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

# NOVEMBER 2011

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Dear Lord,*

*We gather together on this Thanksgiving day,  
To thank you for the many blessings you have seen fit to bestow upon us.  
We thank you for the safe journey of family and friends that have traveled  
from their homes to ours on this day. And may their journey home be as safe.  
We thank you for the bountiful food on this table. Ever mindful of those who are  
less fortunate, we understand that it is by thy grace that we are able to enjoy this  
wonderful meal.*

*We thank you for our freedom and ask for your blessings on those who  
defend it at home and abroad. And we pray for their safety and their speedy  
return.*

*We thank you as well for the many other blessings, though not voiced now, that we  
could only have received by your grace.*

*Amen.*



**Brewerton United Methodist Church  
November 2011 Calendar**

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>:**

7:00 pm – United Methodist Women’s Meeting

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>:** (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

10:00 am – Worship Service

After Worship – Saint Harvest Zuppa

**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:** (Veterans Day)

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>:**

10:00 am – Worship Service

**Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>:**

6:30 pm – Twilight Stitchers

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>:**

6:30 pm – Finance Committee meeting

7:30 pm – Administrative Council meeting

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>:**

7:30 pm – Card Making Class

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>:**

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Rummage Sale

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am – 2:00 pm – Rummage Sale

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>:**

10:00 am – Worship Service

After Worship – (Food Pantry) Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries

**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>: THANKSGIVING**

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>:**

10:00 am – Worship Service

After Worship – (Dish-to-Share) Lunch & Greening of the Sanctuary

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>:**

6:30 pm – Twilight Stitchers

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>:**

12:00 noon – Happy Day’s Senior Luncheon

***December Highlights !***

Friday	12/02	BUMC Community Child Care Spaghetti Dinner (6pm)
Sunday	12/18	Christmas Cantata (12 noon)
Saturday	12/24	Christmas Eve Service (7pm)
Sunday	12/25	CHRISTMAS !!! (Worship Service at 10:00 am)

**Regular Weekly Items**

<b>Monday’s</b>	6:00 pm until 7:00 pm - <b>Zumba</b>
<b>Tuesday’s</b>	10:00 am until 12:00 noon - <b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Thursday’s</b>	4:30 pm until 6:30 pm - <b>Food Pantry</b> 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm - <b>Choir Rehearsals</b> 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm - <b>Cantata Rehearsals</b>
<b>Friday’s</b>	6:30 am - <b>Bible Life Group @ Cicero Panera (Men)</b>

**Deadline for the December’s Newsletter !**

The deadline for the December 2011 Newsletter is  
**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any problems with making the deadline, PLEASE let me know. You may contact me either in church, by e-mail, or by phone.

Phone #: 695-3114

E-mail: [kpeckham7123@windstream.net](mailto:kpeckham7123@windstream.net)

Be safe and have a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Kathy Peckham  
Newsletter Editor





## Ministry of Prayer



There are eight dedicated people on the morning Prayer Chain and Nine on the Evening Prayer Chain, All of whom are ready to pray for you or with you in times of crisis or illness.

To activate either prayer chain, simply call;

Darlene Garner -	243-1860
Pat Roundy -	668-8053
Pastor Jack Keating-	935-7659



## Prayer for the Day

Almighty God,

I come to you with as thankful heart, for all you have provided; the beauty of this earth, for family and friends and especially for your Son, Jesus, who came with your message of love for us and taught us how to live for you. You chose me to be your child and believe your word that you will never leave me but will be with me always.

Be with me today showing and telling those I meet of your great love and forgiveness.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.



Bottle and Can Drive



Just two months left in 2011 to find those empty bottles and cans around your house and bring them to the church closet red and blue bin, or turn them in to "Here's Your Nickel" and ask them to credit them to the Brewerton United Methodist Church Account.

(Tuesday and Thursday are 6 Bonus Days.)

All money collected go to the Brewerton United Methodist Church's Shared Ministry Fund.

Thank You  
Ed Roundy



## Pastors Message



Dear Saints in Brewerton,

November is upon us! As hard as it is to believe, by the time to receive this newsletter it is likely that the Apple Fest, Turkey Dinner, and Theme Basket event will all, be behind us. We'll have baptized new believers, celebrated the year passed at our Annual Charge Conference and continued on our plan of moving into the Day Care ministry. And as much as I thoroughly enjoyed all the excitement of September and October, I am looking forward to a little down time in November around our church.

But then I started thinking about how, despite my desire for a little break, the ministry we are called to do does not contain a plan for a "rest period". You see, while I might want to rest people are still hungry. Neighbors still have a leaking roof, children still need adequate supervision and instruction, and the community continues to need the positive, consistent ministry we offer. There seems to be no end to the needs of the world around us. And maybe that's exactly as it should be.

We celebrate a national holiday this month on the 24<sup>th</sup> when Thanksgiving arrives. So I'm thinking that this year, when I list the things for which I am most grateful... being the Pastor of a growing, thriving, and vibrant church will be high on the list. Despite my occasional feelings of being pretty tired, I realize that I am blessed to be a part of this exciting ministry. Each and every day God gives me the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ for someone in my own little world.

So, maybe the next time you're feeling a little tired, you too will stop just briefly, and give thanks for the chance to be a part of the ministry of Jesus Christ. Truly, it's the best work in the world!

I can't wait to see you in church!

*Pastor Jack Keating*





## A Message From Your Editor

Some years ago, though not so long in my mind. My sister and I decided that we wanted to make the Thanksgiving dinner at our parents home. The reason was that my mother was not doing well that year. Sis and I made all the plans for who would make what and we talked with mom and dad about it. I wish I could say it went picture post card well, however it didn't - exactly.

To start with, I got there later than planned. Dad had already got a turkey (which gave us two large turkey's) and even baked a nice apple pie. I found out later that mom had a big hand in the turkey and the pie. Now my sister brought mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, apple pie, rolls, sweet corn, and cranberry sauce. I brought mashed potatoes, apple pie, stuffed dates, deviled eggs, rolls, and sweet corn. Your right if you are thinking that we had an abundance of food. Even with my sister's husband, three children and one grand-child, a cousin of ours, mom and dad, and myself. Yup, there was a house full of food and people. I think that afterward, we all went home with near as much food as what we came with.

Now, the idea was that mom would not need to do anything and could take it easy. The thought that it would be impossible for her to sit back and relax never occurred to my sister or myself. Mom was everywhere. Every time we got her to sit down, in a few minutes she was up helping somewhere. Sure enough, after we had eaten as much as we could, mom needed to lay down for a while. However, she fought the "rest" she really needed. Soon, it was apparent that we would all need to leave before she would lay down and get the much needed rest. The rest of us cleaned up everything and visited for a bit. Then we all said our good-by's and went home.

What we didn't know at the time was, it was my mother's last Thanksgiving. We did know was that she was very happy and thrilled and thankful that we were all together for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Now, none of the holiday's are quite the same and maybe they shouldn't be. However, I will always be thankful to God for the good times. I will always be thankful for my parents, my sister and for the aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors. For ALL the blessings I have received, I give thanks. Even if it's just for the - day, Thank You God.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless

Kathy Peckham.

## November Birthday's



Name	Month/Day
Elaine Bisbee	November 1st
Sandra Glowacki	November 1st
Becky Magill	November 4th
Naomi Johnson	November 6th
Randy Ward	November 13th
Sue Taylor	November 18th
Carolyn Smith	November 19th
Carole Holden	November 22nd
Alan Howe	November 24th
Tammy Allen	November 25th
Kristin Davis	November 26th
Christine Ellison	November 30th

Birthstone: Topaz

Birth Flower: Chrysanthemum

Zodiac: Libra - September 23rd - October 23rd  
Scorpio - October 24th - November 21st



# IT IS NOT TOO LATE



If you did not get a chance to turn in your pledge card on Commitment Sunday,



it is not too late,

just drop it in the offering plate or mail it in.

The Financial Stewards Team Thanks you very much.

Tammy



## In Gratitude for Friends and Family

*Blessed are You, loving Father,  
For all your gifts to us.  
Blessed are You for giving us family and friends  
To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,  
To help us in days of need,  
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration..  
Father,  
We praise You for Your Son Jesus,  
Who knew the happiness of family and friends,  
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.  
Blessed are you for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*



## Women's News

Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7 p.m. the United Methodist Women will meet at the church for business and program planning.

Beth Childress, treasurer, will lead us in prayerful consideration of the missions we will support this year.

We will also have election of officers followed by fellowship and refreshments by Dottie Church and Lydia Smith.

All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Also: Remember the UMW Fall Rummage Sale.

Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - 6pm

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 2pm

(see full announcement on next page)

## *Theme Basket Thanks !*

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making the Theme Basket Bonanza a great success. It takes many hands working behind the scenes to transform the Fellowship Hall into an exciting array of colorful baskets, gift certificates and gifts.

It is a joy to see friends meeting and greeting one another, having lunch, having fun while contributing to help others in need through missions both locally and far away.

Thank You So Much,  
Beth Childress, Chairperson  
Darlene Garner  
Pat Roundy



## United Methodist Women's Fall

# RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Gently used clothing and house wares may be brought to the church choir room starting Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, through Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

(Please - No Electronics, large items, or tires, thanks)

There is always a great need for infants and childrens clothing.

If you know anyone whose children have outgrown or have replaced their clothes,

Please have them consider donating them to our Fall Rummage Sale.

Proceeds go for the United Methodist Women's Missions.  
Thank You.

