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"Connecting people with Jesus and walking the path of real life faith"

Worship every Sunday at 10:00 am
A nursery is provided
Children's Sunday School during services
Coffee & Fellowship Follows Worship Service



MAY 2016!!!

Rhythm of the Rain

The Cascades

Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain
Telling me just what a fool I've been
I wish that it would go and let me cry in vain
And let me be alone again
The only girl I care about has gone away
Looking for a brand new start
But little does she know that when she left that day
Along with her she took my heart
Rain, please tell me, now, does that seem fair
For her to steal my heart away when she don't care?
I can't love another when my heart's somewhere far away



Sunday May 1st:

10:00 am – Worship Service
11:45 am – UMW monthly meeting

Saturday May 7th:

8:00 am – Bike Race training Clinic

Sunday May 8th: MOTHER’S DAY

10:00 am – Worship Service

Sunday May 15th:

10:00 am – Worship Service

Tuesday May 17th:

7:15 pm – Administrative Council Meeting

Wednesday May 18th:

12:00 pm – Happy Days Senior Luncheon

Saturday May 21st:

9:00 am – Parking Lot Sale

Sunday May 22nd:

10:00 am – Worship Service

Sunday May 29th:

10:00 am – Worship Service

Monday May 30th: MEMORIAL DAY

***** Saturday June 4th:**

9:00 am – RAIN DATE for Parking Lot Sale

Regular PoLM Facility Events

- Adult Bible Study:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1pm -2pm
- Mission Circle:** 2nd Thursday- 1 pm !
- Easter Morning Clothing Closet:**
 - Wednesdays - 6pm -8pm
 - Thursdays - 10:30am – 12:00pm
 - Saturdays – 10:00am – 1:00pm
- AA “Forever Young”:** Wednesdays 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- AA “Life Changing”:** Fridays 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- New World Ministry:**
 - Saturday: 9:00 am – 11:30 am - Tutoring
 - Sunday: 2 pm (Worship)
- Karenni Ministry:**
 - Sunday: 10:00am – (Worship)
- Mattydale History Group:**
 - 2nd Monday 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Regular BUMC Facility Events

- Food Pantry:** Tuesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm
Thursdays 4:30pm – 6:30pm
- ZUMBA:** Mondays 9:00 am – Zumba Gold Chair
10:00 am – Line Dancing
6:00 pm – Zumba/Zumba Toning
7:00 pm – Strength Class
Wednesday 6:00 pm – Zumba toning
7:00 pm - Strength
Thursdays 9:00 am – Zumba Gold Chair
- Yoga with Linda:** Tuesdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Twilight Stitchers:** 2nd & 4th Mondays 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Choir Rehearsals:** Thursdays 6:00pm – 6:45pm
- Resistance Training:** Mondays 7:00pm – 7:30pm

The June 2016 Newsletter deadline is, Friday, May 20th.

If you have any problems making the deadline, or have additions or corrections for the newsletter, please contact me in church or by phone at 695-3114, or by e-mail: kpeckham7123@windstream.net

Thank You. *Kathy Peckham*

NOTES FROM THE PATH OF LIFE

By Peg Leonard

"The kind word that falls today like seed may bear rich fruit tomorrow in the heart of a stranger or a friend." [Simple Wisdom] In Pastor Jack's message on Sunday April 17, he suggested that we **thank** those who have helped us.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. On **May 10th** the class will be discussing "All Authority has been given to me" (what kind of authority does Jesus have over me) from our study book, EXPERIENCING THE WRDS OF JESUS, by Max Lucado. On **May 17th** the class will discuss "He who has ears, let him hear" (When was the last time you had your ears checked). Do these topics interest you? Come join the lively discussion! **I want to thank all of the members of this class. I have learned so much from you!**

MISSION CIRCLE

The Mission Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each month the women of the Mission Circle have a program that encourages spiritual growth and fellowship. This year the women are reaching out in mission in different ways. On **May 12th** the women will have Pizza and a chit chat. **I want to thank the women of the Mission Circle for cleaning the chairs and tables in the PoLM Fellowship Hall!**

