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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



JANUARY 2017

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 !!!



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BUMC Office hours: Mondays: 3:00 pm – 7: pm –

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm -

Brewerton United Methodist Church Calendar

Sunday, January 1st: **NEW YEARS DAY!!!**
10:15 am – Worship Service

Monday, January 2nd:
4:30 pm – Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, January 4th: *NO ZUMBA*

Sunday, January 8th:
10:15 am – Worship Service

Monday, January 9th: *NO ZUMBA*

Sunday, January 15th:
10:15 am – Worship Service
11:15 am – UMW Soup For Missions

Sunday, January 22nd:
10:15 am – Worship Service

Wednesday, January 25th:
12:00 pm – Senior Luncheon

Sunday, January 29th:
10:15 am – Worship Service

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: 10:00am – 1:00am (Worship) Christian Ed &

Group meeting

Monday: 5:00pm – 7:30pm – Group Ministry

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

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 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Resistance Training: Mondays 7:00pm – 7:30pm

The February 2017 Newsletter deadline is, Friday, 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

“One candle, like a single word of praise, may not light a dark room, but it can kindle the candle next to it, and the next and the next until the room, like the heart, is bright.” [Simple Wisdom]

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday per month in the Fellowship Hall at 1 pm. **IN JANUARY THE MEETING DATES ARE DIFFERENT!** On JANUARY 10th the class will discuss Lesson 5, Day 3, “Serve one another”. Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, even the one who would be tray Him. Can we do that?

On JANUARY 24 the discussion will be Lesson 5, Day 4, “Don’t be afraid”. The women are going to the tomb to prepare the body of Jesus as is the Jewish tradition. They don’t know he has risen. Are there times when we do something out of duty but end up with an Ah Ha moment? Come join the class in discussing these perplexing questions.

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. **THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF WEATHER!**

EASTER MORNING CLOTHING CLOSET

The 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 still need Baby, Toddler & men’s items.

COMMUNITY DINNER

The Community Dinner is served on the last Thursday of the month at 4:30 – 6 pm. Welcome back to the Community Dinner. After taking December off the Cicero UMC, Brewerton UMC & PoLM helpers are looking forward to greeting and serving you a Great Spaghetti Dinner, Salad, Italian Bread & great Desserts!

Pastors Message

Earlier this month, as I have a few times in the past few years, I got up early and headed over to a labyrinth constructed out of stone and laid in the grass on the grounds; it was half-covered in snow and ice but the circular path still shone through. Walking a labyrinth is an ancient practice of meditation that simulates going on a pilgrimage. You walk slowly and deliberately, winding around, until you come to the center. The snowy labyrinth was a wonderful image of Advent for me.

A few days later, I walked another sort of labyrinth at our Church, as part of the cookie sale – those of you who have participated know this is a serious event! I and others there participated in some slow, meditative walking – as we go round and round, choosing our cookies and chatting! On a cold night, how wonderful to gather with friends and catch up and share goodies.

These two “labyrinths” perfectly capture the fourth week of Advent: the simplicity and sparseness of Advent begins to give way to Christmas celebration and festivity, but this week they are somehow still held together and I find myself reflecting on those experiences earlier in the month during this time.

In just a few days, we’ll gather on Christmas Eve to remember how, out of compassion for us, Christ took on our humanity. We’ll sing and light candles and ring bells and remind ourselves that Christ is always with us – in prayer and meditation, in fellowship and joy, in worship and wonder.

Wherever we are in our journey, Christ journeys with us. As we embark into 2017 together, it is my prayer that you always carry the knowledge and presence of Christ in your heart.

Warm Regards,
Rev. Justin M. Hood

*A Message From
Your Editor*

Another New Year has come. It's gotten so that I don't even stay up to watch the "ball drop" any more. It wasn't always that way. There was a time when I felt that it was one of the great events of the year. And yes I can remember going up to the Legion Hall for a big celebration with food drink and dancing. But I think the memories of the best times was gathering with my folks and a couple of aunts, uncles and cousins for a night of card playing, music and fun.

Those nights were special as we had several card tables set up, and we played to a winning point then we rotated to play against other "teams". The main kitchen table was set up with all kinds of sandwich meat, chips, dips, salads', cookies, with soda and "other" drinking things (yes that included coffee). As midnight approached, someone turned on the TV so we could watch the big ball drop in NYC's Times Square. Someone would get out party hats, streamers, and noise makers so we could do it all in style. We gathered around and counted down with the TV, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, *HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!* Off went the noise makers, hugs all around, and after a few moments, we were all singing Auld Lang Syne. Then, back to the card game. However, in short order, everyone went home for a couple of hours sleep before chores. I'm sure some may think that it all was a bit "corny", but that how it all went and I loved it.

