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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



FEBRUARY 2016



Away in a meadow all covered with snow
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow
The clouds in the sky determine our fate
If winter will leave us all early or late.

- Don Halley





Tuesday, February 2nd; Groundhog Day

Sunday, February 7th;

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:45 am – United Methodist Women’s meeting

Sunday, February 14th; Valentine’s Day

10:00 am – Worship Service

Wednesday, February 17th;

1:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Bloodmobile

Sunday, February 21st;

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:30 am – Soup for Missions

Wednesday, February 24th;

12:00 pm – Happy Day’s Senior Luncheon

Saturday, February 27th;

9:00 am – Twilight Stitchers Saturday Sew

Sunday, February 28th;

10:00 am – Worship Service

Look for MUCH more happening in March!!!

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 March 2016 Newsletter deadline is, Saturday, February 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

“Hope brings springtime to the weary heart, drawing the eye beyond the frosted window of doubt to see promises of new opportunities unfurling like a bud in the snow.” (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 **February 2nd** the class will be discussing Week 2, Day 1 (My hour has not yet come) from our study book EXPERIENCING THE WORDS OF JESUS by Max Lucado. On **February 16** the class will discuss Week 2, Day 2 (Give them something to eat). 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 February due to the weather!

EASTER MORNING CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet has been a busy place. The end of December the volunteers assembled new shelving, cleaned and renovated the area. Everyone visiting the Clothing Closet have enjoyed the new look! Baby, Toddler, Youth, Men & Women's clothing continue to 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!

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. The Easter Morning Clothing Closet is open during the meal. Thanks to the partnership of PoLM/Brewerton UMC & Cicero UMC we continue to feed and chat with anyone who comes. The meal is also supported by the free will donations made by the attendees. The February meal is still a mystery! STAY TUNED! .All are welcome to enjoy the meal and the fellowship!



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

FEBRUARY 2016

Changing our Thinking

The good news is that it's not a lack of resources on God's part or God's unwillingness to show you *His* incredible favor that prevents us from prospering. All too often the problem lies within us. We may have assumed we're reached our limits in life, that we will never be more successful or do something meaningful or enjoy the good things in life that we've seen others enjoy.

And it is sad to say that's exactly right... unless we are willing to change our thinking and start believing for something bigger. When Jesus wanted to remind his followers to enlarge their visions, He reminded them, "You can't put new wine into old wineskins." He was saying that we cannot have larger lives with restricted attitudes. Will we stretch our faith and vision and get rid of the old negative mind-sets that can hold us back?

We don't have to be bound by the barriers of the past. We can start making room in our thinking for what God has in store for us next. But we must conceive it in our hearts and minds before we will receive it. The key, friends, is to believe, to let the seeds God is placing in our hearts take root so that they can grow. We should expect God's favor to help us break out of our ruts and rise to even higher heights. We should expect to excel in whatever we do.

Remember: With God, all things are possible.

(reprinted from J. Osteen's Scriptures and Meditations
for Your Best Life Now)

As I think about another New Year beginning, I am dedicated to not letting ME get in the way of GOD and what GOD wants in my life and in our lives together as God's great church here in Brewerton and Mattydale. Whatever might have ever happened in the past is on the past.... And the future looks increasingly bright and promising as long as I stay focused on following God each and every day. Will you join me in my New Year's resolution????

I can't wait to see you in Church!

Pastor Jack Keating



A Message From
Your Editor

A couple of days ago I was talking with my dad about some of the old timers that used to live in town. Our conversation had begun with dad asking me if I remembered a certain person and that person was now in a nursing home and not doing well. Well, I do remember that person, a gentleman just a few years older than I. And, I remember his father even better. His dad used to live across the road from the town highway shop where I worked years ago. Now his name was Roy, a large man who retired from the county highway dept. Old Roy knew my grandfather quite well it turns out. Though 8 or 10 yrs younger than my grandfather, he would sometimes go horse trading with grandpa.

After listening to these stories and others of that older generation and revisiting those stories with my dad I find that I still am learning more of my family and the folks of my home town. And ironically I sometimes find myself in some of those old stories.

Yes I was there, back in the days before cable tv, satellite tv, 800 channels, and home computers. And no we didn't sit around and be bored all winter. Surprisingly, even with daily chores to do, we had a fair amount of time for fun things outside. Things like building a snow fort, or sledding down the hill. A couple of things we did (as middle teenagers) was go for a hike through the woods, ice skating on the old pond, and a couple of times we even made a campfire and cooked hotdogs to eat with chips and hot chocolate from a thermos.