EASTER MORNING CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet continues to be a place where women, men & children come to find clothing, books, toys, linens & household items. **Thanks to your donations there are items for those who come in.** Donations can be brought to Brewerton UMC OR the Path of Life Mission Center. **The Clothing Closet is open Wednesday, 6 - 8 pm; Thursday 10:30 am - 12:30 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 1 pm.**

Right now the closet is low on household items - sheets, towels, dishes, etc. Come and Check us out **I especially want to thank those who volunteer at the Clothing Closet! You are the reason people return to the closet!**

COMMUNITY DINNER

The Community Dinner is on the last Thursday of each month at the Path of Life Mission Center, 4:30 - 6 pm. The Easter Morning Clothing Closet is open during the meal. Thanks to the partnership of PoLM/Brewerton UMC & Cicero UMC we continue to feed & chat with anyone who comes. The meal is also supported by the free will donations made by the attendees. Come and be surprised by what the meal will be on May 26th One thing - it will be delicious! **I want to thank all of the volunteers who cook, serve, donate food, and cover the Clothing Closet**



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Got Questions?

I'm the answer.

---God

People are full of questions: Does God really exist? Can God hear my prayers? Am I good enough to get into Heaven? Yes, Yes, and ... sorry... no! Yes, God is real. And Yes, God hears your prayers. And no, you're not good enough to get into Heaven. None of us are. But don't panic; there's an answer for that too.

Ever eavesdropped at a funeral? The conversation usually goes something like this: "So-and-so was such a good person. He'd give you the shirt off his back" - as if that guaranteed a one-way ticket to Heaven. People have the impression that God is adding up all their good deeds on some giant, cosmic calculator, and when God reaches some magical number, the pearly gates automatically swing open!

But friends, it doesn't work that way. Jesus told His disciples not to worry because He was going to prepare a place for them. Then He explained that He was going away to his Father's house - Heaven - and the only way to get there was through Him.

Nobody's good enough, smart enough, cute enough, or successful enough to be acceptable to a just and holy God. But when God looks at us through the eyes of Jesus, we become pleasing in God's sight. Jesus is the answer!

Jesus told him, "I am the Way - yes, and the Truth and the Life.

No one can get to the Father except by means of me."

John 14:6 (TLB)

(Reprinted from the God Speaks Devotional)

How many of us are moving through this journey of our faith, which we call life, hoping we can build up enough "points" to earn our way into paradise? We are often consumed with trying to "cover the right bases" with God so that we are assured of the gift of salvation. BUT... that's not how God works. It never has been!

We receive the gift of eternal life only when we choose to accept Jesus as our personal Savior and dedicate our life to living, and dying, by his teachings! It seems so simple really, but we make it so difficult in practice.

Let's live from today on as people of the Resurrection who accept the Savior and strive to live our lives as evidence of that acceptance. By doing so we can (and will) change the world!

See you in Church,

Pastor Jack Keating

A Message from Your Editor

Looking back I remember how May was full of activities like putting the garden in, Mothers Day, Mom's birthday, Memorial Day. Farm work was often busy as well. I remember one year, just before Memorial Day, dad was taking a few vacation days from his factory job and I was to take a few days off from school. Fantastic? Not so fast Norton. The warm wet spring had helped the grass grow fast and it was ready to cut. So, those few days off really wasn't vacation time, it was work time. Dad and I would be putting in hay. The weather was right, sunny warm and dry. The first day dad and Uncle Pete cut the hay and I still went to school. The next day I stayed home and dad sent me up to rake the hay into windrows while he went to get the bailer ready. After lunch we began bailing hay. I remember it well as it was the first time I was on the wagon alone. Dad was patient and sometimes laughed as I went about the work of pulling the bails off the chute and onto the wagon, drag it to the back and stack it. We didn't have a kicker on the bailer so the work was all manual labor. Dad said I did a good job but I'm sure it would have gone faster if one of my cousins was on the wagon. The last few bails dad would unhook the wagon and let the bails fall to the ground. I meanwhile, would go get the other tractor (the one on the bailer was borrowed from my uncle). After hooking up the wagon and picking up the bails from the ground, we headed for the barn. Now, dad went into the mow and I unloaded the wagon. After that it was back for another load, then another, and another, and another, until it was time for chores. After dinner, dad and I milked the (few) cows we had and my day was done. The next day after lunch, we were back to putting in hay. We finished our first cutting that week, and it was the only year that we did it that way. Other years it was mostly weekends and a few afternoons putting away a few loads at a time.

