
CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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March 2020

Pastor's News

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the season of Lent, a time for us to reflect on all that Jesus' life on earth means to us now in our own personal lives and for eternity.

We have been doing some reflecting on the life of the Camden UMC recently as we have been in the planning stages of our 200th anniversary celebration. The celebration will take place on June 28th at 11am with a meal to follow. As Bishop Mark Webb will be joining us, and it is a celebration of all that God has done and will do in Camden, we expect the service to go longer than usual. I want to let everyone know where we stand currently with the planning and where we need your help.

We have not extensively planned the actual service yet as we are waiting for Bishop Webb's Scripture for that Sunday. We will have a cleaning day on Saturday, March 7th, 9am-3pm. We want to begin an extensive cleaning of the church, as well as clean out some stuff that has accumulated over the years that are either in disrepair or no longer useful to us.

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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.

If you would like to dedicate our worship bulletins to loved ones please check with the office to book the date. **March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, April 12, 19, & 26 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 **April** newsletter is Wednesday, **March 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 have another cleaning day at the end of May or beginning of June. We, obviously, are in need of help on this day. Many hands make light work. However, we understand that some are not able to physically help, but still want to help. We are in need of cleaning supplies and/or money to purchase these cleaning supplies. This even includes brooms, at least one vacuum, mops, buckets, cleaning rags. We have checked with Head Start and there are no restrictions for the cleaning supplies used. Julie Melancon is heading up the cleaning projects for us. Please let Leslie or me know if you are able to help in anyway and we will be sure to pass that information onto Julie.

Kathy and Corrine Posner and Lynette Rood are heading up the decorating for the celebration. Please see them if you like to help with supplies or finances for the decorating.

For the meal, we have decided to have a chicken BBQ (quarters). We are waiting on the final pricing for this. A menu will be put together for sides to go with the chicken. Once this is all compiled, we will have a list available if you would be willing to help provide something for the dinner.

Dan Coe has designed a beautiful sign for the celebration that we will put outside in the front of the church. We are looking into the village's regulations on signs before we have it made.

As you can tell, by where we are in planning right now, there is a cost to having this celebration. If you would like to give a donation towards the 200th celebration, please give to Leslie in the office. Please note that the donation for the 200th celebration. If you want the donation to go towards a specific thing listed above, please note that with the donation. Thank you for all that you do for the Camden community and the Camden UMC.

We pray that this will be a joyous time of celebrating where we've been the through the last 200 years as well and visioning forward, where God will bring us in the future.

On another note, I mentioned in my sermon a couple of weeks ago about the General Conference coming up in May 2020. I said that I will not have church-wide meetings in regards to all that the General Conference will entail. I am willing to have conversations with you as individuals or if questions come up in small group

meetings. I do not want to have formal meetings only because I feel it will fill everyone with anxiety about a future that we would only be speculating on. There are many plans and protocols coming up at General Conference in regards to the future of the world-wide United Methodist Church. We could spend a lot of time looking at all of these and speculating how we would respond to them if that is the one voted for. However, how these plans and protocols look currently, may not be what they look like in the end. After General Conference, we will begin to meet together about the decisions that were made.

In the meantime, I don't want to leave you without any information at all. Some of you will be more interested in these things than others. So, here are a couple of links for you to get information if you would like.

This first link is to the Upper NY Conference page. This has the FAQs about General Conference and will give you information about what does and does not happen at General Conference.

<https://www.unyumc.org/events/general-conference...-did-you-know>

This next link is to General Conference. There are many different links available here. One of the links on this page is a downloadable document on all of the legislation that is going before the General Conference. There are also links of news that is coming out. This is a UMC website, so you will get the actual information, not the media's twist on it.

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>

I hope that this information is helpful and remember that I am willing to answer questions. If I can't answer them, I will do my best to find an answer to them.