The old folks (those over 30 yrs) seemed to have fun too. They would go to the movies sometimes. Dances at the local Legion hall, or occasionally have a card game party. And for some years, board games were quite popular. Many evenings were spent as a family, moving some game piece around a board with the roll of the dice or the draw of a card.

So what did I learn from all this? For many generations, that mid winter time between major holidays wasn't a time of hibernation or dull stagnation by any means. It was a time for family, friends, and neighbors, to take a pause and do something for a little winter fun together.

Keep warm and have fun.

Kathy Peckham



MINISTRY OF PRAYER



PRAYER CHAIN

When you need God's care and help, please let our new prayer chain join you- we'll pray for your or with you.

Simply call Tammy Allen 506-3066
or Pastor Jack 935-7659

Never doubt the power of prayer.
God loves you



DAILY PRAYER

Dear Heavenly father,
By your grace we are given so much. Help us to remember, to be thankful and willing to share what we have with those not so fortunate. In Jesus name, I pray.
Amen



BOTTLES AND CANS



Clear out your stash of bottles and cans the easy way! Drop them in the Red bin located in the church closet opposite the back entry door. Ed Roundy will return them for a refund OR you can take them back and bring your refund back in an envelope marked for Ed and he will take care of your donation.

Thanks for supporting our Shared Ministry Account.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Norm Bullet	February 1st
Becky Aiken	February 2nd
Walt Albrecht	February 2nd
Virginia Bollenbacher	February 2nd
Abby Lombard	February 2nd
Dennis Goettel	February 4th
Lois Groginski	February 5th
Susan Will	February 6th
Tom McChesney	February 11th
Brian Mooney	February 11th
Lillian Castle	February 13th
Sarah Childress	February 13th
Brenda Grosso	February 14th
Amy Magill	February 15th
David Szkolnik	February 22nd
Phillip Richardson	February 24th
Sarah Utano	February 25th
Alice Hedrick	February 25th
Fran VanBuren	February 27th
Carole Mooney	February 28th

Birth Stone - Amethyst

Birth Flower - Violet -or- Primrose

Zodiac: Aquarius = Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Pisces = Feb. 19 - March 20

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

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON: Wednesday, February 24th, 2016 at noon.

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

MENU: Lasagna from Rosie's, Salad, Italian Bread,
and Angel Food Cake with Lemon
Pudding.

PROGRAM: Terri Readorn and Annmarie Bourdon
will demonstrate the fun exercise
techniques they use to engage
persons of all ages and abilities in
their Zomba Gold classes.



www.theoaksssc.com

Suggested donation: \$5.00.

Zumba Gold classes use low
impact, easy-to-follow activities that
focus on; cardiovascular, coordination,
muscular conditioning, balance, and
range of motion.

The exercises are performed while
listening to Latin style music, familiar
to anyone who has done Zumba.

RESERVATION: Your reservation is due by Wednesday,
February 17th, 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 - March 23, 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 Sunday, February 7th
11:45 am, till 1:00 pm, at the church, after services.

Seventeen ladies came to our first Sunday daytime meeting. Hopefully this will be a better time to meet considering the winter weather. All ladies are encouraged to come, share devotions and information from the Response and World Outlook (UMW Magazines) - to find out what the United Methodist women in other parts of the world are doing to share God's love and care. Become informed on many topics of interest.

SOUPER SUNDAY FOR MISSIONS

February 21st - After church
Weather report: Cold and snow
What's Happening: Homemade soups:
Hot with crackers and bread



Please stay after church for a delicious soup of your choice, taste samples or take outs available.

Free will offering supporting UMW missions.
Everyone welcome! See you there!
Prepared by Pat Roundy

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February Food Sense From the Food Pantry.

The February Food Sense Menu has been posted on the Pantry Bulletin Board in the hallway. The deadline for order/payment is Friday, February 12th by NOON, please. Orders will be available for pickup at the pantry on Friday, February 26th between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. 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.

