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# CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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## Pastor's News

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! This advent season, we went on a journey, a journey to the manger and beyond. When we go on journeys, there are many ups and downs on our way to the destination. We finally arrive at our destination and we think finally we are here, it is over...but is it really?

So many times, when we arrive at our destination, we realize that our journey is not over, but just beginning. Just like in the reality show *The Amazing Race*, that leg of the race (journey) might be over, you may have a bit of time to rest, but your race (journey) continues shortly.

As we end 2019, we may think, "whew, that is finally over". Yet, we wake up the next morning and find that the journey continues. Maybe we are looking forward to this new year. Maybe we have some great plans for this coming year. Maybe we are dreading this new year.

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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](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 we can let you in, as our building is locked for the safety of the kids and staff using the church through the week. The office will be closed January 1, 2020.

If you would like to dedicate our worship bulletins to loved ones please check with the office to book the date. **January 5, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, & 23 are all currently available.** The minimum suggested donation is \$6.60 for 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 8, 2020**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Leslie Coe  
Church Secretary

## 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](mailto: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.

*Pastor's news cont.*

However you feel about this new year, God has given you a new year, a fresh start. What will you make of this year?

This year is 2020. 20/20 is perfect vision. Maybe we should spend time this year, during our journey, seeking God...focusing (yes, pun intended) on God's perfect vision for us...for you...for your life. What is the journey that God has specifically for you? What is His vision for you?

I think this year of perfect vision is a wonderful opportunity to turn our focus to God. Seek His perfect vision for our own lives, for our church, for our community.

Right at the beginning of the year, we have January and February. This time of year (at least in the schools), we get days off for some holidays, for winter break, and snow days. May we take some of these opportunities to rest in God and seek Him. What better way to begin our journey in this new year.

Many blessing to all of you!

Pastor Wendy

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

### **Game Night**

We will be having a game night on Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Mark your calendars for a fun evening of fellowship and games!

### **Coffee Hour 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

The third Sunday of the month we have a coffee hour after the Seekers Study and Choir practice, but before church starts. We are still looking for bakers and hosts for the 2020 coffee hours. 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.

### **Adult Study News**

#### **Sunday Morning:**

SEEKERS adult study group meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:40 in the Library Lounge. We use the "Upper Room daily Disciplines" each week and have discussions of what we have learned through the week. 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 will start up again January 8 with the books of Joel and Amos. Come join us!

### **Worship Planning**

We will meet on January 19<sup>th</sup> after church to plan February 2020. We will have a snack to share. Please feel free to join us as we work to put our faith in action to make disciples in all the world.

### **Youth News**

The youth of the Church had a great month in December. We worked really hard on our Christmas service for December 15<sup>th</sup>. It went well, just minor issues. The theme was Christmas Around the World. It included Christmas songs from around the world, a traditional dance from Greece, and a conglomeration on bell choir and trumpet.

We will be working on The Parables of Jesus in Sunday School during the month of January.

We are also hosting our first Family Game Night on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. This event is free and open to all. Come and bring a friend. Also feel free to bring some of your favorite games and a snack to share. It is a great opportunity to work with the children of the church. We are looking forward to many great opportunities in the spring.

Matt Morrison

## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**

### **COUNTER SCHEDULE**

January 5- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord

January 12- Mike Waterman

January 19- Barb & Bob Conniff

January 26- Karl Keil

### **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

January 5- Kalea Skinner

January 12- Bella Keller

January 19- Carter Keller

January 26- Anna Gilsean

### **USHER SCHEDULE**

January 5- Norm & Debbie Leach,

Mike & Deb Waterman

January 12- Janice Alvord, Bonnie LaRock,

Diane Hertweck, Shelley Malenowski,

Or Carrie Hollis

January 19- Bill & Jan Bickford,

Charles & Jeri Norton

January 26- Dan Coe, Leo Seaton,

Todd Alvord, & Howard Brooks

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

January 5- Matt Morrison & Janice Alvord

January 12- Matt Morrison & Deanna Lane

January 19- Matt Morrison & Katie Skinner

January 26- Matt Morrison & Alice Trumble

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS**

January 5- 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)

### **COFFEE HOUR**

January 19- (bake)

(host)

### **Ad Council**

Our next Ad Council meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please share your reports to be discussed at the meeting no later than **February 12<sup>th</sup>**. This is to give people a chance to go over the information before the meeting. This will help to have a more productive meeting. We can discuss and ask questions, or just approve as shared. All are welcome to attend Ad Council meetings.

## **Food Pantry News for November 2019**

Dear friends,

Here is November's report from the Food Pantry.

We did very well with many food donations. Boy scout troop #20 gave us 735 items, Cub Scout Pack #49 gave us 160 item, plus various church and school groups donated food and other items to us.

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We served 99 families, consisting of 311 individuals, and gave out 4,665 meals. Along with our normal groceries, we gave out applesauce, pumpkin pie filling, pistachios, stuffing, pasta sides and condiments, such as mustard and ketchup. We also gave out grapes, potatoes, and apples. Juices were also given out, clients choice, of apple, grape, orange, and cranberry.

Many donations of dishes and glassware and other fancy items came in for our clients to look at and take.

Your donations of food and other items was 137 items and \$60.

Thank you all for your generous donations. The clients and staff at 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.

### **Choir News**

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

## **Pennies for Mission**

From November 17<sup>th</sup> through December 15 we have collected \$25.25 for our Pennies for Mission. We collected our 100<sup>th</sup>, \$100 during that time. That leaves us \$88.00 to reach our next \$100.

Each time we gather \$100 we send that money to a mission local as well as global. 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 29 units of blood collected in November at our drive was sent to the following hospitals to help the patients needing blood: Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Auburn Community Hospital, UPMC-Strong Memorial Hospital, Sisters of Charity Hospital, and Crouse Hospital.

The next Bloodmobile will be **January 6, 2020 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](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.

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