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Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

Jottings from Joy

Psalm 95:2 New King James Version (NKJV)² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Wow! The new King James version! Rare that I use King James at all! These scriptures I start with call to me and are about God's message opening up to me. They keep me onto the message and believe me God has lots of work to keep me on to the message needed! (not necessarily wanted by me to convey or by others to hear). This is shared with you so it is realized that I am not starting with scripture to show how "Holy" or "Good" I am but to convey to you that I am NOT. It works so that God's message can truly prevail! It is not about pushing scriptures on you!

The "Wow" above is about the fact that I chose a scripture from the King James! I am extremely, bias against this version for many reasons. However in this case the words are much more beautifully put and much better at presenting the message! The message is clear that we can have deep gratitude and this is clear recently as the church begins to concentrate ever more focused on who we are.

Boy is this ever happening! The almost year long process with the questionnaire (mostly David L's efforts with support from the Staff Parish) is going to reap its rewards coming up! Many positive responses and clear messages as to who we want to be, how we want to be and who we want to lead us. Our mission and ministry is moving forward! It will also be made more clear as Ray Stees and the SPPRC lead us through the all church discussion groups (after worship) and decisions (consensus) and then present proposals. David is going to be part of the discussion and therefore, Ray will lead us!

We have much to give thanks for: The loyal, faithful of the Center Brunswick church, the guidance of leaders who have stuck with it, and to the Holy Spirit working in and through and among us showing us all that is good and moving us to be the best we can be!

Peace and Love, Pastor Joy



SWISS STEAK SUPPER

Saturday, April 21, 2018 ~ Center Brunswick United Methodist Church

Adults \$15.00 ~ Children (5-10) \$6.00

4:00 PM ~ 6:30 PM

Seating & Takeout Reservations Available

Contact Number ~ 518.816.9674



April 13th - Pine Grove United Methodist Church

Had enough of winter? Pine Grove UMC, [1580 Central Ave., Colonie](#), will be hosting a Camping Carnival Night on April 13th. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner (Pine Grove will supply beverages) at 6pm followed by a night of camp games, including a chance to try your hand at log rolling (yes - log rolling. bring a pair of shorts). There will be a chance to meet Ryan Siver, Skye Farm Camp Director, some previous volunteers and campers, and receive information about the 2018 Upper New York Annual Conference Summer Camp Program. The night is not just for families with children and youth, but also anyone that might be interested in volunteering various ways.

Please RSVP to Pine Grove at [518-869-6281](tel:518-869-6281) by Thursday April 12th if you plan to attend. This will let the church get prepared for the evening



April Celebration of Meaning and Music – April 29th

Welcome Rev. Keith Hinton and his wife, Leigh Ann, in a special celebration of word and song. Keith is Executive Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Crofton, Maryland and Spiritual Director for Eastern Shore Emmaus. He will preach a sermon titled: "The Image of God" and an Adult class immediately after church called "Why Apologetics?" Leigh Ann Hinton is Betty and Ron Schott's niece and the daughter of Center Brunswick's former choir director, Floyd Haber. She is also the former college roommate of our organist, Dianna Parisi. Most importantly, she has just retired after 20 years of service to our nation as musical vocalist, first for the United States Navy Band and then for the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own." Leigh Ann has used her glorious voice to represent the United States all over the world and has sung at national patriotic celebrations in Washington, D.C. for the past generation. She has perhaps the most beautiful voice you ever hear in person! Please plan to join us on March 11th for this



Calling All Youth (6th - 12th Grade) - April 6 - 6:00 p.m. Pizza - Games - Activities - Future Planning

The Youth Advisory Team of Center Brunswick United Methodist has met to initiate the first activity for youth to gather and possibly plan continuing a youth group for sixth graders through High Schoolers. Parents and youth are invited to the parsonage for pizza 6pm Friday, the 6th of April. Hopefully, this being vacation week, it will be a good time to gather. Games, activities, plans and deciding a name will be discussed! Please come with ideas and activity ideas! We already have some for you to be part of and will look forward to this becoming your group and you name it!

