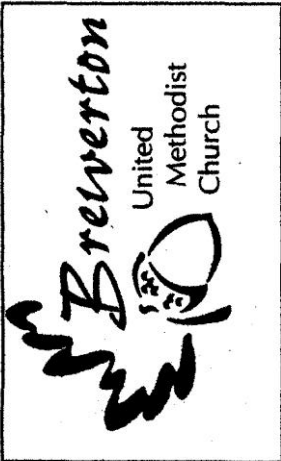


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## Brewerton United Methodist Church

*Like the branches of our great oak,  
Brewerton United Methodist Church is  
always reaching out to include the World in  
the shelter of God's love. We stand strong  
through struggle and firm against the  
storms of life. At our heart is the spirit of  
God, friendliness and the willingness to act.  
We reach out in celebration of God's love  
through Jesus Christ to nurture and  
empower ourselves  
and the world.*



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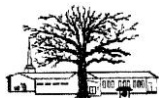
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Sunday @ 10:00 am  
Nursery is provided  
Sunday School During Service  
Coffee & Fellowship Follows  
Worship Service

## JANUARY 2011

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A new year,  
A new month  
A new day

A new start  
A new hope  
A new dream



Brewerton United Methodist Church  
January 2011 Calendar

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>:** New Year's Day

Adult Sunday School  
after worship services.  
All are welcome

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

10:00 am - Worship Service  
Praise Band Before services

**Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study  
(@ Elaine Bisbee's home)

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>:**

10:00 am - Worship Service  
Installation of UMW Officers (during Services)  
After Services - Soup Sunday for Missions by the UMW

**Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:**

6:30 pm - Twilight Stitchers Quilting Guild  
(at BUMC, Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting

**Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>:**

6:00 pm - Card Making Class (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>:**

10:00 am - Worship Service  
Praise Band Before services

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>:**

6:30 pm - Finance Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm - Administrative Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study  
(@ Elaine Bisbee's home)

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

10:00 am - Worship Service

**Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>:**

6:30 pm - Twilight Stitchers Quilting Guild  
(at BUMC, Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>:**



12:00 pm - Happy Day's Senior Luncheon

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>:**

10:00 am - Worship Service  
Praise Band Before services

**\*\* Last date to order your "Super Bowl Chili"!**

A look ahead - February 2011

Tue. Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> :	UMW meeting	
Wed. Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Ground Hog Day	
Sun. Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup> :	"Super Bowl Chili"	
Mon. Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Valentine's Day	
Mon. Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Presidents' Day	
Wed. Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Happy Day's Senior Luncheon	

Don't forget **Worship Services** each Sunday at 10:00 am, with Adult Sunday School after the service (11:15 am).

After services, all are welcome to take a few moments for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship in the fellowship hall.



**Regular Weekly Items**

Tuesday's:	10:00 am till 12:00 noon: Food Pantry
Thursday's:	4:30 pm till 6:30 pm: Food Pantry 6:00 pm till 7:00 ? : Choir Rehearsals
Friday's:	6:30 am: Bible Life Group @ Cicero Panera (Men)



**NEWSLETTER JANUARY DEADLINE !**

The deadline to get your articles in for the **February** Newsletter is:  
**January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Remember, if you have any problems with making the deadline, **PLEASE** contact me as soon as you are aware of a problem.

You can contact me at church, or by telephone @ 695-3114 or by e-mail @ [kpeckham7123@windstream.net](mailto:kpeckham7123@windstream.net).

Happy New Year  
Kathy Peckham  
Newsletter Editor





## ***The Ministry of Prayer***



### **Prayer Chain**

The daytime and evening prayer chains are available to you during times of illness or family emergencies. Your requests will be treated quickly and confidentially. To start the prayer chains, simply call your prayer requests to:

Darlene Garner	243-1860
Pat Roundy	668-8053
Pastor Roger	491-8555



### **Prayer For The Day**

Heavenly Father, As I look forward to the New Year, Let me remember that you are always with me, my strength and guide as I face each day. Thank You for being my constant companion. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



### **Bottle and Can Drive**

*Please remember to bring your bottles and cans to the church coat closet or the "Simple Nickel" on Bartel Road. Remember to ask that they be credited to the Brewerton United Methodist Church account.* As you help the environment by recycling, you are also contributing to the "Shared Ministry Fund" of our church.