New Years Day was a great day even in my oldest memories. Often we had a big baked ham with all the fixings for a feast. And as we made the meal, the New Years Day parades were on the TV. We usually sat down to eat around 1 pm give or take a 1/2 hour. After eating much more than we should have, we paused for a bit before desert. For years there were chores to do around 4 or 5 pm, but after that we settled down for the night and with luck, a good movie on the TV.

After New Years, things always looked better, a new year for things to be better. A new beginning, a fresh start. Out with the old and in with the new. Ironically as I get older, I find myself thinking "will the new really be better, after all the old doesn't look that bad'. Oh well, the new is ok, let's just remember the old. After all, it's what got us this far isn't it? Anyway, (3...2...1..) *HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!*

Kathy Peckham



MINISTRY OF PRAYER

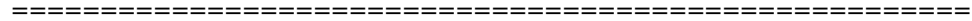


PRAYER CHAIN

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

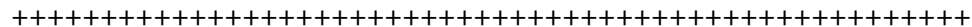
If you would like to help and take part in the prayer chain, contact either Pastor Hood or Tammy Allen at the above numbers.



DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We are beginning a new year of hope, prayer, and optimism that many things will be better than in the past. Like better financially, or better health. Sometimes we ask for ourselves, sometimes for others. We ask that you listen to our prayers with patience and understanding. Often the spirit is willing, but the body is weak and we ask for strength to uphold the willing spirit. Sometimes we rise up with good intentions, only to fall short. Forgive us when we fall short and stand with us when we succeed. And grant us wisdom that we may make good choices in our daily lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen



BOTTLES AND CANS



Put your collection of bottles and cans to good use by taking 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 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





Women's' News



EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR: 01/017 - 06/17

Jan 1 Marilyn	Feb 5 Marilyn
8 Marion	12 Marion
15 Joe	19 Joe
22 Claire	26 Claire
24 Judy	
Mar 5 Judy	Apr 2 Claire
12 Marion	9 Marion
19 Marilyn	16 Judy
26 Joe	23 Marilyn
	30 Joe
May 7 Joan	June 4 Marilyn
14 Marion	11 Marion
21 Claire	18 Joan
28 Judy	25 Joe

UMW will serve our first 2017 'Soup for Missions' Sunday, January 15th, during Fellowship after church. Your free will donation contributes to local, national and worldwide missions. Bring your bowl and spoon and enjoy a selection of warm and nourishing soup.

There is **no** regular scheduled UMW meeting for January. We would be pleased if any members are interested in programming, meet with Beth, Amy, Elaine and Connie on Sunday January 8th, after fellowship. We need your ideas and organization skills. No lunch planned for that meeting.

The next meeting will be **Sunday February 4th** after fellowship and will include a light lunch.

From The Child Care Board

The Preschool Class of our Child Care have been enthusiastic about church members visiting their class. Since starting this sharing program we have had stories, crafts, music and food. It is a joy to see what a special program we have with enthusiastic children, smart, sharing, wiggly and loving, and all with such a good time. We have mostly visited towards the end of the month, but any time could be arranged with Beth Chiasson our director. She has story and craft ideas which work well with their curriculum. If interested please contact Connie, Elaine or Beth.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS!

A bean supper will be held Saturday evening in the church basement, Music will follow...

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Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.



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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1 Corinthians 13:13 Context

¹⁰But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. ¹³**And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.**

THANK YOU
FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE.

Our Christmas cookie sale was a very successful event netting us \$799.00. Thank you for all your help. The cookie making day and the decorating day were fun events and helped our sale a lot. We need to do that again next year. Peanut butter balls also were a hit.

This is one of our easiest fund raisers. Please consider joining us next year. We are always looking for leaders to step up for leadership positions.

Elaine Bisbee

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Seniors -Stories To be Shared -
 Join a small group

Have you ever remembered some funny little stories from your past that made you laugh and you wish you could share it with someone. Have you ever wished you had asked your grandmother about her early life before she was gone? We all have little stories that our grandchildren or possibly our children (maybe not) would like to hear. Where did you live when you were 6 years old and how did you heat your house? What was your favorite pet when you were 10 if you had one. Just an idea on what you or I might write on. Find a journal book that you really like at Wal-Mart, Ollie's or any other store and join us. Bring a pen and your journal and join me at the Cicero Senior center on Wednesday, January 25th at 1:00 pm for our first meeting. Once a month...Feb 22, and March 22.

Any questions please call Elaine Bisbee@315-668-7385



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 25th, 2017

TIME: 12:00 noon

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

MENU: To Be Announced...

PROGRAM: To Be Announced...

Suggested Donation: \$6.00.

RESERVATION: Your reservation is due by Wednesday,
January 18th, one week prior to the
Luncheon.

