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Jottings from Joy

Praying Philippians 2.1-11:

God, grant me encouragement in Christ. Give me the consolation of love, the Spirit's sharing, and compassion and sympathy. Make my joy complete, and my harmony with Christ. Help me do nothing from selfish ambition or deceit, but in humility regard people with honor and look to the interests of others. Let the mind of Christ be in me: no to attain status but to empty myself and take the place of a servant, trusting your presence in my humanity. May I become obedient in self-giving. May Christ rule my life in grace. May my humility, love and service be your glory. I pour myself out and find you in me.

Deep Blessings, Pastor Steve

I recently, came home in the dark and drove through a development of townhouses before I reached our house. I passed by a seemingly bewildered deer not because he was caught in my headlights but because he appeared to be going back and forth in a tiny lawn space not knowing how to get back to the woods from which he came! I completely identified with that young deer! Yet, I don't know where home is and I was heading for it!

Yet as I look back on this year, there is a sense of not being in familiar territory and not knowing where to go from here. Hard to see that there is no going back! Yet tempting to continue the way things were and not reveal or show the way they need to be seen so that coming Pastor can know the regular process is intact and can carry on with fewer hiccups! More and more I see God's encouragement and inch by slow inch as we share how things went we gain understanding and process for moving forward. Many have had life experiences this year that were first time and feel as this deer which way now? How can I find the woods without the lost loved one? Or how can I feel so up in the air? When am I going to get planted again? Grounded?

It is through "pouring ourselves out and finding the Christ in us! That is our grounding way and will bring all to glorify God! May it be so for the family of Center Brunswick United Methodist Church.

Peace and Love , Pastor Joy

Consecration Sunday & All Saints Day Sunday, November 5

Consecration Sunday
(also know as *Pledge Sunday*)

Financial Giving Expresses Thankfulness to God. November is a time of Thanksgiving! Sunday, November 5, you are asked to make a commitment to give to the mission and ministry of the church. Christian stewardship uses the life God gave to you for God's purposes. Your resources, including money, are a tangible extension of that life. Stewardship is not just an opportunity to enter into God's service, but an opportunity for God to enter into you. A special receiving of commitment (*pledge*) cards, which each person searches heart and soul, answers God's call for giving. We do this in faith not knowing what lies ahead and that God helps us out in doing so. May your hearts, minds and spirit become one in so doing and may our ministry and missions continue to grow. (Cont. pg. 2)

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Consecration Sunday & All Saints Day - Sunday, November 5 (Cont. pg1)

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those loved ones who have gone before us in the faith. A holy day, sometimes overlooked, in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallow' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

In celebration of All Saints Day, Pastor Joy invites you to contact her with the name of those loved ones who have gone before us this past year (Nov. 1, 2016 - Nov. 1, 2017).

On Sunday, November 5 each individual name will be announced, a candle will be lit and a bell will be rung in their honor representing that they are one with Christ.

In celebration of Consecration (*Pledge*) Sunday & All Saints Day
join us following the church service for a coffee hour

Fun Fact

Did you know John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day?

In a journal entry dated Nov. 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he wrote, "I always find this a comfortable day" and the following year in 1789, he called it "a day that I peculiarly love."

Jubilation Station - Annual Food Drive - Beginning November 12

We kick off the month with our Annual Fall Food Drive

Give Thanks & Celebrate

Gather with Friends & Give Thanks at our Harvest Feast Celebration November 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

- ◆ Turkeys and Beverages will be provided by Jubilation Station
- ◆ Bring a Food Item to share Sign-up sheet in the Narthex
- ◆ Bring your own place settings

November 12 - Jubilation Station children will distribute flyers into the community asking for canned food goods that will be given to local food pantries for the Thanksgiving holiday. You, as our church family, can help as well by placing your canned food donation in the box that will be located outside the church by the elevator.

November 18 - Jubilation Station children will gather together at the church to set out to collect all the food items donated throughout community. In celebration we will gather in the fellowship hall for our Harvest Feast Celebration beginning at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

November 19 - Join us during the church service to see the bountiful donations provided by all of you and our community as we celebrate with songs of praise and thankfulness.
Lynne Little

Annual Church (Charge) Conference - Thursday, November 16

What is the Difference Between Charge Conference & Church Conference?

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church requires that each local church hold a church or charge conference annually. This annual conference directs the work of the church, gives general oversight to the church council and reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, in addition to other tasks (as appropriate), such as setting salaries for pastors, electing church officers, and recommending candidates for ministry.

