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# CAMDEN UMC NEWSLETTER

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## **Pastor's News**

Hello Friends,

It always feels like time is moving so quickly! We are already starting the second month of 2022.

In this new year, we are looking to do membership classes. We recently sent out an email about it. If you currently are not a member of the church, but would like to be, or at least explore it, please reach out to me by email at [wendymorrison.church@yahoo.com](mailto:wendymorrison.church@yahoo.com), in person at church, or by phone at 315-832-8640. We do not have dates set for classes yet, but that will be coming when I hear from those interested.

March 1st will begin the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. We are planning a service at the Camden UMC for Ash Wednesday this year at 6:30 pm. Due to COVID, we will not have the imposition of ashes as that would require touching each individual. We will have something for you to take home, though.

I pray for each of us, that as we move through 2022, we will have a renewed relationship with Christ; that we would feel the Holy Spirit's moving in our lives, in our church and community in a mighty way; and that we will listen to leading of God in our individual lives and in the life of the church.

God Bless,  
Pastor Wendy Morrison  
Camden United Methodist Church &  
Cleveland United Methodist Church

## **Worship Planning**

Our next Worship Planning meeting will be on **February 20<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## **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.

## **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, through our website and Facebook pages found under "Give Now", and through text (315-522-6229). Thank you for your continued support.

## **Loaves and Fishes Bible Study**

Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, in person, and through Zoom. We are currently doing the study "Jesus, Listening for His Voice" 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](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 **February 6, 13, 20, & 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **March 2022** newsletter is Wednesday, **February 9, 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

## **Future Newsletters**

Since most of the information in our newsletter has remained the same month to month with little change we are going to switch to a quarterly newsletter. This means that the next newsletters will be April, July, October, and January. January will be the first quarter in the future. The future newsletters will have the prayers, Pastor information, Youth news, Food Pantry update, and any special events (Example: Harvest Dinner, Special services, etc.).

## **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.

## **Ladies Fellowship**

The Ladies Fellowship meetings are postponed until further notice.

## **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!

## **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.

## 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 December 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 some fresh Produce in December. We were unable to get fresh potatoes or apples from the Food Bank of Central New York in December. We purchased fresh produce from grocery stores including iceberg lettuce, celery, and carrots. Our clients have really enjoyed receiving the fresh fruits and vegetables.

We served 52 households made up of 41 children; 74 adults; and 16 seniors consisting of 157 individuals and 2,355 meals. This was a slight decrease in households that came for food.

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Our church giving was 55 items and \$555.00. This includes \$100.00 from our Pennies for Missions ministry.

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 sometimes are asked what we need. One thing that we haven't been able to get recently, is juice. There hasn't been any available, except grapefruit, at the Food Bank of CNY for a few months. Grapefruit is a juice that many people are unable to drink because of medication interactions and many others don't like it.

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 help them in their needs. 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.

## **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 **March 7, 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](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.

## **Scripture readings for February**

February 6, 2022: Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138 (UMH 853); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 13, 2022: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1 (UMH 738); 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

February 20, 2022: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (UMH 772); 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50;  
Luke 6:27-38

February 27, 2022: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99 (UMH 819); 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43a