Make your reservation by calling:
Shirley Jones 315-676-4973

Please, if unable to keep your reservation, call Shirley
To cancel as soon as possible.

Remember, to bring:

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



January Food Sense Menu

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

Important Dates:

Friday, January 13th - Orders & Payment Due by Noon, Please.

Friday, January 27th - 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, 1/13/17 between 11:00 & Noon

January: Monthly Package Price: \$20.50

Chicken Breasts, 2.5 lb., Italian Meatballs, 1lb., Tilapia Fillets, 1 lb.
Italian Sausage, 1 lb., Veal Patties, 12 oz., Mozzarella Cheese, 8 oz.
Cheese Ravioli, 13 oz., Diced Tomatoes, 14.5 oz., Fruit Salad, 15 oz.
Italian Green Beans, 10 oz., Fresh Produce - TBD
Fresh Produce - TBD

January Specials:

#1- Stuffed Pork Chops, 2 lbs. - Price: \$7.50 -

Stuffed with apples & cranberries

#2- Beef Patties: 2 lbs. - Boneless- Price: \$5.50 - Made from 80/20 beef

#3- Mozzarella Sticks: 2 lbs. - Price: \$5.50

Ready to cook in either oven or fryer

#4- Protein Combo Box: - Price: \$15.00

Contains: BBQ Pork Ribs, 1.5 lbs., Chicken Thighs, 3.5 lbs.,
Beef Sandwich Steaks, 10.5 oz., Tilapia Fillets, 1 lb.,
Ground Turkey, 1 lb.

#5- Sea Scallops, 2 lbs. -Medium Size, Raw Price: \$11.00

#6- Hot Pockets, 12/8 oz. Pepperoni pizza - Price: \$18.00

#7- Chicken Wings, 10 lbs. Boneless wings, fully cooked - Price: \$14.00

"January Food For Thought from the Food Pantry"

Monthly Statistics:	November
	(8 Days)
Families/Households Served:	84
Total Meals:	3,810
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 5 days	254x3x5
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	90
# Adults :(Ages 18 - 64)	142
# Seniors: (Ages 65+)	22
Total Individuals:	254

Pantry Christmas Blessings Continue to Pour In...

The Brewerton Elementary school students, teachers and staff completed their "30 Days of Giving" 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 **FIVE** truckloads of items from early November to Mid December – a **NEW record of 4,563 items** to be exact! This year the students really got into the spirit of paying it forward! They were given opportunities to win/earn money and rather than keeping it for themselves, they chose to purchase food items with it! They purchased hundreds of boxes of macaroni & cheese, muffin mix, Jell-o and other food items. The pantry shelves are filled beyond capacity; which is wonderful thing moving into the New Year. Several teachers and the current & former principal also got into the act; making monetary donations to the Food Pantry as their contribution. What an amazing experience it was to witness! The TRUE meaning of Christmas was in full bloom at the Elementary School and ALL around Brewerton, too!

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 as here's the list of this month's donors: Brewerton Elementary School food drive, the Saddlecreek neighborhood food drive (targeting small gifts for adult only families and seniors), Zumba-4-Missions monthly, personal care & household item donations, Jaime from Zumba AA Fit food drive, South Bay Sportsman Club food donations. Wee Care Pediatrics on Route 31 in Cicero presented the pantry with two boxes of food, cookies, candies and a \$500 check. Northland Associates of Liverpool conducted an office-wide food drive and donated 10 bags & 4 large boxes of food items to our pantry. 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, and a \$200 donation from the Zona family. We also received donations of hams & monetary donations from church families and friends of the pantry.

Due to the outpouring of donations throughout the month, our pantry was able to provide 46 families in need (up from 35 last year!) with a complete Christmas dinner including a ham, chicken or pork tenderloin and all the trimmings. A family of 6 (2 adults & 4 children) also received gifts thanks to the monetary support our very own special "Secret Santa – a.k.a. Don Harwood" and the help of several pantry volunteers who did the shopping. The family received a live Christmas tree and a truck load of wrapped & tagged gifts for each of the children ages 3, 8, 11 & 12. Over the summer, the children & their mom lost everything in a house fire. They could never have imagined how very special this Christmas would be!

Divine Mercy "Caring & Sharing" Program Brings Christmas to Life!

Our pantry partners at Divine Mercy in their newly constructed church on Route 11 in Central Square, brought Christmas Joy to 99 local families and their children this year. Members of their congregation, as well as other church groups & organizations, purchased individual gifts for each child in the family. On December 18th, families received their many wrapped gifts along with a box of holiday food items along with a turkey and all the trimmings. Yet another example of the true spirit of the season shining through, making the holiday special for families in need.

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 2017 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 ALL 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 2017 that is filled with love, happiness and good health.

God Bless you all.

Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator