
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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November 2019

Pastor's News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I find one of the most difficult things to talk about or preach about in a church is money. However, money is necessary to keep the church going. In order to have a building that is welcoming to all, in order to have heat and lights, in order to have anything else we expect the church to have, money is needed. God did not create money trees. Wouldn't that have made life more simple in this day and age, but how much would we trust and rely on God if it was just handed to us.

It is interesting to look throughout the Old Testament and see how much tithing is mentioned in Genesis, Numbers and Leviticus. This is where we get the original idea of giving a tenth. In Genesis 14: 19-20 Abram gave a tenth. In Genesis 28: 20-22 Jacob gave a tenth. In Leviticus 27:30-34 is where we find a law stating that we are to tithe.

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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. **November 10, 17, and 24, December 1, 8, 15, & 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.

The deadline for the **December** newsletter is Wednesday, **November 6, 2019.** If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Leslie Coe
Church Secretary

Worship Planning

We will meet on November 10th after church to plan the season of Advent. We will have a snack to share. Please feel free to join us as we strive to put our faith in action to make disciples in all the world.

Pastor's news cont.

Tithing is our way of giving back to God. He has blessed us so much. When someone gives you something, don't you usually want to repay or give something back to them? We give back to God by tithing.

In Proverbs 3:9-10, God reminds us that He does not want our left overs, but our first fruits. We want to give God our very best not our scraps. We are also told in Matthew 6:21: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

While the Old Testament law tells us that we are to give 10%, this is a guideline. In Mark 12: 41-44 we hear about the poor widow. "Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." God is more concerned that you give from the heart than He is about how much you give. In fact, 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." God understands that we may be on a fixed income and need almost every penny to pay the bills so that we have a roof over our head and food on the table. But we also need to be sure that we are not using these same scriptures as an excuse not to give as much as we can to God.

Maybe you are in a situation that you feel that you do not have much at all to give. Did you know that God wants our time and talents as well? Maybe you have time that you could take the lead on a fundraiser for the church. We have many fundraisers and events throughout the year that we always need help with including dinners that we need people to take leadership of. Maybe you have a talent that could be used within the church that would save the church some money or help raise money for the church.

The first sermon I gave in Camden was on 1 Corinthians 12. We are all a part of the body of Christ. We are all needed and we all have to do our part. If one of us struggles, we all struggle. If one of us celebrates, we all celebrate. But if any of us decides that we are not significant enough so we are not needed, then the body cannot function as it should. We all need to do our part using our time, talents and treasure, giving back to God. If we choose not to, the church is not able to function properly. Camden United Methodist Church has been a part of the community since 1820. We want the church to stay in the community for hundreds of more years. This cannot happen without your help. Pray about it. What is God asking you to give?

Please make a commitment of what you are able to give back to God...time, talent and treasure!

Luke 6:38: Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

May God Bless you,
Pastor Wendy Morrison

You can reach Pastor Wendy by phone at 315-832-8640 or email at:
wendymorrison.church@yahoo.com

Harvest Dinner

Thank you everyone for all of your help with the Harvest Dinner. We had a profit of \$3,998.25. We will have a meeting after church November 3rd to discuss where to send the money. If you have any suggestions please join us for this meeting.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

November 3- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord
November 10- Mike Waterman
November 17- Barb & Bob Conniff
November 24- Karl Keil

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

November 3- Emily Gilseman
November 10- Kalea Skinner
November 17- Bella Keller
November 24- Carter Keller

USHER SCHEDULE

November 3- Janice & Lloyd Alvord,
Margaret Smith & Michelle Relyea
November 10- Bob & Barb Conniff,
Darrell & Kathy Flinchum
November 17- Norm & Debbie Leach,
Mike & Deb Waterman
November 24- Janice Alvord, Bonnie LaRock,
Diane Hertweck, Shelley Malenowski
or Carrie Hollis

SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 3- Matt Morrison & Laurie O'Hern
November 10- Matt Morrison & Katie Skinner
November 17- Matt Morrison & Michelle Relyea
November 24- Matt Morrison & Janice Alvord

COMMUNION STEWARDS

November 3- Karl & Judy Keil & Terry Bailey

(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

November 17- Michelle Relyea (bake)
Kathy Duerr (host)

Coffee Hour 3rd Sunday of the Month

We are still looking for bakers and hosts for the monthly coffee hours. Available dates are: December 15 as well as next year starting January 19th! 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 September 2019

Dear church family,

Here is the Food Pantry report for September. We had 97 families come for our assistance. The total individuals was 375 and we gave out 5,195 meals.