Thank You  
Ed Roundy



## **Pastors Message**

## **Happy New Year!**

This is the greeting commonly heard on December 31<sup>st</sup>. While the date January 1<sup>st</sup> has periodically been the choice for observing the beginning of the new calendar year in the West, many other countries celebrate their New Year celebrations at other times, anywhere from early spring to late fall. Our use of January 1<sup>st</sup> as a New Year start goes back to both ancient Roman custom as well as the installment of the Gregorian Calendar in 1582 when a calendar correction resulted in a 10 day shift forward. The New Year brings to most cultures a celebration of new beginnings and an awareness and hopefulness of fresh starts; putting difficult times behind us and fueling a desire for the future year to be all that we hope it could be.

For Christians, it can be easy to simply extend the heartfelt wish to others and to appropriate it for ourselves while not remembering that we hold the key to a "Happy New Year" in our own hands. As trite as it may sound, our happiness is not the result of random events in our lives or the carefully calculated results of choices we plan and execute. For Christians, happiness is guaranteed, providing we simply choose it. Happiness for Christians is based on very different values, circumstances and parameters than for the non Christian. Scripture tells us to continually rejoice, to find joy in Jesus, to be happy and to enjoy the peace which only Christ can give us. It would seem that all that which is required to actually have a "Happy New Year" is right at our fingertips should we decide to both accept and embrace it.

It is easy to allow ourselves to become intellectually and emotionally imprisoned by the definition of happiness as put forth by the materialistic culture of comfort that surrounds us. In this culture, happiness lies in the accumulation of material things, in the absence of pain and difficulties, and in the possession of all that we desire – relationships, accolades from people, freedom to do, be and enjoy whatever we wish – in short, a life of comfort lived to our specifications and for our own pleasure and purposes. And when we do not get to enjoy those things which we feel that we should, or that is "owed" to us somehow, our culture tells us that it is ok to be unhappy, disappointed, bitter, etc. None of this is scriptural. In fact, God has told us in his word that he and he alone will be our comfort, our joy, our peace, and our sustenance. We are told that everything we need for both life and joy is in him, and that there is nothing good, necessary or worthy of desiring that we can get apart from his presence in our lives. God tells us to seek him first, to find in him what we need, to find our purpose and comfort in him and him alone.

Am I suggesting this is always easy? Certainly not, especially if we attempt to do it under our own power and with no help at all. Am I suggesting this is scripturally true, spiritually necessary and practically possible? Absolutely! Other than the initial choice – that first step in his direction - which God desires that we take alone, God has never intended that we do anything alone or solely under our own power, abilities and efforts. God (through the Holy Spirit) has promised to be the very great strength in our weakness, to guide us, walk with us and to never leave us. Sounds like the makings of a Happy New Year already, should we choose to take that path with God.

Along the way, a happy New Year is always aided by spending more time in God's word both individually and with others, by ministering to and with others, by learning to recognize God's presence and handiwork in the people and circumstances around us each and every day – all ways in which we grow closer to God and in doing so, are so changed that our happiness is assured. For it is in becoming closer to God, more like our master and less like our old selves that we become happy, confident, self-assured, content, – and even joyful! This is what I wish for each and every one of you this New Year!

New Year Blessings to you, and I will see you in Church!

Pastor Roger



## A Message From Your Editor

A good many New Year's Eve's ago, I was awakened that morning by my sisters laughing. I had gone to bed only a few hours before having worked for twenty-four hours during a snow storm. Ok, so now I am awake and with the sun now shining through my window, sleep was impossible. After getting dressed I went down stairs. My sister and her husband both had the day off and were visiting my parents for a bit. My sister jumped up and grabbed my arm, lead me to a window and said "look at your niece". Outside, in the snow, was my 4 year old niece, arms stretched out and turning round and round and then falling. After a moment she would get up and do it again. "What is she doing?" I asked. My sister wouldn't tell me and insisted that I ask my niece directly. Braving the cold I stepped out onto the porch, got my nieces attention (a task in itself), and asked her why she was spinning like that. She replied "I'm practicing my New Year's *revolutions* of course". "And I *NEED* coffee" I said, and went back inside.

