

March & April

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Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

Jottings from Joy

We are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives. Ephesians 2:10

This scripture is about Paul talking to the Ephesians who are "gentiles" and "pagans" in the eyes of the Jewish people of God. When he traveled to these foreign places of the Roman Empire, he did not take armed guards to capture and destroy them. He took the love of Christ and captured them with a completely new lifestyle. One that did not kill those off that disagreed, nor capture and dominate them but rather by example showed them peaceful, generous, harmless ways to live in harmony. No violence not even forced compliance but rather the generous hand of love shown through Christ's sacrifice and servant hood! What has happened through the generations to Christians? From the Crusades, Middleeast, Columbus slaying of the indigenous people, Slavery, on and on! Jesus revealed to us our basic need to care for all human beings! Even our enemies, those outcasts, on and on. Further on in this scripture it says: **14 Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group.** So what hope we can have if thousands of years of the Israelites can peacefully unite with gentiles so too there is hope for our divided country! We can see this in Ireland finally at peace! South Africa no longer having a people in bondage. We too with the help of our loving God will become one again in pursuit of a people joined together through that universal love of Peace, justice, kindness which exists in the souls of all people because that is the way we are created.

Peace and Love, Pastor Joy



Schroon Lake Community Church

"We Will Rise Again out of Ashes"

A devastating fire on January 2 destroyed the Schroon Lake Community Church and the parsonage. Fortunately, no one was injured. Seven fire companies from two counties battled this blaze to no avail.

This church is a combination of The United Methodist Church and the Church of Christ serving the community of Schroon Lake. Documentation can be found about the church dating back to the late 1800'S and in this location since 1948.

The Finance Committee has approved a donation of \$500 from our Blue Box Fund. We would like to challenge each of you to make whatever contribution you can to match the \$500 therefore being able to send \$1,000. Donations will be accepted through Easter. (Please indicate Schroon Lake in the memo section of your check).

If you would prefer, you may send a personal gift card to Pastor Cole at the following address: Skye Farm Camp and Retreat Center, 1884 Schroon River Rd., Warrensburg, NY 12885 c/o Lynnette Cole.

Save the Date

Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

April 6 - Swiss Steak Supper - 4-6 pm

Please sign up to volunteer. Help to make this the best supper yet.



Administrative Council Minutes - January & February

The Administrative Council met on **January 10th** at 7:30.

- Financial Reports were submitted for approval. .
- Committees reported on what each has been doing in the past month. Though several committee chairs were absent, information was given to the council.

Old business was addressed.

- The Tea candle sale raised \$580 and will go toward camperships.
- Friendly Circle gave gift cups to seniors that they had left over from the bazaar. They plan to meet again in March.
- The Christmas Bazaar made \$1300.
- A discussion was had about our Church being presentable for outside groups. A function check list was discussed and a cleaning crew.
- Discussed the continuation of collecting plastic bags for rugs and food pantry. Bottles & cans are still being collected for the youth program.

New business was discussed.

- Working on backgrounds for alter to coincide with liturgical seasons and sending the flower vases out to get restored.
- Sheryl discussed having a “polishing party” for the church in the spring. Date to be set.
- The committee agreed with the finance committee to set aside \$500 to send to Schroon Lake Fire and have special offerings to match that amount.

Next meeting date is February 14 at 7:30pm.

The Administrative Council met on **February 14th** at 7:30.

- A special request was presented to the council by Trevor LeVan. Trevor would like to complete a remodel of the Sunday school playground as a project to become and Eagle Scout. The Council voted to support his endeavors.
- Financial Reports were submitted for approval. .
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- The Education committee met and came up with several projects for the future. Children’s Day will also be on Mother’s Day Sunday.
- A “polishing party” will be held on March 13.
- A discussion was held on the future work of the Trustees and future repairs.
- The kitchen stoves were cleaned for upcoming events.
- It was reported that the church office has been cleaned and straightened.

New business was discussed.

- A discussion was held about Palms and Easter Flowers. Sheryl Burke will be taking care of this with the help of Helen Godfrey.
- Several upcoming services were discussed. See calendar for dates and times.
- Swiss Steak Supper will be on April 6 and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting date is March 14 at 7:30pm.

Check the website for updated information on coming events. The website is: www.centerbrunswickumc.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, March 13 (snow date: March 14) at 10:30 am

Join me for a P.P.P - That’s a *Pew Polishing Party!*

Bring your favorite can of polish and cloths and join in fellowship. Lunch, water and dessert will be provided. Bring your favorite beverage if you wish.

