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CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's News

Stay tuned next month for news from Pastor Wendy.

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 **January 16th** following the church service at noon. We will be finalizing the Christmas Eve service and the January 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

The Ladies Fellowship meetings are postponed until further notice.

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.

Worship Service

We continue to meet in person. We need to keep our masks on at all times while in the building. We continue to record the 11:00 am Camden worship service. The goal is to have the video posted and shared by Wednesday each week, but there are times when editing the video doesn't go as smoothly as we would like. We share the video on our website, on our Facebook page and email the link to those who are on our weekly bulletin list. 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

The youth will continue to use a different style of lessons. The first week each month will be a traditional bible lesson. The second week of the month they will be enjoying different crafts, the third week they will be cooking and providing a meal for after church (donations welcomed to help with adopting a family for Christmas). The fourth week will be Christian Bible Games. On the occasional fifth week, they will learn about other faith and denomination beliefs. Matt welcomes any adult volunteers each Sunday so that we are in Safe Sanctuary compliance.

Thank you for taking the time to support the youth as they think about others. Come share in the fellowship on the 3rd Sunday of the month and a great meal!

Game Night is on the third Friday every month via Zoom at 7:00 pm. 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 **January 3, 2021**, at St. John's Parish Hall. All blood types are always welcome. There is a critical shortage of blood available. If you are able to give, please give life to others through blood donation.

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

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 will be starting back up Wednesday, January 12 with a new study. All are welcome to join us.

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 continue to work 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 cell phone at 315-225-6259, the office phone at 315-245-2600, 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 **January 9, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, & 27th**. 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 **February 2022** newsletter is Wednesday, **January 12, 2022**. 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

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) 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 January

January 2, 2022: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795); Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 9, 2022: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29 (UMH 761); Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16, 2022: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771); 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 23, 2022: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19 (UMH 750); 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 30, 2022: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794); 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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!

Food Pantry News for November 2021

Hello Church Family,

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

We have continued to be able to offer our clients fresh Produce in November. We received fresh potatoes and apples from the Food Bank of CNY. We were able to provide fresh produce of green peppers; iceberg lettuce; celery; tangerines; carrots; and pineapple. Our clients have really enjoyed receiving the fresh fruits and vegetables.

We had holiday packages this month to provide each family. These packages consisted of Cranberry sauce, stuffing, graham crackers, the choice of chocolate or vanilla pudding, and recipes for a graham cracker crust and a pudding pie. We also provided our regular clients that came to the pantry since August gift cards to Tops for \$25. This was to help with their holiday meal in November. We obtain the gift cards through donations and we purchase them.

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We served 64 households made up of 81 children; 114 adults; and 28 seniors consisting of 223 individuals and 3,345 meals. This was an increase of 20 households that came for food.

Our church giving was 66 items and \$20.00.

Through your generosity, we have been able to continue serving our clients through the years. You make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

We continue to serve our clients by appointment only. While this works well for us it also means that our clients do not need to dedicate half a day to wait in line to get food. We set appointments at 10-minute intervals. We are able to still interact with our clients and help them with any additional needs they have. And most importantly we can be a friendly face to wish them a good day and happy holidays. Our clients are very appreciative of all that our community does to help them throughout the year. Our staff is blessed to be a part of helping our clients when they come.

Thank you for your continued support of our community.

Thank you from the Clients and Staff of the Camden Area Food Pantry!
Submitted on behalf of Diane Hertweck.