If you have any questions about donations, please call  
Beth Childress @ 676-4370



## Family Ministries Presents:

**Saint Harvest Zuppa** (German for soup) after worship on Sunday, November 6th. Join us in celebrating those who have gone before us. A day of remembrance and honor for Loved Ones we held/hold dear in our hearts. Menu consists of a variety of soups, bread, crackers and dessert. Please feel free to bring your own table service (bowl, spoon). If you forget, no worries, bowls and spoons will be available. Bring your appetites, stories of loved ones and enjoy the celebration!!!



Also: *Family Ministries Presents:*

## Greening of the Sanctuary

We will be decorating the church for the **Advent/Christmas Season** on **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch will be served following worship. Please bring your favorite dish to share. After lunch we will adjourn to transform the sanctuary. Dessert and beverages provided by Family Ministries. Please bring your own place settings.



## Church Bulletin Bloopers



### **Potluck Supper**

"Thursday night – Potluck Supper. [Prayer](#) and medication to follow."

### **Don't Know You Have Children?**

"For those who have children and don't know it, there is a nursery downstairs."



## Brewerton Community Child Care

I'm sure just like myself, there are days that go by where you reflect more on the negative of the day than the positives. So naturally our mind gets absorbed by what goes wrong and what we don't have that we tend to forget how fortunate we truly are.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner I have been reflecting on the many ways I have been blessed. The Hymn "Count your many blessings, name them one by one" continues to be playing on repeat in my mind.

I know I am fortunate to be in fair health, have my daily basic needs met and live in a country where we are free. I am so lucky to have friends and family who care about me. I am honored to have a supporting husband. The list goes on and on of how blessed I am. Simply waking up in the morning is a sign of how providential we are. Awaking to a new day means we are given the opportunity to do something positive in a world of gloom.

As the Child Care Director here at BCCC it would be wrong of me to not mention how much our program is blessed to have support from a wonderful congregation, a great staff to support our program, outstanding parents who trust us to care for their children, and astonishing children who are a pleasure to work with.

From the Thursday before Thanksgiving to Thanksgiving I am taking time to show my appreciation to those who I am thankful for. I would like to extend that idea to all who read this article. A simple thank-you card or a good deed goes a long way to show your appreciation to family and friends.

Tomorrow morning comes...MEHM, MEHM, MEHM, the alarm goes off. You get out of bed and get ready for the day. I ask you, how will you start your day? Will you let the weather or anything else get you down? Or will you be grateful you have been given the opportunity to do something wonderful by waking up? Take a minute and rejoice on what God has given to you, not just this thanksgiving season, but all year long.

Take Care,  
Desiree Phillips  
Child Care Director



## Card Making Class



**Card Class will be on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>,  
from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

Note that this is a week later than usual.

This month we will focus on making  
Thanksgiving and Christmas cards.

Any questions, Please call Elaine Bisbee @ 315-668-7385



### EVANGELISM TEAM SCHEDULE FOR 10/11-12/11



Nov 6 Lori  
13 Marion  
20 Joan  
27 Claire

Dec 4 Judy  
11 Marion  
18 Craig  
25 Lori

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 # is 935 7659.

Our next meeting will be announced in church to consider our progress and the committee's needs. Our mission is important! We will bring the bags to make bag gifts for our visitors. Also, we will review any new visitors from recent worship services.

## News from the Pantry

<u>Monthly Statistics:</u>	<u>September</u>
Families/Households Served:	69
Total Meals:	4,410
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days	(210 x 3 x 7)

# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	62
# Adults:( Ages 18 - 64)	136
# Elderly: (Ages 65+)	<u>12</u>
Total Individuals:	210

### Food Bank of CNY - Food Orders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>HPNAP Allocation</u>	<u>Program Cost**</u>
10-11-11	3,215	\$1,642.99	\$876.70	\$766.29
10-11-11	935	701.80	701.80	Supplemental Order \$0.00

Our Next Food Bank order/delivery is scheduled for October 25th.

This year's Cicero/Oneida Shores Crop Walk sponsored by Church World Services was a great success. Members of our congregation: Tammy & Craig Allen (and friends), Joan Graves, David, Debbie & Megan Holzwarth, Rebecca Wallon, Mike Middleton, Fred & Lori Willsey, Abby (and friend) & Deb Lombard participated in this year's walk. Fred Willsey completed the entire 3-mile walk in his walker; actually finishing ahead of many of us! He was an inspiration to me and others as he gave a big "thumbs up" and wide smile after finishing the walk. Congratulations to all!

