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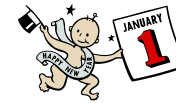
## Brewerton United Methodist Church

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



# JANUARY 2012



Happy New Year, Happy New Year,  
Family, friends and colleagues, too.  
May this new year be your best yet,  
Happiness the whole year through.

Let's all join to lift our glasses

In a toast to everyone.

To the old year now behind us,

To the new year, just begun.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



Brewerton United Methodist Church Calendar

February 2012



- Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day  
10:00 am – Worship Service
- Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>:  
7:00 pm – Communications & Marketing meeting
- Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>:  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am : 12:30 pm – “Souper” Bowl Chili Orders
- Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>:  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Twilight Stitchers
- Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:  
7:00 pm – Board of Trustees meeting
- Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>:  
10:00 am – Worship Service – Women’s Sunday  
11:00 am – “Souper” Bowl Chili Orders
- Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>:  
7:30 pm – Administrative Council Meeting
- Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>:  
6:00 pm – BCCC Board Meeting (Lounge)  
6:00 pm – Card Making Class (Fellowship Hall)
- Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>:  
Newsletter Deadline!
- Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am – “Souper” Bowl Chili Orders
- Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:  
6:30 pm – Twilight Stitchers
- Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:  
12:00 pm – Happy Day’s Senior Luncheon
- Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>:  
10:00 am – Worship Service  
11:00 am – “Souper” Bowl Chili Orders

- Thursday 2/2 Ground Hog Day
- Tuesday 2/7 UMW meeting
- Tuesday 2/14 Valentine’s Day

Regular Weekly Items

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

**Deadline for the February 2012 Newsletter !**

The deadline for the February 2012 Newsletter is **Friday, January 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)

\*\* No UMW meeting this month



Kathy Peckham  
Newsletter Editor



## The Ministry of Prayer



### Prayer Chain

In times of illness, stress, or crisis, Please let us pray with you or for you. Daytime and evening prayer chains can be activated simply by calling:

Darlene Garner - 243-1860

Pat Roundy - 668-8053

Pastor Jack Keating - 935-7659



### Prayer For The Day

Thank you Lord: for the gift of each new day, for all the challenges that we meet with your help, for the gift of forgiveness that we do not deserve. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us.

In Jesus' name we pray

Amen.



### Bottle and Can Drive



Please bring your bottles and cans to the church coat closet or to "Here's Your Nickel" located next to the Fulton Savings Bank and ask them to credit the Brewerton United Methodist Church account. The "Shared Ministry Fund" of the church benefits from your donations. Do *Not* throw your bottles and cans away - Donate them to our church!

Your donations amounted to \$321.00 for 2011! ☺ Keep up the good work!

Thank You and Happy New Year,

Ed Roundy



## Pastor Jack's Ramblings.....

Dear Saints,

OK it's time for a "true confession" from Pastor Jack!

In September I received a "Nook" for my birthday. For those of you asking, "What's a Nook?" I can tell you that it is an electronic reading device on which I can order books, magazines, articles, etc. that I'd like to read. It's been fully charged, set up and sitting on my desk at home since September. Now the excuse has been that I still had some books to finish reading before I made the switch over but, truth be told, this thing scares me to death!

You see, I've been a committed life-long reader and I love reading. But it's always been in the printed form. I mean, who ever knew there was another form??? I've been a confirmed Barnes and Noble shopper, I've even got their version of the "frequent flyer" card. I know the clerks at the store, I've received many gift cards and I like the security of having a book in my hand.

But now, alas, I have completed my last real book in my "to read" pile. The shelf is empty, the printed words are gone and I am staring at an electronic device that many have told me will "revolutionize my reading world!" And I am scared to death of it! My reading world doesn't need revolutionizing, thanks! I'm pretty comfortable with carrying a book or two on a journey. I can't imagine living without book marks and being able to fold over a corner or jot a note on the page to think about later. But still..... I'm out of books now. It seems I will (maybe grudgingly) have to try to adapt to this new technology!

Maybe, in your life, you're at the same point I am. Sometimes the start of another New Year can cause us to feel fearful about what is ahead. Maybe it's a change in job or health insurance plans, or ways of living. Maybe it's a looming departure of a family member heading off to do something new. Or maybe it's just leaving behind comfortable, old 2011..... for the uncertainty of a new 2012!

It's at times like this when we need to remember once again that God makes these journeys with us. It's not like when things get difficult God says to us, "Don't worry.... I'll see you on the other side of your problems!" Instead God promises to accompany us on the journeys of our lives and stay with us at all times. As you face the uncertain challenge of the coming New Year, do so knowing that God walks right beside you into the unknown. And rejoice that there is no where you can or will go that God cannot offer protection and guidance on your journey.