Once this is done, we will have the carpets cleaned and ready for Easter.

As a Trustee, I thank you for helping to keep our church looking great. We are all volunteers and many hands make light work.

Thanks, Sheryl Burke

RSVP for lunch at 469-7692



SPPR Report

The SPPR Team met after the February 10 church service. This is a recap of the meeting as minutes were not taken. Discussions around scheduling in hopes of getting a new norm for the next pastor and also taking into consideration that another church might be yoked with their schedule.

Lenten & Easter services were discussed. It was decided to invite Gilead Lutheran Church to all of our special services, including Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Those who wish to may attend Good Friday service at Gilead. These were the same plans as last year.

Summer services. After some discussion, and not knowing our situation for sure, we decided, at this point, to keep the church open the summer of 2019, unless the new pastor, with or without another yoked church, decides otherwise. Gilead will be invited to participate with us for the summer. To be fair with Gilead, we will let them know we welcome them but at the same time we will not be going to Gilead in the summer. Lisa Krieger at Gilead will be informed of all our decisions and invitations.

Concerns were brought up for those faithful folks such as choir director and members, ushers and others who do not get a break for travel and rest. This concern will be discussed with the new pastor and possibly exchange times with a yoked church if that is an option.



Easter Flowers

We invite you bring your own plant(s) to church to decorate the alter for our Easter services.

If you would like to put a memorial or honorarium in the bulletin, please contact Sheryl Burke by April 14. She can be reached at (518) 469-7692 or email at smb148tr@aol.com with details or you can fill out the insert provided at the 9:30 Sunday morning service.

Plants should be brought to the church on Sat., April 20, from 9 – 11 am.

Thank You & Happy Easter! - *Helen Godfrey and Sheryl Burke*

Lenten Study

“Because of this I Rejoice” By Max O Vincent

Have you ever thought of Lent being a time of Joy? Easter, definitely! But Lent is consider solemn, deep reflection time in which we sacrifice, repent, have longing and seek forgiveness.

The author of “Because of this I Rejoice” leads us through Lent in a renewal and thankful way. Christ brought freedom, relief, conquered death and restored our relationship to God. What’s not to rejoice and be glad about? He restored our souls, and gave us new life a resurrected life based on Good News!

As we go through Lent this year we will be focusing on Philippians and the Apostle Paul.

Philippians: 1:4 always offering every prayer of mine with joy [and with specific requests] for all of you,

Philippians: 1:21[To *Live Is Christ*] for to me, to live is Christ [He is my source of joy, my reason to live] and to die is gain [for I will be with Him in eternity].

Philippians: 1:25 since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,

Philippians:2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same love [toward one another], knit together in spirit, intent on one purpose [and living a life that reflects your faith and spreads the gospel—the good news regarding salvation through faith in Christ].

These are but a few of the examples of the total transforming experience Paul shares with the Philippians and we will be experience for our journey together in Lent. When we think of Paul we can be truly amazed for he was indeed transformed by Christ from persecutor to perpetrator of love, from terrorist to comforter, from destroyer of whom he thought were blasphemers to creator of faithful communities of immense freedom to love freely.

I hope you will join the journey starting with realizing Ash Wednesday is about letting go of the fear and sadness of death and rising to newness of life knowing that Christ restores our loving souls over and over again, when we depend on Christ to open our hearts, minds, and arms to welcome such great joy he offers!



Confirmation Class to Begin

We have amazing youth! Every Monday night I prize the time spent with Scott, Aniya and Emma! We share what matters and they feed each other and me with their examples and exclamations about their lives, faith and beliefs!

Our church is part of their nurturing, growing and becoming God's gracious beings! Life is not any easier for them as for any other generation, though we may think so. Every life has its challenges and its celebrations. These youth are witnesses to us that they can rise to meet the day and ford the storms faithfully knowing trust, love and hope.

Their participation in the Martin Luther King Event awakened their unity with humanity! Our next trip is to Damian House to serve and share our bounty and eat with those we serve! Truly a communion experience that I recommend! Sunday, April 7th, we will welcome them and commit to them as they commit to the church body of Christ!

Scott Burdick's Report on John Wesley: Scott has written a paper on John Wesley. If anyone is interested in reading the paper a copy of it is located in the entranceway of the church.



Missions Updates

Bag Collections Continue - They go to Food Pantry, Unity House, and Gilead so continue to bring them on! Thanks to Lisa Krieger who gave her time Sunday, February 24th to share about how the bags are used to make mats for the homeless.

