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# CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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## **Pastor's news**

Hello everyone,

I know that everyone is anxiously waiting for a date to open for in-person worship. We do not have a date set yet. We are hoping to have a date set at our planning meeting this week. Please be patient. Realize that there are a lot of regulations from the state and Conference that we must have in place and follow. We had a productive meeting this past week but still have a few more things to figure out.

Also, realize that we have Head Start using our building, employees start in August, and hopefully, children will arrive in September. We are also the emergency shelter for the elementary school. This means that we need to be able to follow the protocols for the schools as well. We also have outside groups that use our building. We have to have protocols put in place for them.

Again, please be patient. We are working on it. We will get there. There are two big things that we need help with to have in place before opening. First, we need to have the building cleaned and sanitized at least weekly if not more often. This will take either a team of people who are at a lower risk of contracting COVID-19 or we will have to look at hiring someone. Hiring a janitor is not in our budget and our finances are down a bit since the pandemic began in March. So, obviously, while hiring someone is the easiest decision, it may not be the best financial decision without help from the congregation. I know before the pandemic, I heard from a few people of options that they were thinking of, and I will reach out to you this week to see what you are thinking now. I would love to hear feedback from you about your thoughts and what you might be able to help with.

Second, we need ushers. I do understand that we already have an usher schedule set up for the year. However, we can not shake hands and we can't pass out bulletins, both of which the ushers do now. We need an usher for the entrance door to take names and contact information (we are required to have a log of who is in the building at all times and a way to contact them in case someone tests positive for COVID-19). We also need ushers to seat people in the Sanctuary as we have to maintain social distancing. Some of the ushers we have now may not want to do this.

Our next planning meeting will be this Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the church in the fellowship hall. If you are willing to help clean and/or usher, please come to this meeting as well. If you are interested in helping in either of these capacities but are unable to attend this meeting, please let me know.

I also want to make you aware of a schedule change. **As of this Sunday, June 28th, the online service will be at 2 pm.** This online service will be for both Camden and Cleveland. It will still be available on Zoom with the same Meeting ID and Facebook Live or later if that is more convenient for you.

So, here is this week's schedule:

**Wednesday:**

Reopening planning meeting at the church at 6:30 pm

**Friday:**

Teen Group for grades 6 and up on Zoom at 7 pm Meeting ID: 993 0155 0947

**Saturday:**

Game Night on Zoom at 4 pm Meeting ID: 977 8509 7485

**Sunday:**

Online Worship on Facebook Live or later and Zoom at **2 pm** Meeting ID: 965 4260 5671

Sunday School for grades 5 and under on Zoom at 3 pm Meeting ID: 953 2892 1856

God Bless,

Pastor Wendy Morrison  
Camden United Methodist Church &  
Cleveland United Methodist Church

**Church Office News**

The Church building is currently closed for all use until we are cleared to return, this is to provide safety to the general public. The church office hours at this time are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-3 pm with extended hours as able. However, they are not at the church building. The secretary is not working, at this time, on Tuesday and Thursday (This is to ensure the serving of Food Pantry clients). Pastor Wendy continues to work on Wednesdays and Fridays, from home. You may call the church cell phone 315-225-6259 or e-mail the office at [camdennyumc@gmail.com](mailto:camdennyumc@gmail.com). If no one answers the cell phone please leave a message and we will call you back (we can receive text messages as well). The secretary has this phone near her every day.

If you would like to dedicate our worship bulletins to loved ones please check with the secretary to book the date. **July 5, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 are currently available.** The minimum suggested donation is \$6.60 for a Sunday; dedications still appear on the digital bulletin and can be printed for you if you are interested (when able to be back in the office). 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 **August** newsletter is Wednesday, **July 8, 2020**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know.

Leslie Coe, Church Secretary

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## **Game Night**

Our youth pastor, Matt Morrison, is currently offering weekly game nights on Saturday afternoons at 4:00 pm. These game nights are through Zoom video and are scavenger hunts. The past scavenger hunt themes have been: a straight scavenger hunt, Disney, riddles, cartoons, and the most recent Bible stories. These game events have been so much fun, and all are welcome to join us. The Zoom meeting ID to participate is 997 8509 7485.

## **Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request that needs to be shared, please contact the office (phone 315-225-6259 text as well; email: camdennymc@gmail.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.

## **Worship Planning**

Our next Worship Planning meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup> following the church service at 1:00 pm. We are hoping we can meet in person.

## **Youth News**

Starting July 6th we will be having a teen group on Friday nights at 7 PM ( Zoom ID:993 0155 0947), Saturday game nights will continue thru the summer as long as people attend (Zoom ID: 977 8509 7485) and we will be having Sunday School online thru Zoom Sunday's at 3 PM (Zoom ID: 953 2892 1856), until we are able to meet in person again, hopefully, September.