This and That from Pastor Jack

- 1. Want to get involved in ministry in Mattydale?** Come on down and check out Easter Morning, the clothing closet ministry and our community dinners on the last Thursday night of every month. Talk to Peg Leonard or Pastor Jack to get involved in this exciting ministry!
- 2. Lent starts** with our Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00pm. We'll gather that evening for the Imposition of Ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We also begin our Lenten worship series *Living Lent as People of the Resurrection*. This series has us looking, each week, at a different portion of the Passion narrative through the lens of the empty tomb. Weekly themes move us ever closer to the Cross and the empty Tomb of Easter.
- 3. A new Lenten Study will be offered ...** each Monday morning from 10:00am. - 12:00 noon starting on Monday, February 8th. The study series takes a closer look at each week's worship theme. The study concludes on Monday, March 14th and will be led by Peg Leonard. Participant books are ONLY \$5.00 and can be ordered on the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Please sign up ASAP so the proper amount of materials can be ordered. Thanks!
- 4. Our friends at the Cicero UMC...** have invited us to consider joining them for the 2016 edition of Dave Ramsey's FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY. This nine week program, offered each Sunday night at 7:00pm, is designed to help us learn God's way of handling money to get control of our money and move toward becoming debt free. Classes begin on Sunday, March 6th and run through Sunday night May 15th. Sign up and order your class materials on-line at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classfiner/>.
- 5. A big thanks to all...** who were a part of our wonderful Christmas gift! Becky and I are so very thankful for each of you and the gifts you bring each week to support the ministry we do together. Thanks again!
- 6. What a Ministry Celebration!** We had a great day on January 17th as we celebrated all of the ministries our church is involved in here in Brewerton and Mattydale. What a joy it was to see them all in pictures and words. Thanks for all the wonderful things we did in 2015 and the even more wonderful things God has planned for us in 2016.

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

LENT 2016

During Lent this year we will be following the theme of *Living Lent As People of the Resurrection.*

Each week we'll look at another part of the Passion story of Christ. We'll see how the narrative takes on even more meaning for us when we look at the story through the lens of the empty tomb. We'll see how we are always alive in Christ, who died and was raised. We'll also offer a Lenten study group that will look even more closely at our worship theme each week. This study group will meet each Monday morning from 10:00am – 12:00noon beginning on February 8th and continuing through March 14th. Here is a look at the schedule for our worship and study:

Ash Wednesday, February 10th – **PONDER** – Luke 5: 27-32 Lent is a time to ponder our relationship with God and with one another, to discover the love of God seen in the cross and the empty tomb.

Week 1, February 14th – **PURPOSE** – Luke 19: 1-10 This season is a time to find God's purpose for our lives, fulfilled in our redemption by Jesus, who seeks and saves the lost and gives us new life.

Week 2, February 21st – **PEOPLE** – John 10: 14-18 We are called to be among people in this world. People matter to God; he sent Jesus to save them. People should also matter to us, we are sent to love them.

Week 3, February 28th – **PROCLAIM** – 1 Peter 2: 9-10 To proclaim the story of Christ is to paint a picture of the God who seeks and embraces us. Our proclamation of the Savior brings faith to life.

Week 4, March 6th – **PRAISE** – Psalm 34: 1-10 Even in the midst of sorrow, we are called to celebrate the love of God and the joy that can be found only in Christ crucified, who reigns in glory now.

Week 5, March 13th – **PAIN** – Luke 15: 11-32 & 23: 26-49 The pain of rejection and the pain of a father when a son leaves are juxtaposed against the reckless love of God revealed in Jesus, who wipes every tear from our eyes.

Palm Sunday, March 20th – **PALMS** – Luke 19: 28-30 We who know the resurrection is on the horizon welcome the King of Glory, now humble riding on a donkey.

Maundy Thursday, March 24th – **PRAYER** – Luke 22: 14-23, 39-46 We watch as Jesus prays in anguish that this cup might pass from him, aware that God's plan for him is glorious.

Good Friday, March 25th – **PASSION** – Luke 23 We witness the passion and death of Christ on the cross, knowing that by his death we have everlasting life.

Easter Sunday, March 27th – **PARADISE** – Luke 24: 1-12 As Easter people, we rejoice in the end of the story: paradise is ours through the resurrection of Christ.

"February Food For Thought from the Food Pantry"

<u>Monthly Statistics:</u>	<u>December</u> <u>(8 Days)</u>
Families/Households Served:	80
Total Meals:	3,720
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 5 days	248x3x5
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	87
# Adults :(Ages 18 - 64)	146
# Seniors: (Ages 65+)	15
Total Individuals:	248

On Sunday, January 17th we celebrated the many missions and ministries go into making our church such a vibrant and caring center for worship and outreach. In that spirit, I thought it might be interesting to highlight a different aspect of our food pantry mission in this and upcoming newsletters, to better illustrate that in fact "It Takes a Village" to fulfill our mission to reach out to those in need and give food to the hungry and & drink to the thirsty. It really is amazing to see how all the pieces come together to make it all happen and more importantly how our church is at the center of it all! I hope you enjoy the series. Here's the first installment of...

