



November & December

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Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

Jottings from Joy

"The Lord is My Shepherd, I have all I need!" Psalm 23:1

Seems these days that we the sheep are indeed being cared for as challenges rise, green pastures go by, and still waters freeze. We know the shepherd remains vigilant. He stands by the gate and protects us from danger as well as from us getting lost!

Our children are especially surrounded with love, care, and gentle spirits! We swell with pride, hope, and join their enthusiasm for life! They are ever protected by us all perhaps even over protected these days. We forget to trust in you!

When looking back to my childhood I see rash differences. Freedom to roam the neighborhood until after dark, playing on the rail road tracks and in the dirt! Made up games, outdoors sometimes even in the rain and bike riding everywhere! Saturday mornings to the library and afternoons the movies for a quarter where we hid out between viewings and saw Alfred Hitchcock over and over being scared each time! Times have changed for sure!

However, saying the Shepherd's prayer before I go off to sleep has only changed in how much sooner I fall asleep before I finish! The trust that seems to prevail, that there is a protector, guide and companion who is here all the time certainly remains!

Keeper of us each and all, we know all are in your care. We seek this confidence of spirit in our children too. In trusting you with our lives, may they see that assurance and also trust your care is upon them. We thank and praise you!

Peace and Love, Pastor Joy

Administrative Council News

The Administrative Council met on October 11th at 7:30.

- Financial Reports were submitted for approval. The Finance Committee introduced the proposed 2019 budget to the council.
- 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.

- There is still money coming in for our Swiss Steak supper fundraiser.
- The Youth Advisory Team will start focusing on more family oriented activities.
- General and Annual conferences were discussed. It was reported that the Bishop will speak to the District about the Commission on the Way Forward.
- A new Women's Group will be starting soon led by Lana Reynolds and Judy Riston.
- The Christmas Bazaar will be on December 1st. with Jill Walton as chair.
- We discussed the possibility of putting church closings due to weather on media sites.

For the rest of November and December check the web site for updated information on coming events. The website is: www.centerbrunswickumc.com. Our next meeting is November 8 at 7:30p.m.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Jubilation Station will be passing out bags in the community to be filled with non-perishable food items.

On November 10th, they will be collecting the filled bags to donate to a local food pantry in Grafton. The Pantry needs supplies especially this time of year. If you receive a bag please fill it and place it on your doorstep to be collected on Saturday or bring it to church. The items collected will be placed in the Sanctuary for blessing on Sunday which is an amazing sight! Then items will be packed up and delivered in time for Thanksgiving. We need your help to make this outreach successful!

This is a great chance for your children to participate, serve their community and give them a chance to help others.

Thank You To My Church Family

I want to thank my Center Brunswick United Methodist Church family for your cards, gifts, meals and continued prayer during my recent surgery and recovery. It has been a challenge for me not to be in control but God has promised to give me patience with this long recovery.

We are blessed as a congregation to have each other to lean on in these trying times. Sheryl Burke



Support the Youth Program

A garbage bucket is located in the entrance way for redemption cans, and plastic and glass bottles. This is for the youth program and will save you a trip.

Thanks for your generosity!

Support Gilead Lutheran Church

The Gilead Lutheran Church is collecting plastic bags, the kind you get from the grocery store. They cut them in strips and weave them into mats for the homeless. Please donate your plastic bags to this ongoing mission. Bags may be left in the Narthex of Center Brunswick Methodist Church and will be delivered to Gilead Lutheran Church. Thank you.

CBUMC Woman's Group

The Woman's Group of Center Brunswick United Methodist Church had their first meeting on Saturday, October 27th. They meet at Diamond Ridge and discussed the election of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They also discussed how they can be helpful with the Christmas bazaar on Dec 1st. Upcoming meetings will be held on November 17 and December 8 at 10:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to join. Contact Judy (518)577-6885 momriston@yahoo.com or Lana (518)326-3636 (lanamae@gmail.com)

CBUMC Weather Related Closings

The Administrative Council decided to try out the 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

Updates & Corrections to Contact List - Birthday - Anniversary

Natasha Charron is now Natasha Vroman. Please note on her June 21 birthday!