Matt Morrison

## **Adult Study News**

### **Sunday Morning:**

SEEKERS adult study group will meet again, when we are able to, 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**

Loaves and Fishes are on Summer break. We will meet again in the fall.

## **American Red Cross Bloodmobile News**

There is always a need, more so now. The American Red Cross continues to protect those giving as well as those receiving blood. If you are donating, be advised you will need to wear a mask to give. If you are healthy and able, please seriously consider donating. The American Red Cross collected 32 pints of blood, exceeding the goal, at the May 4th blood drive. Thank you for supporting and donating!

The next Bloodmobile will be **July 6, 2020, from 1:00-6:00 pm** at **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church** in Camden. Our goal for July 6 blood drive 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](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.

## Food Pantry News for May 2020

Dear Church family,

Here is the Food Pantry report for May 2020. We had a slower month again in comparison to our past years.

We think that fewer people are leaving their homes still and so that contributed to our lower numbers. We continue to be open during our normal hours and take clients by appointment only. They just need to call 315-335-4615 during pantry hours (see below).

We are taking every precaution to keep a safe and sanitary premises. We box items according to family size and pack refrigerated, freezer, and produce when clients show up.

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We received fresh potatoes and apples from the Food Bank. The Community garden has started growing produce. They had a few extra plants of tomatoes and a variety of peppers that we were able to offer to clients. We should start receiving fresh produce in June from the Cluster of Produce Community Garden as well as from local gardeners.

We anticipate a variety of fresh produce from the Food Bank as well in June.

Our church family has given mostly monetary gifts totaling \$100.00 for May. Thank you very much for these gifts of love for our clients.

May God continue to bless others through your generosity now and ongoing.

Love and thanks from the Camden Food Pantry, staff and clients, for all you do to keep us going strong.

Without your support and our volunteers during this time, and always, we would not be able to provide the care, support and food to those in our community.

Written by Leslie Coe on behalf of Diane Hertweck

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. Please **call 315-335-4615** Tuesday- 10:00am-12:30 pm or Thursday- 10:00 am-12:30 pm to schedule an appointment for food and or donations, as we are operating **by appointment ONLY**. If you do not have access to a phone, please stop by the Food Pantry at 12:30 on Tuesday or Thursday to make your appointment for the following week. Thank you!

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## **Zoom Meetings/Worship Services**

Anyone with a phone, (home, cell, smart, or basic) can take part in church meetings and worship services. For each meeting or service, you will place a phone call, enter the meeting ID followed by the “#” key, and follow the directions (for a worship service the “#” key again).

If you have a tablet, computer or smartphone with a camera you can watch services and interact with others. You will need to download the app or program and sign up for an account (all free). When ready to join a meeting or service you will click “Join a Meeting”, type in the meeting ID, and password (if needed). You will need to choose how to hear the audio and determine if you want to use the camera or not (using the camera means others can see you, and you can see others).

If you need help you can ask Leslie (315-225-6259) or Pastor Wendy (315-832-8640). We enjoy getting together with all that we can. We encourage you to join us.

The following is the Meeting IDs for the repeat Zoom events. If calling in the phone number is the same for all meetings (this number is for those in New York) and it is: 1-929-205-6099. Starting with Sunday morning worship services.

### Sunday Worship Services *now at 2:00 pm*

Cleveland & Camden UMC, 2:00pm, ID: 965 4260 5671

### Bible Studies *Currently taking the summer off*

### Currently on Hold: Churches Gathering open discussion and sharing with both churches

Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm: 976 3576 7327

### Teen Group *Starting July 6th*

Friday evenings at 7:00pm: 993 0155 0947

### Family Game Night (Video Zoom only)

Saturday 4:00 pm: 977 8509 7485

### Sunday School

Sunday 3:00 pm: 953 2892 1856

### Here are alternate phone numbers based on your location:

1(312)626-6799 Chicago; 1(301)715-8592 Germantown; 1(669)900-6833 San Jose; 1(253)215-8782 Tacoma;  
1(346)248-7799 Houston

## **Options for tithing**

We have a few options set up to continue giving to the church. Your financial support is still important while we are not meeting in person. We hope that some of these options will be helpful to you.

Our first option is to mail your offering to the church. Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 104, Camden, NY 13316. We are checking our mail regularly, so your offering will be collected and counted on a regular basis.

The next option is available through your personal bank. You can set up an automatic payment through your bank, or you can choose when you want an offering to be sent. Through this option, your bank will print a check and send it to the church (P.O. Box 104, Camden, NY 13316). This is available routinely with banks, not just at this time.

The last one that is set up is through electronic giving. We now have a link on our Facebook page and our website to “give now”. This option allows you to use a credit/bank card directly from your bank account. You can choose from a drop-down menu for where you would like to give. You are also able to add another transaction at the same time. This allows, for example, you to give to the “general budget” and “Benevolence”.

We are looking forward to worshipping together, with your ongoing support.

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