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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



JANUARY 2016!

Auld Lang Syne

Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And old lang syne!

(Chorus)

For old lang syne, my dear,
For old lang syne.
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For old lang syne.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!



Friday, January 1st: NEWYEAR's DAY!
 Sunday, January 3rd:
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 Sunday, January 10th:
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 After Worship – United Methodist Women's "Day" meeting
 Tuesday, January 11th:
 7:15 pm – Capital Campaign Team Meeting
 Sunday, January 17th:
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Celebration Sunday Luncheon
 Sunday, January 24th:
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:00 am – Soup 4 Missions
 Wednesday, January 27th:
 12:00 pm – Happy Day's Senior Luncheon
 Sunday, January 31st:
 10:00 am – Worship Service

February Quick Peek:
 Saturday, Feb. 13th: Valentine's Dinner Dance

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 6:00pm, (with a little toning)
 Tuesdays 9:15 am – Gold class - @ Cicero UMC
 10:00 am – Zumba (some toning) @ Cicero UMC
 Wednesday 6:00 pm – Zumba toning @ BUMC
 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 February 2016 Newsletter deadline is, Wednesday, January 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

“Making a difference is as close as the hand. Just as each of us has a unique fingerprint, we also have unique talents that can leave a mark where it is needed.” (Simple Wisdom)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. On January 5th the class will be discussing Week 1, Day 5 (For God so loved the world...) from our study book EXPERIENCING THE WORDS OF JESUS by Max Lucado. On January 19 the class will discuss Week 2, Day 1 (My hour has not yet come). There is always a lively discussion, so do come and join us! (There are extra books. If the weather is bad I will call everyone to cancel!)

MISSION CIRCLE

The Mission Circle will not be meeting in January due to the weather!

EASTER MORNING CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet has been a busy place. Baby, Toddler, Youth, Men & Women's clothing have been flying off the shelves! Even the Linens and household items are low! All donations are gratefully accepted! Donations can be brought to Brewerton UMC OR at the Path of Life Mission Center. If you come to PoLM the clothing closet is open: Wednesday, 6 – 8 pm; Thursday, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm; Saturday, 10 am – 1 pm.

Come and check out our new look! The volunteers have been busy putting up shelving, rearranging where clothing is located and cleaning every nook and cranny.

COMMUNITY DINNER

The Community Dinner is on the last Thursday of each month at the Path of Life Mission Center, 4:30 – 6:00 pm. After a month (December) off, the cooks for the dinner decided to prepare a meal we have not done before! January's dinner is Ham, Potatoes, salad and Cake! The Easter Morning Clothing Closet is open during the meal. All are welcome to enjoy the meal and the fellowship!



Pastor's Ponderings.

On our recent get-a-way to Virginia we discovered a Book Warehouse. This is a dangerous place for a pastor and since there were two of us pastors there, we just had to spend a while (OK..... a long while) shopping! And the results of this shopping time was the refilling of my “to read” shelf here in my office. Ten new books now wait for me to just open their covers and start reading. In case you can't tell.... I am a happy man!

Now next to my “to read” shelf sits my Nook. This is an electronic reader and it's really a library of books... but without paper. And while I enjoy using it.... it's just not the same without paper between my fingers. You see, I like flipping pages, folding over the corners as a bookmark, and having the ability to write a note or two in the margins. And none of that can be done very easily on an electronic reading machine. I guess I might be a “book dinosaur” in this regard. There is just nothing like the comfortable feeling of having a paper book in your hands!

But I know that the future will require my eventual move to a paperless style of reading. And friends, that kind of scares me! I'm not sure I'm ready to make the change to a paperless world. And I kind of feel like no one really asked for my opinion or my permission before moving my society in this direction! Maybe that's like the challenge of facing another New Year! Without our permission or opinion being asked, the calendar moves to a new page and 2015 is over and 2016 is started.

I know (even without being confronted by it) that even more changes are in store for our society in 2016. On a national level we will be challenged with a Presidential election year, a continuing rise of tensions between religious groups and traditions and a world that sometimes seems to grow more confusing by the day!

But through all that confusion.... like my trusty shelf of paper books.... God will be there to offer clarity amongst the confusion, and support through the challenges. And knowing that, I can face the changing world (of electronic readers and everything else) with the knowledge that with God all things (even learning to live in an electronic society) is possible! Happy New Year!
See you in Church!

Pastor Jack Keating



A Message From
Your Editor

It's New Years time and I can't help but wonder what will it be like? I guess like so many years past, I'll find out as the year goes by. There is one thing that I have always felt about New Years and that is that it is a new beginning, a fresh start, a new chance.

In my most younger years, I couldn't wait until I was old enough to stay up past mid-night and see in the new year. That time came and I guess I celebrated as well as anyone. Though looking ahead was not great, I was more concerned with the "near" future. Things like mid-term exams and other school events. Just getting through that seemed enough of a challenge at the time.

The years went by and with each New Year's came the same little look ahead. Now days it seems that I look back more than look forward each new years. I think that's a good thing as I can see now some of the things that I didn't see at the time. Things like family and friends that were there during some hard times. And, I can remember the times when I helped others during their own hard time.

Yes, looking back can be a warm trip down memory lane and a surprising one as well. I can remember the holidays as a warm, active and festive time. And by remembering them, I can keep them forever in my life. There were sad times sure, but I choose to remember the happy times more. I want to remember the mornings that started so early, after all, I got to see the sunrise, and my dad before he went to work. And I want to remember the times I tended the animals, and helped with the chores. It really wasn't that bad and we always seemed to have our "fun" time. And there are many things that I learned back then, that I use today in my daily life.

So I raise a glass to toast the past, and smile as I remember it all. And may the future be bright and full of cheer, now and all the year. And make it a grand 2016.

Happy New Year to all!

Kathy Peckham



† **MINISTRY OF PRAYER**



PRAYER CHAIN

Please remember that there is a chain of people who will pray with you or for you through difficult times, illness, stress at home or on the job. To start the chain:

Pat Roundy	668-8053
Pastor Keating	935-7659

If you are interested in joining the newly re-vamped prayer chain or have questions, please call Tammy Allen at 506-3066.



PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Most loving father,
Today! A new beginning for me, a new day, a new year and your holy spirit to walk with me. Help me to be thankful for all things. Help me to be more like Jesus in all I do and say and think.
In Jesus name, I pray. Amen

Submitted by Pat Roundy



BOTTLES AND CANS



Time to clear out your bottles and cans by taking them to the Lucky 7 Bottle and Can Collection - next to Fulton Saving Bank in the Brewerton Center. Be sure to have them credited to the Brewerton United Methodist Church.

Thank you for supporting our shared ministry fund.

Ed Roundy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Doris Matteson	January 1st
Marion Lindsley	January 1st
Carol Whelan	January 2nd
Claire Cummings	January 3rd
Fred Willsey	January 3rd
Weston Scriba	January 4th
Marian Eaton	January 6th
Judith Meinking	January 7th
Hedwig (Hedi) Buerman	January 8th
Daina Jakubowski	January 9th
Sharyn Dwyer	January 11th
Richard Barling	January 12th
Tiffany Warring	January 12th
Chris Calhoun	January 13th
Susan Elioff	January 16th
Joanne Brigham	January 16th
Craig Allen	January 17th
Pat Polochy	January 19th
Ed VanBuren	January 19th
Malissa Whittaker	January 19th
Helen Breman	January 20th
Peg Leonard	January 21st
Lori Wood	January 23rd
Kathleen Moran	January 23rd
Allison Glowacki	January 23rd
Erin Wood	January 23rd
Ray Rood	January 28th

Birthstone: Garnet

Birth Flower: Carnation –or– Snowdrop

Zodiac: Capricorn = Dec. 22 – Jan. 20

Aquarius = Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

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

JANUARY LUNCHEON: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at noon.

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

MENU: Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables,
and Black Forest Cake.