With apologies & sympathy, please delete Sept. 27 anniversary for the Derricks.

Charles & Carolyn Boehm have a new home phone number. Please correct in their listing to (518) 326-8029

Looking Beyond Us yet Right Here!!!

We can do all these ministries through supporting with other area faiths the TAUM ministry! Mostly through a meal a month and funds (Ours is the 4th Monday of the month) We, as a church support this program which has expanded way beyond its initial start! If you want to help with the meals we send monthly, contact Helen at 518-663-5268.

Here is what TAUM (Troy Area United Ministries) is all about!

The Troy Damien Center: is a hospitality center for persons infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS. The center provides meals, social and recreational opportunities, peer support, education, and referral. For more Information, please call B.J. LaRouech, Damien Center Coordinator, at 518-274-5920 x206.

The Furniture Program: The Furniture Program provides good, used furniture, free of charge, to families in need, including the working poor, women and their dependent children fleeing domestic violence, families leaving homeless shelters, persons with disabilities and the elderly poor. We are in desperate need of beds (any size), dressers, tables and chairs. To donate, good, used furniture, please contact Tyara Burnett, Program Director, at 518-274-5920 x204.

CROP Hunger Walk in Rensselaer County: CROP Hunger Walk is an international effort for hunger and disaster relief. Monies support local food programs and agricultural development, disaster relief and land mine removal around the world. The CROP Walk is held annually the first Sunday in May at TAUM.

Campus Ministry at Russell Sage College: The Campus Ministry offers Protestant ministry at Russell Sage College. It provides pastoral care, worship and spiritual formation, recognizing that this is an essential aspect of a well-rounded and holistic education. Darren Gundrum serves as our Protestant Chaplain at Russell Sage College. He may be reached at 518-244-4522 or at gundrd@sage.edu.

Computers for Kids / Computer Ministry: The Computers for Kids Program of Troy Area United Ministries runs an intensive summer program for low income and at-risk youth. High School students learn to rebuild and upgrade computer hardware and to install and run software. At the end of the program, each student takes home a fully loaded computer that he or she has rebuilt. Additional computers are donated to programs serving those in need. To donate computers (Pentium IV or better) please call our office at 518-274-5920.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships and Events: We honor the vision and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through the celebration of his life and prophetic witness. The committee coordinates the holiday activities in January, special efforts in race relations and community issues, and provides scholarships for Troy area high school graduates who are going on to college. For a scholarship application, please call 518-274-5920 x201.

November Events

TAUM's Annual Festival of Music & Chocolate - November 4

You're invited to TAUM's annual Festival of Music & Chocolate on **Sunday, November 4, 2018, 3-5 pm**. Sample delicious homemade chocolate treats & enjoy a wide assortment of local musical talent... for a great cause! A free will offering will be received during the concert. Proceeds will benefit **TAUM's Furniture Program: *Helping victims of domestic violence, homelessness and those seeking self-sufficiency to furnish their home.*** **Featuring a wide assortment of local talent!** (Flamenco Guitarist, *Maria Zementauski* - Bel Canto Choir, *Troy Children's Chorus* - Violinist, *Peggy Schalit* (formerly with *Albany Symphony Orchestra*) - Lower Voices, *Troy's First United*

Harvest Feast - November 10

There are so many things to be thankful for - Come with your family on the same day as our Food Drive: Saturday, November 10th and be thankful. We will have our annual Harvest Feast in the Fellowship Hall at about 1:30pm. This is a pre-Thanksgiving Feast open to all. Come enjoy everyone's favorite delicious Thanksgiving food as we share our blessings. Jubilation Station will provide the turkey and drinks! There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for food items to bring to share. Also bring your own place settings.... and let the *stuffing* begin!