The **Charge Conference** is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council (or administrative board or leadership team).

The **Church Conference** invites broader participation of the members of the congregation beyond just the church council members in that all members of a local United Methodist church are invited to attend and are extended the privilege of vote.

All members of the Charge or Church Conference must be members of the local church.

Annual Charge/Church Conference

**Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

All are welcome to attend.

Note: All members attending of a local United Methodist Church are extended the privilege to vote.

Project Update

Eileen Stephens attended the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church in the 1960's. She was the granddaughter of Alpharetta Looney and the niece of Kaye Grogan, John and Gerry Looney.

In November of 2015, Eileen gave a generous donation of \$40,000 to the trustees to be used for a new ramp. Upon approval from the Administrative Council, the trustees began the process.

Architect, Tom Crowell, and engineer, Colton Hill were contracted to design the ramp.



In the meantime, preparation for the project began. Landscape architect, Kyle Eddy began removing all the shrubs. Trustees, Chuck Rebhun and Jim Burden dropped, cut up and removed the large evergreen tree that stood so proudly for so many years beside the church.

After much planning and many meetings, construction of the ramp began in July of 2017.

Mike Malone and crew did a great job. The ramp was completed and ready for use when church services started back up in September.

This fall, Kyle Eddy will return to complete the landscaping around the ramp and walkways. Lighting will be completed thereafter.

Unfortunately, Eileen has since passed away. We give thanks to her and the family for this wonderful new addition to our church. Thank you, for this generous donation given from the heart.

A dedication ceremony will take place in the spring of 2018.

Support A Cause - Give With a Thankful Heart



Upon completion of the ramp, it was discovered that the church foundation (on the East side of the church) was deteriorating and in need of replacement. We are currently in the process of repairing the foundation, which will be completed very soon.

The expected cost for this repair is approximately \$30,000.

Donations to help with the cost of this unexpected repair would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support and patience.
Jim Burden, *Trustee Chairman*



Applaud Service & Welcome Replacement

Together we applaud Betty Schott. On behalf of your church family, with sincere appreciation we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude of thanks for your time, effort, hard work and labor of love in providing us with the church Newsletter. You have truly been a blessing to this congregation!

Welcome Penny Martiniano. Penny will be Betty's replacement. She encourages everyone to offer up suggestions, articles and ideas. The newsletter is a way for all of us to connect as a whole - the more input the better. All articles, thoughts, events, meeting dates etc. can be sent to her via email.

As we all know this is a time sensitive document so the sooner she has your input the sooner she can begin laying out the newsletter for the upcoming month.

Penny can be reached at (518) 221-2546 Of email: martiniano110407@gmail.com

Just A Click Away - Church Newsletter

Beginning in December you will now have the option of **either** receiving a printed copy of your newsletter or an electronic copy of your newsletter.

By offering you this option, we will be able to increase our efficiency in the electronic delivery of the newsletter as well as reduce the printing and mailing expense that we currently consume each month.

In order to accommodate your needs simply choose from one of the following options below and contact Penny Martiniano at 221-2546 with your choice.

- A printed newsletter mailed each month or
- An electronic newsletter emailed each month

At this time our intention is to email the newsletter to all members on our current distribution list and mail those that are not found on the list.

We will also include the newsletter on our church website

www.centerbrunswickumc.com

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New Website Link

www.centerbrunswickumc.com
Contact Penny Corlew at for any additions to the website

penco853@aol.com

New Look for 2018 Bulletin

“Sometimes we all need is to be reminded of the simple things in life”

There is something about a pencil drawing that calms and soothes the soul. Perhaps it's the simplicity of the lines.

Sometimes we all need to be reminded of the simple things in life.

So in the spirit of a simple, soothing and calming pencil drawing the new 2018 bulletin design was suggested.



Design for - 2018 Bulletin Cover

Holiday Outreach Performances

Our bell & chime choir will be performing at the Community Thanksgiving service at the Transfiguration Parish on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 pm as well as at the Colonie Seniors holiday dinner held at the Beltrone Center on December 18.

Kathy truly appreciates the dedication and willingness of all of the ding-a-lings. It isn't easy packing up all of our belongings and going on the road. THANK YOU

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

November

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Saturday

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5 9:30 am –Worship Consecration, Com- munion & All Saints Sunday 2-4 pm-Highlight Acting Troupe Fellowship Hall	6 7:00 pm Bell Choir	7 7:00 pm Choir	8	9	10 7-9 pm Highlight Acting Troupe Fellowship Hall	11
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