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Pastor's news

Stay tuned next month for a letter from the pastor.

Worship Changes

As you know at this time New York is fully open. While there are a few restrictions still in place, almost all have gone away. We can meet without distance restrictions and masks for those vaccinated. We can sing without masks and normal distance. We will start passing the offering plates, but we need ushers. We will continue to use the individual serving communion elements until they are used up (they have expiration dates). We can hand out bulletins, as well as provide devotionals for you to take. Please be aware that the status of restrictions can change with little notice. We may have other restrictions in September when Headstart returns for the school year. We will update you as soon as possible of any changes.

Regular Worship Services

Our Zoom information has not changed. Our online Service is currently through Zoom and Facebook at **2:00 pm** each Sunday. The Zoom Meeting ID for this service is **946 7047 6396**. The phone number to call remains the same, **1-646-558-8656**. There will not be an online service on *August 8th and 15th*. If you have any questions please feel free to call the church cell phone at 315-225-6259, if I do not answer, please leave a message with your name and number and I will return your call.

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Worship Planning

Our next Worship Planning meeting will be on **September 19th** following the church service at 12:00 pm. We will be planning the August worship services. We will be meeting in person unless we need to change this. If you are unable to meet in person, you are welcome to send your thoughts and suggestions to Pastor Wendy or Leslie.

Youth News and Game Night

Sunday School and Game night will resume in September.

Stay safe, healthy, and keep your eyes focused on The Lord.

Pastor Matt Morrison.

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 next Bloodmobile will be **August 3, 2021, from 1:00-6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall at St. John's Catholic Church. Our goal for the August blood drive is 28 pints. Come help exceed the goal. All blood types are always welcome.

Rapid Pass allows you to complete the reading material and the questions on 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.

Seekers Study Group

The Seekers group is meeting Sunday mornings at 9:40 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to meet with us. We use "The Upper Room Disciplines A Book of Daily Devotions" you are welcome to participate if you would like. The books are available through Cokesbury as well as other booksellers.

Loaves and Fishes Bible Study

We will be taking a summer break. We will start back up in September.

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship meetings are postponed until further notice.

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.

Scripture readings for August

August 1, 2021: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785); Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 8, 2021: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130 (UMH 848); Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 15, 2021: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111 (UMH 832); Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 22, 2021: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84 (UMH 804); Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 29, 2021: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Choir News

The choir will be starting up again! The choir will meet on Sunday, August 29th for a rehearsal before Singing during church on September 5th! All who would like to sing are welcome!

Church Office and Building News

We continue to meet in person for worship as well as through Zoom and Facebook. Due to summer break, there are no Headstart kids in the building. Due to that, the **lady's** bathroom is **currently open for our use**. If you use the bathroom, disinfecting wipes are provided in the bathroom stalls and on the window sills. Please wipe the surfaces after use.

The church office hours at this time are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-3 pm with extended hours as able, the Pastor & the secretary have resumed working at the office. The secretary is not working on Tuesday and Thursday (this is to ensure the serving of Food Pantry clients). Pastor Wendy continues to work on Wednesdays and Fridays. You may call the church (315-245-2600), the cell phone at 315-225-6259, or e-mail the office at 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. Dates available are **August 1, 8, 22, & 29, September 5, 12, 19, & 26**. The minimum suggested donation is \$6.60 for a Sunday; dedications still appear in 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 pick the hymn.

The deadline for the **September** newsletter is Wednesday, **August 4, 2021**. If your group has news for the newsletter, please let the office know. If you are interested in helping to produce the newsletter, please let the office know.

Leslie Coe, Church Secretary

Volunteers Needed

Now that we have very limited restrictions we need volunteers to help with worship each week. We are looking for people willing to be ushers, communion servers, assistant Sunday school adults, and counters. Ushers hand out bulletins and collect the offering each week. To help with ushering please contact Janice Alvord (315-245-0634). To help with communion please contact the church secretary, Leslie Coe (315-245-2600). To help with Sunday school please see Matt Morrison (315-533-7701). For counters, we need teams of 2 unrelated persons to count and deposit the offering on Sunday afternoons at the bank. To offer to be a counter please contact Karl Keil (315-245-1080). The more volunteers we have for each of these areas the fewer times the volunteer teams will be needed.

Thank you for helping our church as we continue to move forward.

Food Pantry Hours

The Camden Area Food Pantry (located at 84 Main Street. Use the parking lot behind Main street) 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- 10:00 am-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 and starting in July we will schedule walk-ups for the next pantry day. Please leave a message with your name and number if we do not answer. If you do not have access to a phone, please stop by the Food Pantry between 10:00 and 12:30 on Tuesday or Thursday. If you come without an appointment you will need to be scheduled for the next pantry day. Thank you!

Food Pantry News for June 2021

Hello Church Family,

Thank you for your continued support and care for our community.

In June we were again able to offer our clients many fresh fruits and vegetables from local sources, the Cluster of Produce, and through purchasing. In June we continued to receive and provide fresh produce and herbs from our local farmers and the Cluster of Produce. The fresh produce we offered were chives, oregano, mint, thyme, green leaf, red leaf, and iceberg lettuce, beet greens, cucumbers, carrots, celery, apples, potatoes, pineapple, and farm-fresh eggs. Our clients were very happy to receive the fresh produce we were able to provide to them.

We served 40 households made up of 49 adults, 34 children under the age of 18, and 28 seniors over the age of 65, for a total of 111 individuals. We were able to give out 1,665 meals to these neighbors.

Our Church giving for June was 20 items and \$46.00. Your giving is very welcome by our clients. Through your giving, we can continue to serve our clients through the years. You make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

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Thank you for your continued support over the years.

Thank you from the Clients and Staff of the Camden Area Food Pantry!

Submitted on behalf of Diane Hertweck.

Options for Tithing

We have a few options set up to continue giving to the church. Your financial support is still important whether in person or virtually. We hope that some of these options will be helpful to you.

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

If you are joining worship in person we have started passing the collection plates again.

The next 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”.

The Camden United Methodist Church has set up Text giving. The number for text to give is 315-522-6229. Feel free to use this as an additional way to support the church. For guidance in text giving contact the church secretary.