PROGRAM: "Pound of" Auction with Judy Backus as the
auctioneer — This should be a lot of fun.
Simply bring a "pound of something" to
be auctioned. It can be placed in a bag, a
box, a jar, whatever you have, and then



Suggested donation: \$5.00.

decorated. The prettier it is, typically, the more
it will bring when it is put up for auction. The
something could be; spaghetti, beads, jelly
beans, walnuts, pennies, grapes, yarn, bird
seed, etc. Judy will explain the ground rules
and conduct the auction.

RESERVATION: Your reservation is due by Wednesday,
January 20th, 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 your:

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

NEXT LUNCHEON – February 24, 2016

If the Central Square School District is CLOSED, the
HAPPY DAYS SENIOR LUNCHEON will be canceled.



Women's News



The United Methodist Women will **meet after church on Sunday January 10th**. Plans will be made for our 2016 programs. We are trying daytime meetings for the winter months to improve our attendance.

Come and share any ideas that would be of interest to you and other women for possible topics for programs in 2016. A light luncheon will be served.

All ladies are welcome at our meetings.

SOUPER SUNDAY FOR MISSIONS

Sunday January 24th after church several kinds of homemade soups will be served with bread and crackers. Plenty of room for all to enjoy a bowl of delicious soup, try some flavor new to you or enjoy meeting someone new to you at lunch. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Hope to see you there.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that baked cookies, bought cookies, plated cookies or made donations.

Because we all worked together we cleared \$812.00 from the event and it was decided to put the amount toward our shared apportionments for 2015. Great Job everyone.

Elaine Bisbee & Judy Kelly

CELEBRATION SUNDAY – coming to a church near you!

Celebrate good times, come join! Don't miss our Sunday Worship service on January 17. It will be a very special morning celebrating our congregation's many successes of the past year. And, in keeping with true Methodist tradition we will deliciously highlight all those wonderful ministries and missions right after worship.

A sign-up sheet will be available for this pot-luck luncheon (otherwise known as bring-a-dish to share with food in it - hehe). We have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for and can rejoice in these ministries with food (of course!).

- *We are blessed with layers of faith – lasagna, seven layer salad
- *Raise the Roof (and we did!!!) – something with a crust – pot pie
 - *Zumba – Latin dish, chili, tacos – ministry with a kick
- *Food Pantry – casserole, salad – represents everyone coming together to help others
 - *Child Care – Mac & Cheese – comfort food
 - *Family Life & Ministries – bread – life giving
 - *Sunday School – dessert – reaching the sweetest
 - *UMW – Jell-O salad – holding us together
- *PoLM – wraps, hot dogs wrapped in crescent rolls – providing clothing for those in need
- *Helping Hands – vegetable dish – giving strength in times of need

We would love everyone to come out and revel in all we have accomplished. Start thinking of what dish you would like to share – perhaps you could team up with someone and combine your culinary expertise. CELEBRATE! COME JOIN! SUNDAY, JANUARY 17!!



EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR 12/15 - 6/16

Jan 3 Marilyn
 10 Marion
 17 Joe
 24 Claire
 31 Judy

Feb 7 Marilyn
 14 Marion
 21 Joe
 28 Claire

Mar 6 Judy
 13 Marion
 20 Marilyn
 27 Joe

April 3 Claire
 10 Marion
 17 Judy
 24 Marilyn

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. ?

