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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



MARCH 2016!

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)





Wednesday, March 2nd:

6:30 pm – Special Administrative Council Meeting

Sunday, March 6th:

10:00 am – Worship Service

11:45 am – United Methodist Women’s meeting

Monday, March 7th:

10:00 am – 12:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study

Saturday, March 12th:

6:00 pm – Winter Escape Dinner + Dance

Sunday, March 13th: **Daylight Savings Begins**



10:00 am – Worship Service

11:30 am – Soup for Missions

Monday, March 14th:

10:00 am – Lenten Bible Study

7:00 pm – Capital Campaign Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 15th:

7:15 pm – Administrative Council Meeting

Thursday, March 17th: **St. Patrick’s Day**



Sunday, March 20th: **Palm Sunday**



SPRING BEGINS !

10:00 am - Worship Service

11:30 am – Bread For The World Bake Sale

Wednesday, March 23rd:

12:00 pm - Happy Day’s Senior Luncheon

Friday, March 25th: **GOOD FRIDAY**

Sunday, March 27th: **EASTER SUNDAY**

10:00 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

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 April 2016 Newsletter deadline is, Sunday, March 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

“An easy way to make a bad day better is to smile at everyone you meet. Everyone deserves to experience some unconditional love” [Simple Wisdom]

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. On March 1st the class will be discussing Day 3 of Lesson Two (He’s Astonishing – Come). Can we walk on water if Jesus asked us to “come”? On March 15th the class will discuss Day 4 of Lesson Two (He’s Astonishing – Taking Courage). There are times in a person’s life, even in the midst of them, you’ll know never be the same. Come join in the classes’ lively discussion. SEE YOU THERE

MISSION CIRCLE

The Mission Circle is a group of women who meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each month the Mission Circle has a program that encourages spiritual growth and fellowship. March is the first meeting of 2016 so it will be a Business meeting. Peg Leonard will be the hostess.

EASTER MORNING CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet offers clothing as well as a smile and unconditional love to all who visit us. This may seem strange but more people have come needing household items – towels, sheets, blankets, dishes, etc. As always we need baby, toddler & youth clothing. All items 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; Thursday, 10:30-12:30; Saturday, 10-1. The Clothing Closet will be open normal hours during Holy Week. Come and check us out!

COMMUNITY DINNER

The Community Dinner is on the last Thursday of each month at the Path of Life Mission Center, 4:30 – 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Easter Morning Clothing Closet is open during the meal. Thanks to the partnership of Brewerton UMC/PoLM & Cicero UMC we continue to feed and chat with anyone who comes. The meal is supported by the free will donations made by the attendees. The March meal is a variety of soups and grilled cheese sandwiches. All are welcome to enjoy the meal and the fellowship!



Just where is this relationship going, anyway?

---GOD

Have you ever watched a potter begin to shape a vessel? The potter begins by carefully wetting their hands, selecting the clay, and placing it on the wheel. As she or he begins to turn the wheel, the lumps in the clay are revealed. Spinning the wheel faster, the potter smooths out the lumps and the clay begins to take on an unruffled appearance. But this is just the first step.

The potter then shapes the mass of clay so that it is perfectly aligned with the very center of the wheel. And this requires both strength and a loving, dedicated touch. This “centering” is the most important step in the entire preparation process because it gives the piece strength and integrity.

And friends’, walking in relationship with God is a lot like the potter and the clay. When God first enters our lives, we are a lot like that piece of clay with many bumps. As we learn to more fully trust God and let God mold our lives, we too can become perfectly aligned with God’s true purpose for our lives. Soon we are transformed into beautiful, strong vessels.

God wants to make each of us a beautiful vessel from the clay that is your life. Don’t neglect your relationship with Him. Open your heart and allow God to mold and shape you until you are all God created you to be. Now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. (1 John 2:28)

[from the God Speaks Devotional]

Now I can’t speak for all of us but I have spent some of my most scary days sitting there on the potter’s wheel. The anticipation of the molding that is to come leads me to become anxious and I begin dreading the encounter that lies ahead. I’m so happy with the way I already am.... that I am often not willing to let God be the Potter!

How about you? Are you right now dreading the molding that is to come? Are you holding your breath because you know those strong and yet loving hands of God are ready to begin working on the “lumps of clay” in your life?

