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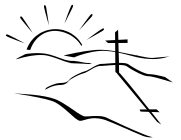
"Connecting people with Jesus and walking the path of real life faith"

Worship every Sunday at 10:15 am
A nursery is provided
Children's Sunday School during services
Coffee & Fellowship Follows Worship Service



APRIL 2017

Up From the Grave He Arose



1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

(Refrain)



3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

(Refrain)



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BUMC Office hours: Mondays: 1:00 pm – 5: pm –
Tuesdays: 11 am – 2 pm
Wednesdays: By appointment only.
Thursdays: 1 pm – 3 pm.

Brewerton United Methodist Church Calendar

Sunday, April 2nd:

10:15 am – Worship Service
11:30 am – United Methodist Women’s Meeting

Monday, April 3rd:

4:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 6th:

NO Zumba today

Sunday, April 9th: Palm Sunday

10:15 am – Worship Service
11:30 am – Bread for the World

Monday, April 10th:

7:30 pm – Childcare Board Meeting

Thursday, April 13th: Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 14th: Good Friday

6:00 pm – Good Friday Service (@ Phoenix)

Sunday, April 16th: Easter Sunday

10:15 am – Easter Sunday Worship Service

Wednesday, April 19th:

1:30 pm – Red Cross Bloodmobile
6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting

Sunday, April 23rd:

9:00 am – Adult Sunday School
10:15 am – Worship Service

Wednesday, April 26th:

12:00 pm – Happy Days Senior Luncheon

Saturday, April 29th:

11:00 am – UMW Fashion Show

Sunday, April 30th:

9:00 am – Adult Sunday School
10:15 am – Worship Service

** Note: Sorry, Happy Days insert not added in error.

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 & Adult music
Sunday: 2 pm – 5pm - (Worship) Christian Ed & Group meeting
- Good News & New Hope Ministry:**
Sunday: 9:00am – 1:00pm (Worship) Christian Ed & Group meeting
Monday: 5:00pm – 7:30pm Children & youths program
- Salina Local History Group:**
2nd Monday at 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Regular BUMC Facility Events

- Food Pantry:** Tuesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm
Thursdays 4:30pm – 6:30pm
- ZUMBA:** Monday: 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
Also – Friday’s 9:00 am – Zumba Gold (standing)
- Yoga with Linda:** Tuesdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Twilight Stitchers:** 2nd & 4th Mondays 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Choir Rehearsals:** Thursdays 6:00pm – 6:45pm
- Resistance Training:** Mondays 7:00pm – 7:30pm

The May 2017 Newsletter deadline is, Thursday, April 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

“Life, like a river on its way to the sea, is fed and joined by small streams of love and kindness so that it grows fuller and stronger on the way.”

[Simple Wisdom]

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday per month in the Fellowship Hall at 1 pm. On April 4th the class will discuss Lesson 6, Day 4, “Did you catch any fish?” What fish are we supposed to catch? On April 18th the class will discuss Lesson 6, Day 5, “Well done ...” Will we ever hear these words from Jesus? Come join us to unravel these ideas that Max presents.

THE MISSION CIRCLE

The Mission Circle is a group of women who meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and Spiritual Growth. On April 13 Elaine Detjen will present the program and provide the refreshments.

EASTER MORNING CLOTHING CLOSET

Easter Morning Clothing Closet (the Clothing Closet) is open Wednesday 6-8 pm; Thursday 10:30 am - 12:30 pm; Saturday 10 am - 1 pm at the Path of life Mission Center. Donations can be brought to the Clothing Closet when open or to Brewerton UMC. At this time we need Baby clothes, especially baby boys and household items (bedding, towels, dishes, etc). Thanks to all who have donated.

COMMUNITY DINNER

The community dinner is served on the last Thursday of the month at 4:30 - 6 pm. The cooks and helpers at the dinner look forward to greeting and chatting with everyone. We’ve had a variety of great meals (Spaghetti, Ham & Au-gratin Potatoes, Mac & Cheese). April’s meal has not been finalized, so come and be surprised. Come and join the family friendly atmosphere! The Clothing Closet is open during the meal.

During this Lenten season, as the ice and snow slowly melts and as winter has seemingly dragged on, I have reflected on “the practice of waiting.” In our culture, waiting is truly a difficult practice, and also one in which I am unlikely to ever win any awards, or even honorable mentions. And yet more and more, I am beginning to see the value of waiting on the Lord in our ministry together at Brewerton UMC. One of the insights that came out of my recent retreat with the Amish in Berlin, Ohio was that it’s okay to name a problem or an issue, and take a while alone or as a community to ponder it, without rushing to propose possible solutions. It is okay, and sometimes even necessary, to allow ourselves to sit with the issue before us, without knowing what we will do. This kind of slow deliberation can allow room for the Holy Spirit to work on our hearts over time, and for the way forward to emerge from this – whereas this opportunity is squashed if we rush to fill the need with possible solutions or answers right away. In this spirit, I commend this prayer of meditation to you, written by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, on the slow work of God. May we trust in this slow work now, and always.

