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Jottings from Joy

"So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!" (Romans 8:12-14 The Message)

2018 Whew! How did we get here? Seems like yesterday the millennium started! Remember all the fear around crashing computers, the world ending etc. When is it we don't live in times of fear? Fear causes us to rely on our past and what we know for sure, to hold onto the familiar and certainly not want change! Our conservative ways become concrete and seeking vision and the new unknown is difficult! It seems our whole world is in this boat as more and more countries are voting in, familiar regimes and outing those promoting the new.

Recognizing this trend has helped me realize my own lack of faith in Christ! I daily battle with technology and its constant offering of upgrades and new better programs-faster, more secure, more accurate supposedly simpler etc. UGH! I say.

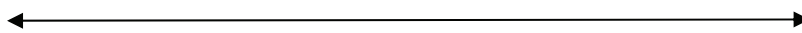
Yet, our present generations cannot function without these technologies and I recognize the impasse created because of this differing experience. They can be feeling uncertain without the technology!

SO Where is faith in all this? Besides considering taking a computer course, how can we bury our own fears of the new, strengthen our faith so change is not so fear full and get on with the "things to do and places to go?"

I leave you with yet another scripture 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 *"So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever. "*

Looking back at last year at this time I am way, not that same person and see God's new life in me! God's grace, resurrection continues to operate beyond our own understanding within us and beyond us as we move toward the better and best promised! So we can in 2018, look forward to the new journey together and what God has instored!

Peace and Love,
Pastor Joy



Support A Cause - Give With a Thankful Heart

On Sunday, December 17, 2017 a terrible fire completely destroyed the home of one of our church family members, Chuck and Jean Rebuhn.

Chuck serves as a committee member of the trustees and both Chuck and Jean have chaired the Swiss Steak Supper in the past.

Chuck and Jean have put a down payment on a new modular home and will place it in the same location as house they lost. Please keep the Rebuhn's in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this challenging time.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please see Kathleen Burden.

Special Points of Interest

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- ◆ Youth Advisory Team
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- ◆ Epiphany?
- ◆ TAUM Services
- ◆ Mabel Keyes Scholarship
- ◆ Christmas Poinsettia Sale
- ◆ Christmas Bake Sale
- ◆ Address Updates
- ◆ January Birthdays and Anniversaries
- ◆ December Calendar Events

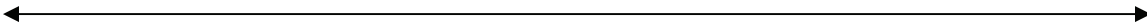


Youth Advisory Team

We are looking for a group of former youth either in Rev. Hagy’s Confirmation class, went on a mission trip or knew him at Skye Farm as Grampa. We are hoping you can pass on the inspirational relationship to the children and youth in our church and those to come. Also included in this team could be those who have children or themselves have participated in a camp program. It would be the goal of this group of enthused people to come together and brainstorm monthly activities for youth in the church from 7th to 12th grades. To advertise, promote camps and brainstorm ways to raise funds for campers to go to camp.

We have a couple of folks already on board and welcome a few more. The team will decide for itself how to gather, function and plan. I, Pastor Joy, will be around to start the ball rolling, then be a resource, supporter and encourager.

Please contact me at joylow69@gmail.com / text to 802-578-9328 or call 518-621-7313.



Prayer Concerns

“As often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places to pray” Luke 5:16

After some time to discuss with others here and there, and much research, this is the result, I share with you to keep our prayer ministry sensitive and caring.

Some of the following was previously mentioned during announcements. We need to be careful to protect people’s privacy. Any person’s name shared in church /published on a church prayer list needs to be with that individual’s express permission. Additional details about health matters need also be listed only with an accompanying permission. In some cases where the individual is extremely ill, or not an adult, this permission may be given by an appropriate caregiver, guardian or family member.

Everyone has the right not to have their hospitalization or other medical treatments made public. So please make sure when this is shared you ask the person specifically what they want prayed about and what they do not want prayed about in church and if they want it on the email prayer chain. When a person is placed on the email list their names may not be included but rather reference to the person as so and so’s friend or first name only.

What is included via the pastor is checked out! Regular calls, inquiries and keeping the concern lifted is queried and what specifically to pray also. There are many on the prayer list who are there long term because what is going on is long term! There are many unknown to all of us and that is ok too! God knows!