Well the good news is that God only makes beautiful vessels! Each of us, when we allow the Potter to have the access needed, can become the most beautiful work God has ever done. We are promised that what we will become is not yet fully known. And when we see ourselves as a tired, old lump of clay..... God already sees the beautiful thing waiting to be created.

Come to worship this week... for this is the place that is closest to the perfectly aligned center of our wheels. We can’t wait to be together in worship!

Pastor Jack Keating



*A Message From
Your Editor*

March is that crazy month of spring when the weather is warm and sunny one day and a raging snowy blizzard the next. When I was in high school, there were many days when I went to school wondering why mom made me wear my heavy coat. Yet by the end of school, I was glad that I did wear that heavy coat. About the only thing you could say for sure about March was that it was time to tap the trees to make maple syrup.

I remember that in the early years we made 3 or 4 gallons of syrup but by the high school years we made only a gallon or so a year. I know that it doesn't sound like much syrup, but when you remember that it takes many gallons of maple sap to make one quart of syrup you realize that it is quite a bit. Then I remember how twice sometimes three times each day we would collect the buckets of sap from the trees, store it in milk cans, and keep adding it to pans boiling over the wood fire in the old sugaring shed. It was a big job keeping the fire going and adding sap to the pans.

Most of the folks that made syrup had large "pans" with large "chambers" where sap was added at one end and the finished syrup was drained out the other. We did it a different (if not harder) way. We only had one large pan that we kept adding sap to until it started to be the color and consistency that we wanted. Then we emptied it into quart jars and started over.

A couple of times mom took some of the syrup and boiled it down more into a candy that was super sweet and good. Mom was the final judge of the batches. She would make sure each was boiled down enough, strained well, and that the jars were tightly closed. Then they were stored in the basement until we wanted them.

It was a lot of work for a little bit of sweet syrup but, when you poured it onto your pancakes the taste made it worth the effort. It was all that work that back then I would both look forward to and dread at the same time. Maybe because it was a sign of spring is why I looked forward to doing it. And maybe because it added to my daily chores is why I dreaded it. I doesn't matter now because I remember doing it that it really wasn't that bad and that the resulting syrup was the little sweet topping that made the meal and a small part of my life.

Kathy Peckham



MINISTRY OF PRAYER



PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer chain members are available to pray with you or pray for you during difficult times of stress of illness, relationships, finances and feeling down.

To start the chain: simply call :

Tammy Allen 506-3066
or Pastor Jack 935-7659

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



PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Today Lord, I ask for your direction in all that I do. Let me know that my choices come from you and whatever I do and say will honor you.

In Jesus name. Amen.



BOTTLES AND CANS



Please take your bottles and cans to the "Lucky Seven" Redemption Center next to the Fulton Savings Bank on Bartell Road. Please get your refund, take to Ed Roundy who will deposit it in the shared ministry fund (apportionments) of Brewerton United Methodist Church.

Thanks for supporting out Shared Ministry Account.



EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR 3/16 to 6/16

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. ?



John 3:16-18

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 he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

March Birthdays

Bill Armani	March 1st
Kevin Bellinger	March 3rd
Tom Davis	March 3rd
Kolan Bisbee	March 6th
Richard Roberts	March 10th
Wayne Collins	March 11th
Jack Keach	March 12th
Jackie LaFlair	March 12th
Beverly O'Connell	March 13th
Alicia Wood	March 13th
Darlene Garner	March 14th
Dorothy Church	March 15th
Mitchell Lobdell	March 17th
Patricia Roundy	March 17th
Wendy Lewke	March 17th
Julia Calhoun	March 20th
Janae Whittaker	March 21st
Matthew Dwyer	March 23rd
Aliyah Pitre	March 25th
Arlena Williams	March 25th
Louise Howe	March 25th
Marion Pomeroy	March 27th
Connie Chantry	March 29th

Birth Stone: Aquamarine

Birth Flower: Jonquil (Daffodil)

Zodiac: Pisces = Feb. 19 - March 20

Aries = March 21 - April 19



WOMENS' NEWS



The United Methodist Women invite all ladies of the church to attend our meeting on **Sunday, March 6th** after church service.