*A Week in the Life of the Brewerton Community Food Pantry
The Bread of LIFE – Our Bread Mission!*

Monday

The week begins with an invitation to pick up "left over" BJS bread and baked goods from Anna's Pantry at Sacred Heart Church in Cicero. Anna's Pantry usually receives an abundance of items on Monday mornings from BJs in Clay as a recipient of their Feeding America – BJS Feeding Communities Program. After sharing the vast assortment of breads, cakes, pies, bagels, donuts, etc., with their clients during their Monday afternoon pantry hours, they often have an assortment of left over items that remain fresh, delicious and are perfect for distribution to OUR pantry clients on Tuesday mornings. We are so very thankful to have this partnership with a neighboring, local food pantry that allows us to provide our clients with a greater selection of items. As an added benefit, our pantry receives ALL the BJs baked goods on Monday Holidays, when the Sacred Heart Pantry is closed. Recently, on January 18th (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday,) I loaded my entire SUV full of

bakery items – pies, cakes, muffins, bagels, breads of all kinds, cupcakes and more! I was overwhelmed by the quantity and quality of items 3 huge shopping carts full!

Every Monday, between 10:15 and 10:30 p.m., a team of volunteers arrive in the darkness of night at the pantry with 4+ bins filled with breads, bagels, cookies, pastries, etc. donated by Panera Bread on Route 11 in Cicero. Panera’s donations to local hunger relief through their “Day-End Dough-Nation” program gives our pantry access to all unsold bread and baked goods every Monday night! What a blessing that is to be able to share “designer baked goods” with our clients each week! I’d like to recognize the teams that volunteer to perform this task on a rotating basis each month: Jerry & Kathy Martin, Betty & Tom Macera, Karin & John King, Leslie & Mike Cortese, Jennifer Pluta, Lennie & Tom Belge, Pam & Joe Delaney and Deb & Ron Lombard.

Tuesday

Each Tuesday, a team of volunteers arrive at the food pantry as early as 8:00 a.m. to sort, bag, wrap and display the multitude of baked goods for the clients to partake in when they arrive at the pantry. The volunteers, Jean & Lloyd Stahl and Barb Russo spend an hour or more, preparing the bread and goodies for distribution. The tables in the Fellowship room are lined with bins and boxes filled with a wide assortment of yummy treats and wholesome breads. They add their own special touches to arranging the inventory so that it resembles a bakery department! In addition, our clients have access to 20 to 30 boxes of wholesale bread through the Food Bank of CNY, that we receive twice a month when we place our food orders. Our bread room is open to pantry clients and others in the community every Tuesday and Thursday during pantry hours and it has become a welcome area for our pantry clients to visit and enjoy.

Thursday

Between 12:30 & 1:30 every Thursday afternoon, a truck carrying bread, dairy, frozen meats, and fresh produce as part of Grocery Rescue program, sponsored by the Food Bank of CNY, arrives in our parking lot. A team of volunteers and community service workers, are invited to take possession of any and all of the boxes stored in the refrigerated truck for distribution in our pantry. Our team of volunteers include: Terri Reardon, Amie (our coupon expert,) Dawn and her aide from Advocates, and Steve, a community service candidate. The bread and bakery items that are typically included in the Grocery Rescue shipment come from a variety of retailers: Wal-Mart, BJ’s, and Trader Joe’s and are FREE for the taking. Fresh produce, dairy and frozen meats are also available to us and will be featured in a future newsletter article.

At the close of pantry, between 6:30 & 7:00 p.m. every Thursday, Farmer Tom from his farm on Gunther Road, takes all the stale bread and bakery items to share with his pigs and other animals. So you see, nothing goes to waste! It’s the circle of LIFE!

Saturday

In addition, we receive donated bread and bakery items from Price Chopper on Route 31 in Clay every Saturday morning at 8:00. A team of volunteers (yes, another team...do you see a pattern here??) loads their SUV, truck or van with bins filled with bakery items and transports them to the food pantry for distribution. Lauren & Bob Lalley serve as the team leaders – training and scheduling each team for the task. The teams include: Jane, Jenna & Jerry McGrath, Maureen & Gerry Lowe, Michele & Joe Marlow as well as Lauren & Bob Lalley. The Price Chopper donations were first made available to our food pantry by the late Lester Collins through his contacts at the store. Lester’s son, Wayne Collins, helped us to maintain our relationship with Price Chopper after Lester’s passing. And, it remains intact today! We are forever grateful for the items that we receive each week to share with our clients.

Stay tuned...our next installment of *A Week in the Life of the Brewerton Community Food Pantry* where we will highlight the role the Food Bank of CNY plays in securing food for our pantry through the many programs they sponsor. Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry mission. **TOGETHER** we are making a **DIFFERENCE** in the **LIVES** of **MANY!!!**

Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

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EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE
February and March 2016

- Feb 7 Marilyn
- 14 Marion
- 21 Joe
- 28 Claire
- Mar 6 Judy
- 13 Marion
- 20 Marilyn
- 27 Joe

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. ?