We walked in solidarity with members of St. Agnes, St. Michaels, Sacred Heart and Cicero UMC. As of this writing, over \$7,100 was raised by our four churches and funds are still coming in. We hope to meet or exceed our \$7,500 goal. We'd like to give thanks to our church family and friends, our child care staff and other community members who supported our walk through their donations and spiritual support. Despite the rain, everyone completed the walk and appeared to enjoy themselves. On a personal note, as I navigated the three-mile walk, on paved roads lined with beautiful fall scenery with the protection of a police escort ahead and behind me, I was reminded that the people we were walking to help in other parts of the world, walk twice, if not three times as many miles each and every day, on dirt roads and treacherous terrain, in all kinds of weather, in bare feet, dressed in modest clothing, just to get food and water for their families; returning home, to their rustic living conditions, carrying fifty or more pounds of food & water on

their heads. In contrast, I walked around beautiful Oneida Lake wearing comfortable leather boots, dressed in layers of clothing to shelter me from the elements, carrying just a Crop Walk sign in my gloved hand. Following the walk, feeling tired and cold, I drove my heated car across the street, returned to my cozy, warm home and plopped down on my comfy sofa for a rest. Later, I feasted on a delicious left over turkey dinner, provided by my church family! It's hard to imagine how different my life would be if I was born into poverty in a third-world country. Church World Services, and other organizations like it, make it their mission to reach out to those people; teaching them the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their families. "Ditto" that in our own community - with the help and support of faith-based and community groups, we make it our mission to make a difference in our little piece of the world. Thank you for your support both here and abroad.

Preparations are currently underway for our annual Thanksgiving Food Basket give-away. Once again, we will be teaming up with one of our pantry partners, the Disciples of Christ church, to provide a Thanksgiving meal to local families in need. We are planning to provide complete holiday meals to between 60 and 70 local families this year. If you are interested in participating in this year's "Adopt a Family" Thanksgiving Food Basket project, grocery bags with a list of suggested food items/quantities will be available in the narthex. Simply pick up a bag and fill it with any or all of the food items listed. All the details are outlined on the sheet. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to purchase turkeys, hams and other food items to ensure each and every family has a complete meal this holiday season. We will be delivering the baskets after church on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. As in past years, we hope to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors by reaching out to them in the spirit of hope and thanksgiving. For more information, see Deb Lombard or call her at 676-7276.

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry mission. We are able to reach out to those in need through the love and support of many.



## HAPPY DAYS SENIOR LUNCHEON

Adults 55 and over are invited to the luncheons.  
Sponsored jointly by: the Brewerton United Methodist Church  
and the Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church.

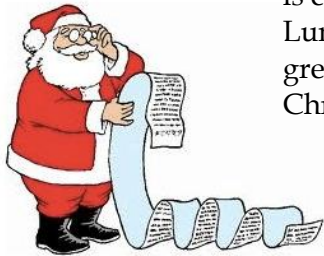
### NOVEMBER

LUNCHEON: November 30, 2011 at noon.

WHERE: Brewerton United Methodist Church  
5395 Orangeport Road  
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MENU: Ham with Pineapple Sauce, Sweet Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Pumpkin Bread,  
and Lemon Bisque.

PROGRAM: The Annual Christmas Party – Santa Claus  
is coming to the Happy Days Senior  
Luncheon! Come a join in the fun, have a  
great meal, and sing some of your favorite  
Christmas Carols.



**Suggested donation: \$5.00.**

RESERVATION: Your reservation is due by Wednesday,  
November 23rd, 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.

**Reminder:** Bring your,

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

UPCOMING EVENTS – Over.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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### Brewerton Community Child Care Program (BCCCP)

This fall, the Brewerton United Methodist Church's mission will  
be expanding to better serve the families in our community. In  
addition to the current child care program, there will also be a  
day care program for infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers.

- Think about your children's children, your neighbors, and  
your colleagues at work who may need child care or day  
care for their children.

**Questions:** Call Desiree, BCCCP Director, 668-7444.

### Zumba Fitness Class 4 Missions

Every Monday at 6:00 p.m., in the BCCCP Classroom at the  
Brewerton United Methodist Church starting September 12th.

**Questions:** Call Tammy Allen, Instructor, 668-9412.

### Twilight Stitchers

Every second and fourth Monday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall at the Brewerton United Methodist Church.

**Questions:** Call Sandy Glowacki, Instructor, 676-5556.

### Christmas Caroling with the Brewerton United Methodist Church and Child Care

Spaghetti dinner on Friday, December 2nd, 6:00 p.m.,  
followed by neighborhood caroling, then hot chocolate back at  
the church. All are welcome.

**Questions and reservations:** Call Desiree Phillips, 668-7444.

### Community Choir Cantata

Performance on Sunday, December 18th, 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Rehearsals every Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Come and join us  
singing songs of Christmas. All are welcome.

**Questions:** Call Kaitlyn Marquart, 656-2310.

### Christmas Eve Worship Service

Saturday, December 24th, 7:00 p.m., a traditional carol and  
candlelight service.

**Next Luncheon:** Wednesdays at 12:00 noon  
• January 25, 2012