And where was mom in all this. Well she didn't do much. She just made sure that my sister and I got up in the morning for school. Do our chores sometimes assigning the jobs we were to do. Made sure we had our clothes ready for the next day. Did the laundry and teaching us to do it as well. Planed our meals and had us help as we could. Nursed us when we were sic. Pushed us to do well. When out in the field, she would bring us a snack and a nice cold drink. She even helped in the barn when a cow was calving or down. And much more that surprised me at times. Doing all this with a bad heart.

So, May really begins summer like activities and has Mother's Day, and Mom's birthday. And though she is passed, I still say Happy Mother's Day and Happy Birthday and Thank You Mom.

Kathy Peckham



MINISTRY OF PRAYER



PRAYER CHAIN

When you need God's care and help, please let our new prayer chain join with you and pray with you.

To start the chain: simply call Tammy Allen 506-3066
or Pastor Jack 935-7659



DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord of Love and Light,
I pray that the spirit of Jesus may be continually within my heart.
I pray in the name of Jesus Christ my savior, the Prince of Peace.
Amen
Pat Roundy

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BOTTLES AND CANS



Put your collection of bottles and cans to good use by taken them to the Lucky Seven Collection shop by the Fulton Bank on Bartell Rd. Be sure to have them listed in their book for the Brewerton United Methodist Church account. OR - bring them to the red bin in the coat closet by the back and I'll take them in. Funds collected go to the shared ministry fund of our church.

Thank you, Ed Roundy

Thanks for supporting out Shared Ministry Account.



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Bulletin Blooper/Church Funny

A four-year-old was praying in church...



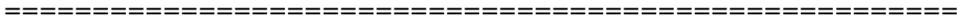
"And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."



May 1 Joe
8 Marion
15 Joan Doran
22 Claire
29 Judy

June 5 Marilyn
12 Marion
19 Joe
26 Joan

Hi folks! Here is the current schedule for the Evangelism Committee visitations! Pastor Jack Keating is also a member of our committee. The church telephone # is 668 3999 and Pastor Keating's Cell 935 7659. Our mission is important! Next mtg. ?



In Flanders Fields

By: Major John McCrae, Canadian Expeditionary Force May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



WOMEN'S NEWS !



The United Methodist Women will meet Sunday May 1st after church service from 11:45 to 1:00.

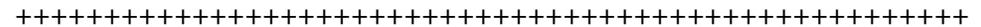
Connie Chantry will present the program "Repentance and Reconciliation" a Native America study from Mission U.

All ladies of the church are invited to attend our meetings. Come to see what the United Methodist Women are doing to serve people in need around the world and in our neighborhood.

Next meeting : Sunday June 12th picnic at Marion Fords

Thanks to all who participated in the Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show. The models did a great job presenting the new spring fashions, new styles and bright exciting colors. Thanks to CJ Banks for bringing the fashions to the spring event.

Thank you to all who attended, made the delicious salads and dessert, worked on the event to support the United Methodist Women's fundraiser for missions.



A few funny church signs & quotes:

Is temptation knocking? Let Jesus answer the door!

The Ten Commandments are NOT multiple choice!

Honk if you love Jesus! Text while driving if you want to meet him!

Need a life guard? Ours walks on water.

If evolution were true, Mothers would have at least 3 arms!