This and That from Pastor Jack

1. A huge note of thanks to all of those who helped make our Advent and Christmas worship celebrations so wonderful. Thanks to Revival, the Choir, our Sunday School kids and teachers, Melissa, and Lois for the bulletins and church decorating work. The building looked great, and we enjoyed beautiful and meaningful worship opportunities each week as we moved through the season. Again... thanks to you all!
2. In January we'll be looking at the early chapters of Luke's Gospel account and our emphasis will be on new starts and new beginnings. Make sure you're here each and every week to be a part of this great learning opportunity.
3. Things are also hopping in Mattydale! The monthly community dinners, which are held on the last Thursday of every month, are held in the Path of Life Mission Center building. We hope to let the community know that the building is open and in use and that the Easter Morning Clothing Closet ministry, Salina Historical Group, and other vibrant ministries are occurring in Mattydale. Come and be a part of the fun. Just speak with Peg Leonard to get involved in our Mattydale campus ministry.
4. A very special worship event will be held on Sunday, January 17th when we'll be welcoming some guests and celebrating the unbelievable amount of ministry we do each week as a congregation. We hope you'll be here..... because you just might not believe all the activities and ministries of our congregation!
5. On Sunday January 24th we'll join with other local congregations in celebrating Ecumenical Ministry Sunday. During this service we'll have a chance to join with other churches in our community in supporting and praying for the work of the CanTeen Center and other teen ministries in our town. This Sunday marks the beginning of our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a day celebrated throughout our United Methodist Church connection.
6. Thanks to all who work so hard to make this such a great and dynamic church that does ministry in our community and throughout the world. Lives are being changed because we are here and that is GOOD and God-inspired!
7. We have an ever-growing list of folks who are ready to move into church membership and you should look for a new members Sunday event in January. We love welcoming new disciples to this family of God!

“January Food For Thought from the Food Pantry”

Monthly Statistics:	November (7 Days)
Families/Households Served:	79
Total Meals:	3,885
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 5 days	259x3x5
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	97
# Adults :(Ages 18 – 64)	147
# Seniors: (Ages 65+)	15
Total Individuals:	259

Pantry Christmas Blessings Continue to Pour In...

The Brewerton Elementary school students, teachers and staff completed their month-long Food Drive to benefit our local food pantry. Throughout November and up to mid-December, students are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to school. Our Pantry received a total of THREE truckloads of items from early November to Mid December – a record 2,585 items to be exact! The pantry shelves are filled beyond capacity; which is wonderful thing moving into the new year.

Throughout December the pantry door was a revolving one... receiving an amazing number of donations, of both monetary and nonperishable items, while serving a multitude of clients. You will see what I mean...here’s the list of this month’s donors: Brewerton Elementary School food drive, Cicero UMC donation of 8 boxes of holiday food items, the Saddlecreek neighborhood food drive targeting personal care & household cleaning, Zumba4Missions monthly personal care & household item donation, Jaime from Zumba “AAFit” food drive, our own Brewerton Community Child Care program “Helping Hands” donations, South Bay Sportsman Club food donations. The Central Square Lioness Club donated \$4,100 from the proceeds of the Applefest to our food pantry as well as the Central Square and North Shore pantries. Wee Care Pediatrics on Route 31 in Cicero invited me to speak at their holiday party and presented the pantry with two boxes of food, cookies, candies and a \$500 check. Our own United Methodist Women donated \$200 to our food pantry as part of their mission work. We received a \$500 donation from the Fogus family, a \$200 donation from the Thebert family of the Calvary Baptist church, and \$100 from the Lindberg family. We also received donations of holiday hams from church families and friends of the pantry.

Due to the outpouring of donations throughout the month, our pantry was able to provide 35 families in need with a complete Christmas dinner including a turkey, ham, chicken or pork tenderloin and all the trimmings. Several of the baskets included a homemade pumpkin pie prepared by Pastor Jack and his team of bakers! Three of the families (those with young children,) also received gifts thanks to our very own special “Secret Santa – a.k.a. Don Harwood” and

the help of the Divine Mercy “Caring & Sharing” program. We also received donations of adult socks, gloves, and hats that were included in the holiday baskets as were an assortment of candies and cookies. TOGETHER we were able to make the Christmas holiday a little brighter for many people, young and old.

Divine Mercy “Caring & Sharing” Program at BUMC!

With the closing of the Divine Mercy Brewerton Campus on November 1st, the parishioners no longer had a distribution site for the 85 Caring & Sharing Christmas food and gift baskets for local families in need. On December 19th & 20th, our Fellowship Room & the large Child Care Room were transformed into a Holiday Gift & Food Distribution center. Food Baskets and Large Gift bags filled with personalized gifts for each child on the list began arriving on Saturday morning into Sunday afternoon with each carefully tagged and organized for the amazing give-away that would take place from 2:00 to 5:00 that afternoon. What a great sight it was to witness! It was great to be able to open our doors for our pantry partners and friends at the former St. Agnes/Divine Mercy for their annual project to help our neighbors in need. In addition to food and gifts, each child received a pair of hand knitted mittens donated by the Friends of the NOPL in Brewerton, and displayed on their Mitten Tree.