Maybe my niece wasn't that far off. The holidays of Thanks Giving, Christmas, and New Year's can get one's head spinning. So much to do, so many parties, so much to go shopping for. Too many gifts, too much food and too much money spent. In the end, we're going around in circles trying to keep up with ourselves and the calendar. As I look at my friends and family and myself, I can see that by New Years Eve, we dread looking into the mirror fearing the sight of the bags under our eyes. That perfect dress or suit is a little tight. About now all we want is to rest for just one whole day. Those little darlings that you so adored a few short days ago have turned into a herd of wild carpet crawling, cookie crumb leaving, chocolate covered rug rats. Who ever invented sugar should be dragged into the street and shot. And that favorite relative that you just couldn't wait to see, came a few days ago and - is still here and they are no longer your favorite relative.

Oh well, look at it this way. Think of how glad you will be to get back to work and the kids go back to school so you can rest. Don't worry about loosing the holiday weight, there is plenty of snow to shovel. Hey, just getting dressed to go out in the weather burns a lot of calories. And if that is not enough, think of the weight you'll loose sweating over the holiday bills due in January. And what moron came up with "No *payments until next year*" starting in the middle of December. It's NEXT YEAR already you idiot! What would you pay to spend 10 minutes with you hands held tightly around that guy's neck.

You know what, I just made my New Years Resolution. Next year I'm staying home, locking the doors, pulling the shades, sending Christmas cards with \$5 inside. Making phone calls to wish happy holidays, drink hot chocolate and watch old movies on DVD's. Now **that's** Peace on earth and maintains good will towards all.

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Kathy Peckham

## BUMC Finance Report



Sorry folks, the computer used to get me the monthly Finance report broke down. I understand that after some minor surgery, the computer is on the road to recovery. However, as of press time, it was not sufficiently recovered to perform the task. Take heart that all is well and we'll have the report for you next month.

So it is, anything made by the hand of man, will inevitably screw up.

Thank you for your patients.

The Editor.



## **PRAISE BAND**

Hey folks, did you know that often the BUMC Praise Band plays before the Sunday worship service?

January 2011 Praise Band dates:

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Come early and listen to wonderful music in  
Praise of our Lord.



# HAPPY DAYS SENIOR LUNCHEON

Sponsored jointly by:  
the Brewerton United Methodist Church and  
the Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

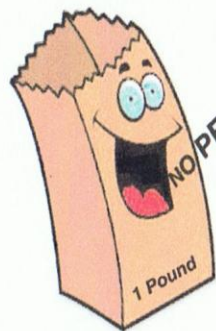
## JANUARY

**LUNCHEON:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at noon.

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

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

**PROGRAM:** "Pound of" Auction — 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 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 Backus will explain the ground rules and conduct the auction.

**Suggested donation: \$5.00.**

**RESERVATION:** Your reservation is due by Wednesday, January 19th, one week prior to the luncheon.

Make your reservation by calling:

Shirley Look                      668-2109 – or –  
Shirley Jones                      676-4973

**Please:** If unable to keep your reservation, call 676-4973 to cancel, as soon as possible.



## Super Bowl Chili



The U.M.W. will again be making and selling Chili after church on  
**Super Bowl Sunday – February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Any UMW member will take **orders thru Sunday, January 30<sup>st</sup>.**  
It will still be **\$5.00 per quart.**

We would also appreciate it if anyone else would be willing to make an extra batch of chili for this sale.

**REMEMBER** – the last date to order your Super Bowl Chili is  
Sunday, January 30<sup>st</sup>.



## EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE

The team schedule for January 2011 thru June 2011 has not been given to me for the Newsletter as of printing time.

Please contact Pastor Roger Parker at the church phone # 668-3999 or his cell # 491-8555 for information regarding information on the evangelism team.

I will print the schedule in the February issue when I get the schedule.

Thank You  
The Editor



## CARDMAKING CLASSES



**Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

6:00 pm, Come when you can, leave when you must!!!!