PROGRAM : "JOY OF HUNGER PANGS"

Presented by Elaine Bisbee

Come share prayer, worship, fellowship and learn what is going on in the women's groups in our church.

Check out the umbrella pictures on our bulletin board....We are in support of the United Methodist Women program "Stop human trafficking in our neighborhoods, our country and the world"

SOUP FOR MISSIONS

March 13th after church

Plan to stay and enjoy delicious, homemade soups Can't Stay?? Takeouts are available. Enjoy lunch with friends and make new ones around the table. Presented by the United Methodist Women.

PALM SUNDAY - BREAD FOR THE WORLD

MARCH 20TH after church

Please stop to buy some treats and through this mission support those who do not have bread to eat. Thank you.

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Bulletin Blooper/Church Funny

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



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

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

March LUNCHEON: Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016 at noon.

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

MENU: Macaroni & Cheese, Italian Bread, Peas,
and Brownies with Ice Cream.

PROGRAM: The McCarthy family has been entertaining since 2005. They have performed at the New York State Fair, festivals, county fairs, town concerts, and many others functions.



Suggested donation: \$5.00.

Deirdre and Jim McCarthy will entertain us with a delightful mix of traditional Irish music, singing, step-dancing, and many other entertaining elements of Ireland.

Deirdre plays the concertina, tin whistle, and percussion, Jim plays the guitar and both will be singing and dancing. Their selection of Irish music will put a little more pep in your step and more joy in your heart.

RESERVATION: Your reservation is due by Wednesday, March 16th, 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 - April 27, 2016

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

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 continues with** 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. **Holy Week Worship Plans...**
 - a. **Palm Sunday, March 20th** our 10:00am worship service includes another Celebration event of our ministry.
 - b. **Maundy (Holy) Thursday, March 24th** we worship at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary and we will celebrate Holy Communion together around the table!
 - c. **Good Friday, March 25th** our Sanctuary will be open from 12:00noon until 3:00pm for personal and private times of meditation. A guided meditation will be offered every 15 minutes throughout the afternoon.
 - d. **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27th** we worship at 10:00am and we will celebrate the Resurrection with our Choir, Revival, and lots of music and rejoicing!
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. **Private times of prayer** are available each week, at the conclusion of our worship service, in the front of the Sanctuary. Come forward, as you need, for a time of prayer with one of our prayer partners.

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

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Greetings! I'd like to thank you for the honor of serving as your Administrative Council Chair for 2016. This is the first of what I hope will be regular updates from our group, which is comprised of the church leadership, and charged with ensuring the success of our church's administrative functions. So you know who to contact about what, below is a list of the members of the 2016 Administrative Council and their area(s) of responsibility:

Ron Lombard - Chairperson
Connie Chantry - Vice-Chair
Lois Groginski - Secretary
Tammy Allen - Treasurer and Lay Leader
Mona Burns - Financial Secretary
Becca Wallon - Lay Member to Annual Conference
Deb Lombard - Food Pantry Coordinator
Beth Chiasson - Child Care Center Director
Elaine Bisbee and Chelsea Allen - Child Care Board Co-Chairs
Craig Allen - Trustees Chair
Rachel Windover - SPRC Chair
Beth Magill - U.M.W. President
TBA - Finance Committee Chair
TBA - Mission & Ministry Committee Chair
Pastor Jack Keating

Those listed above represent YOU, and you should feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns about how the church is operating. All members of the congregation are also invited, if not encouraged, to attend Administrative Council meetings, which are listed on the Church Calendar and in the newsletter and weekly bulletins. More news to come!

The Old Gas Stove

When I was volunteering for a Christian organization a few years ago, they had a Chicken Bar-B-Que dinner, but there wasn't a good turnout, so they had a lot of chicken left over which was carefully frozen. Later, they decided to have a chicken and biscuit dinner. They found a better location – the Brewerton United Methodist Church.

It looked like it was going to be a great dinner but 30 minutes before the dinner was supposed to start, the lights went out in the whole community. Never the less, they made up their minds that they were going to do it anyway.

Finding an old gas stove in the kitchen, no need for electricity, they pressed on. Someone went out and brought back a generator, a large lamp, candles, and flashlights. They used the large lamp and the flashlights in the kitchen and put candles in the dining room on the tables and on some tables setup outside. The whole area had a warm inviting look from the glow of the candles.