Medicine Bottles - Bottles are being collected until the end of March. The bottles will go to the United Methodist Women for distribution to folks in need here and afar!

Cans & Bottles - Continue to bring your clean bottles, with caps removed and undamaged to the bucket in the elevator entrance. Funds will be used for youth programs!



Eagle Scout Project

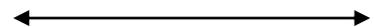
Trevor LeVan, a member of our church, has been approved by the Admin. Council to complete a remodel of the Sunday school playground as a project to become an Eagle Scout. A member of the Trustees, Jubilation Station and the Women's Group will support, enable and encourage Trevor throughout the project.



Friendly Circle

The Friendly Circle will meet at Diamond Ridge on March 16 & April 13 at 10 am. Anyone is welcome to join.

Contact Judy or Lana
Judy: (518) 577-6885 / momriston@yahoo.com
Lana: (518) 326-3636 / lanamae@gmail.com



Welcome - Rosa Baumbach
Be sure to add her to your
Contact & Birthday List

7 Country Way, Apt. 111 - Troy, NY 12180
518-274-2259
Birthdate: August 17

<p>March Birthdays</p> <p>02 - Samantha Hill 05 - Jerry Looney 06 - Sue Hayner 06 - Amy Singiser 09 - Mark Schott 12 - Tyler Schott 13 - McKenzie LeVan 14 - Salvatore Fallova 15 - Timothy Foust 17 - James Foust 20 - Barbara Carr 21 - Ann Austin 23 - David Morton 25 - Cassie Freemantle 26 - Kathy Pagano 26 - Justin Walton 31 - Barbara Conroy</p> <p>March Anniversaries</p> <p>26 - David & Gretchen Morton</p>		<p>April Birthdays</p> <p>01 - Joyce Hamel 01 - Jim McGuirk 01 - Danny Little 02 - Donald Cushman 02 - Dan McIntyre 06 - Patrick Ouimet 11 - Eleanor Wighton 17 - Helen Godfrey 18 - Charles Boehm 18 - Donna Bonesteel 18 - Albert Greene 18 - Keith Hoffman 18 - Betty Schott 26 - Laurie Conroy 28 - Gretchen Morton 30 - Marie Himes 30 - Ryan Ouimet</p> <p>April Anniversaries</p> <p>07 - Jerry & Lorraine Looney 09 - Ron & Betty Schott 24 - Timothy & Christine LeVan</p>
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Appreciation to John Bates

John is a neighbor to Jim and Kathleen Burden. John came to the rescue when the church pipes broke. He worked tirelessly, and will continue, until all is restored!



2019 Upper New York Annual Conference - Petition / Resolution Submission Form

Last Sunday the Reflections from Scripture challenged each to answer their call.

Dan McIntyre was concerned about The Bishop, and our National United Methodist Church, not making a stronger statement about the inhuman treatment of immigrants. Dan had concerns and felt he should take action.

The proper procedure for taking action is to submit a petition/resolution submission form directly to the Conference Committee. The deadline for the submission was approaching quickly so Dan needed to take action as soon as possible. Through the advice of a former chair of the rules committee we moved forward with completing the form and getting it submitted in the appropriate time frame.

The form required that we had to quote from the United Methodist Book of Discipline which, since it is scriptural based, was not hard to do. We also had to choose if it was a petition or a resolution. A Petition being defined as a formal statement requesting the Conference (through the staff, commissions, committee, teams, boards or agencies) to take a certain action. A Resolution being defined as a formal statement expressing the opinion, will, or intent of the conference.

Dan submitted the form as a petition and I, Joy, serving as Pastor, had to verify membership of Dan McIntyre and identify the church.

The below petition/resolution submission form is to inform the congregation of this action.

Committee assigned number

Suggested Title: Call for Attention to Worth of All Immigrants

Book of Discipline (¶):166 page 145 in 2016 - Social Concerns

Book of Resolutions paragraph (¶):Many!

Conference Committee/Agency that would be affected by/responsible for implementation if passed: Bishop(s) and Social Concerns

Financial Implications: none

Brief Rationale:

Whereas, since we are people of OUR God who commands we love our neighbors as ourselves and we had one of our local neighbors who cooks for the local food pantry for 10 years recently, inhumanly taken from cooking to prison because his citizenship has not been established even though he has worked for ten years to become a citizen.