The following people: Kyle Eddy, Gretchen Morton, Jason Scavo planned this event and will be lending support in the future. There are others on the side lines who will be helping with Summer Camp, and Mission trips. Please let Pastor Joy know (518-621-7313) or joylow69@gmail.com so we can have enough pizza and materials for handouts etc.!

Parents are welcome, we can meet separate to get concerns, ideas and contact information. Any parents are welcome to be part of the Advisory team! Coming up activities: a fundraiser for camp scholarships, perhaps helping with the Swiss Steak Supper (April 21st) and on April 28th a day of restoring the playground for all to join in, have lunch and various opportunities for fixing things up outside! In case of inclement weather date is Saturday, May 5th.

Invite a friend, come in casual dress and see you on April 6th at 6pm! Please rsvp Pastor Joy! by April 3.



April Kindness Kid - Scott Burdick

Scott has grown up in our church family, attending since he was an infant! He sings in our choir, and often serves as an acolyte, usher or greeter. If there's a church function, you're likely to see Scott in the thick of it...helping with the barbecue, praying for others, helping with snow or yard work or helping folks in from the parking lot.

Scott is active in school as well, raising funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and performing musically. Scott is a great example of how involving our young people from an early age has a great impact on both our church family and the child themselves. Scott is committed to helping others, participating in our life together and serving Jesus in our community.

Please take a moment to congratulate Scott on his well-deserved selection as this month's Kindness Kid!



Support A Cause - Give With a Thankful Heart

Jubilation Station's current mission is to collect supplies and monetary donations for a wonderful community organization called "Orange Street Cats" (OSC). Supplies needed are Friskies pate canned food, Purina One adult OR kitten dry food, Fancy Feast Kitten canned kitten food, Wheat Scoop wheat cat litter and World's Best corn cat litter. Monetary donations are especially helpful, to cover continued veterinary costs. An easel is displayed in the church narthex, with information about this important mission. Please place any donated supplies in the narthex under the easel. Please give any monetary donations to one of our Sunday School teachers or leave on top of the church piano in an envelope marked "OSC". Thank you!



Orange Street Cats, Inc., (OSC) is a non-profit foster-based, all volunteer rescue organization in the Capital Region of New York. They average about 50 cats in their various programs at any one time. Their programs include a "Seniors for Seniors" forever-foster program that matches senior people with limited means with senior cats in need of love; a FeLV (Feline Leukemia Virus) positive program; and their "regular" cats and kittens who are FeLV negative and not seniors. All cats and kittens are spayed or neutered prior to adoption placement and receive age-appropriate vaccinations. OSC tends to take in cats and kittens without a human advocate and those who require special care including veterinary care well beyond routine.

Because OSC takes the cats few other groups will consider due to age (either very young or elderly), critical illness, surgery needs, and extensive nursing care, their veterinary costs tend to be very high. And because they tend to refer "easy cat" situations to other rescue groups for quick adoption, the average length of stay can be a bit longer than that found in some other rescues and shelters. All this makes their jobs a bit harder and they wouldn't have it any other way. OSC takes those cats few other rescues will assist. They believe that they should focus on the cat in front of them. That means they often go to great lengths to give a cat a chance at happily ever after.

April 29 - Visit from the Orange Street Cats

On Sunday, April 29th, the Orange Street Cats (OSC) will be coming to church to share what they do! OSC will be bringing a flyer about each of their cats, and each child will choose one. They will be bringing pre-cut fleece so the children can tie no-sew beds. Each child will make a bed for "their" cat.

This activity will be taking place in the fellowship hall at 11:00 am during our regular Sunday School time.