Charge Conference - November 11 - Following Worship

What is a "Charge Conference"? It is an annual meeting of the whole church to celebrate our ministries of the last year and moving forward! Rev. Robert Long will be the supervising Elder to lead us. We will hear reports from various teams, vote on our leadership, vote on new trustees (requirement of New York State) and remember highlights of the year! Lots has been moving us forward and keeping us focused so come and hear about it and celebrate what's happening! The Charge conference will start as soon as able after Church! Anyone interested in some hospitality refreshments let Pastor Joy know!

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

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

December Events

CBUMC Holiday Bazaar - December 1

On Saturday, December 1st our church will be having a Holiday Bazaar, from 10am to 6pm. There will be crafts, baked goods, inflatables, artificial trees and decorations for sale. Also, there will be gift tables of great gift ideas. Lunch items will be served. Please drop off your baked goods and crafts by 9:00am on December 1st. Come and support our church and shop early for the Holiday season.

Children's Christmas Pageant - December 9

Amid the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, Jubilation Station will help you make sure Jesus and his miraculous birth is a part of your Christmas. On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 9th, at the 9:30am church service, come share in the joy and the message of Christmas through the children's Christmas Pageant. What a wonderful time to celebrate and enjoy the holiday with music, fellowship and refreshments following the program.

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

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

2019 Calendars

Jubilation Station is selling 2019 Calendars for \$6. Beautiful pictures and scripture written for each month. Plenty of room to write all your appointments and important events. See any Jubilation Station teacher or student. These would make a nice Christmas gift for family and friends.

Save The Date

Annual BROOK's BBQ January 5th.
Tickets available soon!

Trustee Committee

The Trustees are looking for volunteers to shovel the walkways of the entrances to the Church, Education Building and Parsonage this winter. The walkways need to be cleared for the many events that occur during the week as well as before Sunday morning services. Please call Jim Burden @518-376-9153 if you are interested.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 6:30 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	3 8 am - Men's Group - Country View Diner Fellowship Hall Shower
4 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9:30 am - Worship All Saints / Comm./ Confirmation Recp. 11 am - Jubilation Station 3pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	5 7 pm - Bell Choir	6 7 pm - Choir	7	8 6:30 pm - Finance Mtg. 7:30 pm - Admin. Mtg.	9 6:30 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	10 1:30 pm - Harvest Feast - Fellowship Hall
11 9:30 am - Worship Guest Speaker, Rev. Bob Long. Charge Conference to follow worship 11 am - Jubilation Station 3pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	12- VETERANS DAY 7 pm - Bell Choir	13 7 pm - Choir	14	15	16 6:30 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	17 10 am - Women's Group - Diamond Ridge
18 9:30 am - Worship Bell Choir Thanksgiving Sunday 11 am - Jubilation Station 3pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	19 7 pm - Bell Choir	20 7 pm - Choir	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25 9:30 am - Worship Student Sunday 11 am - Jubilation Station	26 6 pm - Damian Center Meal 7 pm - Bell Choir	27 7 pm - Choir	28	29	30 Set up for Holiday Bazaar	

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						1 8 am - Men's Group - Country View Diner 10 am - Holiday Bazaar
2 9:30 am - Worship Carol Communion First Sunday in Advent 11 am - Jubilation Station 4 pm - Shenendehowa UMC Supper	3 7 pm - Bell Choir	4 7 pm - Choir	5	6	7	8 10 am - Women's Group - Diamond Ridge
9 9:30 am - Worship Second Sunday in Advent - Children's Christmas Pageant and party	10 7 pm - Bell Choir	11 7 pm - Choir	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 am - Worship Third Sunday in Advent	17 7 pm - Bell Choir	18 7 pm - Choir	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 am - Worship Christmas Sunday Bell & Vocal Choir	24 7:30 pm - Worship Christmas Eve Bell & Vocal Choir	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 am - Worship New Years Day	31					

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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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