

CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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### **Harvest Dinner**

We will be having our Harvest dinner this year on October 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 4 pm for takeout only. Start preparing to bake pies! We will only have Apple or Pumpkin pies to choose from. Tickets are now available to purchase and distribute. The office has some tickets, and Dave Duerr has tickets to share as well.

### **Scripture readings for October**

October 3, 2021: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16  
October 10, 2021: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752); Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31  
October 17, 2021: Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826); Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45  
October 24, 2021: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) (UMH 769); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52  
October 31, 2021: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146:1-10 (UMH 858); Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

# CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

Pastor: Rev. Wendy Morrison Youth Pastor: Matt Morrison Secretary: Leslie Coe  
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## **Pastor's News**

Stay tuned next month to hear from Pastor Wendy!

## **Daylight Savings**

Daylight savings ends November 7<sup>th</sup>. Remember to turn your clocks back on the night of November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Choir News**

The choir continues to share its gift of music in the worship services. The choir meets at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings to practice before service. All who would like to sing are welcome!

## **Worship Planning**

Our next Worship Planning meeting will be on **October 17<sup>th</sup>** following the church service at noon. We will be planning the November 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.

## **Ladies Fellowship & Christmas Bazaar**

The Ladies Fellowship meetings are postponed until further notice. We will not be having our Christmas Bazaar again this year.

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## **Worship Service**

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 have the offering plates at the front and back of the sanctuary where offerings can be placed. We will continue to use the individual serving communion elements until stated otherwise. We can hand out bulletins, as well as provide devotionals for you to take. We do ask that you wear masks whenever you are talking with others and walking in or out of the building. This is due to increasing numbers in Oneida County. Please be aware that the status of restrictions can change with little notice. We will update you as soon as possible of any changes.

August 29th was our last live online service. That meant that we no longer have a 2 pm service each Sunday. We will record the 11:00 am Camden worship service. We will then share the link on our Facebook page and email the link to those who would like it. The links shared in the email are direct links to YouTube and the Church's website. Anyone can access the website videos and they will link to YouTube. If you want to go directly to YouTube you will need the direct link. 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.

## **Youth News and Game Night**

Sunday School has started. We are working on the plans and ideas for this year. We will have more details next newsletter. Matt still needs adult volunteers each Sunday so that we are in Safe Sanctuary compliance.

The next Game Night will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm and will continue on the third Friday every month via Zoom. The zoom meeting ID is: 994 8229 3713

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 on **October 7, 2021**, at St. John's Catholic Church. Watch for signs around town to donate. The August blood drive had 29 registered donors collected 29 pints and 1 first-time donor. 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](https://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**

Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, in person, and through Zoom. You may bring something to eat, but no sharing yet just to be extra cautious. The Zoom ID is (same as previously): 965 9213 0014. We are currently exploring Spiritual Gifts with the study: Understanding Spiritual Gifts.

## **Church Office and Building News**

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 are working from home. 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](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. Dates available are **October 3, 17, 24, & 31, November 7, 14, 21, & 28**. 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 **November** newsletter is Wednesday, **October 13, 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, assistant Sunday school adults, and counters. Ushers hand out bulletins each week. To help with ushering please contact Janice Alvord (315-245-0634). 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.

## **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: [camdennyumc@gmail.com](mailto:camdennyumc@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.

## **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. You can mail in your offering (P.O. Box 104, Camden, NY 13316), in person during worship services, and through our website and Facebook pages found under "Give Now", and through text (315-522-6229). Thank you for your continued support.

## **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!

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## **Food Pantry News for August 2021**

Hello Church Family,

The clients at the Camden Area Food Pantry continue to be blessed by the caring community we live in.

The fresh produce we were able to offer in August was tomatoes, rhubarb, carrots, zucchini, summer squash, green beans, leeks, green peppers, cucumbers, beets and beet greens, cantaloupe, leaf lettuce, swiss chard, kale, carrots, corn on the cob, apples, celery, butternut squash, white cabbage, plums, onions, mint, basil, oregano, chives, sage, mint, parsley, and garlic.

We served 33 households made up of 38 children; 46 adults; and 21 seniors. 105 individuals and 1,575 meals.

Our church giving was 53 items and \$80.00.

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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Even though we started to let clients into the building at the start of July at the start of August we went back to not having people come in. We continue to serve our clients by appointment only.

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.

### **Letter from Finance**

Dear Friends, and Family Members of our UMC,

On behalf of the Church Finance Committee, I want to thank you for your financial support of our church's ministry and daily operations. Your personal financial support and commitment to our church is becoming very crucial to our survival. Sadly, fewer families are going to church as seen in our society today, and we at Camden UMC are not an exception to that trend. If individuals and families cannot make church a Sunday morning ritual of praise and worship they most likely are not going to make the offering and tithing a part of their lives. Those of us who still believe in the church, and in particular, the Camden United Methodist Church, with prayer and reflection, at this time are being asked to financially consider more in their contributions. This request is necessary to keep our ministry for our faithful going forward. Please pray about our circumstances to keep our UMC going. Please pray that we can continue to be there for those who have had the UMC for family and support over the years. As well as keeping doors open to welcome all children of Christ.

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