Finance Committee Update Finance Meeting
April 12, Thursday - 6:30 pm - Parsonage

The finance committee met on March 8, 2018 and discussed how the Benevolent funds pledged and collected in 2017 would be allocated. The following was decided:

- ◆ Grafton Food Pantry - \$300
- ◆ Pittstown Food Pantry - \$300
- ◆ TAUM - \$300
- ◆ Skye Farm - \$200
- ◆ Damien House - \$200
- ◆ Conference Ministry Shares - \$500 (CBUMC Ministry Shares total \$6000/year.)

Thank you to all who give to the Benevolences.

Again, thank you to all who Pledged for 2018. Please place pledge envelopes in offering plate on Sunday morning or send to the Church to the attention of Mark Schott.

Mabel Keyes Scholarship

April 1, 2018 is the deadline to apply for the Mabel and Harold Keyes Scholarship. (Applications may be found on the CBUMC website or picked up in the Tamarac High School Guidance Office). The finance committee will choose the recipient of the \$500 award and the award will be presented at the Tamarac High School Senior Awards night on May 17, 2018. The recipient will then be recognized at Senior Recognition Sunday on June 3, 2018 during our regular Church service. If you are interested in finding out more about this special scholarship, please attend the next finance meeting on April 12, as there will be a brief explanation of how and why the scholarship was established.

Angel Tree

Please watch for the Angel Tree to be displayed in the Narthex of the Church in April. We will be helping Jean and Chuck Rebhun furnish their new home with new small appliances. Jean and Chuck lost their home to a terrible fire back in December and are in the process of rebuilding.

Trustees

The Trustees are still accepting donations to help pay for the repair of the Church Foundation



Medicine Bottle Donation

The Please bring clean, no label medicine bottles of any size to the collection container in the Entranceway of the church for the month of April



What is the Administrative Council?

Ecclesiastes 3

[*Everything Has Its Time*] For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ...

Many long time members know what the Administrative Council is and to those forgive this reminder! The times are changing! People are coming of various religious backgrounds to this church and we welcome them! As our founder John Wesley appreciated many denominations, innovative thinking and oneness in Christ he opened the table of the Lord to all on the basis of Jesus's word's "*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*"(Matt 11:28 on Marje's beautiful painting) So we are on the same page we want folks to know that Center Brunswick opens the Administrative Council to all members!! This was voted on last year at this time and so anyone who is a member can come to an Administrative Board meeting.

Normally, membership is composed of: Administrative chair, Chairs of Committees (I call teams), OR a representative, the Pastor (no vote), Lay Leader, Member to conference, the treasurer, financial Secretary (optional but in job description), a youth, a young adult. However, this team is not limited to this membership! All are voted in at the Annual Charge Conference! Description of responsibilities: Provides: Planning, implementation, for programs of nurture, outreach, mission, ministry, resources in the Local Church. It envisions, plans, implements, and evaluates its mission and ministry annually. Recommendations for order of meetings: (Quotes from UMC Book of Discipline)

- ◆ Missional and ministries (education, nurture, outreach, and witness) be first on agenda so as to have adequate consideration. Followed by support teams: Finance and Trustees
- ◆ Consensus/ discernment model be used for decisions
- ◆ Meet at least quarterly.

Presently, the CBUMC has a faithful longtime membership of the Administrative Council. However, the nurture and education of new members of this team is not happening! Presently, they meet every second Thursday of the month, 7:30pm, until 9pm at least. How can we help broaden the team, to embrace those to come? If you have ideas please share below!