A woman and her children made signs and went out to the main road where traffic moved slowly due to the traffic lights not working. She told the people that it would be hard to make supper without electricity and she mentioned that we had take-outs. Someone had even called a local radio station about us still serving. We ended up having a great turn out. The dinner helped the community, while being profitable for the organization.

We still use the Old Gas Stove for apple pies for the Apple Festival and many more events throughout the year.

A little thing the shows how with God All Things ARE possible.

Contributed by
Marilyn Schaap



March Food Sense – Early Deadline!

The March Food Sense Menu has been posted on the Pantry Bulletin Board in the hallway. The deadline for order/payment is Friday, March 4th by NOON, please. Orders will be available for pickup at the pantry on Friday, March 18th 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.

Easter “Adopt a Family” Food Basket Items-2016

Brewerton Community Food Pantry

Cranberry Sauce/Relish	Canned Fruit	
Whole Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes	Jello (pkg)	
Stuffing Mix	Quick Bread Mix	
Turkey or Chicken Gravy	Canned Vegetables	
Yams/Sweet Potatoes/Squash	Juice	
Pie Crust Mix	Evaporated Milk	Pumpkin Pie Mix
OR other dessert item – box mix or prepared – pie, cake, brownies, etc.		
Ham/Turkey: (optional) _____#		

Please place any or all of the above items in a grocery bag and drop it off BEFORE Wednesday, March 16th. Bags will be available in the narthex. We will be assembling the baskets on Thursday, March 17th & Monday, March 21st. If you'd like to donate a ham or turkey, please indicate the weight (#) on this slip. Refrigerator & freezer space will be available in the pantry.

Turkeys/Hams will be needed by Sunday morning, March 20th. Baskets will be delivered to families in need in the Brewerton Community on Palm Sunday, March 20th and will also be available for pick up during pantry hours, 10 a.m. to Noon on Tuesday, March 22nd or 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24th.

Please contact Deb Lombard at 439-0589 if you have any questions or need additional information. Your donations will help ensure local families in need will have a special holiday meal to share with their family. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

"March Food For Thought from the Food Pantry"

Monthly Statistics:	January
	(8 Days)
Families/Households Served:	93
Total Meals:	4,380
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 5 days	292 x 3 x 5
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	95
# Adults :(Ages 18 - 64)	179
# Seniors: (Ages 65+)	18
Total Individuals:	292

*A Month in the Life of the Brewerton Community Food Pantry
Our Lifeline...the Food Bank of Central New York!*

It is an understatement to say "Our pantry could NOT exist without the support of the Food Bank of CNY." As a Partner Agency of the Food Bank we receive support in the form of food orders, grants for food & equipment, referrals/networking, programs & training opportunities.

Monthly Food Orders-From Truck to Shelf!

Using the Food Bank's website, our pantry places food orders based on the available items on the online menu. We typically order assorted meats (35# for \$5.18) – limit 10 units per month, along with hot dogs, bologna, ground turkey, bread – 30 cases (free,) USDA products, as available and limited to 15 cases of each item per month – items vary but range from beans, peanut butter, juice, cereal, pasta, vegetables/fruits. We order as many USDA food items as we can because they are FREE. In addition, and when available, we order eggs, yogurt, cheese, etc. (dairy/proteins.) We also order 2 to 4 cases of canned fruits & vegetables, & juice, as well as, cereals, rice, pasta (grains.) We also order toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, and dish soap. On average, we spend between \$500 to \$900 per order - \$1,000 to \$1,800 per month. Thanks to HPNAP (Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance) food grants that are awarded each year, our order totals are reduced. In 2015/2016 we received a \$4,500 HPNAP grant with \$2,250 available from (August to December) and the remaining \$2,250 available between January & May. Below is detail highlighting our activity:

1/5 - \$870.37 (Order Total) less \$777.24 (HPNAP Grant) = \$93.13 (Billed Amount)

1/19 - 475.35	349.19	126.16
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\$1,345.72	\$1,126.43	\$219.29

We received an additional Produce Grant for 4 cases of oranges @ \$23.40 = \$93.60

Grocery Rescue to the Rescue!