We will meet In the Fellowship Hall

Please join us! All supplies are available.

Any questions, call Elaine Bisbee @ 668-7385



## *Ladies Bible Study*

The ladies Wednesday night bible class will be meeting

**Wednesdays, January 5<sup>th</sup>,  
And  
January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 7:00 pm.**

We will be meeting at Elaine Bisbee's house.  
Please come and join our little informal small group.  
We've saved a chair for you.

For more information, Please call Elaine @ 668-7385



## *A New Year's Prayer*

Dear Lord, please give me....

A few friends who understand me

And yet remain my friends.

A work to do which has real value,

Without which the world would feel the poorer

A mind unafraid to travel,

Even though the trail be not blazed.

An understanding heart...

A sense of humor.

Time for quiet, silent meditation

A feeling of the presence of God.

And the patience to wait

For the coming of these things,

With the wisdom to know them when they come.

W. R. Hunt

From Guidepost

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## **Twilight Stitches Quilting Guild**

The Twilight Stitches Quilting Guild is coming to Brewerton United Methodist Church. The guild was started almost 20 years ago, by a group of quilters from Brewerton and Central Square, who worked during the day and wanted to get together at night to quilt and anything related to quilting along with a little chit-chat. We are always looking for new members. We meet the **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup> Monday** of each month. Meetings start at 6:30 although the time may change, we'll let you know. Our first meeting at the church will be **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Room. You don't have to know how to quilt, or even sew, we'll show you how. Come join us.



"To forget one's ancestor's is to be a brook without a source, a tree without root"

Chinese Proverb



FOR THOSE BORN IN JANUARY

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## Woman's News



The United Methodist Women will NOT meet in January. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 pm. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Our purpose is to meet in Christian fellowship, grow spiritually and join in the global ministries of the church.

Pastor Roger will be installing the Officers of the United Methodist Women at the church service on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Doris	Matteson	January 1 <sup>st</sup>
Marion	Lindsley	January 1 <sup>st</sup>
Weston	Scriba	January 4 <sup>th</sup>
Marian	Eaton	January 6 <sup>th</sup>
Judith	Meinking	January 7 <sup>th</sup>
Daina	Jakubowski	January 9 <sup>th</sup>
Richard	Barling	January 12 <sup>th</sup>
Tiffany	Warring	January 12 <sup>th</sup>
Chris	Calhoun	January 13 <sup>th</sup>
Susan	Elioff	January 16 <sup>th</sup>
Joanne	Brigham	January 16 <sup>th</sup>
Craig	Allen	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
Ed	VanBuren	January 19 <sup>th</sup>
Malissa	Whittaker	January 19 <sup>th</sup>
Lori	Wood	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Kathleen	Moran	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Allison	Glowacki	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Erin	Wood	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Reta	Ryder	January 25 <sup>th</sup>
Ray	Rood	January 28 <sup>th</sup>



### Soup Sunday for Missions



**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Following the church service, the United Methodist Women will serve hot, homemade soups. In this cold winter month, won't you stay for soup and fellowship. All proceeds will go to United Methodist Missions.

Suggested donation: \$3.00

Birthstone: Garnet  
Birth Flower: Carnation –or– Snowdrop  
Zodiac: Dec. 22 – Jan. 20 = Capricorn  
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18 = Aquarius

#### Bulletin Bloopers:

Miss Charlene Mason Sang I will not pass this way again giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

Our bylaws specifically state that the will of God cannot be overturned without a 2/3 majority vote.

\*\* If anyone knows someone who needs to be added or removed or if there is an error in our list, PLEASE let me know. You may contact me either by phone at: 695-3114 or by e-mail at: [kpeckham7123@windstream.net](mailto:kpeckham7123@windstream.net). You may also give the information to Lorraine Ward at church or by e-mail: [ljward@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ljward@twcny.rr.com) or by phone: 315-676-3145



<b>Monthly Statistics:</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Families/Households Served:</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Meals:</b>	<b>3,087</b>
<b># Ind. X 3 meals/day X 7 days</b>	<b>(147 x 3 x 7)</b>
<b># Children: (Ages 0 -17)</b>	<b>48</b>
<b># Adults:( Ages 18 – 64)</b>	<b>95</b>
<b># Elderly: (Ages 65+)</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Individuals:</b>	<b>147</b>

**Food Bank of CNY – Food Orders**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Pounds</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>HPNAP Allocation</b>	<b>Program Cost*</b>
11-16-10	2,608	\$628.34	\$427.62	\$200.74
11-16-10	596	\$500.78	Supplemental Order	FREE

Our next order is scheduled for December 28th.