Whereas, we of the United Methodist Church believe in a God of compassion and find need for more Formal Pronouncement to Our United States Government that just treatment of all human beings is part of Our Nation's Character as a melting Pot for all to come to this Land of Milk and Honey.

Whereas, treatment of/by ICE and Government immigration has been cruel, unjust, separating children from parents and even caused death, and inhuman according to the standards given us from scriptures and the Book of Discipline.

Whereas, Visible, well-advertised, unified, denouncement of such treatment by the Council of Bishops, or the National United Methodist Church has not been made known nor promoted in a formal declaration.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Upper New York Conference send a declaration of Hope to the Council of Bishops that they will send a formal demand that the US Government promote compassion, and just treatment to ALL immigrants no matter their status as illegal or legal immigrants.

Therefore, be it resolved that being aware of this inhuman treatment and no visible signs of success after a decade the government be made accountable for such anti United States treatment and reprimanded , and even apologize.

Therefore be it further resolved that the statement of the Council of Bishops strongly support legislation as soon as possible to both increase the ability to become citizens and protect those already seeking citizenship from deportation.

Date of Submission: February 14, 2019

Submitted by: Mr. Daniel McIntyre

Electronic Signature: Mr. Daniel McIntyre

Mailing address: 7 Vista Road, Troy, NY 12180,

Phone number: 518-279-9950

Email address: dmcintyre1@verizon.net

UNY local church/charge membership: Center Brunswick United Methodist Church, 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, New York 12180

Other signees: Rev. Joy Lowenthal 84 Lona Lane Rensselaer, NY 12144, 518-621-7313

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 am - Worship Transfiguration Sunday Communion 11 am - Jubilation Station	4 6 pm - Conf. Class parsonage. 7 pm - Bell Choir	5 7 pm - Choir	6 7 pm - Ash Wed. Service	7	8	9
10 9:30 am - Worship 1st Sunday of Lent Children's Lent Project 11 am - Jubilation Station	11 6 pm - Conf. Class parsonage. 7 pm - Bell Choir	12 7 pm - Choir	13	14 6:30 pm - Finance Mtg. 7:30 pm - Admin. Mtg.	15	16 10am - Diamond Ridge
17 9:30 am - Worship 2nd Sunday of Lent 11 am - Jubilation Station 12 pm - Crop Walk 50 years of walking & ending hunger	18 6 pm - Conf. Class parsonage. 7 pm - Bell Choir	19 7 pm - Choir	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 am - Worship 3rd Sunday of Lent 11 am - Jubilation Station	25 6 pm - Conf. Class parsonage. 7 pm - Bell Choir	26 7 pm - Choir	27	28	29	30
31 9:30 am - Worship led by Laurie Conroy 4th Sunday of Lent 11 am - Jubilation Station						

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6 pm - Conf. Class parsonage. 7 pm - Bell Choir	2 7 pm - Choir	3	4	5 5:00 pm - Set up for Swiss Steak Supper	6 6:00 pm - Swiss Steak Supper
7 9:30 am - Worship <i>5th</i> Sunday of Lent Com- munion & Confirmation Sun. 11 am - Jubilation Station	8 6 pm - Final Conf. Class - parsonage. 7 pm - Bell Choir	9 7 pm - Choir	10	11 6:30 pm - Finance Mtg. 7:30 pm - Admin. Mtg.	12	13 10 am - Diamond Ridge
14 9:30 am - Worship <i>Palm/Passion Sun.</i> Bells play 11 am - Jubilation Station	15 7 pm - Bell Choir	16 7 pm - Choir	17	18 7 pm - Maundy Thurs. Communion	19 Good Friday	20
21 TBD - Sunrise Service 9:30 am - Worship <i>Easter Sunday</i> Bells play Jubilation Station Easter Egg Hunt	22	23 7 pm - Choir	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 am - Worship <i>1st Sunday after Easter</i>	29 7 pm - Bell Choir	30 7 pm - Choir				

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Looking to Lend a Helping Hand?

Scripture Readers
Greeters
Ushers

Contact Pastor Joy
for further information

If you are feeling down — unsure — unhappy — or just lost
Go Volunteer!

I promise you—the best feeling in the universe is
helping someone in need.

I believe that the quality of your life is solely
determined on the quality of your contribution to others.

When you take the time to stop thinking of yourself,
and start working to improve the life of someone else,
God steps in and improves yours.

Unsure of how to begin?
Start where you are - use what you have - and do what you can.

LeeAnne Locken

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