As a supplement to our monthly food orders, we also receive assorted fresh produce, frozen meats, dairy, & bakery items through the Food Bank's Grocery Rescue program. Every Thursday afternoon between 1:00 & 1:30, a Food Bank truck pulls into our parking lot filled with food items that were donated by the Clay Wal-Mart & BJ stores. The products were pulled from the shelves because they were past the best by date/sell by date but are still safe and fresh enough to eat. Our pantry reaps the benefit; purchasing dairy & produce items for 16 cents per pound, frozen meats for 19 cents/pound and bread/bakery items for FREE. We received 4 Grocery Rescue shipments in January:

1/7 - \$111.46 (Order Total) LESS \$66.24 (HPNAP Grant)	\$45.22(Billed Amount)
1/14 - \$71.73	\$ 9.60 \$ 62.13
1/21 - \$ 59.36	\$ 59.63 \$ 0.00
1/28 - \$102.04	\$ 19.20 \$ 82.84

Food Sense Program – Stretching Your Food Dollars!

Our pantry clients, as well as members of our congregation and the community, can participate in the Food Bank's Food Sense program. Each month, a food package containing 4 proteins, 5 fruits & vegetables, and 3 grains is available for \$15.50. Items would cost more than \$30 when purchased separately. In addition, monthly specials are available for purchase via cash or SNAP Benefits. The March Menu is as follows:
 Chicken Kabobs, 1lb. Pasta & Vegetable Meal, 24 oz. Canned Pears, 15 oz.
 Pork Stir Fry, 1 lb. French Fries, 28 oz. Mixed Vegetables, 15 oz.
 Swai Fillets, 1 lb. Roasted Corn, 12 oz. Fresh Produce – TBD
 Bologna, 12 oz. Brown Rice, 1 lb. Fresh Produce – TBD

Package Price: \$15.50

- March Specials:
1. Spiral Ham, 8.5 # aver. for \$ 20.00
 2. Stuffed Pork Chops, 2# for \$ 8.25
 3. American Cheese, 5# for \$ 10.25
 4. Meatballs, 5# for \$13.00
 5. Onion Rings, 2.5# for \$5.50
 6. Chicken Drumsticks, 5# - \$4.50
 7. Mac & Cheese, 6# for \$11.50

Food Sense orders received in the Brewerton Pantry are added to the orders received in the Central Square (Divine Mercy) Food Pantry before they are turned into the Food Bank. Two Friday's after the orders are placed, a Food Bank truck delivers cases of the food items to the CS

Community Church where they are unloaded, sorted, counted, with each order placed in bags/boxes. A team of 8 to 10 volunteers work together to make it all happen. Our pantry volunteers then transport the food packages back to the Brewerton Pantry where they are available for pick up. In addition, orders are delivered to those who are home-bound. A special thanks to Kathy Luke & Cathy Voorhees for assisting with the February orders. The Food Sense program is available to anyone who is interested. There are NO eligibility requirements or minimums. Anyone is invited and encouraged to give it a try...after all, who doesn't want to stretch their food dollars!?!? The deadlines and menus are posted on the pantry bulletin board.

Stay tuned...our next installment of A Month in the Life of the Brewerton Community Food Pantry where we will highlight the role the Food Bank of CNY plays improving program support through referrals, training and networking. TOGETHER we are making a DIFFERENCE in the LIVES of MANY!!!

Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

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A Little Laugh

A flying saucer landed at a gas station on a lonely country road. The two space aliens inside seemed completely unconcerned about detection; in fact, the letters "UFO" were emblazoned in big, bold letters on one side of their shiny craft. As the station owner stood paralyzed with shock, his young attendant nonchalantly filled up the tank and waved to the two aliens as they took off. "Do you realize what just happened?" the station owner finally uttered. "Yeah," said the young attendant. "So?" "Didn't you see the space aliens in that vehicle?!" "Yeah," repeated the young attendant. "So?" "Didn't you see the letters 'UFO' on the side of that vehicle?!" "Yeah," repeated the young attendant. "So?" "Don't you know what 'UFO' means?!" The young attendant rolled his eyes. "Good grief, boss! I've been working here for six years. Of course I know what 'UFO' means - 'Unleaded Fuel Only.'"



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.