, the community and our superiors were taking a toll on us. Add to this many personal issues we had going on, I began going through depression, deep depression, clinical depression.

One day, through counseling, I finally realized that the most important thing was God. My relationship with Him had to come first. I realized, that though I try, there is absolutely no way that I can please everyone, especially when they all want different things from me, and when some of those things, I don't agree with. I realized that the only one I need
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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 and Fridays. You may call the office at 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). 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 September 1, 8, 22, 29, October 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.

The deadline for the **October** newsletter is Wednesday, **September 4, 2019**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Leslie Coe
Church Secretary

Pastor's News

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to please is God. If I change my focus to Him, the other things will fall into place.

So, that is exactly what I did. I began to get my focus back on God. Not on all the circumstances around me. Not on all the wants of the people around me. Not on all the demands that were being placed on me. My focus was put on God and strengthening that relationship with Him. And everything began falling into place. The darkness that I found myself in began to brighten up. I began realizing what was really important around me and what was not.

Paul says in Philippians 3:12: "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Like Paul, I had not obtained it all. It was and is still a work in process. Our relationship with God is not a once for all. Just like any other relationship, it takes continuous work, and I was and am continuing to work on my relationship with God.

Shortly after this, we moved to a new appointment in Maine. One day, I was sharing my experience and sharing about the importance of a personal relationship with God. After the message, one of the members of the church came to me and said, "I have been coming to church my entire life. No one has ever told me that I need to have my own relationship with God." She was age 40-50 at this time. We worked on our relationship with God together, encouraging each other, keeping each other accountable.

Friends, God created us for relationship. That is why, when we feel like we have no one, or we are shut in, we feel so very lonely. God wants to be in relationship with us. It is throughout Scripture, His desire for relationship with us. However, He will not force it on us, He wants us to come to Him. Here's the great thing...whether we choose to hold His hand, or we choose to walk away from Him, He is still there calling to us and waiting for us.

I already said I have not obtained this. I still strive forward toward the goal. There are days that the stress still comes, I feel anxious, I feel

lonely. There are still days that I struggle. And sadly, there are days that I forget to have some time with God, that I forget to talk with Him (prayer and Scripture reading), or maybe choose to not communicate with Him. Then I choose to get up, take hold of His hand once again and walk with Him in relationship. Because it is that important!

Many Blessings, Pastor Wendy

You can reach pastor Wendy by phone at 315-832-8640 or email at:

wendymorrison.church@yahoo.com

American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

The next Bloodmobile will be **September 9, 2019 from 1:00-6:00pm** at Camden UMC, in the fellowship hall. Our July Blood drive had 27 donors, 28 pints were collected and we had 6 first time donors. Our goal for September is at least 30 pints. Come help exceed the goal. All blood types are always welcome.

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 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)

Loaves and Fishes will start back up on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00pm. We will be doing a 32 week study on the small bible books. The first one will be Ruth, please read the book of Ruth by September 11th. We will also discuss future meeting times and structure. We have great discussions and wonderful meals! Feel free to join us!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

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

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

September 1- Kaela Skinner
September 8- Bella Keller
September 15- Carter Keller
September 22- Anna Gilsenan
September 29- Emily Gilsenan

USHER SCHEDULE

September 1- Karl & Judy Keil,
Joanne Karboski & Morgan Comins
September 8- Janice & Lloyd Alvord,
Margaret Smith & Michelle Relyea
September 15- Bob & Barb Conniff,
Darrell & Kathy Flinchum
September 22- Norm & Debbie Leach,
Mike & Deb Waterman
September 29- Janice Alvord, Bonnie LaRock,
Diane Hertweck, Shelley Malenowski, or
Carrie Hollis

COMMUNION STEWARDS

September 1- Dan & Leslie Coe & Janice Alvord
(If you would like to help with Communion, please see Leslie Coe. Each team takes care of communion about 4 times a year)

COFFEE HOUR

September 15- Jeri Norton (bake)
Teresa Farnsworth (host)

Coffee Hour 3rd Sunday of the Month

We are still looking for bakers and hosts for the monthly coffee hours. Available dates are: October 20, November 17, & December 15. Please sign up when you are enjoying the goodies and drink, or stop by the office to sign up! This is a time of fellowship that many enjoy.