**December** has been an extremely busy month for the food pantry. Our church family in collaboration with the Disciples of Christ church family provided 67 families with Thanksgiving Food Baskets this year. We helped to ensure that 274 people (142 – adults, 124 – children and 8 – seniors) had a Thanksgiving meal to enjoy. Thirty two of those baskets were delivered by members of our congregation the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Many thanks to all who donated food items, turkeys, hams and all the fixings and to those who assisted with the deliveries. The true spirit of caring and sharing was in full bloom!

During the month we received monetary contributions from the Lioness Club of Central New York in the amount of \$2,000. We also received a cash donation in the amount of \$117 from the Saddlecreek Homeowners Association that was collected at their annual holiday party.

The Napa Distribution Center (Ed Glowacki) adopted one of our pantry families this year and provided an impressive array of gifts for each of the 6 members of the family. Napa also provided a Christmas breakfast food basket and Wegman’s gift card for the family to enjoy for the holidays. A wish-list of items was supplied to them and the elves at Napa did all the shopping, and wrapping for each of the 3 children and 3 adults. The tears of joy shed by the mom and the hugs shared by the dad were an indication that this would be the absolute BEST Christmas EVER for the family!

The food pantry sponsored food baskets for 12 local families made up adult/elderly members. Our friends at St. Agnes, provided more than 50 food baskets along with individual gifts for each family member at their annual caring and sharing event. Their month long efforts helped ensure that families in need had a complete Christmas meal as well as gifts to enjoy.

St. Pauly Textile, the business out of Rochester who sponsors our clothing shed also got into the Christmas spirit. They sent a \$50 check to provide a Christmas meal for a local family.

Ginny Gordon, owner of the Brickhouse Café, donated over 6 boxes of food items – toilet paper, salsa, potatoes, juice stuffing mix soup, fruit pancake mix, sweet potatoes, jelly and more, along with fresh meat, chicken and frozen green beans. Two groups that meet at our church a Brownie Troop and the Twilight Stitchers donated a number of food, household, personal care and diapers & wipes to our food pantry during the month.

Due to the generosity of our community, we were able to provide “last minute” Christmas Food Baskets on Thursday, 12/23 to two large local families who may not of otherwise had a Christmas meal this year. It is our sincere hope that between the efforts of St. Agnes, the food pantry and local groups and businesses, that all our families that reside in Brewerton, were able to enjoy a holiday meal.

NPOL of Brewerton supplied us with two large boxes (approximately 250 pairs) of children’s mittens and gloves that were collected and displayed on their Mitten Tree during the month of December. One hundred pair of hand knitted mittens were donated by a woman who lives in North Syracuse. The mittens and gloves will be distributed to children throughout the winter months. If anyone knows of any children who are in need of a pair of warm, comfy mittens or gloves, please help yourself. A box is located in the entry way by Pastor Roger’s office.

The pantry also received a Christmas gift the week before Christmas. Thanks to a \$1,200 equipment allocation grant sponsored by the Food Bank of Central New York, the pantry is now the proud owner of a second commercial refrigerator. The pantry is now equipped with two freezers and two refrigerators to help ensure we can continue to provide fresh dairy products, fresh produce along with a variety of frozen meat and other healthy food items to our clients.

In closing, I’d like to once again thank everyone for their continued support of the Food Pantry and invite you to visit us to view first-hand what your donations mean to us. We are proud of the mission we provide to our community and know we could not do it without the generous support of all of you! On behalf of the food pantry, thank you from the bottom of our hearts and God Bless you all!

Happy New Year!

Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

Blooper!

Sarah Neal will not be able to play the piano for offertory this morning. She was sick, so her mother took her to the doctor and had her shot.