We got yogurt, apples and grapes from the Food Bank plus cranberry juice. Our produce from community gardens and Ruth Norton were flourishing with lots of green peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, squashes, green beans, kale, Swiss chard, leeks and savory greens like sage and mint. However, towards the end of the month we were told from the ladies their gardens would not be producing for October. Bummer, summer is over.

We served 97 families... total individuals was 375 and we gave out 5,195 meals.

Our church giving for the month of September was 75 items and \$88.00.

Thank you for your thoughtful gifts of charity for our poor. They are much appreciated by our clients and staff 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.

Ad Council

Our next Ad Council meeting is December 18th at 6pm. Please share your reports to be discussed at the meeting no later than December 11th. This is to give people a chance to go over the information before the meeting to minimize the length of the meeting. We can discuss and ask questions, or just approve as shared.

Daylight Savings ends November 3rd

Turn your clocks back on Saturday night!

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

For Loaves and Fishes we gather from 6-6:30 for a time of fellowship and food. Our study starts at 6:30 with prayer requests, prayer and study discussion ending at 8pm.

We are currently reading and discussing the Small books of the Bible. We will be reading Song of Songs, Lamentations and Daniel this month. Come join 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. All are welcome at Charge Conference. It is important for the leadership of the church to attend.

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies will meet November 9th at 10am. All ladies are welcome for a time of fellowship.

Prayer chain

If you have a prayer request that needs to be shared, please contact the office (phone 315-245-2600 or 315-225-6259 text as well; email: camdenumc@centralny.twcbc.com) and we will start the prayer request both by email and by phone. The office will contact Winnie Dunn so she can contact those wishing to be called, by phone.

Sunday School News

In the month of October, the youth had been focused on the story of Samuel and Eli. This story is found in the book of Kings. We used drama, science and cooking to teach the children this month. We also did a Halloween/Harvest craft. They made pumpkins out of seasonal cloth, toilet paper rolls, cinnamon sticks and green leaves. The children also made a jack-o-lantern on construction paper, learning the pumpkin prayer.

In November, the youth will begin working on the Christmas program. The theme will be Christmas around the world. Any child or child at heart is welcome to participate. The more we have, the more fun it will be.

The youth sang with the adult choir in October. We are hoping to get the youth more involved during the service on a monthly basis in various forms. Thank you again to all those who are helping with the After School program and Sunday School. We cannot do this without you.

Pennies for Mission

Welcome to Jay Posner for being our next Pennies for Mission spokesperson!

For September Pennies for Mission we collected \$95.00, which brought us over another \$100, for a total of 155.00. Giving us \$55.00 towards our 99th \$100.

Each time we gather \$100 we send that money to a mission local as well as global. We sent our 97th \$100 to the Camden Volunteer Fire Department. Our 98th \$100 we sent to UMCOR. Please let Jay Posner or the office know if you have a suggestion for where to send the pennies.

Thank you!

American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

The next Bloodmobile will be **November 4, 2019 from 1:00-6:00pm** at Camden UMC, in the fellowship hall. Our goal for November 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.

Choir News

We sing every Sunday Come join us at 10:15 to share your gift of music with us!

We will be doing Cookies and Caroling in the community on December 13th at 6pm.

We will be singing the Halleluiah chorus at our Christmas Eve Service December 24th! Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at 10:00 on December 1, 8, 15, & 22.

We are excited to share the Joy of the Christmas season with our family, friends and community! Come celebrate with us!

Christmas Bazaar News

This year's United Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 16th, from 10 am to 4 pm. It is sponsored by the Ladies' fellowship.

We are welcoming many new crafters and vendors, as well as our tried- and- true favorites!

As always, we will be offering soups and chili for lunch, followed by Stewart's ice cream sundaes!

Be sure to check out our excellent, enormous bake sale! Anyone wishing to donate baked goods should see Karleen Yager.

We will be raffling a handmade afghan, donated by Connie Bellinger, and an illuminated 9-11 cross, Donated by Dick Duerr.

Mark your calendars! The Ladies' Fellowship looks forward to seeing all of you on November 16th!

Rotary Christmas Baskets and Toys for Tots

Donations of new unwrapped toys will be collected at the back of the sanctuary now through December 6th.

The Rotary basket sign-ups will be Wednesday November 20th at the North Bay Town Hall at 4:00pm, Thursday and Friday November 21st & 22nd at the Camden United Methodist Church at 4:00pm, and Saturday November 23rd at the Camden United Methodist Church at 10:00am.

The Rotary basket and Toys for Tots pick up will be Saturday December 14th in the Camden Middle School cafeteria.

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