Food Pantry News for July 2019

Dear church family,
The month of July was one of our busiest, plus many of our staff went on vacation.

We had a total of 111 families, 371 individuals, and gave out 5,565 meals.

We have had many new families, mostly very large.

We received cookies from the Family Dollar. Oranges, apples, orange juice and yogurt from the Food Bank. Plus many, many green vegetables from the Community Gardens, run by Dorothy Fannin, and from Ruth Norton. These Ladies have truly given their "All" to please us with their wonderful fresh vegetables.

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Our church giving was \$67 and 52 items, all of which was gratefully received.

Thank you for your kindness and generous giving.

The Staff and Clients of The Camden Area Food 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. Volunteers are welcome!

Phone (315) 245-5788.

Harvest Dinner

Our harvest dinner will be on October 17, 2019 from 4:00-6:30 PM. We will be setting up for the dinner on October 16th.

Tickets are \$15, Children under 5 free (dining room only). Take-out available.

All proceeds benefit local and global missions.

If you would like to help with the harvest Dinner please let Tom Fanning know. To donate pies please let Janice Alvord know.

Choir News

We will be singing September 1st. Come join us at 10:15 to share your gift of music with us!

Charge Conference

Our Church Charge Conference is scheduled for November 10th in Vienna United Methodist Church. Worship is at 3:15, with the conference to start at 4:15.

Sunday School News

Sunday School will start up September 8th. We will be using the Deep Blue curriculum, which rotates each week. For example week one is the story, week two is crafts, and a week is cooking. If you are interested in helping out see Matt Morrison.

After Church informational Pot Luck

We will have an after church Pot Luck dinner on September 22. This will be where people can get more information about our volunteer areas in the church. For example those who prepare and serve communion, ushers, acolytes, counters, trustees, Sunday school, youth group, choir, hospitality, to name a few. Those that head up these groups will be available to answer your questions, and help you find something you would like to help with. You are not required to help and we welcome your fellowship. Come join us for fellowship!

Pennies for Mission

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. Update coming soon!

Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar will be November 16th. Please see Karleen Yager for more information or to help with setup and cleanup.

Rotary Christmas baskets and Toys for Tots

The Rotary basket giveaway and giving out of Toys for Tots will be Saturday December 14th in the Middle School cafeteria.

Donations of new and unwrapped toys will be collected at the back of the sanctuary during December.

Youth Group

We will be starting an after school youth group that will be 3:30-5:30 on Wednesdays, starting September 18th. There will be homework help, games, worship, as well as many other adventures. Please see Matt Morrison for more information.

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30					AA- 9:30 am
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Choir Singing 10:15 practice	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Labor Day Office Closed		October Newsletter deadline			AA- 9:30 am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Sunday School Starts	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Blood Drive 1-6		Villagers 4-? Loaves and Fishes			AA- 9:30 am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 After Church Pot Luck	Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 First day of Autumn			Lay Servant course 6-8pm		AA- 9:30 am
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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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. For Christians being persecuted around the world. Joseph Wiggins; Aaron Keville; Destinee Sobles; Tom Young; Paul Horn; Skyla; Liborio Barbagallo; Jack Estrella; Susane Lewchanin; Terry Polini & family; Lillian; Brayden Hughes; Bob Smith; Daniel Dunn; Derek Holmes & family; Rev. Janet (Gibbs) Bently; Phoebe Barber; Aleesha Hart; Kevin Grinnell; Karleen Yager; Eleanor Stanford; Those impacted by violence; Bill Sanford's family; Carol Gates & family; Carolyn Graham's family; those suffering with headaches and other disabling illnesses; Mary Sauer's family; Ann Babcock's family; Theresa Wilson's family; Dan Stoneback and family; David Williams' family.

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