
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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February 2020

Pastor's News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I cannot believe we are already through a full month of 2020. I don't know about you, but for me, that went by really quick.

I think for most of us, when we think of February we think of Valentine's Day and love. We might not like it but we still likely think it. And how can we not. It doesn't take long in any store before that is all we see something that will remind us that Valentine's Day is coming up.

The end of the month is also Ash Wednesday (February 26th). This marks the beginning of Lent that leads up to Easter (yes, we are already talking about Easter). Here is a link to just one article about Ash Wednesday:

https://www.christianheadlines.com/news/what-is-ashwednesday.html?utm_content=buffer2dacb&utm_medium=fbpage&utm_source=cwpg&utm_campaign=cwupdate&fbclid=IwAR0q5ky4frjvi_xYSKan8urBZ_K7F63MVzm1YTVHbKqwKejgEB2CLgk3oE

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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 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. **February 2, 9, & 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 are 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 **March** newsletter is Wednesday, **February 4, 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) 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.

We will also have a Camden/Cleveland UMC combined Ash Wednesday Service at the Cleveland United Methodist Church (73 Bridge St) on February 26th, 6:30pm. We will learn about the history and meaning of Ash Wednesday as well as receive the imposition of ashes.

February also is Black History Month. For one of my classes, I am currently reading "Who Lynched Willie Earle?" by Will Willimon. It is about the death of Willie Earle in Pickens, SC in 1947 and a sermon that was given by a white UMC pastor following this murder. I was appalled reading what happened. I don't understand the persecution that still happens today, many times just because someone is different than the other.

I know that this all seems disconnected, yet, all of this happens in the same short month. Let me connect this for you. John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. This is about God's love for us. Matthew 22:36-40: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." This is about our love for God, what we do in response to John 3:16.

Everything should always point back to God's love. I pray that as we go through this month, that is what we will remember!

Blessings,

Pastor Wendy

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

Game Night

We will be having a game night on Saturday April 18th at 4:00pm. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Mark your calendars for a fun evening of fellowship and games!

Coffee Hour 3rd 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. The next one is February 16th. 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. Come join us!

Youth News

In January, the youth worked on the story of The Good Samaritan. They made cards to send to shut-ins. They did a dramatization of the story. They used science and osmosis to learn about having open hands to serve others around us. We also had our first successful Game Night in January. We had about 20 people in attendance. We had a good time with food and friends. We are planning our next one for April. Please keep your calendars clear so you can join us for this fun opportunity.

In February, the youth will be learning The Lord's Prayer in Sunday School. The goal is for each child to have it memorized by the end of the month.

The church also put out a survey to the youth, inquiring about activities and schedule times they may be interested in. The survey was adapted from a National 2020 Vision UMC survey for youth. The results have given us some ideas on how to proceed for the Spring.

Matt Morrison

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

February 2- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord
February 9- Mike Waterman
February 16- Karl Keil
February 23- Debbie Leach

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

February 2- Carter Keller
February 9- Anna Gilsean
February 16- Emily Gilsean
February 23- Kalea Skinner

USHER SCHEDULE

February 2- Norm & Debbie Leach,
Mike & Deb Waterman
February 9- Janice Alvord, Bonnie LaRock,
Diane Hertweck, Shelley Malenowski,
Or Carrie Hollis
February 16- Bill & Jan Bickford,
Charles & Jeri Norton
February 23- Deanna Lane, Leo Seaton,
Todd Alvord, & Howard Brooks

SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 2- Matt Morrison & Alice Trumble
February 9- Matt Morrison & Carrie Hollis
February 16- Matt Morrison & Rachael Keller
February 23- Matt Morrison & Michelle Relyea

COMMUNION STEWARDS

February 2- Dan & Leslie Coe & Cody Morrison

(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

February 16- (bake)
(host)

Ad Council

Our next Ad Council meeting is February 19th at 6:30pm. Please share your reports to be discussed at the meeting no later than **February 14th**, so they can be shared with people Sunday February 16th. Please come to the meeting with any questions and comments based on the reports. This will help to keep the meeting shorter. All are welcome to attend Ad Council meetings.

Food Pantry News for December 2019

Dear friends,
Here is the Food Pantry report for December.

We served 95 families consisting of 304 individuals and gave out 4,560 meals.

We had many surprise gifts. The Hillsboro Garden Club Brought in many beautiful wreaths to give out to the delight of our clients. They were both beautiful and meaningful. We also got many donations of Christmas tree ornaments, lights, and other Christmas Decorations.

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One church brought us in hats and gloves. Others gave us lots of stuffed animals for our clients to give to their children on Christmas.

Thank you our big food bank delivery was delayed a week, due to a big snowstorm, so some items we ordered didn't come. However, we did get big 2 pound bags of pistachios, dried cherries, and applesauce. With the abundance of many other donated items, we don't normally have. We also received turkeys and hams from the rotary and Helen Plumley and family to give out for Christmas dinners. I failed to mention, last month, we received steaks and roasts from Karleen Yager and Deanna Lane, for a Thanksgiving treat.

All in all, it was a great month. Our church giving was \$550 and 96 items. Thank you all for your generous and abundant giving and blessings for the month of December and through-out the entire year.

Year-end totals for 2019 were \$2,860 and 1,124 items.

Thank you again for these gifts of love, gratefully yours,
The Camden Area Food Pantry, Staff and Clients

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.

Pennies for Mission

From December 22nd through January 5th we have collected \$24.77 for our Pennies for Mission. Giving us \$36.75 with \$63.25 left 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!

Harvest Dinner Update

The proceeds of our Harvest Dinner were kept local this year. Our profits were \$3,998.25. We gave \$400 to Cluster 13 Ministries; \$200 to The Camden Area Food Pantry, and \$3,398.25 to our Building Reserves fund.

Thank you for all that you do to help with our Harvest Dinner.

Choir News

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

American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

Our January 6th blood drive had a total of 31 donors, 34 units were collected and 102 potential lives will be saved.

The next Bloodmobile will be **March 2, 2020 from 1:00-6:00pm** at Camden UMC, in the fellowship hall. Our goal for March is 33 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.

Worship Planning

We will meet on February 16th after church to plan the Lenten season. 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.

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