I just hope He knows how to download new reading materials to my "Nook"! Because I'm still kind of lost about it all!

I can't wait to see you in Church,

*Pastor Jack Keating*



## *A Message From Your Editor*

Another year has come and gone. I'm not sure where the time goes but it sure went by quickly. Already I have seen where people have taken down their Christmas trees and put them out to the curb. The trash cans are now full of empty boxes and wrapping paper that once held precious gifts for a loved one. Many refrigerators are now full of leftovers that can last till the New Year.

In many homes, by the day after New Year's day, you would never know that a major holiday had just happened. And I think that it's a shame that many don't hold onto the season longer. Growing up, our Christmas tree stayed up for at least a week or two after the New Year. Most of the gifts stayed under the tree for at least a week. Only when the tree's needles started to fall off en-mass did we take it out and put away the decorations and gifts. Even then, the outside lights stayed on until at least into February and the tree was put up outside near the bird feeder for the birds to use until spring.

No, Christmas wasn't just for one day. Christmas was kept for as long as we could keep it. Christmas was held dear and savored for as long as possible. Well into the New Year we would keep the spirit alive, and it was great.

Looking back on it today, I see how fitting it is that we should keep Christmas for more than just one day. The birth of Jesus isn't just a story of one day. The story of the birth of our savior took place over many days and weeks. And, it is fitting that we celebrate that birth at the end of the year as, the birth of Jesus signaled the end of one chapter in the history of mankind and the beginning of another chapter of mankind.

And so it is, as we go forward into a new year, we also begin a new chapter in our own lives. Savoring the best of the old year and carrying it forward into the New Year. To build upon the good things we did and hopefully make it better.

## *Happy New Year*

*Kathy Peckham*



## **Financial Stewardship Team**



As we start the beginning of 2012, the financial team is ending its first year using the new Church management software. We have been learning on how to use this great tool throughout the year. I let you know this because, we will be once again be learning a new part of it when we print the year end statements of giving. We will begin work on this in January and know there will be some bumps in the road that will have to be straightened out. So please bear with us, when you get your statement if it is not correct as per your records please drop us a note and put in the financial stewards box, or see Tammy. We will get it straightened out and reprint your statement.

Happy 2012!!



From the Helping Hands Healing Hearts Mission group:

A **BIG Thank you** to all those that helped with the Christmas wrapping at the mall. The money that we will earn from this project will go to help with our Spring project expense. We all have gifts to share and we appreciate that you used your creative skills in wrapping for the good of our team.

Thank you!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR !



# Happy Birthday!

January Birthday's



## CARDMAKING CLASSES



Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

6:00 pm to 8:30 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



### I am the New Year

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have – these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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

Birthstone: Garnet

Birth Flower: Carnation –or- Snowdrop

Zodiac: Dec. 22 – Jan. 20 = Capricorn

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18 = Aquarius

*\*\* 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. You may also give the information to Lorraine Ward at church or by e-mail: ljward@twcny.rr.com or by phone: 315-676-3145*

FROM THE MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS TEAM  
Website-based Church Event Scheduling has Arrived!

We are excited to tell you about a new and high-tech way to schedule your church-based event, approved in December by the Administrative Council. Using the capabilities of our excellent website at [brewertonumc.com](http://brewertonumc.com), you can now complete a simple online form to get your event on the church calendar, avoid potential scheduling conflicts, provide consistent and correct information to all, and instantly route your information to the marketing and communications team for publicity.

Here's how it works: From our home page at [brewertonumc.com](http://brewertonumc.com), select "Church Calendar," then "Request for Event." Complete the event request form, with as much detail as possible. It's really simple to use! Hit "Submit," and your event request goes to the church "Master Scheduler," Kolan Bisbee, and to Pastor Jack. They will check for any potential scheduling conflicts and contact you if that's the case. Otherwise, expect your event to be approved via a confirmation email and/or phone call.

Once that happens, the information is sent to the Marketing Team: Ron Lombard will determine the proper external publicity for the event in local newspapers and websites. Lois Groginski and Kathy Peckham will at the same time have the item for the weekly bulletin and monthly church newsletter. Randy Ward will add it to the website.

No web access? No problem! You can still complete the old paper form in the Library and give it to Kolan or any member of the Marketing Team. We will be happy to complete the online form and start the approval process for you.

While we will maintain the hard copy church calendar in the Library for a period of time, the official church calendar will always be available at [brewertonumc.com](http://brewertonumc.com).

We are already beginning to compile the 2012 Church Calendar by this method. So don't delay, send in your event request form today!