If the pastor kept all prayer requests on the list indeed it would be triple the size. Those left on were checked out. However, it is helpful for those who put the names on to let the pastor or lay leader know if the person wants to be off or status needs to be changed. There are names that are on from previous times that the Pastor needs to be informed about to take off or not.

Please know it is intended for prayer and not about who knows first, or doesn’t know. Prayer works! It is not magic, but studies have proven that those people in hospitals who know people are praying for them are more likely to get better. Even those who are prayed for and don’t know about it have higher rates of healing. This is the work of the Holy Spirit! Does that mean all prayers are answered, all people are healed or that God causes death and uses illness to punish if one does not get better? No way! God is good.

Hurt and pain happen! Some people have more pain than others! If anyone wants to have more discussion about this please feel free to be in touch with Pastor Joy. If you have questions also please feel free! Thanks for all your prayers and keep on keeping on!

Peace and Love,
Pastor Joy



SAVE THE DATE - BROOKS BBQ January 6, 2018 - 2:00 pm—6:00 pm - Eat-In or Take-Out

Adult Dinner \$12. (Includes baked potato, vegetable, roll, dessert and beverage) / Child Dinner \$8.00 / Half Chicken \$6.00

Tickets are still available—see Jill Walton or Lynne Little



Epiphany?

Forgive me if I am repeating! Epiphany is the time after Jesus is born in which all people, not just the Jews, come to recognize and worship the baby Jesus.

An **epiphany**, "manifestation, striking appearance") is an experience of sudden and striking realization of the divine! It is revelation! Like turning on a light switch in a dark room and seeing what was always there! Light, stars, beams, flames, sun (Son) are all symbols of this experience and are a focus of this time in the Christian Calendar. The 3 Kings, as did the Shepherds, followed the star which locates the baby Jesus. I love to receive Epiphanies! I look for them daily so I can keep my being in God's way in my focus!


Today's revelation was not easy! In reading a scripture from Jeremiah, I read that 70 years was prophesied for the Israelites exile! Yipes! God's promises take many generations! It took even longer for the Messiah to come!

It is important that we live in love now and pass on the light of Christ now and not wait for God's promises to be fulfilled! If we focus on the future we miss what is lighted in our midst! Keep the light of Christ shining to others with God's help!

Mabel Keyes Scholarship

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 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 your of our community.

A \$500 scholarship will be award to a student of the Tamarac High School Class of 2018 selected by the CBUMC Finance Committee. Interest students must apply no later than April 1, 2018. Application form available at the districts Guidance Office, the Church or our website www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com



The MLK Committee of TAUM
In partnership with collaborating agencies

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 3:30 pm
Interfaith Worship Service
Bethel Baptist Church, 2165 Fifth Avenue, Troy
Rabbi Debra Gordon of Congregation Beth Shalom, Troy NY, will be preaching
Reception to follow
Offering to benefit the Scholarship Fund will be received

Monday, January 15, 2018 at 8:00 am
Community Breakfast
Franklin Terrace, 126 Campbell Avenue, Troy
Daquetta Jones, Executive Director of the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, speaking
Tickets are \$22 (payable in advance) and \$25 (at the door)

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"Old Fashion" Christmas Bake Sale

Thank you to all for helping to make the "Old Fashioned" Christmas Bake Sale a success. Our profit was over \$750.

A very SPECIAL thanks to Jill Walton and her family for organizing the event. Everyone is looking forward to holding the event next year and adding crafts to sell as well.



Thank you for helping to Sponsor Our Children To attend Summer Camp at Sky Farm

Through your generosity we have raised over \$200 towards scholarships.
The sanctuary looked beautiful

The World is Hugged By The Faithful Arms of a Volunteer

Looking to Lend a Helping Hand?

- Scripture Readers
- Greeters
- Ushers

Contact Pastor Joy

Please Note: *Bell & Chime Choir will resume in February*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 pm — Choir	3	4	5	6 2 :00 - 6:00 pm Brookes BBQ
7 9:30 am —Worship Epiphany Sun- day—Three Kings	8	9 7:00 pm — Choir	10	11 6:00 pm Finance Meeting Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Annual Charge Confer- ence Fellowship	12	13
14 9:30 am —Worship Jubilation Station 3:30 pm - Martin Luther King Wor- ship Service (see	15	16 7:00 pm — Choir	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 am —Worship Food Pantry	22	23 7:00 pm — Choir	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 am —Worship Sunday after Epiphany	29 Damian House Meal	30 7:00 pm — Choir	31			