

January & February

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Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

“The Walk; Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life” by Adam Hamilton

The grace and peace of Christ be with all of you. We have come through another Holiday Season and are looking at the new year full of possibilities. It has been a wonderful season of Advent as we rediscovered the connection to an *“Altogether Christmas.”* The gift of music was heard and felt during the Christmas Eve service with pieces from the Vocal Choir, Bell Choir, Piano, and the Congregation. This evening was the culmination of the season as we head into the new year to spread the Light for all the world.

We are to begin a new journey this year, time to step out on this journey together, to begin this walk. In the Gospel of Matthew, the call of Matthew to follow says this, “9 Walking along, Jesus saw a man at his work collecting taxes. His name was Matthew. Jesus said, “Come along with me.” Matthew stood up, walked along, and followed him.

10-11 Later when Jesus was eating supper at Matthew’s house with his close followers, a lot of disreputable characters came and joined them. When the Pharisees saw him keeping this kind of company, they had a fit, and lit into Jesus’ followers. “What kind of example is this from your Teacher, acting cozy with crooks and riffraff?”

12-13 Jesus, overhearing, shot back, “Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what this Scripture means: ‘I’m after mercy, not religion.’ I’m here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders.” (MSG)

We will be starting a book study this Lent entitled *“The Walk; Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life” by Adam Hamilton.* This study will coincide with the lessons each week as we ask, “How do we walk with God – daily follow, grow, and faithfully serve?” Within the six sessions we will discover together how daily walking with God can deepen our connection with the Holy and each other.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Joel

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

2020 God’s Creation Wall Calendars

Jubilation Station is selling 2020 Calendars for \$7. Beautiful pictures and NIV 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.

Looking To Lend A Helping Hand?

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 interest-

Trustee Update

The Trustees were able to extend the blacktop down to the parsonage using the remaining ramp funds.

The heating circuits in the fellowship hall have been reconnected and the heating units in the church and Sunday School building were brought into compliance with the addition of new low water cutoffs.

Center Brunswick UMC Jubilation Station Is Having A

BROOKS BAR-B-Q

January 4, 2020 From 2-6pm.
Cost: Chicken Dinner \$12.00
Children’s Dinner \$8.00
Half a chicken \$6.00



Dinners include: Baked Potato, a vegetable, roll, drink and dessert.
For more information and tickets call: Jill Walton at 518- 258-2164
Located at 990 Hoosick Rd. (across from Stewart’s)

Administrative Council Minutes - November

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

- Financial Reports were submitted for approval. .
- Committees reported on what each has been doing in the past month.
- Snow removal for the church ramp and sidewalks is still a concern
- Pastor report was given.

Old business was addressed.

- Charge Conference was for Nov. 17th . Mark Ledbetter is to preside with a brunch following the church service. Discussed brunch for the event.

New business was discussed.

- Weather closings will be called to Penny C., who will then use the School Closing Network system.
- Looked at the use of the bulletin boards.
- Discussed the Mission Statement.
- Discussed having Administrative Council meeting on third Sunday of the month after church.
- The pastor will be taking Dec. 29th off. A substitute will be needed.
- Newsletter deadline is December 20.

Next meeting date is January 9, 2020 at 7:30pm.

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

Stewardship (Pledge) Sunday

Thank you to all who pledged for the upcoming 2020 year.

On November 17, we celebrated Stewardship (Pledge) Sunday with a brunch following the morning service. The following pledges were received for 2020.

- 25 pledges for Current Expense totaling \$23,364
- 13 pledges for Trustees totaling \$4,140
- 5 pledges for Benevolence totaling \$660

As we finish out the year, please remember to fulfill your 2020 pledge commitment. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

Update to Contact List

Please remove Amy Singiser from your contact list. With great sadness Amy passed away on Nov. 27, 2019. Our condolences to her friends & family.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Bazaar. The church made over \$1,000. A special thanks to Jill Walton for coordinating the event.

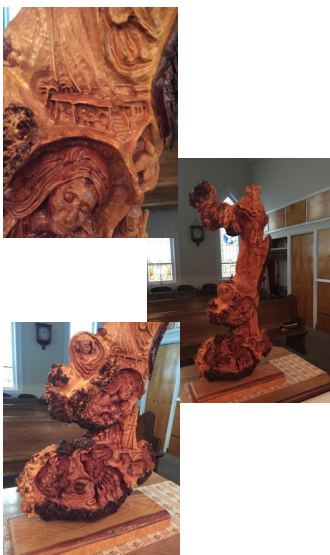
Ronald K LeVan, Sr. Sculpture

**“The Myrtle trees will come up in place of thorns as a memorial to the Lord,
an everlasting sign of his peace” *Isiah 55:13***

Have you ever wondered about the sculpture that’s in the Narthex? Well I have! It was created and donated to the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church by Ronald K LeVan, Sr.

A friend of Ron’s gave him this wonderful piece of Myrtle. This particular wood is mentioned in the bible in Isiah 55:13 “The Myrtle trees will come up in place of thorns as a memorial to the Lord, an everlasting sign of his peace”. With skillful hands and a Dremel carving tool, Ron went to work on and off for over two years to create this masterpiece which depicts many of the aspects of the Life of Jesus -from the appearance of the Angel, the Nativity, Communion, the Crucifixion and even an empty tomb. Ron conversed with Rev. Art Hagy to create the nativity scene (note how minute). Take a moment and admire its creativity and beauty.

Thank you, Ron and family for sharing this sculpture with all of us.



January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 6:30 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	4 2-6 pm - Brooks BBQ
5 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am – Jubilation Station 2:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	6	7 7 pm - Choir	8	9 6:30 pm - Finance Mtg. 7:30 pm - Admin. Mtg.	10 6:30 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	11 Fellowship Hall reserved for Jill Brown
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26 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am – Jubilation Station 2:00 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	27	28 7 pm - Choir	29	30	31 6:30 pm - Highlight Acting Troupe	

January Birthdays

02 - Michele Cassaro
 05 - Sheryl Burke
 06 - Emily Holcomb
 07 - Trevor LeVan
 09 - Scott Burdick
 10 - Joan Patrick
 16 - Pamela Berger
 17 - Kathleen Burden
 20 - Barbara Greene
 21 - Heather Berger

January Anniversaries

12– Keith & Kathy Hoffman
 29 - Tom & Debbie Martin



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February Birthdays

<p>08 - Penny Corlew 09 - Aaron Johnson 09 - Vicki Ouimet 11 - Debbie Martin 12 - Peter Foust 16 - Tracy Foust 21 - Beverly Lincoln 23 - David English 27 - Peace Goyette 28 - Jean Powis 28 - Doris Shaffer</p>
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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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