If you are interested in being part of planning, implementing, our ministry and mission, have ideas you would like to share, or want to affirm these faithful people please let them know:

- ◆ Coming New Chair in May Sheila Hyde
- ◆ Lay Leader: Laurie Conroy
- ◆ Staff Pastor Parish –David Little (Also choir director)
- ◆ Education: Lynn Little
- ◆ Mission/Outreach: Helen Godfrey
- ◆ Lay Member to Annual C.: Marie Himes,
- ◆ Finance Chair: Kathleen Burden
- ◆ Finance Team:
 - Treasurer: Penny Corlew (pays bills +)
 - Secretary: Mark Schott (Collects pledges +)
 - Benevolence Treasurer: Ann Austin (pays our missions)
 - Memorial Treasurer, Secretary of Finance, Custodian of the Records: Donna Bonesteel
- ◆ At Large:
 - SPPRC: Sheryl Burke, Lana Reynolds
 - Former Lay Leader: Dan McIntyre
 - Pastor: Joy Lowenthal

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



April Birthdays

- 01 - Joyce Hamel
- 01 - Jim McGuirk
- 01 - Danny Little
- 02 - Donald Cushman
- 02 - Dan McIntyre
- 17 - Helen Godfrey
- 18 - Charles Boehm
- 18 - Donna Bonesteel
- 18 - Albert Greene
- 18 - Keith Hoffman
- 18 - Betty Schott
- 26 - Laurie Contoy
- 28 - Gretchen Morton
- 30 - Marie Himes
- 30 - Ryan Quimet

April Anniversaries

- 07 - Jerry & Lorraine Looney
- 09 - Ron & Betty Scott



Upcoming May Event

6th - Sunday - 13th Annual Bonanza Bells - 9:30 am - Worship Service

Please mark hour calendars. This will be CBUMC's 13th annual Bonanza Bells. This is the Sunday service when the bell choir provides most of the music, celebrating the end of their playing season and giving the supportive congregation a day to enjoy the talented bell choir. This year will be a special presentation of Noah's Ark ... through bells!!!

Weekly Activities

- Monday - 7:00 pm Bell Choir**
- ◆ 2nd - 9th - 16th - 23rd - 30th
- Tuesday - 7:00 pm - Choir**
- ◆ 10th - 17th - 24th - 27th
- Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship**
- ◆ 1st - 8th - 15th - 22nd - 29th

Meetings & Programs

- ◆ **1st - Sunday - 2:00 - 5:00 pm**
Highland Acting Troupe - Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **5th - Thursday - 7:00 - 9:00 pm**
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- ◆ **6th - Friday - Decorating - Ann Marie Lewis**
- ◆ **6th - Friday - 6:00 pm - First Youth Kick-Off**
Pizza at the Parsonage - Get Started, Games, Activities & what next? Grades 6th – 12th Please let Pastor Joy (email: joylow69@gmail.com, 518-621-7313 home, or text: cell: 802-578-9328) know so we can have lots of pizza! Bring a friend! Please let her know food allergies too!
- ◆ **7th - Saturday - Birthday Party - Ann Marie Lewis**
- ◆ **8th - Sunday - 11:00 am - Party - Jill Brown**
- ◆ **8th - Sunday - 3:00 - 6:00 pm - Highland Acting Troupe - Fellowship Hall**
- ◆ **12th - Thursday - 6:30 pm - Finance Comm. Mtg.** followed by the Admin Board Fellowship Hall Central Ave., Colonie
- ◆ **13th - Friday - 6:00 pm - Camping Carnival Night** Pine Grove UMC - 1580 Central Ave., Colonie
- ◆ **13th - Friday - 7:00 - 9:30 pm**
Highland Acting Troupe - Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **15th - Sunday - All Church Discussion** with Rev. Ray Stees following Worship
- ◆ **21st - Saturday - 12:30 - 4:30 pm - Imagine No Racism - Shenendehowa UMC** 946 Route 146, Clifton Park
- ◆ **21st - Saturday - 4:00 - 6:30 pm - Swiss Steak Supper**
- ◆ **22nd - Sunday - All Church Discussion** with Rev. Ray Stees following Worship
- ◆ **28th - Saturday - 9:am - 3:00 pm - All Church Fix up the Playground** (Rain Date May 5)
- ◆ **29th - Sunday - 9:30 am - Meaning & Music**
- ◆ **29th - Sunday - 11:00 Orange Street Cats - Activity** in the fellowship hall for Jubilation Station children



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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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