In Christ,

Rev. Justin M Hood

“Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability –
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually – let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don’t try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.”

A Message From
Your Editor

I have a birds nest over my door and I love it. As each day goes by, I hear the young birds make their "peeping" noise every time one of the parents come to the nest. Unfortunately, I haven't seen them yet but I hope to one day before they fly away. After it is a sure sign of spring.

I remember years back how the chickens would tend to "nest" at this time. One year we decided to let them have their way. In a short time we found that 4 of our hens were very successful. One had about 8 chicks, another about 6, but our biggest surprise was how two hens had 12 each. Now, sorry to say, we actually weren't all that happy about it. This came just after we had sold most of the farm and the animals. What we had left was a zoo of 9 or 10 chickens (not counting the chicks), 1 goose, 2 ducks, 1 dog and about 7 or 8 barn cats. And mom and dad both figured that by fall, less than half would survive and a few would end up in our freezer. Ok, so that's life on the farm. However it wasn't long before we saw the courage of a mother. We would let the animals out each morning and put some crack corn in little piles for each group. 1 for the goose, 1 for the two ducks, and 1 long line for the chickens. I often stood by for a bit to make sure that peace was kept. Shortly, I started to go back to the house when sudden wild commotion started. I turned in time to see a ball of feather and fur and just as quick, I saw a cat go running up behind the barn and the grey speckled mother of 12 running back to her chicks - all 12 still present. As far as I know, that cat never went near the chickens again. I felt that the chicks were in good hands and went about my day.

As it turned out, many of the chicks made it and some ended up in the freezer. But, some didn't, as mom seemed to have adopted a couple called them her chickens. Dad of course didn't argue, he just smiled and went along with it. And I realized later that they were a great comfort to my mother and she looked after them each day. They would even come when she called them. Even when mom could no longer get out much, the chickens would go the front door where the rooster would crow until mom came out to get them off the porch (of course giving them some bread in the process).

I think I understand how mom felt about the "birds" as they can be entertaining. And as we look at the birds and all of God's creatures we can see a little of ourselves. And maybe even learn a little.

God Bless & Happy Easter

Kathy Peckham



MINISTRY OF PRAYER



PRAYER CHAIN

There is much proof that prayer is powerful and can help us in our time of need. When you need God's care and help, please let our prayer chain join with you and pray with you.

Simply call: Tammy Allen at 506-3066
Pastor Justin at: pastorjustinhood@gmail.com
or phone: 607-437-2208

If you would like to help and take part in the prayer chain, contact either Pastor Hood or Tammy Allen at the above numbers.

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Daily Prayer

May the celebration of resurrected life bring new hope to your being. May the victory over earthly death turn your eyes to the promises of heaven. May the empty tomb help you to leave your sorrows at the foot of the cross. So that God's hope, promises and forgiveness reign in your life forever.

Amen.

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BOTTLES AND CANS

Put your collection of bottles and cans to good use by taking them to Verns Returns 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 door and I'll take them in. Funds collected go to the shared ministry fund of our church. Thanks for supporting out Shared Ministry Account.

Thank you, Ed Roundy





EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR: 04/17 - 06/17

April 2 Claire
9 Marion
16 Judy
23 Marilyn
30 Joe

May 7 Joan
14 Marion
21 Claire
28 Judy

June 4 Marilyn
11 Marion
18 Joan
25 Joe

Hi folks! Here is the current schedule for the Evangelism Committee visitations! Pastor Justin Hood is also a member of our committee. The church telephone # is: 668 3999 and Pastor Hood's Cell is : 607 437 2208. Our mission is important!. Next meeting is?

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Red Bird Mission Opportunity - August 12 thru 20, 2017

The Red Bird Mission, School and Clinics are located in Beverly, Kentucky. This United Methodist Mission Campus has been in operation since 1921 serving a distressed rural area formed from the old coal mining days gone by. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area.

Through this one week adventure you have the opportunity to help these folks through your time, your talent, your service and your witness. The main focus of this mission is in the area of community housing improvement however there are a variety of other ways to serve as well. You'll be serving others but you'll come away feeling like you were the one served.

Dates: August 12th to August 20th. We'll be leaving Saturday morning the 12th and arrive at Red Bird the next day - Sunday around 4pm. Our work adventure will begin on Monday and end on Friday at noon, with Wednesday as a full day of rest for sightseeing. We'll travel home on Saturday and arrive home on Sunday the 20th. Note that it is possible to get home in one day arriving on Saturday night if necessary.