Blessings,

Pastor Wendy

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

COUNTER SCHEDULE

March 1- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord
March 8- Mike Waterman
March 15- Karl Keil
March 22- Debbie Leach
March 29- Dan Coe & Janice Alvord

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 1- Dakota Morrison
March 8- Bella Keller
March 15- Carter Keller
March 22- Anna Gilsenan
March 29- Emily Gilsenan

USHER SCHEDULE

March 1- Steve & Racheal Keller,
Theresa Farnsworth & Bernice Flagg
March 8- Karl & Judy Keil,
Joanne Karboski & Cody Morrison
March 15- Janice & Lloyd Alvord,
Margaret Smith & Michelle Relyea
March 22- Hannah Morrison, Joanna Cornell,
Darrell & Kathy Flinchum
March 29- Norm & Debbie Leach
Mike & Deb Waterman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 1- Matt Morrison & Laurie O'Hern
March 8- Matt Morrison & Janice Alvord
March 15- Matt Morrison & Katie Skinner
March 22- Matt Morrison & Alice Trumble
March 29- Matt Morrison & Carrie Hollis

COMMUNION STEWARDS

March 1- Janice Alvord, Hannah Morrison, &
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 after church

March 15- (bake)
(host)

Food Pantry News for January 2020

Dear Church Family,

Here is the Food Pantry report for January 2020.

We served 131 families, consisting of 436 individuals and gave out 6,540 meals. This is a big jump from last month. We got many new families, some just moving into our area. It is so wonderful that we are able to serve so many needy.

We had many items to give out thanks to local churches and our monthly food bank delivery. We got fresh produce again consisting of oranges, apples, and potatoes. We also got lots of orange juice. We gave out pancakes and syrup for the month of January. This is always a favorite. Dried cherries are also popular.

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Our church giving for the month was \$617.00 and 101 items. This indeed was a wonderful surprise of generosity. A special thank you to the Ladies Fellowship for the donation of \$500.00.

We at the Food Pantry are delighted to receive these gifts. Thank you all again.

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.

Ad Council

Our next Ad Council meeting is April 15th at 6:30pm. Please share your reports to be discussed at the meeting no later than **April 8th**, so they can be shared with people Sunday April 12th. 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.

Pennies for Mission

See our next newsletter for a pennies for mission update!

Church Cleaning Day

We will have a cleaning day on March 7th from 9-3. While our focus is to have a welcoming place for our 200th celebration, there are many areas that could use TLC. We will have a list of areas that need care. If you want to help, but are not able to do the physical work, we could use cleaning supplies. The supplies can be cleaning solutions, cloths, financial support, and possibly loaning the use of a vacuum or two. We will have food provided as well. All are welcome to help, we only ask that any youth are supervised.

We are looking forward to working together to do the work that allows us to share Christ with all we meet.

Choir News

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade Bake Sale

Would you be interested in sharing baked goods for a bake sale during Camden's St. Patrick's Day parade? This is a thought to raise funds to help cover the costs of our 200th celebration. We are open to other suggestions as well. Please let the office know any ideas you have.

Worship Planning

Our next Worship Planning meeting will be March 8th following the church service. 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.

March 22nd is UMCOR Sunday

This is a church wide special Sunday. Your generous gift on this Sunday supports UMCOR's administrative costs so that all designated gifts will go to the project you specify. Your contribution ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis.

Youth News

The youth in February had been working on learning The Lord's Prayer. We opened the month with doing a skit during the morning worship about The Lord's Prayer. This skit prompted good conversation with the kids. We discovered that all of them knew The Lord's Prayer from previous lessons. So we decided to discuss different versions of The Bible, ways to do devotions, and the importance of understanding what you read. We also played Bible Pictionary.

In March, we will be talking about the life and miracles of Jesus. This gives us plenty of opportunity for discussion and life application. We will begin working on a piece to share in April around Easter.

Remember to mark your calendar for the Family Game Night coming up in April as well. It is a good opportunity to share with people from the church you might not otherwise get to know well. Also, enjoy good food and fun.

Matt Morrison

American Red Cross Bloodmobile News

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seekers Study 9:45-10:40 Sunday School Choir Singing 10:15 practice	Bloodmobile 1-6pm Weight Watchers 5:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 6-7pm		April Newsletter deadline Loaves and Fishes 6-8pm	Advanced Lay Course	All Saints Day	AA- 9:30 am Cleaning day 9am-3pm Turn the clocks ahead!
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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. 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; those suffering from colds, flu and other widespread illness; *Morgan Comins' family*; *Tom Fox*; Mary VanRy Brooks, Dutch, Dick & Melanie VanRy; Sue Kidney; Cindy Fiello's family; John Duerr's family; Leonard Choqut; Pastor Steve & Jeanne

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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 church. The next one is March 15th. 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 March 4th with 1 Corinthians. Come join us!