*...and also this month from the Marketing Team...*

Look for our new BUMC-branded items in January. We will be providing everyone with a lanyard for your nametag, which will make it much easier to wear these at our worship services and other events. We will also have for sale starting in January:

BUMC-logoed china coffee mugs. Take it home with you, or write your name on the bottom and keep it at church for your Sunday morning coffee. A bargain at \$5.00 each!

Polo shirts, embroidered with the BUMC logo. A high quality, camel colored shirt. The logo looks great on it. Mens and Ladies sizes. We will take orders for these at \$20 per shirt.

Both items are being made available to you at our cost!

## HAPPY DAYS CLUB 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.

**NEXT LUNCHEON:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at noon.

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

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

**PROGRAM:** Larry Brennan, RN, PHD (Professor of Humor Development). Larry is a retired Register Nurse who enjoys discussing senior health issues while mixing in some humor. He is also a ventriloquist and will be accompanied by a couple of his side-kicks (not those pictured).



**Suggested donation: \$5.00.**

**RESERVATION:** Due one week prior to the luncheon, by  
Wednesday, January 18th.

Make your reservation by calling:  
Shirley and Tom 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.

**NEXT LUNCHEON** — February 22, 2012 at noon



## Women's News



**The United Methodist Women will not meet in January.**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All ladies are invited to attend as we begin a New Year guided by our purpose.

Women's Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the regular 10 am service will be led by our Lay Leader, Joanne Brigham. She will also install the officers of the United Methodist Women for 20121

### Super Bowl Chili

The United Methodist Women will be making and selling Chili after church on Super Bowl Sunday - February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Any UMW member will take orders thru Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would be willing to make an extra batch of chili for this event, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting this mission project.

Remember, the last day to place your order is Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.



I care not much for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it.

Abraham Lincoln

# An Old Farmer's Advice

- \* Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- \* Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- \* A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- \* Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- \* Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- \* Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- \* It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- \* You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- \* Every path has a few puddles.
- \* When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- \* The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- \* Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- \* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- \* Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- \* Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- \* If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'!



<u>Monthly Statistics:</u>	<u>November</u>
Families/Households Served:	72
Total Meals:	4,494
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days	(214 x 3 x7)
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	62
# Adults :( Ages 18 - 64)	141
# Elderly: (Ages 65+)	<u>11</u>
Total Individuals:	214

**Food Bank of CNY - Food Orders**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>HPNAP Allocation</u>	<u>Program Cost**</u>
11-30-11	4,019	\$1,509.95	36.08	\$1,473.87
12-06-11	628	244.50-----		244.50
12-20-11	2,814	595.21	2.10	593.11

On the heels of our record breaking Thanksgiving Food Basket project, our pantry partners at St. Agnes provided 67 Christmas food and gift baskets to local families in need. The pantry assisted their effort by providing more than 40 food baskets to adult only families as well as food and gift baskets for another five (5) families who did not sign up in time to be included with the others. We received an overwhelming number of very generous food and monetary donations throughout the month of December. The Brewerton Elementary School held a school-wide food drive that yielded an amazing 1,895 items that were used to fill our pantry food baskets as well as to supplement the baskets provided by St. Agnes. Several holiday angels came forward to purchase gifts for families with children. An anonymous donor dropped off holiday decorations and three beautiful fresh cut evergreens, which went to families that otherwise would not have had a Christmas tree in their homes. We also received over 200 loaves of freshly baked bread from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade FACTs (Home Economics) class that were distributed to pantry clients, as well as the seniors at Long Manor & Rogers apartments. We also donated 100 loaves to the Syracuse Rescue Mission for their feeding program.

Food Sense Program. We have rolled out a new program to everyone in our congregation, child care and pantry that is designed to help stretch your food dollar. It is sponsored by the Food Bank of Central New York and is called Food Sense. In January, for only \$15.50 you can get: 1 lb. Italian meatballs, 1 doz. Fresh eggs, 8 oz. shredded mozzarella, 1 lb. spaghetti, 12 oz. breaded veal patties, 14.5 oz. crushed tomatoes, 1 lb. Italian sausage, 1 lb. ground chicken, 15 oz. bread crumbs, and assorted fresh produce. An incredible deal!

There are also a bunch of January specials including: 1 2 lb. pork roast for \$7.00, 6 lbs. of French fries for \$4.00, and 10lbs. of breaded haddock for \$22.25! The monthly food packages and specials will vary month to month. This month's order and money deadline is January 6 - cash and food stamps only accepted. Pick up your order January 20, 2:30-4:00 pm at the church. A complete menu and prices is posted on the church bulletin board for your reference. Please see Deb Lombard for more information 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 New Year!

Deb Lombard,  
Pantry Coordinator.