Transportation: We'll be driving our own cars to Kentucky. We plan to carpool to reduce the expenses and the need for drivers. We will need to pack efficiently. We expect to stay overnight the first night in a host United Methodist church possibly in Ohio or western Pennsylvania. The same plan will work in reverse for our return trip.

Costs and Deposit: The total cost for the trip will be \$500 per person which will cover our room and board for the week as well as transportation costs and the material costs required by the Mission. We'll be working hard over the next few months to raise those funds to reduce the financial burden on everyone. If you are planning to go you will need to pay a deposit of \$50.00 payable to Brewerton UMC - Red Bird Fund no later than April 1st as well as complete the application forms which you can pick up in the Narthex at church or from Tammy or Craig Allen. If you have any questions or need help with the forms feel free to contact the Allen's at 315-668-9412.

Brewerton United Methodist Women



SPRING FASHION SHOW

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Salad Luncheon *12:00 Noon*

Followed by a Fashion Show by:

**CHRISTOPHER BANKS
and CJ BANKS**

located at Great Northern Mall

Fashions modeled by ladies of our community.

Advance tickets only. No tickets at the door.

See or contact Beth Magill or Amy Magill
@668-6640 for reservations for a large group table
and tickets or for individual tickets. Tickets \$8.00

April Birthdays!!!

Marge Kolb	April 3rd
Jerry Brown	April 6th
Constance Nyman	April 6th
Tom Davies	April 7th
Kuhlman Nyman	April 7th
Adam Beitz	April 7th
Marion Ford	April 11th
Rick Mooney	April 14th
Ruth Keach	April 17th
Ruth Rogers	April 19th
Patricia Will	April 19th
Dave Wickham	April 20th
Ann Marie Wood	April 21st
Muriel Bickom	April 22nd
Gina LeBeau	April 23rd
Michael LaFlair	April 23rd
Stan Harrington	April 24th
Brent Utano	April 24th
Ava Rae Dwyer	April 27th
Elaine Detjen	April 28th
Kathryn Tryon	April 29th

Birth Stone: Diamond

Birth Flower: Sweet Pea - or - Daisy

Zodiac: Aries = March 21 - April 19

Taurus = April 20 - May 20

ROAST PORK DINNER

At the
Brewerton United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 6th
4 PM until it's gone



MENU:

Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetables
Salad
Homemade Cakes
Beverages



\$9 - Adult
\$5 - 6-12
5 and under free

Got Questions?

Contact Joe or Debbie Haller @ 315-699-1646

Vacation Bible School-2017, "Christmas in July"-
An ADVENTure in God's LOVE.
Volunteer Recruitment – We Have a Job for YOU!

As Winter is officially behind us and Spring is in the air, we are looking ahead to summer. And, Summer means Vacation Bible School for the children in our Child Care program and in our community. We are getting an early start this year in the planning process and invite YOU to get involved. There's a job for everyone interested – Adults and Teens, alike; beginning in April. We invite you to share your time, talents and energy as there are many tasks to be completed to ensure this year's program is the BEST ever! We're hoping to make this a group effort with members of our congregation and committees/groups getting involved. If you are interested in helping us create this year's program, or assisting us in anyway, we would love to talk to you.

This year's program is scheduled for the week of July 17-21 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. We will be looking for volunteers to help make it all happen. We can work around your summer schedule and would love to have you join the team for whichever day or days you are available. The experience is fun and the rewards are great! Here are some of the positions available:

Leaders/ Assistants (Shepherds): to help guide groups of children (flocks) to the assigned activity centers. The children will be assigned to a multi-age Flock of 6 to 8 children per Shepherd. The Flocks will stay together throughout the morning; traveling to the assigned Activity Centers based on a rotating schedule. We'd like the Pre-K children, children ages 3 & 4, to have a Bible story and activity time in a classroom setting. The group could rotate to the Music, Crafts & Snacks/Games centers.**

Activity Center Leaders: Little Sheep Preschool Leader & Assistant **
(at least 2 to 3 staff required based on #s)

COOL Crafts - Craft Leader & Assistants

Bible ADVENTures- Bible Story Leader & Assistant

SNOWSational Snacks/Games - Snack Leader
& Game Leader

MERRY Music - Music Leader & Assistant

Special Assignments: Spotlight - Photographer/Videographer
Drama Director - Opening & Closing skits

If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with the children of our community, please contact Deb or Lois at email: lombarddeb@gmail.com or iggy290@aol.com. We hope you will consider adding your love to this year's VBS. Together we can make the summer special for the youngest among us, and YOU can experience it ALL through the eyes of the children!

Luke 24:

Jesus Has Risen

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

April Food Sense Menu

For More Information or to Place an Order, Call 676-5528.

