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Pastor's News

Hello Friends,

We are in April, coming into Holy Week that leads into Easter, also known as Resurrection Sunday. I am so excited that I finally get to celebrate this special week with all of you. The third time is the charm, right? Yes, my third Easter with you. We have celebrated the last two years, but it has been different than what any of us would have ever expected.

We are in the season of spring, watching new life begin. Rebirth and resurrection of the grass, trees, flowers...all, hopefully, reminding us of the new life, the rebirth, the resurrection that Jesus offers to each and every one of us. He can change our lives in a way that nothing or no one else ever can.

I pray that as we come into this season, especially as we are coming to the other side of COVID, we remember we have all been through a rough two years. For some, it has been rougher than for others. Let's think of the positive things we have learned through this time. Let's think of the positive changes in our lives or that we want to make in our lives. Let's think about and praise God for these things.

God Bless,

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

Worship Planning

Our Worship Planning meetings take place on the third Sunday of the month, following our shared meal that the youth provide for us. If you are unable to meet in person, you are welcome to send your thoughts and suggestions to Pastor Wendy or Leslie prior to our meetings.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people willing to be ushers, assistant Sunday school adults, communion stewards, 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 communion, we need at least 2 people to prepare communion, set up, and clean up after service. To help with communion please contact Leslie Coe (315-225-6259). 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 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 Mission meals and Game Night

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 have a great meal! In April the after church meal will be on April 10th, Palm Sunday

Game Night is on the third Friday every month IN PERSON at 6:30 pm. We are alternating between Camden and Cleveland UMC. April will be in Cleveland. Bring your favorite games and family that will enjoy games with new and old friends. If you would like you can bring a snack to share.

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.

Holy week Schedule

Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday Service will be at the Cleveland church at 6:30 pm. Good Friday Service will be at Camden at 6:30 pm. Easter Sunday Sunrise service in Cleveland at the gazebo, by the lake at 6:00 am continental breakfast to follow at the church. Easter services at the normal worship times for Cleveland and Camden

Church Office and Building News

The church office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-3 pm with extended hours, as able. The Pastor & the secretary continue to work from home. Pastor Wendy works on Monday and Wednesday and she is off on 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 camdennymc@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.

Feel free to share your prayer requests with the Secretary or Pastor Wendy by call, text, or email. And we will make sure to share the request. Let us know if you would prefer it to be an anonymous request.

If you would like to dedicate our worship bulletins to loved ones please check with the secretary to book the date. Dates available at printing are **April 3, 17, 24, May 1, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, & 26th**. The minimum suggested donation is \$6.60 for a Sunday; dedications still appear in the digital bulletin as well as the print bulletin and can be printed for you if you are interested. 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 next newsletters will be in 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, Blood drive information, calendar schedule, and any special events (Example: Harvest Dinner, Special services, etc.).

The deadline for the **July 2022** newsletter is Wednesday, **June 1, 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

Easter Flowers

Easter Sunday is April 17th. If you would like to bring flowers for Easter Sunday you are welcome to. If at all possible try to pick flowers that are low in fragrance. The wonderful smells of fresh flowers can trigger asthma as well as allergies, especially when in a closed space. If you would like to dedicate the flowers to loved ones please provide the following information in print to Leslie Coe, the church secretary. Please provide your dedication: "in honor of" or "memory of" the name of your loved one, and your name. Thank you.

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 **June 1, 2022**, 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.

If you would like to help with the Blood drives please contact St. John's at 315-245-1603. Their office hours are Monday-Wednesday 9 am-1 pm and Thursday 9 am-11 am.

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.

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 report

Dear Church family,

Thank you for your continued support over the past years. Our church gave 358 items and \$1,792.70 in 2021. We served 519 households made up of 637 children, 825 Adults, and 239 seniors. This was a total of 1,701 individuals and 25,515 meals. For comparison, our year totals in 2020 were 894 households made up of 1,066 children, 1,532 adults, and 365 seniors. This was a total of 2,963 individuals and 44,445 meals. A decrease of 375 households, 429 children, 707 adults, and 126 seniors. A decrease of 1,262 total individuals. While some of the declines are due to normal community changes (moving out of the area and deaths), we feel there are many who are not using this form of help because of Covid-19 related anxiety. The reality is the economy of the Camden area has not improved that greatly to reflect this continued decline.

In January we served 53 households made up of 66 children, 98 adults, and 22 seniors. This is a total of 186 individuals and 2,790 meals. In February we served 43 households, 51 Children, 63 adults, and 23 seniors. There were a total of 137 individuals and 2,055 meals. Our church giving in January was 41 items and \$126.00. In February we gave 30 items and \$95.00.

We served a total of 96 households made up of 117 children, 161 adults, and 45 seniors for a total of 323 individuals.

We recently have started receiving bagged produce and fresh bakery goods from Tops. We receive quite a bit each Tuesday and Thursday. Our clients are able to get as much as they would like of these items. We and our clients have been so thankful that Tops is willing and able to provide these items. These items are still fresh, but they are not able to sell them. Any items that are left at the end of the pantry day we give to some local farmers to help feed their livestock.

While we are able to help those who come to the pantry for assistance, there are many in our community that continues to have food insecurities. Please keep those who have food insecurities in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your continued support for our community needs, our clients are very appreciative of the assistance.

Thank you from the Clients and Staff of the Camden Area Food Pantry!
Submitted by Leslie Coe, on behalf of Diane Hertweck

Routine & Special Church Calendar Events

Wednesdays 6:30 pm Loaves & Fishes Study

Sunday Mornings Seekers group 9:45 am

Sunday Mornings Choir 9:45 am

Tuesday evenings- Cub Scouts

2nd Wednesday of the month-Villagers: April 13, May11, & June 8

Friday May 13¹³ Fiddler Tallent Show

Scripture readings for the coming months

April 3: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126 (UMH 847); Phillipians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 10 Palm Sunday: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

April 10 Passion readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764); Phillipians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
or Luke 23:1-49

April 14 Maundy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 (UMH 837); 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 15 Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22 (UMH 752); Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

April 17 Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839); 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-8
or Luke 24:1-12

April 24: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150 (UMH 862); Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

May 1: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30 (UMH 762); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 8 Mother's Day: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23 (UMH 754); Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 15: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148 (UMH 861); Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 22: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67 (UMH 791); Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

May 26 Assension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 (UMH 781); Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 29: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97 (UMH 816); Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

June 5 Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 12 Trinity Sunday: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8 (UMH 743); Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 19 Father's Day: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 (UMH 777); Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 26: 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14; Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 (UMH 798); Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Prayer List

For those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. For those who are learning how to cope with a new health condition and their caregivers. For those who are preparing for their final life journey. For those who need to hear of God's love for them. For those who are looking for work. For those who need shelter. For those who need food. For those who answer the call for help and need, the first responders. For those who are dealing with an ongoing health condition and their caregivers. For peace and patience in times of strife, when hurt, and when upset. Give us hearts that love all people, not just the easy ones we know. For those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For those who are teaching, learning, driving & helping with schools. For those battling addictions. All who are unable to work and visit loved ones due to coronavirus; Global concern, fear, and illness with the coronavirus; all non-essential employees & businesses; patience and peace in the lives of all; that people realize the importance of isolation at this time, for the health of all; People impacted by recent events and deaths; Those who are grieving the loss of life through violence; Peace, patience, love, understanding, and justice; Joseph Wiggins; Skyla; Liborio Barbagallo; Jack Estrella; Susane Lewchanin; Terry Polini & family; Lillian; Brayden Hughes; Bob Smith; Daniel Dunn; Rev. Janet (Gibbs) Bently; Aleesha Hart; Kevin Grinnell; Mike Riley; Ret. Rev. Mike & Jo Tollerton; Tom Fanning; Mary Barker's husband; Margo Mills Hoffman; Peggy Feeney; Larry Kent; Margret Smith & family; Baby Theo and family; Ret. Pastor Steve & Jeanne Maddox; Ret. Rev. Paul Mills and family; Those who are fighting Coronavirus locally and globally; loss of life due to violence; Jackson Pulizzi & family; Ukraine & Russian people; Lillian & family; Caleb Doran & family; Ed Weiler; John O'Hara's family; Richard Liddy's family; John Michael Bolster's family; Diane Vega; Bill Chez's family; Richard Liddy's family; Pam; Karen