January Food Sense

The January Food Sense Menu has been posted on the Pantry Bulletin Board in the hallway. The deadline for order/payment is Friday, January 8th by NOON, please. Orders will be available for pickup at the pantry on Friday, January 22nd between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Anyone can participate in this program which is designed to help stretch your food dollars. The monthly food package is valued at over \$30 and is available to anyone for only \$15.50. Monthly specials are also available for a reduced price. There are no eligibility requirements. The program is open to anyone. Cash or EBT (SNAP) accepted as payment. See Deb Lombard or call the pantry at 676-5528 for more information or to place an order.

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry mission. TOGETHER we ARE DEFINITELY making a DIFFERENCE in the LIVES of MANY!!! We look forward to continuing a food pantry mission into 2016 and are committed to reaching out to those in need; to provide them with nutritious food, but more importantly showing them that as God’s children, they are loved. It is through the love of this church and our community that we are able to show that love and caring to our neighbors in need. Here’s wishing you all a 2016 that is filled with love, happiness and good health.

God Bless you all.

Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

It is a New Year, time to try new Things!!!!

Just sending everyone a friendly reminder that you have an opportunity right here at church to be part of a fun group that helps our community.

Zumba 4 Missions- An exercise class with a purpose.

There is a group for everyone, any fitness level, from in a wheelchair to high energy, we have a way for you to keep moving, keeping you healthier and helping others by the proceeds going into the mission fund, to be used as needed for people in crisis.

Classes Available:

Gold Chair- that's right everything is done from the safety of a chair and at your own pace.

Tuesdays at 9am at Cicero UMC (no classes Jan 26, Feb 2,9)

Thursdays at 9am at Brewerton UMC

This is a silver sneakers flex class and if you have that benefit on your insurance be sure to tell me.

Zumba Basic- A great class for any fitness level, this is a standing class

Mondays Brewerton 6pm, with some Toning intermixed, (additional strength class for no additional donation if you want to stay at 7pm)

Tuesdays 10am at Cicero UMC- this is a little lower impact class, due to it being on carpet, still a great workout.

Zumba Toning- Same Zumba fun with a little more resistance training and a little less impact

Wednesday at 6pm Brewerton, (additional short abdominal/chest class 7pm)

Donation in \$5 class, but as always the first class is free, come give one of the classes a try, let's have fun while we keep moving this winter. You are always welcome to come and watch to see what it is about if that helps.

Info Tammy Allen 506-3066

Prayer Chain 2016

First of all Thank you to Pat Roundy and Darlene Garner for keeping the chain going so long, what a great ministry you have provided.

As time has moved on, technology has offered new options and new people have added on to the prayer chain, so we have a new revised Prayer Chain as of 2016.

If you have a prayer concern and would like a group of Prayer warriors to get right on it, start the prayer chain. We will, in a short amount of time have at least 15 people praying. You can start the prayer chain by letting The Church office 688-3999, Pastor Jack , Tammy Allen 506-3066 or anyone on the list know of a concern and we will get it moving. Below are the Prayer Warriors that have offered to be part of the chain at this time, if you would like to be added to any of the lists let me know.

Phone call List

Text List

Email List

(not a chain- a notification)

Dot Church

Melissa Barnard

Elaine Bisbee

Cathy Voorhees

Sandy Glowacki

Lynne Knapp

Marion Lindsley

Pat Roundy

Tammy Allen

Lorraine Ward

Peg Leonard

Beth Magill

Lois Groginski

Jean Whittaker

Jack Keating

Claire Richardson

James 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick and the Lord will raise him up.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

There is power in numbers, and God is good all the time, so give him your concerns

Your sister in Christ

Tammy