Important Dates:

Friday, April 14th – Orders & Payment Due by Noon, Please.

Friday, April 28th – Pick up orders at Food Pantry between 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Orders can be placed during pantry hours:

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OR

Friday, 4/14 between 11:00 a.m. & Noon

April: Monthly Package Price: \$20.50

Chicken Tender Strips, 2.5 lbs.

Meatballs, 1lb.

Italian Sausage, 1 lb.

Pollock Fillets, 1 lb.

Breaded Veal Patties, 12 oz.

Cheese Ravioli, 13 oz.

Spaghetti Sauce, 26 oz.

Mozzarella Cheese, 8 oz.

Frozen Sliced Carrots, 16 oz.

Diced Tomatoes, 14.5 oz.

Fresh Produce - TBD

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April Specials

#1- Chicken Wings, 3lbs. – Price: \$6.75– Individually frozen in resealable bag

#2-Meatloaf: 2 lbs. - Price: \$6.50 – Traditional meatloaf made with 100% ground beef

#3-Pantry Box: Price: \$10.00 – Contains: pancake mix, cereal, elbow macaroni, spaghetti sauce, apple juice, peanut butter, grape jelly, mandarin oranges, & crushed tomatoes

#4-American Cheese, 5lbs. - Price: \$11.00 – Sliced, NOT individually wrapped

#5-Stuffed Chicken Breast, 2 lbs. – Price: \$8.00 - Stuffed with apples & cranberries

#6-Pork Roast, 2 lbs. – Price: \$7.25– Boneless , ready for grill or oven

#7-Macaroni & Beef Bake, 5 lbs. - Price: \$12.75 – Family-sized, Stouffers’ product

John 3

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.^[a]"

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit^[b] gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You^[c] must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."^[d]

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven — the Son of Man.^[e] ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,^[f] ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."^[g]

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

The Old Rugged Cross

Text: George Bennard, 1873-1958

Music: George Bennard, 1873-1958

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

(Refrain)

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.

(Refrain)

4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.

(Refrain)

“April Food for Thought from the Food Pantry”

<u>Monthly Statistics:</u>	<u>February</u>
	(8 Days)
Families/Households Served:	75
Total Meals:	3,555
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 5 days	237x3x5
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	74
# Adults :(Ages 18 - 64)	141
# Seniors: (Ages 65+)	22
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Total Individuals:	237

What’s NEW in the Pantry?

Our pantry has once again been blessed. This time the blessing came to us in the form of a check in the amount of \$21,752.62 from the Brewerton Christian Church in late January. The donation was made possible through the sale of the building we fondly called “The Stone Church,” located in the center of town, opposite the Brewerton Pharmacy. The congregation were faithful supporters of our food pantry over the years; helping us with Thanksgiving Food Baskets, monthly food donations and several volunteers. We were sorry to see the church close; but the impact they had in our community will live on in the work we continue to do in our pantry. We are thankful to have received such a generous donation and are committed to being good stewards of the funds. Our pantry is a mission that is supported by our congregation and our pantry partners at Divine Mercy and Calvary Baptist churches. Our partnership has enabled us to reach out to those in need and make a difference in the lives of many, week after week, month after month & year after year. It takes a village to make it all happen and we are blessed to have the love and support of so many. We are especially grateful that our church building is home to our pantry; providing an inviting place for our clients to visit. Each pantry day, the Fellowship Room is converted into our Bread & Snack Room and on Thursday afternoons it resembles the farmer’s market as we sort produce from our Grocery Rescue shipment. Bottom line...our pantry would not exist without our building. In the spirit of appreciation for the congregation of BUMC’s “opening its hearts and its doors” to those in need, we stand ready to help support our building by allocating approximately 40% of the funds (\$9,000) to a special Pantry Fund earmarked for maintenance to be used to help support building repairs as identified by the Trustees. The remaining funds (\$12,000) will be invested and secured for future needs. We are committed to working

with our Trustees to help them maintain the safety and well being of the building that is home to our Pantry.

Through the generous support of our partner churches & community, our Food Pantry maintains a healthy fund balance that allows us to keep our shelves well-stocked. Our partnership with the Food Bank of CNY also allows us to purchase food items at a discounted rate; with much of it covered by HPNAP Food Grant. In addition to operational grants, our pantry has also benefited from several Capital Equipment grants over the years and has allowed us to purchase shelving units, utility carts and appliances. We are preparing our 2017/2018 Grant Application now and will be requesting Food Bank funds to purchase a new freezer, utility carts and a hand truck to replace equipment that has seen its better days! Thank you for allowing our pantry to grow over the years; to become what we are today. We look forward to our future together. And together we are making a difference in the lives of many.

Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator