

November & December

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Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seeds along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. Yet others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways leading to stress, anxiety, and fear – these thorns can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose God intended for us.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next few weeks, we will be having a worship focus called ***Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity***. During this time, we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship. There will be stories and expert advice about what others have learned by working through these difficult times. Each week there will be some ideas to help develop a plan for giving with a spiritual foundation.

At the end of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make a personal commitment of offering to God through the church in the coming year. I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience, simplicity, generosity, and joy. *Shalom, Pastor Joel*

Swiss Steak Supper - Thank You!



Thank you to all who helped in preparation of the Swiss Steak Supper. From the organization, the purchasing of groceries and supplies as well as the preparation the week of the supper and finally the day of the supper.

We are happy to announce that we made over \$1,800 for the benefit of the church.



CBUMC Weather Related Closings

The Church will be using an automated closing system. This is a system associated with school closings.

If the church needs to cancel worship due to inclement weather conditions you will find the information broadcasted on one of the following media sites: The Times Union, WFLY-FLY92, WGY-810WGY, WNYT/WNYA TV, WRGB/WCWN TV, WRVE-The River, WTEN/WXXA TV-WYJB, B-95.5, Spectrum Local News

Christmas Eve Service
Time Change
9:00 pm

Save The Date Annual
BROOK'S BBQ
January 4th.
Tickets available soon!

CBUMC Christmas Bazaar - December 14

On Saturday, December 14 our church will be having a Christmas Bazaar, from 10am to 4pm. Crafts, baked goods will be available.

Please drop off your baked goods and crafts by 9:00am on December 14. Come and support our church.



Administrative Council Minutes - September

The Administrative Council met on **September 12th** 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.

- Trevor LeVan 's Eagle Scout project doing well.
- Discussed a dedication of updated playground.
- Church updates were given and included time of service and pastors work week schedule.
- Discussed joint services and Thanksgiving Eve service.

New business was discussed.

- Friendly Circle has disbanded.
- Charge Conference was for Nov. 17th with a brunch following the church service.

Next meeting date is October 10th at 7:30pm.

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



Administrative Council Minutes - October

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

- Financial Reports were submitted for approval. .
- Committees reported on what each has been doing in the past month.
- Pastor report was given. Concern on how to plug in newer people to work on committees.

Old business was addressed.

- Trevor LeVan 's Eagle Scout project finished at the end of September.
- Discussion was had on Swiss Steak Supper, which made, \$1,817.44 for the church.
- Discussed the maintenance of updated playground and the dedication of playground on October 20th.
- Laity Sunday will be on October 20th.
- Charge conference is on November 17th. Mark Ledbetter to preside with a brunch to be held after church.

New business was discussed.

- Weather closings will be called to penny C., who will then use the School Closing Network system.
- Newsletter deadline is October 20th.
- Discussion was had on observations from Pastor Joel and on how better to meet the congregation and their needs.

Next meeting date is November 14th at 7:30pm.

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Center Brunswick United Methodist Church Announces Availability of Financial Aid Grant for June 2020 Tamarac High School Graduates

CENTER BRUNSWICK, November 1, 2020. The Finance Committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church today announced that it will award \$500 to a student to be selected from the Tamarac High School Class of 2020. The money may be used for any type of expenses related to further education. Students do not have to belong to this Church or any other church or religion to be eligible for this award.

Interested students must apply for this award no later than March 1, 2020. Application forms can be obtained from the school's guidance department, directly from the Church, or downloaded from our website (www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com).

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 Center Brunswick United Methodist 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 youth of our community.

The Center Brunswick United Methodist Church is located at the intersection of Routes 7 and 142, just 3 miles east of Troy. For more information about the Keyes Education Award or other Church activities, contact the Reverend Joel Holcomb at (518) 274-0123 (home office).



November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	2
3 9:00 am - Worship 2:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	4 7 pm - Bell Choir	5 7 pm - Choir	6	7	8 7:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	9
10 9:00 am - Worship 2:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	11 7 pm - Bell Choir	12 7 pm - Choir	13	14 6:30 pm - Finance Mtg. 7:30 pm - Admin. Mtg.	15 7:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	16 1:00 pm - Harvest Meal - Fellowship Hall
17 9:00 am - Worship - Charge Conference brunch following church 3:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	18 7 pm - Bell Choir	19 7 pm - Choir	20	21	22 7:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	23
24 9:30 am - Worship 2:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	25 7 pm - Bell Choir	26 7 pm - Choir	27	28	29 7:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	30

November Birthdays

01 - Manette Eddy
 01 - Lana Reynolds
 03 - Judy McQuirk
 04 - Adelyn Berger
 05- Ron Schott
 13 - David Little
 26 - Jason Scavo

November Anniversaries

02- Colton & Samantha Hill
 04 - Paul & Penny Martiniano

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22 9:00 am - Worship 2:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	23 7 pm - Bell Choir	24 9 pm - Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27 7:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	28
29 9:00 am - Worship 2:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	30 7 pm - Bell Choir	31 7 pm - Choir				

December Birthdays

December Anniversaries

03 - Pastor Joel Holcomb	25 - Robert Burke
04 - Tammy Burdick	26 - Shirley Jacobsen
04 - Quinton Foust	27 - Don Huerter
05 - Tiffany-Hope Huerter	30 - Anne Marie Lewis
14 - Lucille Bissell	
14 - Jennifer Boehm	
21 - John Burdick	
21 - Joy Lowenthal	

31- Jim & Kathleen Burden
31- Bob & Joy Lowenthal

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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 Joel
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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