This and That from Pastor Jack

- 1. Capital Campaign Dedications!** On Sunday, May 8th, MOTHER'S DAY, we will dedicate gifts in support of our Capital Campaign during the worship service. Please bring your completed Pledge Card to worship that morning and join us as we bring these gifts to God. Later in the month the Capital Campaign Team will give us a recounting of the success of this wonderful in-gathering of gifts!
- 2. Also on Mother's Day** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome Emma and Connor to the family of God at the Altar that morning!
- 3. Thanks to all** who were a part of our recent, successful Roast Pork Dinner! Judy and her crew did a great job of organizing the Dining Room, while Joe Haller, Tom Whelan and I covered the kitchen duties. We had a great day of fellowship and welcome as we were joined by about 85 diners and may helpers. The food was delicious, the fellowship was very well received and, thanks to so many donations, we realized about \$850 profit! Again... THANKS TO ALL who were a part of this event.
- 4. Our community Dinners** at the Path of Life campus continue to be a great time of fellowship for all who attend. With the help of our friends at the Cicero UMC we feed about 70 people on the last Thursday of each month. With donations we receive the dinners are pretty well self-supporting and all in attendance enjoy the wonderful meal and the chance to be together. We also have the Easter Morning Clothing Closet open during the dinners and many new "shoppers" are enjoying the Closet's resources.
- 5. Our Childcare Program** has a Parking Lot Sale fundraiser planned for May 21st! and don't worry.... We are not selling the parking lot!!! We guarantee you'll find a treasure or two at this sale!

Thanks for being an important part of this great Church! We are doing an awesome amount of ministry here in Brewerton and around the world!

Pastor Jack Keating



Jeff Allen	May 1st
Jennifer Pitre	May 1st
Lavonia French	May 5th
Tom Whelan	May 5th
Brian Allen	May 8th
Mary LaFlair	May 8th
Jeff Ward	May 8th
Matt Ward	May 8th
Linda Roundy Keegan	May 10th
Kenneth Lewke	May 15th
Donna Lavonier	May 20th
Hanna Rood	May 21st
David Childress	May 22nd
Beth Childress	May 23rd
Michael Allen	May 24th
Kim Pomeroy	May 24th
Jeann Whittaker	May 25th
Arrow O'Conner	May 26th
Pat Haywood	May 30th

Birthstone = Emerald
Birth flower = Lily of the Valley
Zodiac: Taurus = April 20 - May 20
Cancer = June 21 - July 22

HAPPY DAYS SENIOR LUNCHEON

Adults 55 and over are invited to the luncheons.
Sponsored jointly by: the Brewerton United Methodist Church
and the Divine Mercy Parish

MAY LUNCHEON: Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 at noon.

WHERE: Brewerton United Methodist Church
5395 Orangeport Road
Brewerton, NY 13029.

MENU: Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables,
Rolls, Coleslaw, and Spice Cake with
Lemon Sauce.

PROGRAM: Jackie, a Pet First Aid Trainer, is from Sit Means Sit, a Professional Obedience Training School for dogs and their owners and the training for service dogs.



Suggested donation: \$5.00

She will provide an overview of their services and demonstrate the immediate care of a pet that has been injured or is ill.

Do you have a dog? Go on their site (www.sitmeanssit.com) to see a new training video everyday.

RESERVATION: Your reservation is due by Wednesday, May 11th, one week prior to the luncheon.

Make your reservation by calling:
Shirley Jones 676-4973

Please, if unable to keep your reservation, call 676-4973 to cancel, as soon as possible.

Remember, to bring:

- Box top education coupons for Heartspring.
- Soda can pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Remember, also:

- Chicken BBQ tickets go on sale at the May Luncheon.

NEXT LUNCHEON – June 22, 2016

“May Food For Thought from the Food Pantry” Monthly Statistics:

	March 2016 (10 Days)
Families/Households Served:	89
Total Meals:	3,930
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 5 days	262 x 3 x 5
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	81
# Adults :(Ages 18 - 64)	162
# Seniors: (Ages 65+)	19
Total Individuals:	262

New Families/Households Seeking Assistance: 7

The Pantry as Seen Through the Eyes, Hearts & Minds of Our Youth

As I sit down to write this month’s article, I feel moved to write about how the children and youth of Brewerton help add excitement, enthusiasm, energy and meaning to the work we do in the food pantry. Through the eyes, hearts and minds of our young people we gain focus and strength. In March/April, our pantry was visited by two Boy Scout packs & two Girl Scout troops, each bringing their own special gifts to share with families in need.

In early March a group of eight boys (ages 7-8) & their leaders/parents, from a Brewerton Cub Scout Pack, from the Elementary School, made an unexpected visit to the food pantry after close on a Thursday night. They each greeted me with a bag of groceries that they wanted to donate and huge smiles! They were so excited to be able share some of their favorite food items. As they looked around the pantry, their eyes grew big as they looked at the vast array of food on the shelves. They each added their items to the shelves. Their hearts were full of love and their minds were filled with questions as I gave them a brief overview of the pantry’s mission and how their donations will help local families in need. They left feeling proud of what they had accomplished with a promise that they would come back again for a more in depth visit & tour.

On March 17th, Boy Scouts from #3112, returned for the 6th year to help assemble Easter food baskets. Many of the boys, their leaders and family members return year after year at Thanksgiving and again at Easter to help fill the holiday baskets. I have had the pleasure of watching many of the boys mature into young men. Thanks to their efforts, we were able to fill 80+ baskets with holiday food items in under an hour’s time!

They worked diligently; placing the appropriate number of cans, boxes, jars, bags of fruits, veggies, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, desserts, jello, juice, etc. into the box or bag labeled with a number to correspond to the size of the family. They were particularly excited when it came time to pick out a dessert item for each family; choosing between a cake mix & frosting, a pie filling and crust, brownies, or cookies. Several of the boys returned on Palm Sunday with their leaders and parents to deliver the boxes along with a turkey, ham, pork tenderloin or chicken to the families in the Bayshore Apartments. Another example of how our youth helps us reach out to those in need in a very special way. The boys will return, as they have for the last 6 years, in November to help with our Thanksgiving food basket project.

On March 31st, twelve girls (ages 7 to 9) & their leaders & moms, from Brownie Troop #10028, returned to the food pantry for a third visit; this time carrying several cases of Girl Scout Cookies – 65 boxes to be exact, that they wanted to donate from their cookie booth sales. During February and March, the girls sold their cookies at the R Diner in Central Square and other locations. As part of their sales pitch, they asked their customers to consider donating a box or more to the Brewerton Community Food Pantry to help families in need. They were quite convincing...Ron and I happened to see them in action after church on February 28th – with a sign reading “Please Donate Cookies to the Brewerton Community Food pantry,” and huge smiles as they explained the process. What an amazing sight to see the girls carry in all those boxes that their customers donated at their urging. The girls and their leaders will return in the fall to help with other projects in the pantry. We are blessed to have their ongoing support of our food pantry mission and I look forward to watching them grow even stronger in their commitment to help others.

On April 5th, I was invited to attend a regular meeting of Junior & Cadette Girl Scouts from Troop #10381. Nine girls and their leaders, Karen & Westie, meet every Tuesday night at our church, in the choir room. On that night, they asked if I would come to their meeting for a special presentation at 6:00. The girls, who are in Middle and High School, welcomed me to their meeting; introducing themselves one at a time. Then, they proceeded to tell me about their experiences with their cookie sales. They sold cookies as they had in the past and asked

customers to donate a box or two to the food pantry, but this time they asked customers to donate their change to the pantry as well! Their Marketing really paid off – they presented the pantry with 58 boxes of cookies and a check in the amount of \$50. I was overwhelmed by their kindness and generosity; telling them that the \$50 would help me purchase food from the Food Bank to fill the shelves. Yet another amazing example of how our youngest members of our community open their hearts and hands to help make our little piece of the world a better place to live and grow.

I’ve often said, “It Takes a Village” to fulfill the mission of the food pantry. I’m grateful for ALL the support we receive everyday. From the very young to the young at heart; together we are making a difference in the lives of many.

May Food Sense – Important Dates!

The May Food Sense Menu has been posted on the Pantry Bulletin Board in the hallway. The deadline for order/payment is Friday, May 6th by NOON, please. Orders will be available for pickup at the pantry on Friday, May 20th between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. The program is open to anyone. Cash or EBT (SNAP) is accepted as payment. See Deb Lombard or call the pantry at 676-5528 for more information or to place an order.

Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

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Mom, You Were There...

You were there when we took our first steps,
And went unsteadily across the floor.
You pushed and prodded: encouraged and guided,
Until our steps took us out the door...
You worry now "Are they ok?"
Is there more you could have done?
As we walk the paths of our unknown
You wonder "Where have my children gone?"
Where we are is where you have led us,
With your special love you showed us a way,
To believe in ourselves and the decisions we make.
Taking on the challenge of life day-to-day.
And where we go you can be sure,
In spirit you shall never be alone.
For where you are is what matters most to us,
Because to us that will always be home...

Author Unknown