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Jottings from Joy

"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history....Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it?" Isaiah 43: 18-19

I continue to be in awe! The children/youth wowed us Sunday with their pictures and names for God! Not only that but the support and help they gave each other as well as included everyone! They are certainly leading us to new places as Jesus said!

Comin up, having Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day and Easter on April Fool's day will also be VERY new! We also can do services combined with Gilead if you want! Please let me know they sent a query letter which Seeks Holy week combined with them for Maundy Thursday and or Good Friday!

As I come down from the amazing experience at Bethel Baptist church for Martin Luther King Worship I see the Holy Spirit sending us forth! The Holy Spirit is working to show us something brand – new! Bursting out!

What do you see "new" happening in your life? For some it could be giving in to receiving help rather than giving it! For other's it may a new place to live, an old place made new, a new lease on life, a health issue taking on new perspective on life. Each day is a "A new day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" a scripture quote which closed the Martin Luther King Breakfast by Co- Chair Olivia Walton. Thus, we left with in anticipation and An attitude that day by day we are made new!

Peace and Love,
Pastor Joy



In the Bleak Midwinter Urgent Need for Sheets and Blankets

Rev Jose Rodriguez, with the help of Rev. Judy Humphrey-Fox and Rev. Marti Swords-Horrell, is starting a new faith community for the Hispanic/Latino population of the Amsterdam area. Many of those who have been attending gatherings of this NFC so far are farm workers. They are struggling with basic household needs this bitterly cold winter. Pastor Jose is currently seeking donations of SHEETS & BLANKETS (new or gently used in good condition, twin/full/ queen size) to ensure that these families stay warm.

To donate or to arrange for a pickup, please contact Rev. Marti Swords-Horrell ASAP at mwordshorrell@gmail.com or 315-569-9156.

"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone... What shall I give Him?"

Special Points of Interest

- ◆ February Kindness Kid
Quinn Kelly
- ◆ Center Brunswick New Lay
Leader - Laura Conroy
- ◆ Support A Cause
- ◆ Finance Committee Update
- ◆ Address Updates
- ◆ February Birthdays
- ◆ February Calendar Events





February Kindness Kid - Quinn Kelly

A quiet but delightful young woman, Quinn Kelly caught my attention early on as she would respond during the Children's Moment in church with positive, thoughtful answers to how we are to live and care for each other as Christians. When with the other children she is polite and caring, making room for others, helping a little one, and waiting her turn to speak up. These reveal her "others" focus at a premature age during which most focus on "me". Although she is home schooled she mixes well in activities with her peers and stands strong with her values and when presenting in public.

As part of the way this could be seen in public, was her involvement in the Troy Children's Chorus for 5 or so years. Then, as part of this chorus she participated in an even higher level of skill and commitment in the Bel Canto choral. In this, smaller singing groups and challenging chorus parts were offered her. This group offered concerts as part of a Taste of Troy which raised funds for Hope 7 Community Center in Troy for under privileged children and families. In all of these programs, she presented herself confidently, yet not domineering. She did not gloat but appreciated when recognized and affirmed for her abilities.

She is home schooled as part of that learning she has participated in several community service programs. She collected money for the Colonie Center Food Pantry, volunteered there as well as at Broom Animal Sanctuary. For the past two years she was part of the Galway Players which meant she missed church for a period of time. Her first year she danced and the second year she was chosen to sing! Certainly a well-balanced talent!

She helps her grandma Lana Reynolds out allot! Holding her when walking so she doesn't fall because of Lana's fragile balance. She accompanies her to church and keeps her company in church when other activities perhaps more attractive, Sunday mornings for a teen, she chooses grandma!

Last but not least, she won the AAA poster contest last year which depicted "safety" and a blue ribbon for a picture of a horse she drew at the Saratoga Racing Museum.

Pastor Joy



Center Brunswick's New Lay Leader - *Laura A. Conroy*

It is a privilege and pleasure to present "Laurie" as most of us know her, to you all! She comes to us from Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, just down the road, but is no stranger to Kathy Hoffman her high school biology teacher, and to those of you who have known her for the last three years!

We are so blessed with the ministry experience and formation she has gained over the past two decades. Laurie served as a Catechist (Sunday School Teacher), parish Youth Ministry Coordinator, and was a facilitator for VIRTUS, a program similar to "Safe Sanctuaries." She was recognized by the Albany Catholic Diocese as a certified Coordinator of Youth Ministry and completed the Formation for Ministry Program, a two-year course of study for lay persons pursuing leadership roles within their churches. She also attended several graduate classes in pastoral studies at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry.

Laurie's participation in youth, music and readers' ministries have provided many opportunities for planning and leading a variety of worship experiences – a ministry area, Laurie has shared, she truly enjoys working in! She has assisted youth and adults with planning and leading worship, and has taught young people how to live as children of a loving God, through offering retreats, service experiences, and programs based on following teachings of Christ.

Laurie seems like a perfect fit for this time in the church. She continues to grow in faith, learn how Protestants and United Methodists proclaim Christ, and loves her new church family! She brings experiences in leading worship and relies on a strong scripture base to help us continue to grow as the "Body of Christ".

She senses her path toward Christian leadership has had, and continues to have, much guidance along the way; she sees where God's hand is with her, holding her, pulling her, guiding her and assuring her. She is eager to serve, and rests in the assurance of one of her favorite scripture verses, Jeremiah 29:11, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

She is a true partner to me, as clergy, the same as Dan described he was with Rev. Art, together, as is the design of the United Methodist Church by its founder, John Wesley, laity and clergy working toward the guiding light of Christ. Welcome, Laurie, we look forward to the gifts and graces you share with us.



Support A Cause - Give With a Thankful Heart

On Sunday, December 17, 2017 a terrible fire completely destroyed the home of one of our church family members, Chuck and Jean Rebuhn.

Chuck serves as a committee member of the trustees and both Chuck and Jean have chaired the Swiss Steak Supper in the past.

Chuck and Jean have put a down payment on a new modular home and will place it in the same location as house they lost. Please keep the Rebuhn's in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this challenging time.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please see Kathleen Burden.



Finance Committee Update

- ◆ The Memorial Fund gave \$4,000 to the Trustees to help pay for the repair of the foundation wall. Monies given in memory of loved ones are put into the Memorial Fund. The final cost of the foundation was \$31,000. The Trustees appreciate the donations they have received thus far.
- ◆ Benevolence donations helped to purchase 100 chickens from the Brooks Chicken BBQ to give to the local missions to help feed the homeless especially during the extremely cold weather. Thank you to all who pledged to Benevolences
- ◆ Thank you to all who donated to the Methodist Hurricane Funds, Irma , Harvey and Maria.



Mabel Keyes Scholarship

This award is given in memory of Harold and Mabel Keyes, whose last will and testament created the trust that provides the funding for it. Harold and Mabel were prominent members of the church for many years. Mabel taught in the Brunswick schools that preceded Tamarac, and continued teaching Sunday School for many years after she retired. Through this award, her love of helping young people learn and grow will continue to reach the your of our community.

A \$500 scholarship will be award to a student of the Tamarac High School Class of 2018 selected by the CBUMC Finance Committee. Interest students must apply no later than April 1, 2018. Application form available at the districts Guidance Office, the Church or our website



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February Birthdays

08 - Penny Corlew
09 - Aaron Johnson
09 - Vicki Ouimet
12 - Peter Foust
15 - John Derrick Jr.
16 - Tracy Foust
23 - David English
27 - Peace Goette
28 - Jean Powis
28—Doris Shaffer



SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

March 4, 2018 - 1:30 pm 4:30 pm

The Burnt Hills UMC will be offering Safe Sanctuary Training. If you are interested in attending, please call or email the Burnt Hills UMC office at 518-399-5144 or email burnthillsumc@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6:30—8:30 pm Highlight Acting Troupe Fellowship Hall	3
4 9:30 am Worship 2:00—4:00 pm Highlight Acting Troupe Fellowship Hall	5 7:00 pm Bell Choir	6 7:00 pm Choir	7	8 6:30 pm Finance Meeting followed by the Administrative Brd. Fellowship Hall	9 6:30—8:30 pm Highlight Acting Troupe Fellowship Hall	10
11 9:30 am Worship 2:00—4:00 pm Highlight Acting Troupe Fellowship Hall	12 7:00 pm Bell Choir	13 4-6 pm Pancake and Sausage Supper Gilead Lutheran 7:00 pm Choir	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16 6:30—8:30 pm Highlight Acting Troupe Fellowship Hall	17
18 9:30 am Worship 2:00—4:00 pm Highlight Acting Troupe Fellowship Hall	19 7:00 pm Bell Choir	20 7:00 pm Choir	21	22	23	24
25	26 7:00 pm Bell Choir	27 7:00 pm Choir	28			

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The World is Hugged By The Faithful Arms of a Volunteer

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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